



SUNSHINE SNIPPETS

President's Message

My name is Gillian and I am a Pinterest junkie.

For those of you who have avoided that time sucking trap, let me explain what it is. This is a site where you set up a free account which then lets you create virtual bulletin boards under different headings and where you can then "pin" ideas that you find on the web or from other people's bulletin boards.

I thought it was sort of dumb when my sister first introduced me to it. In the beginning, I would look at a few things and see an idea or two but couldn't see the value of having a bunch of collected pictures.

However, I eventually realized that the picture I was looking at could lead me to the site where I could read the article or view the whole process behind the picture. Then, once I saw a picture that someone had "pinned," I could see all the other ideas that were pinned with the one that first caught my interest. Of course, those lead me to other ideas so that just like Alice down the rabbit hole, my whole morning could drift away.

I began with a few bulletin boards like Quotes and Quilting, but I now have 38 different bulletin boards collecting my browsings from the internet: Recipes (97 ideas pinned), Sewing tips (33 ideas pinned), Quilting (397 ideas pinned), Gardening (7 ideas pinned- which explains why you are not reading the traditional April discussion of the beauty of the rain setting us up for a wonderful summer in our yards. My garden- and I use the term loosely- works under the Darwinian principle of survival of the fittest. I try not to interfere.)

But just as Alice came back with a whole different world view, so, too, have I learned a lot from Pinterest. For instance, I recently learned how you can sandwich any size quilt and baste it on your dining room table using two long boards and wrapping the different layers on them. I have just tried it on a double size quilt top and I think it worked. If so, there will be no more crawling around the floor.

Also I discovered the Thimble Lady through Pinterest and learned that one can hand quilt without repetitively puncturing your fingers. (I'm still working on this skill and that's why you probably won't be seeing the previously mentioned double size quilt any time soon.)

Now I don't want to be the internet equivalent of the kid in the school yard sneakily enticing you into a world of addiction and desolation by offering you a free joint, but I do want to point out that there are many ways to learn about quilting nowadays and while listening to speakers and our fellow quilters at the guild meetings is one brilliant way to do so, please remember that your computer or iPad can be used for more than emails and Skyping with your grandkids. Out there is a whole community of quilters happy to share their insights and innovations.

So, yes, my name is Gillian, and I am a Pinterest addict...and proud of it!

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

Cuddle quilts were delivered to Trillium Manor and to Couchiching Jubilee House. Also I delivered all the Easter collection to Green Haven and the Lighthouse. Thank you to all who brought items to be delivered. They were greatly appreciated.

Submitted by Loretta Hughes



SIMCOE COUNTY QUILT, RUG & CRAFT FAIR

The date - September 18-20,2015

Intent forms, Volunteer forms and Members market forms are available from Pat Hill.

Lets try to have a good showing from the Orillia Guild. Get some items made up for sale in the Members Market. (the 5 Guilds get 15% of the sales if we participate)

Forms need to be returned by the end of July.

Submitted by Pat Hill



COOKIE CREW

April

Yvonne Freisen
Susan Cameron
Loretta Hughes
Dawn Archer
Muriel Burton

May

Darlene Williams
Grace Wise
Barb Archer
June Hughes
Linda Huggins



SCHOOLHOUSE

This month we are featuring Frances Westgarth in our "My Favourite Things Segment" She will be bringing in a few things to show us and talk about her inspiration for these pieces. Penny Fitchett has agreed to the October segment. If anyone is interested or has something specific to showcase let me know, I'm hoping to have My Favourite Things run 3 to 4 times this year.

The Great British Sewing Bee

Just recently, actually when I was south I started watching the Great British Baking Show, lots of fun, as I was reading up on it on the internet I discovered the The Great British Sewing Bee. I've been downloading the first season via you tube.. (they are in the middle of the third season now so lots to watch) and it has been excellent....although it is dressmaking skills, it is sewing and both men and women, young and old. It showcases amateur sewing and how it is having a resurgence and how talented "sewers" are. A real positive showcasing of needle people....lots of fun!

Submitted by



MEMBERSHIP

We would like to welcome new members.

Wendy Robinson	robinj7@rogers.com
Linda Davidson	davidson3186@rogers.com
Evelyn Andrews	ecstenn@gmail.com



WHITE GLOVES

April

Marilyn Lippert
Elaine McGee
Jane Binns
Karleen Bradford

May

Betty Norberg
Anne McKean
Elaine McGee
Brenda Stride



WORKSHOPS



AUTUMN LEAVES...A CURVED PIECING WORKSHOP

Workshop Facilitator: Ruth Kennedy
 Tuesday May 19, 2015 9 am to 4 pm
 Orillia Legion

This workshop is not about the leaves....it's about the technique and its possibilities.

Designed for the confident beginner, as well as the more experienced, it is a technique that is basically new to most people. Time is spent at the beginning of the class, giving individual attention to each student, making sure that their machine is adjusted to work well with invisible thread.

The more experienced quilters will be encouraged to play with their own designs...so there is something for all levels.

It is sure to be a relaxing day where you will learn a new technique, stimulate the creative processes, enjoy the company of fellow work-shoppers and have fun.

Cost for Member or non-member is \$35.00

Please contact Lynn Fisher at info@orilliaquiltersguild.com to reserve your spot or by calling 705 721-9198.

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Ruth Kennedy, Facilitator

Ruth comes from a long line of women who enjoyed sewing and or quilting. Her Mom, Elaine McGee, taught hundreds of ladies how to create with stretch knit fabrics so there was no shortage of inspiration. In fact, from 12 years old she always had a sewing machine in her bedroom.

Ruth was a staff member of Reichards Quilt Shop in St Jacobs and has been teaching quilting classes for over a decade. She has been honoured to teach workshops in Bermuda .

For the last 6 years Ruth has been operating Dancing Thread Longarm Quilting, focusing on custom and show quilting



SUNSHINE QUILT SHOW

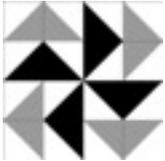
QUILT SHOW MEETING AFTER GUILD MEETING APRIL 15



PROGRAM

This month Martha Schellingerhoud will be treating us to a trunk show.. She is a member of CQA and has been quilting for more than 20 years. She is a machine quilter and draws her patterns for the majority of her quilts. During the course of her presentation viewers will be taken on a journey of her noteworthy quilt projects.

Submitted by Susan Cameron



RAFFLE QUILT 2016

Don't forget to bring in your completed blocks!



LIBRARY

We have three new books to contribute to our members' reading and learning material this month as follows:

"Kaleidoscope Paper Piecing" by Nancy Mahoney. This book has 10 designs to whet your appetite, with wonderfully clear colour illustrations for either beginner or experienced quilter. If you've never paper pieced before, this is the book to get you started and enthused.

"Magnificent Spiral Mandala Quilts" by RaNae Merrill. This is our second book by this author on spirals. Amazing dazzling designs to blow your mind! What could be simpler than not only having the instruction book in front of you, but to have the free CD Rom to help you on your way to creating a wonderful Wow factor.

"Quilting with Carol Armstrong" by Carol Armstrong (obviously!) Again, this is the second book we have by this author. Only difference is, this is identical to the other one in our library, unintentional I might add. I love the little embellishments that have been added to the designs in this book. There are 16 projects, all absolutely delightful.

Submitted by Gwen Hook

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

May 20, 2015

Don't Forget:

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

50/50 Winners - JANUARY

Loretta Hughes Karen Rowe
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.



Reflections of Georgian Bay

Quilt Show

Georgian Bay Quilters' Guild

April 18 10am - 5pm

April 19 10am - 4pm

Vendors

Demo's

Tea Room

Tiny Township Community Centre

91 Concession Rd. 8 East

Tiny

Feelings in Fabric

Kawartha Quilmakers' Guild

May 1 4pm - 9pm

May 2 10am - 5pm

May 3 10am - 4pm

Raffle

Silent Auction Demos

Merchants' Mall Tea Room

Peterborough Sport & Wellness
Centre

775 Brealey Dr.

Peterborough

Quilt Sale

Westmount United Church

23 Westmount Dr. S

Orillia

Saturday June 20

9am - 4 pm

Free admission

Free parking

Cash & cheques only