



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

NOVEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 12 MEETING - 7:30 p.m.

DOORS will open at **6:15 p.m.** Come early if you would like to 'sit and sew' and enjoy one another's company.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Wendy Dines

The pre-bazaar sale and meeting were resoundingly successful. There were numerous guests who came to shop and to hear the guest speaker. In addition, a number of guests have joined the Guild! Welcome.

The refreshments were well received and our thanks go out to Ron Smith, Cora Westgate, Marilyn Murphy and Sherry Davidson for ensuring we were well-fed!

Volunteer opportunities!

This is the second year that Melanie Leitch is the convener for our Special Events - we need someone to 'shadow' Melanie with the intent of taking over for the Guild year 2015/16. Talk to Melanie for details.

Breaking news - we have someone to shadow Michiko in her role as provider of tea, coffee & the setting out of 'treats' for our meetings. Thanks go out to Gail Lockington.

And now, since Gail will be doing the above job, her role as delivery person of placemats to 'Meals on Wheels' is now open. Gail will be happy to talk with you about the job.

Takers for either volunteer position????.....Remember, the strength of our Guild is dependant on all members to contribute.

Speaker Patti Carey never fails to deliver - her creativity and innovative techniques for using Northcott Fabrics is one big reason that Northcott continues to be successful. Her use of usual and challenging fabrics gives one insight about looking at fabrics in a different light.

PAST PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE - Martha Huffman

I'm still looking for donations of any pieces of batting that you don't want. The batting will be pieced for the 4 lap sized quilts I pieced this summer using the Challenge Blocks members created. If you've found that Challenge Block that evaded you in May, please bring it in – I'm still collecting them.

PROGRAM - Andrea Howell

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

Looking to the new year, we will require volunteers to demonstrate an interesting technique or clever idea for our February Round Robin evening. If you have not shared your talent with the Guild, now is the time to step up and teach us something new. Contact me at andreahowell@sympatico.ca or 416 4238695.

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.

Draw

Remember to wear your name badges. The next draw for a fabric prize will be at the December holiday celebration for the ballots collected at the July to December meetings.

LIBRARY - Nadine Wright

The library will be open for the November guild meeting.

MEMBERSHIP - Noreen Deeley

Our Membership numbers now stand at 45. We welcome three new members - Judy Ellen, Linda Hales and Hildegard Sausik. The updated list is attached.

The Board will be given a list of emergency contacts. The decision to request this information was suggested and approved by the Board earlier in the year.

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.

SPECIAL EVENTS – Melanie Leitch

1. Touch Therapy Quilts

Melanie will have kits to make quilts for the Touch Therapy project. These are quilts for patients suffering from dementia or Alzheimer's and as we are all more than aware, at some point each of us, whether ourselves, a family member or someone else we know and love, will be impacted by these diseases. The quilts are small (36" x 36") and while specific colours and values are not that important, the assortment of fabrics and textures are as the feel of a fabric may help to trigger memories. For example, a satin quilt may trigger a memory of a wedding; a corduroy quilt may trigger a memory of a pair of pants once worn. The fabric should be comfortable and soothing and the quilt should have no batting. Melanie suggests making one for someone you know or bringing them in to her at any time and she will see they are distributed where needed. Melanie will have kits at the meeting which will include fabric and instruction sheets. If you prefer to use your own fabric, instruction sheets without the fabric will also be available. The construction can be simple or more complex and can be put together in two hours or four, whatever suits your style. Perfection is not an issue so don't worry about whether your seams are even or if they match. Not a concern for the recipient and no labels so no one will know (or care for that matter) who made it. They will just enjoy the gift.

2. Youth Assisting Youth

This is the Guild's charity quilt project for this year. Members are asked to assist in making book bags for children to carry their donated books. This group assists children between the ages of 6 – 12, mostly immigrant or new Canadian children who, for a variety of reasons, are reading below their grade levels. Melanie will have kits available at the meeting. The kits include fabric and instructions and take about ½ hour to put together. You also are encouraged to donate any books suitable for 6-12 year olds (no Fifty Shades of Gray then?) but are asked to please remove names from the books before bringing them in. The kits/books can be brought in to the November or December meeting. Representatives of the group will be at the December meeting to collect the items.

We still need people to put together these bags. The response to this project has been and continues to be slow. We are not sure why this is the case as the bags are quick and easy to put together. So far we have had only 10 returned and we were hoping for 45 (one for each member of the guild). We would like to make a positive impression of our December guest from the charity but so far it looks like that will not be the case. Thank you to all who have pitched in so far but we really need more help. Please pick up a kit or two or three at the November meeting. (Having done three so far I can confirm they take about 30 minutes to put together. MM)

3. December Social

At the November meeting Melanie will pass around the sign up chart for the pot luck dishes that people are bringing to the December social. She is looking for a nice mix (as we always have) of main dishes and desserts. The theme this year is Winter Wonderland and Melanie plans to decorate accordingly (and no, you don't have to dress up like a snowflake – I already asked).

BAZAAR -Sherry Davidson with Judy and Michiko

Don't Forget Saturday, November 8th. The Bazaar is finally happening at the church between 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Bring friends and family to enjoy pre-Christmas shopping. The proceeds will provide wonderful speakers for the coming year.

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. 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.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECTS

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

SHOW AND SHARE

As always, we have show and share. Bring your projects (completed or in progress) to show and share with the membership.

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.

FROM OUR MEMBERS

1. Melanie Leitch

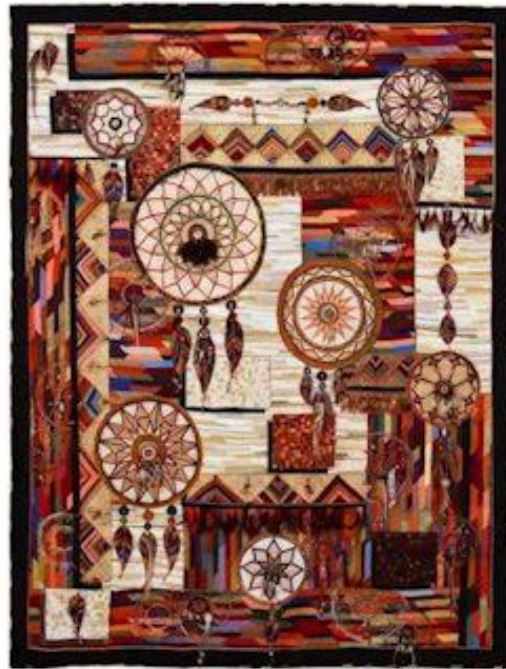
Melanie and her Mom are involved in a group called Samaritan's Purse. This group puts together shoeboxes full of useful items to donate to those in need. Melanie and her Mom are making sewing kits and would appreciate any donations you can make to fill the kits. She is looking for sewing notions, such as pins, needles for hand sewing, threads, fastenings, hook and loop tape, lace, trims, tape measures, old bobbins and the like. (Melanie will fill the old bobbins with threads to put in the kits.) So dig into your supplies and see if you have any items you can donate to a good and worthy cause. Melanie will collect the donations at the November meeting and she thanks all those who have donated so far.

2. A Feast for the Eyes – Maureen Merrill

I attended the Creative Festival last month. I have to say that my interest in attending this show grows less and less each year. The various booths display quilting, sewing, weaving, knitting, scrapbooking, beading and jewellery making supplies. With the exception of one or two items, there was nothing

there that I could not get elsewhere with less fuss. I think they need to decide what they are trying to be and focus on that rather than trying to be all things to all people and not doing any one thing very well. Just my thoughts. I would be interested in (and will print in the next newsletter) an opposing view.

Having said that, one thing I did enjoy very much was taking a three hour class from Claudia Pfeil on making feathers. Claudia is a German quilt artist who has won many prizes for her beautiful and creative art quilts. I initially thought three hours would be a bit of a snore but I was wrong. The time flew by and I learned a great deal. So, in honor of Ms. Pfeil, her art quilts are featured below. I have to say though that these pictures do not do her quilts justice. You truly have to see them close up to fully appreciate the detail involved in the making of each one. I encourage all to follow her on Facebook. This is a lady that is talented, charming and very well-travelled.



3. Quilting Notes

Attached is an article from Dana Jo Forsyth who has kindly consented to the sharing of her article in this newsletter. For those of us that have made and given quilts as gifts, which I am guessing is pretty much all of us, this article will speak to you. At one time or another we have all been in a position where we experience these sentiments. I encourage you all to take a few minutes to look at her other quilt related articles (<http://danajoforseth.com>). You can also subscribe to her blog if you choose. Some interesting thoughts on quilt related topics.

4. Pictures from October's Meeting

a. Show and Share



b. Patti Carey – Northcott Fabrics



c. Pre-Bazaar Sale





BULLETIN BOARD

Events

1. November 14 & 15, 2014 - York Heritage Quilters Guild - **A Celebration of Quilts XII**?. At the Toronto Botanical Gardens.
2. Quilts at the Creek - Black Creek Pioneer Village - July 18 & 19, 2015.
3. Quilt Canada - Lethbridge, Alberta - June 4-6, 2015

National Juried Show 2015

It's open! The **2015 Call for Entry** is now a 'live' link at <http://www.canadianquilter.com/events/quilt-canada-2015.php>. Enter your quilt(s) today!

Quilt Canada Blogspot

<http://cqacanadianquilting.blogspot.ca/2014/09/quilt-canada-2015-blown-away.html>



Member Blogs - Any members with a blog can list it here.

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. The information will be included in the next newsletter.

1. Erica Rao has an Avante Handi Quilter 18" long arm quilting machine for sale, almost new and still under warranty. You can contact her at the next meeting or by phone or e-mail to discuss terms. All of her info is on the membership list. (Being a long armer myself, I can attest to the fact that they are wonderful machines that open up a whole new world of quilting techniques.)

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.

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AND A FINAL THOUGHT

IN MEMORY



(our fallen soldiers– please remember them and all the others from around the world
on November 11, Remembrance Day)