



## **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)

### **FEBRUARY 2016 NEWSLETTER**

### **FEBRUARY 10 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**

I'm sure I am not the only one looking forward to the Round Robin meeting on February 10th because it is always enjoyable to learn a new trick or technique. We are very fortunate to have members willing to share their expertise. Thank you to them.

Later in the newsletter you'll see all the figures for the 2015 bazaar - very successfully coordinated by Judy and Joy. With Valerie Strand taking over and with Liz Taylor assisting her the plans for the 2016 bazaar are underway. We know that this need not be a Big Push as both the budget and prepared stock are ahead of expectations. That said, I want to share an observation - a calculation really - that Joy Takahashi brought to the last board meeting:

*Have you ever wondered why we make such a big ado about fundraising aka "the Bazaar"?! Here's a couple of factoids (and a few tips) you might find useful:*

- 1. Based on a membership of 45 people, it costs approximately \$80 per person to run the guild for 1 year*
- 2. Your membership fee of \$40 covers 50% of the cost. The remaining \$40 per person is subsidized through fund raising efforts generated by the Bazaar*

*As a small guild, we are fortunate to have very dedicated and committed members who contribute to the Bazaar in one or more of the following scenarios:*

- make items for the bazaar either from guild supplied kits (everything included except thread) or from member's personal supplies*
- purchase completed items from the bazaar*

- *donate cash (incremental to membership dues)\**

*\* this factoid is mentioned only because there are members who have voluntarily donated cash in lieu of making things for the bazaar. This scenario is being shared with the membership as another option for active participation. **The guild is not and will not request cash donations from members.***

*So, over the next few months, when Valerie and her team request support for the Bazaar, please remember, as a group, we need to raise \$40 per person. Your active participation is much appreciated because "many hands make light work"!*

Therefore, being a member of Pieceful Nights Quilters' Guild as it is run today, does mean there is an expectation that all members will contribute to the bazaar in some way.

After tabulating the results of the Fifteenth Anniversary Celebration Questionnaire, the most points were given to a subsidized bus trip. Members also voted to accept the proposal that \$500.00 be spent on the celebration event. We are looking into rates for different sizes of buses, contemplating whether to invite other guilds (who would not be subsidized), inquiring about group rates for the show, etc. If this plan goes ahead we would make the trip to the Ailsa Craig Quilt Show on Saturday, May 28. There will still be a fee to be paid as \$500.00 does not cover the cost of a bus, but a group adventure like this would be fun and a good way to celebrate our 15th anniversary. We will keep you posted. Please save the date.

## **VICE-PRESIDENT – Pat Stuckless**

At the last meeting, we were taken out of our comfort zone by Elsie Nisonen, an accomplished photographer. Not only did she share some techniques on lighting, space and perspective when photographing quilts, she provided convincing arguments why we should preserve and document our quilt creations. Some excellent advice and some great tips on how to photograph your quilts.

## **PAST PRESIDENT – Wendy Dines**

Who has started their entry for the Past President's Challenge 2015/16?

"Two colours done up in your favourite block"

Maker/Artist Statement: Optional: In 50 words or less, explain how the inspiration led to the creation of your challenge piece.

Maximum Number of Entries: one per person

Size: no maximum; no minimum

Blocks: Your favourite block is the star of the piece but additional complementary blocks can be utilized. Use of different fabrics is acceptable but the colour must be exactly the same. So, for instance, if the colour choice is blue and green, one shade of blue and one shade of green.....nothing in a lighter or darker shade.

The piece must be finished and have a quilted element.

## **PROGRAM—Anne Sarsfield and Sherry Davidson**

As in past February meetings, our next will spotlight some of the Guild's own members. This year, four of our gifted volunteers will demo a few simple, interesting projects for us.

**Judy Messenger** will show us how to banish those backaches with a quilted heating pad called Alligator!

Do you Hexi? Undoubtedly, the answer will be yes after **Judy Murakami** takes us through a lesson on how to make them.

**Kiyomi Sakamoto** continues to create impressive bead work and has agreed, again, to demonstrate this beautiful art form.

**Joy Takahashi** will show us everything we need to know to make beautiful corded fabric bowls – something I've wanted to learn for a long time.

So, please join us at the next meeting!

## **LIBRARY - Nadine Wright**

The library will be open for the February meeting.

## **MEMBERSHIP – Catherine Richardson**

We have 45 members to date.

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**

We are happy to announce that 20 people have signed up for the April Workshop. We will send out a more detailed list of what to bring along in the next Newsletter but these are a few items that you might want to start gathering together.

## Muslin

1 metre of muslin. If you are planning to use the technique for a larger quilt, Sandy advises to purchase enough muslin from the same brand. Then you will get uniform shrinkage when the quilt is washed.

## Fabric

This workshop is all about Scraps so an assortment of strips, strings and oddments from your stash. If you want a theme of pastels, brights, modern then choose scraps in that range or go totally random. To achieve a modern look Sandy advises to add some light greys in your mix.

Happy sorting!

## BAZAAR –Judy Messenger and Joy Takahashi

Once again this year, thanks to the help and support of Pieceful Night quilt guild members we had a very successful fundraising year. You pitched in to make up items from kits that were supplied, generously donated fabric, yarn and finished products from your own stashes, helped to set up, sell and pack up the bazaar inventory on the days of our sales, and (not least) shopped!

Approximately 60 kits were assembled by Joy and Judy from fabric in the PNQG stash, some fabrics and notions that were purchased and some of the batting that the guild purchased last year. 70% of the kits were taken and most items were returned, with promises to complete the rest for the next bazaar.

Many guild members who took kits, made more of the particular items from their stash. Others came up with original ideas and donated their finished products. Many bags of fancy yarn were donated to the guild and members were enthusiastic with creating knitted or knotted scarves from the yarn.

As the bazaar committee, we participated in five events to raise funds:

- Quilts at the Creek
- Bazaar Pre-Sale at the October guild meeting
- Armour Heights Bazaar
- Holly Berry Fair at Rosedale United Church
- Holiday sale at the December guild meeting

Two members also took it upon themselves to sell items privately. Marilyn Murphy sold all the knitted scarves she had to friends in Florida, and Judy Beca took some of the inventory to her church group in late November and generated \$187 in sales! If any guild members are interested in taking inventory to their own groups, let the current bazaar Coordinator, Valerie Strand, know!

At the December sale for members we offered 50% off on seasonal items and 33% off other items (no quilts were offered in this sale). Any single placemats and mug rugs left after the December sale were donated to Meals on Wheels.

Here are the numbers:

### Income:

Marilyn's Sale of Knitted Scarves	\$40.00
Quilts at the Creek	\$157.67

### Expenses:

Hollyberry Fair Table:	\$125.00
Armour Heights Room:	\$ 55.00

Bazaar Pre-Sale at Guild	\$439.15	Supplies:	\$200.55
Armour Heights Bazaar	\$1048.00	Batting (estimate):	\$100.00
Holly Berry Fair	\$300.67		-----
Holiday Sale at Guild	\$227.02	Total Expenses	\$480.55
Judy Beca's Church Group	\$187.50		
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Total Income	\$2400.01		
Net Income:	\$1919.46		

As you will read in this newsletter, the bazaar earnings are an important part of making the guild financially viable. Thank you to all who made this year's bazaar such a success! Judy and Joy

### **And from our new bazaar co-ordinator, Valerie Strand**

*No sooner have we put one Bazaar to bed and it's time to start considering the 2016 edition. Trying not to feel the pressure following the stellar efforts in 2015 by Joy and Judy. Liz has kindly offered to help me this year but we welcome all members input and advice as we go along through the year. We will gather our thoughts over the coming months on what we might do better, not do at all or look at something different. One idea is to have a member's sale in late Spring, as we do at the November meeting, and bring out the stock items remaining from the last Bazaar. In due course we will look for other Bazaars or Craft Sales where we might take selected items later in the year, as this proved somewhat successful last Christmas, in raising the Guilds profile and adding to the coffers. There are readi-made kits still available (Advent Calendars, Aprons) if anyone is interested in getting an early start on a project. They will be available at the February meeting.*

*I will also bring the Saris again, several people said they had no money with them last time. I am offering them in exchange for a donation that will go to the Guild. There are very fine cotton and silk ones.*

*There are yards of material in a Sari, good for cutting down into PJs, cushions, table coverings, wraps or backing for quilts. Some of the borders are quite exquisite and could be cut off and used on other garments.*

#### Raffle and Sari Sale

At the last meeting our raffle of a bottle of wine (donated by Maureen Merrill) and a quilting book (donated by Joy Takahashi) raised \$45. Valerie Strand was the lucky winner so congratulations to her. Thanks to all who participated. Also, at the meeting, Valerie Strand sold some saris and donated the proceeds of \$40 to the guild.

## **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 – Shelley Keyser

### Sprint Senior Care Volunteer Opportunity

When Sarah Reyes attended our December meeting to accept the Meals on Wheels placemat donation, several of our guild members spoke with her and expressed an interest in volunteering with Sprint Senior Care. So Sarah asked me to share this volunteer opportunity with you. A Resident of Cedarhurst dementia care residence at 2601 Bayview Ave would like to attend church services (at Oriole York Mills United Church, next door at 2609 Bayview Ave) and they need a Friendly Visitor to escort and attend with them. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Sarah Reyes, Coordinator, Volunteer Services, Sprint Senior Care, directly for more information. Sarah can be reached at 416-481-0669 ext. 252 or [Sarah.reyes@sprintseniorcare.org](mailto:Sarah.reyes@sprintseniorcare.org).



### TREATS

-Gail Lockington

Tea and coffee will be offered before the meeting and during our break and will be served by Michiko Petrick. Thanks so much to Anne Sarsfield, Michiko Petrick and Adriana Gruszka for the treats in January and to Liz Taylor for serving coffee and tea. And a big thanks to those who have offered to bring treats in the coming months:

February: Judy Messenger, Judy Ellen, Leslie Batt  
March: Judy Murakami, Judy Beca, Joyce Dawson  
April: June Basu Roy, Catherine Richardson, Cora Westgate  
May: Bev Moffett, Sherry Davidson, Maureen Merrill

## 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 quilter this month is some (but not all by any means) of the winners from the 2016 Road to California Quilts Show. For those who want a closer look here is the link: <http://www.road2ca.com>

First up – Best in Show by Melissa Sobotka (Richardson, TX)



The Masterpiece Award by Marie White



Director's Choice by Kathy McNeil



Outstanding Traditional Quilt by Bethanne Nemesh (the third time this quilt has made it into our newsletter – congratulations again Bethanne –[who by the way will be teaching at The Quilting Bee in Fonhill this June])





2.

a. *Show and Share December*



b. *Our Featured Speaker - Elsie Nisonen*



Only one picture this month as the talk was a power point presentation. I know that I for one took her advice and actually downloaded all pictures (some going back three years) from my Blackberry to my pc.

3. *Quilt Tips – Maureen Merrill*

See attached article on “How To Make a Quilt Sandwich”. Enjoy.

4. *Pets Who Quilt*

This month our pet who quilts comes from Valerie Strand. We have a quilting dog named Charlie, a “lazy little Lakeland Terrier” who owns Valerie Strand. Here he is checking out Valerie’s stitches and dreaming about his 'Trip Around the World' which usually means the next outing to the dog park.



**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 Workshops, Lectures and Events

Want to have a blast and learn at the same time? Be sure to register for the workshops; long-arm/mid-arm workshops; lectures; tours and events being offered at **Quilt Canada 2016** in Toronto this June 15-18! There is something for everyone! Check them out at:

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

There's something for every quilter at Quilt Canada 2016 including a chance to win some fabulous DOOR PRIZES! A Handi Quilter 18" Avanté long-arm with frame will be given to one lucky visitor! You'll find over 400 quilts on display, Quilt Canada's largest ever Merchant Mall, free demos and free parking. Register for workshops, lectures, tours of the National Juried Show or volunteer for a shift or two. All the details can be found at [www.canadianquilter.com](http://www.canadianquilter.com)

2. Quilts at the Creek – July 23 and 24

#### **It's time to plan for summer!**

Save the weekend of July 23 & 24th for us! Quilts at the Creek organizers have been busy preparing for another great outdoor quilt show at Black Creek Pioneer Village. Hopefully you are working on a quilt for the "Blue By You" challenge. Feel free to enter more than one quilt in the show, and remember: we accept any style of quilt, and it does not need to be a "new" quilt, just new to us. Applications are online, but you can also download a form and mail it in. Your quilts are what make the show such a success, so keep them coming.

#### **Workshops:**

We have opened up registration for Kathy Doughty's workshops - 4 days!- but remember you are not registered until we receive your cheque. Kathy is also doing a trunk show (with wine and cheese reception!) the evening of Wednesday July 20th at North York Public Library auditorium (5120 Yonge St) tickets are available to purchase. Details on the blog: <https://quiltsatthecreek.wordpress.com/>

#### **Other events:**

And remember the other ongoing events: several trunk shows on-site daily, a vendor marketplace, and our own Shop 'Round the Corner where if you enter a quilt you can sell quilt-related items. Drop off points are listed on our blog, and we are happy to work with you on getting your quilt to the show if that is an issue.

Q@C will be at CreativFestival and CQA in the next few months- drop by to say hi and get your bookmark. This year we are offering one free entry with one paid entry, so bring ALL your fiends, quilters and non-quilters alike. The offer is on the bookmark so don't lose it!

**All this information and more can be found on our blog..**

<https://quiltsatthecreek.wordpress.com/>

See you soon, and happy quilting!

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3. 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!**
  4. The Canadian Quilters' Association/Association canadienne de la courtpointe **Quilt Canada 2016** will take place June 15 to 18 at The International Centre, 6900 Airport Rd, Mississauga.



5. 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/](http://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*



6. Workshop – Lorraine Roy- Tree of Life

Kingston, ON April 22-24, 2016

Details were attached to the January newsletter.

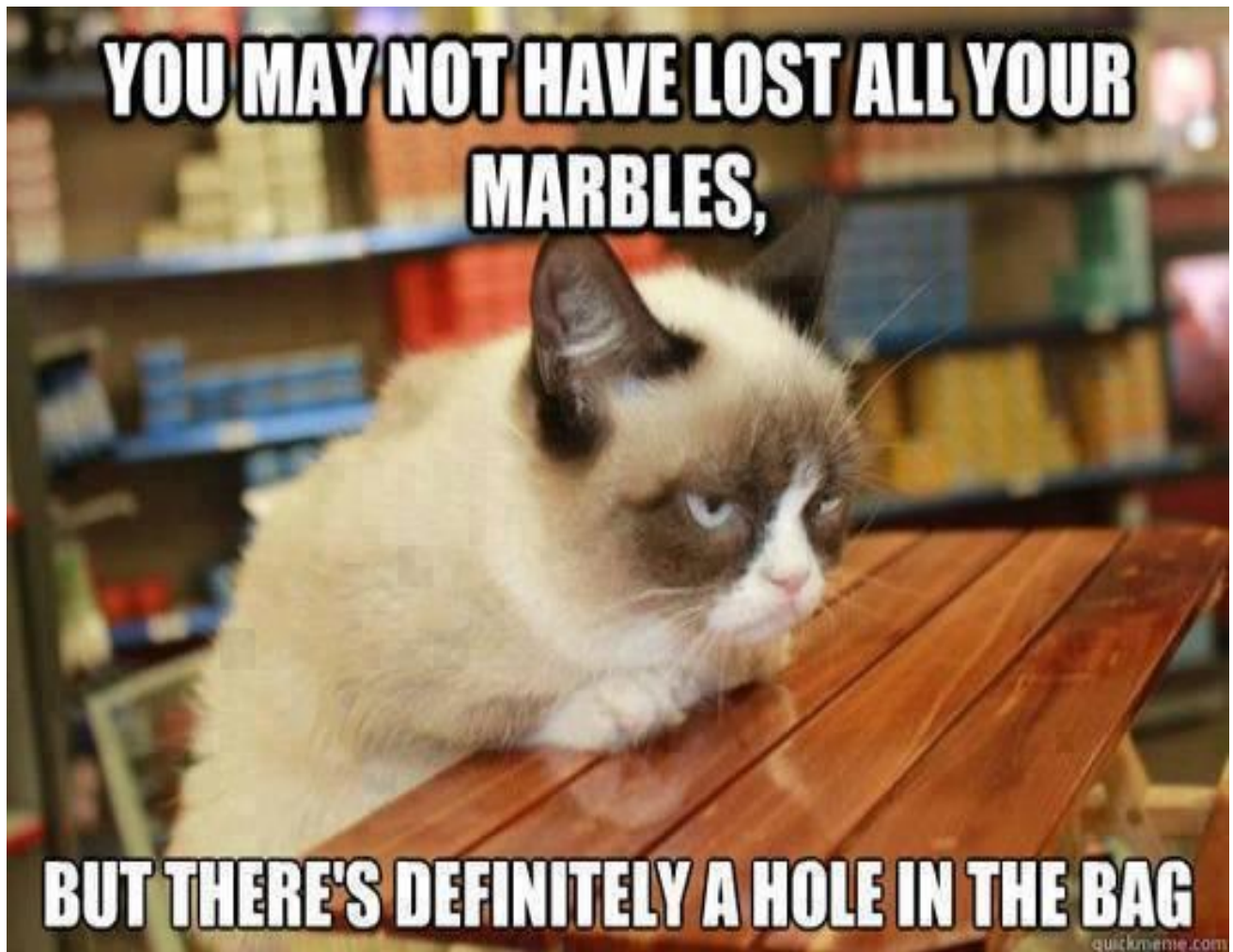
- b. [Member Blogs](#) - Any members with a blog can list it here.
- c. [Trading Post](#) - Members wanting to buy, sell or recycle for free quilting related items may submit their information to Maureen Merrill at [newsetter@pnqg.ca](mailto:newsetter@pnqg.ca). The information will be included in the next newsletter. This month we have an item from Bev.
- 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](mailto:newsetter@pnqg.ca).

### PNQG Board 2015-16

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AND A FINAL THOUGHT



(I love Grumpy Cat)