



SUNSHINE SNIPPETS

President's Message

June 6, 1944: D Day, the day the Allies launched their largest assault on mainland Europe in their effort to oust Nazi Germany from its plundered land.

Black and white pictures of round helmeted soldiers preparing to disembark from the landing crafts, barbed wire fortified beaches, men wading through water amid the pings of deadly machine gun fire desperately reaching for protection before being gunned down. All these images are familiar to us. No one could have ever watched television the week before Remembrance Day without seeing these archival pictures from WWII.

In early May, I was able to visit Juno Beach, the landing site of the Canadian forces on D Day. It was a bright, cool spring day and after visiting the Canadian museum, I walked past a German pill box over to the beach. It was stunning. Long but, surprisingly, not very wide, it would have made a perfect travel brochure enticement to tourists looking for a clean, open, beautiful vista.

My mind couldn't help but wonder at the difference between it today, and 71 years ago when it was as prickly as a porcupine and infinitely more dangerous. The men who fought there never got to see it the way it should have been seen.

But because of their efforts, I did.

Until the 20th century, the most powerful countries were often able to wage war far away, so that the reality of it could be hidden from the average person. The video camera and television changed all that. By the Vietnam War, the awful reality of conflict came into our homes on a daily basis, and no sensible person could maintain the image of war as a noble endeavour even if it is deemed a necessary act. The grim reality of the vicious effort war takes has been burned in our minds.

Yet, our admiration and compassion for the individual soldier has survived and even increased. No longer are they idealized characters arrayed in beautiful uniforms going off to gallantly defend our principles. Now they are the stuff of true legends: real men and women who do extraordinary things, often under vile conditions. We now recognize that courage has many faces. We seem to be closer to understanding that normal people cannot see what they have seen, live what they have lived and not be scarred. Some can heal themselves; some need society's help. Many of us understand that as a society we owe our warriors this help.

Besides voicing our opinions to our governments and forcing them to confront their obligations to our men and women in arms, we can also try to show a human side to our caring.

With that in mind, I am so appreciative of Frances Westgarth's president's challenge to create Quilts of Valour. I admit to being skeptical that she would have many who would take up the challenge. Was I ever wrong! She knew our Guild far better than I. Indications are that we will have a substantial number of Quilts to hand over to Jan Easton from the Quilts of Valour organization at our June Guild meeting.

In doing so, the Orillia Quilters Guild women have done more than just mouth platitudes; they have taken the time to stitch respect and caring into these gift quilts. Well done, Ladies.

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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| President | Gillian Isnor-McVeigh |
| Past President | Frances Westgarth |
| Vice President | Leslie Quinn |
| Secretary | Meryl Drake |
| Treasurer | Marilyn Lippert |

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OUTREACH

Cuddle quilts were delivered to Trillium Manor.

On July 15, there is a workshop to make Christmas placemats. Helpers with machines are needed. However, if you do not want to carry a machine, we need people to cut, people to iron and people to turn the placemats. All are welcome. We will start at 9:15. Please bring your own drink and your lunch.



PROGRAM

The trunk show is Quilts of Valour, with Jan Easton. She will tell us a bit about this organization and the quilts they have received. Our guild will present her with the quilts that the guild members have made in response to the presidents challenge. Don't forget to bring in your quilt donations. I believe Jan will also bring some QOV mugs and fabric for purchase.



COOKIE CREW

June

- Claire Corrigan
- Heather Smith
- Susan Sullivan
- Betty Lye
- Karleen Bradford

August

- Barb Gill
- Peggy Johnston
- Lynn Boyd
- Carol Hodgins
- Frances Westgarth



SIMCOE COUNTY QUILT, RUG & CRAFT FAIR

The date - **September 18-20,2015**
 Intent forms, Volunteer forms and Members market forms are still 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)

 You can put a quilt in the Simcoe County show and also in our show in April.

 Forms need to be returned to me by the end of July.

 Submitted by Pat Hill



MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to new members and renewals

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| Marg Parke. 1721 Line 6 N Oro-Medonte LOL 2EO | margparke@gmail.com |
| Fran Steele. 30 Woodmans Chart Gravenhurst P1P1Y4 | fehsteele@gmail.com |
| Shirley Stacey. 34 Jordon Cres Orillia On L3V8A9 | stacey.s 340@gmail.com |
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WHITE GLOVES

June

Claire Corrigan
 Peggy Johnson
 Marilyn Shelswell
 Kathy Gray

August

Frances Westgarth
 Susan Sullivan
 Gillian Isnor-McVeigh
 Rena Wallace



Money **must** be paid by the **JUNE** meeting for the trip to Black Creek Village. Will be a fun day for all!



Come join us for a day of [quilt] discovery in a historical setting where everyone loves quilts

Quilts at the Creek Bus Trip

Sponsored by the Orillia Quilter's Guild

Saturday July 18th, 2015

Bus Pick-Up in Orillia:
Fitton's Plaza, Orillia (To be confirmed)

Departure time is 10 am from Fitton's Plaza
 Arrival time at Black Creek Pioneer Village is approximately 11 am

Departure for home is 4:30 pm Stop for dinner: TBD
 Arrival time back at Fitton's Plaza, Orillia: approximately 6 pm without
 stopping for dinner and
 approximately 7 pm stopping for dinner

Cost: \$45 for member \$50 non-member

Cost includes:

\$15.00 admission to event
 Bus transportation there and back
 A great day!!

Please contact Lynn Fisher at
lynnfisher@bell.net or
info@orilliaquiltersguild.com
 Or by calling Lynn at:
 705 721-9198





Sunshine Quilt Show

Preparations have started for our next Quilt Show to be held at Trillium Manor on April 16 & 17, 2016.

The raffle quilts are completed and Penny is making up her scrumptious preserves basket.

Raffle tickets are printed and ready for distribution.

Time to start making articles for the members boutique so you can earn a little pocket change to 'front' your next quilt project.



LIBRARY

We have three new books to add to the library this month:

"Quilting Beauties" by Karen Neary. A book on paper piecing

"Colourful Fabric Collage" by Sue Bleiweiss

"Extraordinary Log Cabin" by Judy Martin



WORKSHOPS

SEPTEMBER
15



Tuesday September 15th, 2015.

Orillia Legion

10 am to 4 pm

Cost: \$35 for members or non-members

Deadline to Register: Monday September 1, 2015

INFO@ORILLIAQUILTERSGUILD.COM

CIRCLE QUILT

Workshop Presenter: Diana Thompson (read my Artist's Statement)

Come join us for a fun filled day creating your own Circle Quilt. The design looks complicated, however, the technique is simple. In this day-long workshop you will be making a stunning table runner or if you are ambitious, you will be well on your way to a full-sized beautiful quilt.

The purpose of my quilts is to make beautiful pieces providing a means of expression representing my deepest feelings, life experiences and journeys that will bring joy to all of those that view them. They're full of discoveries and paths that I have created for you to discover on your journey as a viewer. I am a multiple award winning quilter and fabric artist, specializing in the contemporary-traditional styles. I enjoy teaching and lecturing on my passion and have been creating with fabric for over twenty five years. I started with traditional patterns, and here I am today...retired on Georgian Bay. I spend much of my time being inspired by the majestic views, fine wine and good friends.

Cheers,

Diana

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
August 19, 2015**

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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

June Hughes Yvonne Friesen
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.

Bonus Draw Winners:

Betty Lye Debbie Hewitt Carole Wright

Harvest of Quilts

Recipe for Quilts

Settler's Village Quilters

Sept. 12 10am - 5pm

Sept. 13 10am - 4pm

Vendors

Quilt Appraiser

Tea Room

85 Dunn St.

Bobcaygeon

"Under the Water Tower"

www.settlersvillagequilters.ca

Simcoe County Quilt, Rug & Craft Fair

Sept. 18 9:30am - 5pm

Sept. 19 9:30am - 5pm

Sept. 20 9:30am - 4pm

Exhibits & Sales

Demos and hands on activities

Merchants' Mall Tea Room

Simcoe County Museum

1151 Hwy. 26

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museum.simcoe.ca