



The quilt of Never Cry Wolf waits to be finished by the quilters of the Wentworth United Church. The Never Cry Wolf quilt is inspiring to see and adorns Robert Smith's bed at the cottage. (Hope Bridgewater Photo)

Wentworth Never Cry Wolf Quilt

By Hope Bridgewater

Wentworth United Church quilters recently had fun finishing a special quilt presented to them by Jan Smith for her husband Robert Smith. The fabric about Farley Mowat's book Never Cry Wolf caught Robert Smith's attention.

Jan says, "My husband always loved hand-made quilts. His mother and grandmother were quilters as were mine. His family lived outside of town with open countryside and woods around them. He and his two brothers were always outdoors, roaming the woods and fields, picking berries or fiddleheads, catching brook trout or gathering whatever was in season. They developed a love for the animals and nature around them".

When I started in quilt-making in my later years, he was interested in patterns and things. One day he was with me in a fabric store and saw some panels on sale and really liked the one on wolves, and so it began! I decided to make him a quilt with the panel for his bed at the cottage. We began looking for materials to fit the panel. When it was all pieced together, he was very pleased with it. Then the ladies who do such lovely hand-quilting every Wednesday at our church agreed to finish it for us. They have a great day on Wednesdays and are always happy to welcome anyone interested in joining their group and learning their craft."

The industrial revolution in England resulted that the making of textiles for quilting were manufactured on such a large scale that fabrics were affordable to almost every family and quilting became widespread. In the USA abolitionists (against slavery) helped runaway slaves get to safety by hanging a quilt on a line near a safe house telling the slaves a way to get to freedom. There are now millions of quilters world-wide.

Farley Mowat's book, "Never Cry Wolf", changed the negative public image of the wolf to a more positive one concerning the nature of the arctic wolf. The Dominion Wildlife Service (part of the government at that time) concerned about the declining caribou herds in the arctic had hired Mowat to be an observer of arctic wolves to record facts which would justify killing all these arctic wolves by showing they were killing the caribou.

Mowat started the action to stop that scheme by stating that the wolves for food usually ate small mammals such as hares and rodents, and he received harsh criticism from the government and hunters for stating this. Mowat's book was popular with many people and they helped turn the tide to save the wolves from all being exterminated in the Canadian arctic.

Bob Smith makes an important statement by having this Never Cry Wolf quilt on his cottage bed.

GARDENS & OUTDOOR LIVING

Great Village Garden Club Annual Plant Sale

By Sybil Flemming

Members of the Great Village Garden Club are anxiously waiting for spring to settle in, and many are finding green shoots appearing in their gardens. "Our mission as a Garden Club is to help beautify our homes and community, making it enjoyable to all those who pass by or decide to make this their home."

There are thirty-seven members in the club, with meetings held on the fourth Tuesday of the month. The main foyer of Faith Baptist Church on Station Road has generously been offered as a meeting place. Club officers are appointed annually, and this year the executive include: President, Arthur Haskins; Vice President, Cathy Mazur; Co-Treasurers, Ruth and Lawrence Schofield and Secretary, Sybil Flemming. A three person program committee is chaired by Cathy Mazur.

A regular monthly meeting includes a program on a specific topic, with time for questions and discussion, and may feature a guest speaker. A short business meeting and light lunch bring the evening to a close. Occasionally there may be open chat evenings to share successes and not-so-successful ideas, or mini-workshops. Our programs cover a wide range of topics from organic gardening, to composting, to propagation of plants, insect control and at least one garden tour/outing in the spring, with vegetable and flowers discussed.

In April, the club supported the Blue Marble Initiative at West Colchester Consolidated School lead by Dr. K. Ewing and C. McNutt. By providing funds for seeds of flax and sunflowers, it is hoped each student who attends will grow them to promote pollinators, mainly bees, so vital for crop production.

Up-coming events will include our annual Plant Sale, our only fund raiser, on May 25, 2019 at the Gym of the Great Village Elementary School. Viewing of available materials starts about 9 AM with the actual sale starting at 10:00 AM sharp. If you have

not shared in the excitement of getting new plants or extending your collection of perennials, this is the place to be. And don't be late as the sale goes very quickly!

Provincial Gardening week is coming in June, and a special community project is planned.

We have members from as far away as Debert, Wentworth, Collingwood and Lower Truro. While we try not to take members away from other clubs, visitors or new members, are welcome to attend. Come Grow with us!



Excitement builds as a large crowd awaits the opening bell to start purchasing plants at the Great Village Garden club annual plant sale. (S Flemming Photo)

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