

## Past Programs

August 2019 -- This evening was the reveal of projects made using the house blocks won during the July Bingo game.
July 2019 -- Our July and August Program was a two-part event. In July we gathered to play quilt block Bingo. The prizes were the house blocks members make based on the instructions provided in the July 2019 Newsletter. Members brought as many quilt blocks as they hoped to win. Members who did not have time to prepare any blocks, were not left out of the Bingo game, but selected a prize from books and patterns set out!
June 2019 -- Claudia Schumm from <i>Fabric Please</i> ( <a href="http://www.fabricplease.com">www.fabricplease.com</a> ) was to have brought her fabric mobile filled with a large variety of pre-cut fabrics for purchase (using credit card, debit or cash) but instead provided a trunk show illustrating her quilting journey and sold her merchandise in the room. Also, Ralph Godin was also on-site to sharpen our scissors (\$6), knives (\$4) and garden pruners (\$4)-cash only. The Guild benefited \$1 for each pair sharpened.
May 2019 -- We celebrated the 25th anniversary of Kempenfelt Quilters' Guild. We had cupcakes and some special presentations of their quilting work from some of the founding members of the Guild. Look in Guild Docs-Founding Members on our website for a list of our founding members.
April 2019 -- Kerry Burke, an award-winning applique quilter and applique designer, shared her quilting journey and showed her quilts while telling us about the techniques she uses. Her quilts are entirely made by hand sewing. Pictures of her work can be seen on Instagram @simplebirdstudio or learn more about her from her website <a href="http://www.simplebirdstudio.com">www.simplebirdstudio.com</a> .
March 2019 -- Book Review Night: Three members volunteered to purchase a quilting book of their choice at the Guild's expense and provide members with a review and evaluation of the book and possibly even display a creation inspired by the book. At the end of the evening, three different Guild members went home with a brand-new quilting book to add to their collection of resources.
February 2019 -- In February members participated in a mini workshop to create a "chicken pincushion". Members brought two equal sized "orphan" blocks from their stash, as well as, 1 or 2 - 2" squares of fabric for the tail, 1 or 2 - 1" squares of fabric for the beak and 1 - 1" square of felt or fabric for the hen's comb. Participants also brought small scissors, pins, needles, basting thread, small buttons or embroidery floss or beads for eyes and a small amount of polyfil for stuffing. Instructions to make the pincushion were given at the meeting and many went home with a completed pincushion.
January 2019 -- Christie Davidson, an experienced quilter, machine embroidery expert and member of Kempenfelt Quilters' Guild provided us with a trunk show of her creations over the years of her quilting journey
December 2018 -- Our annual Christmas social. Good food and Christmas Bingo got members in the mood for the holiday season. Members also played Bingo, donating their coin bingo markers to the Salvation Army. The gift-filled sack/bags made by members were presented to the attending Salvation Army representative for their homeless men's program.
November 2018-- November was our 2017-2018 BOM (Block of the Month) reveal and members saw the beautiful creations of our members and picked their favorite for the Viewer's Choice award.
October 2018 -- Sandra Reford, an International Award-winning textile artist dazzled us with her amazing creations. <a href="http://sandrasstudio.blogspot.com">sandrasstudio.blogspot.com</a>
September 2018 - Elaine Therault, <a href="http://crazyquilteronabike.blogspot.com">crazyquilteronabike.blogspot.com</a> Elaine helped kick-off the new guild year in style with a trunk show. Her online profile says "I am OBSESSED with LIFE, with having FUN, with QUILTING, with CYCLING, with READING, and trying to figure out how to do them all at once!!!!!"
July and August 2018 -- During these lazy days of summer our guild focused on a fun team building activity. The event took place over two months--July and August. The goal was to get to know each other better, strengthen our guild as a whole, meet our executive and recruit new executive members. There was an exchange of ideas for a quilt challenge and plenty of creative inspiration. Each member was asked to bring 1 metre of quilt fabric (a single piece) and a small pair of scissor/snips to use in the activity. Of course, guests were welcome to participate.
June 2018 --Dorothy Fu, Art quilts <a href="http://www.dorothyfuquilts.wordpress.com">www.dorothyfuquilts.wordpress.com</a> a self-taught artist and creator of art quilts featuring traditional patchwork as well as pictorials provided an inspiring trunk show.
May 2018 -- Pauline Grondin, Professional Storyteller <a href="http://www.paulinegrondin.com">www.paulinegrondin.com</a> a professional storyteller, heritage performer, historical interpreter and musician who has been telling stories and making music all of her life to listeners from the age of 2 to 102, entertained members.

<p>April 2018 -- Carla Alexiuk , CQA teacher (<a href="http://www.quiltingbytheriver.ca">www.quiltingbytheriver.ca</a>) Owner of Quilting by the River, provided a trunk show. Carla Alexiuk, specializes in teaching traditional quilting, innovative piecing techniques, and creative design principles for every level of quilter. Carla is also a certified instructor for Deb Tucker's new ruler series, Studio 180 Design</p>
<p>March 2018--Book Review Night: Several Guild members were asked to provide a review of a quilting book, purchased by the Guild, and some showed items made using the knowledge that they learned from the book they reviewed. The books were given away in a draw that all members present participated in.</p>
<p>February 2018 Mini Workshop – Make-and-Take Sashiko project. This Japanese folk-art tradition is one of the newest trends in the quilting world. Members learned the basics and went home with the sample they created. Members thoroughly enjoyed this mini workshop.</p>
<p>January 2018- Our Great UFO GARAGE SALE EVENT took place using a different format than the usual Guild organized sale. The sale began after the social break. The Guild set up tables and member sellers brought their own cash float and a tablecloth to cover their items before the sale began. Buyers were asked to bring lots of cash in small denominations and their own bags.</p>
<p>December 2017 - Our Christmas social saw goodies to eat and quilt bingo and strip poker to entertain. Members were asked to bring loonies or quarters to use as bingo markers (all coin was collected and donated to the Salvation Army at the end of the evening) and plenty of 2.5" strips to ante-up in the strip poker game.</p>
<p>November 2017 – Reveal of Block of the Month 2016/2017 and Viewer's Choice selection of a winner.</p>
<p>October 2017 – Guest speaker, Irene Lafleche of TuCan Quilts <a href="http://www.tucanquilts.com">www.tucanquilts.com</a> provided a trunk show. Irene is from Ottawa where she is an active member of several guilds including the Canadian Quilters Association. After retiring from work as a Public Servant in the Canadian Government and several years of running a small knitwear business, she took up quilting full time. She especially enjoys teaching young people and beginners the art of quilting.</p>
<p>September 2017 – Guest speaker, Jennifer Houlden is an international quilt artist, designer and instructor. She developed her unique style while living in Yellowknife, Australia and now in Simcoe County. She is the creator of "Quilts by Jen –quilts to last a lifetime, art to treasure forever". Check out her website <a href="http://quiltsbyjen.ca">quiltsbyjen.ca</a> for links to her blog and patterns available for purchase.</p>
<p>August 2017 – Guest speaker, Joyce O'Connell, National Award Winning Quilt Artist and Teacher, who has a broad knowledge of both Traditional and Innovative quilting designs and techniques, has been juried into many competitions and shows. Her Presentation was called "That was Then, This is Now". <a href="http://www.joycequilts.com">www.joycequilts.com</a></p>
<p>July 2017 -- Our own guild member, Ruth Quinn, who has her own longarm business and loves all types of quilts--appliqué , modern and art quilts—will present a trunk show of her work. See her blog at <a href="https://stitchingimpressions.com/">https://stitchingimpressions.com/</a></p>
<p>June 2017-- Guest speaker, Sandy Lindal of Scrappy Gal Quilts presents "My Longarm Journey" <a href="https://scrappygalquiltco.wordpress.com/">https://scrappygalquiltco.wordpress.com/</a></p>
<p>May 2017 – Our Vendor Fair-the following merchants came to our Guild for members' shopping pleasure: Creemore House of Stitches; Hummingbird Sewing Centre; Country Concessions; Simcoe Sew and Quilt; G.B.R. (Bring your scissors, knives and clippers for sharpening); Bravo Fine Lingerie.</p>
<p>April 2017 – Guest speaker, Maggie Vanderweit is a Juried Art Member of Studio Art Quilters Assoc. (SAQA) who has a studio/ workshop in Fergus, Ontario. Her work has been exhibited in galleries and museums around the world. Her presentation was called "Travels with Quilts". <a href="https://maggievanderweit.blogspot.com/">https://maggievanderweit.blogspot.com/</a></p>
<p>March 2017 -- "Quilting" Book Review! Night. Four of our members volunteered their time to pick up a book, study / read the patterns and stand up to give you a review of the book to members, and in some cases, showed some samples of what they had made. Every member attending our meeting had a chance to win one of the books.</p>
<p>February 2017 – Guest speaker, Laurena Greene from Spool Lounge (<a href="http://www.spoolounge.ca">www.spoolounge.ca</a>) spoke about the "Colour Wheel". Members brought in projects that they were pleased with, or perhaps not pleased with, and found out why certain colour choices work, or perhaps not work!</p>
<p>January 2017 -- Guild Members had a fun night of "Strip Poker"! No, not stripping or playing poker but a friendly game where 2.5" strips of fabric by width of fabric, (or "Jelly Roll" Strips) were traded by playing a dice game. Some members won strips while sadly, others lost strips but all had fun playing. At the end of the night, all players had time to trade strips! Members brought 10-12 (2.5" x WOF) strips for the night as "poker chips"! Some strips could be purchased to the start of the game at a cost of \$1 per strip.</p>
<p>December 2016 – Christmas social</p>

November 2016 – Block of the Month 2015-2016 Reveal & Viewer’s Choice selection of the favourite finished quilt & unfinished quilt top.
October 2016 –Guest speaker, Joni Newman of Quirks and Quilts ( <a href="http://www.quirksandquilts.com">www.quirksandquilts.com</a> ) is a Quilter, designer, teacher, camper, and gardener from Stittsville Ontario. She talked about all the steps from concept through to design in the making of her quilts and wall hangings, which are inspired by the many summers she spent visiting the breathtaking regions in Ontario, by foot, car and canoe.
September 2016 – Guest speaker, Lorna McMahon of Sew Fresh Quilts ( <a href="http://www.sewfreshquilts.com">www.sewfreshquilts.com</a> ) provided an inspirational presentation of her latest patterns and quilts. Reluctant to be labelled as a modern designer, Lorna's use of eye-catching colour and minimalist design has taken modern quilting in an entirely new direction. No improv. No wonky log cabin. No paper piecing. We experienced how traditional piecing methods can be used to create a menagerie of animals and entirely new blocks.
August 2016 – Guest speaker, Al Coté, ( <a href="http://www.cotequilts.ca">www.cotequilts.ca</a> ) Fibre Artist and Art Quilter, who makes and teaches a method very close to Mola quilting from Latin America, presented to the Guild.
July 2016 -- Harebrained Happenings provided a Trunk Show and offered their unique patterns for sale. <a href="http://www.harebrainedhappenings.com">www.harebrainedhappenings.com</a>
June 2016 – Members mini trunk show
May 2016 – Merchants’ Mall
April 2016 – Guest speaker, Rosemary Terpstra, a quilter and teacher from the Listowel area presented a trunk show.
March 2016 -- Julie Stewart, KQG member, provided highlights of websites that have helped her to improve her skills in quilting, binding, matching seams and making that perfect 1/4 inch seam allowance. She also covered websites that could help to inspire member’s next quilt project.
February 2016 – Mini Workshops on the following were offered to members: Redwork—A Work of Heart; Hexed on Hexies; Fabulous Postcards; Embroidery on Paper; Thread Painting; Cathedral Windows; Celtic Cross-Stitch; Needle case.
January 2016 – UFO Sale
December 2015 – Christmas Potluck dinner and Quilters’ Bingo (with members coins/bingo markers going to the Salvation Army).
November 2015 – Guest speakers, Mary Eeg and Trisha DellaVella, owners of “Harebrained Happenings” and pattern creators presented their truck show “The Same But Different”. <a href="http://www.harebrainedhappenings.com">www.harebrainedhappenings.com</a>
October 2015 – Guest speaker, Helen Fujiki did a presentation called Design Freedom. <a href="https://quiltgal.blogspot.com/2010/05/helen-fujiki.html">https://quiltgal.blogspot.com/2010/05/helen-fujiki.html</a>
September 2015 – Guest speaker, Rosalie Tennison gave a presentation on Quilt Appraisal (Why Hire an Appraiser). Rosalie, one of five Quilt Appraisers in Canada, is a member of International Appraisers of Canada. <a href="mailto:r.tennison@sympatico.ca">r.tennison@sympatico.ca</a>
August 2015 – Member’s mini-trunk shows. The first presenting quilter, Nicole Pelton, has completed over 60+ quilts. The second presenting quilter, Marlies Kinnell, loves modern quilt fabrics and design and operates a longarm business. <a href="https://myquiltplace.com/profiles/profile/show?id=MarliesKinnell&amp;">https://myquiltplace.com/profiles/profile/show?id=MarliesKinnell&amp;</a>
July 2015 -- Guest speaker, Janet Slater, a quilter and longarmer, presened her trunk show “Journey through Quilting”, consisting of a few antique quilts and many of her own quilts. One quilt dates back to the WW1 era while others were from the 50's and 60's. She also be showed some apparel, while explaining different techniques she uses. <a href="http://createwithjanet.ca/">http://createwithjanet.ca/</a>
June 2015 – Merchant Mall
May 2015 -- Guest speaker, Judy Cotter, a member of Quilting Corners Guild, Alliston, Ontario, presented her trunk show, “Celtic Interlace”. Judy, of Irish descent has mastered the technique of making Irish tradition-based designs. Judy has made over 150 quilts, wallhangings, runners and wearable items, using techniques of piecing, paper piecing, bargello, hand appliqué, celtic interlace and machine applique. <a href="https://canadianquilter.com/rosette-winners-2017/">https://canadianquilter.com/rosette-winners-2017/</a>
April 2015 -- Guest speaker, Martha Schellingerhoud who creates miniature quilts, told us about the difference between a small quilt and a miniature quilt. During her trunk show the audience was given gloves to hold and examine Martha Schellingerhoud’s miniature pieces of art and learned the tools needed to make these quilts. <a href="http://www.marthaschellingerhoudquilts.com">www.marthaschellingerhoudquilts.com</a>
March 2015 -- UFO Sale (Unfinished Objects Sale)

