# Quips

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The objectives of the organization shall be: to foster interest, awareness and education in the area of quilt making. The Guild is to be a non-profit organization with all the monies being used to promote its objectives and support local charities, organizations and educational facilities.

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## President's Message

As many of you know Ann and I usually go south at this time of year. A family wedding has taken precedence so we attended Bethany Garner's Cabin Fever Retreat this past weekend as a "get away". Not quite the sunny south, sea and sand but fun none the less.

We did some snow dyeing resulting in a couple of really nice pieces of fabric. I also have a few ugly ones – my fault! Bethany also shared flat dyeing techniques and again I ended up with some neat pieces and one not so special! Other participants dyed wool, silk and worked on special dyeing techniques with awesome results. We also got a bit of regular sewing done. It was a very full three days. Like any retreat, I always plan to do more than I am able to get done.

I am looking forward to taking part in Bethany's workshop for the Guild in February. Be warned it can be a messy procedure, so wear old clothes.

Some pictures from the retreat.







Thank you, Mary Waugh

Quilters Quote: Quilting is a gift you give yourself.

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## 2014-15 Program Highlights

#### Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

**Presentation, Bethany Garner** will be discussing the dyeing process and displaying some of her beautiful dyed fabrics.

#### Thursday, February 4th, 2016

**Flat Dyeing Workshop** - The cost is \$70.00. All dyes are provided! You will need 5-6 meters of white fabric. This can be muslin, Kona cotton, etc. or PFD (prepared for dyeing) cotton. The muslin or Kona cotton will need to be washed. You will also need a plastic tarp for the floor, plastic to cover your table and a roll of plastic to take your wet dyed cloths home. Old clothing for you is essential. Please contact Lillian as soon as possible if you are interested!

#### Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016

Trent Valley Guild Trunk Show will be presenting some of their wonderful quilts.

#### Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

Free Motion Workshops with Pat Lemaire – a must for members who want to quilt their own quilts. Please sign up now to secure your spot!

#### Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Trunk Show - Pat Lemaire will speak on free motion quilting and display some of her work.

#### Wednesday, May 4th, 2016

Joni Newman will be presenting a number of her quilts featuring stained glass quilting.

#### Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Workshop with Joni Newman – Making a Stained Glass Quilt.** Sign up deadline is April 1<sup>st</sup> but why not sign up now to secure your spot!

#### Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016

Ottawa Artwear will present a fashion show at our dinner meeting.



## **Quilts Still Needed:**

#### Limestone Quilters' Guild Trunk Show - February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016

The Limestone Quilters' Guild has been invited to present a trunk show for the Trent Valley Guild in Brighton. We would greatly appreciate your support. Let me know if you can loan us one/some guilts, wall hangings, table runners bags, etc.

Lillian McQuaide

## **Upcoming Bus Tours**

The new year is progressing fast and isn't it time to sign up for one or both of our upcoming bus tours? Still room for you on the bus!

June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Quilts Canada Day Trip
June 24-26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Vermont Quilt Festival Trip (see page 16 for more information)

For more information on these trips, please visit gomccoy.com/tour\_category/group-travel/

Booking will be handled completely through McCoy and may be completed on-line by following the instructions below; however, you will need to call to tell them the name(s) of person/s you will be sharing a room for the Burlington, Vermont trip, if applicable.

For the computer, here we go.

- 1. gomccoy
- 2. From the list pick: Tours/McCoy Bus Service and Tours
- 3. Page with snapshots comes up. Go to Group Travel picture. Click on it.
- 4. Canada Quilt and Vermont Quilt Festival will be listed with another tour.
- 5. Click on Tour Details for one or the other quilting adventure.
- 6. Password is: Clarke
- 7. You are "in".
- 8. Book one, or both, but you do them separately.

Even if you book online, and your friends in the hotel room are booking separately, you must telephone McCoy.

Remember that you may also telephone or go into the office to book the trip(s). Telephone numbers are: Kingston: 613-384-0012 or Belleville: 613-969-8884

Happy booking. Susan Clarke



When your work speaks for itself, don't interrupt. - Henry J. Kaiser

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## Google Fun!!

This is the perfect time of year to Google some of the available online resources.

A long list of fabric manufactures with a lifetime of free patterns! <a href="https://www.quiltersstore.com.au/freebies/FreePatternsFabricManufacturers-368/">https://www.quiltersstore.com.au/freebies/FreePatternsFabricManufacturers-368/</a>

And more free patterns!

http://bountifulheirlooms.blogspot.ca/2012/11/free-patterns-from-fabric-manufacturers.html

29 easy patterns for beginning quilters

http://quilting.about.com/od/quiltpatternsprojects/tp/easy\_quilts.htm

World Wide Quilting Page - claims to be the oldest and largest site. There are Quilt Blocks listed by technique, also alphabetic order, Quilting terms, Quilt block colouring pages, Beginners Guide, Mystery Quilts, Supplies and online shopping, Regional info, tools and notions, Quilt History & more!! <a href="http://www.quilt.com/">http://www.quilt.com/</a>

All about those popular vintage Featherweight machines! http://www.planetpatchwork.com/weight.

So easy, so much fun and a great way to learn more about the pastime we love!

#### Carol Garner



This photo was recently posted on my Facebook page by my daughter!!



And this by a friend!!



## Meet Your Executive An Interview with Shirley White, Newsletter Editor

LQG: What is or was your profession?

SW: Dressmaker, social worker and business owner.

LQG: How long have you been a member of LQG?

SW: On and off, seems like forever.

LQG: What is your favourite thing or activity with the guild? SW: Trips, getting new ideas and helping with the guild stuff.

LQG: Have you held any volunteer jobs with the guild. If so, what/how long.

SW: I've been Secretary twice and now I'm Newsletter Editor. I have helped at different events.

LQG: What is your favourite kind of quilting?

SW: Hand quilting and choosing new projects (that rarely get done!!).

LQG: Which type of Q do you hate to do?

SW: Paper piecing.

LQG: How many UFOs do you have and how big is your Q stash?

SW: I have 8 quilting UFO's and 10 embroidery UFOs currently. My stash is beautiful and

large!!

LQG: Do you have a process for working with new Q projects or do you just wing it?

SW: I just wing it......which is probably why I never get anything finished!!

LQG: What other hobbies/activities do you enjoy?

SW: Photography, embroidery of many types, weaving, crochet, knitting, painting, fabric

dyeing, trips and shopping. And trying to learn to spin, making slab pottery and rug

hooking. Plus reading and watching movies. And especially family time.

LQG: How do your family/friends deal with/support your Q habit?

SW: They say "Oh, that's nice!!" and let me get on with it!!

Quilters Quote: Our lives are like quilts – bits and pieces, joy and sorrow, stitched with love.

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## **Library News**

In January, the library did not put out all the books, only those books that have not been borrowed very often in the past five years. A form was handed out with each book, asking if you found that book helpful or not. We are trying to reduce the number of books as we are running out of space to store them.

Unfortunately, only 31 of the 123 books on display were taken out. So, in February, we are going to do the same thing but will add another thirty books to the lot.

We are asking that **each member please take home at least 2 books.** Browse through them and return them in March with your opinion of each book.

This way, we are giving members a say in which books are to be deleted from our library. If this route is not successful, we will have to cull the books on our own!

Joan White



## Confessions of a Happy Quilter!!

As I am one of the world's best procrastinators, I didn't sign up for the UFO challenge. However, the challenge did spark the interest to find out how many UFO's I actually have.

- 1. White on white hand quilt. This is from the 90's (???) when I was a member of the Napanee Guild.
- 2. Off white table topper. This is a workshop piece with Judy Martin, also sometime in the 90's.
- 3. Dear Jane, from 2001.
- 4. Hand dyed fabric Crazy Quilt.

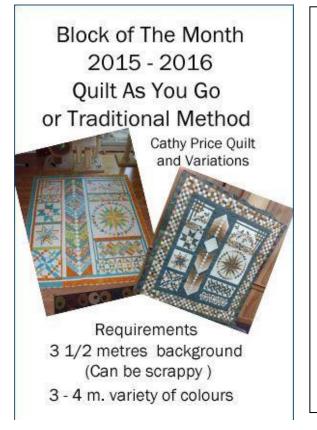
These four are on my MUST BE FINISHED SOMETIME list.

Then I have many more (at least 15) more recent impulse starts............. and mountains of fabric to use for them. Plus I have scads of beautiful embroidery projects lurking around, glaring at me.

But I just saw a Facebook entry that said that 2016 would be restarted February 1st, as January was just a trial month. I like this idea a lot so all my leftover to dos will restart on Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. Guilt removed.

Shirley White

#### **Block of the Month**



#### The Cathy Price Quilt

The Guild bought the rights to use this pattern as a Block of The Month.

Patterns will be provided monthly on the website and print outs will be available at the Meetings.

The quilt uses a variety of techniques –traditional, piecing, paper piecing, strip piecing and applique. You are encouraged to make the quilt unique by your fabric choices changing any blocks to ones you prefer and altering the layout. It requires roughly 3 1/2 meters of background (which can be scrappy) and 3 - 4 meters of a variety of colours (a great chance to use your stash.)

If you have any questions call Ann 613 389-7002 or email aoastler@cogeco.ca

Thanks to all that are participating in the Block of the Month Program. The French Braid Blocks that were displayed in January were fabulous. The January and February blocks involve paper piecing. If you are not a fan of paper piecing, please make another block of your choice. The February Mariner's Compass surrounded by flying geese is not any more difficult than January's Star Block although it does take a little more time. In March, we will be doing the two blocks at the top of the quilt. You should start thinking what type of applique you are going to put there.

If you are planning on finishing the quilt, " Quilt as You Go", you could add 2 3/4 inch borders to the sides of your braid, sandwich and start to quilt.( Make sure you have extra batting and backing for joining.)

All the guild members enjoy seeing the progress people are making with their blocks so don't be shy, bring whatever you have finished since the last meeting to this month's meeting.





Ann Oastler

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#### Modern Block of the Month

This year, we are doing an on-line BOM, as well as a more traditional design quilt. It is by Amy Gibson and lessons are free on Craftsy.





Thank you to all who are participating, and for those who would like to join in, it is not too late. To begin, go to the Limestone Quilters' Guild web-site and look under BOM. You will find a link to the lessons. For anyone who has had problems figuring it all out, the supplies list and printable instruction for blocks 1-10 are now on our web-site.

Amy has provided very clear video instruction for new Quilter's to learn many techniques such as slashing, two methods of making half square triangles, string piecing, English Paper Piecing and more!

Amy's white Quilt was Free Motion quilted by her friend Leah Day. Leah has written books on this topic and offers an on-line Craftsy class as well. Check it out!

What a great way to learn new free-motion designs. This just might be the push that I have needed!

There is much excitement in the quilting world, with very old traditional designs being reinvented for 2015 and beyond! So many modern colours and fabrics are just waiting for our imagination!

Join in and benefit from what our Guild offers.

Carol Garner



## **Community Quilts**

On December 8, 2015 we held our last workshop of the year. Eight guild members attended. We got into the New Year's cleaning mode and started straightening out cupboards, sorting donations we had recently received, and putting them in their appropriate containers. My sewing room is like a store! We received a large donation from Henrietta Kilfoyle's estate and Brynhild and I made several wheel chair/lap quilts destined to go to St. Mary's of the Lake Hospital. As usual, we got into the pin basting mode (5 quilt tops), making up kits, sewing kits into tops and sewing material together to make backings for the pin basters.

The first workshop of 2016 was held on January 12, 2016. Nine members attended. Once again 5 quilts were pin basted and sorting of material (both donations and misfiled!) continued. Now we think we know that most of the material is in the right bins. i.e. reds are in the red tote, blues in the blue tote. We will see how long it lasts! One quilt top was quilted, ready to go out to Belarus. The binding was sewn on and hand sewing completed so that, it too, could go to Canadian Aid for Chernobyl. Brynhild, along with Carol Nacu from the Heritage Quilter's Guild, went to Brockville on Friday, January 15, 2016 to deliver eight quilts to Mary Bernard for Canadian Aid for Chernobyl.

There is always room for more to come to the workshops that are held the Tuesday after the Guild Meeting. We have tasks for all! When you come, bring your own rotary cutter. We have lots of mats and rulers. If you do not wish to do any cutting there is lots to do. We need sewers, designers for the kits we sew up at the workshop as well as those that we bring to the Guild meeting in hope that those who are not able to come to the workshops will take home and make up, pin baste, etc..

Annie Dickson

**Workshops** are held at 1411 Tamarac Street, Kingston on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month.

Contact Annie Dickson (613-384-4564) or Brynhild Hansen (613-358-2835).

Although a little late, we wanted to share this lovely Christmas Thank You card received from St.Mary's of the Lake Hospital.

It's the perfect time of year to

Thank you for all you do!

Providence Care Volunteers are always caring, sharing, and giving from the heart.

May your holidays be delightful and bring you great joy.





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## **Community Quilts Presents**

Anne Dickson was invited to a reception to make a presentation of quilts LQG Community Quilters made for a Syrian family recently arrived in Canada. The reception was held at St. Paul the Apostle Roman Catholic Church on Taylor Kidd Blvd., Saturday morning January 23. Despite the short notice, Anne was able to make the presentation which was captured below by one of the attendees.





Anne Dickson



#### **SAVE YOUR STITCH BY STITCH RECEIPTS!!**

Please bring in your receipts from Stitch by Stitch. For every \$2,000 we collect in receipts, Stitch by Stitch gives us a \$100 gift certificate. These funds are put to good use by our Guild. You can drop off your receipts by depositing them in the envelope located at the reception tables. A special thank you goes to Stitch by Stitch.



## 1. St. Mary's of the Lake Hospital

The Limestone Quilters' Guild has been donating quilts to St. Mary's of the Lake Hospital for at least a decade. Quilts are donated to either individual patients or to the hospital in general.

The hospital tries to make sure that each patient in the hospital has a quilt to brighten up their room. On Christmas Eve, the Volunteer Services Department tries to present any patient who does not have a quilt with one.

The quilts that we give to St. Mary's of the Lake Hospital are not usually bed quilts. They may be a generous lap quilt, small lap quilt or wheel chair quilt. We try to use material that would appeal to adults, but do make some with the younger generations in mind.

In November, some of the volunteers and staff of Volunteer Services came to our community quilts workshop to meet some of the community quilters. They brought desserts to our pot luck lunch, enjoyed a fabulous meal, and presented LQG Community Quilters with some gift certificates to purchase backing at Fabricland and a thank you note. We, in turn, gave them 20 small lap quilts and wheel chair quilts.

All quilts are greatly appreciated by all: staff and patients.

## 2. Quilt Canada 2016 - Workshops, Lectures and Events

Want to have a blast and learn at the same time? Be sure to register for the workshops; long-arm/mid-arm workshops; lectures; tours and events being offered at **Quilt Canada 2016** in Toronto this June 15-18! There is something for everyone! Check them out at: <a href="https://www.canadianquilter.com/events/quilt-canada-2016.php">https://www.canadianquilter.com/events/quilt-canada-2016.php</a>

## 3. Volunteer at Quilt Canada 2016

Join the CQA/ACC team at *Quilt Canada 2016* and Volunteer. There are seven ways to help: Set Up and Take Down; Registration; Front Desk/Admissions: Hostess/Host/White Glove Classroom/Lecture Angels: Floaters/Jack of All Trades: Aides/Scribes for NJS Judging Check out the benefits of volunteering! Go to our website and sign up now: <a href="https://www.canadianquilter.ca/events/quilt-canada-2016-jobs.php">www.canadianquilter.ca/events/quilt-canada-2016-jobs.php</a>

Questions? Email Jane Sanders, our Volunteer Coordinator: quiltcanadavolunteer@gmail.com

### 4. More Information on Quilt Canada 2016

Visit the Canadian Quilters' Association Facebook page at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/canadianquiltersassociation">www.facebook.com/canadianquiltersassociation</a>

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## REMEMBER – OUR UPCOMING MEETING SENIOR CENTRE, 56 Francis Street, Kingston WEDNESDAY, February 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7:00 pm

www.limestonequiltersguild.wordpress.com/

#### DON'T FORGET.....

Library Books
BOM challenge items
Completed kits for Community Quilts
Show and Tell items
Indoor Shoes
Bring Your Mug

### Remember to Sign in at Every Meeting

Please remember to sign in at every meeting you attend. The book will be placed on the 50/50 table at each meeting. These names are used for the attendance draw so it is important that you register.

**Participation in the Quilt Block Groups** is a nice way to contribute and feel involved with the guild. These groups support the Social Committee in providing snacks and refreshments at break time and in assisting with the activities of the meeting. Each guild member is asked to volunteer only once during the membership year. A notice of names for the group membership for the next guild meeting is posted monthly at the snack table. If you are unable to take part as assigned, you are asked to switch with a fellow guild member or ask the co-ordinator to be reassigned at a later time.

Refer to <u>www.limestonequiltersguild.wordpress.com/monthly-social-committee/ for further information.</u>

Please advise Doreen Jeffers of any best wishes or condolence cards that should be sent to Guild members. She relies on all of us for this information.



#### **Mark Your Calendar**

Visit <u>www.limestonequiltersguild.wordpress.com</u> and go to Quilting Events for more information

Until February 16, 2016

Stitched Together: The Art and Warmth of Quilts

Peel Art Gallery & Museum, Brampton, On

Email: infopama@peelregion.ca

April 16 – 17, 2016
Sunshine Quilt Show
Orillia, ON
www.orilliaquiltersguild.com

April 29- May 1, 2016
Quilted Expressions, Oakville, ON
www.oakvillequiltersguild.ca

May 13 – May 14, 2016 Elliot Lake Quilts North, Elliot Lake, ON

August 19-20, 2016 International Plowing Match Quilt Show 2016 Harriston, ON www.plowingmatch.org/2016-

committees/quilting





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Come see for yourself with a tour of our main location - The Seniors Centre, 56 Francis St. 613.548.7810.





Quilters Quote: I don't need to get organized, I just need a bigger sewing room.

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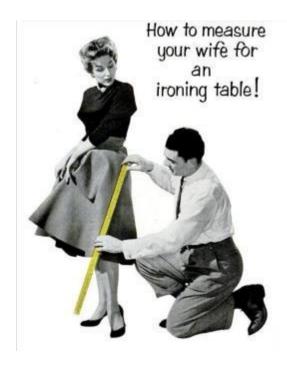
**Newsletters** This is YOUR newsletter. I would love to hear about any quilt trips, other guild shows, tips, or websites you would like to share with everyone. Please submit your articles and information to the newsletter editor at any time. In addition, I rely on you to give us feedback on what you would like to see. I appreciate your questions, comments, and/or corrections.

The due date for ads and submissions is two weeks before the newsletter is to be published. It is emailed on or about the first of September, October, December, February, April and June and those requiring paper copies can pick them up from their mail folders at the subsequent meeting.

Shirley White, Editor

Quilters Quote: I've been put on this earth to sew and finish a certain number of quilts.

I am so far behind now...I will never die!





## **2014-2015 Executive**





| President          | Mary Waugh           | 613 389-7202 |
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| Community Quilts   | Brynhild Hansen      | 358-2835     |
|                    | Anne Dickson         | 384-4564     |
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#### NOTES

- A deposit of \$200 is required at the time of booking, the
- balance is due April 1st Refunds are not available within 30 days of travel Tipping for driver is voluntary

- For the comfort of fellow travelers, kindly refrain from using scented products
- Please note that cancellation and travel insurance is not covered in your package but is strongly recommended for out of province trave