

October President's Message



Thanks this month go to all those who contributed to a very successful applique workshop – to all those who came early or stayed late (especially Sally), everyone who donated supplies, snacks, or who delivered/transported equipment, and most of all to Arlene for her excellent presentation and her generosity in sharing her experience and knowledge.



Also thanks to the Sit 'n Sew attendees who turned out one completed comfort quilt, one completed Santa Sack, one completed Christmas stocking, several completed comfort quilt tops and a few more tops in progress. And, more thanks to Sally for her coordinating efforts. We're off to a good start with our December outreach for My Sister's Place. If you have a quilt top in need of finishing, please make sure it's turned in shortly.

Once again we'll have a draw in December with an entry for each Santa Sack or Christmas stocking you've contributed. Patterns for the stockings will be available at the November meeting and the Santa Sack pattern is available in the Member section of the website.

Ann and Judy W. will be away for our November meeting as they are serving at the Plowing Match challenge block reveal, viewer's choice voting, and antique quilt bed turning. Thanks to them both for representing us there. While this event coincides with our November meeting, you might choose to support the Plowing Match initiative. Tickets are \$ 15, and are available from Judy W. or at the door.

Antique Quilt Showing

"Good Old Days" Antique Bed Turning
At the Simcoe County Museum
Tue. Nov 5 at 7pm OR 8:15pm
Two showings

Door prizes, jar raffles, Vendors, Refreshments

In support of the international plowing match 2014 quilt tent.

\$15 per person
Tickets on sale at
Simcoe Sew & Quilt
45 Dunlop St.E.
Barrie Ontario.
705-737-3777



How exciting is this ? Irmgard received these photos of completed plowing match blocks – from our kindred group in Germany ([Klatschmohnquilters](#)) – that have been received by the plowing match organizers. She's also received confirmation that additional kits are being distributed by the virtual quilt group in India. The group in India now boasts over 500 members in spite of meeting only as an online group. Irmgard continues her communication with

the India group to co-ordinate the “gadgets for fabric” exchange coming next spring. You can follow their blog at: <http://desi-quilters.blogspot.in/2013/10/the-pieceniks-progress.html>

HAPPENING AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING:

There's lots on-the-go at the November meeting.

- Arlene G. will share her quilt journey as Quilter of the Month
- Sally has highlights from her recent Alaska cruise (and shop hop).
- Need somewhere to display your guild pins ? Karen C. will demonstrate chatelaine construction and has patterns available. If you'd like to make your own chatelaine, a supply list is available on the website.
- We'll also have a reveal and display of our quilted postcards. Remember, send a greeting in English on one half of the card and Irmgard will translate into German for us before they're sent along to our kindred group in Germany.
- F-ugly fabric exchange/sale. Sort thru your stash – are there some fabrics that no longer speak to you, are a little long in the tooth, or that just might be F(lippin')ugly ? Any usable size (fat quarter or larger) is suitable. Slap on a price tag and bring it along to the November meeting. You never know - your trash might be someone else's treasure ! Or, vice versa.
- Colour Theory continues along with all the usual – Show 'n Tell, raffle and snacks.
- Be sure to return your quilt raffle ticket stubs from your sold tickets. We have a few more books to sell before the December draw date. If they remain unsold, we have booked November 16 and 17 to sell tickets at Zehrs. Volunteers will be needed to fill two hour shifts that weekend.

Executive Positions: It's time again to consider our executive positions as elections take place in March. All positions, except President and Past President, are open for nominees. The executive consists of:

President
Vice President
Past President
Treasurer
Secretary
Membership
Archives

If you'd like to help out during meetings, we are also looking for a new refreshment hostess. If you are interested in standing for any of these positions, please speak to either Sally or me.

IN OTHER NEWS: Senora has collected a few basic sewing machines in hopes of starting a quilting class for students at her school, but hopes to collect a few more. If you have a machine in good working order that you no longer use (it need not be a fancy machine), please consider passing it along to encourage a new generation of quilters.

December news:

December promises another busy meeting. It's our pot luck as well as the raffle quilt draw, presentations to My Sister's Place, draw for the backpack, draw for santa sack and stocking contributors, and everybody's favourite – a few rounds of Quilt-o !

A reminder – no meeting in January !

Out and About:

Nov 1 and 2 – Durham Trillium Quilter Guild – Quilt Upon a Star, Oshawa. For info email: durhamtrilliumqg@yahoo.ca

Some websites to check out:

For scrap fabric storage ideas: <http://beeinmybonnetco.blogspot.ca/2013/08/from-my-quilty-studiohow-i-save-my.html>

<http://quiltville.blogspot.ca/2005/06/scrap-users-system.html>

Some ideas for putting those orphan blocks to use: <http://www.patchworkposse.com/50-easy-sewing-projects-for-ufo-quilt-blocks/>

Members facing challenges: We know that a couple of our members have upcoming surgeries and other members and their families are facing some difficult challenges. Please know that your quilting friends are thinking about you. And, if it's your inclination, please remember these members in your prayers, also, while they travel through these rough patches.

Don't forget: Quilted postcards, chatelaine supplies, Fugly fabric, mug, raffle ticket stubs, show 'n tell, completed tops or finished CQ's, Santa sacks and Christmas stockings. See you then !