

Arnprior and District Quilters' Guild

NEWSLETTER
February 2018

President's Message

Wow it's already late February and the guild year is half over, how time flies. Dreary weather today but perfect for getting some of those blocks sewn. I've maybe procrastinated too much and my projects are late; time to get sewing if I'm to meet my deadlines. I hope you are all participating in the Guild challenges; I'm looking forward to seeing all the wonderful projects.

I want to personally thank each and every one of our members for the wonderful contributions they make to the community. The quilts we make for charity are a representation of love and care each of us contribute and the community is so grateful. We receive letters of thanks which often include stories of individuals going through hardship and how the thing we love to do so much provides such comfort to them. Thank you for letting me be part of such a great organization.

Donna Sheaves

Program Notes

February 28 Meeting

Learning Activity Night - A chance to learn some new hand sewing techniques for embellishing your quilts!

We will have 4 stations, each with a different activity that we will try. You will have the chance to try 2 stations in February, and the other 2 at the May meeting.



What to Bring

For Learning Activities

- Basic sewing kit: scissors, thread, needles, pins, thimble
- If your surname begins with **A to L** (Wool Applique, and Hand Stitches for Crazy Patch Quilts) bring a small quilt sandwich with 4 seams. See the [web site Schedule page](#) for a detailed explanation.
- If your surname begins with **M to Z**, (3D Pinwheels, and Hexagons) bring 4 squares of fabric, 2 of one colour and 2 of a contrasting colour, 3.5" square; and 10 circles of fabric, 5" diameter

And as usual: Show-and-tell articles; block-of-the-month; decorative stitch exchange; any library books for returning; coffee mug. Also, please bring anything you may have for the auction quilt,

Looking Ahead

March 28, 2018	Trunk show with Valerie Miller as our guest speaker. Valerie creates graphic quilts employing traditional techniques and modern style. Her patterns, kits and low loft batting will be available for purchase at the upcoming trunk show.
April 25, 2018	Jan Kittle - Using rulers when quilting
May 23, 2018	Activity Night Part 2; and Elections
June 20, 2018	Bring completed mystery quilt tops (only the quilt top) End-of-year Potluck: (M-Z bring food) Challenges are due.

Workshops

Big Bag Workshop

Johanne Vajda's Big Bag Workshop will be held at Glad Tidings Pentecostal church on Baskin Drive from 9:30 am to 3:30pm on **Tuesday March 6**. Cost is \$25 for guild members. Contact Chris Gordon if you are interested, to see if spaces are left. Materials and equipment required will be provided on payment for the class.

Mystery Quilt

Instructions for Part 1, 2, and 3 of the Mystery Quilt are available from the [Mystery Quilt page](#). Part 4 will now be available at the February meeting and a new Part 5 at the April meeting.



Our raffle quilt in progress



Smiles at the Lanark Retreat



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Notes on our Charities

Thank you to everyone who took part in the activities at the [January meeting](#). Many hands accomplished a lot. We cut many kits and sent them home, two ladies volunteered to finish the Arms for Hugging scarves, and a lot of work was completed on the charity quilt.

If you have finished any preemie quilts, quilting a quilt for charity, or wheelchair lap quilts, please keep them at home until the **March meeting**. I am away until then. Millie is coming to the February meeting for Arms for Hugging Scarves.

IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING FOR THE AUCTION QUILT, PLEASE BRING THAT TO THE FEBRUARY MEETING.

** Note - Please make sure that your preemie quilts are 24 x 24.

** Plastic Bags - If you return those plastic zipper bags that contained your "quilting kit" in March, I will reuse them again for another kit.

Cathy Russell will bring a full bag containing kits, batting for preemies, and wheelchair lap quilts, as well as 12 backings for preemies. When I was shopping, I purchased some backing for preemies but only had time to wash and cut 12. More will be coming! Visit the table if you are looking for something to sew!

Quilt Deliveries Made

First Step Options, Pregnancy Resource Centre in Pembroke

"We want to thank you so much for your recent donation of three beautiful quilts. We plan to use one in our Silent Auction fundraiser and give the other two to our clients. Each time we receive a donation - we see this as an investment."

Sincerely,

Greta Landry-Masseau, R.R.S.W.

Executive Director

Quilts of Valour

It was a pleasure to deliver 4 beautiful Canadian quilts to honour our veterans and Canadian Forces Military Services to say we appreciate their service for our country and that we are thankful for our freedom.

"Your quilted hugs of comfort are given to injured members of our Canadian Forces-male or female, Army, Navy or Air Force, commissioned or non-commissioned-all ranks."

Ottawa Area Region, Quilt of Valour, Canada website

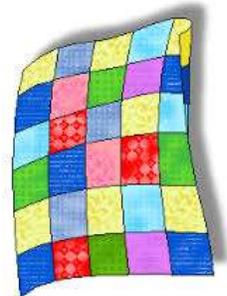
For photos, and more information, please [visit our blog](#).

This quote is from Beverly Ray (Handi Quilter,
<https://handiquilter.me/profile/beverly-ray>)

"My grandmother always told me, finish what you start and never be ashamed if you gave it your best."

Beverly has [videos on the internet](#) if anyone wants to follow up.

I think that often quilters don't finish what they started because they think it isn't turning out well, but will surprised when it is finished. Once time and money is invested, we might as well finish and be happy with our results.
Gwen



Gwen Pennings, Vice-President

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Membership

At the January meeting we had 52 attendees, including 3 guests and 1 renewal!

Penny Carruthers, Membership



Congratulations, January Winners!

Block of the Month: Mary deVries

50/50 Draw: Jayne Etmanskie

Gift Basket: Cathy Rodger

Guess the Number of Pages: Frank McCarron

Door Prizes: Louise VandenBerg, Cathy Russell, Dawn Madsen,
Eleanor Kenny, Inge Scanlan, Louise Wainright



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Library



Congratulations to Frank for winning the "guess the pages" book last month. What were the odds one to 48, hope you rushed out and bought a lottery ticket Frank!

STRIKING STRIP QUILTS by Kate Henderson is our New Book for February. Please drop by the Library and borrow it as it has 16 amazing patterns.

There were 11 books signed out in January, 5 more than December. You can borrow as many as 3 books each month so please help yourself.

If there is a special book you wish to have in the library let us know and we will try to purchase it.

Can't decide on a quilting patterns for machine or hand quilting? Google "marking quilts for machine or hand quilting" and you will find many excellent videos.

Baseball season is coming soon, do you know...
WHAT DO BASEBALL AND QUILTING HAVE IN COMMON?

The batting!

See you at the Library!
Lucy

Tip: How to tell if fabric is cotton or polyester?

If you burn a small corner of the fabric, cotton will have a slow burn and produce white smoke. The burnt edge is soft.

Polyester will burn quickly and produce black smoke. The burnt edge will be hard.



My Mystery Quilt Journey

"A mystery quilt is stepping out into the unknown!"



February 2018, by Janet Brownlee

After a bit of a break from the mystery quilt to make a baby quilt for our new granddaughter Sarah, and some work on the auction quilt in support of the Arnprior & District Memorial Hospital, I'm excited to be back to the mystery quilt.

First off - the paper pieced tree blocks. Armed with my new knowledge of paper piecing so patiently and generously provided by Mary deVries at the guild Sew Day in January, I tackled them with enthusiasm and confidence. And despite some little setbacks and redos here they are! I'm very pleased with them and I quite enjoy paper piecing.



Moving on to the house blocks I was delighted to use the little trick Gwen taught us last year (using a strip of heavy paper for the seam guide) when I attached the little background and house squares to the roof pieces. I went to my stash for some of the window fabrics and I quickly realized that accurate cutting and stitching is really important when you're piecing the window rows. My houses

went together pretty quickly and it was fun coming up with the fabric combinations.

I've started the fence and it's going much more quickly than I initially anticipated. I'm using my pink paper guide again for the tops of the fence posts.

Keeping in Touch

Do check out our [blog](#) for news and recent activities, including pictures from guild meetings our charity presentations, and paper piecing workshop.

We're starting to receive notifications of upcoming quilt shows. Our former guild member, Anne Ogletree has invited us all to come to the show in Kingston which is co-sponsored by her new guild. [Check out these quilt shows on our web site.](#)

If a guild meeting is cancelled due to inclement winter weather, members will be notified on the day of the meeting by email, and a cancellation notice will appear on the web site Home page by 12:30 PM. If you are unable to access email or the internet you can phone a friend who does have access, or Janet Brownlee at 613-623-7948.

Janet Brownlee, Communications

Web site: www.arnpripriordistrictquiltersguild.com

Meeting Notes

Where? Our guild meetings are held at the Christian Education Centre at 257 John Street in Arnprior.

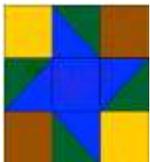
When? Meetings start at 7 PM and our doors open at 6:30. Meetings are generally on the 4th Wednesday of each month (with some exceptions.)

Parking - Please DO NOT park in the church parking lot that is adjacent to the hall. Our lease does not include the parking lot - it must be available for church-related activities. There is plenty of on street parking nearby.

Refreshments – Coffee and tea is prepared by our refreshment committee, who also coordinate the snack roster. Do **“lug a mug”** - bring your own mug to minimize our environmental footprint. And PLEASE keep your refreshments away from the show and tell display table.

Visitors are welcome at our guild meetings. Fee is \$5 for all visitors and guests.

Allergy Alert! Please note that our meetings are allergy free. Please no perfume or perfume products! Thank you.



Our guild logo is the Friendship Star block, symbolizing the spirit of friendship that is always present at the Guild. Blue represents the Madawaska and Ottawa rivers in Arnprior; gold, the sunshine and fields of corn around Arnprior; brown, the acres of farmland in the area; and green, Gillies Grove and surrounding forests and tree