



A Stitch In Time

Prince Edward County Quilters' Guild

AUTUMN

2016 - 2017

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.

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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President's Message ... Janet Reader Day



Welcome everyone, both new and returning PECQG members. I am very excited to be your President for the 2016 to 2018 session.

Maggie Goode has left some "impressively huge" shoes to fill and I will try to emulate her past leadership qualities. **Thank you for all your hard work, Maggie!**

Even though my duties didn't officially begin until September, there were several committee meetings held over the summer months. The 2016 to 2017 budget has been set, and our Pinecrest School venue is secured for our monthly meetings up to and including June 14, 2017.

As we approach the winter season there will be some inclement weather in Prince Edward County.

I think a good policy will be to cancel our guild meeting if the school buses are cancelled that day.

I would appreciate weather updates, especially from our members living south of Picton.

On a meeting day an email will only be sent out, by 10 am, if it is necessary to cancel a meeting.

Donations to Comfort Quilts ...

Unconditional donations of fabric and quilts may be made during the monthly General Meeting to a member of the Comfort Quilt Committee. If the donor is not a member, then they should give the donation to a Guild member to deliver. Donor's name and telephone number should be included.

Quilts and other items should be created from 100% new cotton. Batting should be cotton or 80/20 new batting.

Minimum yardage accepted will be a fat quarter or equivalent.

The Comfort Quilt Committee reserves the right to re-direct fabric donations where deemed appropriate.

Editor's Note ... Thanks for adhering to these guidelines. I know that it helps!

An Editorial

... because no-one said that I can't :-)

Bill Stearman

I am a relatively new quilter, and an even newer member of this Guild. I love this Guild and am making some wonderful friendships. Since I first joined, I have wondered about our 'Life Members'.

Our membership list currently shows six. Three of them I know ... Greta Kristiansen, Vicky LaFleur and Geraldine Rorabeck. From what I knew of these three, I assumed that they were life members because of their wisdom, their wit, their talent, their generosity of spirit, and their kindness. But so many others in this group possess those qualities as well. So I dug deeper.

The other three Life Members ... Beth Hicks, Margaret Kerr and Joan O'Neil are the surviving members of the six who founded this Guild.

After a little research, I discovered this ...

Life Memberships are granted in recognition of the continuous dedication to the Art of Quilting and Service to the Community.

Over the years, 12 life memberships have been awarded.

1996 - Dot Stevenson, Flora Walton, Joan O'Neil

2001 - Vicky LaFleur, Greta Kristiansen

2002 - *Founding Members* - Mary Lou Norton, Beth Hicks, Nina Hicks, Margaret Kerr

2003 - Mollie Lacey

2004 - Dorothy Dunn

2006 - Geraldine Rorabeck

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These people and the stories from our early years, shaped who we are today. Their stories need to be told.

2016 marks 30 years since our Guild was founded. With the help of Greta Kristiansen, I intend to use space in upcoming issues, to tell stories, share pictures, and better understand how we became the wonderful group that we are today. We'll 'Celebrate Our Past'!



Joan O'Neil (rt) and
Beth Hicks

from the Summer, 2016 newsletter

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Challenges: 2016 - 2017

"Fabric of Life" Challenge

Due: January 2017

Contact Person: Anne House
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This Challenge is to create a quilt representing your understanding of the "Fabric of Life".



You will receive a fat-quarter of fabric "Fabric of Life", imported from the Hèrè jè Center, Mali. The only rule is to use the majority of the fabric.

You are to create and finish a quilt (no size limit) based on your interpretation of the "Fabric of Life".

There will be a cost for the fat quarter.

100% of the proceeds will go to support the Hèrè jè Center. Fabric of Life is located in Mali. It was started by Carol Schillios to stop the cycle of begging for girls and provides schooling for a sustainable life. The Hèrè jè Center offers skills, training, health and nutrition, family planning, AIDs prevention and literacy skills. These skills lead to developing microentrepreneurs who can generate sustainable income for themselves and their families. www.fabricoflife.org

"Oh Canada 150" Challenge

Due: May 2017

Contact Person: Deelia Evans
613-476-7785 deelia@kos.net

Canada turns 150 next July 1st.

In honour of this event, we challenge you to create a completed wall quilt or a bed quilt which represents what Canada means to you.

You may use any method and any colours.

The minimum circumference is 120 inches. The normal size of a flag is calculated as "the width is 2/3 the length". A 2 foot by 3 foot sized flag would have a circumference of 120 inches; however you don't have to make your challenge that shape.

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Prince Edward County Quilters' Guild

Challenges: 2016 - 2017 (cont'd)

“North American First Peoples” Challenge Due: November 2017

Contact Person(s): Patricia Fullerton 613-471-1684
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Alfie Deyo 613-476-5390
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This will be a small item challenge, i.e. wall hanging, pillow cover, bag, vest, jacket, table topper, bed runner, lap quilt. NO bed quilts. Item must be quilted and finished.

The challenge is to make your item using any North American indigenous (First Nation or Inuit) based pattern for a patchwork or pieced item and/or based on any N.A. indigenous artist.

This challenge has two categories.

Category 1... pieced item(s)

Category 2... Representational/Traditional/Abstract Quilted Item based on the work of a North American First Nation or Inuit artist.

You may enter more than one item but each item can only be in one category. If your item is appliqued or paper pieced, you must decide which category you wish to enter it in. If possible with your entry, please state the first nation or artist your item was based on.

Remember, you may use an artist's work for inspiration, but DO NOT copy art work unless you get the artist's permission.

THE ONUS IS ON EACH QUILTER TO OBTAIN PERMISSION OF USE, EXCEPT IN CASES OF PUBLIC DOMAIN.

“Under the Sea” President's Challenge Due: February 2018

Contact Person: Janet Reader Day 613-438-0021
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Create a wall quilt, maximum size 30” wide by 50” long, depicting an underwater scene. Make it as true to life as possible.

Technique: Raw edged applique which you attach with top stitching embellishment(s). Rules: No fussy cutting creatures or structures from other fabrics. You must build your own scenery and wildlife from different coloured materials.



Reference: Susan Carlson, Canadian Geographic...

Ideas: -Coral reef, -Swimming sea turtle, -a diver playing with a dolphin....

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“A Two Fabric/Two Colour Bed Quilt” Challenge Due: May 2018

Contact Person(s): Patricia Fullerton 613-471-1684
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The challenge is to create a bed quilt of any size with only two fabrics (each one colour). It may be traditional, modern, or any design as long as only two fabrics are used. It must be quilted and finished to enter.



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Library Report

... submitted by Barb Hofstra, Geri Shortt, Sandy Jeapes & Betty Beaumont

Our new and improved library cart is here. It sports new easy roll, easy turn wheels and new hinges.

All the books have been rearranged alphabetically by title. An up to date listing of all the books is in the cart for reference. (They are listed alphabetically by title and also by author.)

If there is a book you think would be a good addition to our collection, let us know & we will do our best to acquire it.

Also as a reminder:

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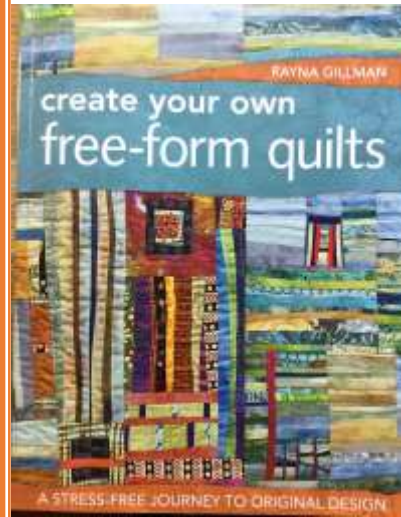
Give the card to a member of the library committee.

Return the book at next meeting. If the book is not new or not requested by another member you may keep it for another month.

No book should be kept out more than 3 months.

Editor's Library Recommendation

... because no-one said that I can't!



This is a pretty cool book!

If you just need a bit of direction, in order to quilt without directions ... then this book is a good place to start.

The author made it all sound so easy. And it was!

Sign it out with a friend and bring it to Sewing With Your Friends and we can try some new things.



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--AESOP

Guild Goodwill

If you know of anyone within our Guild Community who needs our kindness, please contact: Patricia Fullerton ...

fullerton.ep@gmail.com

or 613-471-1684

Our Members Making Us Proud!



Greta Kristiansen's wonderful quilt, 'African Feast', is currently featured at the John A. Parrott Gallery at Belleville Library and will stay on display during the month of November. Still lots of time to see it!

Several of our members and friends will also display their work at the Parrott Gallery in the new year. Save the date and check it out!

Editor's Note ... Please send me information about your shows, awards, accomplishments, etc ... so that we can celebrate with you!



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Comfort Quilts

... submitted by Colleen Kelly



Sandy Jeapes and I delivered Comfort Quilts to the Dialysis Unit at the hospital. Lindsey, Lori, Meaghan, and Joan accepted the quilts from Sandy.

Editor's Note ... The smiles speak volumes! These things that we do matter! Thank you.

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Hospitality Committee

What Colour Do You Want to Be?

...submitted by Lisa Castonguay
& Robyn Hardman

The concept of colour groups is a way the Executive has suggested to bring Guild members together each month to meet, share and help each other with the meeting format and have some fun!

Here is how it works:

At the beginning of the "Guild meeting year" members are asked to pick a colour group/month to sign up for. Sign-up sheets for each month allow you to pick which month you want to participate. If you know you will be away during the year (Snowbirds for example), then you can plan ahead and pick a time when you know you will be here.

Everyone has a chance to help out at one meeting, making new friends and ensuring the meetings have enough helping hands to be successful.

Each monthly team can meet briefly the previous month to decide who will bring snacks, who wish to help with set-up or clean up, so that everyone can volunteer to help with the task they like best.

The Colour Group of the month also helps with any trunk shows for guest speakers and helps display the Guild Members' Show and Share.

If each member signs up for one month and everyone takes a turn, after your month is over that is it for the rest of the year!

At the September meeting lots of members signed up. October had four members helping out and November already had four volunteers when this goes to press! Our thanks to everyone who has already signed up and taken their turn in September and October, they were very busy!

Each month is a different colour; for example September was yellow or gold fat quarters and October was orange or pumpkin prints. If you bring a fat quarter to donate, you will get a ticket and be entered for a draw for fat quarter bundles. Based on the number of donations you may win 4-6 fat quarters.

The September and October winners seemed to be pretty pleased with their additions to their stashes!

We hope everyone will enjoy this format and get an opportunity to meet and work with members they may not know well.

We also hope new members have a chance to get involved right away and feel part of our group.

Any questions, we are here to help.

November - Purple or Reds

December - Green or XMAS Prints

January - White or Snowflake Prints

February - Pink or Heart Prints

March - black & White Prints

April - Flowers or/and Solid Colour

May - Birds or Oriental Prints

June - Stripes

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Program/Workshop Committee

... Submitted by Penny Hopkins

The program/workshop committee has been busy organizing speakers for the 2016/17 season. Our committee comprises only four people - Janet Reader Day, Marianne Sanders, Deelia Evans, and Penny Hopkins.

We would welcome anyone who wants to join our little group. This gives you a voice in who we invite as speakers and the different avenues of quilting we want to explore. There only a few committee meetings in the late summer/fall to get things organized for the season; then the main part of our work is done.

Also if you have any ideas for speakers or workshops, we welcome your suggestions. This is your quilt guild and we are trying to offer a variety to please everyone.



In **September**, we enjoyed Bill Stearman's 'Backpack' presentation and his talk about the 'No Girl's Allowed' show in Golden, Colorado.

This was followed by Hattie Van Dyke's trunk show in **October**.

The **November 9th meeting** will be a 'Parade of Champions' featuring the three winners from our Quilt Show, as well as a chance for you to get some opinions to finish up those 'UFOs'. Bring any projects that you need suggestions or new ideas to put blocks together, choose colours or quilting designs to get these items completed.

Our **November workshop** will be taught by Greta Kristiansen featuring New York Beauty 'Palette' pattern. Due to the low participations within our own guild, we opened this up to the Napanee guild and had a great response.



December 14th we will start the meeting with our annual pot luck supper at 6:00pm. Following this there will be four demonstrations from our own quilters on machine applique, big stitch quilting, flanged bindings and how to make a lanyard for your name tag.

In the new year, our speaker will be a local quilter with details still to be confirmed.

We do not have a speaker booked for February in case of inclement weather but will still provide an educational program that you won't want to miss.

March will feature Sylvia Naylor, www.sylvianaylor.com - doing a trunk show on thread painting followed the next day by a workshop called 'Capturing Summer'.

Kelly Panacci will be the speaker in **April**. Kelly is a fabric designer for Riley Blake Designs and lives in our very own County. Check out her web page at kellypanacci.com.

There will also be a **dyeing workshop** by Bethany Garner in the Spring. The remainder of the 2017 program is still to be finalized. Many ideas for speakers, trunk shows and workshops were exchanged between 15 guilds at the Interguild Meeting on October 22nd in Kemptonville. Stay tuned for an exciting, educational Spring.

Hattie Vandyk's Wool Applique Workshop

... Submitted by Janet Reader Day

On Thursday October 13, at Picton Fabric World, eight PECQG members attended Hattie's workshop.

Hattie emitted the same energy and enthusiasm for the eight of us that she showed during her trunk show the evening before. Her instructions were clear and logical, accompanied by plenty of "one on one" help.

Everyone reached the same point in construction by the end of the day.



It was a wonderful day resulting in several hand stitching converts!



Update from the Pease Quilt Collection ad hoc Committee

Mary Pease and her husband Dick lived at Waupoos. Mary was a passionate and prolific quilter. She mastered the arts of hand quilting and machine quilting. Her appreciation for colour, pattern and fabric was superb and is reflected in her quilts.

After Mary's untimely death Dick was left with an impressive number of quilted items ranging from king-size bedspreads to table runners. He sought the assistance of Joscelyn Matthewman and ultimately the Prince Edward County Quilters' Guild (PECQG) in order to find homes for these beautiful quilts.

Joscelyn enlisted assistance; Betty Beaumont, Colleen Kelly, Maggie Goode, Sandy Jeapes and Rosanna Worden Hawker are committee members. President Janet Reader Day is a member ex-officio of the group. A strategy for disbursing the quilt collection was developed and presented to the PECQG executive. With their endorsement the group has moved forward to honour Mary Pease's love of quilting. The strategy supported two important mandates of the PECQG: to promote quilting in general and to provide a means for the Guild to participate in community projects.

At the September Guild meeting, our chair Joscelyn Matthewman introduced the Pease Quilt Collection project to members.

Assessment of the items in this very generous gift was step one. Joss, Colleen and Betty measured, labeled, photographed and prepared an inventory of 177 items and moved them to the Matthewman home for temporary safe storage.

A large quantity of the collection will be disbursed in the community. Some quilts will be gifts to service groups and charitable organizations that will in turn use them for fundraising activities e.g. Festival of Trees. All volunteers will shepherd quilts to organizations identified by the group. Suggestions for other groups are welcome and will be entertained. We request that the groups receiving quilts for fund raising advise the guild

of the amount raised through the sale of the quilted items.

In partnership with the Comfort Quilt Committee, some quilts will be donated for specific purposes as needed such as our ongoing commitment to persons admitted to the Dialysis Unit at the PECM Hospital.

A large selection of quilted items will be sold at PECQG guild meetings to raise funds for the Guild. The first such event was held at the October meeting. Quilted items of an autumn or Halloween theme were displayed and offered for sale. Seven hundred dollars for our guild was realized from the sale of quilts that evening. Mary Pease loved Christmas Quilted items. Winter and Christmas items will be offered for sale at the November meeting. Sale time will be 6 pm to 7 pm, and prices are very affordable. There is a limit per member present in an effort to be fair to all shoppers.



But that is not all! Dick Pease also donated a very large quantity of good quality quilt fabric, embroidery supplies and related items. The Pease Quilt ad hoc Committee, with Marianne Saunders serving in an advisory capacity, has initiated discussions and plans for disbursement of this additional unconditional gift. We appreciate the assistance of Dick Pease, Peter Matthewman and David Beaumont who helped transfer many dozens of containers to safe storage areas.

If you are a recipient of one of Mary's quilts please enjoy using it. That is what Mary would have liked.

Editors's Note: I LOVE the hand quilting in the Autumn quilt that I bought!

CQA's Canada's Big Quilting Bee

In Celebration of Canada's 150th Birthday - submitted by Maggie Goode

Our national quilting organization is sponsoring a Canada wide event for Canada's 150th birthday. They have created a simple slab block (see www.canadianquilter.com) so that guilds can make quilts, tops, or blocks to be donated to Ronald McDonald Houses across Canada.

There will be a giant old fashioned quilting bee at the CQA Quilt Show in 2017.

Completed quilts will be donated to our local Ronald McDonald House in Kingston.

We have decided to participate. Plans are in the works to make sure that everyone in our guild can be involved whether you want to work individually or with a team to make blocks, make a top, or make the entire quilt.

At the November and December meetings, I will be asking you to sign up so that fabric can be purchased and kits made up. Some of the fabric we will be using is from the donated stash of Mary Pease. Other donations are gratefully accepted.



Stay tuned for further developments.

Eastern Ontario ... Gathering of the Quilt Guilds - submitted by Janet Reader Day



Penny Hopkins and I attended the Kemptville gathering on Sat. October 22, 2016 .

One of the topics at the Interguild meeting was the CQA Big Quilt Bee.

Leslie Whitby, the president of CQA, showed a sample of a constructed quilt top which a member had sent to her. The quilt blocks visibly show the required Canadian fabric

contained in each one. The blocks are colourful, but each one is monochromatic. The quilt top is both cheerful and lovely.

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Sewing With Your Friends

Things I Learned at SWYF

... submitted by Maggie Goode

The most enjoyable aspect of SWYF (other than the time sewing) is the new things I learn.

Last year I learned about the self-threading needle. Wow, is it great for sewing in thread ends. What a time-saver!



This year I learned that Janet uses microtip needles for all of her piecing. She showed us a pet mat from the dollar store for keeping her foot pedal in place. It cost three dollars and is well worth the price.

Eleanor has found a new brand of thread that she loves. You will have to ask her about it because I did not write down the name and have since forgotten it.

But the thing I learned that will stick with me is how much I love to sew with others. There is always a friend to help with an idea or problem you are having. It is great to see other projects. And of course there is the lively debate.

Please join us at the Bloomfield United Church from 9:30-3:30 on November 15, 29 and December 6. We would love to sew with you.

Recognition

... For Achievement

... submitted by Editor



At our September meeting, Joyce Young moved that we give one of the Halloween or Christmas quilt items from the Dick Pease Collection to Sara Evans, a PECQG member, as a congratulatory gift for her outstanding academic achievement and to wish her well

in university. Greta Kristiansen seconded the motion, which carried.

A Christmas themed quilt was selected and given to Deelia at a SWYF Day, so that she could pass it on to Sara.



Once again, the smiles tell the story!

EDITOR'S NOTE ... Several 'regulars' at SWYF are working with Deelia Evans on the '365 Day Challenge'. Here are some of Eleanor's **3 inch blocks!**



You can see why it is called a challenge ... and why I am NOT working on it!



Deadlines for Show Entries

Quilt Canada - deadline Feb.1, 2017
<http://njs.canadianquilter.com/>

American Quilters' Society - various
<http://www.quiltweek.com/contest/>

Studio Art Quilter Associates - various
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Modern Quilt Guild
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Important Dates ...

Guild Meetings ...

November 9th

December 14

January 11

February 8

Sewing With Your Friends ...

November 15

November 29

December 6

January 10

January 24

2016-18 Guild Executive

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Comfort Quilts.....Betty Beaumont, Colleen Kelly, Sandy Jeapes, Judy Blemkie

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Quilt Show Chair(s) Open

Sewing with Your Friends ..Maggie Goode

GoodwillPatricia Fullerton

Editor's Final Note

I am absolutely sure that I have forgotten to include someone's report, spelled someone's name wrong, been grammatically incorrect, or messed up something. For any or all of these, I apologize.

I hope that you have as much fun reading it as I did putting it together.

Even though I get to be the editor, this is OUR Guild Newsletter.

Send me your thoughts.

Tell what you want more of or less of.

Suggest improvements.

Offer to write an article.

The Autumn 2016 Issue of our newsletter is 'a wrap' ...

Respectfully submitted,

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