



## **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](http://www.pnqg.ca)

### **MAY 2015 NEWSLETTER**

#### **MAY 13 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**

Our own Kiyomi Sakamoto was the speaker at the April meeting.....a power point presentation to demonstrate the underlying principles of design and, for me, a message that the features of balance, movement and repetition can be found where ever one looks. Nature is quite probably the most accessible but looking at buildings/architecture, photographs, works of art & advertisements are obvious sources for inspiration.

As usual, Kiyomi was more than thorough in her preparation and brought so many of her works for the members to examine. Thanks so much Kiyomi.

The May meeting will be our AGM. The agenda and current list of proposed members to sit on the executive has been circulated. Please let me know if there is anything that needs to be added to that agenda.

(I am attaching this info again in case anyone needs it – MEM)

#### **PAST PRESIDENT - Martha Huffman**

##### *Past President’s Challenge for 2014-15 – a “Fat Quarter Swap” after the May AGM*

- Go through your stash and pull out as any fat quarters as you want to replace (you know the ones – the ones you don’t know what possessed you to buy in the first place, the ones you will never, ever use, etc.)
- Bring your collection of FQs to swap to the May meeting – bring one, bring a dozen, the more the merrier!
- If you bring more than a couple FQs to swap, put them in a box or something so it’s easy to move around and interact with other members

- Remember one person's trash is another person's treasure - everyone goes home a happy winner...
- This is meant to be a fun, interactive activity of swapping – if you run out of swaps you can always negotiate a sale; there are NO RULES

### 2013-14 PP Challenge Update

Gail Lockington, Maureen Merrill and Nadine Wright have each taken a lap quilt (created from last year's challenge blocks) to quilt. I need one more volunteer to quilt the remaining quilt. The guild will supply the batting and backing. It can be done over the summer to be ready for the bazaar in November. Contact Martha Huffman at [mhuffman1645@gmail.com](mailto:mhuffman1645@gmail.com) or 416-483-9337 if you would like to volunteer your services to contribute to the bazaar.

## PROGRAM - Andrea Howell

May is our AGM, an important meeting to attend and after the business is complete we'll have some fun with Martha's fabric exchange activity. To further encourage you to be there, Joy will have a selection of Japanese quilting books for sale before the meeting and at the break.

At June's social we offer an opportunity for you to bring fabrics, books, notions, etc. that you are ready to part with, and sell them to other members. Remember to bring change as each vendor is responsible for their own cash transactions. We will also have a "Free" table for any sewing/quilting items you wish to give away. One person's junk, may be another person's treasure!

### 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 May Meeting. Returns are welcome.

Three more books and one DVD will be added to the collection this month. The 3 books for this month were chosen to build on the excellent presentation on the characteristics of quality design by Kiyomi at the last meeting.

*Inspiration by Design* by Elizabeth Barton describes seven steps to successful art quilts. The photographs of the process from sketches to the final quilts are both inspiring and logical in presentation. A colourful presentation.

*Adventures in Design* by Joen Wolfrom illustrates 153 activities and exercises to move from ideas in nature to colourful, spectacular quilts.

*Vibrant Quilt Collage* by Bethan Ash illustrates fused art quilts. None of these books include patterns, just inspiration.

Finally, the DVD is *Quilting in Sections* by Martha Schellingerhoud who gave a workshop to PNQG a few months ago.

## 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

### i. Workshop with Christine Alexiou

The April workshop with Christine Alexiou was attended by 10 people, a small but enthusiastic group of stitchers. Creative juices flowed and the participants were shown how to use unusual items in the quilt making process from plastic bags and saran wrap to foil and yarns. Art project quilts were the order of the day and everyone worked on their own project with support and guidance from Christine. The results were spectacular and some were even in frame ready condition at the end of the day. Please bring your projects, finished or in progress, to show and share at the May meeting so everyone can see and enjoy creativity let loose. Great day and, except for the carrying of machines and supplies to and from cars (back breaking work – can we hire the equivalent of a cabana boy to do this at the next workshop?), everyone went away with new ideas and a new perspective.

### ii. June Social

The theme for the June social is “Quilter’s Tea Party”. Details are as follows:

What to bring? - a desert sufficient to serve 6 people;  
- your own plate, cutlery (although there will be paper plates, etc. in case they are needed)  
- your own cup, saucer, mug – if they are special items we will all enjoy them in a cup show and share

Hat and Gloves Contest - prizes will be awarded for i) the prettiest; ii) the funniest; and iii) the most interesting quilt related items so bring your best and show us your talents

Tea Party Fabric - please bring one or many 6 inch squares of tea party themed fabric (you can bring this to the May or June meetings) keeping in mind that “tea party theme”

is fully open to interpretation and you can bring whatever you want (think Picasso, Pollock or even Norman Rockwell), because after all “tea party” can mean many things to many people.

- there will be a prize for the best fabric square so bring as many as you want; for each square you bring you get one ballot, each of which goes into a draw with the winner of the draw getting all the squares.

## **BAZAAR –Judy Messenger and Joy Takahashi**

Preparations for the PNQG boutique at the 2015 Bazaar at Armour Heights Presbyterian Church are underway. There are quite a few quilts already made, and the Past President's Challenge quilts will be ready this year, too, so we are focusing on smaller projects for the next few months. We are planning for items such as table runners and/or placemats, mug mats (8"x10" or 5"x7", to hold a coffee and a cookie), coasters, tea cozies, child or adult aprons, baby bibs, standard sized pillowcases in bright kids' fabrics, chequebook covers, purse-sized tissue pack covers, cosmetic bags and Christmas/holiday decorations and stockings. A number of kits for members to take home have already been prepared (thank you to those who took home kits from the April meeting!), and more will be available at the May and June meetings. Please consider taking home a kit if you haven't already done so, or if you have an idea for a small item that you would like to make, bring it in, or let us know and we may be able to supply you with fabric for the project.

A number of knitted scarves have also been donated, some from the fancy yarn that was donated and some from members' own yarn, so there will be a good supply of these for sale at the bazaar. We are collecting (orphan) blocks to attach to reusable grocery bags. These were popular sellers at the pre-Bazaar sale last year (completely sold out to members!). Block sizes should be 5"x5" (cocktail size napkin) or 8"x8" (luncheon size napkin). At the July/Aug meetings, we will glue the blocks to the bags, so please turn under a 1/4" hem and topstitch. Attached is a template for a 3" block. You will need to add a 1.5" border to make a 5" finished block.

For the May meeting - come early (doors open at 4pm) to see 2 demos for bazaar projects! Sally will demo "mug mats" and Joy will demo cosmetic bags. Bring a sewing machine and neutral colour thread. We will provide all materials!

Thank you for your support of the bazaar....your efforts help to keep our guild program vibrant and interesting!

## **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](http://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](mailto:webmaster@pnqg.ca).

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECTS – Shelly Keyser

### Meals on Wheel Placemats

I hope everyone has had some time to think about and perhaps make a placemat or mug rug for our community outreach program - our target is to provide a placemat to each Meals on Wheels client (about 200) and a Mug Rug to recognize the 100 or so volunteers who help to make the program successful. I'll be back in Toronto for the May meeting and will be happy to collect any pieces that are completed, and label them with our guild tag. For those of you who are looking for a bit of inspiration, have a look at the link below from the Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild that meets in Wellsboro, Pennsylvania. They had a similar program to ours and pulled together these links to some interesting and simple placemat patterns. (all the links worked for me except the last Moda link). If any members have additional links that they would like to share with the guild, send them along to me and I'll share them with the members.

<http://mountainlaurelquiltguild.blogspot.ca/2013/09/free-placemat-patterns.html>

Your contributions will be appreciated!



### TREATS

Thank you to all who have brought treats in the past including Judy Murakami, Joy Takahashi and Heather Lee for bringing the goodies in April. For the coming months the treats will be supplied by the following people:

May: Martha Huffman, Bev Moffett and June Basu Roy  
June: Dessert social

### 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\*](#)

Our featured artist this month is Grace Snyder (thanks to Wendy Dines for the suggestion) and thanks

to the University of Nebraska, International Quilt Study Centre and Museum for the article and the pictures. An article about Grace is attached. Some pictures of her work (and it is spectacular) are set out below. Unfortunately I could not get more detailed pictures but for those interested more information on Ms. Snyder and further examples of her work is available at the following site:

[http://www.quiltstudy.org/exhibitions/online\\_exhibitions/grace\\_snyder/snyder2.html](http://www.quiltstudy.org/exhibitions/online_exhibitions/grace_snyder/snyder2.html).



**Mrs. McGill's, Cherries**  
Dated 1938, 92 x 90 in



**Hexagon Mosaic, Dated 1940, 99 x 102 in,**



**Flower Basket Petit Point, Dated 1943 , 94 x 93 in**

2. Pictures from the March Meeting

a. Show and Share





*b. April Speaker - Kiyomi Sakamoto*







### 3. *Quilt Tips – Maureen Merrill*

No quilt tips this month. Instead I ran across these articles on cleaning glass stovetops and bbq grills and thought they might be of interest. A bit of a change of pace but I promise to be back to quilting related articles next month. I can vouch for the glass stovetop article and can also confirm that with some variation it works to remove burn marks from pots and pans. Not sure about the BBQ tip. Don't feel too comfortable using ammonia on a surface I intend to cook on.

### 4. *Sit and Sew*

Sit, sew, knit, chat and enjoy your own dinner starting at 4:00 until the meeting time. See under the heading Bazaar above for an agenda for May's sit and sew if you are interested.

There is no agenda for June's gathering. Generally, the sit and sew is for anyone who just wants to come early, to sew or knit and bring their dinner. It is not limited to guild members and everyone is welcome do their own work or work on guild projects or kits; whatever suits you.

Right now sit and sew is planned for May and June. We will keep you up to date for sit and sew events for the months after that.

## BULLETIN BOARD

### *a. Events*

1. Quilts at the Creek - Black Creek Pioneer Village - July 18 & 19, 2015. See attached brochure for information on entries Pioneer Spirit Quilt Challenge.
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. Ailsa Craig Community Quilt Festival, May 18-23, featuring Quilts of France, a Fiber Exhibition.
4. The Textile Museum of Canada's annual Yardage Sale is **Friday, May 29, 11-6 and Saturday, May 30, 11-2**. The sale is at the Museum at 55 Centre Street here in Toronto. It's a great sale of all things to do with textiles.....including quilt fabrics, dressmaking and decorator fabrics, beads, buttons, equipment, yarn, books, household goods and so much more. It's a great place to find treasures and the price is right!

Also, if you have fabric or textile related items such as UFOs, orphan quilt blocks, wool or yarn that you no longer need or would like to donate to a good cause, we would be happy to receive them. Any donations can be taken directly to the Museum or if you would like us to pick up your donation, please feel free to call Lynne Lee at 416 4884520 to arrange a pick up.

5. Quilts for the World - May 26 – 29, St. Jacobs Mennonite Church  
See attached poster for more information.
6. Canadian Quilters and Sewers Marketplace:  
(<https://www.facebook.com/groups/canadianquiltersandsewersmarketplace/>)

For this interested in buying or selling sewing related items the above Facebook page is an excellent resource. I (MEM) have used it on a number of occasions and have not been disappointed. Lots of fabric for reasonable prices. Even after the cost of shipping is added it

still works out to be a deal. For the most part it is individuals selling quilting related items but from time to time a business will also post. The description of the group is as follows:

*This group is for Canadians to post for sale ads or wanted ads. \*\*\*\*\*Please do not infringe on copyright laws...This is for selling any item that is sewing or quilting related from seam rippers to sewing/embroidery machines. Or if you are looking for something sewing, quilting or embroidery related ask here.*

7. 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>



*P.S. If anyone has a chance to attend any of the events described above or any other events that they feel would be of interest to the members, please send me a few sentences or paragraphs describing the event and your experiences (or whatever you wish to say) and I will include it in the next newsletter.*

- b. [Member Blogs](#) - Any members with a blog can list it here.
- c. [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](mailto:newsetter@pnqg.ca). The information will be included in the next newsletter.
- d. [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](mailto:newsetter@pnqg.ca).

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*AND A FINAL THOUGHT*

(for the cat lovers among us)

