



## Pieceful Night Quilters' Guild of North Toronto

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

# MARCH 2014 NEWSLETTER

## MARCH 12 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** – At the March meeting we will welcome **Deb Fawcett**, a quilter, teacher and mistress of many creative pursuits from Shelbourne, Ont. Deb was enthusiastically suggested by Melanie to be a speaker and although she doesn't usually do trunk shows, she has gathered her "gifted" quilts to share with us.

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

**REFRESHMENTS** – Cora Westgate, Nadine Wright, Pat Stuckless

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We had numerous 'showing & sharing' of projects – these long winter days have kept us indoors creating and stitching to our hearts' content. Those who weren't able to attend missed a wonderful 'mini' quilt show.

Cora Westgate had kits for the baby quilts that will be going to Humewood House. **Aim for completing the baby quilts for the April meeting** when it is hoped a representative from Humewood will be in attendance to accept our gifts.

Sherry Davidson, Judy Murakami & Michiko Petrick have made a great start on preparing the Guild's offerings at the **November bazaar**. From really cute unique pin cushions to 'quick sew' shopping totes to place mats – members

have their choice of things that they can take home to complete, depending on their sewing & quilting skill level.

**A pre-sale of these items will be held at the October Guild meeting for members to shop – BEFORE the general public at the bazaar. Whoo-hoo!!!**

There was a ‘buzz’ in the hall when the Members’ Demonstrations started – Bev Moffett showed how to make that beautiful table centre piece, Andrea Howell had a great technique for attic windows, Helen Crooke showed how to finish off a placemat with a self-binding technique and I did a demonstration on how to sharpen your rotary blade – a great money saver! I think we all came away enriched with information for our quilting portfolio’s. Wendy Dines

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

I am asking every member to please consider supporting PNQG by stepping forward to serve on the Board in 2014–15 in one of the following capacities:

- **President**
- **Vice-President** (or in lieu of sitting on the Board, organize the charity activity – usually started in the summer months)

I have talked to many members and all have declined the President’s position. If you want to reconsider or if I haven’t spoken to you but you might like to step up and put your name on the slate, I’d like to talk with you 416–483–9337 or [mhuffman1645@gmail.com](mailto:mhuffman1645@gmail.com). We cannot run the guild without a President so please think about volunteering. There is a tremendous amount of support on the Board and within the guild to guide you through the coming year. Martha Huffman, Nominating Committee Chair.

## **NEXT MEETINGS**

In **April** "The Domestic Goddess", as she calls herself (and her website) AKA **Beth Cameron**, will describe her long association with fabric and quilting. She is registered as an instructor with CQA, designs patterns and teaches several classes. Her quilts are wildly colourful and whimsical and I think we will enjoy her talk.

As you know, **May's meeting** is the AGM, but we have added some spice to the evening by inviting two vendors to be available before and after the meeting. **Grantham books**, who has visited PNQG before will return and **Mariam Brisland** will bring oodles of lovely fat quarters from her enormous collection of 100 percent cottons (which she uses to make table clothes and napkins). All

attendees will be given free draw tickets for gift certificates to use that evening with either of these vendors, so plan not to miss this one!

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

**MEMBERSHIP** – We offer our condolences to Gail Lockington, whose father died recently. A sympathy card from the Guild has been sent to her.


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.

**NAME BADGES** – Remember to wear your name badge – you may be a lucky winner in June.

**QUILTING TIP** – To check for value, cut swatches of fabric and lay them out on a scanner and copy in B&W. “Colour gets all the credit, value does all the work”.


## BULLETIN BOARD

 There are some spots available in **York Heritage Quilters' Guild workshops in April, which are now open to non-members.** The fee for non-member is \$85/day. Location: Latvian Centre on Eglinton Ave. 9:30 am– 3:30 pm. Susan Carlson will be teaching in April <http://www.susancarlson.com/Welcome.html> **April 14/15: Cutting Loose. Wed Apr 16th: What Goes Around Comes Around:** Learn Susan's fabric collage methods using a simple yet dynamic spiral as the subject. This abstract project will give you an overview of the techniques which can then be used with more complex quilts. Contact Maggie Khaja 905 898-8906 or Linda Royce 905 953-8981 or email [workshops@yhqg.org](mailto:workshops@yhqg.org) for more information.


 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 – <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](mailto: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**.

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