



Sunshine Snippets



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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's Message



Bonjour, Hello, Welcome!

Congratulations Orillia Quilters Guild!

The Executive for 2020 has been "bound and stabilized"! (all positions have been filled) These ambitious ladies are "dying" to do their share to ensure OUR meetings, programs, workshops, outreach and "sew on" are arranged for all to DELIGHT IN!

"Sew" members, be prepared to come together and share your love of quilting!

Be sure to let others know about us too!

Let's share our Guild with others who have a passion for quilting! All are Welcome!

I am excited to say there are some really great ideas "materializing" for next year. Be sure to watch your newsletter for Programs and Workshops. As always, share your ideas with the executive so we can continue to expand our repertoires and skill sets to enhance our quilting projects with new & old techniques.

Its Quilt Show year, thus lots of opportunities to get involved. You can volunteer, sell your quilted items and show your quilts.

Next on the agenda; January 15, 2020 at 1200 is our pot luck. This is followed by our AGM and Program.

My final note as 2019 President...

Dearest Members and Executive Team,

I am extremely grateful, for your support and encouragement in making this year, as your President, a wonderful life memory!

Smiles, Hugs & "Yokes"

Christine



“Snippets of a Quilter “ - Mary Speake

I first learned to sew in Home Economics class. That Christmas mom bought a used sewing machine for my sister and I. I began making some of my own clothes, curtains and bedspreads.

Jump forward, and many moves later, we ended up in NB for the second time. With 2 preschoolers and one in school, I became a stay at home mom. I took a Sunset Quilting book from the library and made two children's quilt as you go vests for Christmas. Next fall I attended the local quilt guild show and signed up for a Sampler quilting class. That was it! I took many workshops over the years, but with more moves often found I had no sewing room, no machine or even space to quilt.

Now that my husband has retired and we're settled for a while, I have been able to get back into quilting again. My kindred group have been very supportive over my last number of moves and have helped motivate and encourage me.

Outreach

Quilters are the most generous people I know. Who else would use their fabric, batting and time to make a quilt and then donate it to someone they don't know. It has been my pleasure to belong to the executive of this fine guild. Now I'll have more time to make cuddle quilts.

Submitted by Loretta Hughes

Membership

New members/email changes

Gail Duff. granduff@rogers.com

Rose Marie Kerton kertonfamily@gmail.com

New member Wendy Joslin has no email

For members who have not yet renewed please bring it to the January meeting. If you can not attend January's meeting and have not renewed could you please take an minute to let me know your intention even if you plan not to renew. My email is themcfaddens@sympatico.ca

If anyone would like to order a name tag let me know. They are \$11.00. I can take names at the meeting or email me.

Thanks Sandy

Workshop

Looking ahead to February we are offering a felted wool and needle book workshop. Come and make these small, handy items! A sign up sheet, samples, and supply list will be available at the January meeting.

Debbie and Kim

Presidents Challenge

2020 Orillia Quilters Guild

“CELESTIAL MAGIC”

Theme: “Celestial Magic”

Use your creativity to captivate “Celestial Magic”! It can be, heavenly, astronomical, stellar, planetary, in the sky, heavens; it can be real or mystical. In short, let your imagination take hold!

Size: maximum 20 inches wide by 24 inches long (to facilitate hanging at the Quilt Show)

Specifics:

1. Must be 3 layers quilted together in finished piece
2. At least one applique piece. Any method acceptable.
3. To catch the Magic, use some shimmer or shine. Any medium or embellishment acceptable.
4. All submissions must have a Hanging Sleeve.

Due Date: March 2020 Guild Meeting.

Judging: Members attending the March meeting, will judge the “Celestial Magic” quilts for their “out- of- this- world” quilting appeal!

Good luck...but most of all **HAVE FUN!**

Literally, “Sky’s the Limit”

White Glovers/Goodie Providers (mmm)

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Our new system is working well because of, **YOU, ME, US!**

Each Month, Members with **Surnames beginning with the same initial** partner up to provide Goodies and be White Glovers!

January Potluck Dinner and Annual Meeting starts at 12:00 p.m.

February **A & B** March April May June

August September October November

December **Executive**

Missed your turn Please bring your treats to October's meeting!

White Glover Etiquettes

"Giver", Hand quilts to ladies on ladders

"Holders", (Stand on ladders) Show front and back of quilt with cues from "Speaker"

"Takers", Fold and place quilts on table for all to ogle over during break!

Comfort Quilts and small items may be walked in front of members for a closer look.

Enjoy, Smile and Connect!

Members Draw Winners - December

Mary Speake Janet Clarke

Don't forget to come early to sell tickets

Fat Quarter Frenzie - **Gisele Levesque**

Upcoming Events and Quilts Shows

March 27 & 28	Etobicoke Quilters' Guild "Quilt Fever" 10am – 5pm Admission \$10 Neilson Park Creative Centre, 56 Neilson Dr. .Etobicoke
May 8 & 9	Chatham-Kent Quilters Guild "Stitches in Bloom" 10am to 5pm Admission \$10 St. Paul's Church, 450 Park Ave. W., Chatham

On February 1st to April 11th, 2020, the Orillia Museum of Art and History will present an art show of thread painted botanical works entitled "At Risk" in the Upper Gallery by Tracey Lawko-fibre artist and certified CQA quilt judge.

Tracey has won a number of awards for her beautiful and realistic thread paintings.

AT RISK: TRACEY LAWKO

Exhibition

Date:

Saturday, February 1, 2020 to Saturday, April 11, 2020

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Franklin Carmichael Gallery

Our native pollinators and their habitat are threatened. Insect populations are declining due to habitat loss, pesticide use and disease. 75% of flowering plants rely on pollinators to set seed and we humans get one third of our food from flowering plants.

In recent years, Tracey has become increasingly aware of the changing patterns of the bees and butterflies in her garden and around her studio in the Niagara Escarpment. As they move from flower to flower collecting pollen, they enable the continuation of our food crops and flowering plants.

Through her finely stitched botanical illustrations, she invites the viewer to consider the importance of these small creatures to our survival.

Ailsa Craig Quilt & Fibre Arts Festival

Allow me to introduce the Ailsa Craig Quilt & Fibre Arts Festival. The festival is an international event that sees this tiny village in southwestern Ontario, Canada bring fibre artists from visiting countries to display over 120 quilt and fibre art works of exceptional international quality. The visiting fibre artists teach workshops throughout the week, walk the show to converse with guests, are billeted by local townspeople and generally get a wonderful taste of life in North Middlesex while sharing their rich culture with our guests.

Our guest country for 2020 will be Spain.

We would like to extend an invitation to the second Quilt and Fibre Art Challenge to be hosted by the Ailsa Craig Quilt & Fibre Arts Festival. We invite Fibre Artists from across Canada to participate in this challenge to celebrate the culture, flora, fauna, history and geography that comprises Spain.

The Challenge “Spain Through Our Eyes” was developed to allow the Festival’s many followers to participate fully in the event, even if distance precluded their attendance. All art work will be on display in the Ailsa Craig Arts Centre and Ye Olde Town Hall during the 2020 Festival and viewed by approximately 3,000 visitors. Thirty fibre art pieces, as selected by visitor voting and our Spain guests, will be forwarded to Spain where they will participate in a travelling show. An additional Canadian Travelling Trunk Show may also be established.

ALL RULES & REGULATIONS ARE LOCATED ON OUR WEBSITE ailsacraigquiltfestival.com

If you have any questions or would like promotional material, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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I look forward to hearing from you or a member of your guild and of course seeing entries into this great challenge.