

August Prez message

It certainly looks as though our all-too-short summer is winding down early this year. The tomatoes are languishing on the vines and the nights are getting cooler and longer. Soon we'll be back to the busier days that fall brings.

Again this month many thanks are in order. First, thanks to Irmgard for her wonderful presentation on her travels, to Sally B. for donating some great "boy" fabric for our comfort quilts, Senora, Stephanie and Eugenia who filled in for exec members who were away, and to Dianne W. for volunteering to track and report our new How Far Can You Stitch progress. Finally, thanks to everyone who delivered winning items from the Penny Raffle at the Quilt Show.

How wonderful it is to be part of the quilting community. When the floods hit in Calgary, quilters across the country wanted to know how they could help. Once again, our guild members responded to the call for action. **50 Slab Blocks** along with our donation of **\$ 155** have been sent to Cheryl Arkison who is spearheading the effort to complete the quilts and begin distribution by September. (BTW – Cheryl is a proudly Canadian instructor on Craftsy.com. See her one hour stash buster block here: http://www.craftsy.com/blog/2013/08/stash-busters-with-cheryl-arkison/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+TheCraftsyQuiltingBlog+%28The+Craftsy+Quilting+Blog%21%29) Special thanks to Senora for spearheading this initiative and her generous contribution of 20 (!) blocks.

If you have a completed quilt you'd like to donate, contact Country Concessions as they are collecting these quilts to forward in September.

Raffle Quilt – Raffle quilt ticket sales continue. Ann returns for our September meeting, so if you have not yet picked up your ticket books, or need additional books, please see Ann. Remember, any member selling three or more ticket books will be entered into the draw for the backpack – and all its contents.

Simcoe County Quilt, Rug and Craft Fair – Sept 20 – 22. The show organizers are still in need of a few volunteers (or emergency subs). If you can spare a few hours, please see Ann. Held at the Simcoe County Museum, hours are Friday and Saturday 9:30 – 5 and Sunday, 9:30 – 4, admission is \$ 6.00. Along with the quilts, other crafters' work (rugs to teddy bears) will be on display, the ever-popular Corner Store, Merchants' Mall, Demos and hands-on activities. www.museum.simcoe.ca. In 2014, the Fair will team up with the International Plowing Match in Ivy. More details to follow.....

Mark your calendars – October 5th is our Applique Workshop with Arlene G. The workshop will be held at Living Faith Presbyterian Church in Baxter. Doors open at 9:30 am for set up with workshop to begin at 10 am and we'll work thru until around 4 pm. As always, coffee/tea and snacks will be provided – bring your own lunch. Workshop fee for members is \$ 25, which will include some supplies. Arlene has prepared a comprehensive look at applique techniques and will give an overview of the class at the September meeting along with the complete supply list.

October 19th – Community Outreach Sit and Sew Also to be held at Living Faith Presbyterian Church, doors will open at 9:30. Comfort quilt kits will be available. We will also be working on Santa Sacks and Christmas stockings for My Sister's Place. Again, coffee/tea will be provided – bring your own lunch. These are always a great day of camaraderie for a good cause. Join us if you can – if only for a few hours.

UPCOMING:

SEPTEMBER MEETING: Colour Theory will continue, Peggy F will present highlights of her recent Kenya trip, Demonstrations of the Wing Clipper tool with Arlene and Half Square Triangles with Sharon, Sunbonnet Sue and “How Far Can You Stitch ?” begin, as well as our usual raffle, Show ‘n Tell and snacks.

OCTOBER MEETING: Special Guest – Sue Carmichael, Plowing Match Block reveal, Colour Theory

OUT AND ABOUT:

SEPTEMBER 27 – 29 – Simcoe County and More Shop Hop – Shops from Newmarket, Cookstown, Barrie, Orillia, and Bracebridge are participating. Free pattern at each stop, block kits, store specials, fabulous prizes.

OCTOBER 4 and 5 – Pieceful Years Quilt Show, Georgetown. Quilts, Merchants' Mall, Members' Boutique, Tea Room, Toonie Draw, Door Prizes, Challenge Quilts. \$ 6. www.hhgg.ca.

OCTOBER 19 and 20 – The Magic of Cloth V – Presented by Dufferin Piecemakers at the Orangeville Fairgrounds, \$6. Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-4. www.dufferinpiecemakers.org

NOVEMBER 16 and 17 – Artisans' Christmas Show at the Simcoe County Museum – 15th annual sale of distinctive handmade gifts and home décor created by local artisans. \$6. www.museum.simcoe.ca.

INTERNET TIPS: If you've tried and struggled with log cabin blocks, here's a great YouTube video from Judy Martin: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G3qfRfUyL1w>

THINGS TO BRING TO THE SEPTEMBER MEETING: Show ‘n Tell, Mug, Raffle change. Finish up those Plowing Match Blocks !