

Restoule Quilters

What an exciting year for the Restoule quilters!

In March 2019 we decided to make a Group Quilt to enter in the International Plow Match Quilt Show. The IPM was happening in northern Ontario and we wanted to represent our community. We decided that an agricultural theme would be appropriate. We each made 2 or 3 barn blocks in which we featured a quilt block design. The quilt was made by 8 of the members who chose to participate Ellen Kidd, Esther Tarlings, Cathy Parker, Anna Powell, Sue Foreshow, Pat Houle, Terry Lamb and Leslie Wain.

We were over the moon when the quilt won 2nd place in the group quilt category at the IPM Quilt Show Sturgeon Falls August 2019. Then the quilt was on display at the Plow Match in Verner in September.

We also entered our "Barn Quilt" in the Quilts by the Bay Quilt Show North Bay in September. Again we were amazed that it received "viewers choice ribbon" in the large quilt category.



With encouragement from a number of supportive folks we entered the Barn Quilt in the [Canadian Quilters Association national juried show](#). Our quilt was accepted which is a true honour in the group quilt category and will be displayed in Edmonton at Quilts Canada Quilt Show September 2020.

During the fall we each worked on a Mystery Quilt. Anna Powell would give us instructions each month. By December we had all the blocks required and started to put our quilts together.

In November we had Kim Boaro store owner "[Fibrechick](#)" Powassan. Kim walked us through making owl placemats for children and decorative placemats for Christmas.

In the new year we started working on blocks for a [Quilt of Valour](#). CQA supplied the block pattern and asked quilt groups to participate in making blocks for quilts to be handed out to veterans. We have completed enough blocks for one quilt and are working on having enough blocks to make a second quilt.

February we again had a guest speaker Kim Boaro who taught us some tips to do a technique known as paper piecing. Our talented quilt designer Anna Powell presented us with a vision for another group quilt.

The beginning of March was our last meeting due to the Covid 19 social distancing regulations. We all miss our meetings and the opportunity to learn new techniques and to show and share our projects. We continue to connect with the use of emails and phone calls and hope we will be able to get together once the pandemic distancing regulations are lifted.

We met on the 2nd & 4th Wed of the month at the Restoule Community Centre 9-3:30 prior to the social distancing practices put in place in March. Everyone is welcome and all levels of quilting ability. Come out and join us when we are able to restart our meetings.

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