



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

May 2016 NEWSLETTER

May 11, 2016 MEETING – 7:30 p.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

The Annual General meeting is an important part of our Guild year so I encourage all members to attend. We'll have a vendor and a special presentation by Flo AND Wendy has successfully filled the nominations for officers for next year. That said, other volunteers from the floor are welcome to put forward their names before we vote on the new slate. Take a look at the agenda which will be emailed to you to see if there are any items you would like to address. And don't forget the Past President's Challenge quilts will be displayed and judged at this meeting.

Quilt Canada is around the corner and Quilts at the Creek is coming up soon too, so there will be lots of inspiration to pump up ideas for summer sewing. Do try to attend and or participate in these events. If you haven't seen all the gorgeous quilts swaying in the breeze in the rustic setting of Black Creek Village, you have a treat in store.

Enjoy the warmer weather.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Pat Stuckless

I had a productive week away with the girls: completed one charity quilt, blocks for a quilt extension, one Mobius scarf, a two colour block, developed a cold and caught up on my sleep. Ready for the next meeting!

PAST PRESIDENT – Wendy Dines

Past President's Challenge

My role as your past president is coming to a close. This is my last missive on the challenge I laid out to the membership.... Favourite Block in just Two Colours. You have a month to complete your entry. Look forward to some interesting prizes.....the viewers will cast their deciding vote.

PROGRAM—Anne Sarsfield and Sherry Davidson

In due course you will be hearing from the new program coordinators for the 2016-2017 year. A big thanks to Anne and Sherry for the exceptional job they have done in the year just past.

LIBRARY - Nadine Wright

The library will be open for the May meeting. Please bring along any book that you have had out for some time.

MEMBERSHIP – Catherine Richardson

We currently have 47 members. If you would like to renew your membership for 2016-2017, there will be forms available at the June meeting. A membership form is also attached to this newsletter. Also if anyone does not want to renew a membership, could you please send a short email to Catherinekaterichardson@gmail.com. Thank you

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 April workshop with Sandy Lindal was attended by 18 people, a large and enthusiastic group of stitchers. Sandy showed the technique and presented a lot of different ideas on how to use it, including ways to modernize your old stash. Some of the projects created can be seen on Sandy's blog, <https://scrappygalquiltco.wordpress.com/2016/04/15/pieceful-night-quilters-guild/> and take a look at the slide show of work created during the class. Hope to see finished projects in the near future show and share.

Thank you to all that attended.

June dessert social at the June meeting.

We have not finalized our plans for the June social yet, but we will let you know more at the next meeting. But we definitely want you to make your best desserts and party the summer coming in.

Please bring a dessert sufficient to serve 6-8 people. Your own plate, cutlery, cup/mug/glass. I will ask for a few volunteers for drinks (water, juice, pop, wine?).

BAZAAR –Valerie Strand and Liz Taylor

Reminder to mark calendars for Saturday, November 12th for this year's Church Bazaar and have good thoughts for a fine weather day. Liz and I have started talking about some new items (kits) and we will call on the members to help us with and hope to have samples to show at the June meeting. We will weed through existing 'stock' of items and have a sell off of things, to members, that have not sold over the last few years.

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 June Basu Roy, Catherine Richardson, Cora Westgate for bringing the treats in April and a big thanks to those who have offered to bring treats in the coming months:

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 Marilyn Lee, teacher, quilter, embroiderer and artist extraordinaire. In her own words:

"I live in the beautiful north woods of Minnesota and I was 5 years old when I first learned to sew using a treadle sewing machine. Sewing, creating and designing has been my passion ever since. From the amazing bag of scraps that my Grandma gave as a gift when I was a small child came my love for fabric and all of its fabulous colors and textures. I started out by sewing clothes for my dolls and the dolls of my friends. They all received tiny little quilts also. Patterns were unavailable to me and this is when I started learning to design my own patterns and to this day I very rarely ever use a pattern other than my own.

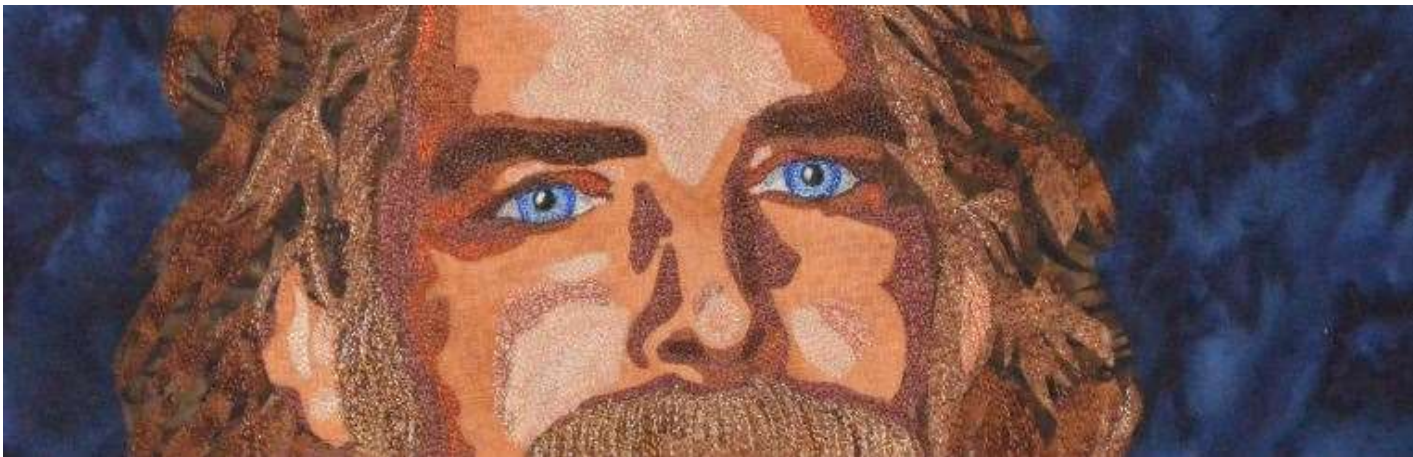
I have dabbled in just about every aspect of sewing, fabric and thread through the years. My love of fine art has spilled over into my fabric creations and I find great joy in manipulating fabric and thread to re-create the beauty that I see around me in nature and in life. I love color and the amazing contrasts they can create in my work.

I use a vintage treadle to do free motion thread painting on my quilts and I also use a 1929 Singer free motion embroidery machine to embroidery some of my quilts and also to do the quilting on them.

I design many products for local manufacturers and also one that sells worldwide. I am a very stay at home person, preferring to spend my time creating the beauty that surrounds me. I have taught many local and regional classes. I have entered some of my art quilts in local, regional and state shows and I have received many blue ribbon and Best of show awards. Some of my work was featured in the magazine "Stitches" which is a worldwide industry magazine for the embroidery industry. In 2004 I received a Guinness World Book record for the largest rag doll in the world. This 13-foot-tall doll, the famous Paul Bunyan of legend, was completely sewn by myself and was extremely life like right down to his fingernails. My work has been featured in local, regional and state magazines and publications. I have not entered any of my work in large shows as of yet.

I love to share my experience with others and help in any way that I can to teach them that they can create beautiful images with fabric and thread. We all need to open our minds up and let the possibilities pour out."

Please visit her Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/marilynschuh.lee.7334> for more examples of her amazing work. I follow her on Facebook and had the pleasure of following her (free of charge I might add) step by step instructions on how to create a poppy out of fabric. Her instructions were clear as a bell and while I did not make the quilt myself it was a real treat to see the creations of those that did. Truly a pleasure to behold. Her poppy quilt is the last picture in this group. Please enjoy all the creations set out below.





2. *Show and Share April (thanks to Flo Blanchard for taking the pictures last month)*





3. *Our Featured Speaker Bev Stevens (thanks again to Flo Blanchard for taking the pictures)*





4. *Quilt Tips – Maureen Merrill*

See attached article on “How to Get Your Sew Jo back”. Enjoy!

5. *Pets Who Quilt*

This month’s we have two quilting cats, the first is from Natalie Reiger who is totally controlled by Mr. Gray, the partner in crime of Mr Silver who was of course featured in our November 2015 newsletter.



Our second quilting cat is the proud owner and operator of our current president Andrea

Howell. Ladies, let me introduce Quinn. A prince indeed.



Both Mr. Gray and Quinn are absolute beauties and are not only expert quilt assistants but also experts in mind control. In fact, all of our pets who quilt are experts in that so we might as well just give up the fight.

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 courtepointe **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. Fibre Content 2016 See attached comments regarding Fibre Content 2016. 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

In honor of Earth Day, April 22, 2016



(Sorry, can't help myself, I am a cat lady)