



SUNSHINE SNIPPETS

President's Message

Could it really have been just last April that I wrote the newsletter message to you while enjoying the sun, the surf, and the amazing colours of Maui? Basking in the balmy temperatures back then it would have been hard to believe that we would come full circle to ice storms, blizzard conditions and coooold! Lets keep fingers crossed that the weather at least allows us to go ahead with next week's meeting as there is lots to accomplish. I don't want to be known as the President with the most cancelled meetings!

January 15th promises to be a busy and entertaining afternoon. Don't forget! For this meeting only we start at NOON in order to have lots of time to enjoy our annual pot luck before starting the business. Bring your plate, cutlery, mug and most importantly your favourite dish to share. Following lunch we move into the Annual General Meeting at which time we elect the Executive who will lead the Guild through the next year. Needless to say this is a very important meeting so please come out and support your Guild. Memberships for this next year begin in January.

When snow conditions necessitated cancellation of our Dec. meeting, the judging of our President's Challenge had to be delayed. For all those who have worked away so diligently to create your piece this is the day to show it off. Everyone has a vote for the winning entries and that will be part of the fun during lunch. The pieces will be hung around the room to be viewed by all and the votes collected. At the end of the meeting we'll reveal the winners.

Finally, two of our members will be sharing some of their work and telling us about "My Favorite Things". Karleen and Leslie were all ready to do this in December but unfortunately got cancelled out. They have both kindly agreed to try it again. I know you'll enjoy seeing their quilts and hearing the stories behind them.

And that will bring not only the 2013 year of our Guild to a close but also the end of my year as your President. Thanks to all of you for making it a really good experience. I've been lucky to work with a very capable group on Executive but also many members who have quietly made my job so much easier. Its been a pleasure!

Trudy

Mission Statement: The Orillia Quilters' Guild is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting interest and excellence in quilting.

Meeting at: Royal Canadian Legion, Upstairs

Mississaga St., Orillia

Third Wednesday of the month

1:00 pm to 3:00pm

President	Trudy Kamburis
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Schoolhouse

There will be no Schoolhouse presentation this month, or in February however I do request that anyone who has ideas for 2014 Schoolhouse forward them to me. Thank you to those people who have helped out this year.

Submitted by Susan Sullivan



Program

Election of Officers for the 2014 year.

Karleen Bradford and Leslie Quinn will be showing some of their favourite things

We will be voting on the President's Challenge entries.

Cookie Crew



January

Potluck

February

Lynn Fisher
Dana Moore
Betty Norberg
Marcia Stephen



Outreach

If anyone still wishes to donate toiletries, I will deliver to Jubilee House. The donated toiletry items were delivered to the Woman's Shelter.

All the quilts I have we're delivered to VCRS and the shelter.

Submitted by Loretta Hughes

Sunshine Quilt Show



Now that the holiday season is over, we can turn our thoughts to finishing our projects for the quilt show. It is important to turn your Intent Forms in as quickly as possible. It takes time to prepare all the labels for the hanging of the show. Please be sure to include the story about your quilt (who it was made for, the occasion, any special techniques used). This information brings your quilt to life for the viewer.

Our volunteer coordinators will be looking to fill the spots on their volunteer sheets. Please make sure you sign up to help out.

With everyone's help, we can produce a very successful quilt show.

Submitted by Marilyn Lippert



LIBRARY

January 2014 Notes from the Library.

This is my last entry as librarian and this month I have three new acquisitions. The first two come from a member's donation.

1. Fantastic Fabric Folding by Rebecca Wat. This is a lovely book that uses origami type folding of material to make three dimensional flowers or stars for pillows, throws, wall hangings and vests. Templates and good pictures certainly make this an enticing book for those who want to do something a little different.
2. Stitch, Spritz & Sew: Curved Piecing as Easy as 1-2-3 by Kathy Bowers. Curves fascinate me probably because I know I am too lazy to actually do them the traditional way. Thus, books that assure me of an easier technique always catch my attention. Apparently this is such a book. Bowers uses water-soluble thread, spray sizing, pinking shears, stilettos and a hammer to create curved borders and curved pieces.
3. Happy Villages: Step into a Fabric Collage Adventure by Karen Eckmeier. If you don't know about Pinterest, be warned. It is a time sucking labyrinth of ideas piled upon ideas. You can spend hours hopping from one neat picture to another....which is how I came across this little gem. It's a very small book with one process shown in its myriad of outcomes. You take squares of material, cut them in Eckmeier's pattern, arrange them on material, then add other shapes that transform the first set into abstract houses and architectural features. You use tulle to cover it and end up with a charming village wall hanging. (If you're already a Pinterest addict, search for Happy Villages, look at the one by Karen Eckmeier and then see what some other people have done with this technique.)

It has been a pleasure being the Guild Librarian for the past two years. Listening to members' different interests and searching for books must be one of the most enjoyable volunteering roles I have ever done. However, there is no doubt that eventually burn-out occurs. If I haven't bought it by now, it's because it doesn't interest me...and pretty well anything that has interested me, I've already bought (actually, in one case, I bought it twice! Sorry.) It's time for new eyes to review the many quilt books out there and add new perspectives to the library.

I would like to conclude by thanking Linda Hartwick and Joyce Smith for all their assistance with the library. They were there to take books for sign in and out and their experience was a great help to me. Indeed, I don't think I could have done the job without them. Thank you, ladies.



Workshops



Workshops 2014

More 3D Flowers with Wendy Sprietzer

Date: March 6th, 2014 (Thursday)

Cost: \$35.00 - must be paid at time of registration to reserve your spot in class

Registration opens at January Meeting



SewFlakes with Kathy Wylie

Date: May 6th, 2014 (Tuesday)

Cost: \$35.00 - must be paid at time of registration to secure spot in class

Registration opens at February Meeting

Submitted by Jen Houlden



A full-size wooden floor-model quilting frame that I would like to donate to a guild or group that could make use of it, as I no longer need it. It is large enough to have up to 6 quilters sit around it.

If your Guild or any members are interested, they can contact me, Joan King, at rldking@cogeco.ca or call me at 905-845-1453.



Newsletter & Webmaster

Pat Hill

A Message To All Readers

This is your Newsletter. If you have a story, tip or recipe that you would like to share please forward to Pat Hill by the second Friday of the month.

by E-mail
(orilliaquilters@rogers.com)
or in writing

Next Meeting
February 19, 2014

Don't Forget:

Name Tag
Show & Share
Mug for Coffee/Tea
\$ for 50/50 Draw
Sewing Kit
Library Books

50/50 Winners - November

Patt Carter Linda Woloshyn
Don't forget to come early to sell 50/50 tickets

For those that are here to tough it out!
If the ORILLIA School buses are cancelled
so is our Guild Meeting.