

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

JUNE 2015 NEWSLETTER

JUNE 10 MEETING – 7:30p.m.

DOORS will open at **4:00 p.m.** Come early if you would like to 'sit and sew' and enjoy one another's company.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Wendy Dines

(Wendy is away so Martha Huffman kindly agreed to prepare the President's message. Thank you Martha. MEM)

The guild had a good turnout for the Annual General Meeting in May. Pat Stuckless stepped forward to take on the VP role. There were no nominations from the floor and the slate was approved unanimously. We thank members for allowing their names to stand and welcome the new Board for 2015-16. We look forward to another rewarding year under their direction and thank the outgoing Board for their commitment and service. The Financial Statements for the last year are attached for you perusal. The 2015-16 slate is as follows:

President	Andrea Howell
Past President	Wendy Dines
Vice-President	Pat Stuckless
Treasurer	Flo Blanchard
Membership	Catherine Richardson
Secretary/Communication	Maureen Merrill
Special Events	Cora Westgate & Erica Ribeiro
Program	Anne Sarsfield & Sherry Davidson
Library	Nadine Wright assisted by Judy Beca
Bazaar	Judy Messenger assisted by Joy Takahashi

Non Board Positions

Refreshments	Gail Lockington
CQA Rep	Bev Moffett
MOW placemats	Shelley Keyser

Following coffee and a very large show and share, Martha held her Past President's challenge. Unfortunately, many members either forgot to bring unwanted fat quarters or chose not to participate so it was a very small FQ swap. Most people who participated did go home with something

that they wanted. If we do this again, we might want to organize it somewhat differently. Please direct any comments or suggestions to Martha.

PAST PRESIDENT - Martha Huffman

2013-14 PP Challenge Update

Wendy Dines Gail Lockington, Maureen Merrill and Nadine Wright have each taken a lap quilt (created from last year's challenge blocks) to quilt. Looking forward to see the finished projects.

PROGRAM—Anne Sarsfield and Sherry Davidson

We hope that we have arranged an interesting and possibly exciting list of presenters for the coming year. Just to make sure that you that you leave the date open so not to miss any speaker we will include a reminder the month prior in the newsletter. Hope you like our choices!!

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 just passed January to June meetings.

LIBRARY- Nadine Wright

The library will be closed for the June meeting.

MEMBERSHIP — Catherine Richardson

Members are reminded to bring their annual fee (cash or cheque) to the June meeting. Liz Taylor will be able to give you a receipt since I will be on holiday. The membership fee is \$40.00. Thank you in advance. The Membership Renewal form is attached.

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.

Membership stands at 49 and an updated membership list is attached.

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

SPECIAL EVENTS – Melanie Leitch

i. 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.

In addition to the “Quilter’s Tea Party” members are invited to bring sewing related items and fabrics to sell to those interested. Each member will be responsible for setting their own price, collecting the sale price and making change. A table will be set aside to showcase the items. Please add your name to your items so interested buyers know who to stalk. As well, when the evening comes to a spectacular end, please take home any of your treasures that don’t find a new home.

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 cosies, 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 and more will be available at the June meeting. Thank you to those who have returned their completed projects and those who have taken kits home to complete! 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.

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

PNQG WEBSITE - Judy Messenger, Webmaster

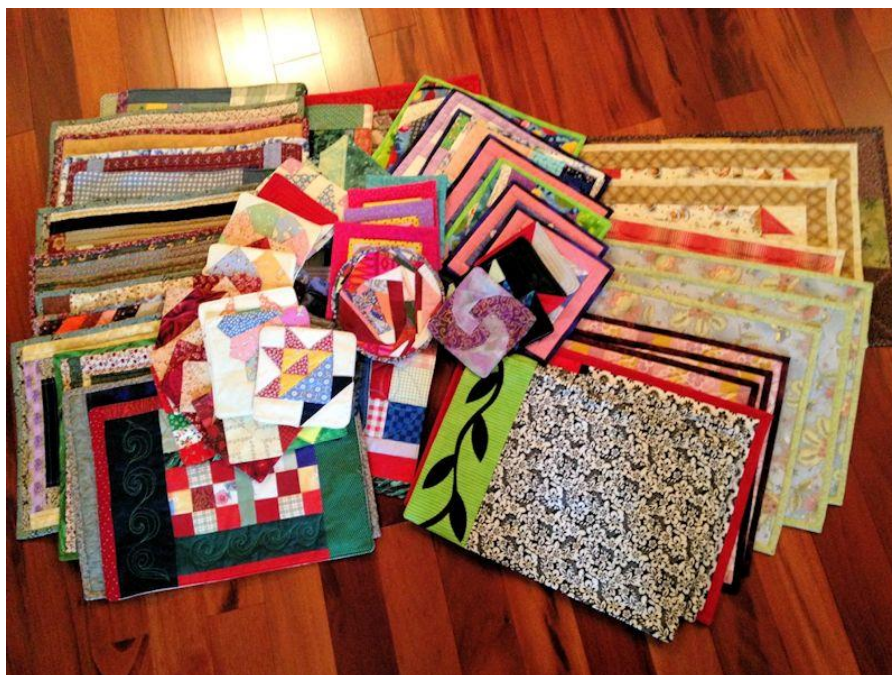
Pieceful Night Quilters' Guild now has a website maintained by our own webmaster, Judy Messenger. A calendar of events, photos from guild meetings and workshops, membership information and newsletters can all be found on the website at www.pnqg.ca. If you have any photos you'd like to share, or information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

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECTS – Shelley Keyser

Community Outreach Project - Meals on Wheels Placemats and Mug Rugs

As you can see from the photo below, response to this program has already been incredible. To date, members have contributed over 45 placemats and over 30 mug rugs towards our December target of 200 placemats and 100 mug rugs. Terrific progress and it looks like we are well on our way to enabling Meals on Wheels in providing a hand-crafted placemat to brighten the day of each of their clients, and a mug rug to recognize each of their volunteers. Each mat and mug rug will be labeled with our guild's name before delivery. I'll be at the June meeting and can accept any more finished products, and/or any fabric or batting you may wish to contribute.

Thank you!





TREATS

Thank you to all who have brought treats in the past including Martha Huffman, Bev Moffett and June Basu Roy for bringing the goodies in May. June is our desert social so see Melanie's Special Events report for information on what to bring. A new list will be posted for the coming year once the sign up is complete.

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

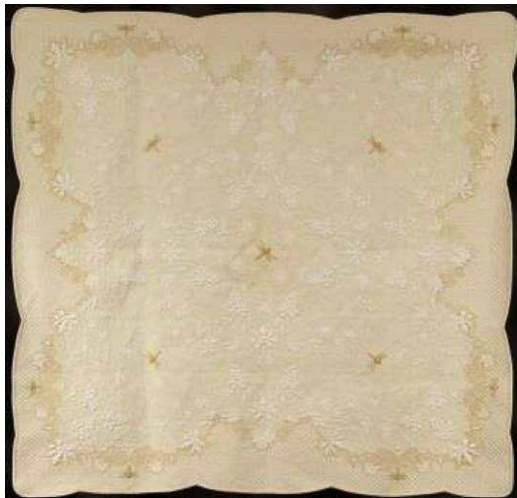
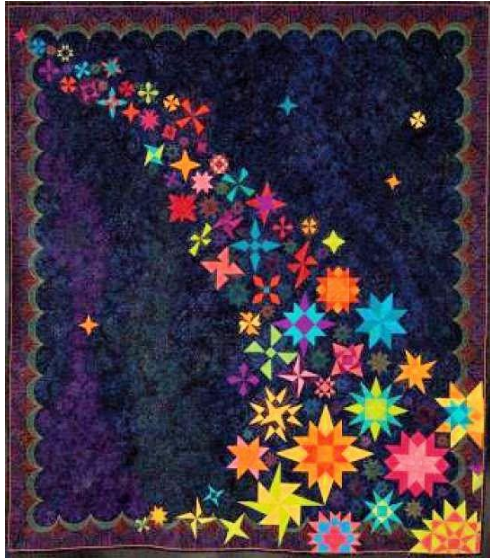
Guests are welcome (except for the AGM in May and social evenings in June and December). A fee of \$5 is charged for each meeting.

FROM OUR MEMBERS

1. *A Feast for the Eyes – Maureen Merrill*

Today I have the prize winners from Road to California 2015. Enjoy. The last one won Best in Show. I saw this quilt when I was at the show. You cannot tell from this picture but it is a whole cloth quilt. The skill and creative talent involved in making this is simply breathtaking. I can only dream.





2. *Pictures from the May Meeting*

a. *Show and Share*







b. Fabric Share





3. *Quilt Tips – Maureen Merrill*

Considering that the featured artists this month are the Road to California winners I thought an article on what judges look for in prize winners would be appropriate. Enjoy.

4. *Sit and Sew*

Sit, sew, knit, chat and enjoy your own dinner starting at 4:00 until the meeting time. 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.

We will keep you up to date for sit and sew events for the months after June.

5. *Sewing Kits – Melanie Leitch*

See attached thank you card from Samaritan's Purse regarding the donated sewing kits. Yeah Team!

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. 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.

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>



2016 Quilt Canada Announcement

CQA/ACC is thrilled to announce that Quilt Canada 2016 will be held at the International Centre in Mississauga, Ontario (near the Toronto airport) from June 15-18, 2016.

CQA/ACC had a booth at this location at the recent Creativ Festival and is assured that this venue will meet all our needs for shows, workshops, lectures and merchant space.

Make your plans...we'll start the countdown following the wonderful conference we have planned for Lethbridge, Alberta!

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. MEM

- 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. The information will be included in the next newsletter.
- i. See the following post from a friend of Judy Messenger.

I have an extensive stash of 100% cotton fabrics for sale. I have been an avid quilter for 20 years but now I have to give up my hobby due to health.

I have pieces as small as 1/8th quarter to 10 yd. pieces. The fabric has never been in a basement, no pets and no smoking. I am negotiable on price depending on the quantity purchased. I also have a sewing machine cabinet, cutting table, and 16 cube storage unit for sale. Best offer takes it all.

I would ask if you could pass this message along to anyone who might be interested in seeing my stash I would be grateful.

I have put the items on Kijiji with pictures.

*I can be reached at 1-519-886-7392
Waterloo, Ontario*

Thanking you in advance

Bev Christensen

- d. [Newsletter](#) - Members are welcome, in fact are encouraged, 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

(The actual turnover is July 1 so even though some of our reports this month are from the new board members, I will update the list in the July newsletter. MEM)

President	Wendy Dines	416-486-8378	e-mail:president@pnqg.ca
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Program	Andrea Howell	416-423-8695	e-mail:program@pnqg.ca
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* Not a board position			

AND A FINAL THOUGHT

(for the dog lovers among us)

