



## **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](http://www.pnqg.ca)

### **DECEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER**

#### **December 9 MEETING – 7:00p.m.**

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

#### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Andrea Howell**

Gee, my reign (ha ha) is nearly half over. Not too soon to think about volunteers for the 16/17 year. None of the positions are onerous and all are rewarding. It is particularly important to either fill the Bazaar coordinator position, or rethink our bazaar format, soon. The "reign" of this position runs from Jan. to Dec., so please come forward if you (and a buddy?) will take this on. We also need someone to take on the charity work responsibility, as she will want to start planning for next year's effort.

Our members pulled together with aplomb to make both the Bazaar and Meals on Wheels projects extremely successful. It is my privilege to be part of such a responsive and creative group. Congratulations to all of us and a special thank you to Judy, Joy and Shelley for their leadership.

Results of the 15th anniversary celebration questionnaire will be available in January, giving more people an opportunity to add their opinions. We will need a committee to arrange whatever is going to be our celebratory plan. The questionnaire will be added to this newsletter so that if you did not fill it out at the Nov. or Dec meeting, you can still have a voice. E mail or snail mail it to me please.

Try to make it to the party at the Dec. 9th meeting as we will have fun and good eats. Best wishes for getting all your hand-made gifts made in time and please enjoy the holiday season.

#### **VICE-PRESIDENT – Pat Stuckless**

Thanks to our Vice-President for just being our vice-president and president in training.

#### **PAST PRESIDENT – Wendy Dines**

There seems to be quite a number of interpretations of the expectations for the Past President's Challenge. A sample of two colours using a favorite block will be shown at the Pot Luck

dinner. Hopefully that will bring some clarity to what I thought was a straight forward set of parameters. Definitely a lesson in semantics!

## **PROGRAM—Anne Sarsfield and Sherry Davidson**

Before we get all caught up in the holidays, we want to share our programme plans for the first few months of 2016.

We start off the new year in January, with a topic both practical and creative: how to photograph quilts. **Elsie Nisonen**, an award-winning Toronto photographer, will demonstrate useful pointers on the subject. Come ready with lots of questions for her!

February is our usual members' Round Robin. Again this year, we need our talented and creative members to share techniques with the group, so please email Sherry ([sherrydavidson@bellnet.ca](mailto:sherrydavidson@bellnet.ca)) or Anne ([asarsfield@sympatico.ca](mailto:asarsfield@sympatico.ca)) if you would like to take part.

Markham quilt artist, speaker, and instructor, **Peggy Kwan**, will be on hand for our March meeting. To see her amazingly beautiful work, please visit her website: [www.peggykwan.com](http://www.peggykwan.com)

In April, we will welcome **Bev Stevens**, the star of York Heritage Community Quilts. Her creativity, generosity and enthusiastic approach results in very positive support from all the volunteers who contribute their time, skills and energy to helping people in need. Please join us while Bev shares some of her inspirations.

All best wishes for a happy holiday season!

## **LIBRARY - Nadine Wright**

The library will be closed for the December social. If anyone wishes to return a book please pass it along to Nadine.

Happy Holidays!

## **MEMBERSHIP – Catherine Richardson**

Thank you to all the members who signed the card for Ron Smith. I have mailed it to him. We now have 48 members in our guild. More membership cards will be distributed on wed Dec 9th. My apologies to those who were not given a membership card last month.

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 socials in June and December.

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**

Come and enjoy a potluck dinner with friends. For those who signed up to bring food, please take a moment and list the ingredients in the dishes for those who may have allergies. Also bring your own dishes, cutlery and mug to use. In case you forgot, the pot luck sign up list is as follows:

Juices, Pop and Water.

Florence, Joy, Judy Messenger, Erica

Bread, Rolls, Butter

Anne, Nadine, Judy

Veggie Dips, Salad

Sherry, Melanie, Leslie, Shelley, Pat, Susan, June, Judy,

Entrees and Casseroles

Wendy, Cora, Michiko, Kiyomi, Valerie, Martha, Andrea, Bev, Noreen.

Desserts and Fruit

Liz, Joyce, Marilyn, Helen, Gail, Maureen, Sandra, Linda

Please bring a fat quarter, wrapped like a present for your fellow members. We will play a small game to pass your gift to a friend.

We have also planned to have a small demo before the festive dinner to make a Christmas ornament. No supplies required but come 15 minutes early to try creating your own.

PNQ outreach project this year was Meals on Wheels. A representative from the organization will be at the Pot Luck supper to accept the placemats and mug rugs made by members. Shelley will make the presentation.

Note: THE EVENING'S FESTIVITIES WILL START [AT 7PM](#)

## **BAZAAR –Judy Messenger and Joy Takahashi**

A big thank you to all who helped out with the bazaar...the sales were over \$1000 on November 14th! Joy and Judy manned a table at the Holly Berry Fair on November 21st, to sell some more of the bazaar items generously donated by members. We had some sales there, although not as much as we had hoped.

If you haven't finished your Christmas shopping, we will be bringing some of the items that haven't sold to the December guild meeting for you to snap up at reduced prices. We have planned to bring the smaller items, but if you want to purchase one of our quilts, let us know and we'll bring it along.

A full report of the bazaar - how much we made, what sold and recommendations for the next one will

be presented at the January guild meeting.

Some pictures of both tables are below. Thanks to Joy and Gail for the pictures.





## **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](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 – Shelley Keyser**

All of you have been very generous in your MOW contributions for this year - I have a beautiful stack of 162 placemats and 124 mug rugs. This includes a contribution from the Bazaar group of 10 placemats and 22 mug rugs. Each of the items has been labelled with a tag "Handcrafted by Pieceful Night Quilters Guild" in readiness for presentation to Sarah Reyes of Sprint Senior Services, who will be joining us at the start of our December meeting. If any of you are still able to create some placemats it would be fantastic if we could get to our target of 200 placemats, which would enable each client to receive a placemat. I will bring some additional tags so that any additional contributions that come in at the December meeting can be labelled. Suggested size for placemats is about 13 x 17 inches, give or take an inch or so. Anything you can do would be appreciated!

Thanks to all!



## **TREATS -Gail Lockington**

Tea and coffee will be offered before the meeting and during our break. Thanks so much to Helen Crooke, Flo Blanchard, Kiyomi Sakamoto who brought treats in October and to those who have offered to bring treats in the coming months:



February: Judy Messenger, Judy Ellen, Leslie Batt  
March: Judy Murakami, Judy Beca, Joyce Dawson  
April: June Basu Roy, Maureen Merrill, Cora Westgate  
May: Bev Moffett, Sherry Davidson, Catherine Richardson

## 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 our featured artist is Santa. I have pulled a random collection of Christmas themed quilts for all to enjoy. No idea who made them but aren't they beautiful.







2.

a. *Show and Share November*







*b. [Helen Fujiki, Our Featured Speaker in November](#)*





3. *Quilt Tips – Maureen Merrill*

See attached article called “All About Threads ”. Enjoy

4. *Pets Who Quilt*

This month our pet who quilts comes from Wendy Dines. Everyone, let me introduce Black Jack, a cat with the soul of a pirate. You cannot tell from this picture but he is patiently instructing Wendy on how to cut half-square triangles. A beauty indeed.



Keep sending me those pictures of your pets.

5. *Words of wisdom sent in by Andrea Howell*

*Good friends are like quilts - they age with you,  
and yet, they never lose their warmth.*

*Take good care of them.*

## **BULLETIN BOARD**

a. *Events*

1. Quilt Canada - Quilt Canada 2016 –June 15-18 -International Centre, Mississauga – from our CQA rep Bev Moffett

**Quilt Canada 2016- The International Gathering of the Guilds**



A public gathering such as the International Gathering of the Guilds, for quilters by quilters around the world, is an incredible and unique occasion. Please join us, at Quilt Canada 2016, in celebration of quilting and sharing on a global scale.

The most common thread among quilters worldwide is fellowship and camaraderie. The evening will include presentations from guest speakers from the global quilting project movement, followed by a Show/Share quilt parade like no other! Won't it be fun to see what other quilters around the world are working on? Please bring a finished quilted piece to show and share with others. All skill levels are welcome!

Keynote Speaker: Paula Rafferty of Ireland

Sponsored by: Celtic Quilt Tours

Friday, June 17, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Cost: \$22.00 (\$25.00 at the door if available).

For further information:

<https://www.canadianquilter.com/events/quilt-canada-2016-tours.php>

CQA: Reminder - registration is now open for non-members for Quilt Canada workshops **June 15-18, 2016**. Good News: Quilt Canada is returning to Toronto June 14-17, **2017!**



2. York Heritage Quilter's Guild's workshop schedule is set out below. They invite members from our guild to take part in any or all of them. Photos, class details, how to register and more can be found at [www.YHQG.org/speakers-and-workshops/](http://www.YHQG.org/speakers-and-workshops/)

March 15 2016: Mary Elizabeth Kinch: *The Joy of Small Block Sampler*

April 19 2016: Lyric Kinard: *Surface Design Sampler Platter*

Apr 20 2016: Lyric Kinard: *Abstract-a-licious*

- 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](mailto:newsetter@pnqg.ca). The information will be included in the next newsletter.

See the attached message I received from Valerie Strand regarding some saris for sale. Pictures of the saris are at the end of the message. Please speak to Valerie if you are interested. The fabric is beautiful and for those interested in art quilts, the silk is just the thing you need!

*Hi Maureen I started to tell you, at the meeting, that I have a few saris that I thought some of the members might be interested in as 'yardage'. Most of them come from the household of my friend Krishna who died in Sept. I'm her Executor and slowly working my way thru the household disposing of things.*

*The saris belonged mainly to her Mum who was of that generation that wore saris every day. Most are made from thin cotton like lawn but there are also a few silk ones. I've included a few pictures which obviously don't do justice but will give an indicator of what there is. The orange one has been hand embroidered.*

*I can bring them to the January meeting if anyone is interested. The borders and end piece that goes across the shoulder are often removed and reused on garments and household items. I've been told that older saris such as these are in demand and rare in as much as they are cotton and silk and not polyester.*

*I thought if anyone was interested they could make a donation to the guild or perhaps another charity. Not sure what would be a good price. Best Valerie*





- 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](mailto:newsetter@pnqg.ca).

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* Not a board position			

## AND A FINAL THOUGHT

(a collection of Christmas memes and yes, that baby has graced these pages before)



I am no cook. But I can follow the directions. Which said to let the bird chill in the sink for a few hours.

