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Note From Chairman Cheryl

TORONTO - the most multicultural and diverse city on the planet, where over 140 languages are spoken. Located on Lake Ontario and next door to Horseshoe Falls and Niagara. What a wonderful place for the upcoming Rotary International convention beginning June 23rd.

The Rotarian Fellowship of Quilters and Textile Artists will again gather in the Friendship Hall to raise money for END POLIO by auctioning or accepting donations for our handmade items. Our booth, #330, will be located across from the Promo, Virtual Reality, and Social Media areas - an exciting place to be! Getting items to the convention has been a challenge for many but this year we are fortunate to have a long-time member, Sharron Palmateer, who has offered to accept parcels and deliver them to the convention. The address is: PALMATEER & NICOL, P.C., 58 KING STREET W., P.O. BOX 665, BOLTON, ONTARIO L7E5T5. Please mark packages to indicate that they for the Rotarian Fellowship.

EXCITING DEVELOPMENTS! MEMBERSHIP PINS for the first time! When you stop by the booth to deliver your donations and sign the volunteer work schedule, you may also renew your membership (\$15.00 per year) or become a life time member (\$100.00) to receive your membership pin. It was designed by Diana Barden - and you'll love it! If you're already a lifetime member your pin will be waiting for you!

MEMBERSHIP RECEPTION will be held on Monday, June 25th from 4 - 7 p.m. at the Intercontinental Hotel next to the convention center - the lobby is actually connected to the center. No room number yet so stop by the booth for information. There will be food, drink, and chatter available. Spouse/family invited as well.

Some of us will be arriving on June 21st and available to accept donations or answer questions. My cell phone # is 1-619-300-0464 so please contact me.
Helena, Diana, Marilyn, and I look forward to seeing you all - we have a LOT of catching up to do -- it's been a year!!!

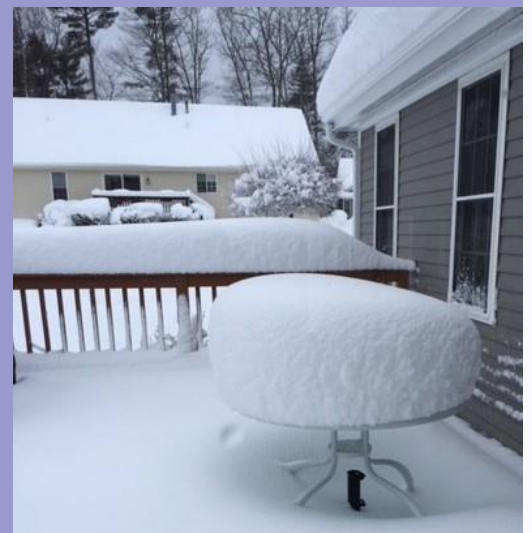
Reducing the Stash by Esther Arlan

As I sat sipping coffee at Barnes & Noble recently I had an opportunity to leaf through some of the new knitting, crocheting and quilting magazines. While tempted to purchase a few a little voice inside me kept saying - check out what you have at home first. The "voice" really got to me. I had just gathered together several dozen magazines that have sat on my shelves since we left Saranac Lake for New Hampshire that have been gathering dust! It was cold and nasty outdoors and I wanted to make myself another knitted hat and one magazine kept calling out to me. But I had just put aside several hardbound knitting books that were loaded with knitted scarves, hats, mittens and gloves patterns! So being good I returned the magazines to their appropriate shelves. See - sometimes I can be good. But alas, I fell in love with several patterns in a quilting magazine and did make one purchase. Now have to go thru the fabric stash and find the perfect piece of fabric.

I spent weeks recently gathering together all my yarn. I actually took the time to check each skein and put together all the different types of yarn that I have collected over the years. After several trips to Michael's for more containers I was able to see the end of the process. Each extra large container is labeled and contains wools, alpacas, cottons, mixed acrylics, hemp, wire yarn (bought at a show), and even paper yarn that I used to show children that you can knit with anything. My stash grew as we travelled the world and brought back memories of where we were and who we were visiting - family, friends, Rotarians, and even total strangers while cruising. There are scraps of yarn that was used to make the afghans for our Rotary booth. Really need to revisit that project again in the future. Will do it differently than before and hopefully get more Rotarians to contribute a stitch or two. All those little bits of yarn have been donated to a neighbor who works with wood making owls, bunnies, etc. He then takes them to the library where children decorate the item and add flourishes like bows and ribbons

to the wooden bunnies and owls. He was delighted to get all my scraps.

< A very good reason to work on projects. >



Speaking of wool. We often think of wool that comes from sheep but there is in fact wool that comes from goats, camels yaks and llamas. Wool can be "twisted" many different ways and will end up being stable or as the wool I purchased on a trip to a Hopi Village grow in width and length over the years. It was "twisted" a very different way than most of our commercial companies "twist" yarn today and I did not allow for this when I knitted a sweater.

When the weather improves some of my stash will move outdoors to be tested for "content". Long gone are the labels that let me know whether it is 100% wool (wool does not burn) or a synthetic (which will melt when tested with a match). If you are trying to figure this out with yarn in your stash please for safety sake do it outdoors on a day that does not have even a slight breeze.

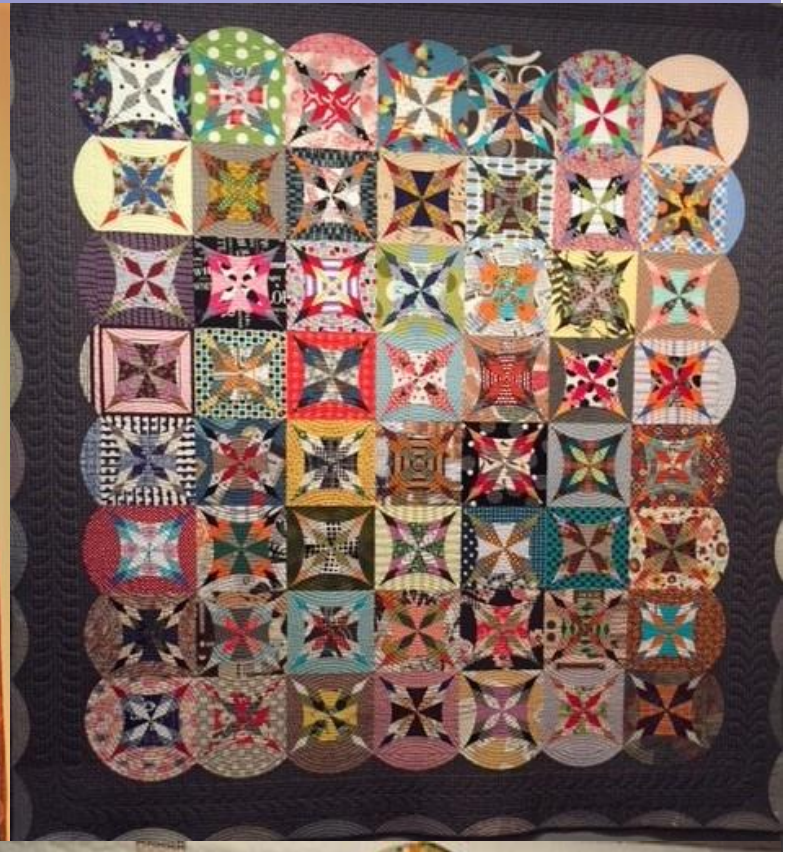
Now is the time to check-out your tool box and make sure that you have everything you need before you start that trip. Needles in various sizes and lengths, straight or circular; tape measure, gauge, blunt-end yarn needles, thread cutter, double pointed needles, stitch markers, row counter (paper & pencil or pen), crochet hook, and a stitch holder. What do you carry with you all the time?

Looking for light reading? There are a number of pocket-size books novels as well as hardbacks that have stories about knitting groups. There is the "Friday Night Knitters" book that comes to mind. If you are a reader to young children there are many books that have stories about knitters. If you would like a list I can dig out my copy that I used when I read to children in school years ago. They are just as relevant today as yesterday.

I wish there was one place where we could establish a library for the use of our members but since we are scattered to the four corners of the world there is not one place that would serve our needs and allow us to share and dream about the next project.



Japan in New Hampshire By Esther Arlan



The Quilts Nihon (Japan) Exhibition is an international exhibition sponsored by the Japanese Handicraft Instructors Association (JHIA) which is supported by the Japanese Ministry of Education Culture, Sports, Science and Technology. It is the biggest quilting contest in Japan, and was conceived to promote patchwork and quilting. It has been held biannually since 1989. Since then, JHIA continues to educate instructors and promote handicraft activities. Currently, the number of instructors is over 12,000, consisting of eight specialized divisions: Knitting, embroidery, lace, patchwork quilt, painting, hand weaving, leather craft, and flower art. 6,000 of these members are quilters.



<This is called fragments of snow.



This one reminds me of a spirograph design.^



<Butterflies



^Note the Animals in this one. The details are so intricate.



Mainhattan by Member Hilburg Wossow



Work in Progress by Vice Chairman Helena Daniels

Looking forward to seeing you all in Toronto and do hope you will be able to come with a 'masterpiece' that you have created and donate it to us. If you are unable to attend and have managed to create something why not give it to a member of your club who is coming and they can pass it on to us. As you know all the money raised on our booth goes to End Polio Now. Last year we raised \$8000+ and we want to better that this year!. Those of us who 'man' the stand always get very excited when somebody brings something in and we are always amazed at the talent of you ladies...and guys. Do encourage your clubs to pop round and see us we always have an amazing array of goodies that are unique and will never be seen on the High St. or in the Malls!....and tell them to bring their 'pennies' We love to see all our members too and are always ready for a chat so here's to a great Convention again. See you in Toronto. Helena Daniels, UK, Vice Chairman

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www.theloomybin.com (Had to add this site just because of the name, but it has great resources for anyone interested in card weaving)

<https://www.quiltingboard.com>

"A Festival of Quilts" Friday, May 11, 2018: 10am - 5pm

Saturday, May 12, 2018: 10am - 4 pm

Portland Expo Center, Exhibit Hall E-1

2060 N. Marine Drive, Portland, Oregon

<http://smokymtnquilters.com/2018-quilt-show/> June 15, 2018 – 9 am – 6 pm

June 16, 2018 – 9 am – 4 pm The [Knoxville Expo Center](#) at Merchants and Clinton highway. (5441 Clinton Hwy Knoxville TN <http://>

sistersoutdoorquilts.com/Saturday, July 14, 2018 9:00am to 4:00pm