



## **Pieceful Night Quilters' Guild of North Toronto**

Armour Heights Presbyterian Church, 105 Wilson Avenue, Toronto  
7:30 p.m. – second Wednesday of each month

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### **OCTOBER 2014 NEWSLETTER**

#### **OCTOBER 8 MEETING - 7:30 p.m.**

**DOORS** will open at **6:00 p.m.** Come early if you would like to 'sit and sew' and enjoy one another's company.

#### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Wendy Dines**

The Sept 10th meeting found us all catching up with fellow members on what we did over the summer months as well as what quilting project was currently in the works. There was a definite 'buzz' in the room.

Show & Share was very well represented with numerous quilts & their respective back-stories. Thanks to all who shared!

This is the second year that Michiko Petrick has overseen the 'treats' & coffee or tea for all of our meetings. At the June meeting someone (& unfortunately, Michiko didn't get your name) agreed to shadow her for this task. If that's you, could you please step forward again at the October meeting so that she can 'show you the ropes'!

We are still looking for someone to step forward to organize us for the Bazaar 2015 - please contact me by phone (416-486-8378) or by email ([wendydines@gmail.com](mailto:wendydines@gmail.com)) to get the details of this volunteer opportunity.

The speaker was Deb Fawcett - a quilter whose story goes back many years. She was initially tutored by her former mother-in-law who, after she & her first husband split, continued to send her projects to assemble.....she was determined that someone in the family continue the quilting tradition! Deb has certainly done that and more.

Although she now has acquired a long-arm machine, she continues to hand-quilt many of her quilts.....working into the wee-hours to complete her projects.

We were treated to a trunk show of antique quilts, challenge quilts, small samples from workshops as well as one of her most recent - a wedding quilt for her daughter & son-in-law.

Keep in mind that the October meeting will be the "Pre-Bazaar Sale". Bring your friend & relatives so that they can do some early Christmas shopping. Myself, Judy Messenger & Martha Huffman got a preview of the various and numerous items on offer - you & your friends are in for a treat. Many quilts as well as small and unique items!

## PAST PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE - Martha Huffman

The bazaar committee has decided that we have lots of quilts and other products for the November sale, so the 4 lap quilts I created from your challenge blocks will be used for the 2015 bazaar. The guild is also out of batting so I'm putting out a call to all members to donate those long strips cut off quilts and other odd pieces that you don't want. Those interested can get together and piece the batting for these 4 quilts. For members who weren't able to be at the September meeting for the big reveal, I've included photos of the 4 quilts I made this summer.



## **PROGRAM - Andrea Howell**

October's speaker will be Patti Carey, Northcott's VP of Public Relations, who has her hand in many creative pots as a quilt designer, fabric designer, blog writer and ambassador for the popular Northcott line of fabrics. I am sure we will enjoy her "insider" knowledge of designs and trends in the quilting world.

Our November guest will be Carla Alexiou, a textile artist in many mediums.

Looking to the new year, we will require volunteers to demonstrate an interesting technique or clever idea for our February Round Robin evening. If you have not shared your talent with the Guild, now is the time to step up and teach us something new. Contact me at [andreahowell@sympatico.ca](mailto:andreahowell@sympatico.ca) or 416 4238695.

In March we have Elaine Quehl. Elaine is a teacher, designer and dyer known for showing light and shadows in her famous "Hosta" quilts.

In April we can look forward to learning about combining beads and other embellishments in our quilts from Kyomi.

## **Draw**

Remember to wear your name badges. The next draw for a fabric prize will be at the December holiday celebration for the ballots collected at the July to December meetings.

## **LIBRARY - Nadine Wright**

The library will be closed for the October guild meeting. However, anyone who wishes to return books may do so to Nadine. The library will have a select number of quilt books for sale that have been removed from the library stash of books. Visit our table while shopping at the pre-bazaar. Money earned from the sale of the books will be used to purchase a few new titles.

## **MEMBERSHIP - Noreen Deely**

As of September 26<sup>th</sup> we have 41 members. The Member Listing for 2014 – 2015 is being sent with this Newsletter.

The Board will be given a list of emergency contacts. The decision to request this information was suggested and approved by the Board earlier in the year.

If you know about a member who has a major illness or whose immediate family member has died, please let Noreen Deely know so the Guild can express its best wishes.

## SPECIAL EVENTS – Melanie Leitch

### 1. Touch Therapy Quilts

Melanie will have kits to make quilts for the Touch Therapy project. These are quilts for patients suffering from dementia or Alzheimer's and as we are all more than aware, at some point each of us, whether ourselves, a family member or someone else we know and love, will be impacted by these diseases. The quilts are small (36" x 36") and while specific colours and values are not that important, the assortment of fabrics and textures are as the feel of a fabric may help to trigger memories. For example, a satin quilt may trigger a memory of a wedding; a corduroy quilt may trigger a memory of a pair of pants once worn. The fabric should be comfortable and soothing and the quilt should have no batting. Melanie suggests making one for someone you know or bringing them in to her at any time and she will see they are distributed where needed. Melanie will have kits at the meeting which will include fabric and instruction sheets. If you prefer to use your own fabric, instruction sheets without the fabric will also be available.

The value of these quilts to the recipients cannot be understated. In fact, a caregiver who received one from Melanie was so impressed that she was prepared to sew them herself so she could give them to her patients. She even was prepared to buy a sewing machine so she could do this. (A pretty enthusiastic endorsement I think.MM)

There are still lots of kits left so please take one home with you in October. They can be simple or more complex and can be constructed in two hours or four, whatever suits your style. Perfection is not an issue so don't worry about whether your seams are even or if they match. Not a concern for the recipient and no labels so no one will know (or care for that matter) who made it. They will just enjoy the gift.

### 2. Youth Assisting Youth

This is the Guild's charity quilt project for this year. Members are asked to assist in making book bags for children to carry their donated books. This group assists children between the ages of 6 – 12, mostly immigrant or new Canadian children who, for a variety of reasons, are reading below their grade levels. This group began collecting books from yard sales, etc. to give to these children to encourage their reading skills and interest. The book bags will give them something in which to carry the books. Melanie will have kits available at the meeting. The kits include fabric and instructions and take about ½ hour to put together. You also are encouraged to donate any books suitable for 6-12 year olds (no Game of Thrones then?) but are asked to please remove names from the books before bringing them in. The kits/books can be brought in to the November or December meeting. Representatives of the group will be at the December meeting to collect the items. Please assist in making this a successful project for the Guild.

Note please that the response to this project so far has been slow and there are many kits left. Since this is our designated charity project this year and since we will have a representative from the charity at our December meeting it would be great if we could make an impressive showing. Please pick a kit at the October meeting (or two or three or four, whatever works for you) so we have lots of items to hand over.

These are for kids with the goal of encouraging them to read so the cause is worthy.

(If I might add a personal note, I took one of the kits in September and it actually does go together in about ½ hour. Very quick and very easy! MM)

### 3. December Social

Just a reminder for now. More details (including a theme, food supplies, etc.) will be included in the November newsletter.

## **BAZAAR -Sherry Davidson with Judy and Michiko**

### OCTOBER PRE-SALE

We invite you to attend the October meeting on the 8th to do your holiday shopping early. The Bazaar will be displaying all the goodies for your shopping pleasure. Please make sure to bring your family and friends also. It promises to be a special meeting with Patti Carey from Northcott as our speaker. Refreshments will be served and there is no guest fee for this meeting only.

## **PNQG WEBSITE - Judy Messenger, Webmaster**

Take a look at it! Pieceful Night Quilters' Guild now has a website with 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**

Placemats for Community organizations such as Meals on Wheels can be given to Gail Lockington.

## **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.

(PS. The fee of course will not apply to the pre-bazaar sale in October)

## **FROM OUR MEMBERS**

## 1. Melanie Leitch

Melanie and her Mom are involved in a group called Samaritan's Purse. This group puts together shoeboxes full of useful items to donate to those in need. This year Melanie and her Mom are making sewing kits and she would appreciate any donations you can make to fill the kits. She is looking for sewing notions, such as pins, needles for hand sewing, threads, fastenings, hook and loop tape, lace, trims, tape measures, old bobbins and the like. (Melanie will fill the old bobbins with threads to put in the kits.) So dig into your supplies and see if you have any items you can donate to a good and worthy cause. Melanie will collect the donations at the meetings.

## 2. A Feast for the Eyes – Maureen Merrill





Quilted by Karen Marchetti, a professional long arm quilter from Florida that I follow on Facebook. As you can see she has a fondness for feathers. And for good reason as she quilts them in all shapes and sizes, each one as perfect as the last. Sigh!! If only!

### 3. Quilting Tips

Please feel free to forward suggestions, tips, links to articles or even articles, etc on topics you would like to read about and I will include the information in the newsletter or try to find information on topic to attach as a pdf to the newsletter.

The topic for October is *[Leaders and Enders](#)*

Thanks to Melanie Leitch for the idea to provide information on leaders and enders in quilting. I have attached an article prepared by a quilter named Jennifer Houlden who has kindly consented to my copying her article and distributing it with the newsletter. Clear, concise and to the point. The link to her website is as follows: [www.quiltsbyjen.ca](http://www.quiltsbyjen.ca). I recommend taking a few minutes to check it out. Very inspiring. Enjoy.

4. Pictures from September's Meeting

a. Show and Share







b. Deb Fawcett Trunk Show





## BULLETIN BOARD

### Events

1. November 14 & 15, 2014 - York Heritage Quilters Guild - **A Celebration of Quilts XII**. At the Toronto Botanical Gardens.
2. Creative Festival and Sewing Show – October 24, 25 and 26, 2014

Link to the website: <http://www.csnf.com>

3. Quilts at the Creek - Black Creek Pioneer Village - July 25 & 26, 2015.

4. Quilt Canada - Lethbridge, Alberta - June 4-6, 2015

Here is the link to Quilt Canada blogspot:

<http://cqacanadianquilting.blogspot.ca/2014/09/quilt-canada-2015-blown-away.html>

**Member Blogs** - Any members with a blog can list it here.

**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.

**Newsletter** - - Members are welcome at any time to submit 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).

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*AND A FINAL THOUGHT*

