



SUNSHINE SNIPPETS

President's Message

It's hard to believe that, once again, it is time for the Annual General Meeting. When I agreed to take on the President's role last year, I wondered what it was going to be like to commit to doing the job for a full year, but in fact, the year has gone so quickly and it has been quite a delightful experience.

2015 was an interesting year. For one thing, for the first time in several years, we did not have to cancel a meeting because of bad weather. Also, we changed our venue and while there are still some growing pains involved in the move from upstairs to down, I think it's going to work out quite well for us. This year we also had a committee working quietly in the background to prepare for our bi-annual quilt show. We completed one President's Challenge--The Quilts of Valour--quite successfully and I'm sure it gave all of us a rosy glow to see how brilliantly we embraced that worthwhile task. Leslie Quinn and I did not give you any time to rest on your laurels, however, and immediately introduced a new Presidents' challenge (notice where the apostrophe is; that's how you can tell it's a different challenge.) This challenge will be carried on by the new President and we are hoping that you will be as innovative and enthusiastic with it as you were with the Quilts of Valour so that your creativity can be displayed at the April Quilt Show.

Unfortunately, it has not all been good. Since the last General Meeting we have lost some of our most valued quilting friends. However, while we mourn their loss, we are thankful for the years of memories they have given us. Quilters have such an advantage; when we pass away we leave more than just memories. We leave wonderful, tactile love notes to our special people in the form of a variety of quilted work. Appreciated when they are first received, these gifts become treasures after our deaths and are often passed down through the generations. What a fine legacy to have remain after us.

As I complete my last newsletter submission, I would like to thank the members of the Executive of 2015. They have been a solid source of help, encouragement and humour while performing all their roles with impressive efficiency. I am confident that the new people joining the Executive for 2016 will find the same positive support and in short order will feel very comfortable with these women.

Thank you also to the members as a whole for your encouragement over the year. I have appreciated your kindness and helpfulness. You are a fine group of women to work for.

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

Meeting at: Royal Canadian Legion, Downstairs
Mississaga St., Orillia
Third Wednesday of the month

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

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OUTREACH

Happy New Year!

I have delivered almost all the quilts that I have received. There are a couple baby quilts left. The dialysis unit at the hospital asked for some but I only had 4 left for them. They need larger quilts -50 by 60 to cover their patients. Each person is given their own quilt to bring to treatment.

However, I will be pleased to get whatever size quilt you wish to make as there is much need in our area.



PROGRAM

Since January is the Annual General Meeting, the Program will be the Pot Luck lunch We are All providing; and the installation of our Executive for 2016.

For those of you with some completed articles, I am sure there will be time for Show and Share!

Happy New Year, everyone. Frances Westgarth



MEMBERSHIP

Just a friendly reminder to everyone to please bring your membership renewal to the meeting or mail it in if unable to attend. Thanks Sandy

Application is attached or can be downloaded from the website under "About Us"



Sunshine Quilt Show

Happy New Year Quilters.

There hasn't been much sunshine lately. Winter is well underway. This is the year we, the Orillia Quilters' Guild, will make their own sunshine, the Sunshine Quilt Show at Trillium Manor.

It is a great time to create new projects and finish up those UFO's.

Just before the spring flowers begin to bud, before the snow is completely gone, the Orillia Quilters' Guild will present the best in quilting in and around the Orillia area. What a great opportunity to share with fellow quilters and quilt lovers, the skills you have acquired in the art of quilting. And those beautiful quilts!

Don't be shy. We are proud of our guild members and the contributions they make to the art of quilting. We want your quilted creations. We want your quilted items for sale at the Members Market. Please submit intent forms for your quilts (you can submit more than one) to Brenda Stride or Pat Hill.

Things for sale? Please fill out the Members Market forms and tags. Contacts: Brenda Stride or Pat Hill

And we can't forget our volunteers. You make this show happen. Please contact Nikki Watts and complete the volunteer form. Every effort is made to provide a time and task that suits you. Whether you can devote several hours or just a couple, the Sunshine Quilt Show depends on you and greatly appreciates the gift of your time.

All forms, including the Demonstration Intent form, can be found on the website: www.orilliaquiltersguild.com or at the Guild meetings.

The Sunshine Quilt Show is similar to the creative process in making a quilt. First you have an idea, then you go through the planning process, you create the art (quilting is an art), and finally, you celebrate the finished piece.

Be part of the creative and celebration process: enter a quilt, sell a quilted article, volunteer, come to the show.

Raffle Tickets on two beautiful quilts can be purchased from Leslie Quinn and Marilyn Lippert. Pick up a few books to sell to friends. All proceeds from the sale of the tickets will be used to purchase equipment for the Activation Department at the Trillium Manor.

A Sunshine Quilt Show committee meeting will take place after the AGM. All are welcome

"We have to trust our own choice after all, and end with the simple belief that what pleases us is beautiful. Indeed, no other rule is of any use to us, and if we do but honestly please ourselves, and make forms which genuinely give us pleasure, we shall find ourselves credited with the power of designing beautiful things". Richard G. Hatton, Author

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
February 17, 2016**

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Don't Forget:

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

50/50 Winners - December

Carol Agnew Jane Binns
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.



COOKIE CREW

February

Trudy Kamburis
Christine Palmer
Marilyn Shelswell
Kathy Gray
Muriel Burton



WHITE GLOVERS

February

Marilyn Shelswell
Kathy Gray
Muriel Burton
Carol Agnew

Orillia Quilters' Guild Membership Application

Name: _____ NewMember ____ Renewal ____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

The fee is **\$40.** payable by cheque to **Orillia Quilters' Guild,**
PO Box 155
Orillia, Ontario L3V 6J3

Please circle your response:

I would like to have my newsletter emailed to me. YES NO