



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

JUNE 2014 NEWSLETTER

JUNE 11 MEETING – 7:30 p.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.

PROGRAM – 'JUST DESSERTS' social and GARAGE SALE

Just Desserts – This meeting will be the occasion for celebration of another successful Guild year. A social and pot luck of desserts – from cheeses to fruit to baking – all are welcome! May we suggest that you bring 4–6 servings so there isn't too much left over.

Coffee, tea and cold beverages will be provided. As environmentalists all, we hope that everyone can **bring a mug/cup and plate & utensils.**

Garage Sale – put a price and your name on any items you bring for the sale. Transactions will take place directly between the buyer and seller, and the seller is responsible for taking home anything that doesn't sell. Members should bring coins to make change and, of course, cash to spend on the great bargains! So, go through those cupboards and do some Spring/Summer cleaning out :)

Draw – Remember to wear your name badges. A draw will be made for a fabric prize from all the ballot slips collected at the January to June meetings.

SHOW AND SHARE – Bring your projects (completed or in progress) to show and share with the membership.

A reminder – this social meeting is for **members only.**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The 2013–14 Guild year was my first as your President and I thank all of you for your understanding as I negotiated my learning curve. I like to think that we all had fun at our meetings this year as well as giving to the wider community.

A review of this past year shows that the finances are being tracked and kept in good order, the membership has maintained at just below the maximum, we have enjoyed our cups of refreshments along with 'goodies' each month; new books were added to the library and the December and end of year "Socials" have allowed us to get to know one another just a little bit better. Each month we learned through sharing of techniques or from speakers who brought stories of their quilt journeys along with trunk shows. The wider community has been the recipients of those stuffed animals with their own mini-quilts and YOU, the members, made twenty five baby quilts for Humewood House. Additionally, our booth at the November bazaar was stocked with items made by the membership from kits organized by our coordinator. A new group of organizers for the next bazaar came forward to offer us different kits for assembly. Two well attended workshops were held – by very fine instructors – Martha Shellingerhoud with her 'quilt as you go' technique & beading by Kiyomi. Each month, we received a newsletter that kept us current and the Guild is now on the web. Finally, a plethora of star blocks in multiple colours were submitted from which a final project will be forthcoming.

A big "Thank-you" goes out to the following who worked to ensure that all of us had fun this year: Flo, Noreen, Michiko, Monica, Nadine, Melanie, Pat & Cora, Anne, Sherry, Judy Murakami, Kiyomi, Bev, Judy Messenger and Martha. The membership appreciates all that you have done to make this past year a success!

This is YOUR notice of forward planning for the coming year – let us add your name to the list of volunteers for 2014–15 to shadow Melanie in Special Events, Andrea who does our monthly programme planning and Michiko who prepares our refreshments at the meetings. For details, speak to any of these three people or myself. Wendy Dines, President.

PNQG WEBSITE – Take a look at it! Pieceful Night Quilters' Guild now has a website! A calendar of events, photos from guild meetings and workshops, membership information and newsletters can all be found on the website at www.pnqq.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@pnqq.ca.

LIBRARY – The library will not be open at this meeting. However, if you have outstanding books, please return them to Nadine.

PAST PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE – I'd like to thank everyone who made the Past President's Challenge such a success. Members produced a stunning array of Sawtooth Star blocks in a rainbow of colours. It's amazing how different colours work with the multi-coloured graphic fabric chosen for the challenge. Everyone had something in their stash that added a different flavour to their block. Over the summer, I'll let my creative juices flow as I assemble the blocks and hopefully I'll have some exciting things to show you this fall.

P.S. It's not too late to bring in your finished block(s) to the June meeting or return the challenge square if you're not going to complete it. Martha Huffman.

2014 BAZAAR – UPDATE

Thank you to those who took additional kits at the last meeting, returned finished items (it is always exciting to see these come back) and to those who signed up for summer workshops. At present **we are planning to hold all 3 workshops simultaneously at our regular summer meeting dates – Wednesday, July 9th and Wednesday August 13th.** We are almost assured of the basement room at the church which might be open as early as 4 p.m. in the afternoon. This should allow for the items to be completed on that day (Yeah – no homework).

For those members who signed up for more than one workshop this will allow for you to take the other workshop on the alternate meeting date. We are preparing all the kits tomorrow and are looking forward to having fun as well as producing for the Bazaar. We will be in touch with each one who signed to confirm.

"HELP WANTED" I have been asked a question: Why did you undertake to convene this year's Bazaar? Quite simply, as a new member I thought, as did Judy Murakami, that this would be a great opportunity to get to know the members of our new Guild. And there have been many other benefits. Judy, Michiko and I have had fun, become friends and are always learning new skills and challenges. You might think that there is an element of competition involved. A need to compete with the success of the previous year and possibly surpass that success. This could not be further from the truth. The success or failure of the Bazaar rests solely with the total membership. We have found all the members of this Guild generous and so approachable. My job is just to co-ordinate "stuff". As such I **heartily recommend the experience to my successor whomever she (or he) may be. Jump in – the water's fine!!!**

SUMMER MEETINGS – July 9 and August 13 (see Bazaar Update)

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECTS – Placemats for Community organizations such as Meals on Wheels can be given to Gail Lockington.


MEMBERSHIP – The Membership Application/Renewal Form is attached to this Newsletter. The annual fee remains at **\$40**. Please bring your completed form and cheque to the June meeting or mail to me if you are going to be away for the summer. **Cheques are payable to Pieceful Night Quilters' Guild, in the amount of \$40.** If required, I will have forms available at the meeting.

The Board agreed that we should have Emergency contact information for our members and request that you provide this on the form. The information will **not** be on the Membership Listing, nor circulated, except to members of the Board and, hopefully, never needed.

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.


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.


BULLETIN BOARD


 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>.

 June 27-28 – **Haliburton Quilt Show** – Haliburton Curling Club.

 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 – <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**.



Martha Huffman's
Sesame and Flax Seed Snaps

- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 2/3 cup spelt flour
- 1/4 tsp baking powder
- 3/4 cup sesame seeds (white, black or a combo)
- 3/4 cup flax seeds
- 1 tsp ground ginger

Cream together butter, sugar, egg and vanilla.

Mix in flour and baking powder and ginger.

Slowly stir in sesame and flax seeds. I have also used poppy seeds.

Drop teaspoons of batter on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper (this is really important - otherwise they stick to the pan dreadfully!)

Leave lots of space between each cookie.

Bake for 8-10 minutes at 350 degrees or until light brown in colour.

Let cool a few minutes before removing to a wire rack. They freeze well.

Makes 4 dozen or more depending on how large you make them. Enjoy!

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