



# SUNSHINE SNIPPETS

## ORILLIA QUILTERS 'GUILD

Well, here we are, at the beginning of another year. 2020 was certainly a very challenging year for everyone worldwide. One can only hope that since we now have vaccines, (unfortunately not very many doses yet), that this year will become a better one, safer, healthier, and much less stressful.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Legion Administrator has contacted me regarding our meeting and workshop dates. They are preparing their schedule for when the Legion will open up again to the public. All things considered we will be lucky to have meetings there before the end of the year, and if you are optimistic maybe by the fall.

In the meantime, we will continue with our Zoom meetings, the first two guild meetings having been successful. I hope to see attendance increase as more of you realize that this is a great way to keep in touch and see the work of your fellow quilters. You may even decide to contribute to the show and share yourselves. It is inspiring!

We're luckier than a lot of people, very few of us are front line workers. Be kind and thoughtful of those who are as they need our support. Reach out to those who are on their own, a phone call goes a long way to cheer up someone.

Take care, stay safe and keep quilting!!  
Mary Speake

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	Mary Speake
Past President	Christine Palmer
Vice President	Heather Shilling
Secretary	Meryl Drake
Treasurer	Marilyn Lippert

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## ***OUTREACH & WORKSHOP***

Have a little time on your hands? Have a little fabric to use up? (That was really a rhetorical question...we all have fabric!!!) Here's an opportunity for you!

On Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, from 9:00 to 11:59 a.m., we will be hosting a Zoom Sew-a-long to make walker caddies. These helpful pocketed bags attach to mobility walkers and allow the drivers to stash their goods in the pockets leaving their hand free to drive safely! The caddies will be distributed to seniors' homes in Orillia once the State of Emergency has been lifted. We are aiming to make 50. The instructions are provided with this newsletter (please have fabric prepared prior to the workshop to maximize sewing time!). There are two models from which to choose. This will accommodate your fabric and time availability.

Once the State of Emergency is lifted there will be a "Drive and Drop" in the Orillia Legion parking lot. You will be able to drive through to drop off your completed caddies – no need to exit your car, just pass out your goods through the window! Fingers crossed that this will be sooner than later.

Also accepted at the "Drive and Drop" are lap quilts (approximately 32 to 36" x 40" – size is flexible). We have homes for 40, but specifically need 20 of these to be appropriate for men.

Thank you for using your time and resources to continue supporting our community!

Janet, Penny, and Kim

## *SCHOOLHOUSE*

A member suggested a topic for Schoolhouse: explaining longarm quilting. There are several brands of longarm quilting machines and each has its own idiosyncrasies. But the fundamental steps are loading the 3 layers of the quilt, deciding upon thread colour and quilting design, stitching out the quilt pattern, unloading the quilt.

I have found several YouTube videos explaining how quilts are loaded onto the machine and what decisions longarm quilters make through the process of quilting. These videos feature different machines by different manufacturers. The machine that I am familiar with and that several longarm quilters use in our area, is manufactured by Gammill.

The videos:

1. *Donna Jordan of Jordan Fabrics (Statler by Gammill-computerized longarm)*  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rk8mPrK5UwE>.
2. *HQ Educators Kelly and Johnny (HandiQuilter-hand guided, ruler work)*  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yZx8o\\_H5JnA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yZx8o_H5JnA)
3. *Leah Day (Grace longarm machine-free motion quilting and ruler work)*  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NonSbCF4ht4>

Thank you for the suggestion, Gillian!

Submitted by Debbie Hewitt

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## ***VIRTUAL QUILT SHOW***

The program we could use is: HOPIN.

The price of using the program is: \$100 for one administrator and 100 participants. If more than 100 people want to see the quilt show, our cost is \$.50 per additional participant. A second administrator can be added for \$100 and 100 participants can join in. Any additional participants are \$.50 per person.

Participants pay to enter the show. We determine how much we wish to charge as an entry fee. Anyone from anywhere in the world can enter the show if they pay the admission price.

Advertising can be done through the internet. Links can be sent out through email, Facebook, announced through local media, advertised through the vendors' websites and local quilt shops websites if they agree.

When the participant 'enters' the quilt show, it appears as if they are entering into a lobby. In front of them are several doors. We determine how many doors and what the signs are on the doors. Some examples of signs could be: Quilt Show. President's Challenge. Featured Quilter 1. Featured Quilter 2. Keynote Speakers. Fireside Chat. Quilt Topic Sessions. Demonstration: Tips and Techniques. Outreach. Exhibitor Hall. We determine what is behind each door.

When a participant 'clicks' on a door, access is gained to that part of the quilt show. The Quilt Show and President's Challenge, could have pictures of member quilts, a detail of each quilt, and a written or oral recording of the story behind the quilt. The Featured Quilter presentations could be video taped. The Fireside Chat could be live: person to person chatting about a particular topic, with up to 500 people watching and up to 20 people on camera. Keynote speakers can be VIP sessions, accessible only by certain ticket types. So participants would select to add the cost of these sessions to their entry fee and then would be given access at a particular time and day; just as if they were attending a keynote speaker's presentation in an auditorium, 'on stage'.

The exhibitor hall has big, medium, and small vendor booths available. We can have as many vendors involved

as we wish. The vendors will be charged according to the size of their booth. It looks similar to walking through a trade show. Attendees can either watch a pre-recorded video of each vendor or view the vendor 'live'. Special event offers, web-links, live chat and a button for signing up now for newsletters from the vendor, can all be included in the vendors booth layout. Vendors are responsible for their own sales, just as they are currently selling 'on-line'. Our guild could have a member's booth and sell the goods that we have made. We could also set up a booth for donations to the 'Manor', for their bus fundraising.

What we need to know: **are you interested in having pictures taken of your quilts, for the show?** All styles, colours, reasons for making a quilt.....will add up to a terrific show. We have a couple of ideas for locations, for taking pictures of the quilts in daylight.

**We need volunteers to schedule and take pictures of the quilts.** Can you help with this?

**We need a committee to decide what we want to include in this show:** what is on the door signs and what is behind each door? We need volunteers to make these decisions.

We need a **quilt show convenor** to coordinate the volunteers, in the different committees. I will volunteer to take on the technical aspect of this show and would certainly appreciate help with setting it up.

**We need volunteers to contact vendors.**

**We need volunteers to organize and take pictures of the items for sale in the Member's booth.**

**We need volunteers to video record the presentations of the Featured Quilters.**

If you are interested in having a virtual quilt show, HOPIN is a terrific platform to use. The audience can be much larger than we have had 'in person' because of the nature of internet. This opens the opportunity for greater financial earnings for the Guild.

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