



KINGSTON HEIRLOOM QUILTERS

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Presidents' Message

Donna Hamilton and Anjali Shyam

I can't believe it's almost mid November. And it snowed last night! At least it was gone by 9am this morning! Halloween has come and gone. The pumpkins I grew this year were delicious. It's the first time I tried growing them from seeds purchased at Seedy Saturday. Two are pictured to the left. The green one still needs to ripen. My pumpkin muffins and loaf bread (also a first) were delicious. It's been the year to try something different.



Anjali and I hope that you are trying something new with quilting and sewing. We are having lots of opportunities to make something new for our boutique at our meetings. This is giving you lots of time to finish that quilt you have on the go. If you're like us, you need every minute you can get to finish our tops to get to the hand quilting. When the cold weather is here to stay and the garden is sleeping, it's relaxing to sit all nice and warm and quilt away the day.

Our Canada Quilt is progressing: 4 wedges are completed and many of the remaining 9 are coming along. The new quilt is also progressing, it's layout decided from computer printouts. Last meeting we laid out the blocks to figure out where each goes. We hope to have it displayed on the wall next time, finalize the layout and begin to sew it together. Baby quilts and touch quilts continue to be made. They are such fun to make.

Mary Anne K gave us a wonderful, fun-filled mini-trunk show. Thanks for sharing your stories with us, Mary Anne.

Next meeting Wendy N will be giving us a lesson on fabric baskets. It should be lots of fun. Be sure to bring your sewing machine and enthusiasm. Kits will be provided.

Looking back, September had us actively involved with the Kingston Fall Fair. Several members entered their quilts and other hand-made items. Many members gave up a few hours to demonstrate hand quilting and talk quilting to the public on Saturday and Sunday. The weather was beautiful and many people, a different crowd than our quilt shows, walked through the Bennett barn and met us. There were many who stopped and asked questions. We answered as best we could and told them about our upcoming Show. It was a successful venture, bringing quilting to the community. It looks like we will be doing this again next year. Hope you can share in this experience.

We were also involved with the Syrian Quilt Party. There were many excited kids picking out their quilt and an English book. It was fun to watch.

Looking forward, we have Quilts Kingston 2018 coming up *fast*. Let's make this the best show yet. Let's go quilt!



Kingston Fall Fair

Donna Hamilton

First, here are the prizes won at the Kingston Fall Fair. The Kingston Heirloom Quilters did well this year!

Simone

- 1st for pieced and hand quilted
- 1st for appliqued and hand quilted.
- 1st for unquilted top
- 2nd for 2 pieced blocks
- "Woodland Creatures" won the **Kingston Heirloom prize** for Best of Show with hand quilting
- "Woodland Creatures" won the **Limestone Quilters' Guild prize** for Best Quilt Appliqued
- "Woodland Creatures" won *Best of Show* and went to district to win 1st, and will be going to Toronto for Provincials in February

Lorna

- 1st for 2107 Special - Seasons
- 2nd for a baby quilt and
- 3rd for a quilt top unquilted

Anjali

- 2nd for pieced and hand quilted
- 2nd for Quilted Wall Hanging
- 1st for Quilt Special – scrap quilt
- 1st NeedleCraft Wall Hanging
- 2nd for knitted blanket (throw) queen sized



Donna

- 1st for Art Quilt
- 3rd for Quilted Wall Hanging
- 2nd for unquilted top
- 1st for Quilted table runner
- 1st for Quilt blocks – 2 different patterns
- 1st for Diaper or Tote Bag
- 1st for any sewing article not listed – my wallet
- 1st for Article of needle felting
- 1st for Bookmark (Bobbin lace book mark)
- 2nd for Heritage Craft Special – 2017 Celebrating Canada's 150th

Donna's veggies: Won 2nd for beets, 1st for shortest carrots (1/2" long – 5 of them!), 3rd for most unusually shaped vegetable or fruit, 1st for Cutest cucumber and 2nd for Craziest carrot.

Donna's flowers: 5 1st place, 4 2nd place, 1 3rd place

Jose

- 3rd for Memory Quilt
- 1st for Article of Quilting not mentioned in list (quilted bib)
- 1st for Child's Dress – and it was **Best article of sewing** (dress for her Great Grand-Daughter)
- 2nd for Diaper or Tote Bag
- 1st for her fleece mittens
- 1st for her Smittens
- 1st for her Christmas stocking
- 2nd for her Christmas table runner
- 1st Flowered Hat for Article of sewing not listed
- Plus two other 1st which will remain unknown!

Challenges at the Fair

Prizes aside, the Fair had several challenges this year, especially with the new room the winning quilts and quilted items were displayed in. It was the first time this room was used, and it was a bit of a disaster. The room wasn't big enough and to top it all off, the lights were on an automatic switch. Which meant the lights were OFF most of the time!

To keep the lights ON, (after all, the whole purpose of displaying is for people to be able to SEE the quilts), someone came up with the idea of floating a dragonfly balloon. However, with no "moving air", eventually the lights went out! It wasn't till Sunday when I went after the maintenance men to find a fan, that we finally had success and the lights stayed on! I've been told that they are looking for a better room for next year. So please, keep those quilts and quilted items coming.

Scarecrows Featured

Another change this year was the addition of scarecrows at each of the different display areas. To the right you can see the Home Craft Entry, Mrs. Crow, sewing up a storm at her sewing machine. It was great





seeing all the different scarecrows. Personally, I think Mrs. Crow was the best of them all!

Demonstrations at the Fair

This year the Fair also featured demonstrations of Home Crafts in the Bennett Barn. Those of us who went had a blast! We were short of space, and had a delay setting up looking for tables. After we found tables, things settled down to a party of sorts. There were the Kingston Heirloom Quilters with the Limestone Quilters Guild, the Catarqui Guild of Needle Arts (embroiderers), the Spinners, the Rug Hookers, and the Knitters.



Many of us belong to several of the other groups – so introductions were easy. The crowds coming through were different from our quilt shows. There were lots of families and kids. We did have one young quilter, the daughter of one of the Limestone Quilters. She was a hit! We will probably be asked to demonstrate again next year. I do hope you can join us.



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Library Acquisitions

Lorna Grice

We have two new books for our library:

- Seasons Greetings by Anni Downs
- Simple Fun & Quickly Done by Terry Atkins.

Either one would give ideas for boutique items and /or quilted gifts.

Don't forget: We have the *never-ending book/magazine sale* each meeting.

Syrian Quilt Party

Donna Hamilton



On Saturday September 23, there was a Quilt Party for the Syrian refugees that came to Kingston. A light lunch was provided. Quilts were all around. It was a little chaotic as families came and went, and excited children ran around. Many of the refugees did not speak English so it was hard to communicate, but smiles and thank you's were easy to understand.

I was lucky to see a little girl wearing red shoes with a small heel, pick the quilt I had made and submitted. She was quite insistent that she wanted the small quilt. And she happily let me take her picture. (See picture to left).

I have no doubt that the recent -12C weather was a surprise to these new Kingstonians. And I bet they now understand one of reasons why we make quilts!



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“A Celebration of Quilts XIII” and “A Thread and a Story”

Joyce Foreman



On November 11th I visited the York Heritage Quilters Guild's A Celebration of Quilts XIII at the beautiful Toronto Botanical Gardens venue.

In the lobby I was given a free comfort quilt kit to make for someone living with Alzheimers or dementia. Since I had arrived a few minutes early, I was first directed to the

hall of vendors where I demonstrated great restraint by staying in the middle of the room just to look. Although in the guild section I did find a small Christmas ornament which had to come home with me.



Haida Spirit
by Linda Simpson

machine pieced
embroidered
hand quilted by Quilts Galore

This quilt reflects Haida art and spirit. It was designed and created by me over a period of three years. Much of the information and artwork was obtained in British Columbia during my winters there.

Quilt # 191



I went to the display hall and saw many lovely quilts. I have chosen a few pictures which have hand quilting stories to share.



**Magical Medallions
by Katie Pidgeon**
machine pieced
hand appliquéd
hand quilted

A workshop with Karen K. Buckley at the guild back in April 2007, that I actually finished! OK, it did take 10 years but I have enjoyed taking each block on various vacations over the years, slowly getting the blocks finished.

Quilt # 161

Magical Medallions by Katie Pidgeon took 10 years to complete which makes me optimistic about finishing a few of my own projects and the next label I found to be quite humorous.

**Triple Irish Chain
by Janis Katz**
machine pieced
hand quilted
machine quilted

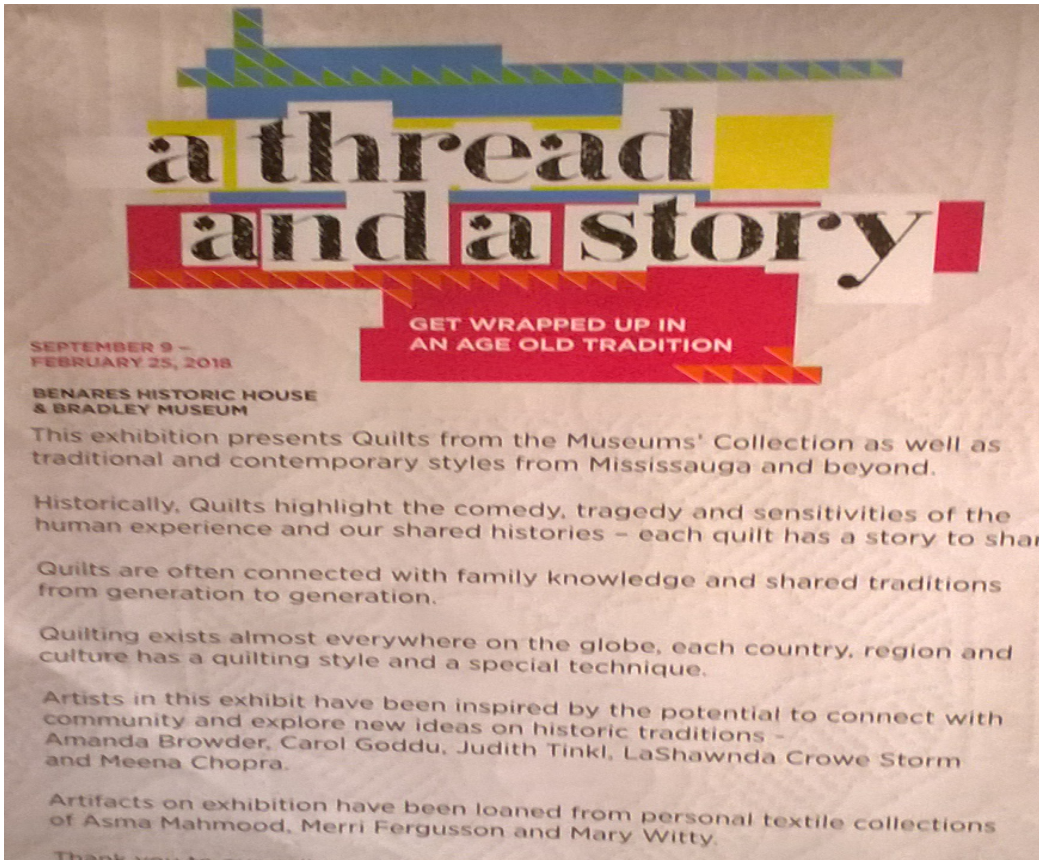
I own a book called 'Collectible Quilts' by Mary Clare Clark. There are no patterns, just lots of inspiration - like this 1920's Triple Irish Chain. I thought it would be nice to hand quilt for a change, but after doing only 5 rows in 5 years, I decided it was time to use my machine.

Quilt # 96



Following the observance of Remembrance Day, I went to the library for one of the featured artist presentations. As the library is filled, I was sidetracked momentarily, but not unexpectedly, with gardening books! Award winning Kathy K. Wylie, just back from Houston, gave her lecture The Time of Our Lives which I enjoyed thoroughly. I was only disappointed because I had not known there were presentations throughout the day and would miss one offered by Mary Elizabeth Kinch titled What I Learned From My 12 Favourite Antique Quilts. The title alone gives me pause to think of what I have learned from the quilts passed down to me.

A Thread and a Story is a small exhibit on until February in a very small museum in Mississauga. Only go if you are in the neighbourhood and please check the hours opened but what is displayed is of value.

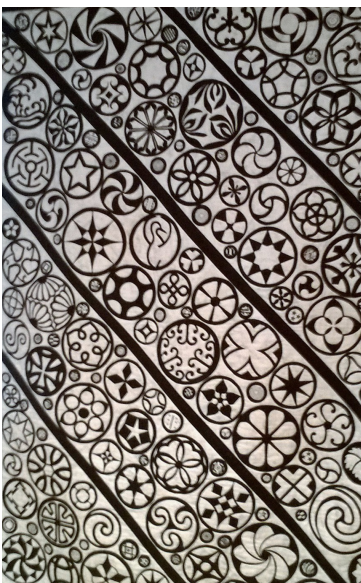


<https://culture.mississauga.ca/event/bradley-museum/thread-and-story>

Star of Bethlehem c. 1900



Court House Steps c. 1870-75



Circles by Carol Goddu 2011



Ralli Quilt from Hyderabad, Pakistan c. 2014

There was a large range of quilts selected for the display including a barn quilt outside.



Mary Anne's Trunk Show

At the November 7th meeting, Mary Anne K. brought some of her quilts for a mini trunk show. She showed us her first few quilts that she had made for her kids. Her take on 'Winnie the Pooh' was adorable. It was interesting to know that over the years, the silk thread she used for appliqué had worn out. As always, it is good to

see well-used quilts because that's what they are made for...to be used.



Mary Anne showed us a quilt that was made with blocks sent to her from all over the world by her online quilt group. She talked about her experiences with the group, how she met some of them at different quilt shows and her treasured lasting friendships. This reminds us how we as quilters have our own way of connecting and supporting each other. Thank you, Mary Anne, for entertaining us with your stories and your infectious humour.

Hospitality

Gail Jennings

Many thanks to members – Lynda, Mary Anne K, Sharron and Lorna for their yummy treats – they were much appreciated by all. A few other members brought along unexpected treats and we thank them too.

As a reminder, our Christmas Potluck is coming up. Please remember to bring along a plate and cutlery. We will provide a small plate for dessert treats. There will be coffee/tea available through the morning but no treats. I will also have a sign-up list for treats in the New Year at this November mtg. and also at the Potluck mtg. Thanks again for our treat providers.

Baby Quilts

Joan Bales



We have donated 23 baby quilts so far this fall to the Hugs program at KGH and will have nine or more to donate before Christmas. Anne Worden, our new contact, has sent a card thanking us for the donations.

Show and Share

Here is a sampling of the many show and share items we enjoyed this fall.



Sharron with her tree skirt



Donna and her table runner



Diane D: the fabric was too good to just be put on the back.



Mary Ann McA with another beauty



Lynda with a fun one



Rosalie with another ready for the show

Bea, Phyllis and Diane B are putting another Phyllis creation into the frame for basting.



Upcoming Events

Jan 6 - August 5, 2018: Log Cabin: A Canadian Quilt

Log Cabin quilts from the Heritage Quilt Collection at the Agnes Etherington Art Centre, 36 University Ave, Kingston, ON. Visit <https://agnes.queensu.ca/exhibition/log-cabin-a-canadian-quilt/> for more information. Admission is free. Donations are welcome.

Mar 23 - 24, 2018: Quilt Fever 2018

The Etobicoke Quilters' Guild presents "Quilt Fever 2018" at Neilson Park Creative Centre, 56 Neilson Dr, Etobicoke, ON from 10am to 5pm each day. Admission: \$8. The show features a Show and Sale, a Tea Room, Merchants Mall, Members' Boutique, Pick-to-Win, Daily Draws and Prizes. Free Parking. Visit <http://www.etobicokequiltersguild.com/> for more information.

Apr 26 - 28, 2018: Piecemakers Quilt Show 2018

Huron Perth Quilters Guild and Stonetowne Quilters Guild present the Piecemakers Quilt Show at the Pyramid Centre, 317 James St S, St Marys, ON. Hours: Friday 10am to 5pm; Saturday 10am to 7pm; Sunday 10am to 4pm. The show features new quilts, merchant's mall, demonstrations, boutique, luncheon room. There will be more than 300 articles on display. Special feature is Judy Lyons. Admission: \$8. For more information, contact the show co-ordinator: Nancy Packham at email packham@cyg.net Like and follow the Facebook page "Piecemakers Quilt Show" at <https://www.facebook.com/Piecemakers-Quilt-Show-224309937634857/>

The Quilter's Last Will And Testament*



Simone found the following at <http://www.quiltingqueenonline.com/2013/09/a-quilters-last-will-and-testament.html> It was originally written By Elinor Peace Baily, published in "The Cloth Doll" Spring/Summer 1990 *This is not a legal document

I, _____, being of sound mind (a statement which does not bear close examination) do hereby record my last will and testament.

Knowing that _____, my _____ (husband, sister, or friend) hasn't the least understanding or appreciation for, or for that matter, knowledge of my extensive fabric collection, which collection is suitably deposited in sundry places for safekeeping.

Knowing also that _____ has already notified the local dumpster to pick up and dispose of the before mentioned collection "willy-nilly" (the thought of which causes me a most severe case of hives).

Therefore, I do will this collection and all other collections related to it, to my dear friend and fellow fabric preservationist, _____.

It is my wish that she/he, upon hearing of my death and obtaining clear proof that I did not manage, although goodness knows I tried, to take it with me, would come to my home post haste, before the dumpster, and search out my collection which is similarly stored at her own abode.

That she should rescue said collection and stack it in my quilting studio, along with my sewing machines, frames, old buttons, lace, patterns, quilts, dolls and works in progress.

After she/he has done this, she/he should purchase refreshments for my friends not yet departed, which friends are also her/his friends, and every last one shall be in that room and they shall hold a wake and say lovely and kind things about me until they run out and then they shall divide amongst themselves, by lot, my wonderful collection.

I shall be hovering over that very spot until this is done. _____ shall then quit this spot and close the door, leaving trivialities to those who do not understand. This is my wish on the matter.

Signed: _____ Date: _____