



**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)

**JULY 2014 NEWSLETTER**

**JULY 9 MEETING – 7:30 p.m.**

**DOORS** will open at **4:00 p.m.** Come early if you would like to ‘sit and sew’ and enjoy one another’s company.

**PROGRAM – Andrea Howell**

The programs are shaping up for the 2014/15 PNQG meetings. Thank you to those who gave me suggestions for potential speakers.

In September we will have Debbie Fawcett, a friend of Melanie's, tell us about her quilting journey. Debbie was scheduled for March last year, but that was the night of the big storm that caused cancellation of the meeting.

October 's meeting -as well as the pre-bazaar sale- will welcome back Patti Carey from Northcott. She will present a talk and show about quilts made from unique and unusual fabrics.

Our November guest will be Carla Alexiou, a textile artist in many mediums.

The meetings in the new year will include in January, a trunk show from one of our own members ( tell you who later) and in February our annual Round Robin of new skills.

In March we have Elaine Quehl. Elaine is a teacher, designer and dyer known for showing light and shadows in her famous "Hosta" quilts.

In April we can look forward to learning about combining beads and other embellishments in our quilts from Kyomi.

Although next year's schedule is ready, suggestions future speakers are always welcome.

Andrea

**Draw**

Remember to wear your name badges. At the June social the lucky winner was Andrea Howell. The next draw for a fabric prize will be at the December holiday celebration for the ballots collected at the July to December meetings.

## **SHOW AND SHARE**

As always, we have show and share. Truthfully, where else could we show our projects to people who truly understand what goes into a creation such as a quilt. Others may appreciate it but only quilters truly understand it. Bring your projects (completed or in progress) to show and share with the membership.

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Wendy Dines**

We were a small group at the June meeting with many members out of town for the CQA Quilt show and conference and others perhaps on holiday. Nevertheless, the dessert contributions were, as always, sweet and enticing - we probably all ate more that we should have (but whose keeping track?).

For those who missed the June meeting, there were many items for sale by members that were also enticing! For myself, I managed to come away with only one item (not easy when there are coordinated fat quarters at bargain basement prices!)

Wearing your name badge at the meetings pays off - ask Andrea Howell whose name was drawn out of the hat.

A new endeavor for the December/Christmas 'giving' to those less fortunate was announced. Melanie has linked once more with Youth Assisting Youth - YAY - (it was one of the recipient organizations to receive the stuffed animals with quilts at the Dec 2013 meeting). This year we will be making and giving simple book bags - you can make them from your own fabrics or from a kit (kits will be available at the July to Nov meetings.) Members are invited to make these bags &, if you wish, books (new or gently used) can be brought to the Dec meeting when these gifts will be presented to YAY. I took away a couple of kits and it took all of 20 mins to put one together. Melanie organized a great meeting - she had us composing songs in little groups and then we made our own entertainment by performing those songs with smiles and laughter of all around! A fun evening all around - thank Melanie!

I hope you are all enjoying this hot summer weather - memories of snow & cold long past & maybe forgotten for the time being?

## **IN MEMORY**

As most of you are no doubt aware Jo-Ann Fried passed away a few weeks ago. The Guild has made a donation to the Canadian Cancer Society of \$50 in memory of Jo-Ann and has sent a sympathy card to her son Jonathan. I am sure we all agree Jo-Ann was a unique person. She will be missed.

## **PNQG WEBSITE - Judy Messenger, Webmaster**

Take a look at it! Pieceful Night Quilters' Guild now has a website with 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).

## **LIBRARY - Nadine Wright**

The library will be closed but Nadine will be available to accept returns.

## **PAST PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE - Martha Huffman**

Martha is still accepting past president challenge blocks and will until the September meeting. To quote Martha " I encourage members to finish those UFOs and not to worry if the size isn't quite right, it's a learning experience after all. I'm currently experimenting at the cottage with different settings, blocks, sashing, no sashing, etc. My challenge for the summer is to take the disparate blocks members produced and create some pleasing quilt tops, runners etc. I promise to have fun doing it! Please don't be upset if your block(s) don't get used on the first pass."

## **SUMMER WORKSHOPS FOR THE BAZAAR -Sherry Davidson with Judy and Michiko**

The next scheduled meeting for the Guild is on Wednesday, July 9th and we have confirmed that we will have the use of the basement facilities (much cooler and larger than upstairs and also with a kitchen). As previously advised all three workshops will be held at the same time on both July 9th and Wednesday, August 13th. Michiko, Judy and I will be at the church around 3:30 in the afternoon to set up. We have irons and ironing boards as well as extension cords and power bars. Please bring the following:

Sewing machine (zipper foot for those doing the shoulder bags)  
Basic sewing supplies (scissors, thread (white is sufficient), pins)  
Lunch

Judy, Michiko and I will be ready to start any time after 4 p.m. so you are welcome at that time. We do have the room until 9:00 p.m. so most will be able to complete their project.

If you have indicated that you wish to take more than 1 workshop feel free to choose whichever one you want to do first. The other one can be done on August 13th and if there is sufficient interest we will arrange another time in September. Also, we have prepared extra kits for each workshop. Even if you have not signed up there is still a kit for you.

## **BAZAAR KITS**

We still have 26 kits to be completed that are looking for a good home. If your garden is blooming and life is boring let us know and we will deliver a project to you. Some of these include baby quilts

(easy to construct and fun to quilt) Xmas gift bags, oven mitts and placemats. Just drop one of as an e-mail. But just to make things even simpler these will be available at the July and August workshops.

As well we have quilts that need a longarm. They are lap size or slightly larger and if you have a longarm and a bit of time we would appreciate your help. I have them all ready with backing and batting (extra 4" for backing) to facilitate a longarm.

Completed kits and items are coming in and it is exciting for us to receive them. With the pre-sale scheduled for October we only have the September meeting to get our goodies together.

Thanks for all your good work. See you at the workshops.

## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECTS**

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

## **MEMBERSHIP - Noreen Deely**

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 July 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.

Membership Renewals – 27 out of 46 have responded (58%), and 3 more being sent in the mail. Hopefully more renewals will be received at the July meeting.

## **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.

## **BULLETIN BOARD**

**Events** - 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 Maureen Merrill at [newsetter@pnqg.ca](mailto:newsetter@pnqg.ca). The information will be included in the next newsletter.

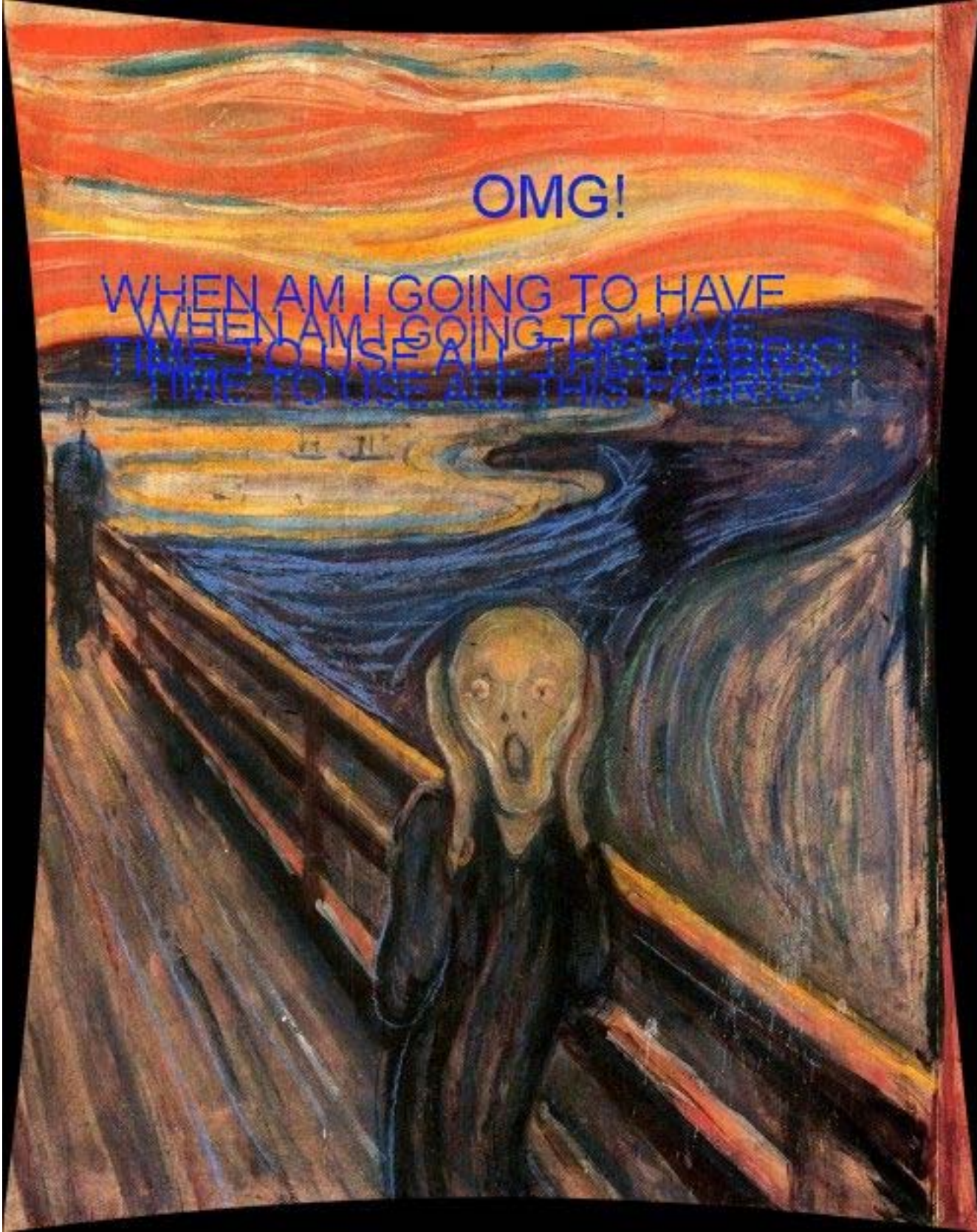
**Newsletter** - - Members are welcome at any time to submit items for inclusion in our newsletter. Deadline for submission is **10 days prior to a Guild meeting**. Send all the information to Maureen Merrill at [newsetter@pnqg.ca](mailto:newsetter@pnqg.ca).

**Retreat** - Attached is information forwarded to Judy Messenger (who in turn passed it on to me) regarding a quilt retreat. For those interested, all of the contact info, dates, costs, etc. is included in the attachment.

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**AND A FINAL THOUGHT**



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