



Pieceful Night Quilters' Guild of North Toronto

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

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

MEETING – DECEMBER 11– 7:00 p.m.*

(*note the time change)

Program – POT LUCK SOCIAL – (for 'members only'). Remember to bring:

- ✓ **pot luck contribution** – Melanie Leitch has the list of what people are bringing – call her if you have forgotten what you signed up to contribute.
- ✓ **place setting & cup**
- ✓ **stuffed animals with their own little quilts** (each in its own gift bag, please) for either Youth Assisting Youth or Humewood House.

Name Badge Draw – if you wore your name badge at meetings from Sept. to Nov. and entered your name in the draw, you may be the lucky winner of prize at this meeting. Good luck!

Show and Share – Bring your projects (completed or in progress) to show and share with the membership.

President's Message – The big news at the November meeting – bazaar sales were about \$1100!!! What a great team effort: Anne Sarsfield and her sidekick, Nancy McCracken, led the team of all members who made items and worked the day of the event. Thanks for pulling together to ensure that the Guild continues to be financially healthy. Applause and 'thank you's' all around.

Planning for the next season (as with any team, we can't rest on our laurels), **we need a new team leader for the next bazaar**. If you want to work in pairs, like Anne & Nancy, so that you have someone to share the workload, that's great. The Guild can continue to operate but keep in mind that without the revenue from the bazaar, it may mean a change in the kind of programming, and fewer books and workshops.

When you take on this volunteer position, know that you have the support of everyone in the Guild. We will make the items and help with setting of the prices, help to organize the set up and serve on the day of the bazaar. I would very much like to announce at the December meeting (at the latest, in January) that someone has stepped up to organize the bazaar for 2014.

For the November meeting, Andrea Howell led us in learning a technique on how to make a 3-D flower – she and Gail Lockington found a user-friendly pattern that enabled everyone to take home a fabric flower. Thanks Andrea & Gail! Wendy Dines, President.



A quilt from November Show & Tell by Judy Messenger, an example of the Modern Quilt style. Take a look at the books recently purchased in the library that feature this style.

Successful Bazaar – It takes a skillful team of volunteers to pull off a successful fundraiser – one that **raised close to \$1,100** for the guild. So, a whopping ‘thank you’ goes out to all the contributors of our big hit. One of the best parts of the Bazaar for me was the chance to collaborate with so many guild members – not only those who created sensational items for the sale, but also those who helped set up a truly inviting space – a critical aspect of our success – in which to display them. All the buyers and sellers seemed to be into the holiday spirit, which made for good energy and fun for shoppers and volunteers alike.

Workshop – Martha Shellingerhoud who did a trunk show last January will be returning to the Guild to give a workshop on **Mar 22, 2014** to teach her method of 'quilt as you go'. If you have questions, please contact Melanie Leitch, Special Events Coordinator, 416-781-5153.

Guild Meeting Programs 2013-14

January 8 – In January, **Shirley Dawson** will take us through her quilting journey from professional fashion designer to quilt maker. Shirley won the Best of Show prize at Quilts at the Creek this year and is a very imaginative lady with her fingers in many creative pies.

February 12 – February's meeting will be a return of our **demo night** and we need members to share a technique with the group, so please call or email me if you would like to do a demo. The gals who have volunteered for past sessions

should get a chance to do the circuit themselves so let's get some new faces at the tables.

March 12 April 9 May 14 (AGM) June 11 (Just Desserts)

Community Outreach Projects – Little Works of Art – The **St. Clair West Services for Seniors** will again gratefully receive **21 placemats** for delivery to clients' homes. Thank you to our members who have made these little works of art and made this donation by our guild possible. Once again I will have the pleasure of delivering the placemats on behalf of Pieceful Night Quilter's Guild. Gail Lockington

The **baby quilts** we are making for Humewood House is an ongoing project, speak to Cora Westgate or Pat McGregor for more information. As well, you can continue to give **placemats** for Community organizations to Gail Lockington.


Membership – Total membership in the Guild is now 46. Please add to your membership list: Helen Crooke, 52 Imperial St. Toronto, M5P 1C3, 416-481-8140, khcrooke@rogers.com


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.


Best Wishes – 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.


Name Badges – Each month that you remember to wear your name badge, you can enter your name in a draw. Twice during the year (December and June) we'll draw a lucky winner for a prize. So if you want to increase your chances – wear your name badge!


BULLETIN BOARD

 Quilt Canada 2014's Local Organizing Committee is asking guilds and fellow quilters to help out by making a **"wine gift bag"**. These bags will make a wonderful table favour for the Quilt Canada closing banquet (pattern attached at the end of this newsletter). Use your imagination and embellish the bag however you wish. Make one (or as many as you'd like!) and send them to: Marilyn Michelin, 7 Dixie Rd., St. Catharines, ON L2N 2A7.

 **Quilt Canada 2014** – will be held in St. Catharines, ON. **June 11–14**. To register visit the Quilt Canada website at <http://www.canadianquilter.com/events/quilt-canada-2014.php>.

 **Member Blogs** – Any members with a blog can list it here.
Judy Messenger – <http://jmstitching.wordpress.com/>

 **“Trading Post”** – Members wanting to buy, sell or recycle for free quilting related items may submit their information to beverleymoffett@gmail.com.

 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.**

PNQG Board for 2013–14

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 Seasons
Greetings

WINE GIFT BAGS

These wine gift bags will be given to each of the delegates at our Quilt Canada Conference to be held in St. Catharines, Ontario in June 2014. We've called the conference "Wonders of Niagara". Our area is known for its wineries, orchards, lakes, St. Lawrence Seaway, Niagara Falls and so much more. We hope members of Guilds across Canada will make and donate a finished bag. They can be finished in any way you wish and could relate to any of the areas we have mentioned above, or it could have a seasonal theme. Bags could also be pieced. (If piecing a bag, we suggest lining it so the seams are enclosed.) We have included pictures of a few of the bags to give you some ideas.

Jacki Morningstar
designer of this pattern

We look forward to receiving your creation(s). Use your imagination. If you wish, sign the bottom of your bag and the guild you are from.

SUPPLIES: One fat quarter and scraps of fabric for appliqué.

Trim the fat quarter to 16" x 19".

Appliqué your choice of design to the centre of the fat quarter.

Fold your fabric lengthwise, **WRONG** sides together. Sew a 1/4" seam down the length of the 19" side. Turn inside out and press along the seam line. Sew a 3/8" seam from the edge over the previous seam. Press. The raw edge seam will be enclosed.

Turn the top edge of the bag under 1/2" and press. Turn under again 1" and press. Sew the top edge down.

Turn the bag wrong side out, with the seam at the centre back.
Sew 1/4" seam across the bottom of the bag.



Refold the bag so the seam is at the side. Place fingers on both sides of the centre back and centre front. Pull out, so you have the bottom of the bag looking as pictured.

From the centre seam, draw a pencil line 2" from each side of the seam.

Sew on the pencil line. Back stitch. Trim seam to 1/4".

Optional: Measure the bottom of the bag as shown.

Cut a piece of cardboard this measurement (ours measured 3-1/4" x 4"). Cover the cardboard with the fabric left over from the fat quarter. Cut the fabric larger than the cardboard piece. Turn excess fabric to the wrong side of the cardboard and glue in place. Place the cardboard in the bottom of the bag, with covered edges on the bottom of the bag. Whip stitch to the side seams.

Turn right side out.

Sew a 24" length of ribbon to the back seam, about 4" from the top of the bag.

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