

President's message August

Time. It's all we've really got. How do you like to spend yours? Quilting? Of course! Cooking - if I have to. Cleaning - ditto. Gardening - I love the first go through in the spring, not so much after that, although I do enjoy the solitude. Reading - I love to read but everything else comes to a grinding halt. Playing on the computer - I spend way too much time doing this. Visiting with friends and family - we should do this more, no one cares if the floor isn't sparkling!

One of my favourite ways to spend time in the summer is have breakfast or at least my coffee on the front porch. The cat and the dog come out and keep me company. I love hearing the birds and seeing the flowers and trees. In the spring it's easier to see the birds and we had a few Baltimore orioles around. Now there's lots of swallows swooping around and flocks of starlings congregating in the trees. Love the swallows. They are the best fliers around, plus they eat mosquitoes, lots of mosquitoes. Not so fond of starlings, noisy, dirty things. But they all have their place. This year it is very quiet because our road is under construction and so is closed except for local traffic. The only problem is that it's been too cold most mornings to be comfortable. But I live in hope. There's still lots of summer left.

Summer is traditionally the time for vacations and travel. I think I've done my travelling for this year, except for visiting a few new quilt stores. I wish all of you who are on the road, safe travels and happy adventures! I look forward to hearing about them.

I hope everyone who went on the mystery bus trip had a good time. Donna, our past president, did an amazing job of organizing. The three stores were quite different, lunch delicious and the bus comfortable. We are going to have a little feedback questionnaire for you to fill out. I hope that those of you who weren't able to come on this trip will be able to join us next time!

August is appliqué month at guild. We will have two demos on different appliqué techniques. We will also have a demo of a disappearing nine patch. We're planning on showing you the fabrics for the Northcott Challenge (the theme of which is Whatever!) with sign up taking place in September. The Past Presidents challenge blocks will be distributed, which is sure to get those creative juices flowing. We will have our usual activities as well.

Looking forward to seeing you all on August 5, 7pm at St John's United Church hall.

Don't forget your BOM blocks, comfort quilts or pillow cases, mug. Oh, and what's the theme for the Northcott challenge? Email me at sally-borland@live.ca. Good luck!