

Pieceful Night Quilters' Guild of North Toronto

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

JANUARY 2014 NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 8 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 - 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.

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

Refreshments - Katalin Lawford, Nadine Wright, Michiko Petrick

President's Message – We enjoyed one another's yummy food contributions to the December meeting/pot luck as well as really challenging 'games' that had most of us stumped. **A big "THANK YOU" goes out to Melanie Leitch** for organizing such a great kick-off to the holiday season. Additionally, two young women from Youth Assisting Youth were invited to receive many bears/stuffed animals with their quilts. Their heart-felt appreciation of these gifts was touching indeed. The remainder of the stuffed animals & quilts were taken to Humewood Home with Judy Messenger being the delivery service – 'thanks Judy' – it was good of you to take on that task.

I am happy to announce that our newest member, **Sherry Davidson** has stepped forward to organize us for next November's fundraising **Bazaar**. Assisting her are **Judy Murakami & Michiko Petrick**. We look forward to what you bring for us to assemble for that event. Wendy Dines

LOTS OF CUDDLY GIFTS WERE PART OF OUR DECEMBER SOCIAL







At the December potluck, I was presented with a beautiful array of fat quarters in "my colours" and a gift certificate for serving as President last year. Thank you all very much – you were very generous! I appreciated your friendship and support this past year and know that you are in capable hands this year. The fat quarters are currently residing on my computer table where I can touch, feel

and dream about how I will use them...planning is more than half the fun of quilting for me!

One of my duties as Past President is to present a **challenge to the membership.** At the January meeting, I will be giving out squares of a challenge fabric to be incorporated into a fairly simple block. Members interested in participating will be asked to use their own stash to construct the 12" block(s). The objective of the challenge is threefold: to have as many members as possible participate regardless of their skill level, to learn something about colour use in the process, and to have fun. The completed blocks will be brought to the May meeting for discussion and awards. Enter as many blocks as you want. Finished blocks can be donated back to the guild for use in charity or bazaar projects. I'm looking forward to seeing the results of this challenge!

My other duty is to chair the **Nominating Committee** for your 2014–15 Board. I am looking for **two volunteers** currently not on the Board to assist me with developing this slate of officers. Please see me at the January meeting if you are interested in helping in this capacity. Martha Huffman, Past President

Next Meeting - February 12 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.

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.

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!

BULLETIN BOARD

CQA 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**.

By popular demand, here is a recipe from the December social for Sherry Davidson's NAPA CABBAGE SALAD

- 1 large Napa cabbage (also called Savoy)
- 1/2 Cup Sesame seeds
- 2 Cups slivered almonds
- 2 Pkg. Noodle soup mix (use only the noodles, not the soup mix). Use a meat tenderizer to break up while still in the package
- 1/3 Cup butter (or margarine if lactose intolerant)

Melt butter in frying pan, break up noodles in packages and add to pan, then add almonds and lastly sesame seeds until all are lightly browned.

Thinly slice cabbage and toss with the above. This can be done in advance but don't add the dressing.

DRESSING:

- 1/2 Cup oil of your choice (Canola, Olive, Grapeseed, etc.)
- 2 Tbsp. Soy sauce
- 1/2 Cup sugar
- 1/4 Cup white vinegar

Whisk together and toss over salad. Ingredients should be at room temperature.

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