



PNQG NEWS

Pieceful Night Quilters' Guild
of North Toronto

Meetings at Armour Heights Presbyterian Church
105 Wilson Avenue, Toronto
September 2016

President's Message

Welcome!

The guild year started in a blaze of heat. In July, Sally and the members took on the challenge of making quilts for Fort MacMurray residents, despite temperatures approaching 40 degrees. Then in August, in similar blazing temperatures, Val and Liz gathered the crowd to make items for the bazaar. What amazing efforts. Thanks to everyone who participated.

In September, we ramp up our regular guild activities with show and share and a guest speaker--Katie Pidgeon is known to many in the guild but you may not know the breadth of her quilting skills. Prepare to be amazed. In addition, Joy proposed a new venture to raise money for special items not in the guild's budget. She will tell you more in this newsletter. Thank you, Joy.

Over the summer, we welcomed a couple of new members whom we will introduce at the September meeting. Please stop by and say hello. As Catherine will tell you, the guild's roster is approaching its maximum - if everyone who intends to stay with the guild pays their dues. If you are one of the delinquents, please bring your cheque to the meeting.

If you need another good reason to attend the meeting in September, then note that it is national sewing month, declared by Ronald Regan in 1982, now known as International Sewing Month.

The guild activities we've mapped out for the next 10 months promise an exciting membership year. Hope you'll join me, be sure to mark your calendars and join in the fun.



...Pat Stuckless

Next Meeting - September 14, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

Doors will open early at 6 p.m. for sewing and visiting.

Guest Speaker - Katie Pidgeon

Katie started with an early interest in handwork, and went on to win several York Heritage Quilter's Guild awards & also the TrendTex Judge's Choice Award at Quilt Canada. She proved and improved her skills and graduated from the City and Guilds program. A peek at her quilts and how she accomplishes her precision hand quilting and traditional and modern applique is not to be missed.

Remember to bring:

- your membership badge
- items for Show and Share
- completed bazaar items (for Liz, Val)
- baby quilts or tops for community outreach (for Judy B.)
- used books for the book sale (for Joy, see page 2)
- AND money to pick up some good reading!

Vice President's Message

Sandy Green, Sally Elgar and I have been doing Quilts of Valour along with Marilyn Murphy and Liz Taylor. As Marilyn and Liz have recently moved out of town, it has left a very small group. We invite any people interested in doing a very worthwhile charitable activity involving quilts for our veterans at very little cost, please get in touch with me. We have been meeting at Sew Sisters once a month on a Monday but no dates have been finalized at this point due to the small numbers.

... Leslie Batt

Past President's Message

Hello all. I am looking forward to the October meeting because I miss PNQG gatherings. The date of the July meeting coincided with a course I took at the Haliburton School of Art and Design. What a wonderful place. And although I was all set, sewing machine in the car, for the August meeting, unexpected out of town visitors landed at the door. September is always a miss for me as I rent a cottage then every year. I have promised myself that I will try to have something new for every show and share this year. A PP Challenge is in the works with details to follow soon.

...Andrea Howell

NEW!!! Calling All Bookworms!

For something different, we're going to start off the year with a **Member's Used Book Sale!** At the September and October meetings, members are invited to donate any books they have enjoyed reading to the guild's first Used Book Sale. The books can be from any genre and ideally are best sellers or by best selling authors. They can be recent titles or classics. Cookbooks, craft books, magazines are also welcome (anything that might be a source of inspiration!).

Books and magazines should be in good condition (think, would you buy the book? If yes, then bring it). Funds generated will be used to support "out of budget" initiatives such as purchasing non-traditional items for the library (e.g. gadgets, DVDs, magazines), subsidizing guild outings and/or supporting unanticipated, guild sponsored charity projects. The sale will start at 7 p.m. so come early, drop off your books and browse/shop through other members' books. Prices: Hard Cover \$3; Trade Paperbacks \$2; Pocket size/magazines \$1.



...Joy Takahashi

2016 - 2017 Membership Update

As of September 1, 2016, we are estimating 48 members with 9 who have not yet paid their membership fees for the current year. Reminder emails have been sent to all 9 people and hopefully they will all decide to join for the year and pay asap. If there is anyone receiving this newsletter who does not want to be a member of PNQG for 2016-2017, please let me know.

My email address is catherinekaterichardson@gmail.com. My mailing address for membership dues is 237 Yonge Blvd, Toronto, Ontario M5M 3J1. Cheques should be made out to PNQG.

We were all saddened to hear of Heather Lee's passing in June 2016 (obituary at <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/thestar/obituary.aspx?pid=180529221>). A condolence card will be circulated at the September meeting for members to sign. Her husband, David Lee, has invited all members of PNQG to attend the memorial service to celebrate Heather's life on October 22, 2016, at 11am in Melrose Community Church. Some of Heather's quilts will be displayed at the service.

...Catherine Richardson

Bazaar Update

The August session for cutting and sewing Bazaar goods was well attended despite the tropical conditions inside and outside the church. The stitchers turned in several finished items at the end of the evening, good headway was made on the pink/blue baby quilts, several of the new DIY kits walked out the door, and some of Wendy's big bag of donated yard goods was pounced on by Joy and cut up as table toppers/napkins. Thanks to everyone who participated.

We will have all of the new and previously made-up kits, including the table cloths, baby bibs, aprons etc. available at the September meeting; please consider taking one or more of them with you as homework. As you know the sale of goods at the Bazaar helps the Guild's coffers which in turn benefits the membership throughout the year.

If you have any questions please call Val at 416-532-4183 or Liz at 416-789-9206.

... Val Strand, Liz Taylor & Leslie Batt

Community Outreach Programs

Baby Quilts - Due by October Meeting

Thank you to all who have made Baby Quilts, out of your own stash or with the flannel kits. To date I have received 19 baby quilts that will be donated to agencies that service single moms through The Needleworks Guild. Joyce Hisey of the Needleworks Guild will be coming to the October meeting to collect these quilts for the 24 layettes that she is committed to providing. She will also inform us what she puts in the layettes. If you are making baby quilts for this project, please note they are to be collected in the October meeting.

I will be at the September meeting, and flannel kits will be available for you to make baby quilts, or just tops, or just the quilting, or you can have just batting if you are using your own stash. Any washable material is acceptable. The size could be approximately 40" x 45". Thank you all.

...Judy Beca

Charity Quilts for Fort McMurray

The July 13 meeting was dedicated to sewing quilts to donate to those impacted by the fires in Fort McMurray.

The three quilts for Fort McMurray residents are now completed. I am in the final stages of embroidering the guild's information onto the quilts. I have chosen to do the machine embroidery of the information rather than a large label, so that the quilts will be reversible. Next steps will include pictures and delivery.

... Sally Elgar

2016 - 2017 Program

We've been busy and are happy to now be able to share plans for 2017 meetings as follows:

January 11 Tracey Lawko
February 8 Members Showcase Round Robin Demos
March 8 Karen Howe, Faeries and Fibres Trunk Show
April 12 Maggie Vanderweit, Fibre Artist

In February, we will be continuing the very popular tradition of the "Members Showcase Round Robin Demos". Please consider sharing your skills with the group by volunteering to lead a demo. Let us know if you are willing to lead a demo or have ideas of what you might like to see.

Further information on 2017 programs will be shared in the coming months. We look forward to seeing all of you for Katie Pidgeon's Trunk Show at the September 14 meeting and remind you of the rest of the fall 2016 speakers as described below.

October 12, 2016 - Doris Lovadina Lee Modern Quilting

Doris is for all things fabric and her work shows it. She says it best herself.

"I am a quilter who loves colour. The compositions, lines, patterns and colours around me inspire my work. I am passionate about learning and with every project I focus on new techniques to improve my skills. I find great satisfaction in teaching others to develop their technical and design skills. My goal is to encourage others to explore their creativity and challenge them to expand their technical abilities and design boundaries." Taken from Doris' Website <http://www.dorislovadinalee.com/index.html>

November 9, 2016 - Ann Sutherland Trunk Show

Ann needs no introduction to most of you in PNQG but if you do not know her she would be the last to talk up her beautiful quilts. But she agreed to come to our meeting with her large hand quilted bed quilts and other projects! Her thoughtful planning and careful placement of stitches result in bed coverings that bring comfort to all who are lucky enough to sleep under them.

... Kiyomi Sakamoto & June Basu-Roy

Editor's Note: Make sure to mark your calendars as well for December 14, 2016 and May 10 and June 14, 2017. The Special Events Team, Erica Ribeiro and Cora Westgate, tell me they have some great plans in the works that they will be sharing with you soon. And Kiyomi and June are working on plans for the May 2017 AGM evening. Stay tuned!

Need Some New Fabric? (or inspiration, tools, or books, or classes, or...)

Check out Sew Jax's new location, pick up some great deals at the Textile museum, or visit any of the upcoming shows and events listed in the next section. Feeling that you need to build an addition to store your ever-expanding fabric stash? Note that the Textile Museum is accepting donations.

Sew Jax - New Location

Sew Jax, of Orangeville, has a new location at 28 Mill St. and a new classroom facility. They can be contacted at 519-940-0001; www.sewjax.com for general info and www.sewjax.com/classes for their course offerings.

...contributed by Melanie Leitch



Textile Museum, 2 Sales in One!

TMC Mezzanine, 55 Centre Avenue, Toronto
Sept. 28, 11 am - 7 pm

Two great sales textile sales, same day, same location.

Fabric & Craft Sale - A selection of textile treasures: quilting fabrics, thimbles, patterns, Japanese Kimono, scarves, books, etc. If you are interested in donating items for the sale, they can be dropped off at the front desk during Museum hours. Proceeds from the sale support the Textile Museum's exhibitions, collections and educational programs.

TMC Shop Annual Stockroom - Discounts of up to 75% off the original sale price.

...contributed by Bev Moffett

Mark Your Calendars for These Upcoming Events

<p>To September 5, 2016 My Corner of the World Stratford Perth Museum 4275 Huron Road, Stratford stratfordperthmuseum.ca</p>	<p>Presented in collaboration with SAQA – Studio Art Quilt Associates. 80 artists interpret their corner of the world in a colourful exhibit of exquisite art quilts from across Canada and around the world.</p>
<p>September 9, 10, 11, 2016 Quilting at The Lakes Buckhorn Community Centre 1801 Lakehurst Rd, Buckhorn www.buckhornquilters.com www.facebook.com/buckhornquiltshow</p>	<p>Presented by Buckhorn Area Quilters' Guild. Over 200 quilts, Vendors' Village, Merchants' Mall, demonstrations, tea room</p>
<p>September 8 - 18, 2016 Fibre Content 2016 Art Gallery of Burlington 1333 Lakeshore Rd, Burlington www.fibrations.org/ artgalleryofburlington.com</p>	<p>The best of contemporary Canadian fibre art. You'll find inspiration, innovation and a nod to tradition in the exhibit of more than 100 art quilts, fibre art and media work. Admission is FREE.</p>
<p>September 16 & 17, 2016 QuiltX 16 Pyramid Recreation Centre 317 James Street South, St. Marys www.quiltx.ca</p>	<p>A small but unique vendor curated quilt exhibit premiering a new pattern by a different Canadian designed each year, collection of work by featured designed Jennifer Houlden, merchant mall, demos, lectures. Admission is \$8/day or \$10/2 days..</p>
<p>October 22 & 23, 2016 Garden of Dreams. The Magic of Cloth - Act VI Quilt Show Orangevills Agricultural Society Event Centre 247090 5th Sideroad, Mono www.dufferinpiecemakers.org/</p>	<p>Presented by Dufferin Piecemakers Quilting Guild. Featuring 300+ quilted items, Members' Boutique, merchant mall, tea room mini draws, Northcott Challenge, quilt appraiser, raffle quilt. Raffle proceeds will support the Headwaters Oncology Program.</p>
<p>April 8 & 9, 2017 Reflections of Georgian Bay Quilt Show 91 Concession Rd. 8 East, Tiny</p>	<p>Presented by Georgian Bay Quilters Guild. Features Quilted exhibits, vendors, tea room, door prizes, demonstrations.</p>
<p>May 22 - 27, 2017 Canada Sea to Sea Fibre Arts Exhibition Ailsa Craig Community Quilt Festival 155 Annie Ada Shipley St, Ailsa Craig</p>	<p>Celebrating Canada's 150th birthday, a selection of quilts, fibre art and media. Features cafe, vendors and workshops.</p>

For additional events check out other guilds' websites and newsletters and visit the [CQA/ACC website](#) and review the "Events" section.

PNQG Information

PNQG Board and Volunteers - July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

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Community Outreach*	Judy Beca - Baby Quilts Sally Elgar - Quilts for Fort McMurray and Meals on Wheels (MOW) placemats	

* Non-Board Positions

PNQG Meetings and Guests: Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of the month, year-round. 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. Show and Share is welcome at all meetings.

Guild Communication: PNQG utilizes both a monthly newsletter and website to share guild and quilt related information with members. The PNQG Newsletter is published monthly, approximately 10 days prior to each meeting, distributed by email to members (unless alternate arrangements have been agreed to) and posted to our website at www.pnqq.ca. The website includes membership information, newsletters, photos, events, etc. Only limited photos will be included in the newsletter so you are encouraged to visit the website for all the pictures.

Members are welcome to submit quilt-related items of interest to members to be shared - member's blogs, items to buy/sell or recycle, events, etc. - via the newsletter or website by contacting the webmaster (Judy at webmaster@pnqq.ca) or the newsletter editor (Shelley at newsletter@pnqq.ca). In most cases submissions will be due 2 - 3 weeks prior to the meeting date; however, it is recommended you confirm the schedule with the newsletter editor.