

# **Kanata Quilt Guild Annual Report 2017/18**

## **PRESIDENT - Debby Holden**

This was my second year as President. It has been another great year of quilting, learning, and attending various organized events. The Guild has continued to grow again this year from 174 to 198 members. Our first Guild quilt show was held in Sep, 2017, and was a tremendous success! There was a sanctuary filled with beautiful quilts. There was a Member's Boutique, 7 vendors and a Tea Room. The Guild was invited to participate as a fiber arts exhibitor for the Canadian Federation University Women in November 2017 at their Enchanted Mosaic variety show. We also participated as a vendor at the Kanata Legion Fashion Show and Tea, in April 2018. We hosted three retreats this year one, in October held in Morrisburg, attended by 33 ladies, a 2 day in-town retreat at the Legion attended by 46 ladies, and a recent Spring retreat at Fort Coulonge, attended by 30 ladies. These activities along with the monthly meetings, sew days, quilties, charitable work, and workshops have brought us together creating opportunities to learn, laugh, make new friends and to give back to our community. Monetary donations were given to The Richmond Fair, CQA, The Kanata Legion, and Make-a-Wish Foundation. It has been my pleasure working alongside all the volunteers who have worked tirelessly to make this year a wonderful quilting success. A sincere thank you to all of you!

## **VICE PRESIDENT - Marianne Gibson**

As Vice President, I am in charge of the sound system and setting up and taking down of the tables needed at the meetings. I help to make sure that the meetings run smoothly, coordinate the Show and Tell and the raffle draws. I fill in for the president if she is absent. As part of the executive, I confer with the President on guild business. It is a very enjoyable job.

## **FINANCE - Lynn Price**

As suggested by the CRA guidelines, the Kanata Quilt Guild has enough funds in reserve to operate the guild activities for at least a year. This amount is considered reasonable in relation to the needs of the association to carry on its various guild events, and non-profit activities. The books will be closed at our year end in June and prepared for audit in July. A more complete report of our final accounting and budget for 2018/2019 will be available in September.

## **PROGRAM – Heidi Taylor**

What a wonderful time I've had being Program Director for the Kanata Guild this year. We've had so many awesome speakers, shops, and new to the guild this year we asked local long armers to be present so that you could get a look at what they might have to offer you and your quilts.

We were privileged to feature an out of town guest Kathy Wylie who spoke on "The Time of our Lives". Kathy is an award winning quilt artist. What a treat to see her quilts.

Many of our speakers were local people who presented trunk shows to us. They have so much talent; many of them own stores and/ or long arms. Jan Kittle (The Pickle Dish), Krista Zaleski (Quilted 4 You), Jen Swallow (Happy Wife Quilting).

We were overwhelmed with the talent and amount of quilts that Bruce Young brought and then to top that off his partner brought Rugs for us to enjoy as well. Grace Noel was a breath of fresh air as she brought us her talk on how she designs fabric, and then was able to show all the ladies what she had designed for them. Each person at the guild was gifted with a fat quarter from Grace's designs. How Special.

In November we had a beautiful tribute to our soldiers, with bag pipes, December brought us our holiday social and craft, we made beautiful glass ornaments, had yummy food and won great prizes playing bingo. February we moved around to different stations and learned how to make quilt blocks all featured from The Missouri Star Quilt Company. Ladies from our very own guild presented these blocks and a good time was had by all.

Still to come you ask? We will be featuring an Old Fashion Bed Turning in May, and then we will say goodbye with our Strawberry Social for the summer in June. Thank you all for a wonderful year as Program Director.

### **WORKSHOPS - Johanne Vajda & Beth van Wyngaarden**

The Kanata Guild had 8 workshops this year including workshops given by our own members Leslie Whitby, Beth Van Wyngaarden and Johanne Vajda.

We had maximum attendance for a majority of the workshops. Positive feedback was received for all workshops. A profit was made with regard to workshops.

### **RAFFLES - Joan Armstrong, Liz Morrison, Rhoda Mizen, Rose Hutchingame**

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the raffles this year, as it helps with financing our Guild's Programs.

Each month we had a few small raffles with Quilt Related gifts to win. Every three months we had a raffle with a Big Package, worth over \$200.00, full of Quilt related gifts to be won by one person.

It was really nice seeing all our Quilting Friends and meeting New Quilting Friends.

### **WEBSITE- Amanda Vajda & Liz Hubbard**

With the tremendous help of Liz Hubbard, Amanda Vajda took over full time as the web manager. Small design tweaks to the website took place throughout the year for a more appealing, streamline, organized design. For the moment, photos of various events have been postponed from being published on the website until a suitable layout can be determined (ETA: Summer 2018). Past photos have been removed with the exception of our first quilt show.

Email notifications for meetings, newsletter, sew days, and other guild related events have been successful through Mailchimp with minimal issues (email going to junk mail for some members, email address not correct). Most issues have been resolved.

## **CHARITY PROGRAM - Leslie Whitby**

It was a very busy year again in our Charity Program as guild members rose to the challenges. The CQA/ACC challenge to make quilts at the Big Quilt Bee made 2700 quilts in June. However, donations to make another 1500 + quilts were made, and the donations keep arriving. Our guild continued to make tops and quilts for Ronald McDonald House this year, and we delivered 92 finished quilts in February and have about another 50+ to donate in June. We had our annual Charity Sew Day in November to keep the momentum going. I would like to thank everyone who participated in the Charity Sew Day and throughout the year for their hard work and fun. The Executive Director of the Ottawa House will be with us in June to receive the rest of the quilts.

Our Christmas collections sent 2 van loads of food to the Kanata Food Cupboard, and a packed van of hats, mitts and socks to the Shepherds of Good Hope. The surprise hit were the florescent toques, so watch for these at sales over the year.

We gave a quilt to the Kanata Legion to thank them for the use of their space and they used it for an internal auction. We sent another to a fund raiser for cancer treatments to D'Arcy McGee's, and a third one was donated to the Dairy Queen for a CHEO fundraising event.

The Canadian Cancer Society approached us for help to turn relay T-Shirts into Wig bags. Again, our members rose to the challenge and made the wig bags from the CCS T-Shirts and their own from other cancer related events. We sent 30 finished bags to the CCS.

Occasionally, members have donated other finished new quilts and we have done our best to find good homes for these quilts.

Looking forward to another great year next year with such a generous group of quilters!

## **SEW DAYS - Pauline Farey & Doris Braslins**

The Guild hosts a monthly Sew Day at the Kanata Legion to foster friendship and the sharing of quilting knowledge and experience. Members bring their own projects to work on. An average of 15 members attend sew days each month. Dates have been booked for the 2018-19 season.

## **QUILTY REPORT - Krista Zaleski & Rita Healey**

We have received and delivered to the hospital about 250 quilties this year. If we stay on track the next two months, that will reach 350 by the end of June.

We don't have a count of kits handed out, but after 2 kit-making days we produced about 200 kits. About 75 kits remain at this point, ready to be distributed. Many donations were received, of cotton fabric, flannel, and batting. These are much appreciated, however any additional donations, particularly of solids or blenders to go with the lovely novelty prints we have on hand, would be greatly appreciated.