



QUILT IT UP!

NEWSLETTER OF THE KANATA QUILT GUILD

March 2016



Hello everyone! As wonderful as winter is, we still find ourselves counting the days til' Spring! A few warmer days are sprinkling into the winter mix and Easter is just around the corner. Spring is a time of rejuvenation and what better time to rejuvenate oneself than to renew friendships and nurture new ones at the Kanata Quilt Guild. As they say, 'friendships are sewn one stitch at a time'. Our next meeting is on Thursday, March 10 from 9:30 to noon at the Glen Cairn United Church, 140 Abbeyhill Drive, Kanata.

Did you know March is National Quilting Month and that March 15 is National Quilting Day? This is the month to celebrate and encourage those passionate about quilting and also to encourage others to embark on this fun and highly addictive art form. So why not visit your local quilt shops to see how they're celebrating this wonderful month...

What to bring to the meeting:

- * your name tag, indoor shoes, your treasured mug, change for raffles, your show 'n tell creations,
- * bring cash or cheque in order to purchase fashion show/high tea tickets for your guests,
- * completed *Quiltie(s)*, *your Quilt Along Block(s)* but most of all, *your enthusiasm!*

Guest speaker: Let's extend a warm welcome to Jennifer Houlden (www.quiltsbyjen.ca) who will guide on us on creating contrast in our quilts. Jennifer is extremely passionate about quilting, teaching and designing quilts. With having lived in the Arctic and the Australian Outback, her quilting experiences and horizons continue to grow.

We're pleased to have **The Country Quilter** in Richmond as our Shop of the Month.

QUILT CANADA 2016

Elections will be held during our meeting in **May**. Would you like to learn a new task or be part of the Guild's dynamic executive team? Did the Guild help or advance your quilting journey and you now want to give back in some way? Please see Leslie if you're interested in any of the available positions.



WHAT'S COMING UP!

We'd like to hear from you! Kindly send in your ideas on how we can make our icebreakers fun and interesting! We learn faster when we're having fun, and icebreakers help us relax and get to know each other far more quickly than without. Here's a few to get you started:

- What or who brought you into the quilting world and what keeps you there?*
- Do you prefer hand or machine quilting?*
- Do you have a photo of your first quilt?*
- What do you like best about quilting, i.e. piecing, choosing colours, etc.*



Workshops

Judy has spots still available for the following workshops to be held at the Kanata Legion, 70 Hines Road, Kanata:

- ✓ **Twisted Log Cabin** by Jennifer Houlden. www.quiltsbyjen.ca. Wednesday, March 9 from 1:00 – 7:00. The cost is \$30. The cutting instructions and fabric requirements have been sent out.
- ✓ **Quilted Vase** by Pauline Clarke. Thursday, April 21 from 10:00 to 3:00. \$30. www.3dogsquilting.ca.
- ✓ **NEW! Lynne's Bag Class**. Thursday May 19th from 10:00 – 4:00 (replaces Helen Fujiki's class which was cancelled). This bag has a zippered opening and lots of inside pockets for all of your goodies. Join the class to make a wonderful gift for a friend or yourself!



Kindly provide your payment for any of the workshops to Lynn Price, preferably by cheque payable to the Kanata Quilt Guild.

Raffles

At the last meeting, Marianne displayed the nearly completed McKenna Ryan quilt from the kit "Calling me Home" which is our special prize raffle to be drawn at the March meeting. Sally on over and git yer tickets gals! This 8-block kit which captures the wilderness and beauty of the north woods can be quilted and framed separately or joined into one quilt measuring 57"x 60-1/2". Lynn Price has offered to give a course on sewing McKenna Ryan's patterns. More to come on this!

Several members are creating an **Edyta Sitar** quilt for raffling at the June meeting. The plan is to have it ready for the April meeting when we'll be selling tickets. Krista Zeleski has kindly volunteered to quilt the quilt! Yay Krista! Could someone volunteer to sell tickets? We are hoping to have Edyta, the founder and owner of **Laundry Basket Quilts**, come and share her passion and quilter's spirit with us in the next Guild year.

Charity

I had the pleasure last month to deliver a quilt to Garden Terrace Nursing Home. The quilt will be raffled in the coming months and the revenue will be used to purchase a swing for the courtyard. Christine, the coordinator, was very pleased with the guild's donation; there were lots of ooohs and aaahs and "do you make quilts in queen size". I just smiled at that comment!! Looking forward to presenting more quilts in the coming months. Happy Easter everyone.

Submitted by Shirley Bolduc

Quilts for Refugees

So far Pat Amundrud has received two single bed quilts and 4 crib quilts plus several of her own – no quilts for adults yet! Contact Pat at pat.amundrud@sympatico.ca

Sew Days

Our next sew day is on March 17 at the Kanata Legion. Bring your lunch and maybe a four leaf clover for luck! A whole day's fun for only \$5. Leprechauns, extra. Please see Pauline or Doris at the March meeting to sign up.



Fashion Show/High Tea Extravaganza!!!

Plans for our celebration to end another great year in the Guild, are coming along wonderfully! Debby still needs a few volunteers to help including one female model. Come on, it'll be fun! We're excited to announce that a representative from Mistura (a local makeup company featured on Dragon's Den) has volunteered to help with make up for the models. Three retail vendors will provide their fashions. Judy Thomson is busy organizing a selection of vendors who will have something of interest for everyone. Although only ten members participated in our planning meeting on

February 18, their enthusiasm and creativity were invaluable in finalizing the price of tickets and the food to be served at the High Tea.



- ⇒ **Tickets are free** for members and **\$10 for guests**. You'll be invited to contribute cookies, squares, scones etc., however the sandwiches will be catered thus the increase in the price of the tickets. Only 150 tickets will be available for sale starting at the March meeting, which limits the number to two tickets per member. From the number of tickets sold in March, we'll be able to see if more can be made available in April and May. If you can't come to the meeting, but would like to reserve tickets, please email Debby at debbyholden2993@rogers.com.
- ⇒ The proceeds of our event will cover the cost of the sandwiches. A team of our members will make them in a clean environment in order to guarantee the highest quality.
- ⇒ 'O Sole Mio! If you know someone or have a contact who can play the piano or provide recorded music for our event, please contact Debby.
- ⇒ If you would like to submit a quilted wearable item for the fashion show, please send Debby a photo along with a description.
- ⇒ Bake someone's day happy! Pauline Farey is drawing up the contest rules for the baking contest. Stay tuned for more details to follow in the April newsletter.
- ⇒ We'll be excited to see you sporting your fascinator or special hat at the celebration!
- ⇒ **CALL FOR QUILTS** for the Members quilt show at the extravaganza. We want to showcase our best work and decorate the church for our very special end of the year guild meeting. We want to show off our special quilts as well as quilts from our recent challenges including: the Crayola challenge (2016), Cathy's Carousel Quilt Along (2014/15), and the Round Robin (2013/14).
- ⇒ Let us know about your quilts by e-mailing Beth van Wyngaarden (bethvw55@gmail.com), and sending a photo and size of each one. You can send in two or three, but there is limited space so you may not get them all in the show. Please let Beth know by April 15. We will collect your quilts at the May meeting and store them safely at Beth's home which is smoke and pet free.
- ⇒ We will also need **DISPLAY STANDS**, large and small, so please let Beth know what you can lend. They will need to be dropped off at the church the day before the show for set up. More information about this exciting event in the April newsletter!

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 and stabilizer 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 **MAY** 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



Quilties

Our February meeting was fabulous from every standpoint! We gave out 19 Kits and received 34 completed Quilties for the Queensway Carleton Hospital! Thirty-Four! That is the most we have received at one time to date! Our lovely FQ prize was won by Krista Zaleski.



In January I asked for donations of fabric so that we can continue to make kits. I was brought to tears several times while receiving these donations. The generosity of the Kanata Quilt Guild never ceases to amaze me; I am truly blessed to be a part of such a caring organization. These fabrics will be lovely kits & will go a long way to making a stranger's life brighter. Thank you!

During my first visit to the Queensway Carleton Hospital, I was told what they wanted the Quilties to be in terms of size & composition & I have been diligent in making sure that is what they get from us. However, I have become the Quilt Police & I don't like it, not one bit. We aren't the only Guild who donates Quilties to them so when I brought our Quilties over this month, I asked what they do with 21" Quilties or ones that had cotton on the back instead of flannel or ones that have accoutrements attached. I was told they prefer 24"x24" Quilties, with 100% cotton tops & flannel on the back. They cannot have any sparkles or any invisible thread – because they pose serious risk to the babies. So what do they do with the 'odd' ones I asked again – they go to the bottom of the pile. They prefer flannel on the back because it keeps the babies warmer, they prefer 24"x24" because it fits the babies & is easier to work with. Before you finish your quilt, check the size, if it is 21", add a border, why should all that work go to the bottom of the pile?

There were 2 babies in residence while I was there. Both were intubated & had many wires attached to their little bodies. One of them was crying, not loud crying, like hey where's my dinner, more like whimpering. (I'm crying now just remembering it) another nurse attended to it. I was emptying my bags of Quilties with the Nurse I had been talking to & I could tell that she was looking for a Quiltie. So I asked if there were any special designs or colours we should work on & she said no, she was looking for one for the crying baby, they hadn't given her one yet because they were low on Quilties. She narrowed it down to 3 & took them over & between the two nurses they chose one & draped it over the top of the little incubator. I wanted to take a picture to show you but I couldn't move, I was frozen to the spot. The Nurse came back, helped me to put my empty bags together & thanked me saying make sure you tell your Guild how much we appreciate all their work. Our Quilties do make a difference, I am sure of that & I hope you are too. Thank you so much for all of your time & efforts.

Submitted by Jill Dewar

Ottawa Valley Quilt Guild Retreat

Eight seats are still available for the OVQG's retreat at the McIntosh Inn in Morrisburg to be held from Thursday, April 7 to Sunday, April 10. For those who've attended Debby's past retreats, you know this one will be a treat too. If interested, kindly contact Debby.



RECAP OF THE LAST MEETING

Guest speaker - Pat Belyea captivated the members with her stories of visiting the International Great Quilt Show in Japan along with other prominent textile areas in Japan. What an adventure! We were also treated to a mini trunk show of vintage yukata cottons which Patricia imports from Japan..... Many thanks Patricia!

Quilt Canada 2016 - Leslie is bzzzy as a bee with her Quilt Canada duties and plans to revamp their website. She invited the members to submit the name, if possible, of a suitable candidate to fill the Executive Director's position. Ok get this! Quilt Canada plans to hold Canada's largest quilting bee for entry into the Guinness Book of Records! Whoo hoo, now that would be 'officially amazing'! Stay tuned for more info to come next June.

Quilt Along Challenge - Debby showed samples of the butterfly block for January and will send out the pattern for the tree block for February.

Charity Quilts - Shirley Bolduc displayed two stunning quilts of blocks made by members during the 2014/2015 Guild year. Leslie distributed five sew day quilts for binding. Pat Amundrud is keeping a list of the members who have quilts available for donation to charities and to help refugees in Canada.

Quilties - Jill wholeheartedly thanked the donors for their generous contribution of fabrics which will be used in making up the kits. She also displayed several darling quilties for the members to see. What a great way to smash your stash, practice a new pattern or try out that dreaded FMQ (grrrrr...).

UPCOMING EVENTS NEAR AND FAR

April 5

Pat Amundrud of our Guild, invited the members to a luncheon at her Nepean CFUW (Canadian Federation of University Women's) group at noon, Tuesday, April 5 at the Bells Corners United Church, 3955 Old Richmond Road. The cost is \$20. The guest speaker will be Lois Nuth, an internationally renowned artist and replicator of antique dolls. Please contact Kadri Campbell by March 30, at 613-820-5536 or kadri.campbell@opera.ncf.ca for reservations. All proceeds will go to the Canadian Federation of University Women Nepean Scholarship Trust.

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 March meeting.

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 be giving daily demonstrations on the techniques used in her patterns.

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.

Merry **March** to you and yours and the luck of the Irish to one and all!



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