



SUNSHINE SNIPPETS

ORILLIA QUILTERS' GUILD

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Christmas season is fast approaching and I'm not one of those people who is always ready for it. I often joke that I'm ready on Boxing day when it's over. Family traditions change as our children grow up and start to establish their own traditions. I'm one of those Mothers that have encouraged my adult children not to try to please everyone. As family dynamics change it is almost impossible. I remember one year; my daughter and her hubby came down from Ottawa with a small baby and then made a mad dash on Christmas evening trying to get back to Renfrew to see his Mother. They ended up running out of gas on the 401, in the dark. She's never let him forget it. Now both of my daughters live in Ottawa so, as I'm the only Grandparent left, we have a big get together for Thanksgiving with all of their in-laws.

As their children got older and finances improved they started getting away for Christmas to warmer climates. Even that has changed now, with the Grand Children being grown and either flown the nest, or in University with very busy schedules of their own.

This year my husband's daughter is coming home from Singapore with her Australian husband and all of his family. It should be interesting. They are all staying with her Mother. I don't envy her. She's also bringing her one-year old baby son, whom we've only seen by Skype and videos. The cycle starts all over again. I'm being practical by getting busy making a baby quilt as hubby goes into panic mode wondering what to buy. What else can one give a one year old from Singapore. He'll need something warm while he's here.

I'm sure everyone is getting excited with the thought of all the family get togethers. I'd like to take this time to extend the warmest of Christmas greetings to you all, on behalf of myself, and all of your busy executive members, as you celebrate the season with friends and family.

Betty

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	Betty Norberg
Past President	Leslie Quinn
Vice President	Christine Palmer & Kim Wynott
Secretary	Meryl Drake
Treasurer	Marilyn Lippert

Winter Weather - If Orillia School Buses are cancelled - Guild is Cancelled



PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE

This year's theme will be **"With a song in my art"** It will span the end of this year and the beginning of 2018. That means you've got plenty of time.

The Challenge

Think of a song that you like, or any song that comes to mind. It can be any genre, Country or Pop, an old Rock and roll favourite, or an Old Classic. Then design a wall hanging to fit your song, for instance Johnny Cash's, Ring of fire.

Restrictions

- There aren't many. It must be no larger than 20" wide and 24" long so we'll have room to display some at the quilt show.
- Because I love appliqué, there must be at least one piece of appliqué on it. Any method of appliqué is acceptable It can be pieced embroidered and embellished in any way that pleases you.
- Due date will be the March 2018 meeting. Submissions will be judged at the meeting based on curb appeal by the membership as a whole.
- All submissions must have a hanging sleeve.
- Just for fun, pin a piece of paper to the back, with the name of your song, and we can all try to guess the name of your inspirational song. I hope you'll partake of this challenge and enjoy it. We have some very talented quilters in our Guild and I'd really hate to be the only one participating.

QUILT SIZES WITH DROP AND TUCK

ADDED DROP AND TUCK	TWIN (INCHES) 39 × 75	DOUBLE/FULL (INCHES) 54 × 75	QUEEN (INCHES) 60 × 80	KING (INCHES) 78 × 80
10" drop	59 × 85	74 × 85	80 × 90	98 × 90
10" drop & 10" tuck	59 × 95	74 × 95	80 × 100	98 × 100
12" drop	63 × 87	78 × 87	84 × 92	102 × 92
12" drop & 10" tuck	63 × 97	78 × 97	84 × 102	102 × 102
14" drop	67 × 89	82 × 89	88 × 94	106 × 94
14" drop & 10" tuck	67 × 99	82 × 99	88 × 104	106 × 104
16" drop	71 × 91	86 × 91	92 × 96	110 × 96
16" drop & 10" tuck	71 × 101	86 × 101	92 × 106	110 × 106
18" drop	75 × 93	90 × 93	96 × 98	114 × 98
18" drop & 10" tuck	75 × 103	90 × 103	96 × 108	114 × 108
20" drop	79 × 95	94 × 95	100 × 100	118 × 100
20" drop & 10" tuck	79 × 105	94 × 105	100 × 110	118 × 110
22" drop	83 × 97	98 × 97	104 × 102	122 × 102
22" drop & 10" tuck	83 × 107	98 × 107	104 × 112	122 × 112

Drop hangs over the edge of the mattress on 3 sides.

Tuck folds under the pillow.

ALL ABOUT THE BATTING YOU BUY

BRAND NAME & FIBER CONTENT	QUILTING DISTANCE	USES	CHARACTERISTICS
Mountain Mist: Blue Ribbon 100% cotton	Up to 2"	Antique quilt tops and reproductions, wall quilts, baby quilts, clothing	Moderate to low shrinkage; layers stick together; cool in summer; adjusts to body temperature; breathes; cannot be preshrunk. Flat, thin
Quilters Dream Cotton 100% cotton (natural, white)	Up to 8"	Quilts, wallhangings, garments	Preshrinking is not recommended; shrinkage 1%, gives traditional look and feel to quilt; warm yet light and retains air
Mountain Mist 100% Natural Cotton	1/2"-1"	Antique quilt tops, antique quilt reproductions, wall quilts, baby quilts, hot pacs	5%+ shrinkage; layers stick together; cool in summer; warm in winter; adjusts to body temperature; drapable, cuddly; breathes; cannot be preshrunk; antique appearance
Warm Products Warm and Natural 100% cotton	Up to 10"	Wall quilts, crafts, garments	Can be presoaked if desired; can be stiff if over quilted. Very flat, thin.
Fairfield Soft Touch 100% cotton (bleached natural)	Up to 2"	Quilts, wallhangings	Soft; stretches; drapes well; good stitch definition; can be preshrunk if desired
Hobbs Organic 100% Cotton	Up to 2"	Quilts, garments	Soft drape, pliable; extremely easy to hand quilt; can be preshrunk if desired. Flat, thin
Hobbs Organic Craft Cotton 100% cotton	Up to 6"	Quilts, crafts, wallhangings	Soft drape, pliable; extremely easy to hand quilt; can be preshrunk if desired. Flat, thin
Fairfield Cotton Classic 80% cotton, 20% polyester	2"-4"	Quilts, wall quilts, baby quilts, tablecloths, placemats, clothing	Moderate to low shrinkage; shrinkage allowance should be checked; can be pre-soaked if desired; breathes; cool in summer. Flat, thin
Hobbs Heirloom Premium Cotton 50% cotton, 50% polyester	1/4"-3"	Quilts, baby quilts, wallhangings, garments	Can be presoaked if desired; extremely easy cotton to hand quilt; durable; drapable; soft; warm
Double Brushed Cotton Finnish 100% cotton	Any distance	Lightweight quilts, baby quilts, lap robes, summer-weight coverlets, tablecloths, placemats, clothing	Can shrink to give antique appearance; no loft. High quality with adequate thread count.
Quilters Dream Poly 100% polyester	Up to 8"	Quilts, wallhangings, garments	Do not prewash; polyester microfibers have "high wicking" properties; very drapable
Generic Wool (from numerous sources) 100% wool	1"-4"	Tied comforters, quilts	Must be enclosed in cheesecloth; presoaking not recommended; high resilience; warm in cold, damp climates. Puffy, resilient
Hobbs Heirloom Premium Wool 100% wool	1"-3"	Quilts, garments, lap quilts, throws	Soft, drapable; can be presoaked if desired; very warm in cold, damp climates; more comfortable than polyester; very slight bearding if any. Low loft, resilient
Hobbs Poly-Down Polyester 100% polyester	Up to 3"	Quilts, throws, lap quilts, pillows	Warm, very lightweight, very washable, good loft retention. Extremely soft and resilient, moderately thin
Mountain Mist Glazene Process 100% Polyester and Quilt-Light 100% polyester	1/8"-2 1/2"	Bed quilts, lap quilts	Fibers shift to fill space available; can be quilted extremely close without getting stiff; does not shrink; has look and feel of cotton; heat sensitive. Thin to moderately puffy
Fairfield Low Loft, Extra Loft, High Loft, 100% polyester	2"-4"	Bed quilts, lap quilts, pillows, stuffing	Warm, lightweight, heat sensitive; stretches and distorts if hung; low recovery from compression; does not shrink. Moderate to high loft
Hobbs Thermore Thermal bonded	Up to 4"	Garments, miniature quilts, wallhangings, quilts	Extremely drapable, easy to quilt, lightweight, does not beard. Very thin

HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR CUTTING MAT

OLFA Cutting Mats love moisture!

It is recommended that you soak your mat from time to time. Your self healing mat loves moisture.

To soak it, put your mat in a bathtub or large container (would have to be large so it can lay flat) and soak it for 15-20 minutes in a solution of 1/4 cup white vinegar to every gallon of cool water. Let me repeat, **cool water**. Do this every so often to help extend its useful life.

Then use a squirt of mild dishwashing soap (Ivory) and clean the mat with a mushroom brush (**soft** is the key word here). The purpose of this gentle scouring is to remove the fibers that get trapped in the cuts marks preventing the cuts from "healing".

Keep 'em clean, keep 'em moist, keep 'em flat and NO heat. Your cutting mat is not a coffee cup coaster!

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 ó" square folded in half with draw string (ribbon)

WHO DO WE HELP

1. **Hospice Orillia** – After a client has passed away, Hospice runs an eight week bereavement group for family members. This happens 2 or 3 times a year. After the course, the person is given a cuddle quilt or wall-hanging to keep. This involves 7-10 people each time.
2. **Trillium Manor** – This is a nursing home. When a person is in palliative care, a cuddle quilt or small quilt to brighten their bed is given to them. The family keeps the quilt.
3. **Soldier's Memorial Hospital** – We give dialysis bags to dialysis and oncology to cover the picks. The bags are made of flannel and are 5and1/2 inches folded in half and sewn. The top is sewn to make a sleeve for a fine ribbon. The ribbon needs to be long enough to tie easily. We also give quilts to the dialysis unit. Each new patient is given a quilt to keep. They prefer a flannel or fleece backing so the quilt won't slide off. These quilts need to be about 50 by 60 inches.
4. **Green Haven** – This is a woman and children's shelter. They can use children's quilts. We also collect socks and mitts in February and toiletries for Easter.
5. **Spencer House** – This is a nursing home. We make bib-aprons for them. The backs are flannel. I will bring them to guild to be sewn.
6. **Couchiching Jubilee House** – This place helps local women and children who are homeless or at a risk of homelessness. They have a place to live for up to a year. We make bags for them at Christmas. When the woman leaves for her new home, she is given a quilt.
7. **VCRS**- This is a group that provides support for victims in crisis. Quilts are given to the children and adults.
8. **Lighthouse** – This is a place that offers food for men, women and children. It is a shelter with 14 beds for men. We collect socks in February and toiletries for Easter
9. **Senior homes** – We make Christmas place mats to brighten up Christmas dinner. The place mats are finished size 12 by15 inches.
10. **Child Advocacy** – This place helps children who have been abused. They help children from 3-18 years old. Quilts are given to a child when needed.
11. **Royal Canadian Legion** - quilts of Valour

**A POEM TAKEN FROM THE SURREY MASON (OFFICIAL
MAGAZINE OF THE PROVINCE OF SURREY) found by Nancy Cameron's husband**

The Quilters by W. Bro Stephen Davids

Three ladies living in Guildford town,
Each Thursday night would settle down,
To sew and quilt and drink fine tea,
And one day they invited me.

Their handwork was so divine,
It dressed the church at Christmas time.
But no one guessed, what I now knew,
Their source of fabric, old and new.

Throughout the week they'd have free reign-
All spinsters, no one to complain.
So they went and pilfered cloths,
From neighbours' lines, and homes and lofts.

And Marks and Spencer lost a lot,
Too Debenhams and the charity shop.
The backs of patron's restraint chairs!
Whatever they liked, they took as theirs.

Then one wet day, they crossed a line,
And clubbed a vagrant drunk on wine,
To use his blanket for its hue,
(So hard to find that pallid blue).

Next Christmas midst the sugared plums,
Their Nativity quilts fetched record sums!
The Vicar prayed them for their hauls,
And to God's grace commended their souls.

Now Guildford is a tramp-less place,
They disappeared without a trace.
The quilters meet and still they sew,
But nowhere near them will I go.

**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 to PO Box 155
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**Next Meeting
January 17, 2018**

Don't Forget:

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

**50/50 Winners -
NOVEMBER**

June Hughes Linda Woloshyn
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.
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December

Guild Executive

January

Pot Luck



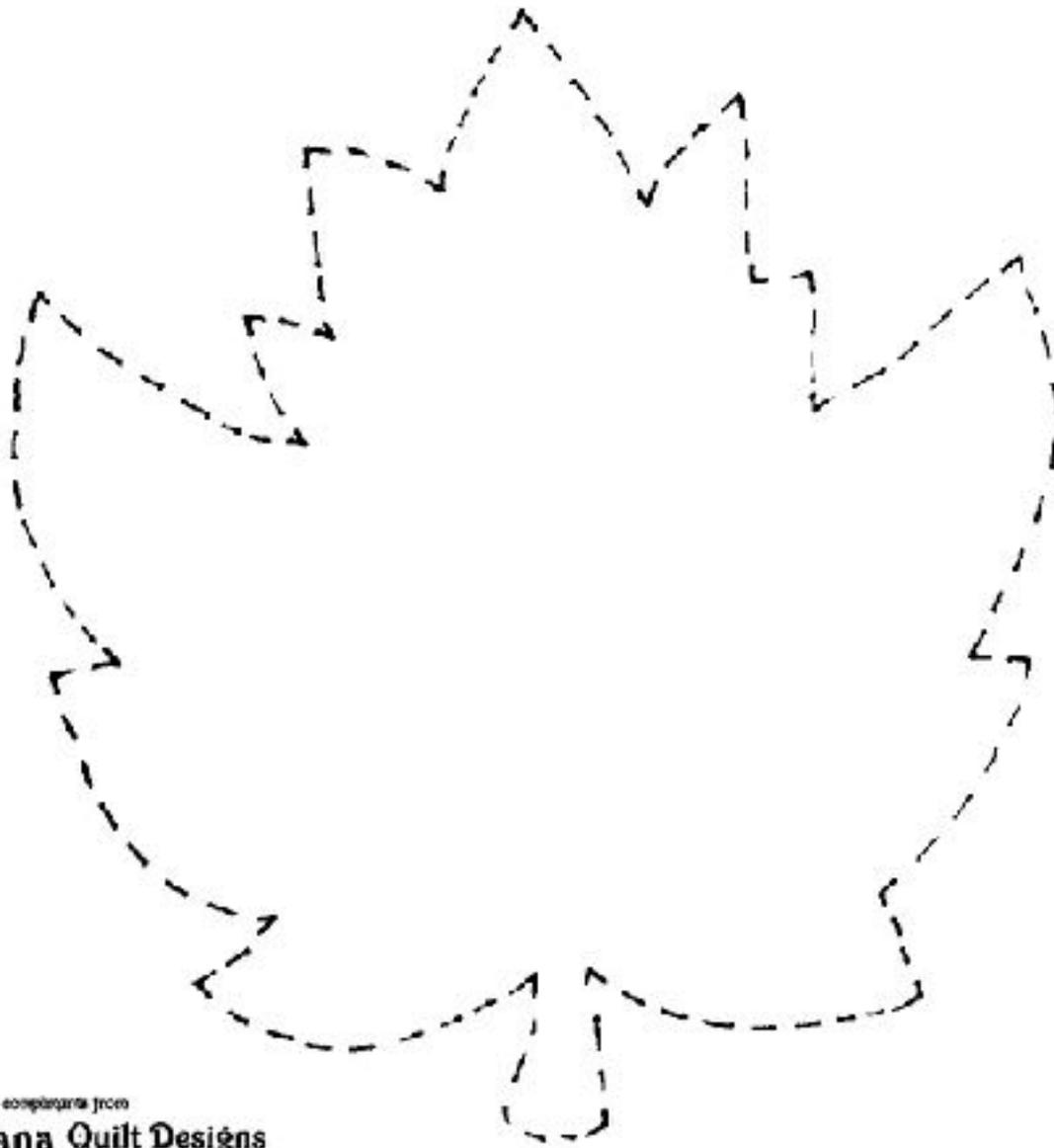
December

January

Marg Parke
Betty Norberg
Wendy Robinson

Design of the Month

~ Maple Leaf ~



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