



Pieceful Night Quilters' Guild of North Toronto

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

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 9 MEETING – 7:30 p.m.

Doors will open at **4:30 p.m.** Come early if you would like to 'sit and sew' and enjoy one another's company.

Program – **Carla Alexiuk** will join us to talk about **Piecing Excellence in Traditional Quilting**. Carla describes herself as a quilt addict who believes you shouldn't confine yourself to one technique as "a pocket full of abilities makes quilting more enjoyable". She teaches workshops all around Ontario and at her studio, has organized quilt retreats at a lodge on Georgian Bay and has herself taken classes with quilt instructors such as Jinny Beyer, Eleanor Burns and Laura Heine, just to name a few. Carla has designed quilts and uses her long arm machine for her own work and for others.

Show and Share – Bring your projects (completed or in progress) to show and share with the membership.

Refreshments – Andrea Howell, Gail Lockington, Wendy Dines

Library – We are in the process of updating an inventory of the PNQG's library. To facilitate its completion, it would be helpful if PNQG members would return all outstanding books at the October meeting. If you are currently using a book and would prefer to keep it longer, that is fine. Just bring it along and Nadine will update the inventory at the meeting and return the book to you. It is hoped that after a thorough look at the contents of the library, we are better able to make budget and purchasing decisions. Thank you, Monika and Nadine.

President's Message – September Meeting in Review – The Story of the Underground Railroad Quilt Code was presented by Joyce O'Connell in recorded song, sample quilts and a re-telling of a part of history that is not familiar to many of us. The terrifying experience of trying to break free from one's 'owner' and the risks taken by these brave men and women as they made their way north to Canada was facilitated by the use of quilts that acted as codes for

'safe havens' as well as giving actual physical direction to the passengers on the 'railroad'. An inspiring story of bravery and courage.

In order for everyone to get a chance to examine '**Show & Share**' items, we ask that the items be displayed on the benches under the windows (there may be additional spaces in the room that will be labelled accordingly). Coats can be hung in the hall to free up the benches.

Martha Shellingerhoud who did a trunk show last January will be returning to the Guild to give a **workshop on Mar 22, 2014** to teach her method of 'quilt as you go'. Melanie Lietch was VERY pro-active in already making the booking. Great stuff Melanie!

A **website** is in the works for our PNQG – a web presence will make it easier for newcomers to find us! Thank you to Judy Messenger for taking on this project.

Weekend quilting retreat? If we can reach the magic number of 10 participants, a retreat at the Nottawasaga Inn is being planned. If this interests you, ask Wendy or Judy Messenger for full details. Wendy Dines.

Guild Meetings 2013-14

November 13	February 12	May 14 (AGM)
December 11 (Social)	March 12	June 11 (Just Desserts)
January 8	April 9	

Bazaar Saturday, November 9 – it's less than 5 weeks away. By 4:00 p.m. that day, our Guild's Bazaar will be over. With luck (and, of course, our members' great skills), we will be rewarded with some added revenue for our programming, speakers, workshops, social activities, and more. So, we're counting on each member to participate in some way to help make the Bazaar a success.

If you have already brought in your items, thank you.

If you plan to drop them off at the October meeting, thank you.

If you have already volunteered to take part on the day itself, thank you.

Working on our Bazaar has been a lot of fun – thanks for that too!

Anne Sarsfield, Bazaar Coordinator.

Community Outreach Projects – Just a reminder that the baby quilts we are making for Humewood House is an ongoing project and that some kits will be available at the Meeting.

As well, placemats for Community organizations such as Meals on Wheels are always welcome. These can be given to Gail Lockington.

Quilts for Lac Megantic – On October 27th Jacoba Gelderman, a Hamilton Quilters' Guild member, will deliver a van full of quilts to the people of Lac Megantic. The Red Cross and the mayor have asked particularly for donations of bed-sized quilts. If you have a quilt you would like to donate, Wendy Dines will be happy to accept your quilts and pass them along for delivery.

Membership – So far we have 40 members, including a new member, Sherry Davidson. Welcome, Sherry! Membership cards will be ready for pick up at the October meeting.

The 2013 – 2014 Membership List is attached to this email. Please check your information and let me know if there is an error. Thank you. Noreen Deeley, noreen.deeley@rogers.com, 416-489-3754.

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.

Best Wishes – 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.

Name Badges – Each month that you remember to wear your name badge, your name will be entered in a draw. Twice during the year (December and June) we'll draw a lucky winner for a prize. So if you want to increase your chances – wear your name badge!

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.

Quilting tips –

1) Storage Hint from Andrea Howell: I have noticed 14 1/2" square plastic boxes 3" high for sale in a number of quilt stores, usually for \$12–15. These identical boxes – which are great for storing quilt blocks while your project is under construction– are available at Michael's and often on sale for \$5 or less. They stack well and as they are clear, contents are easily identified.

2) Here's a website that shows another way to join batting: <http://www.modabakeshop.com/2013/09/bake-shop-basics-piecing-batting.html#>.

Blueberry Coffee Cake – Several people at the September meeting requested Joy Takahashi's recipe (from the Milk Cookbook), so here it is by popular demand. Enjoy!

1 3/4 cups All Purpose flour
1/3 cup granulated sugar
3 1/2 tsp baking powder
3/4 tsp salt
1/3 cup chilled butter
1 egg
3/4 cup milk
2 tsp grated lemon rind
1/2 tsp vanilla
1 cup fresh blueberries (or frozen – thawed & well drained)
1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
2 tbsp chopped pecans
1/2 tsp ground cinnamon

In large bowl, stir together flour, granulated sugar, baking powder, salt. With pastry blender, cut butter finely. Beat egg well. Stir in milk, lemon rind, vanilla, blueberries; add all at once to dry ingredients, stirring just until moistened. Spread batter evenly in a greased 8x8 pan. Combine brown sugar, nuts and cinnamon. Sprinkle evenly over batter. Bake in preheated 375°F oven 25–30 minutes or until done. Serve warm with butter.

Andrea Howell shares her Quilt Tour experience – Last June I travelled with Country Heritage Tours on their New England Quilt Tour. I found an ad for this Vermont based firm in a quilting magazine, checked out the website and was intrigued enough to book my adventure. The entire trip was wonderful. Very well organized, good food, lovely hotels, fabulous quilt store shopping, interesting New England site seeing, the amazing and huge Vermont Quilt show plus textile and quilt museums and a great gang of keen quilters from all over the states (5 from Hawaii) and further afield. There were 2 from Australia, 1 from New Zealand, 1 other Canadian from Edmonton. We had a "meet the gang evening" a workshop night where you could do handwork on a current project and a show and share night. Our tour guide, Vicki, was terrific – always prepared, knowledgeable, efficient and she told very funny stories with her Virginian drawl. I am thinking about doing the spring trip to Amish country in

Pennsylvania with Country Heritage. They also do trips to Japan, Italy and more. Definitely worth checking out at www.countryheritagetours.com.

Bulletin Board

 **For Sale** – Serger Model 905 – Includes Operating Manual and Multi-purpose, Gathering, Elastic and Piping Feet. Asking \$300 or b/o.

 **For the Love of Cloth** – Friday, Oct. 18, 10 am to 5 pm and Saturday, Oct. 19, 10 am to 4 pm. Location: Volunteer Workroom B-1, 401 Richmond Street West, Toronto. Presented by the Textile Museum. Fall decorator fabric sale featuring distinctive prints, velours, silks, linens and upholstery fabrics. Perfect for home decor, fibre arts and DIY projects.

 **Magic of Cloth, Act V** – Oct 19-20 – Orangeville, ON

 **CQA Quilt Canada 2014** will be held in St. Catharines, ON. **June 11-14**. To register beginning Oct. 15, visit the Quilt Canada website at <http://www.canadianquilter.com/events/quilt-canada-2014.php>.

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