



SUNSHINE SNIPPETS

President's Message

As my first posting as the 2015 Orillia Quilt Guild president I thought I would give the procrastinators of our guild an encouraging thought.

In December I knit a sweater for my grandson's first Christmas. The experience was so enjoyable that I decided to continue on by making myself a new pair of mittens, more to enjoy knitting than for any need of them. I had a pattern that my aunt had given me decades ago and I thought I knew that I could find it in my knitting box in my sewing room. No luck there.

Who doesn't like a quest? However as a post menopausal woman, I am easily diverted from one task to another and so knitting got sidetracked as I started to consider my quilting cache of ideas. Over the years I have collected books, individual patterns, and files of clippings of quilts that have appealed to me and that I wanted to make some day.

It was certainly a trip down memory lane. However, as I looked at all these great ideas from my past I found myself mostly uninterested in them. The colours no longer sang to me, the patterns seemed stiff and too predictable, the rooms I considered them for had long since been painted.

It's clear that quilts, like clothing, go in and out of fashion. (Remember the eighties when big shoulders defined chic?) As I was pitching these dinosaurs into the recycling bin, I congratulated myself for not actually making the quilts. After all, throwing out a picture is a lot less painful than relegating an expensive, time devouring quilt to a closet. Procrastination had saved me time and money.

No doubt belonging to our guild has helped shaped my growth in quilting. Looking at the finished projects brought in by our members, listening to new ideas from the classroom, seeing the work of our guest quilters has always made me reconsider what I was doing. I'm sure most of you would agree that the Guild provides incentive and inspiration as well as cookies and coffee.

I hope that 2015 continues to push us towards exploring new ideas in quilting - even if it is only in our clipping file.

Gillian

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

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OUTREACH

Wow! That was an impressive display! It took me awhile to put on labels and sort by size the 68 cuddle quilts that were brought in last month. Thank you everyone. So far, I have delivered to Hospice Orillia so I have a few in reserve. However, that doesn't mean that you can just stop making cuddle quilts as there is always a need for them.

Loretta



WORKSHOPS

Upcoming Workshops (all are \$35.00) sign up at the meeting.

- April 21 CIRCLE QUILT by Diana Thompson
- May 19 AUTUMN LEAVES by Ruth Kennedy
- June 16 DOMESTIC MACHINE QUILTING by Jen Houlden

Many hours have been spent arranging workshops for your enjoyment. The last 2 have had to be cancelled because of non participation. If the membership does not participate then it will be necessary to cancel all and any workshops from this guild.



COOKIE CREW

February

Nancy Cameron
 Rena Wallis
 Christine Palmer
 Patt Carter

March

Trudy Kamburis
 Leslie Quinn
 Betty Norberg
 Elaine MacInnes
 Linda Woloshyn



SCHOOLHOUSE

Marion Gerry will be showing us how to make eight half square triangles at one time. Important to know as this is the method used to complete the Raffle Quilt 2016 block.



MEMBERSHIP

A **final** reminder to those that have not yet paid their dues.



WHITE GLOVERS

February

Nancy Cameron
Grace Wise
Sandra Crawford
Penny Fitchett

March

Nikki Watt
Pat Hill
Debbie Hewitt
Judy Dagenais

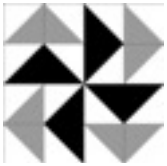
YOUR 2015 EXECUTIVE

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Workshop	Lynn Fisher
Program	Susan Cameron
Outreach	Loretta Hughes
Membership	Sandy McFadden, Trudy Kamburis
School House	Chris Vanderjagt
Hospitality	Lynn Boyd, Barb Gill
Newsletter/Website	Pat Hill
Quilt Show	Lynn Fisher



PROGRAM

This month we have a favourite friend, Sue Polera ,from [thimbles & things](#) ,to introduce us to the latest available notions and techniques for our Quilting and Sewing needs. And Emma will be doing a Power Point presentation on Fireside Retreat. It's an action-packed hour!



RAFFLE QUILT 2016

Blocks for our next Raffle quilt for the 2016 Quilt Show have been put into kits. Kits are \$2.00 each. You may purchase as many kits as you wish. Please sign your name and the amount paid on the form provided. Blocks need to be returned by our May Guild meeting. In the past members have been asked to donate fabric and make a block, this year we have purchased the fabric and the \$2 will defer some of the cost.

Out OfThe Box - Simcoe County Quilters Guild Retreat - 2015

Hello and welcome to a brand new year!! Plans are well underway for our retreat, being held on April 24 - 26/15 at the Kempenfelt Conference Centre on the shores of Lake Simcoe. We have now opened registration up to non-guild members and we have a few spaces left in Elaine Quehl's classes on Sat and Sun. Sadly, Coreen Zehr's classes are fully booked. There are no single room accommodations left. Complete details of the retreat classes, fees and schedule are on the guild website : www.scqg.info or you can contact me directly at : karen.mcclary@gmail.com or (705)734-9514.

We will also be selling tickets for the dinner and lecture on Saturday night - the cost is \$50.00/person payable in advance. Coreen Zehr will be our guest speaker and her topic will be " From Then To Now". Dinner begins at 6PM and the lecture begins at 7:30PM - there are no tickets for the lecture only.

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@gmail.com) or in writing

Next Meeting March 18, 2014

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Don't Forget:

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

50/50 Winners - JANUARY

Linda Hodgson Nikki Watt
Don't forget to come early to sell 50/50 tickets

Permission is required to have photos of members and their work published on the website.
If you DO NOT give permission, please advise the webmaster.



OH MY STARS

Quilt Show

Region Of York Quilters' Guild

March 28 10am - 5pm

March 29 10am - 4pm

Vendors

Quilt Appraiser

Tea Room

Newmarket Community Centre

200 Doug Duncan Dr.

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QUILT FEVER 2015

Etobicoke Quilters' Guild

March 27 10am - 5pm

March 28 10am - 5pm

March 29 10am - 4pm

Raffle

Door prizes

Merchants' Mall Tea Room

Neilson Park Creative Centre

56 Neilson Dr.

Etobicoke

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