



Bits & Pieces

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Carol Darou



January's meeting was quite busy with the stash sale going on. I hope you all enjoyed yourselves and found a piece of fabric or book that you could not live without.

February is Heritage Quilt Month and we will definitely be enjoying a great trunk show by the Mississippi Valley Textile Museum.

Please start to think about making some items for our Fall Sale; it's a great way to support your Guild.

Lastly, please really consider a position on our Executive team and help Jean out by saying "YES" to her when she asks.

Carol

Marilyn Walker

I received word at Christmas that Marilyn Walker had died on October 1 as a result of a car accident that had happened in 2014. Marilyn was the first President of the CQA and the author of Ontario Heritage Quilts, an award winning publication.

She spoke at one of our meetings in the 90's and photographed and documented quilts from Lanark and Leeds Counties. The information from this event is available at Matheson House (the Museum) in Perth.

Her influence will be perpetuated at the Marilyn Walker School of Fine & Performing Arts Building at Brock University in St. Catharines, Ontario. Her wall hanging, **Tree of Learning**, completed following her accident, is on display there.

~ Mary Young ~

LCQG Fall Sale & Luncheon Saturday, November 12, 2016 Glad Tidings Pentacostal Church

Volunteers are needed for our Fall Sale & Luncheon. Please see Vice-President, Marilyn Robinson, to offer your assistance.

We are also in need of donated items to sell. Some of the more popular items are:

- ◆ Aprons
- ◆ Pot holders
- ◆ Bags/purses
- ◆ Small seasonal wall hangings (sleeves on)
- ◆ Christmas items (stockings, ornaments, bookmarks, gift tags, gift bags)

For each item donated your name will be entered into a draw for a chance to win a gift certificate.

~ Marilyn Robinson ~

Donations for Refugees

Seeking volunteers to make quilts for the refugee families. Please let Marilyn Robinson know of your interest.

Upcoming Vacancies

Here are the duties of the Executive and Committee Coordinator positions needing to be filled for next year:

Vice President

1. In the absence or disability of the President performs the duties and exercise the powers of the President;
2. Be a signing officer on behalf of the Guild;
3. Perform such other duties as shall from time to time be requested by the Executive, such as, but not limited to, scheduling Executive meetings, Guild QTs, and chairing the fund raising sale.

Treasurer

1. Have charge of all funds of the Guild;
2. Deposit receipts and disperse monies as authorized by the Executive, with the exception of non-budgeted items exceeding \$100.00 (one hundred dollars). Any expenditure over this amount must be voted on and accepted by a majority at a Management Team meeting;
3. Maintain all records necessary for an annual audit;
4. Prepare reports as required by the Executive;
5. Provide the auditors with any information they need to complete the audit;
6. Be a signing officer on behalf of the Guild.

Program Coordinator

1. Develop a yearly program which reflects member interest while meeting budgetary constraints;
2. Make all arrangements for guest speakers or in-house programs;
3. Organize workshops and challenges.

Social Coordinator

1. Organize coffee/tea service for Guild meetings;
2. Organize social events as determined by the Management Team.

Photographer

1. Take pictures of all items in Show and Tell;
2. Keep pictures in albums and have available to show at meetings.

Please contact Jean Sherwin or any Executive Member if you are interested in any of these positions.

The Common Threads

Executive Meeting Report — February 2016

Carol Darou thanked Loree Tannett for hosting this meeting.

President (Carol Darou) - after discussion of Almonte Quilt Guild's request, it was agreed to allow them to use our wire stands for their quilt show upon receipt of a deposit which will be given back when all wire stands are returned.

Vice President (Marilyn Robinson) - needs someone to be in charge of the kitchen for the Fall Sale.

Past President (Jean Sherwin) - has possibly found two people to share the library position, but now also need to find a photographer. She will place duties of each position needing to be filled in the newsletter.

Treasurer (Janice Spitz) - the Treasurer's Report was approved.

Block of the Month (Heather Buchan) - showed the block instructions for February.

Library (Marie Amyot) - showed the library books she has for this month.

Membership (Muriel Hopper) - we are now at 175 members. Sign-in sheets are running short so more will be printed.

Newsletter (Lynne Green) - advised deadline for February newsletter articles.

Outreach (Loree Tannett) - everything is organized for the in-town retreat for the charity quilt.

Program (Beverley Davidge/Alexis Mongeau) - if there are not enough members signing up for Debbie and Al Côté's workshops in February they will need to be cancelled.

Publicity (Arlene Pellett) - in Arlene's absence, Jean showed the poster Arlene has made for the February meeting.

Social (Barb Dodds) - expressed concern about the number of members who do not bring their own mugs to meetings, as well as belongings sometimes being left behind. She also advised that help with clean-up is not always being provided.

New Business - Molly Hartin (Secretary) asked about making a digital back-up of records. This was agreed to, but to also keep hard copies for now.

January 2016 Meeting Review

January saw 108 members and four guests attending our daytime meeting. Door prizes were donated by Marion Bierworth, Marie Amyot, Edith Seward, as well as two donations leftover from the QT; winners were Carleen Watson, Evelyne Michaud, Lois Roberts, Roberta Peets, and Janice Tulloch.

We had a small Show and Tell with only eight items.

Carol Darou advised that Muriel Hopper (Membership) needs volunteers as back-up for the "telephone tree" where members who do not have email are contacted with information on meetings and other events/reminders. Muriel is also involved with the 200th Anniversary Committee and is looking for volunteers for May 28 to re-enact sewing/quilting on a round loop at the North Elmsley Township office.

Carol advised the amount of money collected in November for LAWS and The Table. She also advised that Nancy Jossinet has booked the Spring Retreat at the McIntosh Inn at Morrisburg for April 13-15. Name tags were presented to: Linda Mikels, Marlene Starkman, Debbie Foster, Evelyne Michaud, Karen Miller, and Janice Tulloch.

Jean Sherwin (Past President) still needs people to fill the positions of Vice President, Treasurer, Program and Library and urged members to get involved as this is your guild.

Marilyn Robinson (Vice President) reinforced Jean's comments, asking people to become involved and volunteer for the upcoming positions. Marilyn advised that 56 people attended the December QT. The Fall Sale will be held on November 12 and she is reintroducing the Vice-President's challenge (see elsewhere in January's newsletter). On another note, she advised that there is a committee being formed in Perth to help the refugees coming here and suggested that our Guild members might want to make quilts. Once she has more information on the families and what is needed, she will advise us.

Loree Tannett presented a sample block for the Charity quilt. She advised that the In-Town Retreat on Feb 12-14 will be held in the Homecraft Building behind the Lions Hall. She encouraged both skilled and beginner quilters to participate with as much or as little time as they are able to give. Apparently, two sensory quilts were taken to Broadview, but she doesn't know if they were from any of our Guild members. Five have been taken to Almonte Nursing Home. She asked if members were interested in having a work day to get together and make some of the sensory quilts. Hope Bell showed a sensory quilt she had made.

Heather Buchan showed two sample blocks for this month that show the partial seam technique.

Marie Amyot announced the books for the library this month, all of which were donated by Kathleen and Bridget O'Flaherty.

February Executive Meeting

Date: March 8 @ 10:00 a.m.
Hostess: Lynne Green 267-5882
Address: 11 Antonio Way, Perth
Directions: From the 4-way stop by the Hospital, take Isabella Street over the railway tracks; left hand curve turns onto Garden Avenue. Antonio Way is the 3rd street on the right off Garden.

Next Meeting — Tuesday, March 22 @ 7:00 p.m.

Al Côté, a versatile and creative fibre artist with a fantastic repertoire of quilting ideas, will be presenting the trunk show in March.

The Stash

Library

Modern Quilts

Learn about applying colour theory, improvisational piecing, paper piecing, appliqué, and using rulers; and find inspiration for making modern quilts and projects from these four issues of the **Missouri Star Quilt Company's BLOCK** magazines by

Jenny Doan:

Vol. 1, Issues 1, 2, and 5

Vol. 2, Issue 1

Heritage Quilts

More than 60 quilts of the 18th and early 19th century from the Smithsonian Museum are featured in **American Quilts** by **Doris M. Bowman**. This book permits the reader to see exquisite quilts and learn about the people who made them and the techniques and materials they used. Thanks to **Kathleen O'Flaherty** for donating this book.

Ontario's Heritage Quilts by **Marilyn I. Walker** has photographs of quilts in settings appropriate to their origins with discussion about the patterns, fabrics techniques used by Ontario quilters. Marilyn spoke at our guild in the early 1990s, and she photographed and documented quilts brought to the Perth Museum by local families. Marilyn who died in October, 2015 was the first president of CQA.

Compliments of your librarian, **Marie Amyot**

~ Marie ~

Social

Thank you to the following Members for providing February's treats:

Carole Armstrong Joan Kelly Cathie Kulas (Jan.)

Paula J. Clark Lynn Kirkwood

Mary Cooke Nancy Jossinet

Nijole Deskin Joanne Snow

~ Barb ~

Program

Don't regret not taking these upcoming workshops. Sign-up this month!!

- ◆ Debbie Côté is an excellent quilter who follows more traditional lines. Her **Origami Stars** workshop on March 22 is an excellent opportunity for beginners and those who wish to improve their piecing technique.
- ◆ Bring your creativity and lots of different and exciting fabrics, and be prepared to be amazed when you take Al Côté's workshop on March 23.
- ◆ Kathy Wylie's workshop on April 27 will give you a wonderful opportunity to learn new skills. You will begin a needle-turn appliquéed table runner using motifs from the award-winning quilt, **Flourish on the Vine**.

~ Alexis & Beverley ~

Spring Retreat, McIntosh Inn, Morrisburg April 13-15, 2016

The cost this year is \$393.00 single occupancy and \$280.50 per person for double occupancy. This includes your room, meals and use of the work room. We arrive at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday and leave on Friday after lunch. There is a lot of quilting, sharing of ideas, talking and laughter. To date, there are 10 confirmed participants. Please consider joining us.

Questions? Contact Nancy Jossinet at 613-267-0022.

Block of the Month

February's BOM is called **London Roads**, and features hourglass corner blocks, which is step 1 of the three steps in putting this 9-patch block together.

Pick up the instructions from your folder at the Block of the Month table.

~ Heather ~



Alphabet Challenge 2015-2016

I can't believe it is already February and it is no surprise that I do not have my Challenge done, but I will for the meeting in May. How are you doing on yours?

To refresh, this is an Alphabet Challenge. Using the first initial of your first name, middle name, and last name and using Categories: Colour Name, Quilt Block and/or Technique, and Quilting Motif, you can create a quilted piece no bigger than 30" X 30". Do a placemat or table runner or maybe a small wall hanging.

My table is back this month, come visit me if you are having problems coming up with a piece. I will have the Artist Statement forms for you for the March meeting.

I hope this year's Challenge attracts more members to join in than any other year. (she says with a wink)

~ Cathy Price ~



Are you wearing your name tag? Did you bring your... mug,

library books, Show and Tell, Block of the Month?



Membership

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~ Muriel ~

The Backing

Round Robin

The teams have been made for the Round Robin. We had planned to start in March but there are a few snowbirds arriving home in early April. We will begin at the April meeting. At that time, please bring your 12½ x 12½ inch square in the bag provided for you. If you have not picked up your package, see me at the break.

If you are participating in the Round Robin, please stop by to see me for updates.

~ Nancy Jossinet ~

Show & Tell



Top row: Water Babies (Joanne Frodsham); Selvidge Placemats (Carole Armstrong); Reminiscence (Shelley Moore);

Bottom Row L-R: Free Form Curve Blocks (Bev Cooper); LCQG Symbol (Molly Hartin).



Upcoming Events

Workshops (Contact: Alexis Mongeau)

****Remember to bring your iron to all workshops****

Tuesday, March 22 10:00 - 3:30
Lions Hall

Origami Stars with Debbie Côté

Wednesday, March 23 10:00 - 3:30

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

Curved Piecing with Appliqué Overlay with Al Côté

Wednesday, April 27 10:00 - 3:30

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

Appliquéd Table Runner with Kathy Wylie

Shows

Sunshine Quilt Show April 16 & 17

Orillia Quilters' Guild

Trillium Manor, 12 Grace Avenue, Orillia, ON

Piecemakers Quilt Show April 21 - 23

Huron-Perth and Stonetowne Quilters Guilds

The Pyramid Centre, 317 James St S., St. Mary's, ON

Quilted Expressions April 29 - May 1

Oakville Quilters' Guild

OE Banquet Hall and Conference Centre

2245 Speers Road, Oakville, ON

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for March newsletter articles is **March 10**.

~ Lynne ~

Reminders



Notices: Check out the table next to the Membership table at the back for notices of upcoming events, and other quilt related items for private sale.

Workshop Fees:

Full day workshops: Guest Speaker—\$35

Guild Teacher—\$25

Half day workshops—\$15

Fees are due at sign-up. Bring your own iron.

Refunds are given ONLY if there is a family emergency or if the workshop is cancelled.

Free Stuff: There is a table at the back for you to place items you wish to give away. However, you **must** remove any unclaimed items by the end of the meeting.

Blog: Visit our blog for the latest information on Guild activities, meetings, workshop news, upcoming events, quilting tips and photos of Guild members' work. Log onto www.lanarkcountyquiltersguild.wordpress.com. Comments welcome.

Newsletter: If you have additions or articles you would like included in the newsletter, or wish to start receiving the newsletter by email, please contact Lynne Green at 267-5882 or email at greenstone44@cogeco.ca.

Membership: Any changes to your information in the Guild directory should be given to Muriel Hopper and it will be included in the next newsletter.

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