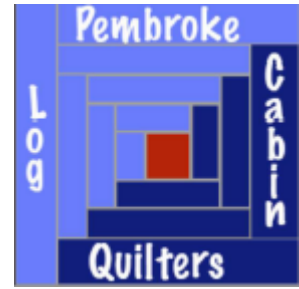


# Log Cabin Bits'n'Bytes'n'Scraps

## March, 2024



### Your Executive Committee

President:	Mary Ann Vanner
Past President:	Cynthia Bell Erin Harvey
Vice President:	Caroline Beaulieu
Treasurer:	Mary Jackson
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Library:	Joyce Layman Connie Daiken
Webmaster:	Cathy Fisher
Comm Outreach:	Dawn Miller
Hospitality:	Dawn Miller
Publicity:	Rose Lacelle
50/50 Draw:	Marg Lacroix
Newsletter:	Sue McNamara
Historian:	Dawna Steele

*In case you missed ..*

*Saturday Sew Days are  
CANCELLED ....*

### **“At a Glance”**

#### **Guild Meeting : March 19<sup>th</sup>**

Carla Klop and EQ8

A 'Zoom' meeting link will be sent out the day of the meeting.

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#### **Next Sewing Event : In house Retreat**

April 5, 3 p.m. - 9 p.m.

April 6, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

April 7, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Come in, set up, organize for a weekend of sewing and fun.

NOTE: On Sunday, please park at the side of the building.

Thank you to Mary Ann, Lynn, Cynthia, Joyce and Connie for their contributions.

Deadline for April Newsletter submissions is :

**Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>,**

Earlier submissions are appreciated.

Cheers, Sue

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## President's Message

Another month gone by! Wow. It's definitely time to think about who you can nominate for our President next year. I feel that several of you are qualified to lead our guild. Please let me or another executive member know if you are interested. We have a great support team and a very helpful membership. It's fun and easy!!

Thanks to Erin Harvey for her beautiful trunk show at our February meeting. I find the trunk shows by our members are an inspiration as well as a lovely way to get to know our own people! As usual we have a wonderful "show and tell" at each meeting and this tops off a most pleasurable gathering. If you're shy to hold up your quilt we are quite happy to do it for you!

Our guild mystery quilt, hosted by Dawna Steele, was a success. I've seen several finished quilt tops and soon mine will be together as well. Thanks Dawna!

I'll be away for the March meeting. I'm going to a retreat in Fort Coulonge, QC at the Spruceholme Inn. I love all retreats but I think this location is my favourite. I'll be at a retreat every month, in various locations, until October/24. I enjoy sewing, quilting and visiting with like-minded people. If you would like to host a retreat with your friends, I'd be happy to help you get started. Other venues are Pine Cliff Resort in Combermere, Lutherlyn Camp in Golden Lake and of course our Silver Threads Senior Centre in Petawawa. At some retreats we stay and sleep there and some are sewing for the day but sleep at home in your own bed. Be advised, you will be hooked!!

On that note, I have to go pack several projects for March 19th at Spruceholme. I still want to work on my UFO's (un finished objects) but who doesn't like to start something new?

Enjoy our early Spring. Any snow that falls now will be melted away quickly. Hopefully next winter will be more pleasurable for our outdoor enthusiasts. Take care.

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## A Pin Cushion Story

Have you ever wondered where the pincushion came from?

Whether you quilt, sew clothes or do mending you need somewhere to put your needles and pins.

In Victorian Times a tomato on your windowsill or on the table was a sign of prosperity and was believed to ward off evil spirits. Of course tomatoes weren't always available especially in the winter months. The ingenious Victorian Ladies began using bits of red cloth to make tomatoes that were stuffed with scraps of material, wool and even sawdust for prosperity and ward off evil spirits. Perhaps that is where the expression "keeping up with the Jones's" came from. It didn't take long before the Ladies were using their good luck charm to store needles and pins.

I know that you are wondering why the tomato pincushion has a strawberry attached to it. Well in Victorian Times needles and pins were very expensive and not easy to get, so the Victorian Ladies began making a strawberry filled with wool and sand. Inserting the needles and pins to sharpen them and keep them dirt free. Over the years there has been many pincushions but none as iconic as the tomato strawberry pincushion.

So check your sewing box pull out your tomato strawberry pincushion after all it is a sign of prosperity and will ward off evil spirits or maybe just keep your seams straight.

*Submitted by Lynn Davenport*

# Quilts on the Grand 2024

**Fri., June 7th • 10am to 7pm**  
**Sat., June 8th • 10am to 4pm**  
Centre Wellington Community Sportsplex  
550 Belsyde Ave E., Fergus, ON



Display of Quilts  
Quilt Challenge  
Contest  
Vendors  
Lunch/Tea

FREE Parking  
Wheelchair Accessible  
Admission \$10

[www.grandquiltguild.ca](http://www.grandquiltguild.ca)

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< a reliable rumour ... >

## Stedmans' Spring Fabric Sale

starts

Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 ...

Note ... just published by

**Quilters Curve ..**

their store is closed

Friday - Saturday, April 5 - 6 ..

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## Members' Requests, Promos, Announcements ...

(or whatever catches your fancy to share)

- ◆ Jenn Grahl is looking for your flannel scraps. Jenn makes menstrual kits for a charity group "Days For Girls". The kits are donated to 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries. The fabric colour doesn't matter, Jenn has dye packs at the ready. 1 note - hold back on the animal prints. Your donations can be dropped off at Silver Threads, please label your bag "for Jenn Grahl"
- ◆ The April In-House retreat has **sold out** - Mary Jackson has a wait list. Mary Ann did warn us - this event would sell out quickly -- lots of sewing, sharing, brief show & tells and FOOD.
- ◆ Executive vacancies in September : ..... Too much spare time, the following Executive Committee positions are open in September :
  - ★ President
  - ★ ProgrammingChat with Mary Ann and Faith about their experiences.
- From our Joyce and Connie ....

The book "Learn How to Quilt with Panels" by Carolyn Vagts has been located, however, another book, Clever Quilts, Making the Most of Panels, Borders, Theme Prints by Susan Teegarden Dissmore is missing. Take a look on/under your coffee table, side tables, beside/under your bed. You might find something unexpected, or maybe the missing book.

- ◆ *< this spot is available --- are you looking for something? have you discovered a fabric store that I could drive to? websites that offer free patterns? or have you seen a block in one of the Charity Quilts - ask a member how to make it, ... >*

## Events ... Upcoming Quilt Shows, Member Events



*Fri, May 3 - Sat, May 4 <hours ??>  
Entrance fee : \$8.00*

*An artful display of new and heritage qu  
Merchant Mall, Members Boutique*

*Bobcaygeon Curling Club  
49 Mansfield Street,  
Bobcaygeon, ON*



*Quilt Canada travels to Edmonton ..*

*Get ready, make your reservations ..*

*June 19 - 22, 2024 ...*



*Common Threads Quilt Show  
Fri, Jun 14 10-7 - Sat, Jun 15 10 - 6  
Admission : \$10.*

*Earl Armstrong Arena  
2020 Ogilvie Rd, Beacon Hill, ON*

*Show details not available (yet!)*



*Sat, Sept 7, 10 - 5 - Sun, Sept 9 10 - 4  
Entrance Fee : \$8.00*

*There will be vendors of yard goods, &  
sewing notions, a bustling market-  
place*

*Quinte Curling Club  
246 Bridge Street West, Belleville, ON*

## Colours of the Month .... Block Size 12 1/2" unfinished

A great contribution of blocks to date. All block colours are still being accepted.

Quilt blocks can be of any design - use HST, HRT, paper piecing, squares .. your choice, however the block must be  
**12 1/2" UNFINISHED.**

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### Colours of the Month -- a complete list

|           |                         |
|-----------|-------------------------|
| September | red and off white       |
| October   | orange and off white    |
| November  | blue and off white      |
| December  | green and off white     |
| January   | purple and off white    |
| February  | yellow and <b>white</b> |
| March     | black and <b>white</b>  |
| April     | brown and <b>beige</b>  |
| May       | pink and off white      |

**Take Note** : February, March and April are paired with white or beige.

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- Beautiful Quilts
- Vendors Mall
- Boutique Shopping
- Featured Quilter: Judy Graham
- Delicious Café
- Accessible Parking  
& So Much More!

**\$10**  
Admission



**STITCHING TOGETHER**  
QUILT SHOW 2024

Port Perry Patches

Scugog Community Centre  
155 Reach St  
Port Perry, Ontario

| Friday<br>May 10 | Saturday<br>May 11 |
|------------------|--------------------|
| 10-6             | 10-5               |




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## Guild Calendar .....

**Reminder ..**      **Saturday Sew Days are cancelled!!!!**

**March 19**      : (Tues) Guild Meeting (In person and Zoom)  
Carla Klop, designer, showing us the marvels of EQ8

**April 5,6 & 7:**    Spring In House Retreat --- **SOLD OUT**  
Mary Jackson is keeping a wait list ..  
Hours : Friday 3 - 9; Saturday 9 - 9, Sunday 9 - 3

**April 16**      : (Tues) Guild Meeting (In person)...  
Speaker (to be confirmed)

**May 21**      : (Tues) Guild Meeting  
Lisa and Cathy from Quilters' Curve will open their trunks. This should be a great reveal ...

**June 18**      : (Tues) Guild Meeting - a wrap up for another year  
Bert from Grantham Books - with his AWESOME selection of books... **For knitters and hookers, Bert is bringing a selection of knitting and crochet books. Bert is also offering our Library gals 20% off -- need a special book - chat with Joyce and Connie...**





## A Successful Mystery Quilt hosted by Dawna Steele ....

At the February Guild meeting, Dawn revealed the last steps of the block, the layout to complete the quilt body. 13 of us are participating. No UFOs please !!



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## Quilter's GLOSSARY ..

taken from Quick & Easy QUILTS, Aug/Sept 2023

- ★ **FINISHED SIZE** - The final size measurement of a completed block or quilt. Another way to say it: patchwork dimensions minus the seam allowances. So an 8" finished measurement block would be 8 1/2" to allow for those 1/4" seam allowances.
- ★ **GRAIN** - Direction of threads in a piece of fabric. There are three directions possible. Lengthwise grain runs the length of the fabric as it comes off the bolt, considered straight grain, with no give or stretch. The crosswise grain, also straight, runs from selvage to selvage, offers some give. Bias grain runs diagonally across the lengthwise and crosswise grain, offering maximum stretch and give. Try pulling a piece of fabric from the two diagonally opposite corners. Note the stretch. That's bias.
- ★ **HALF-SQUARE TRIANGLE** - A triangle made by cutting a square in half from corner to corner.
- ★ **LOFT** - The puffiness or thickness of your batting. Higher loft = puffier, thicker. Tip : Polyester typically has higher loft.
- ★ **QUILT GUILD** - The association of quilters for mutual benefit and/or the pursuit of a common goal, often charitable in nature.
- ★ **QUILT SANDWICH** - The three layers of a quilt: top, batting and backing.
- ★ **RAW EDGE** - The non-serged, unstitched edge of a piece of fabric.
- ★ **ROTARY CUTTER** - A patchworker's handheld tool used to cut fabric, similar in appearance to a pizza cutter, with a round blade rotating on an axle. Rotary cutters must be used in conjunction with a rotary cutting mat and ruler.
- ★ **SASHING** - Strips of fabric separating blocks in a quilt top.
- ★ **SEAM ALLOWANCE** - The width of fabric outside of a sewn seam. In quilting, this is traditionally 1/4". For sewing garments, it is usually 5/8".
- ★ **SELVAGE (SELVEDGE)** - An edge produced on woven fabric during manufacture that prevents it from unravelling. Typically 1/2 to 1/3 of an inch, it is usually trimmed and not sewn into a quilt.
- ★ **TEMPLATE** - A shaped piece of plastic used in quilt-making as a pattern for cutting out shapes or for transferring quilting lines to a quilt top.

- ★ TRIANGLE SQUARES - A square of patchwork made from two triangles. (HST)
- ★ UFO - An “unfinished object”. *Slang*

*Contributed by Cynthia Bell*

