

## Feb Prez Message

First, our thanks to Cathy D. as our February Quilter of the Month. We all enjoyed hearing about her experiences and seeing the quilts.

March brings our AGM and election of officers. We are still in need of candidates for VP and Archives. These spots could easily be filled by a pair of members to share the position. Most of the 2014 Executive have served many years on the executive and can offer direction and background to any new VP candidate.

The hostess position will also be available. If there is no volunteer (or pair of volunteers), we will have to abandon our hot beverages at break.

We'll need volunteers for quilt show committees, too. Please consider if you have the time to devote to any of these positions.

Also happening in March: Judy C. has the first installment of our BoM patterns. Fabric requirements are also still available. Registration fee is only \$5, to help defray the photocopying costs. Complete your block by the next meeting and enter to win a fat quarter !

Secret Sibling Reveal: We'll finish up our year of Secret Siblings and try to guess who our siblings are. Guess correctly and enter to win a prize !

What to do with those scraps ? Want to explore a "scrappy" look ? We'll look at Scrappy Nine Patches.

Quilt Show Updates – There are lots of quilt shows in our guild's future. Our own show, scheduled for June, 2015 as well as the Plowing Match coming in September and the Simcoe County Show in May. Updated info will be available. Volunteers will be needed for these events, too. Don't forget, the entry deadline for the Simcoe County Show is fast approaching.

It's a new year for the guild and that means it's membership renewal time. Membership fee remains unchanged at \$ 35.

## The Rules of Quilting

1. Don't bleed on the quilt
2. Measure twice, cut once.
3. It's not a mistake. It's a *creative opportunity*.
4. There are NO Quilt Police.
5. Rules ? There are Rules ??

**Sunbonnet Sue Feedback:** I sent along some photos of our fabulous Sunbonnet Sue blocks to Deb Kimball, author of [International Sunbonnet Sue](#) – She wrote back "The blocks look great. Glad you had a successful adventure."

On the web:

For some colour inspiration: <http://www.incolororder.com/p/art-of-choosing.html>

From Quiltmaker: Remember – Tune up on Twenty. Mark your calendars for the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month and remember to give your machine a cleaning to remove dust and lint, oil if required, and change your needle. A clean machine is a happy machine.

## 15 Signs You're a Quilter

1. You always have threads or fabric scraps on you, somewhere.
2. You pay more attention to the bedding than the action in a romantic movie scene.
3. Your neighbor is excited about her new kitchen, and you want to show off your new sewing table extension.
  4. To you, parchment paper is not a baking supply.
  5. You have more fabric than clothing . . . or food.
  6. You pet fabric.
7. You step over all the laundry to wash the fabric first.
8. You keep every scrap and thread. Because one day you might need it for a fiber art project.
9. You know the difference between fabric scissors and paper scissors, and woe to the friend or family member who doesn't.
  10. When someone says you have great fat quarters, you say, "Thank you!"
  11. The term "UFO" is not alien to you.
12. No matter where you go—hockey game, hardware store, horse barn—you see something that makes you think, "That would make a great quilt."
13. You plan your entire vacation around quilt stores that you want to visit.
  14. Your idea of a romantic destination is Mood.
  15. You live by the phrase, "One can never have too much fabric."

## Coming Events

Orillia – Sunshine Quilt Show – April 12 and 13.

[http://www.orilliaquiltersguild.com/pb/wp\\_373bb947/wp\\_373bb947.html](http://www.orilliaquiltersguild.com/pb/wp_373bb947/wp_373bb947.html)

May 19-24, Quilts of Great Britain – Ailsa Craig <http://www.ailsacraigquiltfestival.ca>

April Guild Meeting: Guest Speaker, Award-winning quilter, Karen Wylie visits, BoM continues, Past President Challenge begins, and all the usual fun.

As I finish up my term as president, I'd like to send along my thanks to our wonderful executive, who did their jobs willingly and efficiently, to Judy W. in the kitchen, and to everyone who made our year successful – quilt show volunteers, snack providers, comfort quilt and raffle quilt sewers, white glovers, Quilters of the Month, set-up volunteers – everyone who made a contribution, large or small.

Don't forget for the March meeting: Raffle change, mug, show 'n tell

**BONUS:** As a thank you for visiting the website, the first member to email me ([d\\_schweda@hotmail.com](mailto:d_schweda@hotmail.com)) with the correct date of the next guild meeting will win a prize !!