

S'QUILT (News and Views)

SARNIA QUILTERS' GUILD – promoting the art of quilting

Held at Redeemer Christian Reformed Church, 5834 Blackwell Sideroad (off London Line)

www.sarniaquiltersguild.org

December 2016

December 5th

Library opens at 6:00
Meeting begins at 7:00

50/50 Draw

**Fat Quarter Draw – Canadian North Pole
(Christmas prints)**

Program - Christmas program—Please bring:

- one Christmas fat quarter
- \$10 gift, wrapped or in a gift bag to be exchanged with another member
- an apron for Community Outreach
- small plate of snacks for refreshment time
- small scissors as we will be making a Christmas ornament tonight
- canned good for the Inn of the Good Shepherd

8 1/2” block exchange— if you'd like to participate

Sign-up for January—June classes

Show and Tell

Refreshments – 10 minutes after the meeting in the fellowship hall

All members please bring a small plate of snacks for our fellowship time.

Coming Up

No classes in December

January 9th

Library opens at 6:00
Meeting begins at 7:00



50/50 Draw

**Fat Quarter Draw – Canadian Winter
(white on white)**

Program - Trunk Show with Carol Cote and Sue Smith

Show and Tell

Refreshments – 10 minutes after the meeting in the fellowship hall

Those bringing snacks are those with last names beginning with 'Phil' through last names beginning with 'Smi'.

Coming Up

Sat., Jan. 14th — Machine Quilting with Your Domestic Machine—Carol Cote—\$20

Sat., Jan. 21st and Feb. 11th — Learn to Quilt with Freda Porter—\$40 (two days)

Merry Christmas !!!!

Please check above to see if it's your turn to bring snacks for December and January.
And thank you!

President's Bits and Pieces

I make an outdoor Winter arrangement every year. In amongst the evergreens I tuck in a stepping stone from my garden that says Believe. I love the meaning behind that single word all year, but especially at Christmas. Whoever sees it can fill in the rest. We all believe in something or someone. So whatever it is you believe in, I hope it fulfills all your wishes and dreams. Merry Christmas!

Leigh Hathaway

Believe in love. Believe in magic.

Hell, believe in Santa Claus.

Believe in others. Believe in yourself.

Believe in your dreams.

If you don't, who will?

Jon Bon Jovi, musician, singer, songwriter

There will be no executive meeting in December.

Sarnia Quilter's Guild November 5th Meeting

Leigh Hathaway, the chair of this evening's meeting, opened with the poem 'In Flanders Fields'.

Welcome to our guests Josie Parker, Kathi Attwood, Desneiges Proulx, Wanda VanGell, Cathy Ashikawa, Virginia Rothwell and Pat Taylor.

Reminders - There will be an 8 1/2" Christmas block exchange at the Dec. meeting, if you would like to participate.



There will be a Quilt Display this month at the Sarnia Library in support of Domestic Violence Awareness. Donations at the door will go to Sarnia Victim Services. The 14 quilts in this show are all hand stitched. The quilts were created by a woman for her children during the 58 years she endured domestic violence.

Remember to check the communication board, there is information about the Chatham Quilt Show challenge.

Help Wanted - Volunteers are needed for the following committees - 50/50, Show n' Tell and Program. See committee chairs after the meeting if you can help out.

Business - Penny Nickel (a.k.a Leigh Hathaway) along with Nora Boyd and Carol Cote of Boyd, Cote, and Wassink introduced the annual presentation of the yearly financial statement. During this humorous introduction all enjoyed a sweet treat. Leigh then began the business of presenting the financial statement along with explanations. After asking the membership if there were any questions, Leigh Hathaway put forth the motion to accept the statement. Motion made by Corrina Bennett, seconded by Sandra Wallis, passed by all.

Comfort Quilts - We have 11 completed comfort Quilts. Nov. 12th will be Quilt the Quilt Top Day. Leigh will be catering our lunch that day.

Congratulations! - 50/50 winner Henri Saucier

Fat Quarter Fabric Draw Winner - Bernadette Griff (fabric donated by Cotton Harvest Quilt Shop).

Fat Quarter Draw Winners - Dorothy Drury, Sharon Trumble, Tonie Ambrose
Show n' Tell Fat Quarter Winners - Bonnie Allen, Olive Martin, Lisa Johnson, Rosemary McGee, Pat

Preudhomme, Leigh Laur.

Program - tonight's vendors were Arlene Duckert with her felted wool mitts and Cotton Harvest Quilt Shop from Seaforth.

Members who participated in Arlene Dukert's Mitt Class on Saturday came forward and showed their beautiful, warm felted wool mitts.

Nora Boyd thanked the program committee for helping with the classes.



December's program will be our annual Christmas party. If you would like to participate in our gift exchange then bring a \$10.00 wrapped gift. Also, please bring a Christmas fat quarter to exchange, snips to use when creating a craft, canned food for the food drive, treats to share, sew an apron for the Inn of the Good Shepherd (pick up pattern after the meeting), and dress in your Christmas finery such as your tacky Christmas sweater and the like.

Nora introduced tonight's quest speakers Laverne Phills, a member of our guild who is the regional representative for Sarnia's Quilts of Valour, and Don Oilphant, the regional representative for Chatham. Laverne turned the meeting over to Don who shared the story of how he and his wife became involved with Quilts of Valour. Don also shared a heart warming story of how the life of a soldier ,who suffers from PTSD, was changed after receiving a Quilt of Valour. We then had the honour of watching the presentation of a Quilt of Valour to Private William Oldale. Laverne introduced Kathi Atwood who made the quilt. Kathi explained the design she created.



Kathi Atwood - Retired Private - Josie Parker - Laverne Phills
quilt maker William Oldale mothers of servicemen

We then enjoyed a Show n' Tell of several Quilts of Valour by the people who created them. Laverne also gave details of up-coming workshops, November 21st and December 13th. Quilts of Valour workshops are held at the Royal Canadian Legion monthly from 9:30 – 3:00 with lunch being offered for \$9.00. A free pattern was available at the end of the meeting for those who would like to participate in a log cabin block challenge ([see a pattern correction below](#)).

A special thank you to Private William Oldale for his service (two tours in the Korean War). Thank you Laverne and Don for the work you do to honour our injured service men and women with Quilts of Valour.

Don Oilphant and his wife Brenda have opened a new Quilt Shop at 15 Maple Leaf Drive in Chatham. "Put It Together Quilt Shop".

After an evening of heart warming stories and remembrance, Leigh reminded us to be "kind to one another".

Paula Lacasse , Secretary

Corrections to the Quilts of Valour Log Cabin Block

The block should measure 9.5" when finished.
Therefore, please correct the typo for the following strips as follows:

"C" should be 2.5" x 3.5"
"F" should be 2.5" x 5.5"
"I" should be 2.5" x 9.5"

Please use any suitable adult, non - seasonal fabric in blue, cream or white.

Sorry for the inconvenience. The designer had a few issues with the text boxes.

Thanks for your support,
Laverne Phills Q of V ON6

SYLVIA LOUISE GREENAWAY (NEE SHEFFIELD)

October 7th, 1944 - November 19th, 2016

Peacefully, surrounded by her loving family, on Saturday, November 19, 2016, at London Health & Sciences Centre – Victoria Hospital. Sylvia Louise Greenaway (nee Sheffield) went to be with Jesus at the age of 72. Beloved wife of James Greenaway for 53 years. Sylvia was a Postmaster at the Camlachie Post Office for 27 years. She was a lifetime volunteer in her community, and a proud member of the Sarnia Quilters' Guild. Sylvia was also an active member of the Christ Anglican Church and St. John in the Wilderness Church. She will be missed by all whose lives she touched.

SQG Classes January—June 2017 Sign-up Tonight!

January 14th—2nd Machine Quilting Class with Your Domestic Machine. Carol Cote, the Quilt Whisperer, will take you to the next level of machine quilting, marking, using rulers and templates and more fillers. She will share her unique approach to designing the quilting to match the quilt. Cost: \$20 (1 day)

January 21st and February 11th— Learn to Quilt: a beginner's class with Freda Porter to learn all the basics: cutting, sewing a proper seam, and making the Ornament Table runner. Cost \$40 (2 day class)



February 4th and 18th - Jacket Making class with Donna Moore. Create your unique quilted fabric and fit the quilted jacket to you. Anyone going on a bus trip will need this jacket. Cost \$40 plus cost of pattern (2 day class)



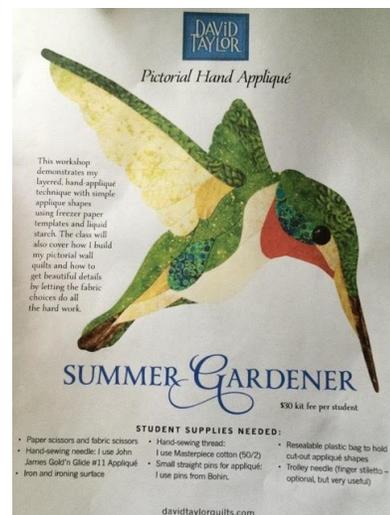
March 18th—National Quilt Day: More information to come

April 4th—Yvette Sullivan's Free Motion Quilting Class will start with some quilt motifs such as ribbon quilting, nesting motifs like leaves and feathers, swirls. The afternoon will focus on thread painting on a small prepared quilt top (flowers and leaves). Cost \$35 (1 day class)

May 2nd—Al Cote's Mat Class: In this very innovative and fun class, students will create a beautiful one-of-a-kind quilted rug. Cost \$50 (1 day class)



June 17th—Master Quilter David Taylor's one day applique class. Using a kit, students will create a beautiful hummingbird wall hanging. Cost \$80 Kit's are \$45



From Program.....

The last guild meeting of 2016 will be extra merry. Our program elves are organizing a fun- filled evening including:

- a Christmas fabric fat quarter exchange
- gift exchange (\$10)
- Christmas Block exchange (8 1/2" optional)
- Christmas ornament making
- Singing and Stories
- Show and Tell

Please wear Christmas themed clothing and bring your favourite Snickety Snacks.

Have you made your apron for the Inn of the Good Shepherd and bought some canned goods?

Make your list and check it twice.

'Tis the season for giving.



Jingle Jingles

Trivia Questions for December

1. British illustrator Kate Greenaway is thought to have originated what popular quilt figure?
2. What do you do to the centre square of a Long Cabin block to create an "Echo Log Cabin"?
3. What should you do if your rotary cutter has a nick and you do not have a replacement blade?
4. Rule of thumb, to keep your back symmetrical while quilting, how would you align the needle of the sewing machine?
5. "Broken Star" is another name for what popular quilt pattern?

Answers on page 7

Why Do Quilts Cost So Much?

Costs for materials, construction, & finishing for a 65" x 65" Throw Quilt.

Materials for throw quilt:

Fabric for the top:

6 yds @ \$11 yd = \$66
5 yds Backing @ \$13 = \$65
2 yds of Batting @ \$11 = \$22
5/8 yd for Binding @ \$11 = \$6.88
TOTAL Cost of Materials = \$159.88

Construction:

(Labor based on \$10/hr)

Making the top:

(Includes preparing the fabric, cutting the pieces, sewing the blocks, setting into rows, adding borders)
50 hours x \$10/hr = \$500

Assembling the Quilt Sandwich:

3 hours @ \$10/hr = \$30

Quilting on Domestic Machine:

(Charged by square inch in a simple all over design)

4225 sq in x \$.015 = \$63.38

Thread for Quilting - \$15

TOTAL Cost for Construction = \$768.26

Finishing:

Making the Binding:

2 hours x \$10 = \$20

Attaching the binding:

10 hours x \$10 = \$100

TOTAL Finishing costs = \$120

TOTAL COST OF QUILT = \$888.26

Note: A larger quilt, a more intricate pattern, a more elaborate quilting design will cause the price to increase.



Good idea: When giving a quilt as a wedding gift, have it appraised and include a slip in with it indicating it's value for insurance purposes . "This quilt has been valued at..... "



COME BROWSE BORROW RETURN

If you are looking for a last minute gift to make we may have the pattern you would like. Come, browse, and borrow from our collection.

Correction: It was Suzanne Michaud who helped do the inventory this year, not Nancy Pasquan as stated in the November newsletter. Please accept my apology for the error, Suzanne.

The assistants for December are Marlene Wyville, Sue Ross, and Suzanne Michaud. Please try to arrive by 5:50 to help set up.

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and all the best in 2017. **The Library Committee**

From the Comfort Quilt Committee.....

THANK YOU to all who helped with the Quilt the Quilt Top Day and also the people who have taken quilts home to quilt.

We had a great turnout of 18 people at our sew day. Of the 49 quilts we had at the beginning of this guild year, we only have 5 left to be quilted.

A very special thank you to Leigh Hathaway for the fabulous snacks and lunch she made for us.

This year we will be giving the quilts to Saint Clair Child and Youth, The Boy's Home, and The Salvation Army.

Thank you again
Comfort Quilts



Arlene Duckert



Dorothy Drury



Dorothy Drury

Carol Cote

Did you know that all the leftover refreshments from tonight's meeting will be taken to the Boy's Home? Kind of makes you want to put a few extra cookies on your tray, doesn't it?



December Helpers

Membership—Jan Lancaster and Barb McNeill

50/50— Mary Steadman and Mary Thompson

Fat Quarters—Judy Middleton

Show and Tell

Sign In — Betty Simpson

Set Up— Jacki Bennett, Barb Beckwith, and Sharon Bilodeau

Take Down— Pat Cooper, Betty Simpson

Kitchen

Set Up—Gerdie Herringa and Lavern Phills

Clean Up—Rhoda Barnes and Yvonne Tranter

Quilting Services

—**Henrietta Saucier** – Sarnia - longarm quilting
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Mystery Bus Trip



The Sarnia Quilters' Guild is planning a bus trip. NOT just any bus trip it's a MYSTERY bus trip. Do you like mystery? If so this is the trip for you. All you need is your credit card and we will supply the fun. We will be leaving on Saturday, February 25, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. and heading to our mystery destination returning around 6:00 p.m. Lunch is included also at a mystery destination.

So come on climb on board the Mystery Express with us.

The approximate cost will be \$60.00 per person.

The date is weather permitting.

A deposit will be required of \$20.00 to hold your spot.

All those interested please email your Vice President, Samantha at sammysullivan@cogeco.ca or call 519-464-2606.

Answers to Trivia questions on page 5

1. The Sunbonnet Child (from which is derived the Sunbonnet Sue) in the 1870s
2. Placing the centre square in one corner of the log cabin block instead of the centre.
3. Cut twice along the same line—the odds are good that the nick will not miss cutting in the same place twice
4. Directly in front of you
5. Carpenter's Wheel

If you know of an illness or a death in the family of someone in the guild, please pass that information on to Paula Lacasse at paula_lacasse@cogeco.ca or call 519-542-6383.

Deadline for the January newsletter will be Sunday, December 11th at 10:00 pm.
Please send all news and information to:
lyndouggriffin@gmail.com

A Quilter's Dream come true!

'Twas the night before Christmas,
And the quilts were not made,
The threads were all tangled, the cookies delayed.
The stockings weren't hung, the pantry was bare.
The poor weary Quilter, was tearing her hair.
Stacks of fat quarters, tipped over in streams.
Visions of Log Cabins, had turned into dreams.

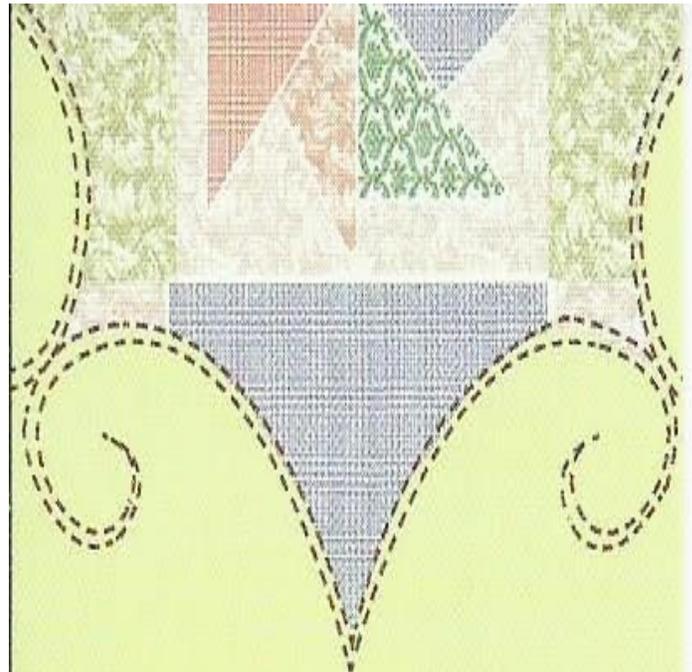
When what to her wondering eyes should appear,
But a bus full of quilters with all of their gear.
They went straight to work with just a few mutters,
Sorting and stitching and brandishing cutters.
The patterns emerged from all of the clutter,
Like magic the fabrics arranged in a flutter.
Log Cabins, Lone Stars, Flying Geese & Bear Tracks
Each quilt was a beauty—even the backs.

Her house how it twinkled, her quilts how they
glowed.
The cookies were baking, the stockings were sewed.
Their work was all done, so they folded their frames,
And packed up their needles, without giving their
names.
They boarded the bus and checked the next address.
More quilts to be made, another quilter in distress.

She heard one voice echo, as they drove out of sight,
Happy quilting to all and to all a good night!



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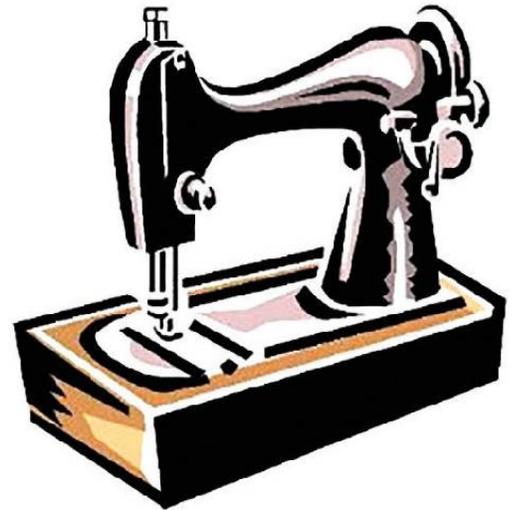
All our best wishes for a very merry and bright Christmas season. Wishing you peace and happiness in 2017 and lots of time to sew.

The Executive



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