



## **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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### **SEPTEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER**

#### **SEPTEMBER 10 MEETING - 7:30 p.m.**

**DOORS** will open at **6:00 p.m.** Come early if you would like to 'sit and sew' and enjoy one another's company.

#### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Wendy Dines**

I am looking forward to seeing everyone after the summer hiatus. Although many Guild members were out of town, there were a number who attended the meetings in July & August. Sherry Davidson, Judy Murakami & Michiko Petrick had kits prepared for making bags of assorted sizes and quilt tops. Ron Smith was buzzing through one and was intrigued on how it was all coming together - and so quickly. I hope he brings it to the Sept meeting for 'Show & Share'.

A reminder for members to invite friends and relatives to attend the October 9th Guild meeting for the pre-bazaar sale (the guest fee is waived that night). In addition, the speaker will be Pattie Carey from Northcott. As Northcott gave the Guild a fabric donation, it will give her a chance to see how she will be able to see how we used it for the bazaar items.

I hope that someone or a group of volunteers will be stepping forward to begin the organizing for the bazaar for 2015. We all enjoy the fundraising returns and the Guild continues to be in a strong financial situation. That being said - whoever takes this on need not feel that they must 'outdo' the previous fundraising results. It's really more of matter of continuing the tradition and ensuring that the Guild continues to be financially healthy.

#### **PAST PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE - Martha Huffman**

I have four lap size quilt tops completed all assembled a little differently and I've used every single challenge block that was turned into me before the summer – all 62 of them! We'll have the big reveal at the September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting and you can let me know which quilt top is your favourite. I'd like members to volunteer to take them home after the meeting and quilt them for the bazaar. I have purchased backing (or will have for the last one by the 10<sup>th</sup>) and I'll speak with Sherry about getting batting for them brought to the meeting. Please consider putting your creative talent to work to complete one of these projects.

## **PROGRAM - Andrea Howell**

In September we will have Debbie Fawcett, a friend of Melanie's, tell us about her quilting journey. Debbie was scheduled for March last year, but that was the night of the big storm that caused cancellation of the meeting.

October's meeting -as well as the pre-bazaar sale- will welcome back Patti Carey from Northcott. She will present a talk and show about quilts made from unique and unusual fabrics.

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

The meetings in the new year will include in January, a trunk show from one of our own members (tell you who later) and in February our annual Round Robin of new skills.

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.

Although next year's schedule is ready, suggestions future speakers are always welcome.

## **Workshop At Andrea's**

There will be a workshop to make a few Christmas tree decorations for the bazaar, held at my house - 430 Broadway Ave.- from 7pm - 9:30pm, on Monday, September 29th. Samples of the decorations (small hand sewn Santas and snowmen) will be at the Sept. meeting. As I will not be able to attend the Sept. meeting, please email me at [andreahowell@sympatico.ca](mailto:andreahowell@sympatico.ca) if you plan to come so I can prepare the materials. Thank you. Andrea Howell

## **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 September meeting.

## **MEMBERSHIP - Noreen Deely**

Most membership renewals have been received and cheques deposited to the bank. Noreen has contacted those who have not paid, hoping that they do intend to remain members. The circulation of the completed Membership Roster will have to wait until the October Newsletter.

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

## **SUMMER WORKSHOPS FOR THE BAZAAR -Sherry Davidson with Judy and Michiko**

Like the July workshop the August workshop was a lot of fun. Items were made for the coming Bazaar with food and laughter aplenty.

I received requests for recipes for the goodies and promptly forgot who asked. The recipes are included in this newsletter and hopefully will reach those who requested them. Enjoy!

Judy, Michiko and I would request that any members that still have kits that are to be completed for the sale bring them to the September meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting please contact one of us. We will make arrangements to pick your item up.

Because of the pre-sale at the October meeting we are working a month ahead of the normal schedule for the November bazaar. We hope that the October meeting will be an exciting one - not only that our members and their guests will have the privilege of buying in advance of the church bazaar but that they will have an opportunity to stay for the meeting to enjoy Patti Carey of Northcott, our speaker for the evening. Please plan to invite your friends and family to this evening.

And do remember that the October meeting is open to your guest WITH NO GUEST FEE.

## **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](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**

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. Standards are high for this meeting as we assume you have been doing nothing else but making quilts throughout the whole of the summer.

## **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. Judy Messenger

#### Quilts at the Creek 2014

It was another great year at Quilts at the Creek! Black Creek Pioneer Village looked fabulous, with colourful quilts blowing in the breeze. The weather on Saturday caused a bit of a rush to take down the quilts before the rain started, but the weather on Sunday more than made up for it - clear, sunny and just the right temperature.

Visitors to the show enjoyed the over 200 quilts on display, as well as trunk shows, lectures and demonstrations. A vendor marketplace provided lots of opportunities to purchase fabric, thread, notions and other quilt-related items. The Quilt Boutique was bustling with customers purchasing finished made by the many exhibitors.



The theme for this year's show was "Log Cabin", and many examples of this versatile pattern were seen.





Also of note was the group of quilts inspired by the "Everyday Best" pattern by Becky Goldsmith. A group of quilting enthusiasts had seen the stunning quilt made by Nancy McCracken in last year's show and challenged themselves to make this quilt.





There were great reports from those attending the two days of classes by Jacquie Gering (Tallgrass Prairie Studio). I suspect there will be a few modern quilts in next year's show! Also next year, there will be a display of quilts from the mystery challenge "In the Pioneer Spirit", designed by Sherri Hisey of Border Creek Station Pattern Company. Details of the challenge will be announced in September.

## 2. A Feast for the Eyes



I follow this woman (and several other quilters) on Facebook and I am always inspired by what I see. The lighting is not the best for this photo but even with dim lighting you can see that the quilting on this piece is nothing short of awesome. Starting this month and for each of the following months of this membership year I will share some of the work of the many, many talented and artistic quilters out there.

## BULLETIN BOARD

### Events

1. November 14 & 15, 2014 - York Heritage Quilters Guild - **A Celebration of Quilts XII**'. At the Toronto Botanical Gardens.
2. Tuesday, September 16, 2014 The Singing Quilter at York Heritage Quilters' Guild

On Tuesday September 16th Cathy Miller, the Singing Quilter ([www.singingquilter.com](http://www.singingquilter.com)), will be performing at the York Heritage Quilters' Guild. Tickets are available for non-members for \$10 to attend this great concert! Cathy sings numbers such as "100 Ways to Hide Your Stash" and "12 Step Plan for Quilters" as well as tales of unusual and wonderful quilts like Australia's "Rajah Quilt", made by female convicts aboard a ship bound for Van Diemen's Land in 1841. For tickets, contact Judy Messenger at [webmaster@pnqg.ca](mailto:webmaster@pnqg.ca) or see her at the September guild meeting. YHQG meetings start at 7pm in the Floral Hall at the Toronto Botanical Gardens (Edwards Gardens) - Leslie St. and Lawrence Ave.

3. Creative Festival and Sewing Show – October 24, 25 and 26, 2014

Link to the website: <http://www.csnf.com>

4. Quilts at the Creek 2015 - July 25 & 26, 2015.

**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](mailto:newsetter@pnqg.ca). The information will be included in the next newsletter.

**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](mailto:newsetter@pnqg.ca).

**Retreat** –Attached is information forwarded to Judy Messenger (who in turn passed it on to me)

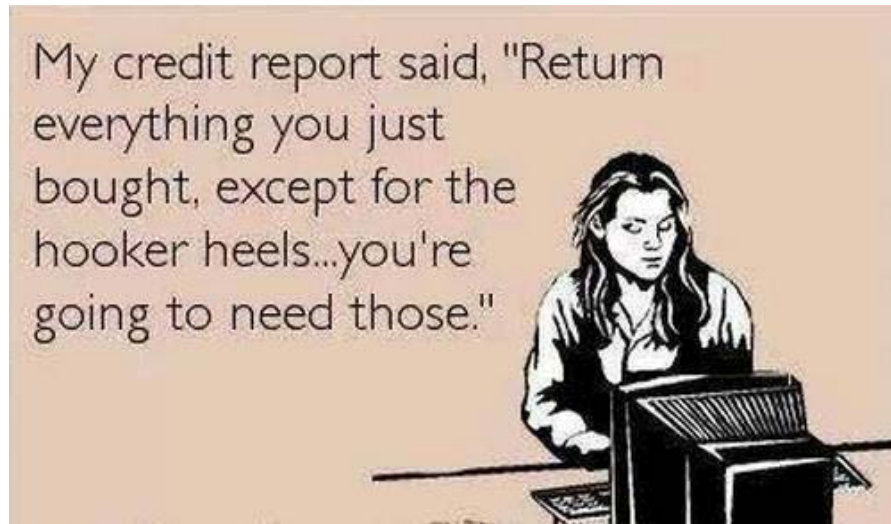


regarding a quilt retreat. For those interested, all of the contact info, dates, costs, etc. is included in the attachment.

### PNQG Board 2014-15

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**AND A FINAL THOUGHT**



And, if I may, one of the best tributes to Robin William, from the Disney animators:

