



SUNSHINE SNIPPETS

President's Message

About a year ago a man I know asked me about the quilt guild. He was very interested to hear what went on because he had once joined a photography club for awhile and then quit it. When asked why, he said he found it unhelpful. People just came to show off their work and show how clever they were. He wondered if that were the same for the quilt guild.

A rare thing happened: I was speechless.

Finally, I closed my gobsnapped mouth. Not at all, I said. In fact, quilters seem to be very modest over their achievements. They are often explaining what happened that made them have to revise or even redo their work. Hmm, he replied, obviously skeptical.

But it is true. We bring our work, not to show off, but to share. And when we look at the work of others, we are not thinking that the quilter is gloating over her achievement but rather is as pleased as we are that the darned thing finally got done and turned out better than she sometimes feared it would.

Since I don't think my friend exaggerated, I wondered what made the difference between the two groups. I immediately rejected the idea that it was a bunch of men as reverse chauvinism (and anyway, it wasn't clear that all the photographers *were* men.)

I then wondered if the difference could be related to a difference in time commitment. Let's face it. I don't care how much set up you have to do to take a photograph, it can't compete with the time it takes to create a quilt. Each step of quilting takes hours, from the choosing of the fabrics and the pattern to the cutting of material to the sewing of the blocks and then organizing the blocks into a bigger quilt and finally the quilting of the entire unit.

And each of those big chunks of time allow for thinking, and second guessing, and fixing mistakes. Indeed, quilting is a humbling experience. Every quilter knows this and is therefore able to delight in any successful completion. In fact, seeing the finished work of others gives us hope. It can be done.

This leads to our program for March. Our planned program cannot happen. Instead, we are going to do what we are very good at. We are going to share—only this time, we are going to share those things that aren't completed. Some may not have even gotten started. Maybe it will be fabric that was bought and seemed like a good idea at the time, but now is less impressive. It may be a technique that you tried and played with and then got stymied over. It may be anything that caught your interest and then left you high and dry. You may want to show your progress on a project and explain your plans or beg for ideas on how to salvage something you are frustrated with. (Remember, the program happens *after* the coffee break. We will still have Show and Share *before* the coffee break so please do bring any finished work in for us to enjoy at that time.)

Looking at "works in progress" is a wonderful way to remind us that the art of quilting is not just defined by stunning completed quilts but rather by the joy of exploring our creativity and our options. It reminds us that the journey is often more interesting than the arrival.

Mission Statement: The Orillia Quilters' Guild is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting interest and excellence in quilting.
Meeting at: Royal Canadian Legion, Upstairs
Mississauga St., Orillia
Third Wednesday of the month

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WORKSHOPS

AUTUMN LEAVES....A CURVED PIECING WORKSHOP

Workshop Facilitator: Ruth Kennedy
 Tuesday May 19, 2015 9 am to 4 pm
 Orillia Legion

This workshop is not about the leaves....it's about the technique and its possibilities.

Designed for the confident beginner, as well as the more experienced, it is a technique that is basically new to most people. Time is spent at the beginning of the class, giving individual attention to each student, making sure that their machine is adjusted to work well with invisible thread. The more experienced quilters will be encouraged to play with their own designs...so there is something for all levels. It is sure to be a relaxing day where you will learn a new technique, stimulate the creative processes, enjoy the company of fellow work-shoppers and have fun.

Cost for Member or non-member is \$35.00

Suggested bus trip to the Creative Festival April 24, 2015: I have decided that I will not move forward on this due to Thimbles and Things bus trip, also in April. (Don't want people to have to choose.)

New Suggestion: Bus trip to the "Quilts at the Creek", Black Creek Pioneer Village Quilt Show on July 18, 19, 2015. More details to follow.

Submitted by Lynn Fisher



COOKIE CREW

March

Trudy Kamburis
 Leslie Quinn
 Betty Norberg
 Elaine MacInnes
 Linda Woloshyn

April

Yvonne Friesen
 Susan Cameron
 Loretta Hughes
 Dawn Archer
 Muriel Burton

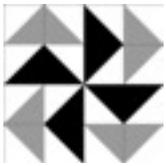


SCHOOLHOUSE

This months schoolhouse will be about making an Easter project....with Easter coming up and hopefully spring this could be a fun project to make for your grandkids.

Check it out at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bpz6VTFS0Zo>

Submitted by Chris Vanderjagt



RAFFLE QUILT 2016

There are still lots of Raffle blocks that need to be completed . Please pick yours up at the door when you come in, put your \$2.00 in the jar and sign the list.

If you are returning your blocks from last month please hand them in to me so I can mark your name off the list. Thanks

Pat Hill



WHITE GLOVES

March

Nikki Watt
Pat Hill
Debbie Hewitt
Judy Dagenais

April

Marilyn Lippert
Elaine McGee
Jane Binns
Karleen Bradford



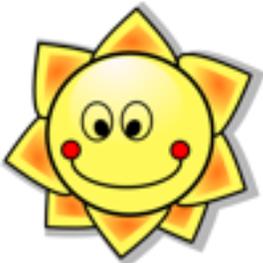
PROGRAM

YOU are the program, ladies! Remember to bring something you are working on and is not finished, or something you WERE working on once that got put aside... (UFO), or fabric you bought - with an idea attached! There are door prizes so remember to buy tickets for the 25-25-50 draw at the door. See you Wednesday.
Frances



OUTREACH

I had a call from the dialysis unit at the hospital to say they were out of quilts. The quilts are given to the patients to keep. They use them during their treatments. After the January meeting's response, I was able to take some of the quilts to the hospital. They were most appreciative. Thank you.
Easter is coming very soon. For the less fortunate in our area, outreach is collecting hygiene products to be given out if anyone feels so inclined. I am collecting for the woman's shelter and the lighthouse. Small containers of shampoo, toothpaste, soap etc. are fine for the lighthouse. The women often stay for up to 5 weeks at Greenhaven, so they would prefer large containers. Thank you in advance.



SUNSHINE QUILT SHOW

The next meeting to will be April 22, 2015 after the quilt guild meeting. Those who are interested in participating can email me before the next meeting or just come to the meeting. I have booked Trillium Manor for **April 15th & 16th, 2016.**

Lynn Fisher

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 March 18, 2014

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Don't Forget:

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

50/50 Winners - FEBRUARY

Merilyn Vyse Linda Huggins
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.



OH MY STARS

Quilt Show

Region Of York Quilters' Guild

March 28 10am - 5pm

March 29 10am - 4pm

Vendors

Quilt Appraiser

Tea Room

Newmarket Community Centre

200 Doug Duncan Dr.

Newmarket

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QUILT FEVER 2015

Etobicoke Quilters' Guild

March 27 10am - 5pm

March 28 10am - 5pm

March 29 10am - 4pm

Raffle

Door prizes

Merchants' Mall Tea Room

Neilson Park Creative Centre

56 Neilson Dr.

Etobicoke

etobicokequiltersguild.com

Quilting in the Village

Thames Valley Quilters Guild

May 1 10am - 6pm

May 2 10am - 4pm

Vendors

Tea Room

Wesley Knox United Church

91 Askin Street,

London ON