



**Buckhorn Area  
Quilters' Guild**



**Newsletter**

### President's Message

Novel Coronavirus is having an unprecedented effect around the world including right here at our Guild. We are all learning a new vocabulary that includes "social distancing" and "flatten the curve", seeing store shelves empty and lineups for assessment and testing. Our March meeting has been cancelled, Wednesday sewing on hold and our returning snowbird quilters may have been advised to self isolate!

Many quilters will see this as an opportunity to stay home and sew your stash! Perhaps next year our Show and Share can highlight the projects that were the result of COVID 19.

Stay safe everyone, looking forward to a fresh start when all this settles down.

Our Guild Constitution was last reviewed in 2010, and changes to how we operate have been made over the last 10 years. Now it is time for a review and update. Vice President Diana Stevenson and I are consulting with committee chairs with a goal of bringing the constitution in line with actual practice.

We are using Robert's Rules (for Dummies!) as our reference. Robert's rules are written rules of procedure for conducting meeting business in an orderly manner and the meeting-related duties of the officers. Robert's Rules is about conducting good meetings without any more formality than is absolutely necessary to protect the rights of everyone and keep things orderly.

Our initial goal was to complete this by the June General Meeting but you won't be surprised to know that it may take a bit longer. We'll keep you up to date with our progress.

As always, we encourage members to read our constitution which is available on our website at [buckhornquilters.com](http://buckhornquilters.com)

Sue Dundas

### Presidents Challenge "Preserving the Art"

I am looking forward to seeing your work on this year's challenge. See last page of newsletter for details.

Sue Dundas

### Buckhorn Quilters Guild Retreat 2020

... and a good time was had by all! Feb 19-21, a gathering of women was held at the Otonabee Best Western Hotel in Peterborough. There was lots of laughter and kidding, many projects were worked on and many were finished. Dennis and Pauline were there and some of us spent a lot of time and money, because there were some great deals to be had, and who doesn't need more fabric. The meals were delicious and as usual the hotel looked after us like queens! The meals were the best yet according to many attendees.

While some swam and had a hot tub in the evening, some of us gathered, drank wine and solved the problems of the world. What happens at retreat stays at retreat so no names will be mentioned but we had a ball. Next years' retreat is already booked at the same place for Feb 17-19, 2021. We will be looking for signups in the late fall so think about it.

Maureen Pickett



## Program and Workshops

### January Meeting – Round Robin Demos – Border Treatments for Your Quilts

We had four stations in the round robin demos: Adding Borders to Your Quilt with Pat Clayton, Borders Using Strip Sets with Judy Darke; Prairie Points Edging with Cynthia Guerin, Hexagon Borders with Carol James.



In January each of the program committee presented a mini workshop with handouts. All the members present were able to see all the workshops. The theme was, "Border Treatments for Your Quilts."

The February meeting had fewer people present due to an impending snow storm. Those who braved the weather participated in an activity set up by Judy Darke which got members up and moving talking to others to fill in a grid with signatures of those who had done the activities on the sheet. After, we played bingo on this sheet by drawing guild members' names until members had completed a line for Bingo. There were 6 prizes of 3 fat quarters each tied up in a star, donated by Pat Clayton. Fun for all.

For the March meeting Cathy Clark and Laura Hennebury from the Toronto Modern Quilt Guild had been scheduled. Unfortunately, this meeting has been cancelled due to COVID-19.

Quilt As You Go workshop begins in April. This workshop is full.

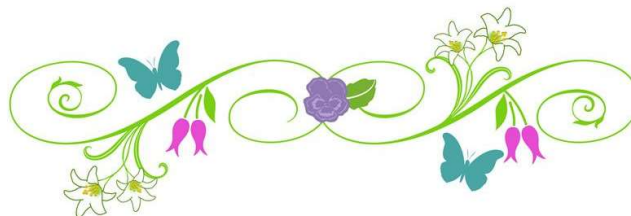
April's speaker is Sandy Lindal, "Scrappy Gal Quilt Company" She will have her patterns for sale at the meeting.

The Mono Printing workshop presented by Joanne Misener will take place Thursday May 7th at Lakehurst Hall. We still have a few spots left at a cost of \$50.00. This includes most of the materials you will need for the workshop.

Our May speaker is Bethany Garner. She will present a workshop on the Tuesday prior to the meeting on, "How to Design Your Quilt." You may wish to use your fabric from the mono printing workshop in this workshop. Sign up for this workshop will be in March and April.

June will bring our end of year luncheon at Lakehurst Hall. As our usual tradition we will have a guild member as our Mystery Quilter.

Pat Clayton



## Raffle Committee Report

Our raffle quilt top is nearing completion and the committee is delighted with the results. We wish to thank and acknowledge the following people who greatly assisted us with sewing the quilt thus far: Maureen Pickett, Joanne Misener, Olga Johnson and Margaret MacKenzie.

We have booked several public events to display the quilt, sell tickets and promote our Quilt Show. They are as follows...

- \* Quilt Show at the Church, Bethany, May 9, 10
- \* Spring Craft Show, Buckhorn, May 16, 17
- \* Canada Day, July 1
- \* Fine Art Festival, Buckhorn, August 15, 16
- \* BAQG 2020 Quilt Show, September 11, 12
- \* Autumn Craft Show, Buckhorn, October 10, 11, 12

We will need your help selling tickets and promoting our show at these events! Thanks everyone.

Raffle Committee 2020  
Sue Sisson  
Chris Goedhuis  
Martha Woodford  
Jessica Sisson



## 2020 Quilt Camp for Kids

After a successful camp last year, we will once again run the Quilt Camp program the week of July 6th to July 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm.

The project this year will be a medium size duffle bag. Our quilters will be quilting the bag material, making pockets and inserting a zipper. We have already had inquiries about registration. The course now sells itself!

This course would not be possible without the Guilds support, St. Matthew St. Aidans Church, Northcott, and members donations. Last year Pizza Alloro supplied lunch on the last day.

A Community who works together  
makes this possible.

Yettie Ireland and Pat Clayton

## Check Out Our Library

We had some wonderful member demos on borders at the January meeting.

After the meeting, Joanne Misener donated a great book called Borders: Basics and Beyond (B363). This 2009 primer takes you step by step, with lots of pictures and clear explanations, through borders made with 4-patch, sawtooth, diamonds, flying geese, pinwheels and more. For the more adventurous, there are maple leaves, delectable mountain and appliqué options. She walks you through several border samplers that are basically a centre block of your choice with 5 different borders from strips to geese and beyond. Some are a little busy for my taste, but would be great practice and a very colourful comfort quilt. She also covers cornerstones and mitering. Lots of ideas and suggestions with clear diagrams. An introduction as well as a good reference that borders on excellence!

Coming up in May we will have a presentation on art quilts. We have several books on art and landscape quilts. A good one (with lots of pictures) is Nature's Studio (B285) by Joan Colvin. Colvin shows you how to reproduce photos in cloth, giving lots of detail about her design process and techniques as well as ideas on developing your own style. I am quite taken by her work putting human figures into the gorgeous landscapes. "Vine Maple" on page 59 is my particular favourite. Check it out! And while you're there, see what else is on offer in the library.

by Pat Burns, Guild Librarian



# The Travelling Quilter Inspired Getaways Retreat Centre



Inspired Getaways: doesn't that sound like fun? Well, it really is! Inspired Getaways is a retreat centre in Arnprior, designed specifically for quilters. I first heard about it last year from a friend, and immediately signed up for an open retreat. I went on my own and had a blast! I met twelve amazing women, all of us quilting together for the four days.

I, of course, was telling some friends about how much I had enjoyed this experience, which resulted in three of us (Joanne Meisner, Martha Woodford and I) attending a retreat in February. I was quite relieved when they loved it as much as I did! This is definitely my "go to" place for a retreat, so let me tell you a little about it.

The business is run by Karine Chapeleau, who is a quilter of considerable talent, and an amazing cook. The retreats are in a big house in the country that has been completely renovated to suit its purpose. It is bright and friendly and has space to sleep fourteen. The bedrooms are all upstairs, and are themed rooms, with the beautiful quilts on the beds and walls reflecting the theme of each room. We stayed in the Japanese room. All bedding and linens are provided, as is free Wi-Fi, and plug-ins at each bed for electronic devices. There are three walk-in showers to use, and this seems to work well as everyone gets up at their own pace. The large, bright and sunny quilting room is downstairs. Each person gets their own workspace. There are four large cutting areas, three pressing stations, two design walls, and so many different kinds of rulers and quilting tools for you to use that all you need to bring are your projects, your machine, your threads and your rotary cutter. There is also a spraying room, and a couple of spare sewing machines if yours gets sick. The kitchen is very up to date and has the all-important separate wine fridge!



Karine runs different kinds of retreats: Open Retreats to which you come for three or four days and stitch on your own projects, and Class Retreats, where a teacher teaches a particular technique or project. These retreats are full service which means Karine cooks all the meals and does all the clean up. A word about the food: it is delicious and plentiful, with plenty of cookies or fruit along with access to food in the fridge when the munchies strike. We all eat together in a lovely dining room. There are also retreats where a specific group can book the house and either do their own cooking or hire Karine for that. There is a large TV room with lots of comfy chairs for relaxation or for those doing handwork. There are several great quilt stores in the area, which is good for our secondary hobby of collecting fabric!



You are probably wondering how the days are structured. Everyone is free to get up when they wish, the hot breakfast is ready at 8 a.m., but no worries - if you are later, the food is placed in a warming drawer. You eat, drink tea or coffee, and start stitching as you wish. We all stop for lunch together which Karine announces. Some ladies stitch solidly all day, others take some naps or read or go for a walk or for some retail therapy. Some were up and dressed in the morning, some stayed in their pyjamas all day. After supper, Karine has a few special events, draws, and fun games with prizes.

The women who have attended while I have been there, have all been fun, friendly, and have loved sharing their ideas and tips. Martha, Joanne and I had an amazing time. I cannot speak highly enough about this retreat centre.

Do check out the web site for yourself. [www.inspiredgetaways.ca](http://www.inspiredgetaways.ca)

All three of us will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Another little service I forgot to mention: if the weather is bad, during the winter, when it is time to leave, you do not have to leave - you stay for another night, at no charge!

Sue Thomas





Recently 3 members of the guild, and one member to be, got together at Elsie Scotts house and made four "I Spy" quilts for our Comfort Quilt Program.

Thanks to Judy, Irene, Marg for joining Elsie. A lovely lunch was had by all. Left to right: Irene, Judy, Marg, Elsie and 4-legged assistant Libby!

### Presidents Challenge "Preserving the Art"

I am looking forward to seeing your work on this year's challenge: a small quilt, no larger than 64 " in circumference, completed entirely by hand. Whether you prefer applique, embroidery, or hand piecing there is a place for you. The piece should include the top, batting, and backing.

These quilts will be displayed at the June Annual Meeting for judging by members. They will then be displayed at the Quilt Show in September.

Sue Dundas  
President

### 2019-2020 Guild Executive

- President – Sue Dundas
- Vice President – Diana Stevenson
- Secretary – Kathy McAdam
- Treasurer – Joanne Misener
- Membership – Maureen Pickett
- Program Chair – Pat Clayton
- Library – Patricia Burns
- Sunshine – Diana Stevenson
- Kitchen – Irene Kennedy
- Comfort Quilts – Georgie Morden

## Comfort Quilts

If anyone has quilt kits at home and they do not have time to complete them, please bring them back on any Wednesday and we will hand them out to anyone who wishes to complete one.

Also we need some suggestions on areas that we could donate quilts to.

Some suggestions were the Youth Emergency Shelter, Children's Aid and to top up any new Campers at Camp Bucko.

Please give any other suggestions to myself or Loren. Thank you

Georgie

## Quilt Canada 2020

### Gateway to Adventure!



**Save the date for QUILT CANADA 2020!**  
**June 17-20, 2020**  
**Show Halls are open June 18-20**  
**June 18,19 – 9:30am to 6pm**  
**June 20 – 9:30am to 4pm**  
**Edmonton Convention Centre, Edmonton AB**



Thanks to all who provided articles and pictures for our newsletter. Please send info for the Summer 2020 newsletter to [baqqnews@nexicom.net](mailto:baqqnews@nexicom.net)