

Pieceful Night Quilters' Guild of North Toronto Armour Heights Presbyterian Church, 105 Wilson Avenue, Toronto 7:30 p.m. – second Wednesday of each month

FEBRUARY 2014 NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 12 MEETING - 7:30 p.m.

Doors will open at **5:30 p.m.** Come early if you would like to 'sit and sew' and enjoy one another's company.

Program – February's meeting will be our annual Round Robin of new techniques and ideas. Want to learn how to sew an Attic Window block with 1 seam, create the gorgeous table centre Bev showed us last fall, find out how to sharpen your Rotary cutter blades or see how easy a self binding works? This is a meeting not to be missed.

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

Refreshments – Judy Murakami, Sandy Green, Monika Jakob

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – In January, Shirley Dawson, with her loyal following of assistants & good friends, gave us a wonderful and varied 'trunk show'. With a background in design and a love of fabric and colour, she took us through her quilt journey on which many techniques and styles have been used. One quilt that many of our members were taken with was the 'Monster' quilt that was made for a friend's 4 year old son – she had to promise that it would be returned to him the very next day. It was colourful, quirky and so much fun. A big 'thank you' to Shirley who also happens to be a friend of Andrea's going back to their college days!

A motion to continue to support the CQA with a donation of \$120 was endorsed by the membership.

Happily, new member Sherry Davidson has agreed to take on the organization of the bazaar this year. Assisting her are Michiko Petrick and another new member, Judy Murakami. The three of them have already had a first meeting and are moving ahead in choosing the kinds of items that will be made and preparing kits & instructions.

Our 'Special Events' coordinator, Melanie Leitch has asked that members who have signed up for Martha Shellingerhoud's 'Quilt as You Go' workshop bring to the Feb. meeting your payment of \$25.00 to secure your spot.

Hats off to Kiyomi Sakamoto who took it upon herself to make placemats for the "Meals on Wheels' programme that operates out of the Yorkminster Park Baptist Church on Yonge St. just north of St. Clair. I can't recall the exact number but it was in the 30's. Good on you, Kiyomi! – Wendy Dines

LIBRARY – Two more books will be added to the library this month. The first one is '**City Blocks, 10 Quilt Designs'** by Nancy Rink. On the cover is a smashing photo of a contemporary style lap quilt called City Leaves, in red, black and grey prints. Now I know what to do with my bundle of 50 fat quarters in brown and royal blue prints purchased 3 years ago. if you like bold applique and fast-piecing, this is the book for you. The book is #141 in our library. The second book is '**Black & White Bright & Bold, 24 Projects to Piece & Applique'** by KIm Schaefer. You will find suggestions for lap quilts, wall quilts, runners and place mats. The photos of the runners include good detail of the finished quilting design. This book is #142 in our library. Nadine Wright

FUTURE MEETINGS - March is still in negotiation, but in **April** we will welcome Beth Cameron from Maotick (Ottawa region) for a trunk show and talk **"Not Just Another Pretty Quilt"**. You can check her website <u>www.Domestic</u> Goddess Canada. com

At the annual general meeting in **May**, Mariam Brisland, owner of Seam's Small, will have oodles of fat quarters for sale. She makes beautiful table linens and baby blankets, so has a huge stock of 100 percent cottons in her stash, but not always enough left on the bolt for her products, so she turns these pieces into fat quarters. She's promising attractive pricing.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECTS – Just a reminder that the **baby quilts for Humewood House** is an ongoing project and that some kits will be available at the Meeting. As well, placemats for Community organizations such as Meals on Wheels are always welcome. These can be given to Gail Lockington.

MEMBERSHIP – Please note that Martha Huffman's e-mail address has been changed to <u>mhuffman1645@gmail.com</u>. We welcomed 3 guests at the January meeting.

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, your name will be entered 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!

QUILTING TIP - Alert: The production of SAS2 Lite is suspended for now. The 'new and improved' does not work properly, so don't buy it. Mistyfuse is another lightweight fusible web that can be used.

BULLETIN BOARD

There are some spots available in **York Heritage Quilters' Guild workshops in February with award-winning quilter Kathy Wylie** which are now open to non-members. The fee for non-member is \$85 per day. <u>http://</u> <u>www.kathykwylie.com/</u>

1) Tues. Feb. 18: **Appliqué with Flourish** – Kathy will share the techniques and motifs from her award-winning quilt, Flourish on the Vine, as we master smooth curves, sharp points and perfect circles to hand appliqué a beautiful table runner.

2) Wed. Feb. 19th: **Machine Quilting**--Learn to machine quilt with flourish and add extraordinary visual texture to your quilts. Starting with an introduction to the basics of machine quilting and free-motion stitching, Kathy will then show us how to add marvelous dimension with embossed designs created with stitching and extra padding.

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

April 24, 25 & 26 – **"Piecemakers Quilt Show 2014"**. Pyramid Recreational Center, 317 James St. S., St. Marys, ON.

May 19-24 - Quilts of Great Britain, Ailsa Craig, ON

November 14 & 15 – "York Heritage Quilters Guild – A Celebration of Quilts XII". At the Toronto Botanical Gardens.

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

"Trading Post" – Members wanting to buy, sell or recycle for free quilting related items may submit their information to <u>beverleymoffett@gmail.com.</u>

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**.

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JUDY MESSENGER'S BUTTER TARTS

Frozen Tart Shells*

1 cup	Raisins, Pecans or Dried Cranberries (optional)
3	Eggs
1 cup	Corn syrup
2/3 cup	Packed brown sugar
1/3 cup	Butter, melted
pinch Salt	

Sprinkle raisins, pecans or dried cranberries over the bottom of each tart shell (or leave plain, as desired).

Combine eggs, corn syrup, brown sugar, butter and salt.

Pour over raisins.

Bake in 375oF (190 oC) oven 20 to 25 minutes or until set.

Cool 5 minutes.

Makes about 20 tarts.

MAPLE TARTS:

Substitute 1 cup maple syrup for corn syrup.

* I use No Name frozen unsweetened tart shells, available at some Valuemart, Loblaw or No Frills stores. They come in packages of 30.