



WELCOME!

*We are very glad to have you as a new member of
the Ottawa Valley Quilters Guild*

The Ottawa Valley Quilters' Guild was founded in 1981 by three quilters. It has since grown to over 300 members, but this year will be capped at 250 members. The purpose of the guild is to share ideas, projects, and inspiration, and foster the art of quilting.

The guild generally meets on the first Monday of the month (see exceptions) at St. Anthony's Soccer Club, 523 St Anthony St. just off Preston at the Queensway at 7:00 p.m. Additional parking can be found across Preston Street at the Adult High School. Exceptions: when the first Monday is a holiday (as is the case in September), the meeting takes place the following Monday. There is no meeting in January.

In the case of inclement weather during the winter causing a meeting cancellation, you may contact any member of the executive committee or view our website www.ottawavalleyquiltersguild.org for an announcement of cancellation.

Please remember to bring your membership card as you will be asked for it on your way into the meetings, and at the library/magazine tables. And please wear a name tag of some sort: a quilted one or a pin purchased from the Membership table.

ACTIVITIES DURING THE MONTHLY MEETINGS include:

Announcements: Meetings start with announcements by the executive and committee members about upcoming guild activities and events. If you would like to make an announcement, please call the president before the meeting to ask for some time.

Program: The program committee arranges speakers and events for the guild meetings. You will be treated to some wonderful trunk shows, interesting talks by invited local and out-of-town speakers, demonstrations, and much more.

Show and Tell: All members, no matter how long they've been quilting, are encouraged to bring their latest project to show to the guild. We all *love* to see the creativity and diversity of the talented members of our guild. These items will be put out for display during the Opportunity Hour.

Opportunity Hour: although this won't always be an hour, this is your chance to:

- Pick up your newsletter (only if you indicated so on your application form) - if you will be absent, please arrange for someone else to collect it as it will not be kept
- Check out flyers, handouts and announcements for forthcoming events
- Hand in a Preemie Baby Quilt for the Rich Little Nursery
- Sign up to volunteer at a guild event
- Peruse the book and magazine libraries
- Sign up for a workshop
- Make and bring in the Block of the Month: you may win blocks for a whole quilt!
- Check out the Show & Tell items and talk to the creators
- Check out the Store of the Month: one of our local supporting shops!
- Get a raffle ticket for the Store of the Month's basket
- Discuss your quilting questions or register your UFO (UnFinished Object) with our Doctors-on-Call
- Observe demos provided by guild members
- Make new friends or catch up with old ones
- Get some coffee, tea or water (Please bring your own mug!)

Additional Events

The guild also takes part in creating a raffle quilt to support our guild. Charity quilts are made and given to community organizations (registered charities) to raise funds. We regularly host events to raise money for local hospitals and other charities.

The guild participates in events like Bytown Days and the quilt show at Upper Canada Village. Every other year, the guild holds a quilt show in May to showcase our members' work and raise money for the guild.

All of these events take time and effort to arrange and run. We hope that you will take part and help out. It's a great way to meet people and allows us to do more.

For more detailed information about various programs and policies, take a look at our OVQG Member's Handbook, the OVQG Constitution and By-laws, and the Executive and Committee Contact list. These documents are available on our website (www.ottawavalleyquiltersguild.org), posted on the bulletin board at meetings, or from the Secretary.

So welcome to our guild - we're looking forward to getting to know you.