



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 2015 NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 14 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 December meeting was well attended for an evening of getting to know one another as we shared our yummy pot-luck contributions. Melanie Leitch did a great job of programming and organizing the contribution to YAY. Your contributions of book bags and books was greatly appreciated. Heading into the New Year, we look forward to speakers and program that Andrea Howell has lined up for us.

Additionally, (and I know I am like a broken record on this particular topic) we look forward to members stepping forward to lend their energy and creativity to volunteer in leadership for the guild. We need you to: 1) Organize the bazaar -either solo or as a group. 2) be the new Programme Coordinator. or 3) filling my size 5 shoes as President of your Guild. I look forward to feedback on this!!!!

Thank you.

PAST PRESIDENT - Martha Huffman

Gail Lockington won the name tag draw at the December social. Congrats Gail.

PROGRAM - Andrea Howell

We will get 2015 off to a good start by hearing member Martha Huffman relate her quilting journey and how her Mom's quilting encouraged and influenced her own quilts. February brings our annual new techniques Round Robin. Thank you to Maureen and Judy Ellen for offering to do demos. I will be number three. In March we welcome Elaine Quehl who is well known for her "Hosta" quilts and has recently designed a line of fabrics for Northcott. Our April speaker is our own Kyomi Sakamoto to share her expertise on unique embellishing techniques for your quilts. Then, of course, we'll finish off the year with the AGM in May and a social in June.

There are several possible speakers for next year. Names, suggestions and contact information is contained in the very complete "Program Manual". Making a few phone calls, sending out the contracts and introducing the guest is not an onerous task and having a new person choose the speakers will bring another perspective to our program, so please consider taking on this role for 2015/16. I will book someone for September, so you have lots of time to arrange the rest of the year's program and I will help in any way I can. Maybe it is YOUR turn to take this on!

Draw

Remember to wear your name badges. The next draw for a fabric prize will be at the June social for the ballots collected at the January to June meetings.

LIBRARY - Nadine Wright

The library will be open for the January meeting. Two new books will be added to the library. They are –

(i) **Simple Shapes, Spectacular Quilts**, 23 Original Quilt Designs by Kaffe Fassett with Liza Prior Lucy. This book illustrates how simple shapes and forms found in nature and man-made environments inspire his quilt designs.

(ii) **120 Original Embroidery Designs** by Yoko Saito. This book stresses the techniques of a variety of stitches and how to use them. An extensive presentation for those who enjoy handwork.

MEMBERSHIP - Noreen Deeley

Our Membership numbers now stand at 46.

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 next social in June.

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

SPECIAL EVENTS – Melanie Leitch

Thanks to everyone who donated their time to make the Youth Assisting Youth book bag donation a huge success. At the end of the day we donated over 60 book bags and close to 400 books. If you have any bags or books you still want to donate you can give them to me at the next meeting or drop them off at a Youth Assisting Youth location nearest to you. All this information is on their website.

Thanks to all for making the December festivities a well-attended and enjoyable evening for all. Good food, good company, and good games. Fun all around. Congratulations to all the winners.

BAZAAR -Sherry Davidson with Judy and Michiko

Happy New Year from the 2014 Bazaar Committee

As we start 2015 give some thought to contributing to the Guild's fundraising for the coming year. We have an inventory of beautiful quilts, bags, etc. as a foundation for the current year. The President's Challenge produced four beautiful lap quilts.

Aside from keeping the Guild's coffers healthy this was an amazing opportunity for the three of us to try new projects, become more familiar with the members through the workshops and kits. More importantly we formed a sharing and caring friendship which we will continue to enjoy in the coming years.

One of our favorite moments was donating 4 lap quilts to St. Mike's dialysis unit through Catherine Richardson who volunteers at the hospital every Monday. When she told us that patients often get cold during their treatment we immediately knew that our quilts would make them more comfortable.

As you can see, very little is about raising money and more about forming friendships and helping wherever we are able.

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. 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

Meal On Wheels Placemats Donation – Shelly Keyser

In December I had the privilege of delivering 18 placemats created by our guild members to the Meals on Wheels program of Sprint Senior Care, that supports a community bounded by Bathurst/401/Bayview/Bloor. Eileen McGeean, Supervisor of the Meals on Wheels program asked me to thank all of the guild members and had the following to say ".....the placemats are truly lovely.....We plan to wrap each mat up and send out with deliveries on Christmas Day with a turkey dinner. It will make the delivery special both for the clients of course and for the volunteers who are delivering the meals. The clients are fortunate that you contacted us!!!"

I would like to be able to deliver an even greater number of placemats to this program by the end of the guild year. Please consider making single placemats to use up your orphan blocks or try out a new technique.

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 I am featuring a quilter named Cheryl Czaplinski from Campbellcroft, Ontario. Enjoy. Cheryl is on Facebook so you can see more of her work by visiting her page. (BTW, Campbellcroft is east of Toronto in the Port Hope area – I had to look it up MM)







2. Words to Live By – from Andrea Howell

Blessed are the Quilters,
for they shall make ends meet
Blessed are the Quilters,
for they know how to cut corners
Blessed are the Quilters,
for they make great comforters.
Blessed are the Quilters,
for they patch things up.
Blessed are the Quilters,
for they cover you with warmth.
Blessed are the Quilters,
for they pick up the pieces.
Blessed are the Quilters,
for they save you energy.
Blessed are the Quilters,
for they put colour in your life.

Thou shalt not do buttons
Thou shalt sew quarter inch seams
Thou shalt leave no bolt unturned
Thou shalt not rip, only un-sew
Thou shalt not envy thy
neighbour's stitches
Thou shalt never pass a quilt shop
Thou shalt cook and clean
but once a week
Never quilt tomorrow what
you can quilt today
Thou shalt not covet thy
neighbour's stash
Thou shalt not reveal funds
spent on quilting supplies

3. Pictures from December's Meeting

a. Show and Share



b. December Party





4. Quilt Tips –Maureen Merrill

See attached article on Quilt CPR written by Jackie White; something we all need from time to time. For more tips or to see more of Jackie's work visit her blog at <http://jabotquilt.blogspot.ca/>

(And one more tip for us all)



BULLETIN BOARD

Events

1. Quilts at the Creek - Black Creek Pioneer Village - July 18 & 19, 2015.
2. Quilt Canada - Lethbridge, Alberta - June 4-6, 2015 – (Guild contact - Bev Moffett)

Registration is OPEN now for Quilt Canada in Lethbridge, AB (June 4-6, 2015) Visit the website at <http://www.canadianquilter.com/events/quilt-canada-2015.php>.

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. 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.

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AND A FINAL THOUGHT



HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE

(from me and my best bud Ryan)