



A Stitch In Time

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Prince Edward County Quilters' Guild

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As your new president, I would like to welcome our new and returning members. I hope that you have had a wonderful summer. Your Executive is busy planning an exciting quilting year for you. We are always open to suggestions from our members, so be sure to let us know your ideas.

Our Guild's experiment with hybrid meetings seems to be working out. It is nice to see everyone in-person, but zoom makes it comfortable as well, for members who are still nervous of being in closed places with people. There is no provincial mask mandate, and the guild did not set a mask mandate for in-person meetings, but each member must do whatever they are comfortable with.

Speaking of our Quilt Show, our Guild can finally plan an in-person show. By the time you have read this our Committee will have already had its first meeting, so plans will be well underway. Thank you to our members who volunteered to chair a committee. There are a few empty spots to be filled, so please give it some serious thought about helping your Guild's 2023 Quilt Show become the great show it has been in the past. This is no small job. So please support them when they ask for help.

I know selling raffle tickets is not everyone's cup of tea - but the Guild is very dependent on the money we raise from ticket sales. Our membership money does not cover anywhere near the Guild expenses unless you want to pay very high membership fees. Our raffle quilt raises money so we are able to offer great programs at our guild meetings, workshops from acclaimed quilters, as well as monies to support the many local charities we support. If you don't like asking people to buy your tickets, maybe you could think of a festival or event to bring the raffle quilt to and with the quilt on display, the tickets will sell themselves.

Your executive is working to find us a new home where we can have comfortable meetings and a place to store our library.

Thank you for your continued support.

I am proud to be a part of this group.

Submitted by:

Christine Hayes

President

Christine Hays at the first in person meeting at the Picton Town Hall.



Celebrating the 35th Anniversary and AGM—June 8, 2022

Our first “in-person” meeting in nearly two and a half years was held outdoors at the Milford Fair Grounds site. We had use of Bredin Hall for refreshments. Everyone brought their own chair, and Covid protocols were followed. The AGM Minutes were read and accepted, the business portion of the AGM followed. A Special Presentation of Honorary Lifetime Membership was given to Janet Reader Day for all her hard work over the years for the Guild. She was presented with a framed certificate and fresh flowers. She was delighted and thanked all for the honour.

An amazing and detailed history display of our Guild was set up indoors. As part of the 35th (one year late) celebration of our Guild, a teal and black tote bag was purchased for each member. Those in attendance were each given a bag, with some being taken to distribute to absent members. The remainder will be distributed to members. Cupcakes and liquid refreshment was provided by the Hospitality Committee.

As well, there were some door prizes, for which members in attendance were given a free ticket for the draws. Winners were: Colleen Kelly, Sandy Jeapes, Joscelyn Matthewman, Geri Shortt, Jane Perry, Ellen McFaul, Audrey Tomick, Judy Blemkie, Jeanette Henderson and Betty Beaumont.

As you can see it was a wonderful time to share and be with our quilting friends after a long period of separation.



Lifetime Membership Award presented by the President Deelia Johnston to Janet Reader Day.



Sarah Roberts with a new beautiful project at the AGM Show and Share

Jeanette Hepburn shows off a finished UFO!! Way to go!



Audrey Tomick shares her adorable quilt with all of us at the AGM Show and Share. Her project looks quite at home in our rural setting!

Inaugural PECQG Arts Award

In case you were wondering...The PECQG inaugural arts award was presented to the selected candidate at the June Graduation Ceremony. Now that the award has been presented, we are very pleased to announce the winning recipient is Mercedes Crowe. She works in several creative medias, and is a very talented artist.



Christine Hays presents the PECQG Arts Award to Mercedes Crowe. Here are a few samples of her work.





Our Raffle Quilt for the 2023 Quilt Show has been out and about , on tour at the Picton Fair, the Milford Fair , the Women’s Institute Craft Fair and the Ameliasburgh Fair, just to name a few locations. Selling raffle tickets for our ‘Path of Stars’ raffle quilt is the PECQG one and only formal fund raiser. Half of the proceeds from the ticket sales goes toward our community partners such as the Food Banks, Alternatives for Women, and winter clothing for community children. The other half pays for the great programs we as guild members enjoy such as Gloria Loughman and Sheila Frampton Cooper.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered to help sell tickets and to Colette Lancaster for organizing the Raffle Quilt Tour!

Janet Reader Day with a colour coordinated mask!

Nancy Westervelt and Anne Russell staffing the Raffle Booth.



**September 2022 - Gunnel Hag presents 'Printed and Dyed Fabrics - a Journey of Beauty'
Presented in memory of Pat Sztuke
Via Zoom**

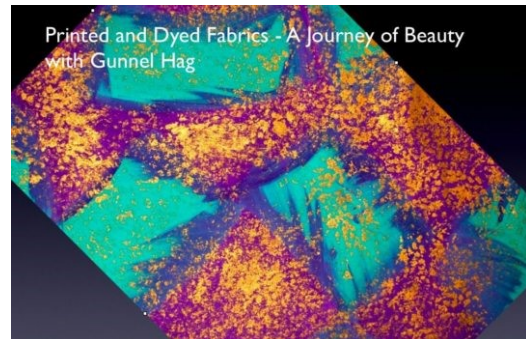
This meeting particularly special because we were celebrating Pat Sztuke and her donations to our guild. Pat's family and members of the Fibre Arts Group were invited. The guest speaker for the night was Gunnel Hag, from Toronto, a Designer/Teacher/Owner of Colour Vie. This lecture is an introduction to the magic of colour and pattern in printed and dyed fabrics from around the world as well as hand printed and painted fabrics that you can create yourselves and incorporate into your quilts or other projects. As she takes you on a visual textile trip, you will experience not only the beauty of printed fabrics, but also the techniques used in producing these exquisite textiles.

Gunnel Hag studied Textiles in Stockholm, Sweden and London, England. Her clothing and interior fabrics have been represented at International Design exhibitions. She has received many grants and awards for her work, including Ontario Arts Council grants and a Ministry of Industry and Trade Award. For over 30 years she has owned and operated Trees Textile Designers and Printers in Toronto, where she printed and dyed fabrics for film and theatre companies in Canada and the United States.

She is an enthusiastic, innovative and creative teacher, who offers unique inspirational workshops and lectures.

Gunnel has published two books: 'Creating Texture' and 'Creating Texture: Soft Textures'.

Her concern with health and safety, both in her studio and in the classroom, has led Gunnel to actively promote the water based Colour Vie Pigment System for the past twenty years.



Janet Reader Day took the attached photo, with permission, at the Quinte Fibre Artists 'Evolving Traditions 2022' exhibit at the Parrott Art Gallery in Belleville. The wall hanging was made by Pat Sztuke herself. It depicts some whimsical shoes, very typical of Pat's style!

Pat's family gave this hanging to Marianne Sanders as a thank you for her help in dispersing Pat's creative stash and for finishing a few small unfinished pieces.





At the September meeting there was a special show and share of some of Pat's work. This very beautiful quilt had been purchased from Pat at a quilt show some time ago and was brought in for this display. Some of Pat's family were in attendance and it was very nice to see this sample of the lovely work that Pat had created. Thanks to Marianne for co-ordinating the display and distribution of Pat's gifts to the Guild.

September Show and Share— This block was on Pat's design board and Marianne Sanders completed and quilted the project for Pat's family to treasure.



September meeting held at the Picton Town Hall.

2022 Donations to the County Food Banks

President Christine Hays delivered cheques for \$332 to each of the three food banks in November.



2022 Donation to the Dialysis Clinic at PECMH

Hanne-Lise Simoes delivered five quilts to the Dialysis Clinic in November.





SEWING WITH YOUR FRIENDS

The Guild has acquired a ZOOM licence to ensure that Sewing With Your Friends (as well as meetings and workshops etc.) can continue virtually. It is always fun see what others are working on and what is on their design walls! Please join us on Mondays, check the web-site for dates and check your email for a SWYF link!

Submitted by Colleen Young

COMFORT QUILT WORKDAY

A reminder that there are comfort quilt workdays usually on the last Thursday of each month from 9:30-2:30 at Bloomfield United Church. We will be working on a particular project, most recently the "I SPY" quilts or feel free to bring any comfort quilt project you are presently working on.

Please bring your sewing machine, scissors, rotary cutter, pins, thread, etc. As well, please bring a mask and any food or beverage you would like to have. Come for all or any part of the day!

Please let Hanne know at 647-220-8381 or hannelisesimoes@mac.com if you plan on attending.

Thank you,

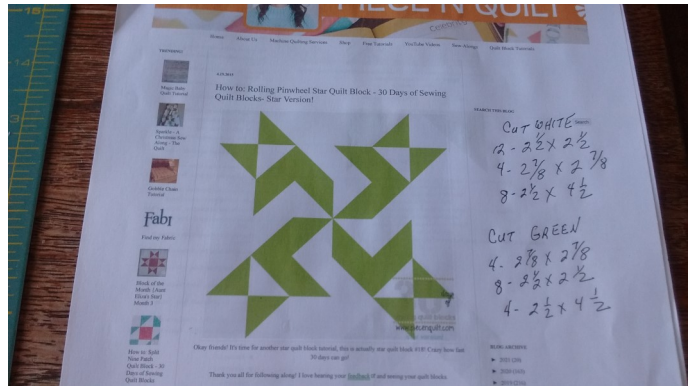
Hanne (Comfort Quilt Committee Chair)



Samples of the wonderful I-SPY quilts created by the Comfort Quilts Committee.

Rolling Pinwheel Star.

November Block of the Month



December

Block of the Month



BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Hi Quilters ! Welcome back to Block of the Month. I hope your summer was wonderful and you were able to complete many of your own projects. This month's block comes to you courtesy of Quick Quilts, May 2000, designed by Janet Jones Worley. I hope the simplicity of this block encourages you to make more than one. Then when we pass the blocks on to Comfort Quilts, they will be able to make a complete quilt.

Colette Lancaster

Programmes and Workshops

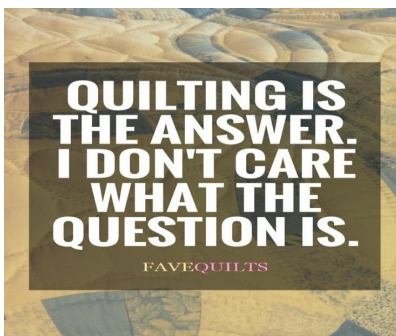


One of the programmes brought to you as a Guild member last summer , was the Global Quilt Connections Sampler Platter of demos on the weekend of July 30 and 31. These live jam-packed exciting virtual events were a great way to give you a taste of what a virtual workshop is like with some of the best teachers the virtual world has to offer! You could log on when you had time, stay as long as you'd like, grab a cuppa and join the fun. In each of these live virtual events a different All-Star cast of 18 quilt teachers demonstrated some of their favorite quilting techniques over two different days. It was a showcase of a wide variety of styles and techniques, from traditional to modern and art quilting techniques with something to please everyone! Everyone received a PDF link to download that included written instructions to go along with each teacher's demonstration.

October 2022 - Kathy of the Balcony Quilt Studio presents 'Quilting with Confidence'

This trunk show is intended to inspire people to quilt their own projects and not feel stuck at stitching in the ditch. It shows the progression from the ditch, to simple modifications, to walking foot quilting, to ruler work.

Kathy has been an avid sewist since she was a teenager, making many of her own clothes and doing custom sewing for customers and family. She first began quilting over 30 years ago but has truly immersed herself in this passion in the past 10 years —learning new techniques, teaching and making. Kathy enjoys each step of the quilt making process. The Balcony Quilt Studio's patterns will often include ideas to help spark your creativity and enthusiasm to make your quilts your own from start to finish.



November 2022 - Michelle of Watergirl Quilt Co.

Michelle told the story of her shop and talked about their workshops. She shared her tips for organizing and completing projects. She demonstrated some of her favourite notions.

There was a pop-up shop before the meeting!

Michelle grew up by the majestic St. Lawrence River in Brockville, Ontario. and continues to live there by the water. As a child, she always looked forward to summers spent boating on the river and the annual visits to her extended families in L'Ardoise, Nova Scotia and Bay Bulls, Newfoundland.

Michelle grew up with the warmth and comfort of creations made by her two grandmothers. They knitted socks, crocheted blankets and made crazy quilts. Michelle always looked forward to sitting on her Nanny William's veranda, looking the ocean and eating homemade bread fresh out of the old wood stove. Nights would get chilly even in summer and she would sleep under a few handmade quilts. Those were the best sleeps ever!

So naturally, when Michelle began to quilt, she reached into that Canadian family history and started labeling her creations as "made by Watergirl Quilter". Her Nannies knitted and quilted out of necessity to provide warmth for their children but mostly out of love.

After 24 years of being an elementary school teacher both in Canada and Japan, Michelle was compelled to follow her passion for quilting and to create her own family legacy. She is proud to be a member of the Ottawa Modern Quilt Guild and the Thousand Islands Quilters' Guild.



December 2022 - Janet Reader Day presents 'Making Art Quilts from Photographs'

Janet won the 2021 TrendTex Challenge with her entry 'Even When I Push You Away You Always Come Back!' Her art quilt 'Tenacious' was juried into the 2021 Quilt Canada Show.

Janet shared with us her unique techniques and tools for creating these fascinating portrait and landscape art quilts. They are truly one of a kind!



September Show and Share Quilts



INTERNET COMMUNICATIONS

The Guild has a varied presence on the web.

- The Guild website <https://pecguild.weebly.com/> presents information for members and those seeking information about us
- The Guild Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/PECQuiltGuild> @PECQuiltGuild announces events such as Guild meetings, Sewing with your Friends, and Comfort Quilt work days
- The Guild online store <https://prince-edward-county-quilters-guild.square.site/> sells tickets to lectures and workshops
- The QuiltsInTheCounty Instagram feed and Facebook page @quiltsinthecounty <https://www.instagram.com/quiltsinthecounty/?hl=en> were started to build a following among people interested in Prince Edward County and/or quilts so that we would have an audience to which to promote our quilt show. A typical post features an outdoor picture of a quilt in a county landscape. Now that we have a following, we are using the platform to promote ticket sales for our lectures and workshops.

We also use our internet presence to cooperate with other guilds in cross-promoting events.

Please help us by sending outdoor pics of your quilts to Barbara at pecguild.webmaster@gmail.com.

Submitted by Barbara Jordan

From the Treasurer's Desk.

When e-transferring money to the Guild, please send it to pecguild.treasurer@gmail.com. This will ensure our books balance and Christine, Nancy, Barbara and myself will have an easier time reconciling our numbers.

Thank you so much.

Maggie Goode

Quilt Show Update:

Just to refresh everyone's memory, our A Stitch In Time 2023 Quilt Show is booked for next year on Sat. July 8, 2023 from 10am to 5pm and Sun. July 9, 2023 from 10am to 4pm. Our Quilt Show is one of those "hidden gems", drawing admirers from far afield. Why? Because we will fill the Wellington and District Community Centre's Highline Hall with merchants, and the huge arena space will be filled with member quilts, Boutique items, Guest Artists, and invited guest booths.



Remember When ???? Can't wait for the next Quilt Show!



BITS AND PIECES

Please check frequently for new information and pictures on our web-site, additional information for upcoming workshops and programs is posted regularly.

Remember to support our local quilt shops and fabric stores, we need them and they need us! Buy Local!

A big thank you to everyone who sent in articles and pictures for this edition of the newsletter. I tried to include as many as space allowed, if I missed an item please let me know.

Suggestions and articles for the next newsletter can be sent to Lisa Castonguay, edgewaterquilts@gmail.com. Thank you!

Stay creative and keep on quilting!

Lisa

2022-23 Guild Executive Officers

PresidentChristine Hays

Vice PresidentVacant

Past PresidentJanet Reader Day

Treasurer.....Maggie Goode

Secretary.....Sarah Roberts

2022-23 Standing Committees

Block-of-the Month...Colette Lancaster

Challenges.....Robyn Hardman (Chair), Barbara Jordan, Lee Waterhouse

Comfort Quilts.....Hanne-Lise Simoes (Chair), Brogan Courtney (Co-chair), Colleen Kelly, Betty Beaumont

GoodwillPatricia Fullerton

HospitalityNancy Westervelt (Chair)

Internet Communication & PublicityBarbara Jordan

Library.....Kathie Oliver (Chair), Audrey Tomick (Co-chair), Sandy Jeapes, Colleen Young

Membership.....Nancy Westervelt (Chair)

Newsletter.....Lisa Castonguay

Programs..... Barbara Jordan (Chair), Janet Reader Day

Workshops..... Barbara Jordan (Chair), Frauke Lentsch
Sewing with Your Friends Colleen Young (hosted by Zoom)

Quilt Show Co-Chair..... Janet Reader-Day



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.