



SPRING 2015

PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY QUILTERS' GUILD



A Stitch in Time

WE'VE HEARD YOU! THE SURVEY RESULTS ARE IN!

The Executive want to thank all of the guild members who responded to our survey questionnaire!! We received many thoughtful responses from 29 members, and we are already in the process of finding creative ways to implement many of your suggestions (see page 2 for the first one!). We need one more Executive meeting to finalize some of the details, but the majority of the implementable suggestions will be in place by the Fall. More information about how your suggestions will be put into action within our Guild meetings will be provided in the next newsletter and at the September meeting. Congratulations to Alfie Deyo for winning the draw for the free workshop!! Here are some samples of your responses telling us what you want to experience as a member of the PEC Quilters' Guild:

- Learn new ideas or innovative ways of doing things.
- More visual learning, hands on, mini workshops at guild meetings.
- We need more members involved in the actual workings of the guild.
- More attention to beginner quilters' needs.
- Set up a buddy system for new members and guests to explain how the guild works.
- Outline what selling raffle tickets can accomplish.
- Offer daytime meetings in the winter.
- Let the membership know how much our speakers cost so they appreciate how their fees are being spent.
- Outline what selling the raffle tickets can accomplish.
- Improve the website and have a Facebook page.
- Have a better connection with the Canadian Quilters Association.
- Work more with youth.
- Revisit the idea of inter-club meetings with neighbouring guilds.
- Members should introduce themselves when they speak at the meetings, so new members know who they are.
- Once or twice a year, do something so that new and old members can become acquainted.

18 of the 29 respondents thought that each member should be volunteering at the Guild in some way. 6 of the 29 respondents thought it should not be mandatory. 5 of the respondents did not indicate a preference, however there were many suggestions submitted by many respondents as to how the guild could get members more involved. Included were: make a master list of all volunteer activities so that everyone can sign up for something; selling tickets for the raffle quilt should be mandatory; perhaps if a member wants to show or sell their work at the quilt show, they should have to take on some sort of job at the quilt show; everyone can help is some small way.

If you would like a copy of the complete consolidated list of survey responses, please send your request to deelia@kos.net. No names are associated with any of the survey responses.

Aims and Objectives of 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.

Meeting Information:

Guild meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. at Pinecrest Public School in Bloomfield. Doors open at 6:30pm.

Don't forget to lug-a-mug and wear your name tag.

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NEW RAFFLE DRAW STARTING AT THE SEPTEMBER 2015 MEETING

Guild members and guests will have the opportunity to win bundles of fat quarters at every meeting starting this September. Bring a fat quarter with you to the meeting, receive a ticket for the draw, then sit back and hope your ticket is drawn after the break. It's a good way to either decrease your stash or build it up. You could donate any unwanted winning bundles to Comfort Quilts. You may bring as many fat quarters as you like and receive a ticket for each one. **There is only one restriction:** your fat quarter must be in the colour chosen for that month. The colour for September is 'black and white', so your fat quarter **MUST** be in that combination or plain white or plain black. Each of the months and its corresponding colour are listed below. The bundles will contain between 6 and 8 fat quarters, so depending on how many FQ's we have submitted, there may be many chances to win!

SEPTEMBER	BLACK AND WHITE
OCTOBER	ORANGE
NOVEMBER	PURPLE
DECEMBER	RED AND GREEN
JANUARY	WHITE
FEBRUARY	RED
MARCH	GREEN
APRIL	YELLOW
MAY	LILAC
JUNE	BLUE

Sewing With Your Friends (SWYF)

Meetings have continued each month on the Monday following the General Meeting. Attendance has varied from three to ten. We enjoy seeing everyone's projects and occasionally we all put our heads together to solve a problem. Coffee is provided. For lunch, we either bring our own or get take out from the Saylor House Cafe. We meet at the Bloomfield United Church from 9:30-3:30. We usually charge \$5 or attendance, but **this month there is no charge**. Please come and join us! We have fun! Maggie Goode

Program

September Workshop \$25+6(pattern)=\$31 Please bring your cheque/cash to the June meeting. We have booked Alison Cirinna from Brighton for the September meeting. She will do a trunk show that night and lead a workshop the following day. First, the basics, then taking it to the next level by completing a Mariners Compass block. The workshop will run from 10 am - 4 pm. Samples are pictured below. For more information, contact Carol Zuber.



Challenges

Eleven outstanding mosaics were entered into the May 2015 challenge. Guild members found it difficult to choose a winner among such excellent projects. First place was a tie between Janet Reader Day's "Saving Alde" and Patricia Fullerton's "Life Necessity". Third place was awarded to Anne Russell for "Burnt Trees".

Reminder: The October 2015 challenge "Pet Frenzy" is to create 24" X 36" mats for the animal shelter using fabric/orphan blocks you already have. Each mat will entitle you to a ticket for the draw prize. Enter many mats and increase your chance of winning as you help animals waiting for a "forever home".



Catering

The Catering Committee would like to thank those who placed their name on the "Snack Sign-up" sheet as well as those additional members who spontaneously bring goodies for all to share. Your generosity is greatly appreciated, and it is a well-known fact that Quilters tend to also be the best Bakers! The Executive is working on some new ideas and the Catering Committee will have a whole new plan for the upcoming Guild Year. So please stay tuned! More details to come at the September meeting. We hope you have a very happy Quilting Summer, see you in September. Janet Reader Day and Lisa Castonguay

Library

The library committee would like to thank all guild members for making our job easier by requesting books that you are interested in and supporting our monthly 50/50 draws to help continue keeping our library growing. We would also like to thank Geraldine Rorabeck for ordering the books & making suggestions when new material comes in that might interest us. We look forward to another year of serving you. Remember if you have any library books not returned please bring them to the June meeting. Sandy Jeapes, Geri Shortt & Barb Hofstra

Comfort Quilts

The Comfort Quilt Committee has met at Picton Fabric World on the last Thursday of the month during the past year. Throughout the year we have donated eighteen baby quilts to the Prince Edward County Pregnancy Centre, four quilts to the Dialysis Unit at Picton Hospital, and three quilts to adults in the community who experienced illness or personal tragedy. Some of these quilts were already in the reserve left by previous groups and some were recently made.

We have, also, incorporated Block-of-the Month as part of our task. Betty Beaumont has co-ordinated BOTM with input from others to select and prepare the patterns and kits. We appreciate the excellent participation each month from the membership in completing the BOTMs which we use to make Comfort Quilts. Throughout the year several members and stalwart friends have assisted us in completing blocks and quilts. Some members and friends made entire quilts and quilt tops on their own and donated them to Comfort Quilts. We really appreciate these generous donations of time and materials. We welcome the participation and expertise of the machine quilters who have helped us throughout the year. Their help has certainly made our job a lot easier! Our goals for the coming year will be to replenish our supply of baby quilts and bed-sized quilts, as well as to complete the quilts which have been started. We will also attempt to develop an efficient system of keeping an inventory of quilts.

We, the Comfort Quilt and BOTM Committee, thank all who have helped us and, as always, we thank Geraldine Rorabeck at Picton Fabric World for the generous use of her back room for work and storage. We have had a successful year. We couldn't have done it without the support and participation of the friends and members of the Guild! Submitted by Colleen Kelly on behalf of the Comfort Quilt and Block of the Month Committee: Anne Russell, Betty Beaumont, Colleen Young, Eleanor Macmillan, Jan Easton, Judy Blemkie, Rosanna Worden-Hawker, Sandy Jeapes.



Donation of a Quilts of Valour quilt made by our Comfort Quilts group, presented to Vivian Burns by Jan Easton at our May Guild meeting.

4H Quilting Club

We are looking forward to our Achievement Night at the June Guild meeting. You will be able to meet all of the club members and see their completed projects then. They have worked hard making their projects and can't wait to show them to the Guild members. Thank you to Joyce Young for making and donating the bags for each of the club members. They can keep track of all their supplies in one place now!

Deelia Evans

Newsletter Update

The deadline for submissions to the **SUMMER 2015** newsletter will be **Friday July 24th, 2015**. If you would like to advertise in this newsletter, please contact me at 613-476-7785 or by email deelia@kos.net

Hospitality

Please advise me if you know of anyone within our Guild who should be receiving a card or flowers from us. Cards are sent to members who may need cheering up so please advise me. Alfie Deyo

Quilt Show 2016 Committee Report.

We have had our first meeting and are well underway with plans for our 2016 Quilt Show. The dates are July 9th and 10th.

The Lion's Club from Wellington has been asked to be our food provider as the Arena has not been able to meet our needs. This will enable us to help one of our Service Clubs as well as provide good quality food for our visitors.

The rent at ESSROC seems to have skyrocketed and so Janet and Maggie are investigating some ways to make the rent affordable.

So we are well on our way! We need you to make quilts, wall hangings and other items for display and for the boutique. We need lots and lots of items, so we hope that you will be sewing and sewing up until the show!

We still have some key volunteer spots available if you would like to be part of this journey! Thank you for considering to join us.

Janet Reader Day and Maggie Goode

Quilt Show Committee 2016

Co-Chairs	Janet Reader Day, Maggie Goode
Treasurer	Anne Russell
Secretary	Alfie Deyo
Show Floor	Janet Reader Day
Advertising and Signage	Deelia Evans, Sharon Fabro, Penny Hopkins Two members needed
Vendors	Barbara Fairbairn, Robyn Hardman, Mary Andrews Minnigan, Lisa Castonguay
Registration	Jane Cunningham, Mary Campbell
Volunteers	Two members needed
Competition and Ribbons	Anne House
Boutique	Colleen Kelly, Rosanna Worden Hawker
Raffle Ticket Sales	Patricia Fullerton Two more members needed
Program	Sue Case
Labels	Linda Pennington
Members-at-Large	Marianne Sanders, Betty Sloan, Sonia Darby Guthrie

A QUILTER'S GLOSSARY OF HOUSEHOLD TERMS

By: Julie Brown Neu, Published in the Quilters Newsletter April/May 2010

My husband came home from the bike shop and told me that he'd just spent a lot of money on something. "Well," I replied, "I just spent \$100. on an iron." He got a pained look and asked "Is that a household expense?" "No," I responded, "It was a personal expense. When have I ever used an iron for anything but quilting?" That afternoon, I began thinking of other ways that quilting often trumps housework. I redefined some things to encourage quilters who feel that housework should take precedence over their quilting to review their priorities. What follows is my tongue-in-cheek clarification of some common household terms.

Bed Making: Pulling the sheet and other bedding up and smoothing them out to create a flat surface on which to photograph a quilt. Removing pillows may be necessary, depending on the size of the quilt.

Cooking: Walking to the drawer next to the stove, pulling out a menu, choosing food items and phoning in the order. Return to the quilting project at hand until either the meal is ready to be picked up or it has been delivered.

Dusting: Using a soft cloth to remove particles that have collected on your sewing machine and work surface before working on a quilting project. Sometimes required when the demands of your non-quilting life encroach on your quilting time.

Ironing: Using a device with a metal plate that, when plugged into an electrical outlet, warms up and may produce steam. Used to smooth wrinkled fabric before cutting it or to press seams flat when piecing a quilt. Can also be used to attach freezer paper to fabric before cutting appliquéd patches.

Laundry: Prewashing new fabric to remove sizing and assure colourfastness before cutting. Personal clothing may be added, if needed, to fill the washing machine and save energy and water.

Preparing The Guest Room: Removing quilting items from the guest room so that it may be used to accommodate visitors. May include moving the sewing machine from the desk and stashing it in a nearby closet or taking quilt blocks and fabric off the bed so that it may be used for sleeping.

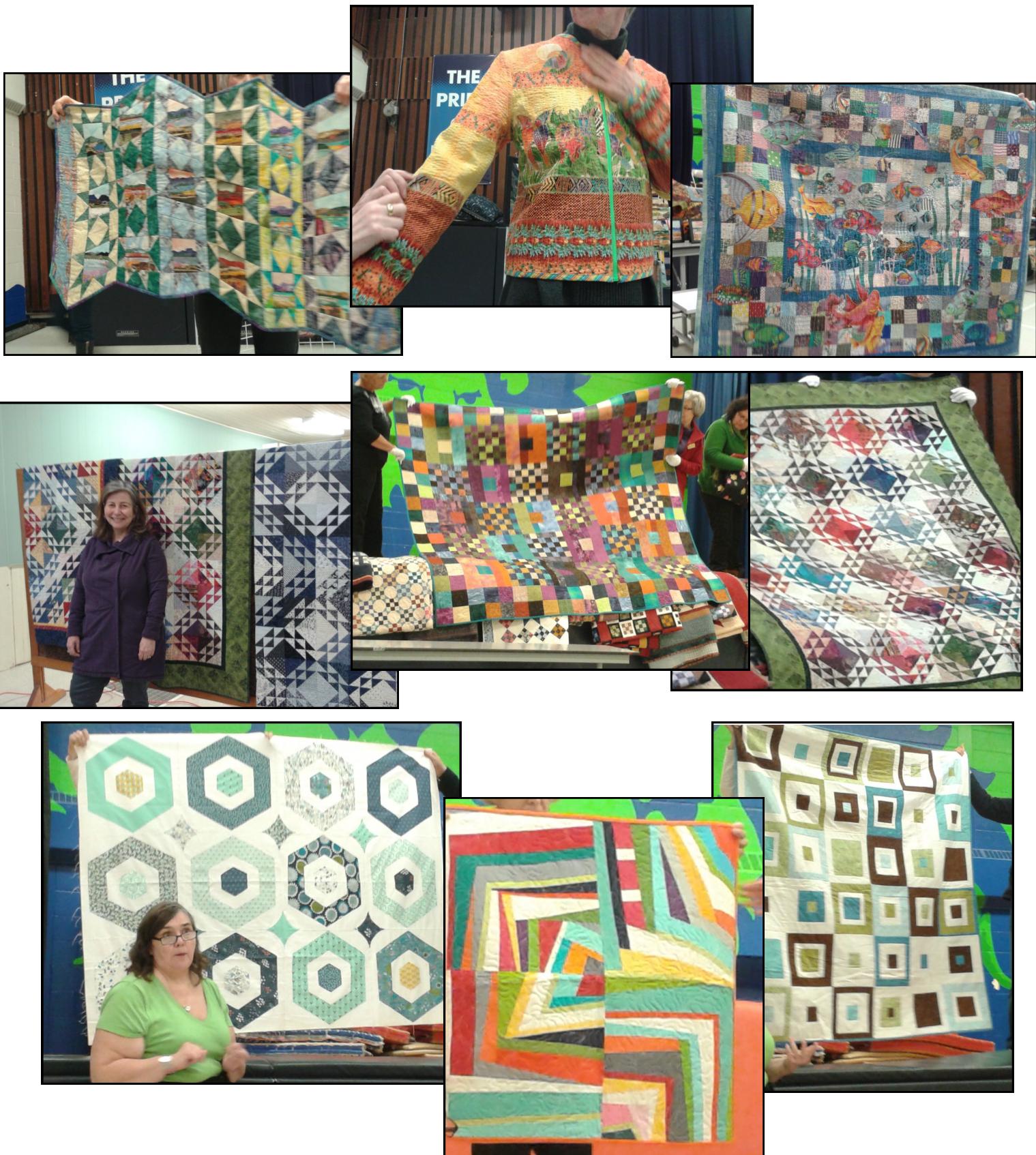
Spice Jars: Containers for holding pins, bobbins, and other small items that have proven to cause clutter. Also handy for buttons, beads and other small embellishment possibilities. It is necessary to remove spices before useful.

Spring Cleaning: Reviewing the fabric stash when it overflows its allotted space and removing fabrics that are no longer appealing. Fabrics can then be donated to a local guild for use in charity quilt projects and more fabric may then be acquired.

Vacuuming: Use a mechanical device that creates suction to remove dirt, pet hair, and other debris from the living room floor before laying down quilt blocks when designing a quilt, or when layering a top, batting and backing for basting.

TRUNK SHOWS AT THE MARCH, APRIL and MAY GUILD MEETINGS

Quilts and wearables by Pat Borecky, Jeannie Jenkins and Susan Bowslough.

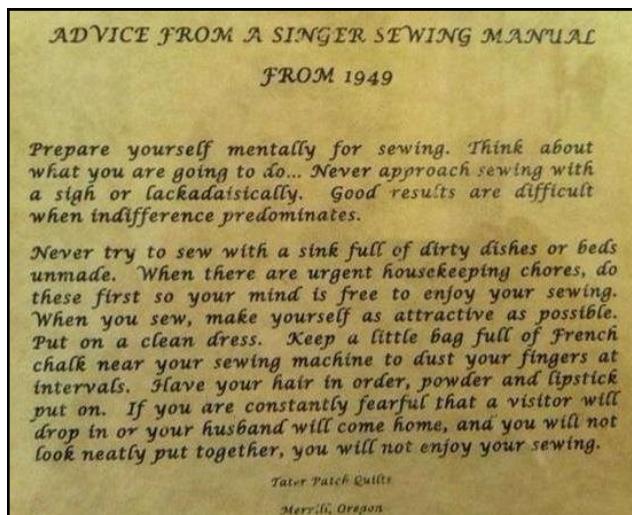


Here are some of the upcoming local quilt shows. For more details, and many more shows, please see: <http://www.canadianquilter.com/event-listings.php>

The Fabric of Our Lives 2015 Quilt Show Brighton, Ontario Saturday June 6 - Sunday June 7,

QUILTS KINGSTON 2015 KINGSTON, Ontario Friday June 12 - Sunday June 14, 2015
Fri. 10 am-7 pm Sat. 10 am - 6 pm Sun. 10 am - 4 pm

The Grand National Quilt Show: Connections Kitchener, Ontario Sunday May 10 - Sunday September 27, 2015



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QUILT SHOW 2016	MAGGIE GOODE, JANET READER DAY

UPCOMING GUILD MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY JUNE 10

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 9

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 14

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 11

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