



PINE TREE QUILTERS' GUILD OF MUSKOKA

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Submitted by Elizabeth Hughes

It is hard to believe that the past two years have gone so quickly. When Susan first asked me to run as Vice President and knowing that it is a six year commitment, I added up how old I would be. Well, I am almost the age I added up to be but have to say it has been a special time to be a part of your Guild.

Besides, you are only as old as you feel and when I am at the guild meeting I don't feel old at all.

I do want to thank my Executive for all their hard work in keeping each month flowing and providing for all of us a means to become a better Quilter. There are also many of you that have worked on various committees that I would like to thank for your time and work. It is due to many people working together that our Guild flows each month so successfully.

I would like to wish each of you the best for the coming years and would hope that if you haven't been involved in the past, that you would come forward in the future as it is very rewarding.

PROGRAMS

Submitted by Barb Coburn

March 18 Bracebridge Arena 1:00 p.m.

We have invited our local quilt shop owners to this meeting to tell you about what is new in their shops. Each will also have a table of items for you to purchase.

We will have our Annual General Meeting to introduce you our new executive.

April 12 Bracebridge Arena 1:00 p.m.

We are fortunate to have Susan Purney Mark as our guest for this meeting. I am sure you will enjoy her in formative trunk show.

WORKSHOPS

Submitted by Heather Ingram

March 9, 2012: 9: am to 4 pm

There are still a few places available in Judy Parker's "Nifty Pot Luck Carrier" workshop on This is a simple project suited to all levels of quilters. The supply list is a short one with no precutting required. So, it's not too late to opt in. The cost is just \$15.00.

April 13, 2012 9: am to 4 pm

Susan Purney Mark's workshop on "Shattered Angles" is full but we are taking a waiting list. The cost is \$45.00.

At the March meeting we are taking registrations for **Mary Reimer's "Fabric Art" workshop** to be held on May 11th. In this workshop participants will reproduce a picture about 10" x 12" in fabric. It will be a fun day & you will be surprised at your own creativity. The cost is \$15.00. Heather Ingram 705-645-6829 or hingram2@cogeco.ca

MEMBERSHIP

Submitted by Sandra Hartill

Welcome

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This brings our membership to 135 which include 7 new members.

THE HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISH CLUB

Sharon Penzavalto Stella Neilson
Caroline Vroom Barb Ruttle
Linda Speller Jill Keiffer
Elaine Lonsdale Shirley Steven
Karen Atkin Mary Lou Hamilton



LIBRARY NEWS:

Submitted by Linda Speller

Donated book:

Great American Quilts 1993, Leisure Arts.

Beautiful pictures of colourful quilts and stories from their designers who share techniques and patterns. This book is a sequence of Great American Quilts which is also available through the library providing lots of inspiration and ideas.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Submitted by Shirley Anne Sturgess

The Social Committee has been advised that regrettably Ena Reitveld will be unable to participate. We appreciate her consideration and wish her all the best.

There are now three Nominees for the Social Committee, Peggy Clark-Guiry, Carlene Ackerman and Lynda Griffiths. We thank them for their participation and look forward to working together.

With these changes the previously published list of nominees stands.

Thanks to everyone willing and able, please know that we are all working together for the betterment of the Guild.

OUTREACH

Submitted by Sylvia Bouchard

We have received a "Thank you" note from Interval House/Chrysalis for the cuddle quilts which we donated last month; the sender added a lovely quotation: "Time given is one of life's most precious gifts from the heart"-how very appropriate!

We will be holding a Cuddle Quilt Workshop on Thursday, March 22nd at James St. Place, from 9:30 am until ~3pm. Try to come and spend a few hours (morning or afternoon or all day...) sewing, tying and gabbing. If you can come, please contact Sylvia at 687-0412 or e-mail sylvie.bee@bell.net

ARCHIVES

Submitted by Susan McCallum

New members of the Guild, especially newcomers to Muskoka, must surely find some of the conversational references of the older members perplexing at times. What is this "Rowanwood" they keep talking about? (More about that one next month!) Who lives in a "Villa"? (The answer: senior citizens. The "Villa" is another retirement home where the Guild held meetings for a number of years, until the membership got too large and the space got too small.) And what (heaven help us!) is a "cancer quilt"?

"Cancer Quilt" is the euphemism that members adopted to refer to the quilts in a series made by member volunteers to donate to an initiative—an annual auction—created to raise funds for the fight against breast cancer. The full name of the initiative was "The Quilt: A Celebration of Survivors. A Breast Cancer Support Project". To quote from the 2000 program:

"...when Carol Miller was diagnosed with breast cancer in April 1997, her thoughts turned to quilting.... She knew the laughter, the sharing, the support that women gave each other as they pieced together a story from treasured remnants....

And so the idea for an exhibit and auction was born to support survivors and to support the research that helps them to survive. ... She originally hoped that 35 quilts would be donated. Instead 134 were received from survivors, doctors, actresses and many more quilters, both skilled and novice, who have found the joy, laughter and fulfillment that this ancient craft can inspire."

The first quilts from Muskoka were sponsored by Pastimes, a hobby shop located in Huntsville at the time, and made up of blocks contributed from the community, and quilted in the store by volunteers. Some of whom were Guild members. The three quilts submitted for auction in the fall of 1999 raised \$710; \$380; and \$950, respectively. Before the auction, a group of Guild members visited the display in Stratford. As one of those visitors, I can personally vouch for the intensity of the emotional impact of seeing all of the quilts and reading the stories that accompanied them. It was overwhelming.

For the auction the following year, the Guild members decided to make and donate a quilt specifically on behalf of the Guild. Under the direction of Sylvia Bouchard, a quilt was completed and sold in November of 2000. For the next four years, Wendy Wight undertook the responsibility of directing the construction and submission of a quilt each year.

Finally, in 2005, the original project was concluded. That summer, the "Orphan Block" quilt described previously in this column, was raffled off at the Guild quilt show and the proceeds donated to the local branch of the Canadian Cancer Society.

The quilts submitted by the guild are as follows:

auctioned November 2000:



"Kaleidoscope Collaboration"

Isobel Milne, Terry Lock with "Kaleidoscope Collaborations"

auctioned November 2001:



"Reflections of Our Muskoka" (\$1500.00)
Eileen Baron, Donna Edwards, Myrtle Westland, Trish Playter with "Reflections of Our Muskoka"

auctioned November 2002:



"Muskoka Wildlife"

Muskoka Wildlife" during quilting

Auctioned November 2003:



"Muskoka in Winter" (\$1300.00)

Olive Tomlinson, Donna Edwards with "Muskoka in Winter"

2004: "Muskoka's Autumn Glory"

2003 raffled in July "Orphan Block Quilt"

And now you know what a "cancer quilt" is!

(If anyone has programs for the 2003 & 2004 sales; photos of the quilts, particularly the 2004 quilt "Muskoka's Autumn Glory"; prices for any of the quilts not listed; or any photos of the quilts or articles referring to them, and would like to donate them to the archives, they would be much appreciated and would fill in gaps in our collection.)

If anyone wants an interesting perspective on the cancer quilt initiative they might like to Google "Kate Dudding, Storyteller" and visit her website. She is an American who visited Stratford to see the exhibit and writes very movingly about her experiences there and how it affected her.

INTEREST GROUPS

CLICK ON IT

Submitted by Dianne Gronfors

Enjoy!

<http://www.clothworkstextiles.com/patterns.asp> - lots and lots and lots of free patterns to download

<http://crazymomquilts.blogspot.com/2008/09/gifts-to-create-for-christmas-08>.

html - tutorial for making a fabric/patchwork cheque book cover.

If you have a favourite site that you think others would enjoy also, please send them to me.
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UPCOMING EVENTS

QUILT ART GROUP

Submitted by Joanne Kourtz

No report but contact Joanne if you are interested in joining this group.

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OTHER NEWS

CQA

Pine Tree Quilters made headlines in the recent CQA Magazine, a lovely picture of Joyce Partridge with her beautiful quilt which was the Viewer's Choice and bore the CQA Rosette; honourable mention of our Guild's activities in the Northern Ontario section; and last but not least a WHOLE PAGE devoted to our 20th Anniversary Celebrations! Check it out!

Aside from blowing our own horn, there are great articles and photographs of activities in other Guild across Canada. Enjoy.

Many thanks (Asante sana),

Submitted by Marsha Smart

To the Guild Members who bought packages of scissors to support the Ronnie Fund last month. Some 41 of you have a "new toys".

For those of you not able to attend the Feb. meeting, I had packages of Fiskars scissors (3 pair, various sizes and one box cutter) for sale for \$10.00 per package in support of the Ronnie Fund.

This Fund is run locally by Peter and Kathy Wood in support of a young man and his village in Kenya. To date they have been able to build a school, introduce water purification systems, introduce advanced farming methods and they are currently collecting funds to build an "Eco Centre", which will house a library, accommodation for students coming to school, amphitheatre and conference centre. 100% of your money goes to this project.

Please consider purchasing a package of scissors, not only will the Ronnie Fund benefit, but you will too with your new package of scissors.

March 30, 31 & April 1, 2012 (10am – 4pm)
Etobicoke Quilters' Guild "Quilt Fever 2012"

Admission \$5.00

Neilson Park Creative Centre

56 Neilson Dr., Etobicoke, ON

www.EtobicokeQuiltersGuild.com

April 26, 27, & 28, 2012

(Thurs & Sat. 10 – 4, Fri 10 -7)

Peacemakers 2012

Admission \$6.00

Huron Perth Quilters Guild

The Pyramid Recreation Centre

317 James Street South

St. Marys, ON

www.huronperthquiltersguild.com

Saturday April 21 - Sunday April 22, 2012

(Sat April 21st 10-4 Sun April 22nd 10-4)

Sunshine Quilt Show

Admission \$5.00 (men free)

The Orillia Quilters' Guild

Trililum Manor, 12 Grace Ave.

Orillia, Ontario

Saturday April 21 - Sunday April 22, 2012

(10 – 4)

The Fabric of our Lives 2012

Admission: \$6.00

Trent Valley Quilter's Guild

Knights of Columbus Hall,

57 Stella Crescent, Trenton, ON

www.trentvalleyquiltersguild.com/

May 1st. 2012

I received this information and although it doesn't interest me I have given you a bit of information as well as their web page. Check it out if you might be going to Ireland this year.

“a grand idea to invite members of your quilt guild to show quilts at our festival, and represent your entire guild with a quilt for one or two of our exhibits. I wanted to share with you two unique exhibits that we feel are going to gather a lot of attention at the festival. The first is called, “My Quilted Garden” and the second is “Yin & Yang.””

There is a deadline for entry but check out their web page for more details. www.IQFOI.com

ANNUAL REPORTS 2011

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT, 2009

This past year has been one of our most special years in the history of Pine Tree Guild of Muskoka. We not only included many very special meetings and workshops but held one of the best Quilt Shows in the Country. We barely had enough time to catch our breath before it was time to celebrate our 20th Anniversary with both a special speaker in Heather Stewart and not just one workshop but two. I don't think any of us that were there will ever forget the joy of not just being together but rejoicing in what Pine Tree has become. It is almost a letdown to say the year is over.

Rather than, look back on a year that is over; let us look forward to celebrating together the next five years when we will again celebrate with our 25th Anniversary.

Submitted by Elizabeth Hughes

PROGRAMME COMMITTEE REPORT

The Program Committee members for this past year were Wendy Beverley, Mary Lou Hamilton, Sharon Veitch, Elizabeth McMillan and Heather Ingram. They worked together to provide a variety of topics for our guild programs.

The high point of activities was the celebration of our 20th anniversary. The committee of Judy Kobe, Wendy Wight, Elizabeth Hughes, Shirley Anne Sturgess and Eleanor Anderson planned a very successful lunch that will be remembered for some time to come.

I have worked diligently for the past six years to make our meetings interesting and informative. As I pass the reins of responsibility to a new committee I am sure that you will give them the same support that I have received from you.

Submitted by Barb Coburn

WORKSHOPS

Pine Tree Quilters Guild held the following workshops this past year:

January 14/11 – Carrol Reid taught us to make “Quilted Placemats”. This was a great workshop for all levels instructed by one of our own members.

April 21/11 – We had a dynamic team of three guild members: Judy Kobe, Mary Lou Hamilton & Sharon

Veitch, teaching “Two Sided Quilts”. In this workshop participants were able to use their stash or a variety of fabrics to come up with a quick & colourful reversible quilt.

May 12/11 – We brought Gail St. Louis from Seagrave, ON, to teach a Square in a Square project: “All Spruced Up”. Students in this class used a special ruler & cutting method to achieve sharp, accurate points & produce a darling Christmas tree hanging.

October 13/11 – In conjunction with the Pine Tree Guild's Anniversary Celebration, Heather Stewart came from Arva, near London, ON. We were lucky to have this well known teacher, fabric artist, quilt restorer & judge visit our guild & teach “Spiral Bargello”. This was an intermediate workshop to challenge quilters with some experience to work with colour, accurate cutting & piecing to make a quilt with flowing, colourful lines.

October 14/11 – Heather Stewart, Canadian teacher of the year for 2009 taught “Cobblestones”. Chains of squares connected throughout this simple & stunning quilt. It was another day of learning about colour & accurate cutting & piecing suited to all levels of quilters. This workshop was also sponsored by the Anniversary Committee.

November 10/11 – We were lucky to be able to bring award winning Martha Schellingerhoud from Aurora, ON, to teach her “Quilting in Sections” workshop. This was an amazing technique which allows for machine quilting a large quilt on a regular home sewing machine. Martha taught three different methods with two of them done so that the finished quilt has no visible sign of being quilted in sections.

I sincerely hope you enjoyed the workshops that were offered this past year & I welcome any suggestions for future workshops. We tried to bring you a variety of interesting workshops at all levels. We already have some good things scheduled for 2012 & even into 2013. So, stay tuned. Your support for these workshops encourages us to plan a variety of fun things yet to come.

Submitted by Heather Ingram

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FROM THE TREASURER:

As your Treasurer, I would like to report that the Guild has had a very successful year financially. This was our Quilt Show year and that contributed greatly to the funds of the Guild.

Also, we had our 20th Anniversary this year which proved not only to come in under budget, but, where everyone who attended appeared to have a good time.

A big thank you goes to Sam Robinson, my Assistant, for her tremendous help during my absences. I would also like to thank Heather and Joanne Smith for doing the review of the books this year.

My thanks goes to the Executive and all the member of the Guild for their support during my tenure. I wish the new Executive every success.

APPROVED BUDGET

Archives	\$250.
Hospitality -	130
Insurance	610
Library	300
Membership	75
Newsletter	400
Outreach	750
Petty Cash	30
Programme	1,200.
Rent – Arena	550
Rent- P.O. Box	170
Sunshine	15
Website	100
Workshops	<u>300</u>
Total 2012	4,980.
Quilt Show	<u>5,000'</u>
TOTAL APPROVED	9,980

I am happy to be part of this great Guild, and I thank all the members for their help and co-operation.

Submitted by Eleanor Anderson.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

In 2011 we had 130 members which includes 24 new members. We had 33 guests join us at our monthly meetings throughout the year. I wish to extend many thanks to the members who assisted me at the membership desk, especially Sue Cleveland, Beverley Hall and Rena Liebster.

Submitted by Sandra Hartill

LIBRARY 2011 REPORT

The library has a wonderful collection of books. At our quilt show this year Grantham Books offered us a great discount, so we purchased seven books. We also added another DVD to our collection. This one on machine quilting and it has been popular with our members.

Again this year our members have been very generous by donating books; this had added many books to our shelves.

The guild maintains subscriptions to two quilt magazines, “The Canadian Quilter” and “Quilt Connections”, both of these are signed out by members. We also have a large collection of donated magazines for members to share.

Linda, Barb and myself have started to cull some books from the guild collection that haven't been signed out for a number of years. This is to make room on our shelves for the newer books. The old books are sold to members for a minimum amount of money, which then goes into the library funds for newer books or DVD's.

The library group reviews books on their return and members are responsible for replacing lost or damaged books. The library received a cash donation this year for books that had been lost, and this was used to purchase replacement books. Some damaged books were also replaced.

I would like to thank Linda and Barb for all their help in making the library a success during the past two years.

Library Colleagues: Linda Speller, Barb Ruttle.
Submitted: Eileen Baron

OUTREACH PROGRAM 2011 REPORT

In 2011, the Outreach Committee co-ordinated a number of projects: we donated 30 Cuddle Quilts to Interval House/Chrysalis, 16 Cuddle Quilts to the Great Beginnings programs in Huntsville, Bracebridge and Gravenhurst, and 12 Cuddle Quilts to "Quilts for Japan".

Also, we made and donated approximately 50 tote bags, along with some toiletries, to Interval House/Chrysalis to hold supplies for women arriving at the shelters.

We co-ordinated the collecting of receiving blankets and tote bags made by Guild members for a nutrition clinic in Nicaragua.

In addition, at Christmas, we made approximately 40 quilted Christmas stockings, and collected a "carload" of toiletries and small gifts for the Interval House and Chrysalis shelters, and for the residents of the Chrysalis apartments.

Submitted by Sylvia Bouchard

ARCHIVES

I continue to collect and collate the history of our Guild. I have pictures of events without names. If you would be interested in helping identify these events and people please give me a call. 705-687-4577

Hope you are enjoying at look at our past in the Newsletters.

Submitted by Susan McCallum

WEBPAGE

Our Guild Website continues to be enjoyed world-wide. A look at our statistics shows that the 3 most popular search engines that found us are: Google 68%, Yahoo 10% and Microsoft Bing 10%. We have also been linked to from many other guild sites and quilt shops.

78 different countries have viewed our website. Not bad for the little region of Muskoka. Remind your relatives in other countries to check our site each month and they just might see pictures of you and your quilts.

Submitted by: Dianne Gronfors Webmaster

HOSPITALITY REPORT

Many thanks to all those ladies who have brought in the delicious treats. It is amazing the variety and amount we have each meeting to put out for our members

We also appreciate everyone who has been 'green'. By that we mean, those who bring in their own mugs so that we do not have to use Styrofoam. We are doing our best to judge how much to make and try get it right without making too much.

It is nice to hear your comments and we enjoy seeing your smiling faces as you pass by to get your tea or coffee. If you have any suggestions, do not hesitate to let us know.

Submitted by Sharon and Stella

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

I wish to thank all the Board members for their input to the newsletter. Without your continued support giving me the information to put in our Newsletter it would be very sparse.

I wish to thank all the members of the guild for the bits of information that you give me which makes our newsletter informative as well as interesting.

One last thing, to those I might have missed over the last year, "Happy Birthday". Be sure to give your birthday month to Membership or Joanne Smith our new Newsletter Editor.

Submitted by Paula Elliott



Your name tag

Money for 50/50

Sign in at Welcome table

Items for Show and Tell

Library Books

Mugs