



QUILT IT UP!

NEWSLETTER OF THE KANATA QUILT GUILD

April 2016



Hello everyone! Do you love the sweet smell of spring air, the chirping of birds and the hint of a warm summer to come? Too bad, you missed it, we're back to winter! But don't dismay, the time to be inspired is here and at no better a place to be so than at our next meeting! Mark your calendar for Thursday, April 14 from 9:30 to noon at the Glen Cairn United Church, 140 Abbeyhill Drive, Kanata. Guests are most welcome!

What to bring:

- ↳ your name tag, indoor shoes, a huggable mug, change for raffles and your show 'n tell creations along with the circumference of each one listed on a small piece of paper;
- ↳ cash or your cheque book if you'd like to purchase the Fashion Show/High Tea tickets for your guests;
- ↳ completed Quiltie(s), your Quilt Along Block(s) and a desire to have fun!

This is one meeting you don't want to miss as our talented quilters, **Judy Thomson** and **Barbara Karim**, will present a trunk show for our delight.

Shop of the Month: We are pleased to welcome **Phyllis Moody**, a long-arm quilter, seamstress, decorator and designer from Montreal.

THE PREZ' s CORNER:

Despite the mild winter, we sooo look forward to spring. And the new ideas it gives us for quilting, and the quilt shows and shop hops – and everything is better in the sun!

I have been busy planning events for Quilt Canada in June and for next year as well. But, last month, I had the opportunity to visit Ronald McDonald House on the General/CHEO campus to deliver the last of our pillowcases to the residents. They gave me a wonderful tour and I met some of the current families. Two little boys, about 3 and 4, were the first to choose their pillowcases – shy but with wonderful smiles. And big hugs of thanks!

I want to try to arrange an event with the Ronald McDonald Houses across Canada next year to celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary, so have arranged to visit them again. We will be donating some of the KQG charity quilts to the RMH to cheer up the common areas. As a grandmother, I could not go without something for the kids. So I have been quilting all the panels and panel like fabrics I have in my stash – 18 ready so far since March 17! I find it easier to engage in a discussion with a potential recipient organization if I can show them examples of what we have in mind. If you have any child friendly small quilts that you would like to donate to RMH, please bring them to the next guild meeting, and I will get them to the recipients. There will be more info on this initiative as I get plans in place.

It is time for the Annual General Meeting in May. If you would like to propose any changes to the constitution or items for the agenda, they should be read out at the April meeting and then published on our website. This year, a fair number of the volunteers for the Kanata Quilt Guild are stepping down and we have a lot of openings. I have put the list below in the newsletter. I know it is sometimes daunting to volunteer to do something but the KQG has a terrific membership who will always be ready to help. Join the team and meet more of this great membership. See me if you are interested. See you next Thursday!

Leslie

Elections

Hear ye hear ye all! Elections for positions on the Executive will be held during the meeting in May. Let's face it, we don't really do elections. If you'd like to volunteer, we want you! Any position that you'd like to volunteer for, is up for discussion. Some volunteers have come forward. The following positions are needed for next year:

President, Secretary, Treasurer, Program Director, Membership (2 volunteers work best), **Workshops, Special Raffles, Newsletter** (2 works best), **Quilties** (2 works best).

The Vice-President, and volunteers for the Regular Raffles, Webmaster, Sew Days, Coffee (could use another volunteer) and Charity are covered but still welcoming other volunteers. Please see Leslie if you are interested.



WHAT'S COMING UP!

Workshops

Judy and Lynn still have spots available for the workshops to be held at the Kanata Legion, 70 Hines Road, Kanata.

Lynne's Bag class: Thursday, May 19 from 10 to 4 pm. Instructions will be sent out. Good news!! You can expect to finish your bag in class! There are a few spaces remaining in Lynne Rochette's Lattice Bag Class. Please see Lynn Price at the workshop table if you are interested. All those who signed up in March are asked to pay this month. Please bring a cheque made payable to Kanata Quilt Guild for \$25.00.



Cancelled: Quilted Vase by Pauline Clark: Thursday, April 21 - *Instead a sew day will be held on this date.* The Guild would like to hear your ideas for any workshops you'd like to see offered next year. If you have a project or a skill that you'd like to teach, please contact Judy Thomson at 613-591-0121 or at turquoiseon@yahoo.ca

Raffles

Bouquets to these members who volunteered to sell tickets for the next three months in support of our June gala! Liz Poitras - for the raffle quilt, Nancy Wright and Rita Healy – event tickets, and Louise Rochon - the door prize. Guest tickets are \$10.00 and members are free.

Sew Days

Thursday, April 21 and Thursday, May 26 are our last two sew days of the year before summer break. Come stitch your stress away among a circle of treasured friends and even make some new ones!

Quilties

We received 22 Quilties at the March meeting and gave out 20 kits & our beautiful Fat Quarter prize was won by Maria Elizabeth Neppel.

Our Quilties go to the Queensway Carleton Hospital Birthing Unit. They would like them to be 24"x24", with absolutely no sparkly fabric and no invisible thread. The QCH would prefer 100% cotton fabric on the top & flannel on the back. Our Quilties are like a ray of sunshine & I can tell you they are much appreciated.

We now have labels and are including them in our kits, please come over to the Quiltie table if you need a few for the Quilties you are making. I've been asked if we can get iron on labels & I will look into it. Please feel free to ask me anything regarding Quilties, if I don't know the answer, I will get it for you. You can reach me at jdewar136@rogers.com

At the January meeting I asked for fabric donations & I know I thanked you in my last Quiltie update but I want to say thank you again. The fabric is wonderful & cutting up nicely into kits. Also big thank you to the lady who brought in a huge bag of flannel to the March meeting! We haven't started cutting it up yet but I know it will warm a lot of little bodies!

I've been told some of you feel the kits are a waste of time & resources and that we should use our own stash or buy a couple of Fat Quarters to make a Quiltie. When I first took over the Quilties I didn't understand why we were making kits either but I quickly came to see the value in them. I have met ladies who live in small apartments or residences & really appreciate picking up a kit or two. While they no longer quilt per se, they still have their sewing machine and the size of the Quilties isn't overwhelming & it makes them feel good. There is a lot to be said for that. I've also talked to some new quilters who have enjoyed trying our kits, thankful that they didn't have to find a pattern or match colours, daunting things to a new quilter if you remember. Many of us are incredibly busy & for some the thought of finding a pattern, then finding the fabric & then cutting it is too much. If using our kits means that you will make a Quiltie that you otherwise would not have made, then the time spent cutting kits is well worth it. Our goal is to make it as easy as possible for you to make a Quiltie so that the babies & parents who pass through the Queensway Carleton Hospital feel the love from the fantastic Kanata Quilt Guild!



Thank you for all the beautiful Quilties you've made, you do make a difference & I hope you feel good about it, because you deserve to.

Submitted by Jill Dewar

Charity

Happy Spring!! We now have the labels and bindings sewn on the charity quilts; which means they are now ready to go to new homes. Ronald McDonald House will be receiving several of the charity quilts. This donation is putting a smile on my face and I hope it is doing the same for each of you. The Guild will also be donating the second Interwoven quilt to the Kanata Legion for their upcoming raffle. The Legion has been very accommodating to the guild and this is a way for us to say "Thank You."

Request time – I know there is lots of material out there in our closets but, do you have any yarn in there as well!! Georgia Beale is looking for yarn, any amounts in any colour. Georgia's friend (secretary to a Dr. who goes to Haiti yearly) makes finger puppets for the children in Haiti. Also, if you have canes, crutches, air casts, slings, etc. Georgia will be glad to take those as well. What an opportunity to clean out the nooks and crannies in the basement that might be hiding such treasures to help others in need. If you are able to help in this way, please bring yarn and/or medical items to the April meeting and Georgia will ensure they get delivered.

May I ask, if you have any ideas or suggestions for Charity next year, please take a minute and share with me and I will bring it up at our next meeting. Thanks for your support.

Submitted by Shirley Bolduc

High Tea/Fashion Show Gala

Tickets are on sale for our gala to be held from 9:30 to 11:30, our regular meeting time, on Thursday June 9 in the church. Come get your tickets while they're hot.



Quilt show

Let's decorate the church and celebrate your work at the June Guild meeting! At the May meeting, please submit any quilt you would like to show as well as quilts you prepared for Guild Challenges such as the Round Robin (2013/14), Cathy's Carousel Quilt Along (2014/15) as well as this year's Crayola Challenge (2015/16).

Procedure

Hand in your quilts at the May meeting with a completed entry form (attached). The form will be available at the meeting but can be downloaded and printed from the newsletter. When you hand in your quilt it will receive a unique number and you will get a receipt with that number. This receipt must be handed in at the end of the June meeting (1:30) in order to get your quilt back.

Display hardware

Do you have any quilt racks, display ladders or stands that we could use to display quilts at the show? If you do, please let Beth van Wyngaarden know (bethvw55@gmail.com). We will ask that they be dropped off in the morning, the day before the quilt show so we can set them up for the show. The quilts will not be hung until the morning of the show, but we will do as much set up as possible, the day before.

Volunteers

We will need lots of volunteers, with short shifts, to help with the setup of the show, security at the show as well as take down after the show. There will be signup sheets at the May meeting. If you don't get a chance to sign up at the meeting, you can email Beth to be included.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email or phone Beth van Wyngaarden (613-595-0027)

Submitted by Beth van Wyngaarden

CANADA 2017 – Maple Leaf Quilt

If you haven't already done so, please remember to pick up your leaf pattern and background from Marianne at our next meeting. Thanks to all who returned their finished block at the March meeting. They look great! Just a reminder, please include a strip 2 1/2 " by 8-10" of the leaf fabric with your returning block. The blocks must be 6" finished (6 1/2" unfinished). Sign your initials near the leaf on your block. The pieced pattern can be found at <http://quiltsbyjen.ca/a-maple-leaf-block>. **The instructions say to cut three (3) 2 1/2" squares. That is wrong.** You only need to cut one (1) 2 1/2" square of the background fabric. Please use only the background fabric that was given to you. We would like all the leaves back to us by the May meeting.



Submitted by Marianne Gibson

RECAP OF THE LAST MEETING

Our guest speaker, **Jennifer Houlden** (www.quiltsbyjen.ca) had us literally in stitches with her wit and down to earth approach to quilting. What a great trunk show! Jennifer is passionate about movement in her quilts or at least, the illusion of movement in her designs.

CQA - Quilt Canada 2016 - Leslie asked the members to sign up early for any workshops in Toronto this June. A quilt by Joni Newman, our guest speaker last December, is featured on the front cover of *The Canadian Quilter* magazine. Leslie congratulated Judy Thomson, Georgia Beale, Beth Cameron, Beth van Wyngaarden and Kim Mullen on having their quilts juried into the show. Dorothy Wilson is now the Kanata Quilt Guild's CQA representative. Our Guild will donate \$500 to be used towards the CQA conference for whatever purpose they deem necessary. This is the first time we've donated and it is a onetime contribution. Any future contributions will be considered at that time.

Raffles -Congratulations to Linda Torbet on winning our special raffle of the McKenna Ryan kit. Linda, we can't wait to see your quilt at a future show 'n tell! No pressure mind you! Marianne Gibson won the door prize, the 'Purely Canadian Maple Leaf Quilt Pattern' graciously donated by Jennifer Houlden. Also donated by Jennifer, was the show 'n tell prize of her sunflower pattern, won by Maria Elizabeth Neppel.

Charity Quilts- Leslie thanked those who bound and returned four more charity quilts. She went on to explain the Guild's plans for donating to our charities. Some of the 18-20 lap quilts made at our Sew Day last Fall, will be given to the Rudy Shenkman Hospice in Kanata along with a donation of \$400 from the \$800 raised at our retreat. (The

remaining \$400 was donated to the Kanata Food Bank last Christmas.) The remainder of the lap quilts will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House. The children at the House were thrilled to receive over 120 pillowcases due to our Guild's efforts. Thanks to everyone who made their day so much brighter!

Quilties- Jill enthusiastically reported that 21 Quilties came back today. Labels are now included in the kits. Maria Elizabeth Neppel won the draw of a bundle of FQ's.

High Tea/Fashion Show Gala - Sue Cherry is organizing the quilt show at the Gala. We now have four frames on which to hang the quilts. Debby updated the members on plans for the event. A menu of sandwiches will be available including some high tea fare such as lavender shortbreads, blueberry scones and many more goodies. Everything will be ready at 9:00 am. A door prize worth \$700 will be awarded. We're thrilled that the Steeped Tea Company will brew and serve their teas and Bridgehead will donate coffee. Debby has five wearable quilted items for the show.

Outreach - Pauline Farey thanked Pauline Clark and Joanne Hunter, who with her, delivered four mini-workshops at the Farmers' Association Convention held in Ottawa. The workshops were very well received.

HAVE YOU EVER TRIEDBargello?

Bargello quilting is a stunning work of art that is in motion - waves, curves and other shapes move gracefully across the quilt top. These quilts look incredibly difficult but surprisingly, easy to make even for beginner quilters. If you can sew a straight seam, you can do this! Even though there are so many curves and shapes featured on the quilt, there is no curved piecing whatsoever. More advanced quilters find enjoyment with bargello as well as with the simple yet creative piecwork and colour play. The key to bargello quilting is fabric colour and print. All ranges of colour are used from light to dark. Small printed fabrics tend to be preferable and if you love batiks, this is the quilt for you as they work perfectly for these designs. Strips of fabric are cut at a certain width and sewn together into a strip of tubes with the seam allowances facing out. The tube is then cut into the necessary widths and opened with a seam ripper at the specified seams. After all the blocks are finished, precise placement can form different kinds of overall patterns to create movement: triangles, flames, diamonds, waves and hearts are some of the common designs. (Source: Craftsy.com)



If you're ready to try quilting bargello, there are plenty of beautiful patterns, tutorials, and videos on the web. Careful, it's great fun and addictive!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 17

An exhibition by the Ottawa Guild of Lace-makers will be held in the Clark Room of the RA Centre, 2451 Riverside Drive, Ottawa, from 12 to 4 pm. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults, children under 12, free. Demos and vendors will be on hand. For more info, contact Dorothy Laidlaw at www.ogl-gdo.ca.

Ending 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 6 to Sunday, May 8

The Common Thread Quilt Guild will present their "Sew Full of Love Quilt Show" at the RA Centre, 2451 Riverside Drive. Over 200 quilts will be on display, as well as numerous vendors. The Ottawa Modern Quilt Guild will also be at the show, sharing modern quilts. Admission is \$10 for the day or \$15 for the weekend. For more info, contact Kirstin Fearon at 613-851-8021 or kirstinfearon@gmail.com. The show's website is at <http://www.commonthread.on.ca/QuiltShow.htm>

Saturday, June 7 to Sunday, June 8

The Quilters Guild of Renfrew and Area will present their "Quilt Gems Show" at 1 Ma-te-way Park Dr., Renfrew. A tea room, vendors and raffles will also be on hand. Admission is \$5. For more info, contact Barbara Jamieson at 613-432-6005 or by email at barbarajamieson38@yahoo.com

Friday, May 27 to 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. The featured artist and pattern designer, Jennifer Houlden, (www.quiltsbyjen.ca) will give daily demonstrations on the techniques used in her patterns.

June 28, 2016

Inspired Getaways, a Crafters Haven is hosting **Jenny Doan** of Missouri Star Quilt Company on June 28th, 2016.

Jenny will be providing two trunk shows, 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., showcasing her beautiful quilts and sharing many tips & stories with you in a relaxed and personal setting. There will be time for photographs & autographs as well as vendors (Mad About Patchwork, Pickle Dish and Textile Traditions), door prizes and a fabulous 'goody' bag from Inspired Getaways! Also included are refreshments and light snacks during the meet and greet.

Tickets can be purchased online at Eventbrite.ca <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/inspired-getaways-a-crafters-haven-presents-jenny-doan-tickets-19168587762?aff=es2>

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 – www.triennale-outaouais.com .

Help us melt the ice! The Guild needs your ideas for ice-breakers during our meetings. Let's make them fun, highly interactive, simple and easy to understand. Kindly send your ideas to the editors.



We leave you with a thought for the month, "Whatever you can do, or dream you can do, begin it. Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it!" (a loosely based translation from Faust.)

Your editors, Shirley Bolduc and Suzanne Edkins,
and webmaster, Evelyn Salter



A Treasure

....by Mildred Hatfield

It's more than a coverlet,
More than a spread
This beautiful quilt
That graces my bed
It's laughter and sorrow,
It's pleasure and pain,
It's small bits and pieces,
Of sunshine and rain.
It's a bright panorama of scraps of my life –
It's moments of glory,
It's moments of strife.
It's a story I cherish
Of days that have been,
It's a door I can open
To live them again.
Yes, its more than a cover,
This much-treasured quilt,
It's parts pieced together
Of the life I have built.

(source:

<http://www.oocities.org/heartland/1133/quilts/poems.html>)

KANATA QUILT GUILD - June 9th Mini Quilt Show

QUILT ENTRY FORM

Quilt Number: _____

Entrants Name: _____

Entrants Phone Number: _____

Quilt Name: _____

Quilt Dimensions: _____

Quilt Story (ie. Purpose or reason for making this quilt. Inspirations, credits for design or quilting...)

PLEASE ATTACH THIS FORM SECURELY TO THE FRONT OF YOUR QUILT

Quilt receipt. Please pick up quilt at end of June 9th meeting. This receipt must be presented to receive the quilt.

QUILT NUMBER: _____