



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

FEBRUARY 2015 NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 11 MEETING – 7:30p.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

What a quilting treat when Martha Huffman shared not only her own quilting journey but that of her Mother's. Thank you so very much for assembling the many, many quilts from family and friends in order to present such a fine trunk show.

Had I had a Mother who created so many prize-winning and beautiful quilts, I am not sure that I would have had the gumption to put my hand to the test!!! Congratulations for following your own muse and thus honouring your mother's example.

Recommendations from last year's Bazaar Committee were read out & are included in this newsletter. We need to begin to take some action on who & what the Guild will do for this particular endeavor for 2015. Small items, some larger projects, other venues & small sub-committees? If a number of people take ownership of some of these suggestions, we can pull together to continue to participate in the Christmas Bazaar & maybe do a test-run of another venue such as the Rosedale Hollyberry Fair. Please.....do think about how you can be a leader in the Guild.

PAST PRESIDENT - Martha Huffman

I'm looking for volunteers to machine quilt the four quilts created from the Sawtooth Star blocks that members made for the Past President's challenge last year. The guild has purchased batting and may be here now so you can get going on the quilting as soon as you'd like. Please see me if you are willing to use your creative talents on this project.

Any members wishing to put their name forward for a position on the 2015-16 Board please see me. Positions open include: President, Vice President, Membership, Program and Bazaar. Think about joining the Board, serving the guild and getting to know Board members. None of the positions are onerous, duties can be shared between a couple of members and it can be a rewarding experience. There are job descriptions for each position but it's always more informative to talk to the person doing the job so I'd ask you to do that. The guild needs your support.

PROGRAM - Andrea Howell

I want to again thank Martha Huffman, and her Mom Helen, for the wonderful presentation in January. Sharing her own quilting journey and how it evolved from her Mom's creative hobby, was a heartwarming story and I know we all enjoyed seeing the progress a quilter makes over time. Gathering the quilts, packing and transporting them (not to mention returning them to their lucky owners) is a great deal of work and we are thankful that Martha made all this effort on our behalf.

Don't miss our annual Round Robin on February 11 where you will pick up hints and new techniques to take back to your sewing room. Judy Allen has a time effective cutting method to share, Judy Messenger will demonstrate a self-binding technique, Maureen Merrill will show us silk embroidery embellishing and Andrea Howell will show you how to turn your orphan blocks into a chicken pin cushion. And to add a little more spice to the evening, everyone will be given free tickets to a special draw.

In March we will have Elaine Quehl as our guest speaker. Elaine teaches art quilting and fabric dying classes and has recently launched her own line of fabrics. Known best as the "Hosta" quilter, Elaine delivers a lively talk you won't want to miss.

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 February meeting.

Members of the guild are reminded that the library listing of books has been added to the PNQG 's website. Thank you to Judy Messenger for this great addition.

MEMBERSHIP - Noreen Deeley

Our Membership numbers now stand at 49 as we welcome 2 new members – Leslie Batt and Erica Rao. 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 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.

Last month Get Well cards were sent to Joan Guest and Jean Figueroa.

SPECIAL EVENTS – Melanie Leitch

See attached document detailing the workshop with Christine Alexiou. The workshop will be held on April 11 at the church. The fee for attending is \$35 (\$30 for workshop and \$5 for kit). The lunch will be pot luck. There is a maximum enrolment of 20 stitchers. The guild members have until March 11 to sign up and if space is available after that non-members can then join. Fees must be paid as soon as possible to reserve your spot. You can sign up on the sign-up sheet at the February meeting.

BAZAAR -Sherry Davidson with Judy and Michiko

See the attached thoughtful report on the Bazaar and some new ideas to consider.

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

Meals On Wheels Placemats Donation – Shelley Keyser

A reminder to all members that I am collecting placemats for donation to the Meals on Wheels program. We made a donation in December, and I am collecting placemats for another drop-off this spring. It's a great way to use up some scraps, leftover blocks or try out some new techniques while bringing some cheer to someone in our community.

You can drop any placements off with me after Show and Share at the February meeting. Your contributions are appreciated, Shelley



TREATS

Thank you to all who have brought treats in the past including Judy Messenger, Liz Taylor and Melanie Leitch for bringing the goodies in January. For the coming months the treats will be supplied by the following people:

February: Pat Stuckless, Nadine Wright and Sandy Green
March: Joyce Dawson, Noreen Deeley and Nadine Wright

April: Judy Murakami, Joy Takahashi and Heather Lee
May: Martha Huffman, Bev Moffett and June Basu Roy

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

On January 24 I attended the “Road to California” Quilt show in Ontario, California. After doing some research on local quilt guilds I found the South Bay Quilter’s Guild of Torrance California who kindly let me hitch a ride on their bus taking the members to the show. My brother dropped me off at the pickup location and off we went. Snacks and drinks were served on the bus and a good time was had by all.

The show is large with quite a different atmosphere than those put on by Quilts Inc. (eg the Houston, Chicago and Portland shows). It seemed a little less organized than those shows and thus a little chaotic, but fun nevertheless. Nothing wrong with a little chaos from time to time, although my guess is that part of this came from the fact I attended on a Saturday when there is always a larger crowd. As always I found a lot to buy that, even with the low Canadian dollar, was still a bargain. Also, you can’t beat the selection you have at these shows. Makes your head spin.

As a break from shopping I took a walking tour showing the prize winning quilts and what the judges looked for in a winner. Quite a different point of view. They all look remarkable but the tour guide, Cathy Wiggins, also one of the judges, gave a unique perspective on what it took to win. The skill and artistry of these prize winners is awesome and their quilts are breathtaking. If you ever have the opportunity to take one of these tours I highly recommend it. If you ever have an opportunity to take one from Cathy I recommend it even more.

As Cathy was the tour guide I thought I would feature her quilts in this edition of A Feast for the Eyes. Cathy is a quilter from Macon, North Carolina who works a lot with leather. She has an Etsy page (<https://www.etsy.com/shop/GypsyWoodLeathers>) and two Facebook pages (one under her name and one under Gypsy Wood Leathers) and I recommend giving them a look to see more of her work. Very unique.



2. For those of us that knit, a handy link on some unique knitting techniques contributed by Bev Moffett.

<http://yarnoversleepover.com/>

3. Pictures from December's Meeting

a. Show and Share



b. Martha Huffman – Pictures from Martha's presentation showing hers and her mother's quilts. As part of the presentation Martha discussed the influence of her mother on her craft. An inspiring journey indeed.





4. Quilt Tips –Maureen Merrill

For those of you who use the services of a long arm quilter on your projects., see attached article on what a long-armeder needs to provide you with her best work. Enjoy.

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

