

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

JULY 2015 NEWSLETTER

JULY 8 MEETING – 7:30 p.m.

DOORS will open at **5:00 p.m.** Come early if you would like to 'sit and sew' and enjoy one another's company.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Andrea Howell

Thank you for trusting me with the president's job and I promise to do my best to follow in the footsteps of the good leaders before me. Fortunately, we have a terrific board of returning expertise and new, enthusiastic members. With Wendy Dines in the wings as our PP, Pat Stuckless taking on the VP position and Flo Blanchard lending her professional money skills to our Treasury, we are in good hands. Not to mention Anne Sarsfield and Shelley Davidson who are totally on top of the Programming with speakers lined up for the whole year. Judy Messenger and Joy Takahashi are well into Bazaar prep with kits made up (you have taken one or two haven't you?) and plans for new selling venues. Special Events has two new volunteers in Cora Westgate and Erica Ribeiro who I am sure will handle this post with aplomb. Our ever growing library will again be tended by Nadine Wright assisted by Judy Beca and Membership will be taken over by Catherine Richardson. The Communications/ Secretary post will stay with Maureen Merrill who will continue to enliven our newsletter with her skilled photography. See what I mean? A great team. There are other Guild tasks that we would be lost without so I am pleased that Gail Lockington will coordinate coffee and refreshments, Bev Moffett will continue as our CQA Rep and Shelley Keyser will see that our place-mats are delivered to Meals on Wheels. Thank you to all of the abovementioned volunteers.

On behalf of all of us I will thank Noreen Deeley for serving as last year's Membership coordinator and Melanie Leitch for her role with Special Events. I keep hearing how much fun the June Tea Party was and I am sure there will be some great pictures in this newsletter.

As for the new Pres., (President of a quilt guild and never made a quilt - how crazy is that?) I hope to serve PNQG well in the months to come. I am keen to hear from anyone who has ideas, concerns or questions. While the Board takes the lead in planning, this Guild belongs to all of the members and everyone's input is welcomed and encouraged.

Hope to see everyone who is in town on July 8 at the meeting where we will be creating items for both our MOW outreach and the bazaar.

Happy summer sewing.

PAST PRESIDENT – Wendy Dines

The perspective from the viewpoint of 'PAST' president is so different. At this time, I am pondering a challenge for the members. Perhaps by the August newsletter I will have gathered all my random thoughts and come up with something that will be fun and appeal to a broad range.

PROGRAM—Anne Sarsfield and Sherry Davidson

Nothing to report just yet but news of our plans will come in August's newsletter.

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 just passed January to June meetings.

LIBRARY - Nadine Wright

The library will be closed for the June meeting.

MEMBERSHIP – Catherine Richardson

Members are reminded to bring their annual fee (cash or cheque) to the July meeting. The membership fee is \$40.00. Thank you in advance.

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 Catherine Richardson know so the Guild can express its best wishes.

SPECIAL EVENTS – Cora Westgate and Erica Ribeiro

Nothing to report just yet but news of our plans will come in the fall.

BAZAAR –Judy Messenger and Joy Takahashi

Come for a "Sit and Sew" on July 8th to create items for either the bazaar or for our Meals-on-Wheels charity project. We will have kits for both projects that you can work on, or feel free to bring your own project. If you want to sew, bring your machine, thread and general sewing supplies. If you don't feel like sewing that evening, there will still be projects you can work on - we will be bringing blocks to glue onto shopping bags, or you could act as a cutter or presser for others.

The doors will open at 5pm - but feel free to drop by any time after that too....we will stay until about 9:30pm. Bring along your dinner if you want to come early, but snacks will also be served. The basement will not be available for this meeting due to the plumbing issues that the church has been

experiencing but there will be extra fans to cool the room (the one we regularly meet in) if it's a hot day.

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 – Shelley Keyser

See comments under Bazaar above for this month's scoop on Meals On Wheels projects.



TREATS -Gail Lockington

September - Shelley Keyser, Noreen Deeley, Kiyomi Sakamoto
October - Sandy Green, Sally Elgar, Marilyn Murphy
November - Helen Crooke, Flo Blanchard, Erica Ribeiro.

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

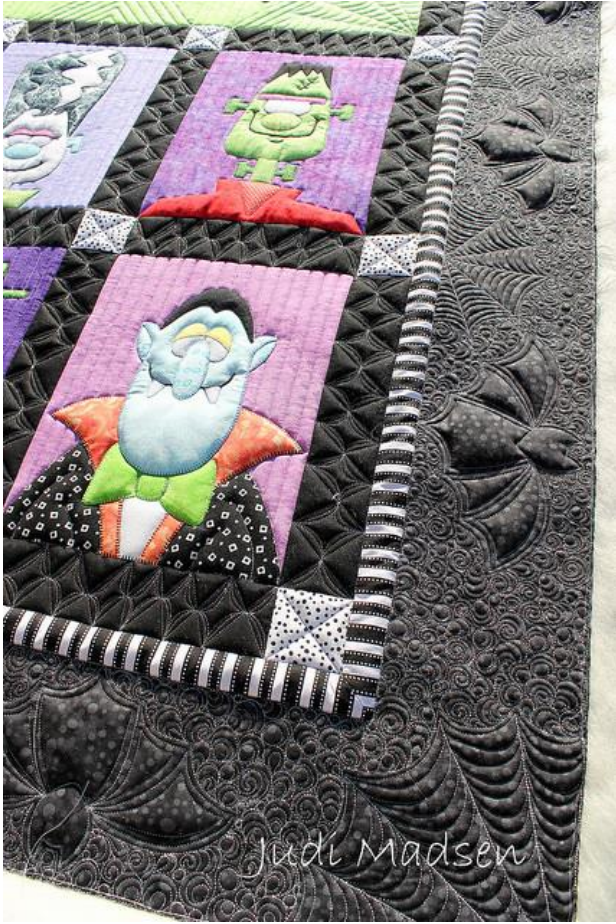
1. [A Feast for the Eyes – Maureen Merrill](#)

Our featured quilter is Judi Madsan, a long arm artist out of Las Vegas, Nevada. I took two classes with her last weekend at The Quilting Bee in Fonthill; Fabulous Fillers and Secondary Designs. I was completely blown away with her talent and attention to detail.

While her techniques and designs are not quick by any measure, the results of all that work are nothing short of breathtaking and, I might add, awesome. While she was working on a longarm, I think you could do this type of quilting on a domestic machine as well. Also, for those who don't know of The Quilting Bee I highly recommend a visit as it is a wonderful store. They have an online shop as well so please, pay them a visit. I have ordered many items from them and have always found the service fast and efficient. Here is the link for the website. <http://www.thequiltbee.com>

Here are some examples of Judi's work. Be sure to visit her blog at <http://www.greenfairyquiltsblog.com/> and her website at <http://www.greenfairyquilts.com/> She also has her own line of patterns so you can visit to shop, to be just be inspired or both. Rumor has it that The Quilting Bee will soon be carrying her line of patterns and that they will be bringing her back to teach some more classes. I will let you know as soon as I have details as to the when and the what (ie. what she will be teaching)







2. *Pictures from the June Meeting (kindly taken by Joy Takahashi in my absence)*

a. *Show and Share*







b. *Tea Party – A good time was had by all. Thank you Melanie for organizing such a special event.*









3. *Quilt Tips – Maureen Merrill*

Enjoy the attached article on tips for using negative space.

4. *Sit and Sew*

Sit, sew, knit, chat and enjoy your own dinner starting at 5:00 until the meeting time. See the heading Bazaar for some ideas on how to keep busy at this month's sit and sew. There is no fixed agenda for the gathering. Generally, the sit and sew is for anyone who just wants to come early, to sew or knit and bring their dinner. It is not limited to guild members and everyone is welcome do their own work or work on guild projects or kits; whatever suits you.

We will keep you up to date for sit and sew events for the coming months.

BULLETIN BOARD

a. Events

1. Quilts at the Creek - Black Creek Pioneer Village - July 18 & 19, 2015.
2. Quilt Canada - Quilt Canada 2016 –June 15-18 -International Centre, Mississauga

CQA - Elaine Quehl was awarded the 'Teacher of the Year' Award at Quilt Canada this year. We were fortunate to have her visit our guild in the past.

If you haven't seen the winners of the National Juried Show, then click on this link: www.canadianquilter.com/photo-gallery/national-jury-show.php?year=2015. All the quilts, organized by category, may be seen at: njs.canadianquilter.com/gallery2015.php?cat=WA

Quilt Canada Blogspot

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



- 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.
- 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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