



PINE TREE QUILTERS' GUILD OF MUSKOKA

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Submitted by Elizabeth Hughes

At the start of 2012, I want to wish you the best in your life, health and especially your quilting. It is so hard to believe that another year has come and gone. For our Guild, it was an exciting year with both the Quilt Show in June and the 20th Anniversary in October. For me, it was a privilege to be your President during this time period and I thank you for your support.

New beginnings are always fun to start on. You could start a new quilt, a new project, clean out your stash, clean up your room, etc. I love starting new things but I do get bogged down once the project gets well on the way. I then want to start something new. I guess my year should start with finishing some of those projects. Would you take up the challenge with me?

Our Program Committee has some wonderful speakers lined up for this year with excellent workshops to follow the meeting day. We have new books in the Library and our Outreach Committee has many ways that you could be involved.

How about making this year "The Year You Involve Yourself with Our Guild". My opinion is that we have one of the best guilds in the Province. Come and be a part of it in some way.
Happy New Year

PROGRAMS

Submitted by Barb Coburn

Jan. 12 Bracebridge Arena 1:00 p.m.

Barb Coburn will be doing a presentation about Making Quilt Labels. There will be lots of ideas and sample labels. If you would like to take notes, please bring paper and pen.

Feb. 9 Bracebridge Arena 1:00 p.m.

The Quilt Art Group will be showing us several demonstrations of techniques that you can try to enhance your quilts. All of the materials are readily available and fun to try.

WORKSHOPS

Submitted by Heather Ingram

Sign up at the January meeting for Judy Parker's **NIFTY POT LUCK CARRIER**. It will be a fun workshop at the Sportsplex on Friday, March 9, 2012 from 9 to 4. The cost is just \$15.00 & this project is suitable for all levels of quilters.

Heather Ingram 645-6829 or hingram2@cogeco.ca

MEMBERSHIP

Submitted by Sandra Harthill

We have now 116 members renewed for 2012, including 1 new member. There are still 20 members who have to renew! Please remember to send any changes re address, email etc to me so your information is always current. Thanks and hope you all had a great Christmas.

scm.hartill@sympatico.ca or 646-0082 of the changes.

LIBRARY NEWS:

Submitted by Linda Speller

Be sure to browse our supply of books for lots of ideas and inspiration. Also, check the web page for a complete listing.

Linda Speller

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Submitted by Shirley Anne Sturgess

Thank you to our members who considered being nominated for the 2013-2014 Executive. The slate of officers will be published in the February Newsletter.

Thank you also to the committee who worked their magic.

OUTREACH

Submitted by Sylvia Bouchard

We had a wonderful response to our request for Christmas stockings and toiletries for Interval House and Chrysalis: we had over 40 beautiful stockings, and enough toiletries to fill the back seat of a car. Mary, our contact from Interval House said that they would be shared between Interval House, Chrysalis shelter, Chrysalis apartments, and the outreach program. Thank you everyone!

Our Cuddle Quilt and Quilts of Valour programs continue; if you want to help, contact Sylvia Bouchard 687-0412 or e-mail sylvie.bee@bell.net

INTEREST GROUPS

CLICK ON IT

Submitted by Dianne Gronfors

I've got several links for you this month, all on the same topic but each one a little different. When Heather Stewart was speaking at our Anniversary luncheon, she mentioned how she selected colour palettes by looking in magazines. I've found several websites that will build a colour palette for you based on different input from you. I hope you find at least one of these sites to be of use in your quilting.

<http://colorshemadesigner.com/> - colour wheel site that helps you find a colour palette you like. It's for website designers but works well for quilts too.

<http://www.cssdrive.com/imagepalette/index.php> - another site that can be used to come up with a quilt palette.

<http://www.design-seeds.com/p/palette-search.html> - and another.

<http://www.palettefx.com/> - and yet another

<http://bighugelabs.com/> - this site has links to many different things you can do with your digital photographs. Scroll down and you will find a link labelled "colour palette generator"

ARCHIVES

Submitted by Susan McCallum

One of the items that has appeared frequently on the program agenda for the Guild over the past twenty years is the "Challenge". Challenges are usually open to any member of the Guild who wishes to participate; generally involve a set of rules or parameters with



which a completed project must conform; and offer an opportunity for participants to stretch their creative "muscles" within a supportive framework, with the added pleasure of eventually comparing

their particular vision with that of the other participants. Challenges can take many forms, provide an excellent opportunity for learning, and are usually just plain fun!

Often the "Challenge" for a particular year involves using a difficult, unusual, or "ugly" fabric in an



innovative way—making swans out of ugly ducklings—and it's amazing how often ugly fabric ends up as a beautiful finished project. In 1992-93 it

was a garish print that featured tropical birds. In the fall of 1998 it was "ugly" fat quarters. And who can forget the infamous purple "Barney" fabric that ended up as cuddle quilts to the delight of some children at Interval House in 2004?

The "challenge" to participants may be to learn a new way of doing things and frequently that involves learning about colour. The spring project for 1999 was to blend two Jinny Beyer fabrics through a range of colours. The "Brown Bag" colour challenge entertained members in 2000-01. In 2001-02 some members



played "Colour Games" and ended up with their picture in *Quiltmaker* magazine. And in 2007-08 paint chips dictated the principle colour choices for the projects.

Sometimes the "Challenge" may involve an element of mystery or surprise. Over the years, Guild members

have participated in making several mystery quilts for themselves. The first was in 1997-98 and when solved, proved to be a "Bear Claw" quilt. In 1998-99, "Inspector Clueseau's "The Great Chain Robbery"" kept everyone baffled until Wilma Johnson solved the mystery and showed us her "Jacob's Ladder" completed. It will be fun to see the results of the mystery quilt for 2011-12 that is currently underway.

Over the years, there have been a number of iterations of the "Round-the-Block" or "Round Robin" quilt challenges. These generally start with an individual block contributed by a participant, which is then circulated in sequence to the other participants for additions of blocks or borders, as mandated by the rules of the particular challenge. This type of undertaking is another one of the ways in which Guild members share their artistry and expertise with each other and which challenges individual skill and imagination.

Whether it is the mystery of a "Tinnners" exchange such as was done in 2003-04; the community outreach element of the "Seasonal Placemat" challenge of 2006-07; the inclusiveness of the "Guys Day Out at the Quilt Shop" challenge in 2004-05; or the fun of interpreting a theme as with the "When I am Old I'll Wear Purple..." challenge in 2004-05; the "Challenge" can be one of the best parts of being a Guild member and embodies all that is great about quilting as an activity: learning, creativity, skill, competition, camaraderie, fun, and the satisfaction of accomplishment.

Photo captions:

1. "**Bird Fabric**" Challenge: Sylvia Bouchard, Wendy Wight, K. Godfrey with finished projects
2. "**Barney**" Fabric: Isobel, Carol, Cathy, Sylvia, & Sandi show off beautiful "Barney" while Leda looks on.
3. **Colour Games**" from QUILTMAKER magazine

QUILT ART GROUP

Submitted by Joanne Kourtz

If you are interested in the Quilt Art Group, be sure to come to February Guild meeting as members of this group will be doing small demonstrations of some of their techniques. That is what I got from the program committee write up.

Members of group, watch next month newsletter for further details. No meeting this month.

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THE HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISH CLUB

Mildred Everest
Edith Cook
Pauline Lucas
Darlene Williams
Paddy Taylor



Your name tag
Money for 50/50
Sign in at Welcome table

Items for Show and Tell
Library Books
Mugs
Last call - Renew your membership - \$25.00