



SUNSHINE SNIPPETS

President's Message

This newsletter has little to do with quilting but it has everything to do with being a woman. As May is Mother's Day month, I thought I would speak about my mother who died in 2004 at the very grown up age of 95. I say died rather than the gentler "passed away" because my mother hasn't passed. She is still a force in my life and I suspect she will remain so as long as I have memories.

Sometimes she comes in my life when I do an action that I realize was my mother's. For instance, I notice now that I sometimes wipe my mouth in a manner that is exactly like hers, and which I noticed was exactly like her father's. In such a way does a family carry on its traits.

Other times, something will trigger a memory of my mother. I can't see a lemon meringue pie without smiling. Let me explain how my mom made hers. First she baked her delicious pastry, then she made a lemon pudding that she put in the pie, then she whipped up the meringue, and spread it on the pie. Then she placed the pie in the oven to brown the meringue. Then she burned the meringue. Then she scraped it off and replaced it with dream whip. She did this every time. I never knew you actually ate meringue until I went to university. I suppose I used to think its job was to somehow set the pudding.

My mother was not a quilter but she was a beautiful knitter. Indeed, I have often seen my mother sitting on a stool in the kitchen late in the evening with her book propped on the table which she read while knitting, all the while balancing a burning cigarette in her mouth. It fascinated me to see how long the ash would grow before it would fall.

Of course this split attention span only worked with simple knitting. When she was making those luscious sweaters of cables and complicated stitches on fine wool she focused completely. She had wool sent from England and I had beautiful sweaters. It took me a while to appreciate how infinitely better they were than the bought sweaters that I coveted when I was an adolescent, but I am glad that I told her of my adult appreciation of her work. I still remember her small smile of satisfaction at hearing of my maturity.

As she aged, her eyesight was compromised with macular degeneration. I remember that once she came to visit me and I hadn't had time to vacuum as much as I would have liked since she was fastidious. At the time, I thought I was safe since she was not able to see very well. That's when I learned that with macular degeneration, a person has peripheral sight. Lesson learned.

Eventually, her loss of sight intruded on so much of what she liked to do. Bridge became more of a memory game than a visual game, reading had to be done with audio tapes, television was set to a painful decibel since she couldn't miss the words as well as the picture.

And my throat even now thickens when I remember when I started to notice that the beautiful knitting had holes created by slipped stitches that she couldn't see. Eventually she had to give up on knitting.

But, the irony is that it is those items that live in my mind as the most precious, not the dozens of stunning sweaters that she made me over my lifetime. For me, they exemplify the true creative drive—the desire to make something to give to a loved one. The mistakes show her spirit to work even though she had no assurance she would be successful.

That is my greatest memory of my mother and the example she has set me. I hope that as I age, I too, will work within my limitations, not give up too early, yet let go with grace when the time comes. She has set a standard for me and continues to teach me how to live. How could I possibly say she has "passed away."

I believe I am not alone in this. Mothers never leave us.

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
Mississaga St., Orillia
Third Wednesday of the month

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WORKSHOPS

Workshop: Machine Quilting on Your Domestic Machine

Date: Tues June 16, 2015 at the Orillia Legion

Time: 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

Facilitator: Jen Houlden

Cost: \$35 for member or non-member

Deadline for registrations will be the May meeting and up to June 2/15

The Workshop will be cancelled if there are not enough participants by the deadline date.

Machine Quilting

Now that the quilt top has been created and finished it is time to quilt it. Learn how you can use different free motion and walking foot designs to quilt your own quilts with your domestic machine. Each motif will be demonstrated with lots of time for practice. Start with the walking foot and work up to the free motion foot. Learn how to stipple and add in other patterns with the stippling such as stars, leaves and hearts to name a few.

The class includes tips for sandwiching the layers, marking designs and a discussion on thread and batting plus lots of time for questions.

The advance class will step it up a bit where you will learn more advanced free motion designs and trapunto.

A great class to learn what your machine can do and how you can quilt your own quilts.



COOKIE CREW

May

Darlene Williams
Grace Wise
Barb Archer
June Hughes
Linda Huggins

June

Claire Corrigan
Heather Smith
Susan Sullivan
Betty Lye
Karleen Bradford



SCHOOLHOUSE

Well for this month's schoolhouse I had grabbed Karla Alexander's book out of our library and tried one of her projects using the cut and shuffle technique. I will have a short demonstration of the steps and a completed block or two for the meeting to show you.



PROGRAM

The program is called Finding my Wings, a trunk show presented by Ruth Kennedy. Ruth, is Elaine McGee's daughter.

Ruth has her own long arm quilting business called Dancing Threads.

We look forward to seeing her quilts and hearing about her quilting journey.

**Dorothy Fu now has some patterns available for sale on her website

www.dorothyfuquiltingart.ca.



OUTREACH

This month, quilts were delivered to The Children's Aid and to VCRS.

I also delivered all the bibs to Spencer House.

On July 15, there will be a workshop at the Legion to make Christmas place mats. We have some Christmas material but if you have any extra, it would be appreciated. If you make any place mats at home, the finished size is 12x15 inches.

Thank you.



WHITE GLOVES

May

Betty Norberg
Anna Maken
Elaine McGee
Brenda Stride

June

Claire Corrigan
Peggy Johnson
Marilyn Shelswell
Kathy Gray



BUS TRIP



Come join us for a day of [quilt] discovery in a historical setting where everyone loves quilts

Quilts at the Creek Bus Trip

Sponsored by the Orillia Quilter's Guild

Saturday July 18th, 2015

Bus Pick-Up in Orillia: Fitton's Plaza, Fitton's Road, Orillia

Departure time is 10 am from Fitton's Plaza

Arrival time at Black Creek Pioneer Village is approximately 11 am

It is suggested that you bring your lunch.

Departure for home is 4:30 pm Stop for dinner.

Arrival time back at Fitton's Plaza, Orillia: approximately 7 pm

Cost: \$45 for member \$50 non-member

Cost includes:

\$15.00 admission to event

Bus transportation there and back

A great day!!

Please contact Lynn Fisher at

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Or by calling Lynn at:

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Deadline for Bus Trip registration & payment will be the June meeting and up to July 4, 2015.

If we do not have enough to fill the bus, the trip will be cancelled by July 6/15

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

June 17, 2015

Don't Forget:

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

50/50 Winners - April

Mary Staines Loretta Hughes
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.

Door Prizes

Donna Thompson Susan Cameron

Quilted Treasures

Lindsay Creative Quilters' Guild

May 30 & 31, 2015

10am - 4pm

Lindsay Curling Club

18 Peel St.

Lindsay

Members Boutique

Vendors

Tea Room

Stitching Among Friends

Quilting Corners Guild

June 6 & 7, 2015

10am - 4pm

Alliston Curling Club

52 Albert St.

Alliston

Merchant Mall

Tea Room

Mini Auction

Evolution of Quilting

Gwillimbury Quilt Guild

June 12 & 13, 2015

10am - 4pm

The Sharon Temple

18974 Leslie St.

Sharon

Vendors

Tea Room

Appraiser