



QUILT IT UP!

NEWSLETTER OF THE KANATA QUILT GUILD

October 2015



The next meeting of the Kanata Quilt Guild is THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8TH, 2015, at 9:30 AM. Our meeting takes place at Glen Cairn United Church, in the Sanctuary, at 140 Abbeyhill Dr., Kanata. Come and join us, bring your smiles, have a coffee at break time and enjoy the company of friends.

It's official, Fall is here. The leaves are turning their beautiful fall colours inspiring quilters to get started on a new project. This is also the time of year we celebrate Thanksgiving - turkey, pies and lots of goodies to grace our tables. Family and friends gather together to exchange recipes and of course, to admire those beautiful quilted table runners. Got yours done yet??? October is also ghost and goblin time! Halloween fabric is in stores just waiting to be purchased and made into lovely table runners, spooky Halloween bags, or fabric bowls for the occasions. Don't forget to fill those fabric bowls with candy for trick or treaters!!

What to bring to the meeting:

- ✓ Lug your mug
- ✓ Change for raffles, regular and the special raffle (to be drawn in November) Bargello
- ✓ Show n' tell item(s) - no measuring this year
- ✓ Quilties
- ✓ Your Quilt Along block(s)
- ✓ Registration and payment for the Autumn Rhapsody Retreat
- ✓ Snowflake charity blocks
- ✓ Bring in a quilt to be displayed at the Glen Cairn United Church "Community Days"

THE PREZ' s CORNER:

What a meeting we had in September! It was so good to see everyone back from their summer sojourn, sharing all the experiences since the spring. With our new location and space, we are still working out the best flow of members through the various activity tables and our layout may change for a while. We will have coffee this month in the kitchen down the hall and see if it is possible to drink it in the break. Depending on how it goes, we may decide to only have coffee when we use the meeting hall for our social events.

We had a full Sew Day in September and it is so interesting to see how each person does their work and develops the colours in their quilts. And the discussion and sharing among the participants is useful and amazing.

As I write this, I am on my way to year 4 of my 10 year Art classes. I have been doing the homework and prep work for weeks now and am really excited to see how we will use some of the pieces we have made and coloured. We still have not touched fabric yet, except that this time, we bring a fabric we love but have no idea how to use it. I hope you will have an opportunity to take a course this year, either at our guild, or any of the Eastern Ontario ones. We have an agreement among the 17 Eastern Ontario guilds to accept each other's guild members at the guild price. So shop around and find something interesting and exciting.

I hope that over the coming months, each of you meet new people who share your love of quilting but may have different ideas to share. Enjoy the colours of fall and have a great Thanksgiving Weekend.

Leslie and the Team

WHAT'S COMING UP!

Quilties

Kanata Quilt Guild members are awesome! We received 21 Quilties & signed out 18 kits & 4 flannel backs. We will have kits available at every meeting; they are free & easy enough for a beginner to do. If you have a lot of bright baby appropriate fabrics in your stash (remember no sparkles, glitter or invisible thread as these pose risks to the babies) but don't have the flannel backing, we do! If you've wanted to practice some free motion quilting or teach a grandchild how to sew this is the project for you! AND you will be contributing to a good cause! AND when you bring in your completed Quiltie you get a ticket for a fabulous prize draw! AND for even more fun the Quiltie table is also selling tickets on a pretty jelly roll. Come on over, we would love to see you!

Charity

A reminder to collect for the Kanata Food Cupboard - granola bars, muffin mixes and juice boxes. The weather is reminding us that winter is on the way and so is the need for mitts, gloves, scarves and toques for many in our community. When you are getting ready for winter, would you please save any of the above and bring to the December meeting. **Shepherds of Good Hope** will be very grateful for these donations. Thank you everyone. You're the best!!



Workshops

SUSAN CURTIS'S LANDSCAPE CLASS - Thursday, October 15, 10:00 – 4:00 at the Kanata Legion, 70 Hines Road, Kanata. Fee: \$30.00. There is one space left! Please see Lynn at the Workshop Table on October 8th.



PAUL LEGER'S CUBE CLASS - Thursday January 21, 2016 10:00 – 3:00 at the Kanata Legion, 70 Hines Road, Kanata. Fee: \$45.00 -This includes a fabric kit and the required ruler. Maximum Participants 20

RECAP OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

- ✂ September was the first meeting of the **sixth year** of the Guild and it was held in our new venue: the sanctuary of the Glen Cairn United Church. There were a record 134 in attendance! To celebrate our five year anniversary, everyone received a tape measure. President, Leslie Whitby, welcomed everyone to a new year at Kanata Quilt Guild. Leslie spoke about this being her last year as President and Debby's last year as Program Co-coordinator. She encouraged any interested member to contact herself or Debby about these positions. Leslie also mentioned the 2016 CQA Show in Toronto.
- ✂ Debby Holden presented the **program** for the upcoming Guild Year. A handout was given to each attendee with the program, workshop dates, contact and general information. If you missed receiving one, please check the website for information.
- ✂ Lynn Price, outlined the **workshops** for the year and Jill Dewar shared information about the **quilties**, including the opportunity for donors to win a prize for making quilties. Pauline Fahey, spoke about upcoming **Sew Days**, held at Kanata Legion on Hines Rd from 9:00 to 3:30. The cost is \$5.00. Rita Healy showed the quilt she made

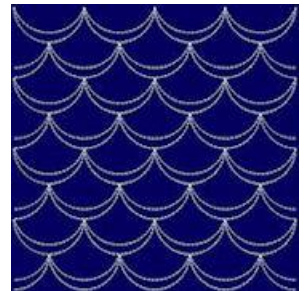
from the strips collected from the "Strip Club" participation last year. Rita will be organizing the **Strip Club** again this year. This year the colours are pastel. Shirley Bolduc outlined the **Charity** Program for this year. Sue Cherry promoted the tickets for the quilt **raffle** with monies being raised for Victoria Quilts and Quilt Co.

- ✂ The speaker at the meeting was **Mary Pal**, a local fiber artist, with her trunk show "The Accidental Artist". Mary is a wonderful speaker who presented a great slide show and had many of her works of art with her that we were able to see up close. Mary donated a book for a draw.
- ✂ The shopping was brisk at Jennifer Hamilton's **Mayberry Fabrics**. The fabric was lovely!
- ✂ Cathy Price launched the "**Quilt Along**" program this year. The patterns will not be on the website this year. You need to register for this program to receive the patterns each month...more than 25 people signed up at the September meeting! If you would like to participate, please see Debby Holden at the next meeting.
- ✂ Shirley Bolduc asked us to buy some food items over the next three months and then bring them in to the December meeting to be donated to the **Kanata Food Cupboard**. Granola bars, muffin mixes and juice boxes are the most needed items.
- ✂ A representative from the Glen Cairn United Church invited our guild to participate in **Community Days**, hosted by the church each year. Along with the Richmond Guild, we have been asked to do a quilt show on October 17th, at the church. The church will be divided to provide each guild to display 30 quilts and various quilt related items, i.e. Ornaments quilt related. Volunteers from our guild came forward to facilitate this event for our guild.

Have You Tried.....???

SHASIKO!!

Sashiko is a wonderful Asian art form that was used as a utility stitch for garments in Japan. Hand sewing was done much the same until sewers began to make the patterns more intricate. The stitch is a simple running stitch. Sashiko may even be done on a regular sewing machine as demonstrated by Sharon Pederson on You Tube, or on a Sashiko machine. I prefer to do it the traditional way, by hand. It is very relaxing and many functional items can be made. It is a portable hand project, which is such a bonus. There are several videos on You Tube and several books available. Kits are also available, great for beginners. Give it a try - you can even sew at a guild meeting!



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