

June 2023 Newsletter

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Presidents' Message

Quilts Kingston has come and gone. Just like that. So much planning and work. Teamwork. Lots of team and coordinated work. All for the 970 people who attended our Show. There were many highlights including welcoming Phyllis Vanhorne to our lifetime members. Her quilt "The Last Hurrah" will be remembered by many.

There was a lot of interest in hand quilting and in how we made our Covid scrappy quilt. Many people stopped by to look. And of course, Our Canadian Landscape Quilt was loved. Many had a hard time believing it was embroidery thread and material, not a painting. Mary Ann McA talked to a lot of people about our quilt. She shares some of what she heard later in this newsletter.

The Boutique was happy with what was sold, as was the Book room and the Tea room. We heard that the vendors were also pleased. All in all, the Show was a success. Be sure to write down the good and the not so good, and suggestions of what we could do differently next time. Then next Show will be even better.

Congratulations all around for a job done well under unusual circumstances. There is more information about our Show later in this newsletter. Watch for the pictures and comments.



The question now is, what's next for the Kingston Heirloom Quilters? You have all summer to think on this. What is going on in this world or closer to home that we can quilt about? Yes, we have new members, and we will show them what our basic techniques are. Can we do this differently than how we were taught? What can we do that is different? Did you see some new techniques that you'd like to learn about at the Show? Let us know what they are.

We wish you all a great summer.

Cheers, Donna and Anjali



Preparations for Quilt Show











So much to do!

Baste the quilt for the show. Sign up for jobs! Prepare scrap bags and boutique items. Discuss many points. Learn how to fan fold the quilt.

Some people even went to the Odessa Retreat to get time to quilt! Lyn, Catherine, and Anjali hard at work.





Lyn M. and Donna H. went on the air at Cogeco with host Donna Chambers to promote Quilts Kingston . Some photos of behind the scenes courtesy of Jennifer Tryon. Simone L. and Donna H. were also interviewed at the show by Global TV.









Moving on to set up days at the curling club venue. Thank you Karen for the Gerbera daisies in cappuccino cups and Sheryl for centerpiece cloths in show colours. Tearoom and boutique well organized.











Quilts were hung. The various booths at the ready. Above: KHQ Below left: Cataraqui Guild of Needle Arts and Limestone Loopers Below right Joanna Dermenjian, Kingston Quilting History Bottom right: Beth Abbott of Modern Quilters' Study Group









Letter from Simone

First, I want to again, thank everyone for their participation in the quilt show. The committee members, volunteers for the various stations during the show, and of course, all the people that entered their pieces, made this show a wonderful experience for all. Many members contributed to the boutique, which was a big success as well. We had 970 visitors, down from the previous show but better than expected. We had competition from other shows and of course the threat of Covid probably held a few people back from attending. We can breathe a sigh of relief and know when all the financial reckoning is done, each guild will have a nice sum to continue our work and pay our bills.

Simone

Letter from Anjali

The boutique was well visited, and many things sold. People appreciated the variety of handmade pieces they could pick up. We had a big area to display all the items for sale and we made good use of the space. Different props were brought in and made for an interesting layout.

Thank you everyone at KHQ 💝 . Each and everyone of you contributed in some way and made my job possible.

Boutique @QK Anjali S







The Rhodes Memorial Award and the Viewers' Choice Winners are ...



The Rhodes Memorial Award went to Simone Lynch for her "Stars Over Baltimore" Mary Ann and Ros honoured with a ribbon.



Viewers' Choice Winners

A. Bed Quilts

First Place: Linda McAlpine for "Woodland Creatures"





Second Place: Diane Hogan for

"Pandemic Rainbow"





Third Place: Jean White for *"Mandala Free Motion Challenge"*

Note that this piece is a panel. Jean was doing free motion for the first time! I'd say she did a great job!



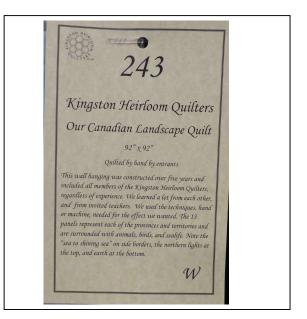


Viewers' Choice Winners Wall Hangings

A. Wall Hangings



First Place: Kingston Heirloom Quilters for "Our Canadian Landscape Quilt"



Second Place: Jean White for

"Niles – The Nile Crocodile"





Third Place: Robyn Hardman for "My Escher"



Viewers' Choice Miscellaneous

First Place: Donna Hamilton for "Scrappy Swirls of Colour Tote"







Second Place: Mary Ann McAndrews for

"March of the Elephants"



Third Place: Lillian Lemke for "Bloom Tote Bag"



FYI: Rosettes made by Karen Q.



Phyllis Vanhorne in front of her quilt entry "The Last Hurrah". The KHQ presented her with a basket of flowers in honour of her contribution and lifetime membership.







Comments about the Canada Quilt

Mary Ann McAndrews

I hope everyone has recovered from last weekend. We can pat ourselves on the back for a job well done.

Sitting across from The Canada Quilt at the show, I felt like a Jack-in-the-box, answering questions and hearing nothing but rave reviews of our work. I have listed below some of the comments that came my way.

1. A man came down the ramp with his arms out straight in front of him, heading toward the quilt. I was worried he would put his hands on the quilt but as I got there, he turned to me and said he was having a religious experience.

2. Can I buy one of the painted panels used by the quilters as a template to do their needlework?

3. Where is the Quilt going next? (at least 500 times)

4. Can I buy the Quilt? How much?

5. It's too bad the pencil marks around the animals on the outer edges of the quilt didn't come out when we were finished



6. That's not Saskatchewan (after pointing out all 10 provinces and territories)

7. What are the buffalo stuffed with?

8. Where did the quilter get the birchbark fabric in Manitoba (half inch wide piece)

9. Do you have the pattern for sale?

10. What's Ros going to do next?

Thanks for all the fun and laughter around our table.





Socializing at the show



Mary Ann and Anjali joined by Karen and Kym F-S.





Lorna and Eleanor C.

Doris Waddell and Karen Q.













Top Left: Marilyn Vance and Mary Ann Top R: Eve B., Deb F., and Susan C. Middle: Anjali and Lyn M. Bottom Left: Rhodes judges, Diane Berry and Nelly Kamphuis Bottom Right: KHQ and Limestone enjoying the tearoom.



Baby Quilt Report

The total number of baby quilts made by KHQ members from September 2022 to May 2023 was 52. Three were sold at the Quilt Show. The remaining 49 quilts were donated to KGH. Bernice Day knit 28 baby blankets which have already been given to the Hugs Program at KGH. Thank you to all who made this happen! Our baby quilts are in good hands. Our efforts are appreciated by the HUGS volunteers.

Thanks again to all who donated their time and skills to this community donation. Peggy McAskill



dene 14/23 a very heartfelt thank you for the beautiful quitts that you made. I pricked up lunge bags of quitts at I pricked up lunge bags of quitts at Peggy McAskill's house today & They With gratoful thanks for your kind and generous support. Couldn't how some a better time! Your generosity is much appreciated. Judy Strahan Co-Convener HU65 program (Helpirs Us Giow Stringn)



Touch Quilts

Sally continues to collect touch quilts for the Fairmount Home. She has kits available and welcomes all volunteers.



A KHQ GROUP EFFORT

Are you familiar with the saying "It takes a village to raise a child"? Well, the saying could be changed to "It takes a group of Kingston Heirloom Quilters to make an outstanding baby quilt". This quilt was completed in time for the boutique at Quilts Kingston. A few years ago, Ros H. drafted the patterns of rocking horses, blocks, butterflies, ducks, and flowers suitable for six-inch blocks. Anne C. and Eileen P. hand- appliquéd the blocks and Anne C. completed the blocks with delicate embroidery. Ros H. arranged the blocks. Karen Q. found a blue batik that worked and then added sashing and borders. Carolyn Downs machine quilted the project and Karen Q. added the binding and sleeve. Simone L. sewed on the KHQ label, and the rest is history! We wish health and happiness to the lucky baby who gets to sleep under this gorgeous quilt.



In Other News...

The Thousand Islands Quilt Show in Gananoque

Anjali and I went to the Thousand Islands Quilt Show that was held in Gananoque instead of Brockville this year. Apparently, they couldn't book the Brockville Curling Club this year. It was a beautiful show over Friday and Saturday, and we heard had an attendance of about 600 people.

Anjali loved the car quilt that was outside. Everything, including the windshield, tires, and side mirrors were covered in quilt blocks. It was lovely.

As we walked around one quilt caught our attention, "Country Blooms". It turned out, it was completely hand stitched and happened to be the Best Quilt of Show, designed and made by Margaret Godkin.

Donna Hamilton



Another quilt caught our attention, and it was made by Margaret as well, only this time it was machined. We were lucky enough to meet Margaret and had a lovely conversation about her and her late Aunt Lammy who had been her mentor.

As we looked around some more, we found a machine stitched quilt that Margaret had also made Called "Lammy Loved Purple", made in memory of her aunt.







Thread Warning

This is what Tim removed from my sewing machine. I had already cut off at least this much that couldn't fit inside. I wasn't even sewing with this thread. It must have been caught on my sleeve and been pulled to the wheel. We'll never know. I am now in the lead for the most thread he's pulled from a machine. What a race to win at! And all my extra threads are now stored under the table.

Mary Anne Kingston

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Kathy Breau shared this article.



Native Canadian Centre of Toronto

Today we had a beautiful visit from Heather , Sandra and Karen from the Etobicoke Quilter's Guild. They were so kind enough to gift us with this hand made quilt in memory of all the missing children. Miigwech ladies on behalf of the staff here at NCCT. We are proud to accept the gift and to display it in our EarlyOn department room chi miigwech





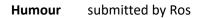


To A Good Home

I have a small quilt frame suitable for baby quilts or wall hangings or banners. There are two different sized boards which easily adapt to whatever size you need.

The only thing I request for this ... is to come and pick it up. It would be ideal for someone who is new to hand quilting.

Sally Hutson.





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Upcoming Events







Textile Museum of Canada Visit us – We're open Wednesday to Sunday in downtown

Toronto! We are a small, boutique museum, easily accessible by public transit and close to many Toronto attractions. Make a trip to the Textile Museum of Canada a part of your Toronto visit. <u>Textile Museum of Canada</u>.

Agnes Etherington Art Center will reopen in July with **Emergence-a-recent-gift-of-indigenous- art** exhibition. Click on the link for more information. <u>Home Agnes Etherington Art Centre (queensu.ca)</u>





Kingston Heirloom Quilters

Sponsors and Messages





"Yoga for Quilters" offers gentle classes, using pillows, straps, yoga blocks or big books, all from the comfort of your home. If it's raining, snowing, or hot outside, we don't care! Come stretch and relax with me. **Wednesdays 10:30-11:45am** Enjoy Gentle Yoga.

Fridays 9-9:45am Enjoy Chair Yoga.

You are encouraged to move within the range of motion of *your* body and with *your* breath. These classes will help you become more aware of what's going on in your body and mind, ending with a full relaxation, bringing more energy to your body for the day ahead, preparing you for important tasks, like quilting. Enjoy the company of fellow quilters before and after class. For more details and to register, visit **yogaforquilters.ca** or talk with Donna. Certified Yoga Instructor: Donna Hamilton, <u>yogaforquilters@gmail.com</u>