



# SPOOL TALK



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**Meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of the month at Brighton Community Centre, Brighton, Ontario. The doors open at 1:00 p.m. and the meeting is 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

<b>President's Message</b>
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<b>Elise Williams</b>
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So many things can influence the choices we make for our quilts. Our favourite colours. The person we are making them for. The shapes in blocks that we fall for.

Before coming to Frankford, I've lived in many places around this continent. I grew up in Montreal and lived in Winnipeg, Ottawa, Saskatoon, Madison Mississippi, and a tiny little town in the Allegheny Mountains of Pennsylvania. Places big and small, and temperatures hot and cold.

Each place has had its' own 'flavour' or in some cases 'flavor'. Such varied landscapes, from flat fields to soaring hills and climates that could hardly be much more different. Even the colours that you see in houses and gardens vary from place to place as well.

When I look at the quilts I've made over the years, I can see that all of the places I've been have influenced the choices I make for my quilts. Like the mountains and the prairies, my quilts can be expansive or seem a limited horizon. The colours range from cool winter hues to warm Southern palettes. The blocks are reminiscent of the gardens I have admired here and there, and bring floral memories of Governor General's Garden and Mynelle Gardens. It certainly wouldn't be reaching to suggest my Bargello wall hanging was influenced by the wild hills of Pennsylvania!

I'm pretty sure that if you looked at your collection of quilts you could see the places you've been reflected in them as well. Those places might be across the country, or even around the world. Sometimes it's just down the road in the next town over.

Our quilts are not only a reflection of us, but also of the places we have been. As we return for a new year of Guild I hope that during this year we all have the opportunity to find new places and new inspirations for our quilts.



<b>Program Convener</b>	<b>Linda Harvey</b>
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Here are our Programs until December.

Sept. - Elizabeth Dillinger on Art quilts and embellishments. She is from Art of Fabric in Pickering

Oct. - Shelley Lacelle with a trunk show. She owns Wilton Creek Fabrics, Harrowsmith

Nov. - Sue Carmichael on quilts and notions. She is from Quilter's Cupboard, Uxbridge.

Dec. - Christmas program

<b>Workshops Convener</b>	<b>Lee Farmes</b>
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Workshops are held at the Brighton Community Centre, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Fee is \$25.00 unless noted.

*The aims and objectives of our workshops are to stimulate an appreciation of the art of quilting; encourage fellowship; share, learn, teach and promote old and new ideas, techniques, designs and information regarding quilting; encourage participation in our Comfort Quilts and Preemie charitable endeavours. The Workshop committee aims to reach all levels of quilters from beginner to advanced, as well, have the workshops affordable to all members of the guild.*

For a Workshop, we ask that payment be made at the time of Sign Up. If for any reason you are unable to attend that workshop, your money will be refunded if your space can be filled with another who is on a waiting list. If there isn't a waiting list, as your money cannot be refunded, it is your responsibility to find your own replacement.

**Friday, September 18**

**“Triangle Friendly Swirl or Hexagon Table Topper”**

Our Instructor will be Geraldine Rorabeck from Picton Fabric World.

The fabric required will be a border fabric. Samples were shown at the May guild meeting. Also required: 60 degree ruler.

**Friday, October 23**

**“Mariners Compass”**

Our Instructor will be our own Alison Cirinna. Sign Up will be at the September meeting.

**Friday, November 27**

**Judy Niemeyer Foundation Piecing “Ripples”**

Our Instructor will be Shahena Fredricks, of Cozy Quilts in Port Hope.

Sign Up will be at the September meeting.

**Note: This pattern is specifically for, and can only be taught by, a Judy Niemeyer teacher. Shahena Fredricks is the only official Judy Niemeyer instructor in Eastern Ontario. By signing up for this class you are agreeing that this will be for personal knowledge only.**

Costs: Foundation Papers - \$15.00 (on day of workshop);

2 Layer Cakes – if purchased from Cozy Quilts the cost will be approx \$90 + tax instead of the regular price of approx. \$105 + tax

Number of Students: 15 For: Confident Beginners

UFO dates are: September 11, October 2 (sign up at September meeting), November 13, January 8, 2016.

<b>Membership Convener</b>	<b>Rita Downhill</b>
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It is time to renew your membership in the Guild. We will be taking membership renewals at the September 2015 meeting. You can also mail in your registration before September 30<sup>th</sup> 2015 to Rita Downhill at the address which has been distributed many times via e-mail.

Hi Everyone

Mini Retreat will take place on Oct. 16th and 17<sup>th</sup>. (Friday and Saturday). Sign up will be at the Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> meeting for a fee of \$35.00. There are 35 places available. Any questions please contact Alison at [alisoncirinna@gmail.com](mailto:alisoncirinna@gmail.com) or 613-475-2935.

Your Mini Retreat Committee



Our guild has a membership cap of 160. Currently all places are filled. We currently have 15 ladies on the waiting list.

If you have a friend who wishes to join the guild they may attend 2 meetings as a guest. Please make sure that your guest signs the Guest Book. This allows us to acknowledge them at the meeting. They can also ask to have their name attached to the waiting list for new members. After the September 30<sup>th</sup> 2015 we will know if we have any openings for new members.

We had very good attendance at our meetings last year (Sept 2014 to June 2015) averaging between 100 & 110 members at a meeting. We have also started a sign in procedure at the membership desk on entering the meeting room. Whilst we understand this does slow down entry to the meeting room it does allow us to track how many folks are in the room. Looking forward to seeing everyone in September.

<b>Comfort Quilts Convener</b>	<b>Marion Payette</b>
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As we approach another year of Comfort Quilts, I would like to thank you in advance for all your support for this very worthwhile project. As most of you know this is the guild's charitable project. Therefore, everyone should be involved. There are many ways to take part in this which you will discover over the year. To let you know 201 quilts have been given to those who are suffering in one form or another over the year from Sept 1, 2014. The gathering times have not changed on Thursdays. The first Thursday of the month is at Smithfield United Church 9 to 3 and the third Thursday at Frankford United Church 9 to 3. As always the times are very flexible, as well as the time you commit to. At Smithfield we have to take a bag lunch. At Frankford we have options: bring your own lunch or visit one of the places to go out for lunch. I hope to see some new faces as well as those who have been coming regularly for some time. Please come and enjoy the fun, fellowship and learning with us. Thank you.

<b>Our 2015 Quilt Show</b>	<b>Lorrie Barber</b>
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WOW, it seems like yesterday we were all admiring the fruits of our labour. Our guild sure knows how to put on a spectacular quilt show. All the time and preparation each of our members put into the show was well worth the effort as we received a lot of praise from our guests.

The 2015 show had quite a few changes which meant new obstacles to overcome. Some of the changes we saw were:

- \* Three Co-conveners,
- \* New Venue,
- \* Member's Boutique,
- \* New Vendors,
- \* Basket Raffle,
- \* New Viewer's Choice Categories
- \* New Frames, and
- \* Featured Artist

Change is good: we must embrace it and tackle new challenges head-on.

That being said, keep in mind that before you know it, the Guild Executive will be asking for three volunteers to spearhead our 2018 show. Are you ready to challenge yourself?



The final report is near completion and will be ready to hand over to the new co-conveners.

Already we know we will have to change the name of our show from "The Fabric of Our Lives" to something new. Our first change to look forward to.

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Once again, Maureen, Sandi and I would like to **thank-you** for helping make our 2015 Quilt Show a huge success.

<b>Preemie Workshops</b>	<b>Valerie Campey</b>
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I would like to thank all the ladies who helped with their hard work and donations this passed guild year 2014/2015. Without you and your efforts we couldn't help support the two hospitals, with the baby items needed in the NIC units.

**Kingston received July 23rd, 2015**

515 small pillows [used to protect the arms & legs of the babies], 46 receiving blankets, 11 18 inch sq.pads, 11 24 inch sq. quilts, 13 sheets, 8 fleece blankets [a donation from a lady in Hastings]

**Peterborough Regional Center received July 18th, 2015**

17 cotton & 36 flannel pillowcases, 22 24 inch quilts, 55 burp pads, 5 incubator covers

**GRAND TOTAL for 2014/2015 year**

733 small pillows, 137 pillowcases, 135 24 inch sq. quilts, 127 knitted hats, 115 burp pads, 97 receiving blankets

75 18" sq. pads, 19 crib size quilts, 15 incubator covers, 13 sheets, 8 fleece blankets [children's ward, not preemies]



**151 Knitted hats** were given to:

Lakeridge Hospital, Oshawa [preemies]

Pregnancy Crisis Centre's Trenton & Belleville

**Hastings donor**

16 bibs, 1 burp pad, 1 receiving blanket, 1 fleece pillow

All given to the Pregnancy Crisis Center's

The next "Preemie Sewfest" is being held

**OCTOBER 8th**

9 am - 3.30 pm

Brighton Community Center [Arena]

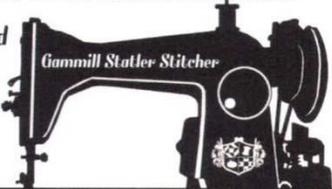
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Brown bag lunch, coffee & tea supplied., Cutters, serger's and sewer's needed. Samples and sign-up sheet will be at the meeting.

You can contact me direct at;

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<b>Retreat Convener</b>	<b>Joyce Eggleston</b>
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We have 1space left for retreat at Elmhirst resort. We have a few surprise demos planned. As usual we will enjoy the food, visiting with each other and making new friends.  
Of course there is always our visit from Pauline & Dennis to look forward to.

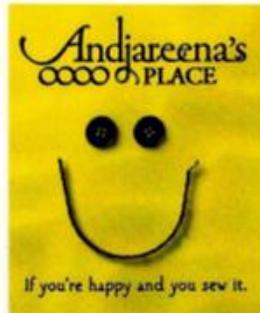
<b>Christmas placemats</b>	<b>Nicky Livingstone</b>
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The Christmas place mats received last year totalled 256. They were donated to Brighton Community Centre, Trenton VON, Stirling Community Centre and the remainder to the Seasons Nursing Home on Dundas St. Trenton.

The place mats were graciously accepted and thank you notes were received from all areas. Reports were made that Meals on Wheels clients were very happy to receive this rare gift which made their Christmas a little merrier.

Thank you once more for last years' generous contribution.

This year we will be requesting Christmas Place Mats once again. For each place mat turned in, your name will be entered into a draw which will take place at the Retreat at Elmhirst. Christmas place mats will be welcomed up to and including the last meeting in December. 



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<b>Web Site Convener</b>	<b>Carolyn Cockerline</b>
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An exciting feature will be added to the website, within the next couple weeks.

We will enjoy an extra page under the tab **Members log in**. You will be able to submit to the website co-ordinator - stories, pictures, a special project or a favourite pattern, humour. Do you have a machine for sale? Anything you think would be of interest to guild members. Kind of like FB or a message board page but more private because submissions will only be able to be viewed by guild members who use the password. So, let's have some light hearted fun with the page.



<b>Sunshine</b>	<b>Linda Virtanen</b>
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Please advise Linda if you know of any guild member who may be ill or has suffered a loss. A card will be forwarded on the Guild's behalf.

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Name Tag

Signed Membership Form and Fee in an Envelope

Show and Tell

Coffee cup, lug a mug

Money for 50/50, & Workshops

Library books to return



**Upcoming Quilt Shows**

Date	Event	Location	Contact
Sep 12&13 Sat 10-5 Sun 10-4	<b>"Harvest of Quilts Show &amp; Sale"</b> Settlers' Village Quilters \$5	Kawartha Settlers' Village, 85 Dunn Street, Bobcaygeon	Pam Dickey 705-657-1926 <a href="mailto:info@settlersvillagequilters.ca">info@settlersvillagequilters.ca</a> <a href="http://www.settlersvillagequilters.ca/">http://www.settlersvillagequilters.ca/</a>
Oct 3&4 10-4	<b>"Quilts on the Rocks 2015"</b> Sudbury & District Quilting & Stitchery Guild \$5	Parkside Centre, YMCA Building 140 Durham Street, Sudbury	Susan Young 705-560-2544 <a href="mailto:sdqsg@gmail.com">sdqsg@gmail.com</a> <a href="http://www.sdqsg.com/?page_id=44">http://www.sdqsg.com/?page_id=44</a>
Oct 3	<b>Everything Quilts 2015</b>	Lindsay Fairgrounds Commonwealth Bldg	<a href="mailto:campaignleader@ckl.unitedway.ca">campaignleader@ckl.unitedway.ca</a> <a href="http://www.everythingquilts.ca">www.everythingquilts.ca</a>
October	<b>17<sup>TH</sup> Annual Quilt Show and Sale</b>	Crystal Palace 155 Wellington Street Mitchell Ontario	<a href="http://www.ddcountryquilts.com">www.ddcountryquilts.com</a>
October 16,17	<b>Waterloo County Quilter's Exhibit</b>	Manulife Financial Sportsplex 2001 University Ave. Waterloo	<a href="mailto:ganh78@sentex.ca">ganh78@sentex.ca</a> <a href="mailto:bandmurdoch@rogers.com">bandmurdoch@rogers.com</a> <a href="http://www.wcquiltersguild.on.ca">www.wcquiltersguild.on.ca</a>
Oct. 23,24	<b>Strolling Down Quilter's Lane 5 Star Quilter</b>	Teeswater, Ontario Community Complex	<a href="mailto:5starquilterguild@gmail.com">5starquilterguild@gmail.com</a>
Nov 6,7	<b>Celebrating 10 Twisted Years</b>	HMS Ajax Room Ajax Community Centre 75 Centennial Rd Ajax	<a href="mailto:fransancroft@gmail.com">fransancroft@gmail.com</a> twistedstitchersquiltguild.com

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