

## A Stitch in Time - August 2019

### President's Message

My July has been a combination of hand quilting on the raffle quilt, family events, and watching the contents of my garden wither into desiccated stalks. Sigh.

There hasn't been a summer slow down for our guild. We will be moving our library into our new meeting venue, holding our first Quilt Show 2020 meeting and finding a new home for our Comfort Quilt stash, all in August!

My feelings over the imminent closing of Picton Fabric World are varied and strong. PFW was where I took workshops, bought fabric for all 6? of those ahemmm, lovely double wedding ring quilts, and where I knew I could ask anything about sewing and Geraldine would have all the answers. PFW has been the hub of information exchange, some of that was on the level of gossip..(we are human), a place to drop off and pick up stuff, actually it has been my quilting anchor and a compass bearing of sorts too.

Now that we are all adrift and feeling out of sorts, remind yourself that change is apart of life. We will adapt and carry on!

*Submitted by Janet Reader Day*



### The times, they are a changing

We said goodbye to Greta's storage barn, the home of our quilt rack inventory over the last 30 years, at the end of June 2019. The new storage unit is a 40 ft. High Cube shipping container. Inside has shelves and a place for everything. Outside the container you can see one of two newly installed vents and it is getting a shiny new paint job, a lovely reflective silver colour.

*Submitted by Janet Reader Day*



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**Happy Retirement to Geraldine Rorabeck - owner of  
Picton Fabric World for 40 years!**

*Photos submitted by Patricia Fullerton and Marianne Sanders*



At the special edition of Show & Share, guild members told stories and talked about their quilts that Geraldine had helped them with over the years.



Photo left: Guild members gather for the celebration honouring Geraldine. Photo right: Geraldine's son Adam is a special guest and surprises his Mom



Janet Reader Day created this amazing portrait quilt of John and Geraldine Rorabeck and it was presented to Geraldine along with a gift certificate.



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# The beautiful quilts of Sue Fiddes

## Quilts and Trunk Show at our July meeting



Sue Fiddes delighted us with a show of dozens of her beautiful and colourful quilts. Sue is an avid quilter and past president of the Napanee Heritage Quilters' Guild.



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# History of our Guild

## Article 4 – Newsletter August 2019

1994 Mollie Lacey – President

1994 Quilt Show – Dot Stevenson & Flora Walton Co-Chairs

JUDGED Competitions are introduced – Judges, Lydia Quigley & Liz Lake

**Two Categories:** Pieced or appliqued - Bed-sized quilts and a few wall hangings, all hand quilted. Viewer's Choice ballots were given with each ticket purchase.

**FEATURE - King and his appliqued quilts (Flora's idea)**, can't recall his full name or background

The King quilts filled the back of the arena, public loved them, sold quite a few all in \$1000 range. Members were not happy, felt his quilt diminished theirs and reduced their sales. Big mistake, never repeated again. Also invited adjacent guild to display a quilt.

Floor frame set up for hand quilting. Public invited to take a stitch.

From a public perspective the show was extremely successful.

1993-4 Jane Sheppard, new member

Jane's background was art and she was starting to introduce fibre arts pieces and created The Quinte Fibre Artist. Initially there was Jane, Joan Reive, Marlene Mead, Anne Thompson, Marjorie Whitehead and myself. Since grown into fabulous arts group, with its own shows bi-annually at Parrot Gallery. Proud to say that, the group originated in PECQG.

### BANNER

**Jane Sheppard** introduced the concept of a guild banner that would be displayed at meetings and other events. She proposed that she and Joan Reive design the banner and that members submit 5" blocks to surround the centre. From blocks submitted, Jane & Joan chose 24 blocks and a prize was given to the best block which was won by Phyllis Sawyer.

1996 Greta Kristiansen – President

Guild was maturing and Greta was keen to expand internal activities and to introduce out-reach programs .

### Expansion of INTERNAL ACTIVITIES

- Block-of-the-month -In-house-challenges -Mystery quilts -Round Robin quilts
- Workshops (in-house and external teachers) -Trunk Shows (in-house and external)
- Presidents Challenge

### New OUTREACH PROGRAMS

- Charity/Comfort Quilts -The Amazing Loyalist Adventure -Festival of Trees
- Hands-On Shows -Picton Fair -Breast Cancer Quilts "The Quilt"
- Nominates G.I.F.T. (Garratt's Island) and Alternatives for Women the Guild's designated charities. Ensures that the press is invited for major donation presentations.

1996 THE COUNTY WALL HANGING

The guild had an In-house- challenge to make a wall hanging depicting the County and Chris Turick, a talented and prolific quilter won the competition with her beautiful little green quilt that gets shown with the banner. Someone recently pointed out to me that it does not show the wineries, well they weren't there in 1996.

*Submitted by Greta Kristiansen, Historian.*



Jane Sheppard and the PECQG Banner in 1994



Chris Turick and the County Wall Hanging in 1996

## Program and Workshop Committee

**Only one meeting left in our Calendar year - August**

The Program following the Annual General Meeting is called a 'Parade of Paper Piecing'. To start off, Patricia Fullerton will give a short presentation of paper pieced blocks. The Program Committee is asking you, the PECQG Members to bring in one paper pieced item - something that inspired you. It can be a quilt/wallhanging/bag/etc that you have made. Regular show and share will be afterwards as per usual. Happy quilting everyone!

The Yuletide Table Topper Workshop will follow with Patricia Fullerton on Friday August 16th at Picton Fabric World.

*Submitted by: Lisa Castonguay*



Yuletide Table Topper by Patricia Fullerton.  
Make your own at the workshop on August 16th!

## Quilt Canada Bus Trip to Ottawa

On Thursday, June 13th, 55 avid Quilters from PECQG and members, their friends, and members of surrounding Guilds boarded a Franklin bus and headed for Quilt Canada in Ottawa.

Our bus trips are well attended and this year was no different as we filled the 56 passenger bus. Our driver, Lanny transported us in style with Franklin's newest bus decked out with seat belts no less!

And the Quilt Show did not disappoint, with an increase in the number of quilts and a much larger vendor mall. We saw the quilt Kathy Wiley showed at our Guild Meeting win Best In Show, as well as some member quilts.

We had time to take in all the Quilt Show had to offer, spend a few dollars at the vendor mall, and have a leisurely lunch. We even saw President Janet taking entrance tickets. Then it was time to board the bus for the ride home.

To maximize our time at the Quilt Show, we stopped for dinner at the Mallorytown Onroute.

It is unfortunate that the 2020 CQA Show is in the west - a little far and expensive for a bus trip next year! We will see what we can drum up to occupy our Guild members for next year.

Thanks to Colleen Kelly for signing people up for the bus trip! You are always helpful!

*Submitted by: Maggie Goode*

## PECQG members make a splash at Quilt Canada!



We're so proud of PECQG member Bill Stearman! He lead 2 dynamic workshops and a lecture at Quilt Canada in June. Way to go Bill!

[Bill's Backpack Show on Youtube](#)



The 2019 Member Guild Challenge winners were displayed at Quilt Canada and 2 of our members had their quilts included:  
Congrats to Janet Reader Day and Lee Waterhouse!

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## PECQG Challenges 2018-2019

Update from Wendy Lulham:

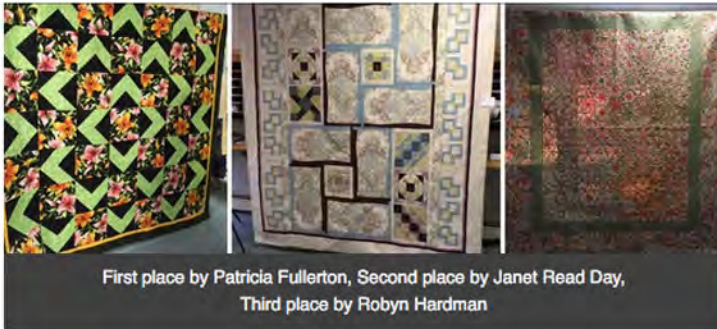
"Large Print" Challenge (see photo below)

The Large Print Challenge was a really lovely exhibit of 9 quilts, and everyone enjoyed the display. Thanks to everyone who participated either by making a quilt or by voting for your favourites! Looking forward to seeing the results of the Strip Quilt Challenge in September!!

"Strip Quilt" Challenge - Due at the September meeting

We all have scraps, we even have strips and jellyrolls. Strips can be made into many quilt designs, Log Cabin, Rail Fence, Pineapple, and the list goes on. Any size strips, any size quilt. Have fun with this challenge and use up some of your stash or buy some new fabric. You'll have a new quilt for our next show in no time!

Challenges developed and organized by: Wendy Lulham, Jeanette Henderson and Kathie Oliver



First place by Patricia Fullerton, Second place by Janet Read Day,  
Third place by Robyn Hardman



## Members Show & Share in July

These are just some of the beautiful quilts brought in to our July meeting by our talented guild members

*Photos submitted by Kelly Panacci*

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## Coming in September

We are very fortunate to be able to welcome Sue Pelland to our September 11, 2019 meeting. Sue has taught extensively in the last 8 years, including at many of the large AQS shows.

Using her 2 rulers, you can create a myriad of shapes by rotary cutting fabric to which fusible backing has been applied. Instead of tracing, fusing and cutting individual pieces (a long process), rotary cutting the shapes produces many applique-ready pieces in short order time. Some of the shapes that can be created are hearts, circles, leaves, various flower shapes, ovals, clam shells, vines, melons and chains. Her rotary cutting applique techniques can also be used to simplify the construction of certain quilt patterns such as the Drunkard's Path.

Sue will be treating us to a trunk show and will follow that with a practical demonstration of the basics of cutting these applique shapes without plastic templates, marking or cutting with scissors. Her 2 rulers will be available for purchase at the Guild meeting as well as the accompanying book for each ruler.

On the following day (Sept. 12th), Sue is offering a full day workshop at the Milford Town Hall using the Leaves Galore ruler. The cost is \$50 and the workshop is limited to 15 participants. This workshop is equally suitable for beginners wanting to try applique or those who are experienced in applique but would like to add a new and time-saving technique to their skills.

Sign ups have started and your place in the class is confirmed on payment.



Sue Pelland is coming to our September meeting and there will be a workshop too!

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At the time of publishing the raffle quilt is almost finished. Marianne Sanders (not in the photos because she's behind the camera) and her team of hand quilters have been working on the quilt at Picton Fabric World 2-3 days a week since early July. Lyne Lusk has volunteered to do the binding and then it will be ready to exhibit at the Picton Fair. Time to start selling the raffle tickets!



## Fat Quarter Draw

At every meeting, guild members can participate by bringing 1 or more fat quarters. For each fat quarter you bring you'll receive a ticket for the draw to win a fat quarter bundle. The more you bring, the more chances to win! See below for this year's fat quarter themes by month.

### One remaining Fat Quarter theme for 2018-2019 Guild Year

August – The animal kingdom

### 2018-20 Guild Executive Officers

President .....Janet Reader-Day  
 Vice President .....Marianne Sanders  
 Past President .....vacant/open  
 Treasurer.....Christine Hays  
 Secretary.....Mary Campbell

### 2018-20 Standing Committees

Block-of-the Month...Nancy Hicks  
 Challenges.....Wendy Lulham, Jeanette Henderson, Kathie Oliver  
 Comfort Quilts.....Sandy Jeapes, Betty Beaumont, Colleen Kelly,  
 Judy Blemkie, Rosanna Worden Hawker  
 Goodwill .....Patricia Fullerton  
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 Internet Communication & Publicity .....Barbara Jordan  
 Library.....Betty Beaumont, Sandy Jeapes, Colleen Young, Barb Hofstra  
 Membership.....Anne Russell  
 Newsletter.....Kelly Panacci  
 Programs/Workshops .....Chairs: Lyne Lusk, Lisa Castonguay, Committee:  
 Workshops: Anne Longston, Programs: Lee Waterhouse  
 Quilt Show Chair ..... vacant/open  
 Sewing with Your Friends .....vacant/open  
 Raffle .....vacant/open (quilt top being constructed by Lee Waterhouse)

### 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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