



Pieceful Night Quilters' Guild of North Toronto

Armour Heights Presbyterian Church, 105 Wilson Avenue, Toronto
7:30 p.m. – second Wednesday of each month

www.pnqg.ca

MARCH 2015 NEWSLETTER

MARCH 11 MEETING – 7:30p.m.

DOORS will open at **6:45 p.m.** Come early if you would like to 'sit and sew' and enjoy one another's company.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Wendy Dines

Many thanks to the four members who shared their knowledge and gave demonstrations on the 'how to'. For myself, I am able to immediately use the technique of a faced binding for a quilt, thanks to Judy Messenger.....I intend to use it on a small modern wallhanging for the YHQG challenge.

Taking a line from Jane Cramer, president of the YHQG - *"the theme of "volunteering" is one that has been touched on several times and although this topic could certainly be preachy or naggy, it isn't meant to be either. Mostly what I try to convey is that by stepping forward, I have met a wonderful group of friends....."* The same applies to myself in our friendly little guild and look forward to continue to meet new people to share my quilting journey. I invite you to step forward and reap the many benefits of actively making PNQG a happy place to congregate.

PAST PRESIDENT - Martha Huffman

The Nominating Committee, Judy Messenger, Gail Lockington and I are meeting this week to identify potentials for the 2015-16 Slate of Officers. The guild year runs from July 1st to June 30th with three Board meetings dispersed throughout the year (Sept., January and May/June). There is a binder for all Board positions with relevant information to the specific position. This is a great guide in addition to the support of the Board and the previous position holder. Sitting on the Board is a great way to get to know other Board members and contribute to the running of the guild. If you and a friend would like to share a position, that works as well so contact me at 416-483-9337 or email mhuffman1645@gmail.com.

Please support the guild and take on a role if you get a call to fill one of our vacant positions (President, Vice-President, Membership, Bazaar and someone to share Program).

Thanking you in advance.

PROGRAM - Andrea Howell

Elaine Quehl, our March speaker is a Canadian quilt artist, teacher, and fabric dyer/designer who is best known for her dramatic and colourful nature-themed art quilts featuring luscious foliage (particularly hosta leaves), flowers and trees. All fabric used in her artwork is hand-dyed by the artist to provide the wide range of values she employs to create depth, drama, and contrast, and to read like nature's dappled light. Each art quilt is also abundantly textured with free-motion stitching. Elaine's work has been juried into, and selected for awards at, numerous international and national exhibits, and has been widely published. Elaine grew up on a farm in Southern Ontario (Waterloo County) where she was surrounded by traditional quilts made by her great grandmothers, grandmothers, and mother. She began her quilting adventure in 1996 as a traditional quilter, but soon found herself seduced by art quilts and became devoted to developing her own artistic abilities in this medium. Don't miss this evening with an acclaimed quilt artist.

In April our own Kyomi will teach us about design considerations when creating a quilt. May is the AGM where we will have vendor or two and then we reach the end-of-year dessert social in June.

Still no volunteer to take on Program for next year. Trust me, this is not an onerous task and your Guild needs you. Call me if you want to know what is involved. Thank you. Andrea Howell 415 423 8695 or andreahowell@sympatico.ca

Draw

Remember to wear your name badges. The next draw for a fabric prize will be at the June social for the ballots collected at the January to June meetings.

LIBRARY - Nadine Wright

The library will be open for the February meeting.

Members of the guild are reminded that the library listing of books has been added to the PNQG 's website. Thank you to Judy Messenger for this great addition.

MEMBERSHIP - Noreen Deeley

Our Membership numbers stand at 49.

Members who attend and wear their name badges will have a chance to add their names to a ballot slip for the fabric prize draw at our next social in June.

If you know about a member who has a major illness or whose immediate family member has died, please let Noreen Deeley know so the Guild can express its best wishes.

SPECIAL EVENTS – Melanie Leitch

The workshop with Christine Alexiou will be held on April 11 at the church. The fee for attending is \$35 (\$30 for workshop and \$5 for kit) and must be paid at the March meeting to reserve your spot. The lunch will be pot luck. There is a maximum enrolment of 20 stitchers. The guild members have until March 11 to sign up. There will be space for non-guild members so please speak to me at the next meeting if you know of someone who would like to attend.

BAZAAR -Sherry Davidson with Judy and Michiko

We are looking for volunteers to take over the coordination of the bazaar for this November.

PNQG WEBSITE - Judy Messenger, Webmaster

Pieceful Night Quilters' Guild now has a website maintained by our own webmaster, Judy Messenger. A calendar of events, photos from guild meetings and workshops, membership information and newsletters can all be found on the website at www.pnqg.ca. If you have any photos you'd like to share, or information that you think would be of interest to all members, please send it to webmaster@pnqg.ca.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECTS

Meals On Wheels Placemats Donation – Shelley Keyser

It's been a cold winter, and it seems to be hanging on for a bit longer....so why not take the opportunity to put together a placemat or two for our Meals on Wheels program before the spring weather arrives and we abandon our sewing rooms to be outside.

Do you have some large print fat quarters that have been languishing in your cupboard because you can't bear to cut them up - or if you're like me, wondering what you were thinking of when you bought it! A great print on the front, something different on the back, and a bit of quilting and some binding will make a great reversible placemat to brighten someone's day....and make room in your stash for new fabric!

Thanks to those who've contributed since January - I've received 15 placemats. It would be great if we can at least double or triple that number in the next couple of months before I make the next delivery in June. While I will not be able to be at the March or April meetings I look forward to being able to collect a big stack of placemats from members at the May meeting.

Thank you for your support.



TREATS

Thank you to all who have brought treats in the past including Pat Stuckless, Nadine Wright and Sandy Green for bringing the goodies in February. For the coming months the treats will be supplied by the following people:

March: Joyce Dawson, Noreen Deeley and Nadine Wright

April: Judy Murakami, Joy Takahashi and Heather Lee

May: Martha Huffman, Bev Moffett and June Basu Roy

SHOW AND SHARE

As always, we have show and share. Bring your projects (completed or in progress) to show and share with the membership.

GUESTS

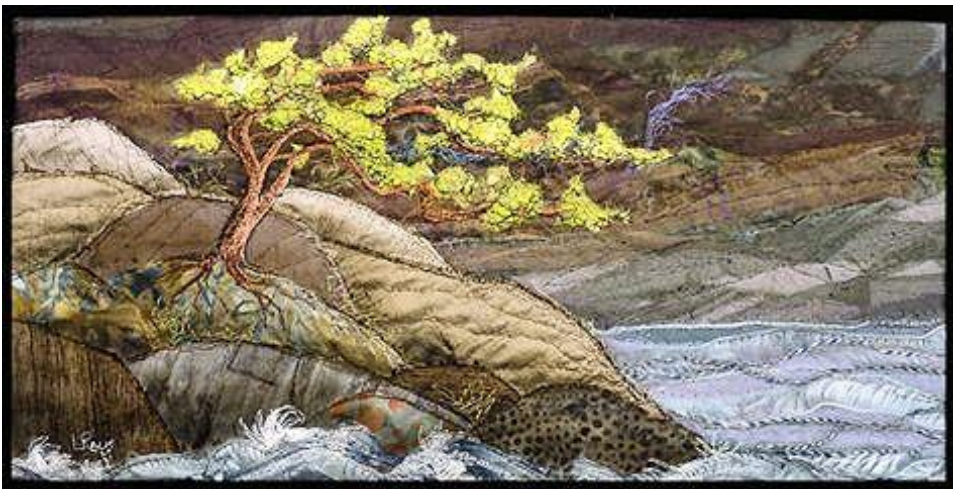
Guests are welcome (except for the AGM in May and social evenings in June and December). A fee of \$5 is charged for each meeting.

FROM OUR MEMBERS

1. A Feast for the Eyes – Maureen Merrill

I am attaching an article written by Lorraine Roy (with her permission of course) outlining her thoughts and feelings when she discovered someone else was taking credit for her work. In connection with the article I am including her as our featured artist this month. Lorraine has a website and a Facebook page which I encourage you to explore to enjoy more of her incredible work. All of the relevant information is as follows: Lorraine Roy Art Textiles, Hillcrest Studio, Dundas, ON www.LroyArt.com (website) www.facebook.com/LroyArt (facebook)





2. Pictures from February's Meeting

a. *Show and Share (sorry for the poor quality, had the wrong lens with me MM)*



3. Quilt Tips –

Not really a tip so much as confirmation of what we already knew. See attached article *Surprising Health Benefits of Quilting* by Jillynn Stevens, Ph.D., MSW.

Enjoy

BULLETIN BOARD

Events

1. Quilts at the Creek - Black Creek Pioneer Village - July 18 & 19, 2015.
2. Peterborough Quilt Guild will be having their quilt show at the Wellness Centre at 775 Brealey Drive, Peterborough from May 1-3. Hours are Friday from 4-9 pm, Saturday 10-5pm and Sunday 10-4pm. The featured quilter will be Cheryl Czaplinski who also was the featured quilter in our January newsletter.
3. Quilt Canada - Lethbridge, Alberta - June 4-6, 2015 – (Guild contact - Bev Moffett)

Registration is OPEN now for Quilt Canada in Lethbridge, AB (June 4-6, 2015) Visit the website at <http://www.canadianquilter.com/events/quilt-canada-2015.php>.

Quilt Canada Blogspot

<http://cqacanadianquilting.blogspot.ca/2014/09/quilt-canada-2015-blown-away.html>

[A Message From CQA \(thanks Bev\)](#)

YouTube, Anyone?

We would like to feature some of our quilters who have YouTube channels – do you? Please email Jackie at president@canadianquilter.com to talk about your work.

We know that many quilters depend on YouTube for tutorials, techniques and great ideas to improve their quilt skills and expand their creativity! We'd love to spread the word about Canadians who are adding to the videos available on YouTube.





Member Blogs - Any members with a blog can list it here.

Trading Post - Members wanting to buy, sell or recycle for free quilting related items may submit their information to Maureen Merrill at newsetter@pnqg.ca. The information will be included in the next newsletter.

Newsletter - - Members are welcome at any time to submit typed items for inclusion in our newsletter. Deadline for submission is **10 days prior to a Guild meeting**. Send all the information to Maureen Merrill at newsetter@pnqg.ca.

PNQG Board 2014-15

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* Not a board position

AND A FINAL THOUGHT

Once upon a time, a man asked a girl to marry him, the girl said "no!" And she lived happily ever after, and went shopping, dancing and drinking. She always had a clean house, never cooked and looked fabulous all the time. The end.

