



Bits & Pieces

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Marilyn Robinson



Welcome to a New Year! New Hopes...and New Ideas!

It seems that 2016 has had its toll on many people, having brought its share of bad news and unhappy circumstances which have led to the stepping-down of a couple of our Executive members, including our Library Co-Chair, Edith Seward, and our Program Chair, Bridget O'Flaherty. We wish them, and their families better fortunes in 2017. We have also lost one of our members, Lorna Leaver-Kerr, and our heartfelt sympathies go out to her family in their time of loss.

We have also had the unfortunate news that due to a loss of venue and the inability to find a suitable new venue we have been forced to postpone our Quilts on the Tay Show scheduled for August of 2017 until July of 2018. However, with this news we should look at the positive side of having that extra time to make sure that our projects are complete and that we actually have time to finish a few more so that our Show will be bigger and better than ever.

So, with smiles on our faces and hope in our hearts we look forward to helping all Canadians celebrate Canada's 150th.

Happy sewing!

Marilyn

Visiting Artists

In November, our guest speaker was Zoe Lianga, a local fibre artist, felt maker and designer. Zoe gave an interesting talk and presentation about learning the ancient art and techniques of felt making while living for a while in New Zealand. She has been fine tuning her felt making skills for three years, and uses alpaca, merino, silk, cashmere and bamboo to make shawls, cowls, and even quilts. She also teaches wet felting techniques.

You can find out more about Zoe and her designs and see some of her creations at www.zoemily.ca

Spring Retreat – April 5, 6 & 7, 2017

It is that time of year again to start planning our spring retreat at the McIntosh Inn in Morrisburg. We arrive on Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. and leave on Friday after lunch.

There will be a short meeting after the January meeting for quilters attending the retreat to discuss a few items.

Please consider joining fellow quilters for lots of quilting, sharing of ideas, talking and laughter.

If you have any questions, contact me at 613-267-0022.
~ Nancy Jossinet ~

Lorna Leaver-Kerr

A member of our Guild since 2003, Lorna passed away suddenly on December 10, 2016 at the Great War Memorial Hospital in Perth.

Our condolences are extended to her family and friends.

Program Coordinator Position

As you know from my recent email message via Muriel, Bridget O'Flaherty has had to step down from her position as Program Coordinator and I was asking for volunteers to take over and build on what Bridget has started.

Many thanks to Linda Lake and Marlene Starkman for stepping forward to share this position.
~ Carol Darou, Past President ~

Celebrating Canada's Birthday

Canada from Eh to Zed

by Mary Young

My book "**Canada from Eh to Zed**" is available as a download on Etsy at this address ReadyToPretend (www.etsy.com; then search for ReadyToPretend).

The book contains line drawings of features of Canadian geography and events in Canadian history, one for each of the 26 letters of the alphabet, with the facing pages explaining their importance.

It is fun to read and could be used as a colouring book, a teaching tool, a gift for tourists, and as a memento of Canada's 150th year since Confederation.

Its original intent was to provide Canadian images to embroider in Red Work.

It is being presented with the cooperation and knowledge of the Canadian Diabetic Association.

The author's share of the proceeds from the sale will be donated to the Canadian Diabetic Association.

This is my way of celebrating our sesquicentennial. We are so fortunate to call this country home.
Happy 150th Canada!

~ Mary ~

The Common Threads

Executive Meeting Report — January 2017

Marilyn Robinson thanked Nancy Jossinet for hosting the meeting.

President (Marilyn Robinson) - advised the amounts of the donations given to LAWS and The Table after our November meeting. She asked for an received permission to purchase a gift card for the Viewer's Choice winner of the President's Challenge. Marilyn provided an update from Bridget regarding Interguild information. Bridget O'Flaherty unfortunately has had to resign as Program Coordinator and discussion followed on what has been arranged or needs to be looked into as far as guest speakers and workshops for the rest of the year.

Vice President (Nijole Deskin) - gave advised that the Christmas Sale was successful.

Past President (Carol Darou) - asked who will be continuing in their Executive or Committee positions in 2017-2018 so that she can start to look for any replacements. She advised that Linda Lake has volunteered to take over as Photographer.

Treasurer (Diane Gallagher) - the Treasurer's Report was presented and approved.

Block of the Month (Heather Buchan) - showed a sample block and advised that she would have some others for the meeting showing different layouts.

Library (Marilyn Locker) - showed this month's books as well as a Hunter's Star ruler.

Membership (Muriel Hopper) - advised that we have 165 members.

Newsletter (Lynne Green) - advised the deadline for articles for this month's newsletter. Also, 107 members are receiving their newsletters by email.

Outreach (Nancy Jossinet/Mary Cooke) - one more row is being added to the charity quilt. So far, there is only one application for the charity quilt. Nancy advised that the Spring Retreat is organized.

Publicity (Arlene Pellett) - advised she still has to make up the poster for January's meeting.

November 2016 Meeting Review

There were 94 members and 5 visitors in attendance. Door prizes were donated by Karen Miller, Bridget O'Flaherty, Nellie Holmes & Christine Baker, Alice Banford, and Louise Clark; winners were Diane Hogarth, Nancy Jossinet, Lynn Kirkwood, Shelda Bell, Glenna Churchill, Johanna Zylstra, Joan Gillespie, Linda McLennan, Bev Murdoch, Janice Tulloch, Linda Lake, Beth Campbell, and Lois Carswell.

Show & Tell was as inspirational as ever with 23 items being shown, plus the "Reveal" by the three teams involved in the Round Robin.

Marilyn Robinson thanked everyone who donated items for the Fall Sale and advised that it appeared to be a success; a final tally would be given in January.

Marilyn Lockyer advised that the Library had culled some books which were for sale. She also advised about the possibility of a tool lending library being set up.

Heather Buchan showed this month's Block of the Month, and advised that there are four books in our library about sampler quilts; the recommended book is ***Making a Sampler Quilt by Lynne Edwards***.

Bridget O'Flaherty reminded members about the felted mitten workshop on Saturday. She advised that in January the President's Challenge will be held and there is the possibility of a short talk by the President of the CQA.

Marilyn reminded members to sign up for our December QT, as well there being boxes at the back for anyone wishing to make monetary donations to the Food Bank and/LAWS.

Anita Payne advised that she is a member of the CFUW and that they are looking for a few bed quilts and a heritage style crib quilt to be used for staging some homes in the Christmas House Tour on December 3 & 4. She asked that if anyone is interested in loaning a quilt to email her.

Tricia Klymko advised that a guild member's stash was given to Victoria Quilters for 100 quilts to be made. However, a friend is storing the balance of the stash and will have a table at the Civitan's Craft Show on the weekend.

Marilyn Robinson reminded members that an Artist Statement must be attached to each quilt entry for the President's Challenge. The Artist Statement was emailed to members who receive their newsletters by email, and there are copies for pick up at the back of the room. She also advised that quilts must be brought to the Lions Hall before 10:30 a.m. on January 24 as they need to be on display before the meeting starts at 1:00 p.m. Marilyn will also need to know the size of your quilts ahead of time so she can get an appropriate number of racks out of storage; please phone or email her with the sizes.

February Executive Meeting

Date: February 14, 2017 @ 10:00 a.m.
Hostess: Muriel Hopper 285-6726
Address: 873 Leslie Crain Drive, Perth
Directions: From Perth take County Rd 10 (Franktown Rd) for about 5 kms; turn right on Leslie Crain Drive into Fellingner's Mill Estates. Muriel's home is behind the 2-car garage at #873. Use the side door and just follow the hallway.

Please note our Tuesday, February 28, 2017 meeting @ 1:00 p.m. is cancelled due to the Lions Hall undergoing renovations.

Next Meeting - Tuesday, March 28, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

Judi Miller from Kanata will present a trunk show on her journey as a textile artist.

The Stash

Library

Hunter's Star Hidden Treasures (book) and Hunter's Star Ruler by Deb Tucker; donated by Sue Gieratz from Sew Crafty, Rideau Ferry.

Hunter's Star patterns make beautiful quilts but we are often intimidated by cutting and sewing diamond shapes and trying to perfect the dreaded y-seams. No need to avoid these beautiful patterns anymore! Deb Tucker's book and ruler give an exciting new way to make these beautiful quilts.

Portraits from Nature: 35 Studies for Dimensional Quilts by Jean Wells.

A lovely book that takes "little things from nature" to design appliquéd and framed individual pictures. Several of the small portraits can be grouped together against a quilted background. Using Jean Wells' technique the portraits appear to be standing out from the surface of the quilt. Wonderful smaller projects for you to create (especially if you need a break from handling large size quilts!).

~ Marilyn ~

Social

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

Linda Edey	Babs Grose
Stephanie Everitt	Gail Gutierrez
Sherry Ferguson	Barbara Halpin
Joanne Frodsham	Kathy Harper
Sharon Goral	

~ Barb ~

Program

On March 28, textile artist Judi Miller will be doing a workshop. Enjoy two hours of introduction on various techniques for thread painting, basic technical information about tension, needles, thread, stabilizer and speed, before moving on to a specific project. You can find out more information on Judi at www.judimiller.ca.

Our April Guild meeting will include **Tips and Tricks** from some of our guild members. We still have room for other members to share their experiences, so sign up now at the January meeting or contact Linda Lake at llakeg@gmail.com or at 905-376-1220.

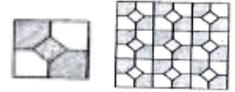
~ Linda & Marlene ~

Block of the Month

The BOM for January is **Quick Bow Tie**. The block finishes with 9 bow tie blocks. You may choose to make them all the same with the same fabric for bow and tie, or two fabrics and background.

As usual, pick up the instructions at the BOM table.

~ Heather ~



Membership

Please update your Membership Directory with the following contact information:

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Delete Member: Sheffield, Nancy

~ Muriel ~

Outreach

The blocks have been returned for our charity quilt. We are in the process of assembling the quilt and then we will have it quilted. Our goal is to present it to this year's recipient in March.

At this time we have one application. If you know of a group who could benefit from this project, please contact Nancy Jossinet or Mary Cooke.

~ Nancy & Mary ~

Show & Tell



Top Row L-R: Jewel Box in Purple (Sharon Kryvenchuk); Attic Window (Barb Dodds); Folding Screen (Sas Carruthers); Asian Quilt (Anna Cornel); Walk in the Park (Lois MacLean);

Bottom Row: Some of the Round Robin "Reveal" projects.

The Backing

Did you know?

The Genesee Valley QuiltFest is an "open" quilt show allowing both Genesee Valley Quilt Guild members and non-members to enter their quilts. It will be held June 2-4, 2017 at Gordon Field House Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, New York. Entries are being accepted now. For information on quilt entry guidelines, judging categories and entry criteria, entry deadlines, and shipping information and dates, go to www.geneseevalleyquiltfest.com

Your tips, hints or general news are needed for this section or elsewhere in the newsletter, so please email or give them to Lynne Green. Thanks.



Are you wearing your name tag?

Did you bring your... mug, library books, Show and Tell, Block of the Month?



Upcoming Events

Workshops (Contact: Linda Lake)

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

Tuesday, March 28 12:00 - 4:00
Lions Hall

Various Techniques for Thread Painting and basic technical information with Judi Miller, before moving on to a specific project.

Shows

The Lancaster Quilt Show March 29 - April 1
The Continental Inn,
2285 Lincoln Hwy, Lancaster PA

Celebration of Colour - Region of York Quilters Guild April 1 & 2
Newmarket Community Centre
200 Doug Duncan Drive, Newmarket, ON
(From Hwy 400 exit Hwy #9 (Davis Drive))

Stitches from the Heart Quilt Guild April 7 & 8
Sault Ste. Marie, ON
Proudly hosting Ricky Tims Lecture/workshop/concert
(For more info go to www.rickytims.com or contact Nicole Tull at nmtull@me.com or Becky Beall at beckysbarn@me.com)

Quilts on the Seaway 2017 April 21 - 22
Cornwall Quilters Guild
Cornwall, ON

Celebrating Our Canada - Reflections from the 1000 Islands May 26 - 28
Brockville Memorial Civic Centre
Magedoma Drive, Brockville, ON

Check out the following links for other quilt shows:

www.quiltersconnection.ca

www.canadianquilter.com/event-listings.php

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for March newsletter articles is **March 17, 2017.**

Reminders



Notices: Notices of upcoming events, and other quilt related items for private sale now shares space on the larger table for free stuff.

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 large table in the centre of the room 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. This table now shares space with the notices of upcoming events and other quilt related items that were previously located next to the Membership table.

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 any 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 lynnegreen1@outlook.com.

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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