



# 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.**

## President's Message

Elise Williams

I've seen and heard about the fabulous stashes that many quilters have. I have one friend who, I'm sure, has more fabric in her sewing room than they have at the quilt store where she works.

I was with her when she bought a collection of fabrics for what I thought was going to be a really bright and cheerful quilt. Years later and I've yet to see that quilt but she has a whole collection of fruit print fabrics in her stash. There have been many quilts come out of her sewing room since then, but still, the fruit fabrics sit on the shelf alongside so many others. Fat quarters,  $\frac{1}{2}$  yards, full yards, charm packs, you name it

I have a much smaller stash. I look at all the pretty fabrics in the store and then freeze! How much should I buy? A fat quarter?  $\frac{1}{2}$  a yard? A yard? I just know that if I buy a small amount, say a  $\frac{1}{4}$  yard, I'm going to need  $\frac{1}{2}$  yard for any quilt I want it in. If I buy  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a yard, the quilt will only need  $\frac{1}{2}$  a yard and then I'll have that  $\frac{1}{4}$  yard sitting in my stash when I know I'll never need *that* fabric again. Ever. I've got some bigger pieces of fabrics in my stash. Ones that I really fell for at the store and knew I would use as the main fabric in a quilt. Funny thing is, some of those have been in there for as long as my girlfriend has had her fruit fabrics.

When the BOM project came along, I wanted to use fabric out of my stash. Surely one of those large pieces that I like so much would be a great inspiration fabric to start with. I could build from that fabric and create the entire palette of fabrics for the quilt. That's the whole point of having a stash, right?

To get started on my BOM, I found four large pieces of fabric that would work well as my jumping off point. I also pulled out a few smaller pieces that would work well with each of them. I was quite excited by the possibilities but how to choose which to go with? Which one was closest to the right yardage needed so that I wouldn't have that funny little bit of a piece left to put back into the stash? That's how to choose!

I carefully calculated how much of "medium print #1" I needed. That's the fabric that is used in the blocks as well as for the outer border. I must admit that I don't like to piece my borders. A border that is meant to be pieced is one thing, but if I'm using a



single fabric for a border I just want a straight run of it, no seams. So, I worked out that I needed just a smidge more than 1¾ yards to accomplish that with this quilt.

Next, I measured how much there was of each of the four possible large pieces of fabric. The first one was only 1¼ yards long so it was immediately eliminated. The next one was only 1½ yards so it was also eliminated. For crying out loud how could that be? My biggest concern about buying for a stash came true. Every piece of fabric was too short. One by just a couple of inches but still too short. Never mind putting back a small leftover, every single piece went back into the stash and I went shopping. Again.

My girlfriend has a sign in her sewing room it says:

*No one expects the stamp collector to actually mail letters with his stamps. No one expects the coin collector to use his coins in a vending machine for soda. So why does everyone expect me to use my fabric to actually sew something. I'm a fabric collector.*

I guess I've become a fabric collector.

<b>Past President</b>	<b>Stella Dorsman</b>
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No report

<b>Programs</b>	<b>Linda Harvey</b>
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I hope you all enjoyed the Demo Day in February and that you learned something new or how to do something better than before! We really had a great set of demonstrators who spent time and energy putting the demonstration on for you. I'd like you to thank these members when you see them next. We had Linda Broere, Louise Oberwarth, Joan Cohrs, Judy Grey, Jane Baier, Val Campey, Maureen Young, Wanda Maltais, Joy Forge, Marilyn Edmunds, Hattie VanDyk and Linda Harvey. Of course we also have to thank our timekeeper, Elise Williams for keeping us moved on!

As you know, our January meeting was cancelled so we were not able to listen to Hilary Rice and see all her great work. However, she has agreed to come in November to give us the presentation then. We look forward to seeing her then.

In March our presenter is Jane Cramer from Quilts at the Creek. In April we have Nellie Holmes and in May, Elaine Quehl.

Quite a few of you have given us ideas for presentations and we consider each ones. We try to have variety so don't be disappointed if your suggestion is not used – yet! We also book the presenter quite a few months ahead. Presently we are looking at 2018! So keep the suggestions coming!

<b>Workshops Convener</b>	<b>Lee Farnes</b>
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We are looking forward to our next workshop on **March 24, 2017**. Currently, our class is full. However, invariably, one or two students have to cancel, so we are taking names of those interested to add to our waiting list. Contact: Mary Pickford.

Cynthia Solomon will be instructing "Color Me Perfect". This is a 'hands on' colour theory workshop. Cynthia will instruct in the uses of colour including the use of tone, value and shade.

Participants will use and share fabric they bring (and also fabric provided by the instructor) as they work through exercises using the colour wheel. There will be 5 large colour wheels for class use and these will also be available to buy (\$16.00). There will be no sewing in this class.

Our next workshop will be **on Thursday, May 18, 2017**. **Elaine Quehl** will be the guest at our May Guild meeting and will also be instructing our workshop, the following day, **“In Full Bloom” Poppy or Peony**. Elaine is very well known; you can find her at [elainequehl.com](http://elainequehl.com). Our Sign-up for this special workshop will begin at the March 15<sup>th</sup> Guild meeting. The fee is \$30.00 and it will be necessary to purchase a pattern from Elaine on the day of the workshop (\$16.00). No sewing machine required for this class as you will need the full day for building your flower. 20 students.

Contact: Lee Farmes by email or by phone after 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

**UFO dates:** March 10<sup>th</sup>, April 7<sup>th</sup>, April 21<sup>st</sup>, May 26<sup>th</sup>, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

<b>Comfort Quilts Convener</b>	<b>Marion Payette</b>
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Many of our members have taken quilts to be given to someone in need And now I am asking for your help in getting these gifts quilted. Perhaps Each of you who are able could do just one quilt. I always have quilts on hand to be quilted. Please think about this. As always I will bring quilts to the Guild Meeting. We need everyone to participate.

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<b>Retreat 2017</b>	<b>Sarah Roberts</b>
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We have 2 open spots at the moment for our 2017 Retreat. See/contact Sarah Roberts to get registration form. \$50 deposit required on registration. If you have to cancel, deposit refunded if you cancel before the end of August, which is when we have to pay the deposit to Glen House.

<b>Quilt Show 2018</b>	<b>Sarah Roberts</b>
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Our Name that Show contest will be finalized in March/April. You will be given a list of names suggested by our members at the BEGINNING of the March Guild meeting. Please choose your favourite, and hand in the paper by the END of March's Guild meeting (that is, the same day☺). Winner will be announced at the April Guild meeting. Prize is a \$50 gift certificate to a local quilt shop (to be determined by random draw). Also, we still are looking for volunteers for the quilt show committees! See us at break during the meeting. Lots of opportunities.

<b>150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Quilt</b>	<b>Sandi Repic</b>
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Just a quick update in case you were not at the February meeting.  
 Our Canadian Birthday quilt is now in the very capable hand of Hattie VanDyk.  
 We will be presenting the finished product to the guild at the June meeting.  
 Thank you to all of our participating members.  
 Sandi, Jess, Sue



<b>Preemie Workshops</b>	<b>Linda Broere</b>
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The Preemie program is being transitioned to Linda Broere, from Val Campey, We hope to be able to set up a preemie blitz sewing get-together in the near future.

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<b>Sunshine</b>	<b>Jane Baier</b>
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If you know of a Guild member in need of a get well card, thinking of you card for someone who has been ill for a while, or a sympathy card for the family of a member who has passed away, please let me know, thank you.  
Jane Baier 613-475-5043 email: [Lmjane5050@gmail.com](mailto:Lmjane5050@gmail.com)

Nothing to do with Program Committee but I recently went on You Tube and tried the homemade basting spray for quilt layering. It was from Chatterbox Quilts. It's basically flour and water which you cook up and then add rubbing alcohol to. It worked fine but my spray bottle wasn't sending the spray out fine enough so it tended to be thick in areas. It was a bit messy but worked! I sprayed a queen size quilt with it and it stayed together while I sewed it. I think I will stay with the 505 brand in future though!

Linda Harvey

**Upcoming Quilt Shows**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Contact</b>
April 1st, 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2017	<b>Celebration of Colour</b>	Newmarket Community Centre 200 Duncan Drive Exit #9 off 401	<a href="mailto:vesel@idirect.com">vesel@idirect.com</a>
April 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Napanee Heritage Quilters Guild</b>	Strathcona Paper Centre 16 McPherson Drive Napanee	<a href="mailto:info@napaneeheritagequiltersguild.com">info@napaneeheritagequiltersguild.com</a>
May 5th, 6th	<b>Quilting in the Village Thames Valley Quilters Guild</b>	Wesley Know United Church	<a href="mailto:jtrewartha@rogers.com">jtrewartha@rogers.com</a>
May 6th, 7th	<b>Canadian Kaleidoscope 150 years in the Making Quinte Quilters Guild</b>	Quinte Curling Club 246 Bridge St W	<a href="http://www.quintequiltersguild.ca">www.quintequiltersguild.ca</a>
June 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Queen's Bush Quilters</b>	Markdale Arena Markdale On,	<a href="mailto:thequeensbushquilters@gmail.com">thequeensbushquilters@gmail.com</a>

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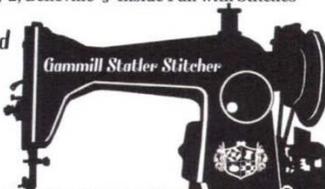
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