



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

JANUARY 2016 NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 13 MEETING – 7:00p.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

Happy New Year! You probably have resolved to either tackle UFOs, organize your work space, inventory your stash, sort your notions, cull your old patterns and magazines (or in my case, all of the above). While these tasks are therapeutic and worthwhile let's make a promise to ourselves to try something new, take a class, use a color usually avoided, master a tricky technique, and to revel in the creativity within us and around us in this guild. If you have brought projects to "Show and Share", thank you for inspiring us and bring more. If you haven't brought in something to share, hope you will plan to soon.

Our Holiday party was a real success, with great food, fun games and several adorable angels adding to the festivities. Many thanks to Cora and Erica for hosting.

The program team of Anne and Sherry have delivered a terrific first half of this Guild year and it looks like the rest of the year will be equally interesting. It is never too soon to start planning for next year and the new volunteers we will need to keep Pieceful Nights rolling. Is it your turn to take on a role?

Anniversary celebration questionnaires will be evaluated and results posted ASAP. As always, your ideas or thoughts on any Guild matters are welcomed.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Pat Stuckless

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

PAST PRESIDENT – Wendy Dines

Many, many thanks for the wonderful array of fat quarters as well as the gift certificate for Sew Sisters. With the addition of these fabrics, it will be a while before I venture out for the purchase of yet more quilting supplies. Serving on the board brought me in touch with most of you, face to face and I

enjoyed getting to know you. What a great 'little' guild!

PROGRAM—Anne Sarsfield and Sherry Davidson

We start off the new year in January, with a topic both practical and creative: how to photograph quilts. Elsie Nisonen, an award-winning Toronto photographer, will demonstrate useful pointers on the subject. Come ready with lots of questions for her!

Elsie Nisonen has loved taking photographs for more than 25 years. Of places, people, nature, buildings, fashion, family, pets, and more.

Her photographs win awards.

In January, Elsie's command of photographic processes, together with her interest in colour, design, and genealogy, will help guild members learn how to preserve and showcase our quilts.

Quilting today is no longer primarily utilitarian. Now, we quilt to create, to socialize, to relax, sometimes even to tie us to ancestors who did the same.

So, photographs can transform our quilts into small legacies, diaries of sorts. Think how exciting it would be to have someone see our creations in 100 or 200 years from now!

Although Elsie is not a quilter yet, we think some of her photos (shown below) would make interesting and beautiful art quilts.





LIBRARY - Nadine Wright

The library will be open for the January meeting.

MEMBERSHIP – Catherine Richardson

Hello quilters, hope you had a good holiday. I tried to distribute the PNQG membership cards so if you did not get one, please email me and I will have it ready for the January meeting. Thanks very much to everyone who has paid the membership fees.

We have 45 members. An updated membership list 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 socials in June and December.

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

The Spring Workshop will be held in April. The final date to be announced at the January meeting. We are very pleased that Sandy Lindal, the queen of scrappy quilts will be teaching. Just imagine, a chance to use up some of those scraps of fabric that seem to multiply without our help. Sandy will bring her enthusiasm and expertise to help us make a 'beautiful thing' out of those scraps.

BAZAAR –Judy Messenger and Joy Takahashi

Thank you to Judy Beca who took some of the bazaar inventory to her church group in December-she sold over \$160 worth of goods! Over \$220 was made by sales to the members at the December

meeting too, so we are in good shape to help support the PNQG programming over the next year. Thanks to all members who have contributed to a successful bazaar year, by making goods and shopping for them too!

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 to all of you for making our 2015 MOW placemat program such a huge success (and making my role as coordinator pretty easy!). At our December meeting Sarah Reyes, Volunteer Coordinator for Sprint Senior Care, joined us to receive our donation of placemats and mug rugs. Your generous donations were arriving so fast and furious at the December meeting that I lost count the final tally - but would estimate that we provided over 220 placemats and 100 mug rugs! Big round of applause to all of you for your generosity that enabled Sprint Meals on Wheels to brighten the holidays for their clients and to recognize their hard-working volunteers.

Please have a look at the attached newsletter from Sprint where our contribution was shared with the volunteer community! Some pictures of the presentation at the last meeting are set out below.



TREATS



-Gail Lockington

Tea and coffee will be offered before the meeting and during our break. Thanks so much to those who have offered to bring treats in the coming months:

January: Anne Sarsfield, Michiko Petrick and 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

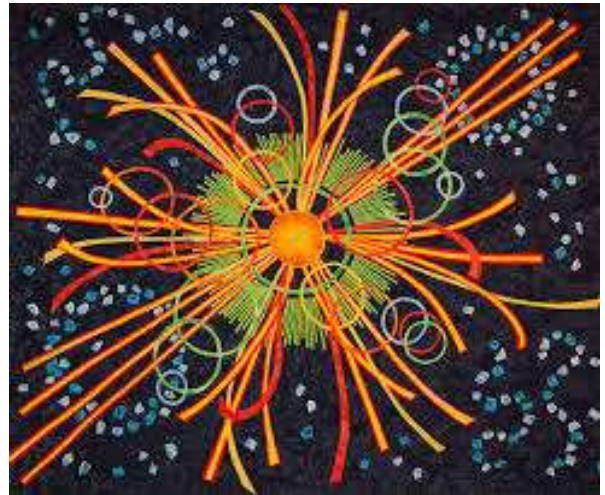
Guests are welcome (except for the AGM in May and social evenings in June and December). A fee of \$5 is charged for each meeting.

FROM OUR MEMBERS

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

Happy New Year everyone. Our featured artist is 2016 and to celebrate I have included some random New Year Quilts. Again, don't know who made them (it wasn't me) so no credits to the artist.





2.

a. Show and Share December





b. *Our Featured Speaker*

Nothing for December as we had our Holiday/Christmas/Kwanzaa/Hanukkah/ Festivus/ Ramadan/Buddhist/Shinto/Hindu/(insert here anything I have missed) celebration. Some pictures of the festivities are set out below.



3. *Quilt Tips – Maureen Merrill*

See the following article called “Why Quilts Cost So Much”. Truer words have not been spoken!

Why Do Quilts Cost So Much?

Costs for materials, construction, & finishing for a 65” x 65” Throw Quilt.

Materials for throw quilt:

Fabric for the top:

6 yds @ \$11 yd = \$66

5 yds Backing @ \$13 = \$65

2 yds of Batting @ \$11 = \$22

5/8 yd for Binding @ \$11 = \$6.88

TOTAL Cost of Materials = \$159.88

Construction:

(Labor based on \$10/hr)

Making the top:

(Includes preparing the fabric, cutting the pieces, sewing the blocks, setting into rows, adding borders)

50 hours x \$10/hr = \$500

Assembling the Quilt Sandwich:

3 hours @ \$10/hr = \$30

Quilting on Domestic Machine:

(Charged by square inch in a simple all over design)

4225 sq in x \$.015 = \$63.38

Thread for Quilting - \$15

TOTAL Cost for Construction = \$768.26

Finishing:

Making the Binding:

2 hours x \$10 = \$20

Attaching the binding:

10 hours x \$10 = \$100

TOTAL Finishing costs = \$120

TOTAL COST OF QUILT = \$888.26

Note: A larger quilt, a more intricate pattern, a more elaborate quilting design will cause the price to increase.



4. *Pets Who Quilt*

This month our pet who quilts comes from Sherry Davidson. This beauty is called Suki and clearly has mastered the technical aspects of resting on a quilt while Sherry is trying to work on it.



Keep sending me those pictures of your pets.

BULLETIN BOARD

a. Events

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

Quilt Canada 2016- The International Gathering of the Guilds

A public gathering such as the International Gathering of the Guilds, for quilters by quilters around the world, is an incredible and unique occasion. Please join us, at Quilt Canada 2016, in celebration of quilting and sharing on a global scale.

The most common thread among quilters worldwide is fellowship and camaraderie. The evening will include presentations from guest speakers from the global quilting project movement, followed by a Show/Share quilt parade like no other! Won't it be fun to see what other quilters around the world are working on? Please bring a finished quilted piece to show and share with others. All skill levels are welcome!

Keynote Speaker: Paula Rafferty of Ireland

Sponsored by: Celtic Quilt Tours

Friday, June 17, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Cost: \$22.00 (\$25.00 at the door if available).

For further information:

<https://www.canadianquilter.com/events/quilt-canada-2016-tours.php>

CQA: Reminder - registration is now open for non-members for Quilt Canada workshops **June 15-18, 2016**. Good News: Quilt Canada is returning to Toronto June 14-17, **2017!**



2. York Heritage Quilter's Guild's workshop schedule is set out below. They invite members from our guild to take part in any or all of them. Photos, class details, how to register and more can be found at www.YHQG.org/speakers-and-workshops/

March 15 2016: Mary Elizabeth Kinch: *The Joy of Small Block Sampler*

April 19 2016: Lyric Kinard: *Surface Design Sampler Platter*

Apr 20 2016: Lyric Kinard: *Abstract-a-licious*

3. **1000 Stitches for Syrians** is now collecting handmade items for incoming Syrian refugees. The details are in this link from the Textile Museum Volunteer Group: <https://strandnews.wordpress.com/2015/12/21/1000-stitches-for-syrians/>

4. Workshop – Lorraine Roy

See notes on Lorraine's workshop set out below. Lorraine was one of our featured artists in the March 2015 newsletter.



Hello to all on my Workshop Mailing List!

*This is to let you know I will be teaching a workshop in Kingston, ON
on April 22-24, 2016
The theme is "Tree of Life"*

Details of the workshop are attached to the newsletter.
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- 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. This month we have an item from Bev.

FOR SALE: Sewing Machine carrier - large, sturdy, padded, 18 1/2" wide x 8 1/2" deep x 13 1/2" high (inside measurements). Like new. \$30. 647-627-8653 or beverleymoffett@gmail.com.



- 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

(a perfect New Year's Resolution)

