



## KINGSTON HEIRLOOM QUILTERS

NEWSLETTER, Feb 2016

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<b>Baby Quilts:</b>	Joan Bales, Peggy McAskill

### Meeting Dates:

#### Tuesdays:

March 1 – work day, chenille workshop  
Apr 5 – work day, trunk show  
May 3 –work day, mini workshop  
June 7 – General meeting and potluck lunch

#### Thursdays:

Feb 18 - work day  
March 24 - work day, quilt shop visit  
Apr 21 – work day  
May 19 - work day  
June 23 – work day

### Message from Your Presidents

*Anjali Shyam (and Donna Hamilton)*

So far I have shoveled snow only three times (yes I count).....message to the snow birds....we don't envy you this year!

The annual general meeting in January was well attended. The raffle block was won by Sharron Murphy. Congratulations! We cannot wait to see the finished quilt.

Your Executive has put together an exciting programme for the next session of our quilting year.



Sally H. has introduced a new challenge to the group, 'A Silhouette quilt'. Please remember to pick up the guidelines; the finished pieces are due at the General meeting in June. I am excited to see what our talented and artistic members will create.

Simone will give a workshop on March 1st, on how to put together a 'chenille' style block. She brought in one of her earlier quilts to show us the possibilities. We will have another visit from 'Quilts and Other Cover Ups' at the second meeting in March, March 24<sup>th</sup>. Please note the date, it has been moved to the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday because of a scheduling conflict. Sylvia will educate and entertain us with a talk and trunk show on spinning and knitting, April 5. Simone will be doing a mini workshop on a wreath-style table-topper in May.



We have arranged a two-day workshop on 'Mystical Molas' with Anna Hergert on June 21 & 22. Please remember to sign up for this introduction to Mola making technique.

Besides all this there are five ongoing projects that you can help with (don't be shy); see the Winter/Spring Programme further in this newsletter. And there is also the Member's Raffle Block from Sharron which you can pick up on Feb 18. And if all this doesn't keep you quilting, you can always try the "Ultimate Quilting Challenge" found elsewhere in this newsletter. It will keep you happily quilting, without a doubt!

Thank you to all the members who have helped put together the programme. As always please keep the Executive informed of what you would like to see or do next.

Happy Quilting!

## **The Quilt of Belonging**

*Donna Hamilton*

On June 9, 10, 11, 12, 2016 the Royal Kingston Curling Club on 130 Days Road will become a place where ALL Canadians belong. On display will be the "Quilt of Belonging". This quilt is a stunning, collaborative textile art project that shows there is a place for all in the fabric of society. This rich tapestry is 120 feet (36 metres) long and 10.5 feet (3.5 metres) high. Its 263 blocks portray the rich cultural legacies of all the First Peoples in Canada and every nation of the world.

Several Kingston Heirloom Quilters sewed the border blocks to the huge panels, and hexagon blocks to the black background. The needleworkmanship in this quilt is incredible. We know, we've seen it up close and personal. And now we hope to share this experience with everyone in Kingston. You can read the story of the Kingston Heirloom Quilters and this quilt at our web page:

<http://quiltskingston.org/khq/SpecialProjectsQuiltofBelonging.htm> You can read how others in our great country also contributed, and see the blocks they made at this web page: <http://www.quiltofbelonging.ca>

We'll need your help as white glove ladies, at the admission table, and selling Quilt of Belonging books, DVDs and other merchandise. Watch for the sign-up sheets coming soon. The Cataraqui Guild of Needle Arts and



Limestone Quilters will also be helping make this happen.

## KHQ Programme Winter/Spring 2016

Here's the programme your Executive has planned. If you have ideas for more, please let any of us know.

### Current Projects for Workday Activities & Programme

1. Quilt Tulip Quilt	6. Intro to hand piecing (Gail)
2. Quilt Baby quilts (2)	7. Design of Canadian Quilt (Ros, Diane D, Donna)
3. Make baby quilts for KGH & charity	8. New Challenge – “Silhouette” (Sally)
4. Touch quilts (Sally H)	9. New raffle block on Feb 18; due June 23
5. Design of Baby Quilt to make – Eileen, Anne C, & Ros (Hand applique)	

Feb 18	Work day New raffle block from Sharron Murphy
Mar 1	Work day Workshop on making Chenille style blocks – option to give to Touch Quilts, given by Simone Lynch
Mar 24	Work day Visit from Quilts & Other Cover-ups (Adam Hamilton) – great fabric at great prices
Apr 5	Work day Trunk Show & talk about spinning & knitting by Sylvia Currie
Apr 21	Work day
May 3	Work day Mini-workshop on a “Table Topper” by Simone Lynch
May 19	Work day
June 7	General Meeting & spring pot luck luncheon. “Silhouette Challenge” due
June 8-12	Quilt of Belonging comes to Kingston – at Royal Kingston Curling Club
June 21, 22	“Mystical Mola” Workshop by Anna Hergert at the Odessa Fair Grounds
June 23	Work day Sharron's Raffle block will be raffled

## ***“December Rose”, a KHQ Group Quilt***

*Donna Hamilton and Lorna Grice*

At our General meeting on Jan 21<sup>st</sup>, after much discussion and a vote, it was agreed that we would offer “*December Rose*” for sale to our membership with a reserve bid of \$2000.00 and a closing date of April 21, 2016. The highest bidder will receive the quilt.

It’s been many years since we decided to offer a KHQ group quilt for sale to the members. Lorna Grice recently found her copy of *Lady's Circle Patchwork Quilts* Nov. 1988. The Kingston Heirloom Quilters (KHQ) were featured in articles by Karen O'Dowd. She spent a good deal of time learning about KHQ, Ruth McKendry and other quilters in our area of Ontario. Lorna wanted to quote one paragraph because it pertains to the decision to auction *December Rose*. Karen had been speaking of group quilts in the previous paragraph.

"Other quilts made by the group have served as fund raising projects, as raffle quilts, or sold at a Silent Auction, open to guild members only. The quilts sold this way bring in between \$1,500 and \$1,800 and definitely belong to someone who will love and cherish them as the heirlooms they were meant to be. The proud owner of *Buds and Blossoms* is Diane Berry, and *Tea Leaves* now belongs to Karen Quattrocchi, both acquired through the guild's Silent Auctions."

She went on to say the funds helped to pay for the 1st quilt show in 1987. So we’ve been doing this on and off for a long time.

If you are a KHQ member and are interested in giving a bid on this gorgeous quilt, please place your bid in a sealed envelope and give it to Anjali or Donna by April 21<sup>st</sup>.

*December Rose* (83" x 102 1/2") was juried into the Canadian Quilters’ Association National Juried Show in 2014; won first prize in the group category and “Best of Show” in the 2014 Kingston Fair. However, it did not go further as it was a “Group” quilt, not one made by an individual. At Quilts Kingston 2015, it won second prize in Viewers’ Choice and second prize for Best Hand Quilted Quilt with Some Machine Work. This is a great finish for a quilt that began as a KHQ raffle block, was won by one of our members who gifted it back to the Kingston Heirloom Quilters.



## **Baby Quilts**

*Peggy McAskill*



The baby quilts for KGH are now being sewn instead of tied. The yarn we used to use for tying the quilts has been donated to a group that makes "Izzie" dolls. We will be making flannelette baby quilts until March. I took this wonderful pic at our last meeting.





View from our condo.

I've been attending most of the weekly meetings of the Valley Piecemakers Quilt Guild since arriving in this area. They meet in the sewing room of the local high school on Thursday evenings, and work on a variety of projects often demonstrated by the members. They often make community quilts and the latest ones were based on a kind of crazy quilt idea. It begins with a dark triangle in each block, all the same, then strips are added at random on a plain cotton foundation. Often leftover scraps are used and it's great for using up fabric no longer needed or wanted. And the foundation can be a used cotton or flannel sheet (from the Thrift store?)

Last week, one member introduced a 'Mile-a-Minute' technique which she found on the internet. It uses scraps of all different sizes, even the smallest pieces. Angled or straight, anything goes! It's fun to do and is a good way to make different projects, small or large, and use up all those scraps! Check the internet for lots of info. Here is a Mile-a-Minute project in progress using lots of different Christmas fabric scraps.



## The Canada Quilt

*Donna Hamilton*

The next group quilt is on the drawing board and progressing quite well. We have decided to make a quilt about our great country Canada, showing its landscape from sea to shining sea, in all the seasons. However we need your help. We will be choosing one or two photographs that belong to members for each province and three territories. Or that's the plan. We need more photos. We want pictures of Canada's natural resources, more than likely with water in it. That could include animals, flowers, trees, rocks ... you get the idea. We are looking for fall colours in Quebec. We don't have much for the Maritime Provinces right now and we need more of the northern territories and Manitoba.

Please put your name and the province the picture shows on the back of your photo. This quilt will be designed by us and promises to be a challenge! Should be lots of fun!

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## “The Ultimate Quilting Challenge” or “The Seven Blocks a Week Challenge”

*Wendy Nicol*

A number of us in KHQ have jumped into the ‘Ultimate Quilting Challenge’, an international quilting challenge that involves making 365 blocks for a 90” by 90” quilt. I have been trying to find more information about the designer but don’t know much about her except that her name is Kathy, she is Australian and she, obviously, loves to quilt. (Note: the picture to the right was produced using design software, Electric Quilt, and is not a fabric quilt but an image from the software.)

You can sign up for the challenge at <http://www.365challenge.com.au/> Every morning (midnight Australia time) I get an email containing the block of the day, as much of a history as Kathy has been able to find (this part is really interesting) and instructions on making the block, which I download as a PDF. Because I have an embroidery machine, my computer sits right beside my sewing machine so I have been able to move through the blocks—at least those I have completed—right off the computer without having to print anything out.



According to the website all the blocks are rotary cut and machine pieced. They are 3” or 6” square with an occasional larger block thrown in. The blocks will, apparently, become progressively more difficult and the first section will be assembled with instructions that come in April.

Between the website and the Facebook page there is lots of inspiration, help with colors and yardage. I do not use Facebook but was able to access it for everything that I needed. There are clearly quilters signed up from all over the world and many have started up chats in their native languages.

I was in Stitch by Stitch this week buying my material and we agreed it would be better to call it a ‘seven block a week’ quilt so it was not quite so daunting. I know Simone, Anjali and I have all signed up, please consider joining us and we’ll see if we can keep stitching until Jan. 31, 2017.

## Touch Quilts

*Sally Hutson*

Kingston Heirloom Quilters are giving joy to both Arbour Heights dementia residents and their families with your Touch Quilts. Already I have delivered eight quilts and several more are in the process of completion. One member used many sewing machine stitches and techniques on numerous blocks for her quilt. Great Idea!!



Thank you for your time and generosity for this project.





**Library News 2016**

*Lorna Grice*

Five new books on quilting were ordered in late November. Four books arrived in December and were borrowed at the December meeting. The fifth book was taken out in January. I would be interested to hear what members think of these books. When you order books on-line you really don't get a chance to browse through them. The books are:

The New Hexagon: 52 Blocks to English Paper Piece. *By Katja Marek*

New ways With Jelly Rolls: 12 Reversible Modern Jelly Roll Quilts *By Pam Lintott & Nicky Lintott*

Foolproof Walking-Foot Quilting Designs: Visual Guide Idea Book *By Mary Mashuta*

The Quilters Practical Guide to Color: Includes 10 Skill-Building Projects *By Becky Goldsmith*

Inspired by Tradition: 50 Applique Blocks in 5 Sizes *By Kay MacKenzie*

**Dots, Dots Dots and a few Dashes**

Over the coming year you will begin to see colourful Dots and Dashes (strips of tape) appearing on the spines of OUR library books. These Dots & Dashes will indicate the Subject of the book; for example Green dot for applique, Gold for colour, Red for Pre-Cuts ie. fat 1/4's, Jelly Rolls, Orange strip with an M for Machine quilting and Orange strip with an H for Hand Quilting. These colourful indicators will be placed about an inch up from the bottom of the spine. For your reference a list of the subjects will be attached to the inside of the book cart door, visible when the door is open. Please come over to the library corner and help with this project whenever you are free to do so.

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## Show and Share



Another beauty from Bernice



One of Eileen's small lap quilts to be donated to Almost Home, the Alzheimer Society or the MS Society.



An old challenge that Eleanor has finished. It's now a graphic, not a garden anymore.



Sylvia's finished workshop piece.



The rug hooking trunk show with Joan and Mickie Beauchamp

A few of the results from the paper bag challenge



Diane has been trying to use up some of her stash but hasn't made much of a dent yet.



Here is another top from Phyllis that she has donated to the group. Simone has volunteered to machine quilt it.

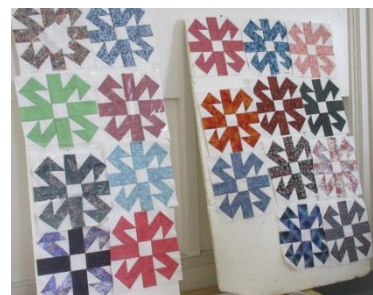


## Snippets

- \*\* We collected \$78.85 at our Christmas Potluck for the food bank.



- \*\* Kym's popular raffle block challenge was won by Sharron Murphy. Sharon will challenge us with a new block in February.



- \*\* As we all do, it has been my mission to instill in my family, an understanding and respect for quilting as an art. My 10 year old niece has been keen on sewing blocks for a few years. At 4 she 'had to' have my thimble to help her 'sew'.



A year ago I gave her a stack of 4inch squares that she pieced together, and last summer she needed another challenge so I introduced the 1 inch hexagon which had her completely engrossed. I presumed this would be a summer time activity but I was thrilled and amazed when I received a hexagon flower at Christmas. Next generation quilter ....

- \*\* *Birds and Butterflies*, a quilt based on another quilt designed by Fran McArthur with pieced and appliqued blocks, was given to the Anglican Church, Portsmouth. It is to be used as a fund raiser to help incoming refugees to this area.



## Upcoming Bus Trips

There are two upcoming bus trips which members can arrange for themselves through **McCoy Bus Tours** – one to Toronto (Thursday June 16) for *Quilt Canada 2016*, and the other to the *Vermont Quilt Festival* (June 22-24), all in June. On the computer, go to [gomccoy.com/tour\\_category/group-travel/](http://gomccoy.com/tour_category/group-travel/) Click *Tour Details* for one or the other quilting adventure. Password is: Clarke Then you can book one, or both, but you must do them separately. Even if you book online, and your friends in the hotel room are booking separately, you must telephone McCoy. Remember that you may also telephone or go into the office to book the trip(s). Telephone number in Kingston: 613-384-0012

## Upcoming Events

### Mar 11-13, 2016: Sayward Johnson FIBREWORKS KINGSTON Workshop

FIBREWORKS KINGSTON welcomes Sayward Johnson, St Lawrence College, 945 Portsmouth Ave, *Kingston*, ON. Friday Evening Lecture, 7-9pm, workshops 9:30-4pm Saturday and Sunday. Visit <http://fibreworkskingston.blogspot.ca/> for more information.

### Mar 19, 2016: "Fibre Fest"

Embroiderer's Guild of Peterborough (EGP) "Fibre Fest", Peterborough Sport & Wellness Centre, 775 Brealey Dr., *Peterborough*, ON

### April 8-9, 2016: "Fibre Fling 5"

Out of the Box Fibre Artists present "Fibre Fling 5", Kitchissippi United Church, 630 Island Park Drive, *Ottawa*

### April 16-17, 2016: "Sunshine Quilt Show "

The Orillia Quilters Guild presents the Sunshine Quilt Show on April 16 & 17, 2016 at Trillium Manor, 12 Grace Ave., *Orillia*, ON from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Quilt exhibits and sales, members' Sunshine Market, vendors, tea room, quilt raffle with proceeds going to the Activation Department of Trillium Manor. Admission \$5.00 per person per day, men admitted free. For further information, call (705) 259-0854 or visit our website: [www.orilliaquiltersguild.com](http://www.orilliaquiltersguild.com).

### April 21-23, 2016: "Piecemakers 2016 Quilt Show"

A beautiful display of the works from the Huron Perth and Stonetowne Quilt Guilds. Featuring a merchants mall, demonstrations, The Quilters' Café, Boutique, Quilt Appraisals and Daily Bed turning by Judy Lyons. Address: Pyramid Centre, 317 James Street South, *St. Marys, ON*. Hours: Thursday April 21, 10-5, Friday April 22, 10-7, Saturday April 23, 10-4. Admission: \$7. For more information, visit their website: [www.huronperthquiltersguild.com](http://www.huronperthquiltersguild.com)

### April 29-May 1, 2016: "Quilted Expressions"

Oakville Quilters Guild presents "Quilted Expressions" at 2245 Speers Road, *Oakville, ON*. Hours are Fri 10-4, Sat 10-4, Sun 11-4. Admission \$8. Splendid display of quilts, tea room, demos, vendors, boutique and raffle. Free Parking. For more information contact Diane Wolder 905-825-4155 or visit their website at <http://www.oakvillequiltersguild.ca>

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