



## Pieceful Night Quilters' Guild of North Toronto

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

# MAY 2014 NEWSLETTER

## MAY 14 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** – As you know, **May's meeting** is the **Annual General Meeting**, 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!

**PAST PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE:** I'm really looking forward to seeing the results of my Past-President's Challenge at the AGM. If you haven't completed your Sawtooth Star block, you still have time – pull out your stash or your scrap box and create something wild and wonderful! There are no right or wrong colour combinations – that's why I picked such a multi-coloured challenge fabric for the centre square. I already have a dozen blocks, turned in at the April meeting and they're a rainbow of colour. If you've misplaced the instructions, they are attached to this email. If you've decided that you're not going to make the block, please return the challenge fabric to me for someone else to use.

I'll bring a flannel sheet on the 14th to display all the blocks so **please remember to bring your completed block(s)**. My plan is to take all the blocks and create a quilt top plus whatever else for the bazaar this November. Martha Huffman

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

**REFRESHMENTS** – Nancy McCracken, Martha Huffman and Flo Blanchard

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Janet Farquarson-Walker, manager of Humewood House, came as a guest to receive the twenty-six (26!!!!) baby quilts that were made by the membership.** She spoke eloquently about the young girls who are her clients. She placed us in the shoes of each of her young clients as she described the language and the approach used in the staff's interactions with these young women. Finding oneself pregnant at a young age with little education, resources and support is an age-old scenario and yet for each young girl, it is an entirely NEW circumstance. That the staff are able continue to keep focus on that point of view is commendable. Ms. Farquarson-Walker indicated that speaking to the public about Humewood House is a source of energy; I suspect that it is a key vehicle to articulate what it is felt and practiced by staff as they go through their day and is to be commended.

Many thanks to Cora Westgate and Pat McGregor for finding such a strong & supportive organization to receive our quilt gifts. To the contributing participants who made those 26 quilts, thank you for supporting this endeavour. If you so wish, Humewood is happy to receive subsequent quilts that you make for them.

Show & Share was once again a delight as we saw what fellow members were doing in their 'quilting' lives. Melanie Lietch brought along a young guest (only 15) who is starting her quilt journey under Melanie's tutelage. As a first quilt, the 'wedding' quilt is well on its way to being a family heirloom.



We assembled once again after a short break at 8:40. This did not daunt our speaker, **Domestic Goddess – of Canada, no less – Beth Cameron.** We were treated to a trunk show that covered her quilting career. She showed us her

grandmother's hand-made quilts, a memory quilt for her mother that she completed on the day her mother entered hospital with cancer as well as a tribute quilt to her father. Then we were shown some very quirky, funky and often very funny Guild challenge entries as well as items she has made as a result of workshops with various quilting instructors over the years.

The **May meeting is also the AGM for PNQG** – notice of the AGM, the agenda, minutes from the 2013 AGM, an analysis of the financial impact of the bazaar & a paper entitled '**What is the Future of the PNQG Bazaar?**' was distributed earlier.

Rest assured that the discussion on the agenda of the AGM on the future of the bazaar and how it impacts the Guild, financially and otherwise is a starting point. The Board is not seeking a resolution to make immediate changes at the May 2014 AGM. Rather, the Board is seeking feedback and questions from the members on whether they wish to continue supporting the bazaar. Building awareness of how the bazaar income directly impacts the program budget, workshop and membership fees will ensure that an informed decision by the membership can be made at a future date.

**Please note: If you have an opinion or comment you want to express, you can do so, in confidence, by emailing your thoughts to [wendydines@gmail.com](mailto:wendydines@gmail.com).** It is important that we have a full range of input from the membership. Wendy Dines, President.

**LIBRARY** – A new addition to the PNQG library for May is **Large Block Quilts, 16 Quick and Easy Quilt Patterns** by Victoria L. Eapen. This book focuses on very large blocks, using a variety of fabrics, to build borderless quilts using modern designs. Quick and easy! Enjoy! Monica and Nadine

## **2014 BAZAAR**

A big thank you to those who picked up kits at the last meeting – a reminder that all items sold will bring the guild wonderful speakers in the coming year and any items not sold will be donated to a worthy cause.

We are planning a workshop (maybe 2) which will produce our concept of the **"1600" quilt** – lots of fun and easy to do. If you are interested we will pass a sign-up sheet at the next meeting and hopefully we can confirm a date or dates. Possibly we can do a workshop in the summer and an additional one in September or early October.

Judy Murakami created a set of placemats made easier by making a self-border rather than sandwiching and then having to sew a separate binding. We have packaged kits for baby quilts which use this method. Thus the quilt goes together so quickly and now you have a "canvas" to practice free motion quilting. There is no piecing and no binding. Think about picking up one of these kits. Those not sold will go to Humewood. Thanks again to all. Sherry Davidson.

### **NEXT MEETING – June 11 – Just Desserts and Garage Sale**

### **GUILD WORKSHOP – Pictures from Martha Shellingerhoud's 'Quilt as You Go' Workshop in March**




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

**MEMBERSHIP** – 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.


## 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>.

 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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