



KINGSTON HEIRLOOM QUILTERS

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Meeting Dates:

Tuesdays:

May 7 - workday

June 4 - Potluck lunch

Thursdays:

May 23 - Annual General Meeting, workday

June 20 - workday

Co-Presidents' Message

Anjali Shyam (and Donna Hamilton)

Hello Ladies, warm weather is here, finally!! Bright sunny days elevate my mood for sure. Our meetings are so exciting and full of energy. There are members working as a team to put together the orphan block community quilts, tulip blocks being pieced, quilting on the frame and of course baby quilts being tied. We are busy bees when we are together. All this with a cup of warm coffee/tea and homemade goodies!

Jose's table runner workshop was well received by the members. Thank you, Jose, for making it look so easy. Over the next few weeks we hope to see finished table runners. It is fascinating to see how different fabrics come together and work beautifully as one.

Some members are helping Claire with the appliqué on the borders of her quilt. Claire brought in the top; it is appliquéd in a unique colour combination. Another masterpiece in the making!

We were invited to put up a display of our quilts at the Domino Theatre. A number of members came and helped with the set up. If I may say so, we are experts when it comes to organizing and putting up quilts. It took no time at all! The quilts have lit up the lounge.

The organizers invited us to come see the play, 'Bedtime stories', on Wednesday, April 17th, 2013. Some of our members attended and found the play very entertaining.

This is the second mini show that we have put up this past year, 2012-2013. These shows are opportunities to display our quilts to audiences that may not come to our Quilt shows. I feel it is so important to show the art and, maybe hopefully, educate and inspire.

See you at the meetings !



Membership

Margaret Henshaw

Please give a warm welcome to two new members to the evening group: Elizabeth Moulton and Farah Naeem. Their contact details will be available at the next meeting.



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José's Table Runner Workshop

Ros Hanes



On March 21 José gave her workshop for a simple attractive table runner that can be made as large as you like with wider stripes and/or more repeats. Several people had their rotary cutters and machines going lickety split and made great progress. Many more

listened in and picked up the instructions. We'll see at future show and tell sessions how many appear!



Morrisburg Quilting Retreat

Diane Davies

I was lucky enough to be invited to a quilting retreat in Morrisburg in February. It has been going on for several years with about 25 quilters getting together for 3 days twice a year. The ladies are mainly from the Brockville area, but some came from Niagara Falls and Peterborough, and five of us were from Kingston. I was the oldest and the only one belonging to a guild.

We were provided with a work station each, and given a lovely gift bag filled with quilting treasures, quite a few of which were donated by Donna of Taylors Sewing Centre in Brockville. Lots of snacks, drinks, & tasty meals were provided, and there was time to visit, meet new friends, and exchange new ideas about quilting. What more could a quilter ask for!



We all worked away at our own projects (the ladies were almost all machine piecers), and I was quite proud of myself as I completed a twin size 'Stack n Whack' quilt top. On the last evening we had 'Show & Tell' displaying things we had previously completed, and works in progress. We each received a lovely prize; mine was a pattern for Kathy Wiley's award winning quilt.

It was a very enjoyable three days, and I certainly hope to be invited back for the next retreat in November!

Social Convenors

Diane Davies and Gail Jennings

A big thank you to all who supplied goodies for March and April and here are the recipes for two more favourites!

APRICOT TEA BREAD (Hilda)

¾ c dried apricots - soak in warm water for 30 minutes and then chop

rind of ½ orange

1/3 c raisins

Sift together: 1 ¾ c flour

¾ c sugar

¼ t baking soda

1 ½ t baking powder

½ t salt

Add the fruit to the sifted dry ingredients to coat, then make a well and add:

1 beaten egg

mixture of ¼ c orange juice and ½ c boiling water

2 T vegetable oil or melted shortening

Bake in 9' x 5' loaf pan for 50-60 minutes @ 350 F.

BROWN SUGAR GINGER CRISPS From Gourmet Magazine, October 1991 (Eleanor Clark)

1 cup unsalted butter at room temperature

1 cup firmly packed light brown sugar

1 large egg yolk

1 teaspoon vanilla

½ cup finely chopped crystallized ginger (can be bought at Tara's)

¼ teaspoon ground ginger

1 ½ cups all-purpose flour

¾ teaspoon baking powder

½ teaspoon salt

In bowl cream together the butter and the brown sugar and beat in the egg yolk, the vanilla, the crystallized ginger, and the ground ginger. Into the bowl sift together the flour, the baking powder, and the salt and combine the batter well. Drop teaspoons of the batter about 3 inches apart onto ungreased baking sheets and bake the cookies in batches in the middle of a preheated 350 degree oven for 10 to 12 minutes, or until they are just golden. Let the cookies cool on the sheets for 5 minutes, transfer them carefully with a metal spatula to racks and let them cool completely. Makes about 50 cookies.

Baby Quilts

Peggy McAskill

We are still able to supply KGH with baby quilts – Joan Bales recently passed along 19. Plus we still had several more finished that could go in the display at the Domino Theatre. About a dozen more are in the works and will soon be done!

Joan Legros has given us many quilt bats that are much appreciated. Bernice and Phyllis continue to bind the tied quilts for us. Donna made more labels, Pat and Ros deliver fabulous tops and we have a fairly good supply of backs. Also Hilda, Anne, Pat, Joan L. and others tie the quilts during our meetings. So thank you to all!

“Quilts in the Gardens”

Ros Hanes

The weekend of April 27-28 found me in Hamilton for a wedding and a visit with my Mum. As a special treat for us both we went to the **Halton Quilters Guild - “Quilts in the Gardens”** at the RBG Centre of the Royal Botanical Gardens.. The venue worked quite well, although the main display area seemed crowded after the spacious curling club that we had for our last show. However it was a very good show with approximately 200 quilts, mostly machine quilted with a few hand quilted pieces. I recognized one quilt as being the same pattern as Simone’s Woodland creatures.



One feature Mum and I both enjoyed was seeing the viewers choice award winners from the previous show two year ago. Another interesting display was a set of the SAQA travelling mini quilts. Unfortunately for me it was the set we had already seen at our meeting not long ago!



In the demonstration area there was a special display of 12 antique quilts from the 18th and 19th centuries from the collection of Mr. Gerald Fagan from Exeter, ON. He and his family have been collectors of early Canadian pieces such as furniture, pottery and textile art including quilts for over 50 years. He gave a short lively talk about his collection and the pieces on display.



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Snippets

Ros Hanes

** Diane Berry recently saw the Quilt of Belonging again. It was on display at the Nav Centre in Cornwall, along with a youth quilt made by 800 students across Ontario and Akwesasne, in order to celebrate the launch of the new DVD telling the story of the quilt and the volunteers who made it. Diane has a copy so sometime soon we'll try to have a showing at one of our meetings.



** KHQ members basting Phyllis's latest creation for quilting

** How are the 2013 challenges coming along? Better than mine I hope! Still there's plenty of time – they are not due until second meeting in September (the General meeting)

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Here is Simone with her winning ribbons for "My Garden Treasures", the Provincial Grand Champion in the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies Quilt Competition.

** Show and tell: Two more Mary Catherine creations!



Ann's "windblown tulips" top, hand appliquéd since last fall.



Sally's silk wall hanging ready for the next show.

Upcoming events

May 10 - 12: Ottawa Valley Quilters Guild - "Festival of Quilts 2013"

The Ottawa Valley Quilters Guild presents "Festival of Quilts 2013" at the RA Centre, 2451 Riverside Dr, Ottawa, Ontario. Hours: Fri & Sat 10-5pm, Sun 10-5pm. Admission: \$8. Weekend Pass \$12. Under 12 Free (must be accompanied by adult). Wheelchair Accessible. Restaurant on site. Merchant mall and artists-in-residence. For more information, contact: Linda Doyle [lindas-sewing-room\(at\)rogers.com](mailto:lindas-sewing-room(at)rogers.com) or visit their website: <http://www.ottawavalleyquiltersguild.org/quiltshow.html#>

Jun 12 - 15, 2013: "Out of Africa"

The London International Quilt Festival is hosting the "Out of Africa" quilt exhibit in June, at the Grand Ballroom Hilton Hotel, 330 King Street, London, ON. A display of 220 quilts from Africa including 10 pieces coming from the Tentmakers of Cairo as well as 50 pieces coming from the South African Fibreworks exhibit; vendors mall with fabrics from Africa; classes with African teachers; demos; gala dinner on Saturday, music, awards, and more. For more information, visit www.londoninternationalquiltfestival.com or call 519-639-9473.

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Aug 9 - 11, 2013: Lanark County Quilters' Guild - "Quilts on the Tay"

The Lanark County Quilters' Guild presents "Quilts on the Tay" Friday 12-5, Saturday 10 - 5pm, Sunday 10 - 4pm at the St. John Catholic School, 2066 County Road 10 (Scotch Line), Perth, Ontario. Over 200 works by members, Members Boutique, Merchant Mall, Tea Room, Raffle Quilt, Door Prizes, Free Parking Admission: \$6. For more information contact: Yvonne Stirling at 613-267-4062. Visit their website: lanarkcountyquiltersguild.wordpress.com

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