



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

APRIL 2016 NEWSLETTER

APRIL13MEETING – 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

You will have received the memo about the Ailsa Craig trip update. Don't forget to communicate with me before March 22 to add your name to the list, or add a guest you wish to bring. After the 22nd, members from York Heritage who have expressed an interest in joining us will be able to purchase the remaining seats. This promises to be a great outing.

Next month is our Annual Meeting, which unfortunately is often not well attended. To quote Julia Roberts in Pretty Woman, "MISTAKE, BIG MISTAKE" To ensure PNQG remains vibrant, solvent and fun, it is crucial to have input and opinions from as many members as possible. If you have anything you feel should be added to the agenda, please send me an email.

In last month's newsletter I incorrectly thanked Judy Becca instead of Judy Murakami for being a presenter at the Round Robin. Thank you to the right Judy.

Open the window in your sewing room, listen to the robins and enjoy your creative pursuits.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Pat Stuckless

Sorry, I am unable to attend the April meeting. I will be away sewing with the girls. Looking forward to the Annual Meeting in May.

PAST PRESIDENT – Wendy Dines

Past President's Challenge

Entries for the Past President's Challenge occurs at the June meeting.....plenty of time to select the two colours you wish to use in your favourite block as you take up my challenge to you to create a mug

rug, a placemat, a table runner, a wall hanging, a lap quilt or maybe a full-size quilt.....what ever you choose, I look forward to seeing your entry.

PROGRAM—Anne Sarsfield and Sherry Davidson

April (and hopefully spring) is upon us and we welcome our last presenter this month. Bev Stevens has a long and interesting life story which hopefully she will share with us during her presentation. The path leading to a successful role in the world of quilts is a winding one and thankfully has led her to a place where her talents and unbelievable generosity are enjoyed by so many. Bev will share some of her creativity designing and creating blocks that will inspire us to incorporate in our quilts.

Bev's presentation will not be the last we have seen of her as she will be returning in May at the AGM with all her willing slaves from Community Quilts to be our Vendor for the evening. Remember to bring some cash as the fabric and prices are very enticing.

We would like to thank the members of Pieceful Nights for the privilege of arranging the speakers over the past year. We sincerely hope you have enjoyed each and every presentation. We attempted to arrange speakers with diverse methods of their art so to appeal to all. On another note, every speaker expressed their thoughts that presenting to us was a pleasant experience and thoroughly enjoyed their evening.

LIBRARY - Nadine Wright

The library will be open for the March meeting.

MEMBERSHIP – Catherine Richardson

We have 46 members to date. 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

As the Newsletter will arrive early, before the April 9th Workshop, we want to remind those coming that the Supply List is in the previous Newsletter and on the PNQG website. The fee is 40\$. Please bring a contribution for the Pot Luck Lunch, your supplies, extension cords if available and machine,

Our next function will be the June Dessert Social so more about that later, Cora and Erica

BAZAAR –Valerie Strand and Liz Taylor

More news on the plans for the bazaar will be set out in the coming months.

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 –Judy Becca

I just want to thank those who picked up Baby Quilt kits, 14 out of the 15 available kits were picked up. More kits will be available at the next meeting.



TREATS -Gail Lockington

Tea and coffee will be offered before the meeting and during our break. Thanks to Judy Murakami, Judy Beca and Joyce Dawson for bringing the treats in March and a big thanks to those who have offered to bring treats in the coming months:

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](#)

This month's featured artist is Ann Hill, from Scotland. I had the pleasure of hearing Ann speak last year on my Quilt Tour of Ireland. Ann is a dedicated artist and feels very passionately about those who

suffer from alzheimers. Indeed, of the many quilts she presented the one that stands out for me is called (if I remember correctly) “When the Lights Go Out (shown below I believe), a series of blocks that gradually get darker until the very last one which is very dark, a representation of the mind’s changing nature as the disease progresses. Ann was the driving force behind the Hamdon Park project which saw an entire football stadium covered in quilts, all as a way to draw attention to alzheimers. If you wish more information regarding this outstanding project, please follow this link.

<http://www.scottishfootballmuseum.org.uk/hampden-park-quilt-project/>

Ann’s bio and some of her quilts follow. Please visit her website to see more of her work. You will not be disappointed. Here is the link: <http://www.annhillquilter.co.uk/>

About Ann

Ann Hill was born in the small town of Lerwick in the Shetland Islands.

She now lives in the small rural village of Mouswald, just outside Dumfries in southwest Scotland – famous as the home of the poet Robert Burns who wrote ‘Auld Lang Syne’ and ‘My love is like a red, red rose’ amongst others.

Ann picked up a love of quilting from her grandmother’s quilts.

She is currently Quilter in Residence at Alzheimer Scotland and Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary where she works with people with dementia and their families.

Ann also teaches quilting throughout the year, mostly in Dumfries.





a. Show and Share March





b. *Our Featured Speaker – Peggy Kwan*





2. *Quilt Tips – Maureen Merrill*

See attached article on “Tips for Fixing Bleeding Quilts”. Thanks to Nadine Wright for forwarding this to me. Enjoy.

3. *Pets Who Quilt*

This month’s quilting cat is Mojo, who owns and operates Liz Taylor. Mojo seems to be learning very quickly how to insert herself into the quilting process, doing her best to help Liz sort her blocks. Like all of our furry friends she is starting young so she will be an expert quilting cat in a very few months. She is a beauty and looks quite comfortable in her new position as Quilting Cat in Residence.



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 runs from June 15 to 18, hours are 9:30 am to 6:00 pm Wednesday to Friday and 9:30 am to 5:00 pm on Saturday. Tickets to attend are available at the door: \$18.00 per day or \$55.00 for a multi-day pass. Lecture costs vary from \$15.00 to \$35.00; advanced registration is advised. Workshops are available for one- or two-day sessions at a variety of skill-levels and costs; advanced registration is advised.

Along with an exceptional array of workshops and lectures, a large Merchant Mall and a number of invitational quilt exhibitions, the National Juried Show is the crown jewel of Quilt Canada. Quilts featured in the show are Canada's best; they represent the most current designs and innovation in quilting. Quilters and non-quilters alike will be impressed by the workmanship and ingenuity of quilting in Canada.

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 friends, 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 courtois **Quilt Canada 2016** will take place June 15 to 18 at The International Centre, 6900 Airport Rd, Mississauga.

In addition, see attached thank you letter from The Canadian Quilter's Association thanking our guild for supporting their efforts for the coming year.



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/

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.

7. Fibre Content 2016 See attached comments regarding Fibre Content 2016 as well as two attachments with further information. Thanks Wendy Dines for the info.

Hello Fibre Content followers

We know how much you enjoyed coming to see the Fibre Content 2014 show at the Art Gallery of Burlington.

You kindly filled out your personal information on our viewer's choice ballots which we have used to send you this message.

*The next biennial show, **Fibre Content 2016**, will be on display at the Art Gallery of Burlington from September 8 to 18, 2016.*

You might appreciate the attached 2016 Call for Entry Details for yourself or others you know who are interested in submitting their work.

Our website will be ready to accept entries by April 1st and the submission deadline is May 31, 2016.

There are no theme requirements, no size restrictions, all work must be created within the last 5 years and of the artist's own design.

*We have also attached a Save The Date poster to help spread the word about the next show.
We hope you are pleased to receive the details of this upcoming show and opportunity.
IF you are a Facebook person, then please visit and LIKE our page Fibre Content: Burlington 2016.*

*Best regards
Robynne Cole, Show Manager and
Dwayne Wanner, Show Chairman*

- 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 Wendy.

*FOR SALE : A Little Gracie II quilting frame...."It'll turn your personal sewing machine into a home quilting system". It's made of engineered hard birch wood, aluminum and plastic, with steel roller bearings. It's yours for \$200 with all the proceeds going to the Community Quilting group at York Heritage Quilt Guild.
For a full description, go to www.graceframe.com.
Contact Wendy Dines at wendydines@gmail.com to arrange a demonstration.*

- 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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AND A FINAL THOUGHT

