



# SUNSHINE SNIPPETS

## ORILLIA QUILTERS' GUILD

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The other day I was paging with curiosity through a book in my library (which, by the way, is also in our Guild's library) entitled "Ontario's Heritage Quilts" by Marilyn I. Walker. Marilyn is "a recognized authority on Canadian quilts" and recipient of CQA's prestigious Dorothy McCurdie Award for her contributions to quilt-making in Canada. In other words, she is someone who knows what she's talking about!

And what she IS talking about in this book are the stories of some of the quilts and the Ontario women who made them, from the mid-1800s and beyond. These are not quilts found in museums. Instead most are quilts which have lovingly and proudly remained in the possession of these women's descendants, who loaned them to be photographed and included in the book. I became interested in finding out more about Ontario's early settlers and where they came from. Further reading and internet research led me to learn that many were Loyalists retreating from American conflicts, others were African-Americans escaping or avoiding slavery, arriving via the Underground Railroad. Still others, such as the Amish or Mennonites, came from Europe or America to avoid religious and political conflict, or to seek better and cheaper farmland. Scots, Irish, and English came from Great Britain, escaping economic hardship or travelling with the military. Upper Canada was a mixed bag then, just as Ontario is now.

As I studied the book's beautiful quilts I was struck by the familiar block names, which in many cases reflected the pioneer women's surroundings: Hole in the Barn Door, Granny's Fan, Tree of Life, Bear's Paw, Rail Fence, Log Cabin. Other block names most likely travelled with the women from their country of origin, such as Double Irish Chain. The fabrics the women used were from their scrap bags of worn clothing, and the quilts were made out of necessity to help survive the cold winters. Since the sewing machine wasn't invented until 1848 and a precious commodity, many of the quilts were made by hand, often by lamplight at the end of a very long day. Quilting bees were popular social events.

Want to learn more? Join us at our May meeting as Pauline Grondin, professional storyteller, historical interpreter and heritage performer shares stories and anecdotes about the history of quilting, not just in Ontario,

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  
1:00 pm to 3:00pm

President	Leslie Quinn
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To store long quilt rulers, stand in a sectioned plate rack.

## PROGRAM

This month we have a trunk showed history lesson from Pauline Grondin.

Pauline is a regular performer and workshop leader at numerous storytelling festivals, gatherings and living history conferences and events, delighting audiences in Canada, Northern Ireland, England and Scotland.

She has also written a number of books for children and the young at heart, and appeared on several television shows, radio programmes, and has been the subject of many newspaper articles across Ontario and Northern Ireland.

Pauline is the Social Historian for the South Western Ontario Barn Quilt Trail.

Pauline will be Piecing together Canada's History through quilts for our program telling us how generations were united by the quilts that were the works of their hands and their hearts.

## OUTREACH

I will post the items needed and the sizes required.

Pillowcases – the hospital has quite a few so we don't need any at the moment.

Children and baby quilts – at least 36x40.

Dialysis quilts at least 50x60 and they prefer a flannel back so they won't slip off as easily.

Palliative care for Hospice and Trillium Manor – large quilts are nice but smaller, colourful ones are used as they brighten a person's bed.

Dialysis bags are 5 and ½ inch flannel – folded in half with a tie string. I have delivered quite a few lately.

Christmas place mats – 12x15 finished size.

As you can see, any quilt you make, I will be able to find a home for it.

We will be having a work day in July to make Christmas place mats..

## **SCHOOLHOUSE**

Linda Woloshyn will be demonstrating how to do English Paper Piecing (Grandmother's Flower Garden)

## **SIMCOE COUNTY QUILT RUG AND CRAFT FAIR**

Time for the annual Simcoe County Quilt Show. Forms can be picked up from your Simcoe County Representative, Barb Archer. Forms **MUST** be returned to her by the **JUNE** meeting.

Show your quilt, sell your wares, do a demo and **PLEASE** volunteer.

The show is Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Simcoe County Museum, September 16,17 & 18,2016.

If you showed your quilt at our show , you may show it again.

Please support the show!!

## **LIBRARY**

We have had a new book "Quick Change" by Karen M. Burns" about a collection of Bed Runners. This book was donated by Alice Hutt.

A reminder that at the June meeting we will be having a sale of a few books that have been donated to the library and are repeats.

## MEMBERSHIP

New membership. Joan MacNaughtan

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## BUS TRIP

Quilt Canada: Here we come! The bus is full and we are excited to be attending Quilt Canada at the Toronto International Centre on Sat June 18th.

## WORKSHOP

Bargello: Learn simple bargello while making a beautiful wallhanging. Workshop to take place at the Legion on Thurs. June 9th, 10 am to 4 pm. Gail Duff and Joanne Colton are your workshop facilitators.

Cost is \$35 for members and \$40 for non-members.

## QUILTS FOR ATTIWAPISKAT

Be part of the team to make quilts for the young people of Attiwapiskat. Date yet to be determined. Sign up sheets will be at the front table

## MARIPOSA GRANDMOTHERS



The Mariposa Grandmothers raise money that is donated to the Stephen Lewis Foundation. These funds assist African Grandmothers in raising their orphaned grandchildren and sustain the vital work of turning the tide of AIDS in Africa.

We are in the process of collecting merchandise for this 2016 annual fall sale.

### WE NEED

#### FABRICS and NOTIONS

Fabrics in cut pieces or bolts, quilting cottons, zippers, buttons, patterns, beads

#### SEWING SUPPLIES

Ribbon, Velcro, tools, and hooking supplies

#### YARN

All kinds and knitting needles, crochet hooks, pattern books

#### CRAFT SUPPLIES

Wreath forms, glitter, foam, silk flowers

#### VINTAGE ITEMS

Lace, buttons, linens, belts, vintage fabric

Your donations will benefit the lives of many.  
You may reach us at 705-326-3096 (Judi) or 705-325-8594 (Heather)  
to arrange for pick up!

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR QUILT CANADA 2016**

Quilt Canada is just a few weeks away. Already over 140 individuals have volunteered to provide over 1200 hours help with registration and admission, set up and takedown, class helpers and white gloves!

You don't have to be a quilter to volunteer. You can review the job descriptions and benefits and fill in the simple online form at: [www.canadianquilter.com/events/quilt-canada-2016-jobs.php](http://www.canadianquilter.com/events/quilt-canada-2016-jobs.php).

CQA/ACC is actively seeking volunteers for the following roles and shifts:

- White Gloves/Hosts – all shifts on all four days of Quilt Canada (185 2-hour shifts)
- Front Desk/Admissions – all shifts on Friday and Saturday and afternoon shifts on Thursday; there are a few spots open on shifts Wednesday and Thursday morning (70 2-hour shifts)
- Setup Tuesday June 14 – we are still in need of over 30 volunteers for 4 hour shifts or longer
- Take down Saturday June 18 – we are still in need of over 20 volunteers to assist after 5:00 pm

If you need more information please contact Jane Sanders at [quiltcanadavolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:quiltcanadavolunteer@gmail.com)

Quilt Canada 2016 is at the International Centre on Airport Road in Mississauga (near Pearson Airport) June 15 – 18. Parking is free and public transportation is available. Many thanks for your enthusiasm and support for Quilt Canada!  
Quilt Canada 2016 Organizing Team

**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.

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**Next Meeting**  
**June 15, 2016**

Don't Forget:

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

**50/50 Winners - April**

Grace Wise Jean Harnden  
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.



May

- Gwen Hook
- Barb Archer
- Lynn Boyd
- Barb Gill
- Shirley Kearney

June

- Gail Duff
- Darlene Williams
- Joanne Colton
- Rena Wallis



May

- Betty Norberg
- Debbie Hewitt
- Shirley Kearney
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June

Volunteer Needed



Set Up



Take Down

