



A Stitch In Time

Spring

Prince Edward County Quilters' Guild

2017 - 2018

Aims and Objectives Directing Our Guild

- To enhance the knowledge of quilting within the group and the community.
- To preserve quilting as an art form.
- To establish, maintain and upgrade quilting standards.
- To encourage an exchange of ideas and methods.
- To participate in community projects.
- To research and preserve the history of quilting in Prince Edward County and surrounding area.

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President's Message



As I write this message, spring is still struggling to arrive. My crocuses are doing their best to brighten the landscape.

On Friday April 13, 2018 I attended the Creative Festival. Displayed at the CQA/ACC Booth were this year's Trend-TEX Challenge entries. It was a fantastic opportunity to get a preview of these submissions. Personally, I could never be a judge. Everyone of these wall quilts deserved a prize, especially when two of the required fabrics were very similar to each other...a real design challenge! Soon these wall quilts will be on their way to Vancouver, BC for judging at Quilt Canada 2018.

2018 seems to be the year for Ontario Guilds to hold their Quilt shows, especially in the spring. The many Quilt Show advertisements I have been forwarding to the PECQG Membership attests

to this! I hope everyone gets out to enjoy some of these local shows.

At our June Guild Meeting, as well as a guest speaker and lots of last minute Quilt Show details, there will be an Annual General Meeting. Part of this meeting involves a vote to accept the 2018 PECQG Annual Report. The Annual Report will be emailed out in early June. Please read the report prior to the June meeting.

The Nomination Committee is working to fill all the Executive Officer and Standing Committee Chair positions for the 2018-2020 PECQG session. Please consider getting more involved with your guild. The requirements for any of these positions are described in our Constitution, which is available on the "About Us" drop down page located on our website.

The upcoming speakers for May, June and August are well known throughout the Quilting Community. I am looking forward to learning from these accomplished quilters. Please invite a friend to attend and enjoy our Programs with you!

Okay, everyone get back to finishing your quilt show entries!

Submitted by Janet Reader Day



WELL DONE,
folks on the
Pease Committee!
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President's Challenge



Patricia Fullerton won 1st place for her "Fiorella" entry, and 2nd place for her "Curiosity" wall quilt.



Penny Hopkins' entry won third place.

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Sewing With Your Friends

Hello spring! Now that the good (?) weather is here, why not join us and sew with your friends.

The final three dates are May 8, 22 and June 5. We usually have four people but would like to end the year with a bang, so why not join us?

If you would like to be in charge of SWYF, the position is available. Please contact, Greta Kristansen our Nominations Chair.

Thank you for your support.

Submitted by Maggie Goode

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February Meeting



Michelle Dunn, owner of Kallisti Quilts, spoke for almost 1.5 hours! No one was yawning so she kept telling her story.

She is a very energetic speaker who has a wonderful knowledge of fabrics and how they are made.

It was very interesting to learn how she acquires her fabric through her contacts. She never knows when or even if her order will arrive! Several countries were represented by her fabric choices in her quilts.



March Meeting

March was a meeting of demos.



Patricia showed us how to encase a 5 inch square of fabric within a 10 inch square without any cutting, and she showed us how to make bias binding by folding a large rectangle of fabric.

Geraldine taught us how to make perfect circles using light-weight interfacing, and she showed us how to make several straight of grain half-square triangle blocks from two squares of fabric.



Anne showed us her world of "hexies"! We



were entranced by her various methods of piecing them together, either by machine or hand sewing.

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QUILT SHOW.....History of1988 to 1990

With the upcoming quilt Show in mind, I thought it appropriate to talk about previous shows.

Our first three shows were annual, after 1990 they became biennial.



1988 Show

Most of you know that the Guild was started in 1986 by Joan O'Neill and 5 other women one of whom was Mary-Lou Norton who became the Guild's first president and Quilt Show Chair. Mary-Lou was a formidable, no-nonsense woman, a great organizer, who did not suffer fools easily. She always reminded me of the school teachers I had in the 30s when children stood at attention when the teacher spoke.

There is an old Viking saying when referring to someone, who not only is strong-willed but is also able to transfer his will onto others, "you wouldn't want to bite spoons with him". I have no idea of the origin of this saying; did the old Vikings have spoon biting contests? Were they tin spoons or wooden spoons? I don't know, but everybody understood the meaning of the saying. Mary-Lou was that kind of person, Mary Lou wanted a quilt show in 1988 whether the guild was ready or not, and so the Guild had one; and accordingly the Picton Arena was rented.

Compared to today's elaborate display, the show was simple, sparse and rather pathetic; we had a very limited amount of quilts, since the guild was still in its infancy with 20-25 members and not

yet a cohesive group. We had no racks, quilts were draped over the arena boards, beds, chairs and tables used as props were provided by the members; quilts were even laid out on the arena floor. Refer picture; truly a learning experience.

1989 Show

Mary-Lou is still president and Quilt Show Chair. At her insistence we would have a second show, even though the Guild only had about 25-30 members and not enough quilts. To compensate for this lack of quilts, an invitation (plea) was sent to County resident to lend their quilts; which in turn were displayed in groups representing their respective township, Athol, Hallowell, Ameliashburgh, South and North Marysburgh etc. etc. This did help to fill the arena, however, we still did not have racks and aside from using the arena boards and props, ropes were also strung across the arena. Rather amateurish and certainly not professional.

1990 Show

Dot Stevenson is elected President and Quilt Show Chair. By then the guild was 35-40 members. Dot was also an organizer who got things done, but with a much softer approach and her first agenda item for the show was racks, racks and racks. Dot had seen a picture of an American show where displays were on wooden racks, picture was clear enough to ascertain the constructions of the rack. She involved her husband Frank and her uncle and they made the first lot of racks. What a successful element to the show, which went from amateur to professional and also resulted in quite a few new members joining the guild

*Submitted by Greta Kristiansen
First installment in a series of
tid-bits about the Guild*

EDITOR'S NOTE ... Thanks Greta! Your memories, and your willingness to share them ... enrich us all.

Comfort Quilts Report

The Comfort Quilt group has been busy on behalf of the Guild during the last couple of months.

We donated quilts to three individuals who are undergoing medical treatments and donated batches of quilts to Hospice and the Dialysis Unit.

The Guild received many compliments and heartfelt thank yous from the recipients of the quilts. As always, thank you to the members who come out and give their time to help construct the comfort quilts.



The women at Hospice are happy to accept lap size Comfort Quilts to send out to their clients.

The Comfort Quilt committee has several kits from the Mary Pease's collection just waiting to be made. If you have time and the desire to sew, (Once your Show projects are completed!) but do not have a specific project in mind, you might consider putting together one of the kits.

Contact Betty Beaumont or Colleen Kelly if you are interested, or come to Picton Fabric World on the last Thursday of the month.

The back room at Picton Fabric World will not be available during June so the last formal gathering for Comfort Quilts this year will be Thursday, May 31, starting around 10:00am.

Come and join us.



Eric Akey, who is combating childhood leukemia, has fun rolling around on his personal Comfort Quilt. His family sent pictures to show their appreciation.

Sandy Jeapes and Colleen Kelly delivered quilts to the Dialysis

Unit at PECMH. The women are always so complimentary! They love receiving our quilts!



Submitted by Colleen Kelly, For the Comfort Quilt Committee

Marnie Hicks' Workshop

Eight people attended Marnie's workshop. The day started out with a 35 minute trunk show of Marnie's sewn together treasures. Some were quilted, most were just the tops so we could peer at the back of her work and inspect the seams. It

proved to us that paper piecing, no matter the method, results in very accurate seams and block that are perfect each time.

The day was very relaxing, informal and informative!



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Quilt Show Report...A Stitch In Time 2018

Once again, our show is being held at the Wellington and District Community Centre. Saturday July 7, 2018 from 10am to 5pm and Sunday July 8, 2018 from 10am to 4pm.

Our Quilt Show Committee has been diligently meeting every month, at which every single detail is being discussed and perfected. Every Committee member is doing a wonderful job and deserve your admiration and praise!

PECQG Quilt Shows are amazing events...our rackcard is a shining example of the quality work we represent.

The Merchants' Mall will be located in the Highline Hall. At this point in time, there is only one booth not rented! Great job Greta!

Please consider teaching a 15 minute, or even a 30 minute demonstration of a quilting technique or product. Greta is creating a schedule of demonstration session times. Only a few vendors are able to give a demonstration away from their booth. It is up to us to fill in the gaps! The demonstration area will be located in the Community Centre's foyer, back by the vending machines, beyond the canteen area. A map of the Show layout is located on the 2018 Quilt Show page of our website.

There are lots of opportunities to help out with the quilt show, from sit down jobs to wandering around jobs. All jobs are very gratifying, especially being able to overhear

people's reactions to the wonderful quilted display and judged items.

I will be sending out an itinerary of events pertinent to set-up and take-down of the show, soon after the last Quilt Show meeting of June 19, 2018.

Get ready for another fantastic show!

Submitted by Janet Reader Day

VOLUNTEER

The volunteer jobs for the Quilt Show are slowly getting filled, but we need a big push during the next two Guild Meetings. One urgency is for members who have pickup vehicles to persuade their husbands to help out in transporting the racks from storage and then taking them back to storage after the show.

Please, if at all possible, members should sign up for two or more positions. Some already have and we thank you for that.

Mary Campbell, Volunteer Co-ordinator

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Program Committee

What an exciting few months coming up!

In May, Sue Patten an internationally known machine quilter, will be our speaker with a workshop the following day. During our meeting there will also be the presentation of the “Two Colour Quilt” challenge.

Jack Edson from Hamburg, New York will be our speaker in June with a Portrait workshop the following day.



July will be our “A Stitch In Time” quilt show. August’s speaker is Libs Elliott with a workshop the following day on her Rebel quilt.

September will our “Parade of Champions” featuring the winners from the show.

We hope you will enjoy the programs for the rest of our quilt guild season. We have aimed for a wide variety of speakers who will appeal to each of you at some point.

Check out the websites of our speakers and take some workshops. They are very reasonably priced and there is always more to learn!

Janet, Marianne, Deelia & Penny

EDITOR’S NOTE: What a fabulous end to a great year! Well done!

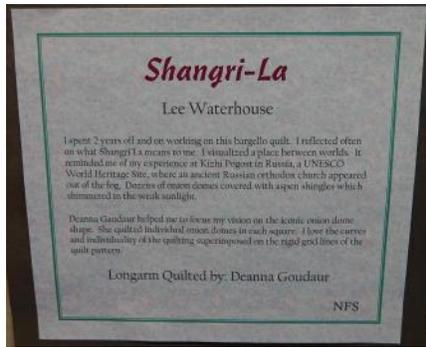


April Meeting

Helen Garland creates pieced quilts using the technique developed and promoted by Ruth B. Macdowell. She gave an informational talk about the construction of a representational art quilt from inspiration to finished quilt. She brought several quilts to show various considerations that impact the design and the finished piece. An accompanying power point will illustrated the steps in making such a quilt. Helen pretty well gave us a workshop amount of information during her trunk show! She fascinated us with the detail, precision, and beauty of her pictorial quilts. Because Helen is an entertaining speaker, she kept our attention riveted to her as she taught us every step of her quilt making process.

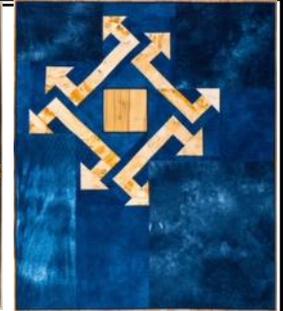


Members Out and About



Lee Waterhouse, at the Parrott Gallery, Belleville Public Library

Jane Perry winning accolades all over Ontario after winning the quilt show at Picton Fair!



I have three quilts on their way to the National Juried Show at Quilt Canada, 2018



My application to teach an all day class (double disappearing nine patch) and then to give my Backpack Lecture the next day, was accepted for Quilt Canada, 2019 in Ottawa!

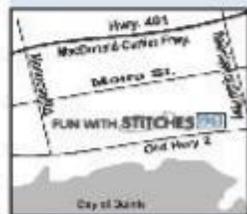
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