

A Stitch in Time - June 2020

President's Message

Hello fellow Prince Edward County Quilters' Guild Members and friends,

I am writing this message on Thursday May 7, 2020. The air is still nippy and the trilliums are just starting to bloom. The blackflies are present, just not biting yet.

For posterity's sake I should make note that we are currently experiencing a global pandemic due to the new coronavirus causing the disease known as COVID-19. This virus has introduced us to wearing a face mask in public (refer to my photo) and to social distancing, a practice which will continue in some form or other for the next few months.

Each of us handles isolation in a different manner, learning to re-evaluate what is really important in our lives. We are making do with what we have, learning to run our lives remotely, organizing bills and purchases by phone or on-line. Some of us are connecting with friends and family more often than we used to, and checking in with neighbours to see how they are doing. In our household we have found it helps to observe a routine bedtime, wake up time, meal times and exercise schedule.

I find that time has started to move differently for me. My calendar may not have any appointment times written on it, but I am busy every day. At meal times I love to lose myself for a half hour or so while attempting to solve a really difficult Classic, Sandwich, Clone, Killer, Knight's Move, or any other type of Sudoku puzzle. Grocery shopping has become a multi-day event. Placing an order, picking it up at the curbside, washing what is needed immediately and waiting 72 hours before using the rest! Mail or parcel delivery brings some welcome excitement. The anticipation of opening the envelopes or parcels after their period in quarantine helps spice each day!

Some days I enjoy a few minutes break by working on my current quilting project, but most of my time is spent sewing for our local community, as do many of you. I would like to thank those PECQG Members who are creating Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) at home. You are doing your community and family a great service. Quilters are known as a generous group of people and you are proving it each and every day. My PPE weekly production doesn't equal many of yours, but any effort is greatly appreciated by our Health Care Workers.

On May 5, 2020 I participated in a Zoom "think tank" for local groups. What was very evident is that not everyone has access to stable reliable internet, or a compatible electronic device, and that it requires a certain confidence and

knowledge to participate in a Zoom type meeting.

A representative from our local Hospital stated that hospitals are basically devoid of patients and have never been cleaner. So, if you are experiencing any health issues, do not hesitate to look after yourself now! Every group had been forced to cancel their main fund raising events for the year.

As I listened to the woes of the other groups present, it became very clear to me that the Prince Edward County Quilters' Guild is in great shape to weather out this hiatus period. We don't have a constant draw on our funds, only paying rent when we actually meet. Certain bills do recur yearly such as our membership to PEC Arts Council, insurance through the Canadian Quilters' Association, our post office box, bank fees, and rent for our stored assets (quilt racks), etc. and are all manageable expenses.

Several PECQG Executive Committee Members met virtually last month. It was a learning experience for all. Our last monthly guild meeting was in March 2020. Factors beyond our control have forced the PECQG into "standby mode". It is unknown when restrictions will have loosened enough for us to resume some of our regular Guild activities.

As the Canadian Quilters' Association revamps their website, it will be interesting to see if any information is shared on how other guilds are currently coping and evolving.

In closing, you can see that I don't have a clear vision of our future yet. We are all adrift in this sea of uncertain times. What I do know is that I need a haircut!

Take good care everyone.

Submitted by Janet Reader Day





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Project TEMBO

At our February General meeting we had the pleasure of learning about TEMBO (Tanzania Education and Micro-Business Opportunity). TEMBO Canada is a federally incorporated registered Canadian charity (now 15 years old!) that partners with local organizations in Tanzania to address issues of girls' education, empowerment of women, poverty and human rights. Arlene McKechnie and Virginia Taylor (pictured below) spoke to us about the work they do for the women and girls of the Longido District of Tanzania and also brought African fabrics to show and sell. Our Guild members eagerly bought up many of the beautiful and boldly printed bundles to use in our own projects. The funds raised from this sale go directly to the programs created for the education and empowerment of the Maasai girls and women of Longido District. To learn more about TEMBO, click on the orange button below.



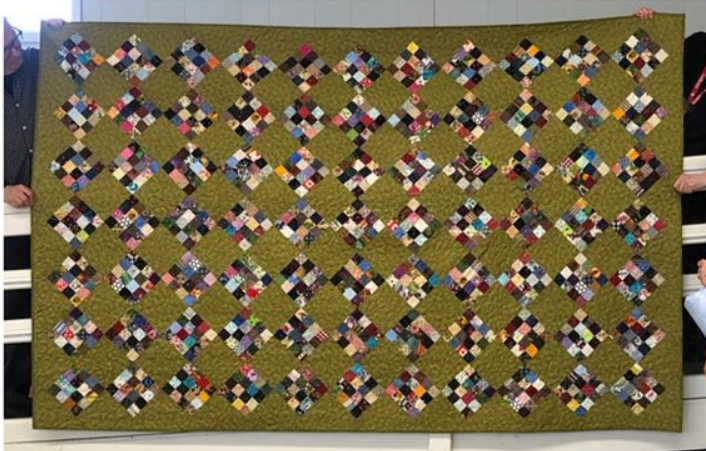
Jen Swallow (right) owns a home based quilt shop in Carlton Place called Happy Wife Quilting and she came to our March meeting with some of her fabrics and notions for sale. Before the sale, she presented a trunk show of her quilts that demonstrated her passion for our craft and explained how she came to operate a small quilt shop business. For more info about Jen and her shop, click button below.

[Happy Wife Quilting](#)

Executive Meetings have a new temporary home
on the ZOOM platform



In the time of Covid-19 and "Stay at Home" restrictions this is what our Executive meetings look like. 16 of us met in the ZOOM conference room (from the comfort of our homes) on April 21st and 2 members (who aren't on view) joined the meeting without video.



Show and Share quilts at our February meeting were a mix of traditional and modern. From top left down, quilts by: Robyn Hardman, Barb Hofstra, Robyn Hardman, Deanna Gaudaur, Deanna Gaudaur, Frauke Lentsch, Janet Reader Day and Ellie McFaul

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Wonky Nine Patch Workshop with Marianne Sanders



On Saturday March 7th, Marianne Sanders hosted a workshop for those of us who wanted to learn more about her Wonky Nine Patches. We gathered at the Bloomfield United Church Hall and there was just enough room for our big group. Marianne showed us samples of her beautifully stitched wall quilts and then demonstrated her technique. We had the rest of the day to practice what we learned and we all made good progress on our own projects. Thanks for the inspiration Marianne!

Submitted by Kelly Panacci



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Mask Making (and other PPE)



In mid March one of our members, Lee Ann Vandenberg asked us to help her out by making masks for the dialysis group she works with. We made over 300 for that cause and since then our members continue to make masks for QHC and Picton Hospital and the assessment centre in particular. It's hard to say but I think we have probably made over one thousand masks by now. Quite a few members also got out their sergers and made their way through hundreds of isolation gowns ...a daunting task. And some of you made scrub caps too! We hope that this will all be over one day soon, but in the meantime the emergency unit in Picton is still looking for adult, kiddie and youth masks.

There are supplies in the bin on Ontario Street, so please help yourself! Any style of mask is great! Thanks so much!

Marianne



Two very enthusiastic models are posing for our benefit sporting two child size fabric QHC pattern masks that Janet Reader Day made. The models will remain anonymous, but aren't they adorable? The children who visit Picton Hospital will look just as cute thanks to your efforts.

Just a reminder: place your adult and child sized masks, and scrub caps in the Falconer House bin. The bin at the Ontario Street location receives any raw material donations you would like to share with your peers (wire, elastic, fabric etc).

For more info or if you'd like to help - Email Marianne



Quinte sewers provide help for healthcare workers fighting COVID-19

'This group of volunteers is exceptional'



Quinte-area sewers are busy making masks and other garments. | Facebook, Quinte Community Sewing for Covid19
THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2020

NEWS

By NATALIE HAMILTON, The Belleville Local

Our masks made the news! Many of our guild members and sewists all over our community are contributing to making masks, scrub caps and isolation gowns. It's so nice to see they are appreciated.

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History of our Guild

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1998-00 – Lyne Lusk, President

1998-99 A time where the country was obsessing about Millennium projects and the County being no different. Greta Kristiansen, who had travelled extensively throughout the United States, had noticed that many State Welcome Centres displayed quilts depicting important elements of that particular state.

Consequently she suggested that the guild make a quilt depicting our Loyalist Heritage, the quilt would be presented to The Corp of PEC in honour of the Millennium and would hang in Shire Hall in perpetuity.

Millennium Quilt Project

The quilt would be a whole cloth quilt, displaying points of historic interest set in the Loyalist flag. The idea was presented to the membership and was met with little enthusiasm except from Chris Turick, one of our more accomplished quilters. Since this would be a whole cloth quilt it would be hard to divide the projects between members, I proposed that Chris and I undertake to make the quilt if the members were prepared to commit to quilting it, to which members agreed.

THE COUNTY The whole project depended upon a commitment from the Corp of PEC to accept and display the quilt, so I approached Mayor James Taylor showing him a draft proposal of the quilt and he was instantly on board.

COST The guild committed \$400 for the quilt, but we also needed another \$800 for a ventilated display cabinet and got a commitment from Mr. Taylor that the town would pick up that cost if we couldn't get the funds from a Millennium grant (for which we applied, but were refused).

DESIGN The centre would be the County's Coat of Arms of which we obtained a picture that Chris enlarged to the size needed, then transferred the image to fabric. Chris who was an incredible hand-embroiderer painstakingly hand embroidered it following the exact colours.

RESEARCH I spent considerable time at the County archives under the Court House scouring their files for information and with input from David Taylor, the County's resident historian (also my neighbour), finally settled upon a fantastic drawing from 1869 of Picton Main Street, too perfect not to include. Picton was represented by The Macaulay House, Bloomfield by the Boarding School, Wellington by Tara Hall and the County by the Court House and the Crystal Palace, White Chapel (oldest church) and Salmon Point Lighthouse (oldest Lighthouse). Mr. David Taylor vouched for me at the Court House to take these images out for photocopying and to have them transferred onto cloth at Printcraft. A scroll giving a brief outline of who the Loyalists were and another one stating that the quilt was a present to the Corp. by the guild. Finally at the bottom, an image of the Quinte Isle. The whole thing was then set in the Loyalist Flag which resembles the Union Jack minus the red corner stripes representing Ireland which was not part of the union at that time. Quilted by guild members.

Millennium Show Presented to the Corp of PEC at the Millennium Show and accepted by Mayor Taylor. A beautiful ventilated Oak Display case was installed at Shire Hall for the quilt.

Lots of press release on the progression of the quilt and the press was also present for the presentation. Appraised at \$2165.00 by Rita Rottman, qualified AQS appraiser.

A binder is available in the Guild's library telling the story of the project.

Submitted by Greta Kristiansen, Historian.



The finished Millenium Quilt that was presented to the Corporation of Prince Edward County at the 2000 Quilt Show and continues to be featured in a ventilated oak display case at Shire Hall in Picton.



This newspaper feature shows the Millenium Quilt being presented to Mayor James Taylor by PECQG members Christine Turick and Greta Kristiansen.



Here are the Show and Share quilts presented at our March general meeting. Quilts were made by: Gail Fox, Deanna Gaudaur, Jeanette Henderson, Penny Hopkins and Jane Perry

Comfort Quilts

Hello, PEC Guild Quilters. Things sure have changed since our last meeting in March!

Even though circumstances have changed dramatically during the last few months the Comfort Quilt Committee has continued to sew for the community. We have completed four twin sized quilts for Alternatives for Women. These four quilts and two double sized quilts retrieved from Janet's loft will be donated to Vi's House which has been newly renovated as a women's safe house. We do not know when we will be able to give the quilts but hope the house will be opened in the near future.

A very special and heartfelt thanks to Robyn Hardman. She not only made a twin and a double quilt for us, she stepped up and offered to quilt all of the twin quilts on her long arm. Without Robyn we could not have done it!

Some of the quilts taken by members to be quilted at home have been returned. It was great to hear from others who plan to return quilts when it is possible for them to do so. We know that people have been busy with other things such as ensuring their families' safety, reorganizing their lives, and making quilts for Nova Scotia, and masks, scrub caps, and gowns for front line workers.

The generosity of our members is overwhelming and much appreciated! Collectively, we can accomplish so much!

Stay safe until we meet again,

Colleen and Betty

PECQG Comfort Quilt Committee Convenors



These are the quilts that will be donated to Alternatives for Women. Thank you to the Comfort Quilts Group and Robyn Hardman!



Some more of the lovely Comfort Quilts generously machine quilted by members: Robyn Hardman, Anne Russell, and Lisa Castonguay

PECQG Challenges 2020

To all members who wish to enter the Gateway to Adventure challenge from CQA, we will be putting your entries up on our Website and Facebook page for members to vote on them. Our virtual entry needs to be sent to the Quilt Canada organizers by **July 15th**, so we need to get the entries up by **June 30th** on the website and voting will start the first week of July. We will count the votes and the winner will be entered into the CQA Member Guild Challenge. Barbara Jordan will put the entries up and will explain how to send them in to our website. Thank you Barbara!

To confirm, your entry is themed Gateway to Adventure and must have a visible amount of Kona colour Jungle and 3 other fabrics which can be a print or solid. The perimeter of the quilt to be no larger than 72 inches.

Thank you from your Challenge Committee: Kathie Oliver and Wendy Lulham

Quilt Canada / Gateway to Adventure.....due June 30, 2020

We like to participate in Member Challenges for Quilt Canada and here is another one. Each quilt must have a visible amount of Kona cotton K001-147 Jungle, along with 3 other fabrics, print or solid. The perimeter to be no larger than 72 inches. Each quilt must have a hanging sleeve at least 3" wide and have a label on the back with the quilter's name and name of the quilt. You can look up details on the website: canadianquilter.com under Quilt Canada / Member Guild Challenge 2020.

African Challenge.....due: when we can meet again

Did you buy some of the beautiful African fabric when the representatives from TEMBO came to our Guild meeting in February? If so, please use it for this challenge! The challenge is to make a pillow or small wallhanging (approx. 36" square) using predominately the African fabric purchased from the TEMBO fundraiser sale.



MEMBER GUILD CHALLENGE - "Gateway to Adventure"

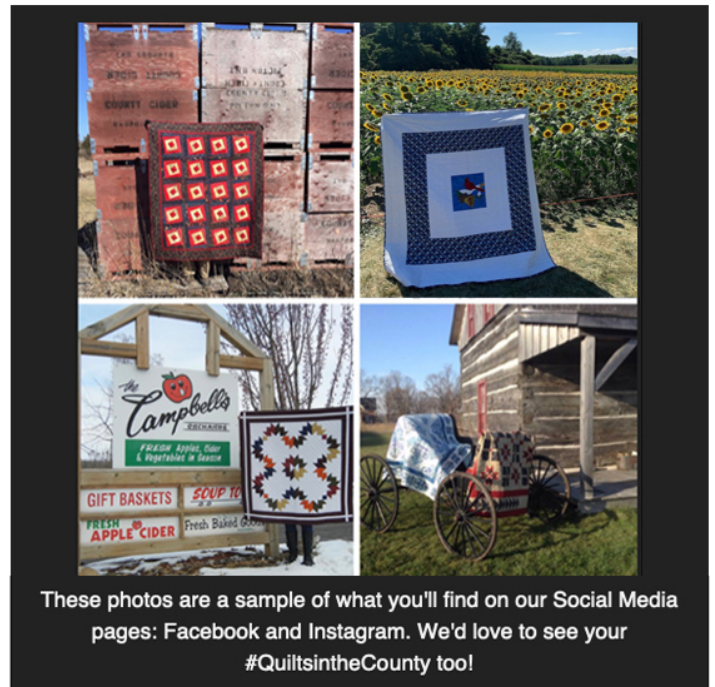
Quilts in the County

SOCIAL MEDIA PROMO for the quilt show

We now have Facebook and Instagram accounts called 'Quilts in the County' to promote our quilts and our good works in preparation for the Quilt Show. The theme is: Photos of our Quilts Outdoors in the County; in front of County businesses, attractions, landmarks and scenery. Take your quilts outdoors and take photos of them in front of beautiful scenery or a local attraction with no people in them. We are trying to showcase both the quilts and the local attractions. You can submit your photos via a form on our website under the Quilt Show tab or email them to: pecqguild.webmaster@gmail.com. If you send them by email try to provide a short caption and specify the location. Also indicate if the quilt will be in the 2021 show and whether or not you want your name mentioned. So far the Instagram account has attracted 350 followers and the Facebook account has 1200. Our Instagram account has been particularly well received by the Picton Business Improvement Association and 'Visit the County' the official County tourism office. Click on the links below to go directly to our new Social Media Pages.

Let's blanket the County with our beautiful quilts!!

Social Media and Photos by: Barbara Jordan



These photos are a sample of what you'll find on our Social Media pages: Facebook and Instagram. We'd love to see your #QuiltsintheCounty too!

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Quilt Show Committee Update

"A STITCH IN TIME" Quilt Show cancelled this year - but we'll be back in 2021!

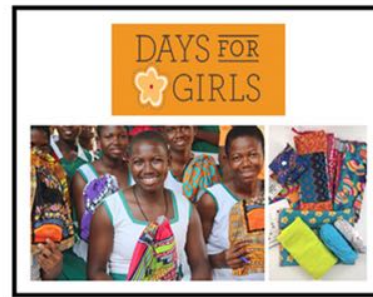
As all of you are now aware, our decision to reschedule our Quilt show to next July 10-11 2021 was made with a great amount of deliberation and collaboration between the Quilt Show committee members and the Executive members. And, only a couple of weeks later, the County of Prince Edward announced that all recreation facilities, including the Wellington arena, will be closed to the public until Friday July 31st, at least. Who knows when the Covid-19 pandemic will be over, but for sure, we will be living in a new 'normal' when it is. Will we even be having meetings come September, and what format will they take on? There are still many questions to be answered in the coming months.

We were pleased to receive permission from the County to extend our Raffle Quilt draw until July 11th 2021. However, the Guild will not have the designated funds from the Raffle quilt draw to support Programmes and Charitable donations in the 2020-2021 year. The bright side of this is we get to have another year to sell raffle tickets! Please change the dates on any unsold ticket stubs to reflect the new show dates.

Another bonus aspect of postponing the Quilt show is that we have another year to make quilts and wall hangings to display, and other items to sell in the boutique! Please continue to register your display and judged items online while your memory is fresh. If you have to withdraw an item from the show at a future date, do not worry, it can be easily handled. Just contact Barbara Jordan who will look after it.

We will keep you informed of any other updates to Quilt show related items as promptly as we can.

Your Quilt Show Co-Chairs: Deelia Johnson Evans and Janet Reader Day



Thank you!

Thanks to everyone who helped out by donating fabric and those who participated in our cutting/sewing session before our March Quilt Guild meeting. We were very productive! Things are on hold right now as we sew masks and gowns ... we will resume this project once things get back to our new normal. There still is a need for fabric donations so if you are using this time to refine the shelves of your stash we hope you will keep us in mind. To read more about this project click the orange button below.

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 - 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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