



QUILT IT UP!

NEWSLETTER OF THE KANATA QUILT GUILD
February 2016



“Love is in the air!” Do your fabrics spark love in your heart? Do you feel inspired in having such an amazing collection of hues and patterns? Or maybe only a few pieces of well loved fabrics bring you joy? Love, laughter, and friends are always welcome at the Kanata Quilt Guild meetings so why not join us at our next meeting from 9:30 to noon on Thursday, February 11 in the Sanctuary of the Glen Cairn United Church, 140 Abbeyhill Dr., Kanata.

What to bring:

- ✓ your name tag, indoor shoes, favourite mug, change for raffles, your show ‘n tell creations
- ✓ completed *Quiltie(s)* and your *Quilt Along Block*

The Alluring World of Japanese Yukata Quilts

We are pleased to welcome our special guest, Patricia Belyea, owner of Okan Arts (okanarts.com) who is an Ottawa native now living in Seattle. Patricia will share her stories of visiting the International Great Quilt Show in Japan. As a passionate importer of vintage Japanese Yukata cottons, she will explain the elaborate process of hand-dyeing the high-quality cottons and their role in Japanese society. Most quilters interested in Japanese fabrics use kimono silks in their projects. Patricia will also present a mini-trunk show of her quilts made with these wonderful cottons and relate how they have inspired each quilt composition. You will be able to purchase her Yukata cottons for \$15 a yard. Cash sales only please.



Quilt Canada 2016

Attached is a poster for the Canadian Quilters’ Association **Quilt Canada 2016** which will take place from June 15 to 18 at **The International Centre**, 6900 Airport Rd, Mississauga. Leslie invites us to join the CQA/ACC team at *Quilt Canada* and to volunteer. Here are the ways in which you can help:

- Set Up and Take Down
- Registration
- Front Desk/Admissions
- Hostess/Host/White Glove
- Classroom/Lecture Angels
- Floaters/Jack of All Trades
- Aides/Scribes for NJS Judging

You can check out the benefits of volunteering and sign up at www.canadianquilter.ca/events/quilt-canada-2016-jobs.php. Any questions, kindly email Jane Sanders, Volunteer Coordinator, quiltcanadavolunteer@gmail.com

Number of Roses

Valentine’s Day ranks just below Christmas and Mother’s Day in holiday floral sales. The National Retail Federation estimates that consumers will spend \$1.7 billion dollars in 2011 on flowers as gifts for Valentine’s Day. Receiving a single stem rose implies that you are the only one. Three roses stand for “I love you.” Eleven stems express the thought “I am the missing stem to make the dozen perfect.” Three-dozen long-stemmed roses mean “My heart belongs to you.”

Source *Pro Flowers.com*

WHAT'S COMING UP!

Workshops

Several spots are still available for the following:

- ♥ **Twisted Log Cabin** by *Jennifer Houlden*: March 9 from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- ♥ **Quilted Vase** by *Pauline Clarke*: April 21st from 10:00 to 3:00 p.m

Kindly provide your payment to Lynn Price preferably by cheque payable to the Kanata Quilt Guild. Please note that Helen Fujiki has cancelled her Design Freedom Class for May 19. Refunds will be given to those who have already paid.

Quilt Along Challenge

Don't forget to bring in your block to show everyone! Why not join in with the other 50 participants in this year's Challenge, it's not too late to sign up!

Raffles

- We have NO bananas, but we DO have oodles of fabrics! Tickets are \$2 each, or 3 for \$5.
- The Regular Raffle tickets are 5 for \$3 and 8 for \$5.
- The Special Raffle is McKenna Ryan's "**Calling Me Home**" which is a complete 8-month block of the month quilt kit, along with the embellishment package. It's valued at over \$300 and will be raffled in March.
- Tickets for the Can Have Program's dazzling African-themed quilt are available from Lynne Rochette at \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

Charity

Happy Valentine's Day!! We are busy quilting the tops that were made at the charity sew day in October. Many hands make light work and we have several people who have agreed to complete the quilts for the guild. The guild will be donating a quilt to the Garden Terrace, OMNI Seniors' Facility, in Kanata, to raise funds for the facility. If you have a top that you have finished from our sew day, would you bring it to the February meeting, please? The remaining three tops will complete the 18 kits that were handed out that day.

By Shirley Bolduc



Quilties

At the January meeting we received 19 completed Quilties, gave out 24 Quiltie kits and Sharon Davies won the Quiltie draw. Please bring a completed Quiltie (or more) to the February meeting and not only will you make somebody's life brighter, you will have a chance to win a lovely prize.



Our little quilts of hope must be 24"x24". They are made of 100% cotton on the top, batting in the middle and flannel on the back. There can be no sparkly fabric (not even a tiny piece) because it may harm the babies & it cannot have invisible thread for the same reason. They go to the Queensway Carleton Hospital and I can assure you they are very thankful to receive them.

I think I have mentioned more than once how impressed I am by your generosity. As a Guild you have helped the less fortunate among us and I was deeply moved by what I saw at the December meeting. **Now the Quiltie group needs your help.** We do have a budget, but mainly we rely on donations to make up the kits we give out at each meeting. While not everyone relies on the kits, many of you do. We give out an average of 25 kits per meeting. That's a lot of fabric! We need bright, happy prints (or plain) 100% cotton fabric that would be suitable for babies. Think of it this way, 'would I want my child or grandchild wrapped in this quilt'. Many of you might have some kiddie prints left over from a project that you wouldn't mind donating or perhaps you have a baby FQ bundle you can spare? The people these bits of love go to are going through a trying time & very often holding this Quiltie is the closest they get to holding their baby for long periods of time. You make a difference, your Quilties make a difference please donate and help us to continue these good works on behalf of the Kanata Quilt Guild. Thank you!

By Jill Dewar

Sew Days

Are you itchin' to be stitchin'? Why not come out to the Sew Days to be held on February 18 (combined with a planning meeting on the Fashion Show/High Tea Event, see below), February 25 and March 17 at the Kanata Legion, 70 Hines Road, Kanata. Bring along your lunch, your huggable mug and lots of enthusiasm!! Preregistration is not required. A whole day's worth of fun for only \$5.00! You can't beat that eh?!

Fashion Show/High Tea Extravaganza

Debby reports that plans for this event to celebrate the end of a great year in the Guild, have begun! Please consider joining in on the fun – your help is greatly needed! Teams are being formed to plan and work on the exciting components of the show which include a mini quilt show, vendors, parade of hats, two High Tea sittings, scrumptious food, a baking contest, door prizes and so much more! You've started work on designing your hat for the parade? Yes! Right answer! Three retail stores have been invited to provide outfits for our fashion show. Please contact Debby if you'd like to model – about 15 ladies and three fellas are needed. You will be invited to submit a quilted item to be modeled, if you wish, such as a jacket, coat or skirt or you may wish to model your own creation! Please send an email along with a picture of the item to be modeled to debbyholden2993@rogers.com. We hope to sell 100 tickets which should be ready for sale in March. Admission is free for members and \$6 for guests. A poster will be designed and distributed to various guilds and quilt shops. Stay tuned for more details!



A general planning meeting for the Extravaganza is scheduled for February 18, during the Sew Day, from 9:00 to 4:00 at the Kanata Legion. All members are invited to attend, and especially the volunteers. There will be lots of time for sewing and camaraderie. Bring your lunch!

Submitted by Debby Holden

Crayola Challenge

Ok, here's how it works! The whole spectrum of shades of the crayon colour you chose can be used, not necessarily solids, but tone on tone, and even fabrics that "read" that colour are fine. There may be other colours in the fabric. Challenge yourself to create an item, such as a wall hanging, a purse, table runner, a small quilt, whatever inspires you. We'll be anxious to see your finished items at the May meeting! I still have some crayons left, so it's not too late to sign up!

Submitted by Sue Cherry

Canada 2017

The Kanata Quilt Guild is going to make a quilt to celebrate 150 years of our great country. We are asking each member to make a 6" finished block using one of 3 patterns. Two of the blocks are applique, either by hand or machine, and one is pieced. Any embroidery would be welcome too. The background fabric will be supplied by the Guild. See Marianne Gibson for your 8" square and the appliqué patterns. All leaves must be in the colour of a maple leaf, red, green, brown/ yellow, or orange. Please, no purple aqua, pink or blue. Kindly sign your initials to your block and not in the seam allowance. The pieced block pattern is at <http://quiltsbyjen.ca/a-maple-leaf-block/>. Your finished block is due by June of this year, along with an 8-10" strip 2 1/2 " wide of the fabric used in your leaf. For those lucky members holidaying in the sunny climes, we will save your 8" background square for your return. Join in the celebration.



Submitted by Marianne Gibson

RECAP OF THE LAST MEETING

Ruth Liscumb from ***Flare with Fabrics*** (flarewithfabrics.com) in Chesterville was our Shop of the Month. What a treat to see all her gorgeous quilting fabrics. Ruth also carries a large selection of notions, lovely yarns and a wide array of gifts for quilters, knitters and fabric artists.

Our guest speaker, **Paul Leger**, a passionate quilter, teacher and designer, kept us entertained while sharing his journey from completing his first quilt to having now sewn over 150 ! His 15 foot crossword quilt is on display at the Moncton Museum. Paul is clearly proud to be featured in the March issue of *Quilt Mania*. We are happy for him too! Judy Thomson reported that the 19 participants enjoyed Paul's 'wonderful workshop' on January 21 entitled "Cube". He taught the basics for designing the pieced baby blocks using the special rulers. Here are the blocks, don't they look great!



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Congratulations to **Rita Martin** on winning the *Quilties* FQ prize for the month of January!

Quilt Along - Debby showed a sample of February's pattern – a whimsical row of houses. Only two months left in the challenge!

Quilts For Refugees - I can and will pick up quilts and deliver them to the appropriate sponsors of refugees when required. I will need: Your name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, and information on what sort of quilt you would donate: size (crib, single, double, queen) probably not lap. You're welcome to send information to me via e-mail. (613)829-8129 pat.amundrud@sympatico.ca

I also welcome names of sponsors. If you know a sponsoring group that might like quilts, I need the name of the group, contact person, and profile of the refugees (e.g., parents, boy, 16, girl 12 and boy 8). Matthew House will take any and all quilts. The office is at 380 Centrepointe Drive. Furniture warehouse is at 340 Leggett Drive, Door 52 (a Mitel building)

Submitted by Pat Amundrud

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT OF WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN TO YOUR QUILTS



Many thanks to Liz Hubbard who passed on the excerpt "**Give the Gift of a Quilt Lifetime**", December 28, 2015 from the **Accuquilt Quilt Blog** (<http://www.accuquilt.com/blog/education>). This article gives excellent tips on helping you start conversations with your family, heirs or executor on what to do with your lifetime's collection of fabric, tops, UFO's and quilts. Tips are included on how to deal especially with those who do not share your passion for quilting and are 'thus on the clueless side'.

Once again from our Liz, is another great article "**Quilt Storage: Tips from a Preservation Perspective**", January 14, 2016 by **Amy Friend** (duringquiettime.com). Amy shares ideas gathered from a textile conservator on how to fold and store quilts, along with their long term care. Grab a cuppa, your favourite chair and get ready for a great read of these two articles!

UPCOMING EVENTS NEAR AND FAR

April 7-10

Ottawa Valley Quilt Guild is planning a quilting retreat at the McIntosh Inn in Morrisburg, 7 - 10 April. Registration is low and therefore they are opening up registration to other Guilds. If you are interested please contact Debby Holden 613-271-2993 or debbyholden2993@rogers.com or sign up at the Feb meeting. See attached application for more information.

Friday, February 5 to Monday, April 18

Thoma Ewen, of the Moon Rain Centre for Tapestry Arts in the Gatineau Hills, invites everyone to view her exhibition **'Tapestries by Thoma Ewen'** at the Ottawa Arts Council, 2 Daly St., Ottawa (613-569-1387). For more info, see www.moonrain.ca. You can write to Thoma directly at info@moonrain.ccsend.com

Friday, May 27 and Saturday, May 28

Dunnville's Own Tiny Stitchers (D.O.T.S.) is having a quilt show (dotsquiltshow@gmail.com) from 10:00 to 5:00 on both days at the Dunnville Memorial Arena, Dunnville, Ontario. Please contact Shirley Poolton asap at spoolton@rogers.com if you're interested in being a vendor. The featured artist and pattern designer, Jennifer Houlden, (www.quiltsbyjen.ca) will give daily demonstrations on the techniques used in her patterns.

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Tuesday, August 18 to Friday, September 16

La Triennale Internationale des Arts Textiles in the Outaouais region is a major international cultural event occurring every three years, and representing the world of contemporary textile and fibre arts. Programming for the event will be finalized soon so be sure to check their website : triennale-outaouais.com.

If we don't see you at the meeting, have a happy Valentine's Day! *Remember, anyone can catch your eye, but it takes someone special to catch your heart...*



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See you there!
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