



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

NOVEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

November 11 MEETING – 7:30p.m.

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Andrea Howell

We approach a busy time of year, full of events, displays and shopping. Of course as quilters we are all making gifts instead of buying them. (Right?)

PNQG is be off to a good start as we come to the meetings knowing we will find good friends, interesting speakers, inspiring 'show and share' creations and delicious refreshments.

Our collection of hand- made treasures was well received at the pre-sale and our thanks again to the hard working bazaar people. The Bazaar itself on November 14 need hands on deck to make it a success, so please sign Judy's helper form.

Shelley has lead us close to the goal of 140 placemats and 90 mug rugs for Meals on Wheels and I have no doubt we will hit the target by the December meeting. Keep up the generous good work.

Perhaps the colourful outdoor vista has inspired your quilt designs or other projects and I hope you will bring these to share with us. Happy sewing!

VICE-PRESIDENT – Pat Stuckless

Thanks to our Vice-President for just being our vice-president and president in training.

PAST PRESIDENT – Wendy Dines

Past President's Challenge: Using *two (2) fabrics*, the challenge is to create a small quilt, wallhanging or full-sized quilt using your **favourite block**. This is an opportunity to showcase that block you LOVE in colours that make it sing.

The parameters for the challenge are attached.

PROGRAM—Anne Sarsfield and Sherry Davidson

For the November meeting we are pleased to offer a presentation from Helen Fujiki. Helen's list of accomplishments and awards are numerous. A self-taught quilter her initial work focused on Asian design. Four trips to Japan afforded her an opportunity to study the art, fabric and culture of the country. Her initial work was an interpretation of the knowledge gained from this travel. You will see from her earlier quilts how the use of colour and design attributed to Japan resulted in such beautiful quilts and wallhangings.

Helen has taught classes from Halifax to Vancouver Island. She has been the featured artist at many events including Buckhorn Lake, Meaford and Picton.

At CQA Conference in St. Catherines Helen entered three of her quilts - each one very different from the others. She won the award for "Excellence in Machine Quilting". I know the path she took to accomplish her machine quilting skills and possibly she will share this with us at the meeting.

Recently she has been exploring different construction techniques and is now producing a new series on fiddlehead ferns and mushrooms. If you attended the CQA booth at Creative Sewing you would have seen Fiddle Dee Dee prominently displayed. The new series is an exciting burst of colour and playful imagination so diverse from her Asian designs.

Her quilts have been in numerous juried shows across Canada as well as Tokyo, the United States and Europe winning awards and travelling the world for all to enjoy.



LIBRARY- Nadine Wright

Three more books will be added to the library this month.

Modern Quilts Nature-Inspired, by Bernadette Mayr, illustrates 25 beautiful projects - no rulers or templates required. Check out one called Spruce Plantation if you want to get rid of your bin of green scraps/fabrics. Also Four Seasons; Spring, Summer Fall and Winter; four different wall quilts; splashes of colour for each season.

In Love with Squares and Rectangles by Amy Walsh and Janine Burke. This books illustrates work with batiks and solids. Also, the authors make a good attempt at providing actual quilting designs for the quilts illustrated.

Finally, **Scrap Republic** by Emily Cier describes 8 quilt projects foe using up strips of fabric in yet another way. If you are short of strips, she suggests variation using your stash. Very colourful projects.

If you spoke to me at the last meeting about donating books to the library, please remind me again

MEMBERSHIP – Catherine Richardson

The up to date membership list is attached. Hi everyone, we have 47 members and unfortunately Ron has decided not to renew his membership. We will send a card around for him at the November meeting and hopefully all the members will get a chance to sign it. Thank you, Kate Richardson

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 Catherine Richardson know so the Guild can express its best wishes.

SPECIAL EVENTS – Cora Westgate and Erica Ribeiro

As in the past, the December Meeting will be a Pot Luck dinner followed by Fun and Games. A sign-up sheet will be available at the November meeting for those wishing to bring either bread rolls and butter, vegetable platters, salads, casseroles, desserts and drinks.

BAZAAR –Judy Messenger and Joy Takahashi

Thanks to all who supported the "Pre-Bazaar Sale" at the October meeting. We are well on our way to reaching our goal for bazaar sales now! Thanks also to those who continue to donate items to the bazaar. There is still time to finish up some projects for the sale, and since it's the Saturday after the next guild meeting, you can drop them off to us at that time.

A list was circulated at the October meeting asking for volunteers on the day of the bazaar. Thanks to all who signed up. We could use a couple more people to help with the 1:30-3:30 shift, so if you can help out at that time, please contact Judy Messenger or Joy Takahashi. Also, if you have any table cloths we could use for the bazaar, please let us know and bring them to the November guild

meeting. White or gold are preferred.

Thanks again, for your support of our annual Bazaar. The money raised goes to help with guild activities.

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

Thanks again to all who have contributed placemats and mug rugs for Meals on Wheels. With about 6 weeks to go we are well on our way to hitting our targets for donation in December - we have about 140 placemats and 90 mugs rugs towards our targets of 200 placemats and 100 mug rugs. The Sprint MOW representative will be joining us at our December meeting to receive this beautiful collection.

Thanks for your contributions



TREATS

-Gail Lockington

Tea and coffee will be offered before the meeting and during our break. Thanks so much to Sandy Green, Sally Elgar, Marilyn Murphy who brought treats in October and to who have offered to bring treats in the coming months:

November: Helen Crooke, Flo Blanchard, Kiyomi Sakamoto

January: Anne Sarsfield, Michiko Petrick, Adriana Gruszka

February: Judy Messenger, Judy Ellen, Leslie Batt

March: Judy Murakami, Judy Beca, Joyce Dawson

April: June Basu Roy, Maureen Merrill, Cora Westgate

May: Bev Moffett, Sherry Davidson, Catherine Richardson

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

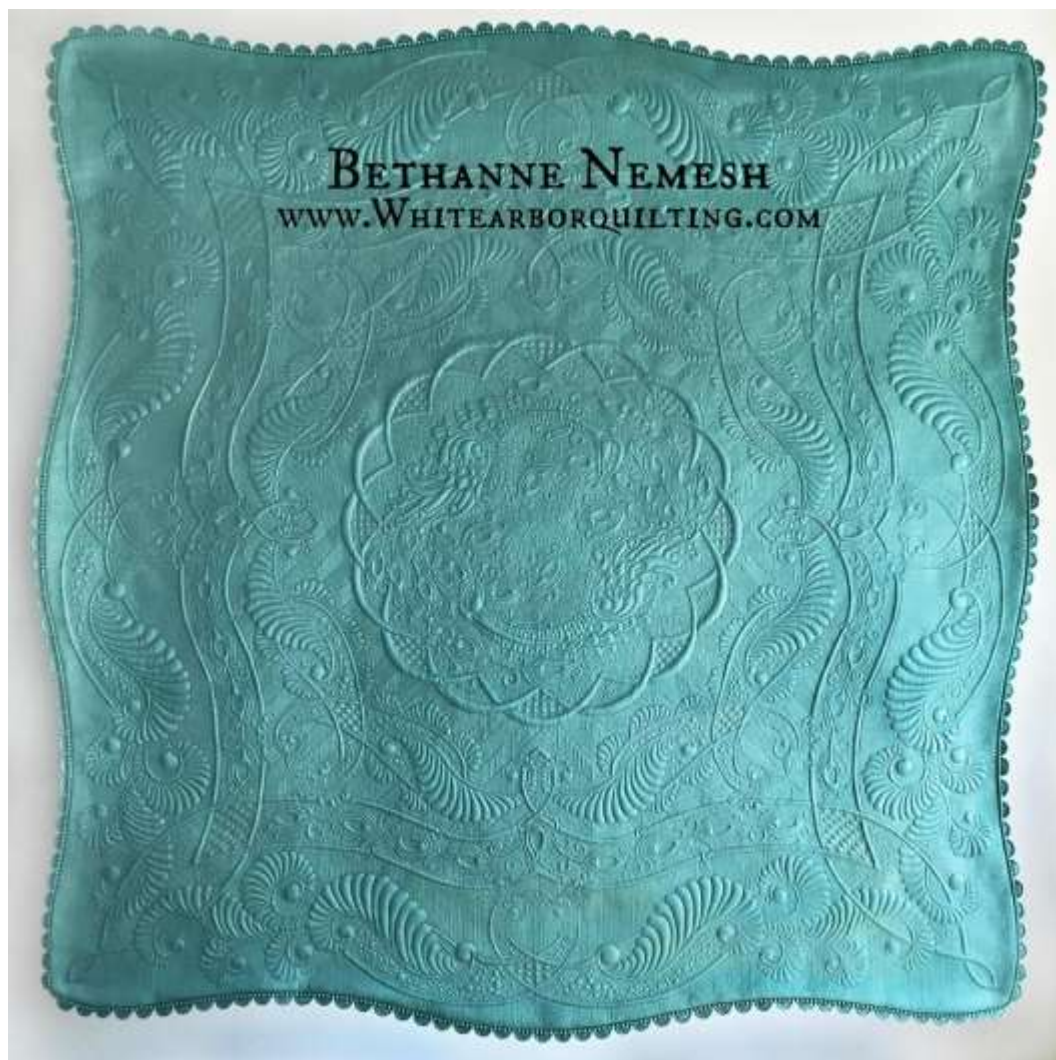
\$5 is charged for each meeting.

FROM OUR MEMBERS

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

This month our featured artist is the Quilt Festival in Houston, Texas. A wonderful, if perhaps a bit overwhelming, show. I took pictures of some of the prize winners work, three of whom have been prior featured artists in our newsletter.

First up Bethanne Nemesh, our artist from last month. First let me apologize for spelling her name wrong in the newsletter. The correct spelling is set out above. Second, let me congratulate her on first prize for Pailey Peacock, in the Merit Quilting, Machine-Frame Category. Beautiful!



The next quilt is from Jerry Granata of California, again a featured artist in the December newsletter. The quilt will be familiar as it was also in the newsletter. Fly Me To The Moon has to be one of my favorite quilts of all time. The picture does not do it justice as the quilting is nothing short of spectacular. It was first place for Art, People, Portraits, Figures. With those sneaks he has on would you expect anything less than awesome!



The third quilt is from Cathy Wiggins from North Carolina for Rodeo. This one received an Honorable Mention in the Innovative Applique Category. You probably cannot tell from the picture but the quilt is done totally in leather. Please visit her website and take a look at her other pieces. Spectacular. She was our featured artist in the February newsletter. The quilt, the boots, the tats; all working together in this picture I think.



Fourth, the Best in Show quilt and first place, Merit Quilting, Machine – Stationary from Janet Stone of Kansas. Again, the picture does not do it justice. It is absolutely breathtaking.



And finally, a quilt called Ruth (I think, my picture of the info on the quilt is illegible). It was not a prizewinner (which I think tells you the quality of the quilts at this show if something as awesome as this did not win a prize) but is simply breathtaking none the less.



I have many more pictures that I will feature from time to time in future newsletters. Way too many choices to put all in one newsletter.

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a. *Show and Share October*

A combination of our show and share and some random shots of the pre-bazaar set up is set out below. Kudos to all the hard work of the people who contributed, particularly Judy and Joy who set the whole show up. Good luck on the bazaar!





b. Sandy Lindal, Our Featured Speaker in October



3. *Quilt Tips – Maureen Merrill*

See attached article called “10 Tips For Invisible Machine Applique”. Enjoy

4. *Pets Who Quilt*

This month our first pet who quilts comes from Natalie Reigler. Everyone, let me introduce Mr. Silver, no doubt resting on a quilt made especially for him. A sweetie indeed.



Our second set of pets who quilt are once again my kitties Hamlet and Lady Macbeth, sleeping on a quilt loaded on to my longarm. (Yes Sherry, that’s for you!) Once I am finished working on a quilt I have to unthread the machine (thread is a fun toy for them and potentially dangerous) and cover the quilt (as I did here) as they love taking one of their many naps on top of the quilt.



Please send me your pictures of your pets. They don't need to be cats and, just in case you thought your pets might be disqualified, they don't really have to be able to quilt.

5. *A Night of Crafts – Andrea Howell*

BAZAAR CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT WORKSHOP. On Tuesday, November 10 from 2-4 and again from 7-9 you are welcome to come to Andrea's house at 430 Broadway Ave. to make tree ornaments for the bazaar. We had fun at this workshop last year. I am offering 2 times to try to fit everyone's schedules. Please reply if you are coming so I can have materials ready. andreaowell@sympatico.ca or 416 4238695

If you would like to create a fuzzy 10" high snowman who is decked out in a toque and mittens and holds your choice of seasonal items, I am having a workshop at my home (430 Broadway Ave) on Thursday December 3rd at 1:30 pm. The cost is \$12.00 which includes all materials and refreshments. Confirm your interest at 416 423 8694 or andreaowell@sympatico.ca. Friends are welcome.

BULLETIN BOARD

a. Events

1. Quilt Canada - Quilt Canada 2016 –June 15-18 -International Centre, Mississauga – from our CQA rep Bev Moffett



2. Textile Museum

A note from Bev on a great sale:

TEXTILE MUSEUM: A SALE OF ORIENTAL TEXTILES - Wed. Nov. 11, 1-6 pm. - a selection of Japanese and other oriental textiles and memorabilia, including kimonos, obis, cords

and more. A generous donor has given the museum a great collection of **weaving books**, ranging from design and patterns to traditional and artistic techniques. These books are bargain priced and located on the second-hand bookshelf in the Museum Shop. There is also a wide selection of used craft books in the H.N. Pullar Library –everything from **weaving and quilting to knitting and sewing**. The Library is open Mon. to Fri., 1- 4.30 pm and until 7:30 pm on Wed. evenings. Note: Cash only for books purchased in the Library.

- 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.
- 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.

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* Not a board position			

AND A FINAL THOUGHT



Hey! I recognize those two. I think I last saw them partying at this little quilt show they have in Houston each year.

Remembrance Day, November 11



Let us never forget.