

SUNSHINE SNIPPETS ORILLIA QUILTERS' GUILD

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
Mississauga St., Orillia
Third Wednesday of the month
1:00 pm to 3:00pm

President	Leslie Quinn
Past President	Gillian Isnor-McVeigh
Vice President	Betty Norberg
Secretary	Meryl Drake
Treasurer	Marilyn Lippert

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A few years back while taking a workshop with a famous American art quilter whose work I'd long admired, I was instructed at one point to take out my fabrics, shake them loose, mix them all up and spread them across my work table for free-form selection. Well, in case you haven't noticed, I'm the type of person who likes to be organized to feel comfortable. I can't even match socks from the laundry without feeling unsettled until the job is done! My fabrics for that workshop were lined up in a clear bin, neatly folded and placed by value from light to dark. So as you can imagine, I was horrified when I had to do as instructed! But then, the interesting happened; instead of selecting colours intellectually, I began selecting them intuitively. It was a freeing (although initially stressful) experience, just short of my having to breathe through a paper bag! Post-workshop I have to admit I changed some of my original fabric choices, but the lesson stayed with me.

Workshops and classes can alter your perceptions, increase your skill-set, stir your creativity, provide social networking. So how does one prepare for a class or workshop? Here are just a few suggestions, gleaned from various sources:

Go prepared, using the instructor's supply list. There's nothing worse than showing up without the right tools or fabrics, and it's not fair to other participants should you need to borrow most of the items. I can tell you first hand that it's a tooth-gnashing experience to have the person next to you say they didn't bring the required items and can they use yours! Further, be sure your sewing machine is one you are familiar with and in good working order, as it's unfair to expect your instructor to have the time or expertise to fix it. Reduce distractions by turning off your cell phone and paying attention to the teacher. Side conversations among participants have their place, but not when the teacher is talking to the group. Leafing through books or magazines while the teacher is talking is also a no-no. Take notes instead.

Ask questions if you don't understand something, but don't monopolize the teacher's time. There are other participants who also deserve their share of the instructor's assistance.

Go with an open mind, gleaning what you can. If you find the project is not what you expected or not to your liking, try to find portions of it that you can learn from; a technique, a tip, a jumping-off point for ideas you do like.

Remember: Everyone learns at a different pace, so don't compare your work to others; be gentle with yourself and have fun.

PROGRAM

Elaine Theriault will show us a new and exciting look into the "old art" of scrap quilts. In addition to a trunk show with different styles of scrap quilts, a large number of ideas for storing fabric, in particular scraps is explored.

OUTREACH

Thanks to all the members who brought in quilts and dialysis bags last month. Quilts have been delivered to Trillium Manor and VCRS.

Submitted by Loretta Hughes

SCHOOLHOUSE

Binding a quilt may not be your favourite part of completing a project. So let's take a look at some binding techniques that might encourage you to jump right in and tackle that last task, while adding the wow factor to your project.

LIBRARY

Shelley Houser has donated:

522 - The Ultimate Guide to Art Quilting by Linda Seward

1000 plus step by step illustrations of numerous techniques for all levels of skill and experienced quilters.

Reminder: If there are any books you would like to see added to our collection, please let me know the name and author and we will try to purchase it.

Thanks,
Rena

WORKSHOP

Pat Reynolds Seasonal Landscape Workshop

There are 11 members paid and signed up for Pat Reynold's workshop taking place in our Legion meeting room on **Thursday October 20th, 9:30-3:00**. If you are signed up but have not received the materials list by email, please let me know ASAP as there is some preparatory work to do.

The deadline to register or cancel was October 6th.

We are fortunate to be able to go ahead with the workshop for two reasons: first, we have enough participants, and second, Wendy Robinson kindly volunteered to billet Pat for the night prior to the workshop. Thank you Wendy!!

I wish to congratulate Lynn Fisher, our previous Workshop Chair, who was recently hired as Director of Couchiching Jubilee House. Their mandate is to 'empower homeless or near homeless women to improve the quality of their lives through individualized support and transitional housing.' We wish Lynn all the best in this worthwhile new job and appreciate everything Lynn has done for our Guild as this year's Workshop Chair and as Coordinator of our 2016 Sunshine Quilt Show.

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 34

Dear Members,

At our September meeting eight of our Guild members answered the call to make quilts for donation to our meeting facility host, the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 34, Orillia, in honour of their 90th Anniversary this month. The seven quilts will be sold or auctioned off to raise funds in support of Branch 34's endeavours, including the very important "Operation Leave the Streets Behind" program, supporting local homeless vets suffering from PTSD.

Pictured here are six of the seven quilts being received by Jack Hird, Second Vice President of the Legion.

Proud quilt makers are: Barb Archer (quilted by Sandy McFadden), Jean Wallace, Loretta Hughes, Claire Corrigan and Heather Smith, Nikki Watt, Pat Hill and Shelley Houser.

A huge "Thank You" for your generosity!

Leslie Quinn

President

Dear Quilters,

Just want to say THANK YOU very much for the lovely quilts. We will be able to raise a ton of money all to a great cause.

Thank you again for the presentation and look forward to letting you know how much we raise. I will make sure you see the Vet Gazette as well.

Cindy Cassels

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From Page 16 of the October 2016 Vet's Gazette:

Once a month the ladies of the Orillia Quilters' Guild meet at Branch 34. To show their appreciation for use of the facilities and to help celebrate our 90th anniversary they recently donated seven quilts to the branch. Over the next few months the quilts will be used in fund raisers in the branch with the proceeds going to branch projects as well as the Homeless Veterans' fund. Jack Hird received the quilts on behalf of the branch. The quilts, six of which are shown in the pictures were made by: Barb Archer (machine quilted by Sandy McFadden), Claire Corrigan/Heather Smith, Shelley Houser, Loretta Hughes, Nikki Watt, Pat Hill, Jean Wallace...The quilts are absolutely stunning and we thank the Orillia Quilters' Guild for their extreme generosity.





Photos courtesy of Cindy Cassels

OUTREACH SIZES

Children's & Baby Quilts	36 x 40 (approx.)
Dialysis Quilts	50 x 60 (flannel backs)
Palliative	single bed size
Christmas Placemats	12 x 15 finished
Dialysis Bags	5 ½" square folded in half with draw string (ribbon)

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
November 16,2016

Don't Forget:

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

**50/50 Winners -
September**

Clare Corrigan Norma Hurl
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.



October

Leslie Quinn
Jeanne Wallace
Grace Wise
June Hughes
Donna Thompson

November

Mary Staines
Susan Sullivan
Philippa Ricci



October

Jeanne Wallace
Shirley Stacey
Shirley Kearney
Sue Piitz

November

Susan Sullivan
Chris Vanderjagt