



Bits & Pieces

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



"And this, too, shall pass away"*eventually.

Words cannot describe how this pandemic has changed our individual lives and our Community.

However our Guild community lives on, now more quietly, behind closed doors, but as active and busy as ever.

Outreach has taken on a new meaning! Guild members, with help from family and friends, have generously responded to a need from a local hospital and Perth senior home for cloth face masks.

Thank you to our members Jane Burke who coordinated the project and a first delivery of 300+masks for the Great War Memorial Hospital Foundation. Also thank you to Kathy Smallwood (+Lois McLean) who coordinated a second project and dropped off 90+masks at Lanark Lifestyles Retirement Home. There are many more initiatives: many stories to share when we meet again.

Our "Quilts on the TAY" show is rescheduled to July 9-11, 2021 but the quilting goes on. Consignment items will find a new home in a 2020 Christmas Sale (plans to be confirmed). You will have over a year to add to your QOTT inventory. You also have the time to create that "once in a lifetime" special quilt to exhibit at the 2021 Show.

Your Management Team continues with their responsibilities in every area, finding creative ways to handle tasks. (Treasurer Diane and I met in the woods, off a main road, to counter sign cheques...each in our own car "social distancing".) Executive meetings are carried out with reports, emails, and phone calls with a potential virtual meeting in the future.

In this "new unknown" the Management Team will continue to make decisions for Guild activities based on information from the Public Health Agency of Canada and directives from Lanark County health authorities. Our Guild members' safety is a top priority.

Be safe and stay in touch with your quilting family!

Nijole

APRIL & MAY MEETINGS

CANCELLED

The Tuesday, April 28 and Tuesday, May 26 Guild meetings, as well as April/May Workshops are regrettably cancelled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Gateway to Adventure - CQA Member Guild Challenge - Postponed to June Meeting

As the spring meetings were cancelled, this challenge will now be shared at the **June** meeting.

Block of the Month

Here's something guaranteed to lift your spirits. Have fun putting this butterfly block together.

It's not too late to sign up for the Block of the Month pattern. Just email me at mwc2900@gmail.com and I'll send it on to you.



The Stash

"Who is that masked quilter?"

This project started for me when my Mounite son strongly suggested that I make masks for myself and his Dad. That bloomed into masks for several elderly Aunts and Uncles in the area as well as neighbours who are both immune compromised. My neighbour was so taken with the mask that she forwarded my name to the Hospital Foundation, where she regularly volunteers.

When the hospital contacted me, I approached the Guild Executive with my project plan and pattern.

Your response to this initiative has been amazing! Your very generous contributions filled the bin in my trunk and overflowed into a large bag. I am happy to announce that we collected **409** masks which were gladly accepted at the hospital. They will be shared between the Perth and Smiths Falls sites.

Thank you again ladies...you're the best!

Jane Burke



Christmas Sale—November 2020

It has been disappointing that we cannot hold our semi-annual Quilts on the Tay Show but think what a wonderful show we will have in 2021!

We, as quilters, always find a way to feed our addiction of creativity and fill our time with amazing finished products that make other non-quilters envious.

This makes a 2020 Christmas Sale in November the perfect solution to this time of isolation and amazing creativity.

The sale is all about donations of quilted items to raise funds for OUR guild so please consider your next project as something others would like to purchase for that special person on their list. Also for those of you that were kind enough to pick up free kits and material to make things for Quilts On The Tay, you will now have some extra time to complete those projects and return them by October for the November Christmas Sale.

I am hoping that the wonderful committee that we had in 2019 will return to share their talents again and some new members will want to shadow them to be prepared to take over the next Sale in 2022.

Contact me via email to let me know if you would be willing to share your time for this event.

Stay home, stay safe and stay quilting.

Linda (llakeg@gmail.com)

CQA/ACC Quilting Standards:

ENTRIES USING TRADITIONAL TECHNIQUES

Definition: Technically traditional- made with 2 layers of fabric with a filler/batting. 3 layers joined by stitch.

Seams □ Construction should be smooth and firmly stitched. □ Seams should be sharply pressed with no thread showing.

Piecing □ Points should be sharp. □ Intersections should meet evenly and be flat. □ Curves should be smooth.

Appliqué □ Edges should be firmly attached with consistent stitches, □ Where stitches are meant to be inconspicuous, the thread should blend with the appliquéd piece. □ Where stitches are meant to be visible, such as running or decorative, the thread may be coordinated or contrasting. □ Shadows showing through appliquéd pieces should be visible only where appropriate.

Filler/Batting □ Should be evenly distributed. □ Should be suitable to the technique used. □ Should be suitable for the end use.

Border and Sashing Strips □ Should be straight and even if appropriate to quilt design. □ Sashing segments should align.

Quilting and other traditional means of joining □ Stitching should be uniform and evenly spaced; no knots or thread build-ups. □ Design marking lines should not be visible. □ Stitches on the back should be as neat and even as those on the top. □ Thread tension should be evenly balanced. □ Spacing of the quilting should be appropriate to the type of batting chosen and the quilting design.

Binding □ Should be neatly and securely stitched, front and back. □ Should be uniformly filled. □ Should be appropriate to the design of the quilt top. □ If bias binding is used, it should be true bias. □ Curved corners should flow smoothly without puckers. □ Square corners should be 90 degrees. □ Mitered corners should be stitched closed front and back.

The Backing

A Message from your Past President— Volunteers Needed

Thank you to those who have volunteered for our vacant Management Team positions. We still require someone to look after our **Publicity** and someone to be our **Vice President**.

WE NEED YOU. Please contact Marilyn Robinson if you require further information or if you are interested in taking them on.

2020 Guild Challenge

The theme is birthdays. The challenge this year is a quilted item which includes your birth flower as well as your birth gemstone color, with a maximum perimeter of 150".

As the May meeting is cancelled, the challenge items will now be shared at the September 2020 meeting.
Due Date: SEPTEMBER Guild meeting



Social

Life is too short & winters too long to go without.....treats & friends!
So while we are separated from each other by this COVid 19 scare, we have to find creative ways to encourage one another.

How about prearranging a porch-visit with a friend? Share a cup of tea, a healthy snack at a health distance. BYOS; bring your own snacks/stuff.

Another consideration is the situation of older seniors in this time of isolation. Many are experiencing "lock-down" in their residences, can't have visitors and would be greatly encouraged by a phone call.

A little note of encouragement - email or snail-mail to a neighbor, or old friend will let them know you're thinking of them.

We miss your friendly faces so stay safe and we hope to see you before too long.

For Social, Peggy and Nancy

Executive Meeting: Tuesday, May 12 (TBC)
Next Meeting - TBD
Newsletter deadline—Friday, May 15

Reminders



Notices: Notices of upcoming events, and other quilt related items for private sale will now be on their own table or on the end of the Membership table.

Workshop Fees: Program will charge an appropriate fee for workshops, subject to costs associated with the workshop presenter. **Fees are due at sign-up. 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.

Website: Visit our website for the latest information on Guild activities, meetings, workshop news, upcoming events. Log onto www.lanarkcountyquiltersguild.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 Hope Bell at 275-1018 or email at hopebell@kpmg.ca.

Membership: Any changes to your information in the Guild directory should be given to Janice Trudel.

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