

## **Pieceful Night Quilters' Guild of North Toronto**

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

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### **OCTOBER 2015 NEWSLETTER**

#### **October 14 MEETING – 7:30p.m.**

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

#### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Andrea Howell**

October's meeting on the 14th will be exciting as we will have a chance to look over and purchase the gorgeous goodies made for the bazaar *and* listen to an interesting speaker, Sandy Lindal. Don't forget that you may bring guests for free to this sale/meeting. There will be a "show and share" at this meeting so be sure to bring your latest creations.

The Board met on Sept. 16. Each department seems to have their part well in hand. Although they are not automatically circulated to the membership, you are always welcome to read the agendas and minutes of these meetings.

We will have a questionnaire for you at the Oct. meeting regarding plans for a special event to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the Pieceful Night Quilters' Guild. If you cannot attend the meeting, but would like to participate in the questionnaire, email me and I'll send it to you. See you on the 14th!

#### **VICE-PRESIDENT – Pat Stuckless**

Thanks to our Vice-President for chairing the September meeting.

#### **PAST PRESIDENT – Wendy Dines**

**Past President's Challenge:** Using *two (2) fabrics*, the challenge is to create a small quilt, wallhanging or full-sized quilt using your ***favourite block***. This is an opportunity to showcase that block you LOVE in colours that make it sing.

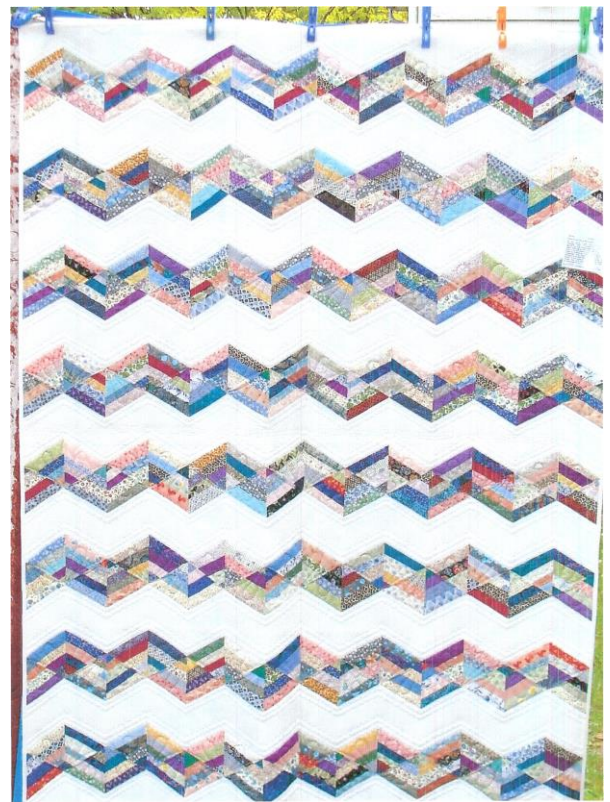
## PROGRAM—Anne Sarsfield and Sherry Davidson

Our guest speaker for October is Sandy Lindal - a.k.a. Scrappy Gal Quilts. She is a life-long needleworker, knitter, crocheter, embroiderer, cross stitcher and producer of garment patterns. Along the way she found her passion with quilting. She began teaching and designing quilt patterns, teaching at various quilts shops and guilds. With her background in fashion design Sandy is always looking for new and innovative methods.

In 2008 she purchased her first long arm quilting machine which has turned into a thriving long arm quilting business.

She is a long standing member of York Heritage Quilters Guild and a founding member of the annual "Quilts at the Creek" outdoor show.

We hope you will enjoy Sandy's trunk show - "Confessions of a Scrapoholic".



## **LIBRARY - Nadine Wright**

The library will be open for the October meeting. However, there will be a limited display of books because floor space will be at a premium with the October bazaar and show & tell exhibits. Members are welcome to return books. If any member wishes to take out a particular title from the list, let me know and I will try to get it for you if it is not on the table.

There are 2 new titles to be added to the collection. First, *Home Sweet Quilt* by Jill Finley, offers a great selection of cheery projects that might get you quilting for holiday gifts. The second is *Imagine Quilts* by Dana Bolyard. The quilts in this book feature lots of colour, modern quilting and open spaces. The author claims to break the rules!

## **MEMBERSHIP – Catherine Richardson**

The up to date membership list is attached. We currently have 48 members.

Members who attend and wear their name badges will have a chance to add their names to a ballot slip for the fabric prize draw at our next social in June.

If you know about a member who has a major illness or whose immediate family member has died, please let Catherine Richardson know so the Guild can express its best wishes.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS – Cora Westgate and Erica Ribeiro**

Nothing to report just yet but news of our plans will come in the fall.

## **BAZAAR –Judy Messenger and Joy Takahashi**

Many thanks to all those who brought donations to the September meeting for the bazaar! My spare bedroom is bursting with your generous donations and if the volume is anything to go by, the bazaar and pre-sale should be a great success.

Once again we will be holding a "pre-bazaar" sale at the October guild meeting, for members and their guests. Get a jump start on your holiday shopping - for friends, family members or a treat for yourself. The bazaar sale will be open from 5pm until the meeting starts, and during the break. The guest fee will be waived for that evening, so bring friends and family members for great deals and quality items. Guests can stay for the meeting and see Sandy Lindal's fabulous quilts and her "Confessions of a Scrap-a-holic" presentation.

There are some kits still available for items to be made for the bazaar. If you haven't had time to make something, but would like to contribute to the bazaar, consider picking up a kit at the October meeting. There are kits for simple projects such as a set of coasters, or more complex projects like Advent Calendar quilts, so there is something that can fit any time schedule. Completed projects (either from a kit or from your own stash) will still be accepted at the November guild meeting, since

the church bazaar (Saturday Nov. 14) is after the November guild meeting (Wednesday Nov. 11) this year.

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

Pieceful Night Quilters' Guild now has a website maintained by 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).

## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECTS – Shelley Keyser**

Thanks to all of you, our collection of placemats and mug rugs for Meals on Wheels is growing rapidly.....members contributed at least 25 more placemats at the September meeting. We currently have about 125 placemats and 80 mug rugs towards our target of 200 placemats for MOW clients and 100 mug rugs for MOW volunteers, with a couple of months to go until our delivery to MOW at our December meeting. I will have a few kits available for you you pick up at the October meeting, as well as some printed panel squares that would make really cute mug rugs or placemats. Placemats are a great way to use up scraps and/or orphan blocks so as I've been finishing projects I try and put the scraps right away into a placemat vs adding them to the never-shrinking stash in the closet!

Your contributions are appreciated! Thanks.



## **TREATS**

**-Gail Lockington**

Tea and coffee will be offered before the meeting and during our break. Thanks so much to Shelley Keyser, Noreen Deeley, Erica Ribeiro who brought treats in September and who have offered to bring treats in the coming months:

October - Sandy Green, Sally Elgar, Marilyn Murphy

November - Helen Crooke, Flo Blanchard, Kiyomi Sakamoto

## **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. *[A Feast for the Eyes – Maureen Merrill](#)*

This month's featured quilter is Betheny Geaves Nemesh. Hailing from Allentown, Pennsylvania, Bethany studied Art Therapy at Eastern Virginia Medical School. Bethany is a multiple prize winner for her beautiful quilts, some examples of which are set out below. (and these examples do not even scratch the surface). I think we can all agree that the artistic impact is nothing short of breathtaking. I encourage you all to visit her website for more examples of her work. You are in for an awe inspiring experience. Here is the link: <http://www.whitearborquilting.com/>

I think it is no understatement to say that this is an accomplished and decorated artist. I encourage you to visit her Facebook page and her website for further pictures. The quilting, which does not show well in the newsletter, is awesome.

Some examples:

October Sky won Best of Show at the AQS Des Moines show and won Best Longarm Machine Workmanship at AQS Chattanooga. Quilters Newsletter Magazine has done an article on the creative process behind the creation of October Sky and included pictures from her sketchbook and insights into how she design quilts.

In addition, NQA's magazine did a write up on the same quilt as it relates to winning the Masterpiece award and Best of Show, Medium.



Poppy Promenade won second place in the Freehand Machine Quilting category at Northwest Quilting Expo in Portland!

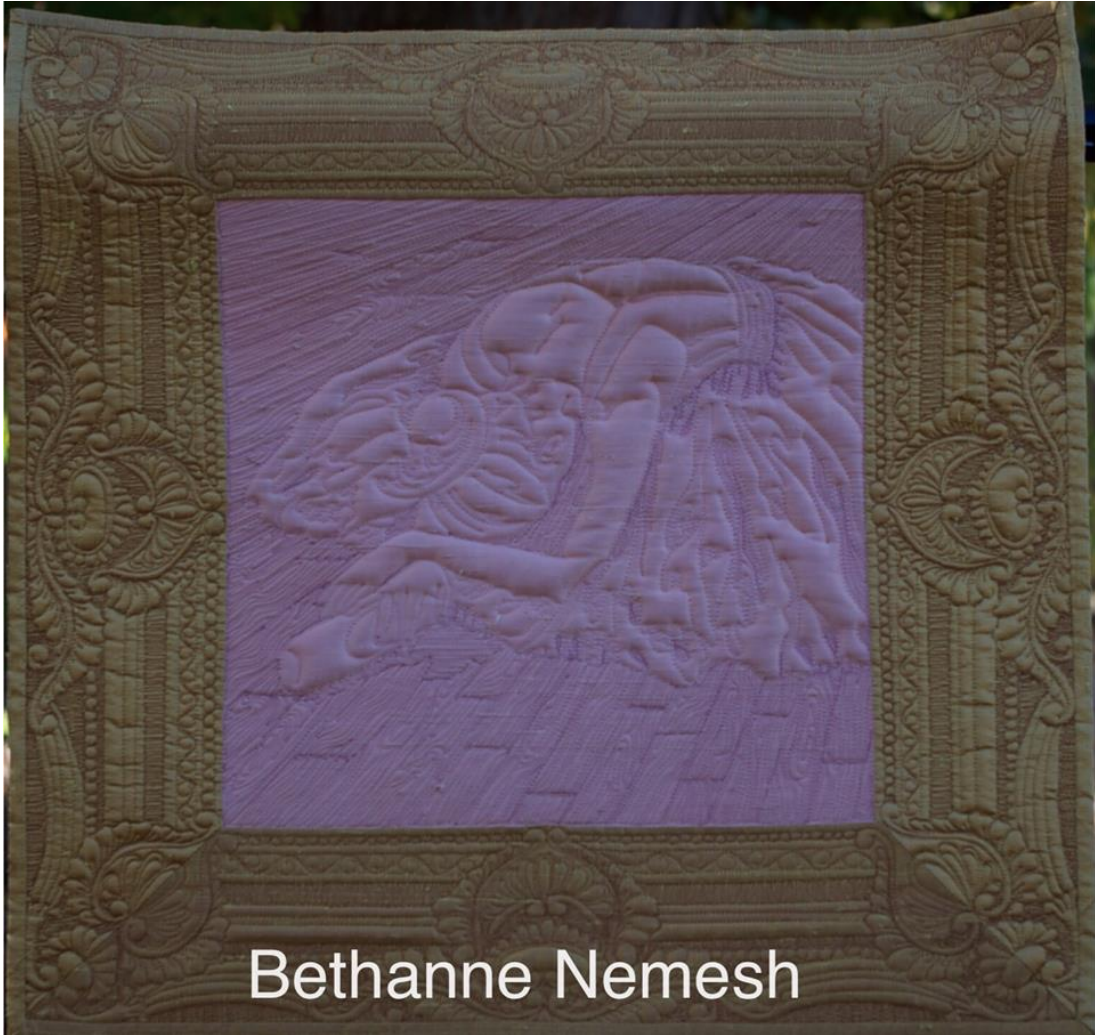


Paisley Peacock has won several prizes. It also won something at Houston but Bethany does not yet know what the prize is. I am going to Houston this year so I will let you all know when I get back.



This next quilt was Bethany's interpretation of a world famous painter, in this case Degas, aptly titled Degas Remembered.





Bethanne Nemesh

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a. Show and Share September





b. *Jeannie Jenkins, Our Featured Speaker in September*



### 3. *Quilt Tips – Maureen Merrill*

See attached article called “Continuous Bias Cheat Sheet”. Enjoy

### 4. *Pets Who Quilt*

This month our pets who quilt come from Bev Moffett and Erica Rao.

First we have Sunny, who is as Bev calls him “*my quilting helper: Sunny (with a ‘u’ because he’s my sunshine!)*”. He is indeed a beauty Bev.



Our second set of pets are Spencer and Trevor who are currently in control of Erica Rao. Two very contented cats.



Please send me your pictures of your pets. If you are anything like me there is no shortage of picture choices. Let's have some fun with our total submission to our pets.

## BULLETIN BOARD

### a. Events

1. Quilt Canada - Quilt Canada 2016 –June 15-18 -International Centre, Mississauga – from our CQA rep Bev Moffett

### **Quilt Canada 2016- Registration Date Delayed!**

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You heard it right, we are delaying the registration because something BIG is happening and we WANT YOU to be in on it!

We don't just mean a bit BIG, we mean GIGANTIC BIG EXCITEMENT! We can hardly contain it, but we are going to sit on it until October 28, 2015. Then we are releasing our AWESOME NEWS! You do not want to miss this, so be sure to join us on October 28th when we tell you our BIG NEWS!



2. Textile Museum

A note from Bev on a great sale:

October 27 2015 - Pop up Sale at the Textile Museum. Our workroom at 411 Richmond St. East is

packed with gorgeous donations. We will be holding Drop-in Sales on the last Tuesday of the month, 1-3 pm. There will be a variety of items available for sale – from upholstery and dressmaking fabrics, to buttons, yarns and notions. Cash only.

- b. [Member Blogs](#) - Any members with a blog can list it here.
- c. [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.
- d. [Newsletter](#) - Members are welcome, in fact are encouraged, at any time to submit typed 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).

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* Not a board position			

*AND A FINAL THOUGHT*



Can I have an amen!