

Kanata Quilt Guild Annual Report 2018/19

PRESIDENT – Brigid Whitnall

This was my first year as President. I have enjoyed getting to know the members and attending various activities, sew days, workshops and retreats. The Guild has continued to grow again this year getting to the 200 members milestone. We presented quilts at Canadian Federation of University Women in October 2018 at the Enchanted Mosaic variety show. With help from other nearby guilds, we made and distributed 96 quilts to the youth and children of Dunrobin in December following a devastating series of tornados that hit the area. We hosted four retreats this year, we were in Fort Coulonge in October and April, and we had such a good registration for the in-town retreat at the Legion, that we hosted two in-town retreats, one in February and the next in March. 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 CQA, The Kanata Legion, and the Rotary Club. The generosity that the guild has shown me and my family, and the camaraderie with the members makes me very proud to be president of the guild.

VICE PRESIDENT – Elizabeth Poitras

My main focus this year was to ensure that the set up was done according to the requirements of each committee as well as the needs of the guest speakers and shop of the month. I also coordinated the Show and Tell and raffle draw sections of our monthly agenda.

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 2019/2020 will be available in September.

PROGRAM – Heidi Taylor

Thank you so much Guild members for giving me the awesome privilege of being your Program Director once again this guild year 2018/2019. Many great speakers have shared their lives with stories of their quilting careers, we have been blessed with so many.

Mississippi Valley Textile Museum, Tembo, Blue Calla Creations. And then of course Christmas Carols and a visit from you know who. We certainly have had some laughs. The New Year started with Marie Claire “Our quilting coach”, Terry McDonald, Judi Miller, and last month Celeste Compion with her beautiful shweshwe fabrics.

Stay tuned though can't wait for the trunk show this month & next by some lovely ladies. Still to come our members' garage sale, we ladies just can't get enough of all the shopping we have done with all of the shops that have come to sell their wares and now we are going to sell it again. LOL

It is with some sadness (insert tears here) that I say my time has come to an end as your program director. Thank you for the great encouragement you all have been to me. I look forward to see what's next.

WORKSHOPS - Johanne Vajda & Beth van Wyngaarden

The Kanata Guild had 8 workshops this year. Two workshops, High Tech Tucks and Inset Circles, received an overwhelming response from our members. We held both workshops twice. We had maximum attendance for a majority of the workshops. Positive feedback was received for all workshops.

RAFFLES - Iwona Mooney, Joan Armstrong, Nancy Maloney

This has been a fun year because we three got to do something that all quilters enjoy – visit different quilt stores and shop. We were given a generous budget for both the monthly and special raffles. I say generous because we took advantage of any sales we could find, even if we had to travel further afield. Using this approach we were able to purchase more fabric and supplies for both raffles. A thank you to all who kindly donated towards the raffles which also helped in increasing the amount of items.

In consultation with Lynn Price, Treasurer, a float system was introduced to allow for providing change. We are convinced that KQG members stop off at a bank machine before attending monthly meetings – we know by the amount of \$20.00 bills we count up each month.

As our Guild membership is increasing we are planning a few different twists, just to add some excitement in the 2019/2020 season.

We await the Treasurer's report at the end of the guild's fiscal year before the final tally of how much the sales have contributed to the coffers after expenses.

If anyone wishes to help out in selling tickets, please contact Joan, Nancy or Iwona as we do, on occasion, get the travel bug.

WEBSITE- Amanda Vajda & Liz Hubbard

Photos of various events have been postponed from being published on the website until a suitable layout can be determined (ETA: Unknown). 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). It appears all e-mailing issues have been resolved.

CHARITY PROGRAM – Janet Ferguson

Our charity program was very active again this year. We enlisted some assistance from the Interguild members and were able to make and distribute close to 100 quilts for the children in Dunrobin affected by the tornado. Our annual Charity Sew Day was in February this year, we used a number of blocks that were left over from the Ronald McDonald initiative and sorted them into similar colours. With these blocks, we were able to get 7 quilts made for Cornerstone House's newest home. These will be distributed in June.

Our Christmas collections sent an SUV full of food to the Kanata Food Cupboard, and another vehicle packed full of hats, mitts and socks to the Shepherds of Good Hope. Members individually and through our stash of charity quilts donate throughout the year to silent auctions, fundraising events as well as Victoria's quilts and Quilts of Valour to name but a few.

We have a generous group of quilters, who roll up their sleeves when needed, but have fun while doing it as well!

SEW DAYS - Pauline Farey & Doris Braslins

The Guild hosts a monthly Sew Day at the Kanata Legion to promote friendship and the sharing of quilting knowledge and experience. Members bring their own projects to work on, and their lunch. The Guild provides Tea and Coffee. An average of 20 members attend these sew days each month. Dates have already been booked for the 2019-20 season.

QUILTY REPORT – Claudette Cote & Rita Healey

We have received 358 quilties since September 2018 and have delivered 400 to the hospital. We also delivered 13 hats. Special quilties were made for Valentine's and Christmas and delivered in time for each celebration.

We received a special request from the hospital special care nursery unit for incubator covers. We were able to source black out fabric for the backing and made/delivered four of these special incubator covers.

Pattern making skills were put to use with special patterns each month, to supplement the patterns that were already on hand. At the quiltie sew day, we encouraged members to try paper piecing a Hot Air Balloon pattern. Kits continued to be made with the many donations of cotton fabric, flannel, and batting. All donations are greatly appreciated, we are currently requesting a focus on solids or blenders to go with the lovely novelty prints we have on hand. The labels being used are now iron-on, so labels are not being included with the kits.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - Ruth Bennett & Nancy Wright

We have welcomed 200 Members to our Guild in 2018-2019 - our highest membership to date! At each meeting, Ruth and I greet our Members and Guests. Each person signs in and receives a ticket to our monthly door prize. Ruth takes orders for nametags and handles the finances; I look after Membership information which is distributed to the Executive following each meeting. On average, we have had 122 people in attendance at our meetings this year. We have an average of 8 Guests per meeting - often they end up becoming Members before they leave the meeting. Last year, our Executive offered an incentive to our Members in the form of four \$25.00 gift cards to encourage Earlybird Registration - many of our ladies took advantage of this, and it certainly alleviated our workload in September and October. Members can register in person or by mail - approximately 10% of our Members chose to try mail-in registration for the first time. Our first Membership Directory was published in 2019 providing all members with contact information for all fellow Members who chose to be in the Directory. Our Executive has again offered an Earlybird incentive for 2019-2020 Registration in the form of four FREE Memberships!