

KANATA QUILT GUILD – Annual Report 2022-2023

This was my first year as your president and Pauline Farey's first year as V.P. It was decided, to add two more positions to the executive. This would increase the voting executive members from five to seven and with the guild expanding, it was felt that two more voices would better represent the membership. The positions were Communications and Membership. Both positions require a great deal of work and are integral to the day to day workings of our guild. Since the addition of the two positions required a constitutional change, an email was sent out to our members within the 28 day notification period required. The motion was passed at the September meeting.

Even though the shutdowns due to the pandemic were over, the executive decided to continue with a Zoom format. The Glen Cairn United Church was not up to full capacity and our survey over the summer indicated that the majority of our members were still not comfortable meeting in person. Things calmed down pandemic-wise, and so beginning in May the decision was made to go back to meeting in person. We had a good turn out for both the May and June meetings.

Executive:

This year's Executive was Judith Pach – President, Pauline Farey – Vice-president, Susan Joss – Secretary, Lynn Price – Treasurer, Joanne Batchelor – Program, Brigid Whitnall – Communications, Nancy Wright and Ruth Bennett – Membership and Leslie Whitby – past-president.

Vice-President:

As Vice President, Pauline Farey's role has been to support the guild's President with the day to day running of the guild and to offer advice when asked and to act as liaison between the President and our volunteers. The vice-president's main task this year was recruitment. Three executive positions and two non-executive volunteer positions were filled.

Treasurer:

The treasurer, Lynn Price recruited two members to oversee the closing of the 2022-2023 books and stated that all was in order. A \$15.00 honorarium was paid to each. Lynn reported that the guild's funds were healthy.

Secretary:

Susan Joss recorded the business of the guild at both Executive and regular meetings precisely and concisely. Thank you for all your work as secretary. Susan has now taken on the responsibility of treasurer of KQG.

Program:

Joanne Batchelor offered us a very full and eclectic program this year. The highlight of the year would have to be the Kaffe Fassett Zoom program. Full details are attached at the end of this document.

Shop of the Month:

Joanne Batchelor took the time to visit and promote many of our local quilt shops which was greatly appreciated by the members. Joanne also continues to organize a monthly free table.

Workshops:

Leslie Whitby arranged two workshops this year. One featured Gnomes and the other featured Walking foot and Free Motion Quilting. They were both well-attended.

Membership:

Membership continued to be run by Nancy Wright and Ruth Bennett who welcomed 226 members to the guild this year. In addition to their membership duties Nancy and Ruth have taken care of the guild's draws. Please see attached.

Charity:

Carol Dworschak and Collette Gentes did a tremendous job once again with our charity quilts. They took on the job of arranging a wonderful program for Roger Neilson House, which the members responded to wholeheartedly and produced 12 full size quilts. Carol also organized a speaking engagement with the volunteer coordinator to give our members insight into the crucial work that Roger Neilson House provides the community.

Carol provided monthly blocks that our members could work on. In total the guild produced 70 quilts for various charities.

Quilties:

Elaine Bradley continued to oversee our Quilties for the neonatal unit at the Queensway Carleton Hospital. Despite not meeting in person, our members continued to produce and drop off Quilties throughout the year.

Sew Days:

Doris Braslins and Janice Meeking were the hosts at our sew days and they were very well attended. Both sewing and socializing returned in equal measure.

Communications:

Thank you to Brigid Whitnall who was in charge of communications for the guild. She oversaw both our Website and Zoom meetings. Thank you to Brigid for keeping the guild members in close communications throughout a difficult period of Covid shutdown.

Newsletter:

Nancy England continued to produce a fun and informative newsletter every month for the guild. Nancy's sense of humour and hilarious memes were greatly appreciated by all our members while reading what can be a very dry publication.

Retreats:

Lynn Price ran two out of town retreats and one two-day in-town retreat which had to be cut short because of the unfortunate weather conditions. These retreats proved to be popular with a group of dedicated members.

I would like to thank the executive members who worked diligently on the member's behalf to produce a full year of activities that were enthusiastically received.

Welcome to the Kanata Quilt Guild – 2022-2023

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| September 8th, 2022 | Paul Leger | Ottawa, ON |
| Paul Leger will be presenting 'Journey Around the World'. Paul lectures, delivers workshops, writes magazine articles and is one of the founders of the 'all guy quilting retreat'. Check him out at http://www.paullegerquilts.com/ | | |
| October 13th, 2022 | Jennifer Houlden | Kilworthy ON |
| Jennifer Houlden's presentation, 'From Then to Now', will take us through her journey, touching on both traditional and modern quilts. Jennifer loves to teach, lecture, design and create patterns/quilts. Her website is https://quiltsbyjen.ca/ | | |
| November 10th, 2022 | Bethany Garner | Kingston, ON |
| Bethany Garner's presentation is titled 'Heritage to Contemporary, Next Steps to Making Creative Art'. Bethany is a quilter, fibre artist, instructor and facilitator. She is instrumental in creating programming for the Fibre Arts Textile Design Certificate Program. Preview her work at https://bethanygarner.com | | |
| December 8th, 2022 | Judy Gauthier | Ripon, Wisconsin |
| Judith Gauthier is author of 4 Scrap Lover Books (C&T Publishing) and joins us from Ripon, Wisconsin, where she owns a quilting shop. Her lecture is titled 'Scrap Quilting Fail Proof Color and Cutting Techniques'. Judith is one of the Creative Spark instructors. Check her out at https://studiofabrics.net/judy-gauthier-1/ | | |
| January 12th, 2023 | Patricia Belyea | Wauconda, Washington |
| Patricia Belyea joins us from Wauconda WA, with her lecture 'The Alluring World of Japanese Yukata Quilts'. Patricia will take us on an insider tour of the 2020 Tokyo Quilt Festival, explain Traditional Hand/Dyeing Process and finish with a show of her own quilts. Visit her website for more information - https://okanarts.com/ | | |
| February 9th, 2023 | Cindy Grisdela | Virginia |
| Author and award winning artist Cindy Grisdela will share her tips and tricks in this entertaining lecture about the process for working improv from start to finish. Visit her website at https://cindygrisdela.com/ | | |
| March 9th, 2023 | Sue Benner | Dallas, Texas |
| Sue Benner joins us from Dallas Texas. Her talk 'Sewing the Land' is based on her recently released book of landscape photography. She describes how she brings her photography into her quilts, and how she uses fused collage to construct her work. https://www.suebenner.com/ | | |
| April 13th, 2023 | Kaffe Fassett | UK |
| Kaffe Fassett is one of the most influential living textile artists and the bestselling author of knitting, mosaic and patchwork books. Kaffe will present a lecture on 'Colour Inspiration'. Visit his website and check out numerous videos and interviews at https://www.kaffefassett.com/about/ | | |
| May 11th, 2023 | Long Arm Panel Discussion | Ottawa |
| This month is a panel discussion with 3 expert long armers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pauline Clark – 3 Dogs Quilting - https://www.3dogsquilting.ca/ • Kim Mullen – Eye Candy Custom Quilting – eyecandycustomquilting@gmail.com – 613-261-7846 • Krista Zaleski – Quilted 4 You - https://www.instagram.com/quilted4you/?hl=en They are coming together to discuss Long Arm Quilting from their prospective. | | |
| June 8th, 2023 | AnnMarie Rowland | Owen Sound |
| AnnMarie is a folk singer-songwriter who writes and sings songs for and about quilters, quilts, and the | | |

people who love them. Her program Pieces of Time is a Musical Trunk Show which combines her songs and her collection of antique quilts. Some date back as far as 1860.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT 2023-2024
Ruth Bennett & Nancy Wright
April 26, 2023

We have welcomed 226 Members to our Guild in 2022-2023. Our current total is actually 224 due to changes in membership status. We have done the majority of our registrations through our on-line Membership Form which was devised by our Web Manager, Brigid Whitnall. Mail-in forms have also been received throughout the year. Ruth took orders for 23 nametags and delivered them to members either at Sew Days or to their homes. Nancy looks after Membership information which is distributed to the Executive following each meeting. On average, we have had 123 people in attendance at our meetings this year. Our highest attendance was 151 and our lowest was 104. We do not have many guests at our meetings but our April meeting attracted 15 guests due to the popularity of our guest speaker - Kaffe Fassett. Last year, our Executive offered an incentive to our Members in the form of three free Memberships to encourage Earlybird Registration - many of our members took advantage of this, and it certainly alleviated our workload in September and October. Our Membership Directory was published in October 2022 providing all members with contact information for all fellow Members who chose to be in the Directory. Should you wish to be included in our 2023-2024 Membership Directory, you will need to renew your Membership by October 12, 2023.

In addition to our Membership duties, we have been taking care of the Draw tickets and prizes. Our Treasurer, Lynn Price, has been involved in this committee as well. The prizes consist of gift cards from our local quilt shops - Ruth, Lynn and Nancy went to the local stores and purchased the gift cards. The Draws consist of Monthly Draws of two \$75.00 gift cards per meeting and three Special Draws of a \$150.00 gift card per Draw. On occasion, some stores generously donated gift cards which gave members extra opportunities to win. Members can purchase 13 tickets for All Draws for a total of \$65.00 or they can purchase tickets for Fall or Winter Draws. They pay for their Draw tickets and Membership Fee at the same time. Nancy and Lynn compile the list of the tickets purchased and Ruth prepares the tickets. Ruth draws the prizes at each meeting and mails the gift cards to the winners each month. In summary, 97 members purchased tickets for All Draws ($97 \times \$65.00 = \6305.00); 5 members purchased Fall Draws ($5 \times \$25.00 = \125.00); 2 members purchased Spring Tickets ($1 \text{ at } \$35.00 + 1 \text{ @ } \$40.00 = \$75.00$). Our total Revenue from Draw Tickets according to my records is \$6505.00. It has been recommended that a separate committee be set up for Draw Tickets in 2023-2024 as this handled in that manner when we were meeting in person.