

# PNQG NEWS

Pieceful Night Quilters' Guild  
of North Toronto

Meetings at Armour Heights Presbyterian Church  
105 Wilson Avenue, Toronto  
December 2016

## President's Message

We need to give a great big cheer for Valerie, Liz and Leslie who took on the challenge of leading our effort for the church bazaar. They found new projects, organized us in a working workshop last August, displayed the products and separated many people from their money. They have ably met their goal of raising enough money to fund half the speaker program. Yeah!

Thanks also to Joy for organizing and leading the guild's first Members' Used Book Sale. Great deals from the bazaar and used book inventory will still be available at the December meeting.

I hope you plan to join us at the Guild's annual festive evening with a potluck of everyone's favourite recipe, good conversations and brain teasing games designed to let you know how little you really know about quilt blocks. And we will enjoy viewing the show and share projects.

Please come early, as we will start digging into the salads, entrees and desserts at 7:00 p.m.

It is December and month six in our guild's year. We made it this far and with your continued support and participation, the next six will be a breeze. Please consider volunteering to work with Judy Beca in the Library - we still need an assistant in this area for the remainder of this year and to take it over next year.

Well, it is that time of year again when we spend and eat too much. Since my birthday is in November, I get a head start buying myself presents and then coast into a second round of presents in December. The routine is buy one for them, one for me, one for them, two for me...

See you on the 14th.

...Pat Stuckless

**Next Meeting - December 14, 2016, 7:00 p.m.**

**Doors will open at 6 p.m. for shopping and visiting.**

**Annual Festive Evening - Potluck Dinner & Social**

**Bazaar Shopping & Used Book Sale Shopping**

**Show and Share**

Remember to Bring:

- your name tag
- for the potluck and social:
  - your food dish or treats for the buffet table
  - plate, cutlery, mug for your meal
  - a wrapped fat quarter or \$5 bill
- any library books to return
- \$\$ for shopping bazaar items and used books
- items for show and share

## Vice President's Message

...looking forward to seeing everyone at the annual guild potluck and social on Dec. 14.  
I'll be enjoying Florida until Dec 7.

... Leslie Batt

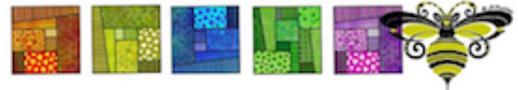
## Past President's Update and Challenge

Here are two projects to keep in mind, (no expectations that you will actually have time to work on them in this busy season ). One is the request from CQA to make blocks

- see their website at <http://www.canadianquilter.com/events/quilt->

[canada-2017-quilting-bee.php](http://www.canadianquilter.com/events/quilt-canada-2017-quilting-bee.php) - for **Canada's Big Quilt Bee**

initiative. I will bring the Canada fabric that needs to be incorporated into each block. Making 1000 quilts for Ronald MacDonald house is the goal of this project, with sewers and quilters working each day of Quilt Canada to assemble the blocks donated from guilds across Canada.



The second project is this year's **Past Presidents Challenge** - create a tea cozy. It can be sedate or ornate, whimsical or practical. We will judge the entries at the AGM in May in three categories with prizes for each. This will give us a chance to appreciate the imaginations of the clever members of PNQG.

For now, just think on the above. We'll get busy in the new year. Enjoy the holidays.

...Andrea Howell

## Special Events - December 14, 2016 Social and Potluck

December, as usual, is the month when we have our annual potluck meeting. This year we would like everyone to bring a fabric fat quarter, securely wrapped, OR a 5\$ bill in an envelope with the flap fastened. This ensures that everyone will have a little gift to take home.

Remember to bring a dish to share. Even if you missed the sign up sheet or have forgotten which category you signed up for please bring something to add to the potluck table. Finally, do not forget your plate, knife, fork, spoon and cup or mug.

Looking forward to seeing everybody.

... Cora Westgate & Erica Ribeiro

## Great Bazaar Results! Saturday, November 12

The Bazaar came and went like the Fall..... Thanks to all who contributed items over the year, we added over 80 new pieces to the inventory and we sold quite a lot of those items at the pre-Bazaar sale and at the Bazaar itself. In total we sold to a value of \$794. However, it's not quite over yet, the seasonal items will be available to buy at the December 14 holiday social evening, and we will offer them at a 30% discount. Cheques and cash will be accepted.

Following the bazaar we gave most of the remaining place mats to Sally for the Meals on Wheels programme, a better use rather than storing them for another 12 months. The Guild also donated a medium sized wall hanging to the church for a raffle prize.

A huge thanks to Judy and Joy for guiding and helping with the room set up (we are very fortunate to have a room all to ourselves) and to all the other volunteers who turned out on a chilly Saturday to help. The room looked very festive and stuffed with goodies and there was a good stream of visitors. There were, of course, requests for items we didn't have this year, (waistcoats that fit and round table centres, come to mind) but overall the baby and children's items and seasonal pieces seemed to be the most popular.

The remaining inventory items are currently at the church in large Rubbermaid bins, in the basement, and if there is no objection from the church hopefully they can stay there. If not we will have to ask for volunteers to grab a bin and keep in their basements. I have the Guild's stash of fabrics (a few items of yardage but mainly medium and small scraps), a bag of flannel and mixed sewing accessories, and the bazaar tablecloths, Judy has the Christmas trees and Wendy has the cash box. If anyone wants any of the stash to start on a project let me know and I'll bring some of it with me to the January meeting.

...Val Strand, Liz Taylor & Leslie Batt

## **Members' Used Book Sale - A Success!**

Thanks to everyone who donated and/or bought books/magazines! We still have a few more quilting books which we'll put out as "last call" at the December holiday gathering. And if you have any suggestions for notion-type things you'd like to see added to our Library, let me know! We'll make a list!

...Joy Takahashi

## **2017 Program**

Tracey Lawko, [tracelawko.com](http://tracelawko.com), award winning textile artist, quilter, longarmer and embroiderer starts off our new year on January 11, 2017. The fruits of a technique she devised to satisfy her love of traditional needlework techniques and free-motion stitching on the longarm machine are showcased in her finely stitched landscapes and richly textured still life art. Her work has been included in national and international juried shows including the Carmichael Canadian Landscape Exhibition, Fibreworks at Cambridge Galleries, Grand National Quilt Show, Davis Kaye Gallery in Toronto and many more. One of her landscapes was selected for the permanent collection of the U.S. National Quilt Museum in Paducah, Kentucky. Tracey is a certified CQA/ACC quilt judge and was a judge in the National Juried Show of Quilt Canada in 2012 and 2016.

### **February Members' Demos**

Still not too late. Don't miss your chance to show and also share a technique with your PNQG friends.

...Kiyomi Sakamoto and June Basu-Roy

## Library

The Library will not be open during the December meeting except for returning books.

...Judy Beca

## 2016 - 2017 Membership Update

Member's name tags have been ordered and should be ready for the next PNQG meeting.

...Catherine Richardson

## Fabricland Close-Out - Great Deals

The Fabricland in the basement of Honest Ed's has started their close-out sale. Pretty much everything is 50% or more off. There is a fair selection of threads, sewing machine needles and other accessories up for grabs plus a variety of fabrics, quite a selection of batiks, craft cottons and fleece along with their upholstery and drapery selections. Might be the last chance to get lost in the labyrinth of the Honest Ed's store before it shuts its door at the end of December. Fabricland has also opened a new store at Galleria Mall (Dufferin and Dupont) under another short-lived 2 year lease. This mall and the land are slated for wholesale changes.

...Val Strand



## 'Twas the Night Before Christmas (Quilters' Version)

(by Brenda Groelz, Kathy Rockbugs, Marilyn Root, Cindy Swafford)

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house,  
The only one sleeping was a Quilter's dear spouse.  
The Log Cabin stockings were almost completed,  
"Just a few stitches left," our sweet quilter repeated.

"Then I can hang them and head off to finish  
the pillows I'm making, fulfilling Mom's wish  
For something quilted to put on her couch and spoke,  
as she pricked her poor finger, our quilter said, "Ouch!"

When from out in the kitchen there arose such a crashing,  
she sprang from her work, and she dropped all her sashing.  
Away to the doorway she flew like a plane,  
wondering just what was happening and who she would blame.

When what to her wondering eyes should appear,  
but Old Mrs. Claus and her bag of quilt-gear...  
With her elves bearing gifts, through the kitchen she came,  
she directed and pointed and called them by name.

"Now Elna, now Pfaff, now Bernina and Viking,  
the Hoffman and Mumm should be just to her liking.  
To the sewing room - there, it's just back of the hall,  
now dash away, dash away, dash away all!"

"My Dear," said The Claus (as she liked to be called),  
"There really is no need to worry at all.  
Your projects will all be completed this night,  
I'm terribly sorry we gave you a fright."

"Sit down. Have some tea. It's relaxing, you'll see.  
My friends and I've come a long way to help Thee."  
She thought she was dreaming, our dear Quilter did,  
In fact she quite feared that she near flipped her lid!

But the flash of the needles and twist of the thread  
soon gave her to know she had nothing to dread.  
They spoke no more words, but went straight to their sewing.  
How the work went so quickly she had no way way of knowing.

The stitches, how fine! The corners, how straight!  
This Claus-woman's talent was awfully great.  
They finished the pillows, then started to quilt.  
Before they all knew it, the whole thing was built!

Now old Mrs. Claus, she knew quilters real well,  
and she knew they'd need help on this night most of all  
So she said to our quilter, "Just move over dear,  
I've brought my own needle. We'll get done, never fear.

I told dear old Santa about what quilters do.  
How they plan all these projects but have other work too.  
So he taught me his magic for doing things fast.  
There, that pillows done. Now this is the last.

They tidied their thread snips, and picked up the scraps  
and chased our dear quilter's six cats from their laps.  
As they scurried away with their thimbles still gleaming  
dear Mrs. Claus paused, her cap ribbons streaming.  
"Merry Christmas, my dear, now just have a ball!"



## Mark Your Calendars for These Upcoming Events

<p><b>April 1 &amp; 2, 2017</b>  <b>Celebration of Colour</b>  <b>Region of York Quilters Guild</b>  <a href="http://www.regionofyorkquiltersguild.ca">www.regionofyorkquiltersguild.ca</a></p>	<p>Presented by York Quilters Guild. Features Quilted exhibits, vendors, tea room, door prizes, demonstrations.</p>
<p><b>April 8 &amp; 9, 2017</b>  <b>Reflections of Georgian Bay Quilt Show</b>  <b>Tiny Township Community Centre</b>  <b>91 Concession Rd. East, Tiny</b>  <a href="http://www.gbgq.ca/index.php/refelctions-of-georgian-bay">www.gbgq.ca/index.php/refelctions-of-georgian-bay</a></p>	<p>Presented by Georgian Bay Quilters Guild. Includes showcase of quilts, merchant mall, and tea room for lunch and dessert.</p>
<p><b>April 21 &amp; 22, 2017</b>  <b>Quilts on the Seaway 2017</b>  <b>Cornwall Quilters Guild</b>  <b>Region of York Quilters Guild</b>  <a href="http://www.facebook.com/CornwallQuilters.Guild">www.facebook.com/CornwallQuilters.Guild</a></p>	<p>Presented by Cornwall Quilters Guild.</p>
<p><b>May 22 - 27, 2017</b>  <b>Canada Sea to Sea Fibre Arts Exhibition</b>  <b>Ailsa Craig Community Quilt Festival</b>  <b>155 Annie Ada Shipley St, Ailsa Craig</b>  <a href="https://www.ailsacraigquiltfestival.ca">https://www.ailsacraigquiltfestival.ca</a></p>	<p>Celebrating Canada's 150th birthday, a selection of quilts, fibre art and media. Features cafe, vendors and workshops.</p> <p><b>See the website as well for their 2017 Call for Entry.</b></p>
<p><b>June 14 - 17, 2017</b>  <b>Quilt Canada 2017</b>  <b>The International Centre, Toronto</b>  <a href="http://www.canadianquilter.com">www.canadianquilter.com</a></p>	<p>Will include Canada's biggest Quilt Bee!          Workshop registration begins January 7, 2017 for CQA members; January 28 for non-members.</p>
<p><b>November 10 &amp; 11, 2017</b>  <b>A Celebration of Quilts XIII</b>  <b>Toronto Botanical Gardens, Toronto</b>  <a href="http://www.yhqg.org">www.yhqg.org</a></p>	<p>York Heritage Quilters' Guild bi-annual quilt show.</p>

For additional events check out other guilds' websites and newsletters and visit the [CQA/ACC website](#) and review the "Events" section.

# PNQG Information

## PNQG Board and Volunteers - July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

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CQA Rep*	Bev Moffett	
Community Outreach*	Judy Beca - Baby Quilts Sally Elgar - Quilts for Fort McMurray and Meals on Wheels (MOW) placemats	

\* Non-Board Positions

**PNQG Meetings and Guests:** Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of the month, year-round. 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. Show and Share is welcome at all meetings.

**Guild Communication:** PNQG utilizes both a monthly newsletter and website to share guild and quilt related information with members. The PNQG Newsletter is published monthly, approximately 10 days prior to each meeting, distributed by email to members (unless alternate arrangements have been agreed to) and posted to our website at [www.pnqq.ca](http://www.pnqq.ca). The website includes membership information, newsletters, photos, events, etc. Only limited photos will be included in the newsletter so you are encouraged to visit the website for all the pictures.

Members are welcome to submit quilt-related items of interest to members to be shared - member's blogs, items to buy/sell or recycle, events, etc. - via the newsletter or website by contacting the webmaster (Judy at [webmaster@pnqq.ca](mailto:webmaster@pnqq.ca)) or the newsletter editor (Shelley at [newsletter@pnqq.ca](mailto:newsletter@pnqq.ca)). In most cases submissions will be due 2 - 3 weeks prior to the meeting date; however, it is recommended you confirm the schedule with the newsletter editor.