

PINE TREE QUILTERS' GUILD OF MUSKOKA

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Submitted by Carrol Reid

Happy Spring Pinetree Quilters!

During a walk in the woods behind our house one evening last week we were serenaded by the 'Peepers", a sure sign of spring. With the recent warm spell the flowers are pushing themselves thru the earth and suggesting that it is almost time to get out my garden tools and get to work.

With the onset of spring do you get the urge to clean out those closets and reorganize your stash? For me it is a time when I find all of those UFO's I forgot that I had and find fabric I forgot I had bought. I love going through my stash! A time of renewed energy and ambition to get all of these projects completed or at least started. I am embarrassed to say how many UFOs I have!

Pinetree Guild has become a place for Quilters to get together and share ideas, accomplishments and learn new skills. This would not be possible without the dedication and commitment of the members and executive of previous years. They have built the foundation upon which our guild has prospered. We are grateful to all past executive and members for their contribution to make our guild what it is today.

We welcome our many new members to the guild. We hope that you enjoy the experience and please let us know if we can provide you with information. Your executive is available to answer your questions.

I would like to thank **everyone** for their ongoing support and involvement to our Guild.

PROGRAMS

Submitted by Barb Coburn

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.

May 10 Bracebridge Arena 1:00 p.m.

Chair Sale - Spring clean your quilting area! We all have patterns, fabric stash, magazines, thread etc. that we would like to trade with other members. Anyone who would like to participate will be given a chair to use, for display on the seat, beside or under the chair. Bring articles and set up. Price your articles and place a box with some change in it and buyers will fill your box. In this way, everyone can buy at the same time.

Enjoy spring cleaning and buying new stash!

WORKSHOPS

Submitted by Heather Ingram

April 13, 2012 We are looking forward to Susan Purney Mark's workshop, "Shattered Angles" on Friday, April 13th at the Sportsplex from 9 to 4. That class is full & we have a waiting list but more names could be added to the wait list if you wish.

May 11, 2012 is Mary Reimer's workshop "Fabric Art". Remember those lovely pictures she has shown at meetings? I hope those who are signed up have their pictures ready to replicate in fabric. There are still two places left for this workshop. If these fill at the meeting, don't hesitate to put your name on the waiting list. I have already moved one person from the wait list into Susan's workshop in April. That happens sometimes because we sign up so far in advance for these workshops & situations can change.

WORKSHOP REMINDER - Just to remind you, guild policy is that you pay when you sign up for a workshop. If you have to cancel we'll gladly give you

the contacts on the wait list. It is then your job to call those names in the order they have signed up. When someone takes your place, they pay you, you get the supply list to them & you call to let me know who is taking your place.

We are also looking forward to a pot luck supper for Susan Purney Mark at the home of Peggy Clarke-Guiry, 18 Fieldstream Chase, Bracebridge on Thursday, April 12th at 5:00 p.m. for members who signed up at the last meeting. If you think you signed up & can't remember what you are bringing, ask me at the April meeting. Please bring something to show after dinner as well. Heather Ingram 705-645-6829 or hingram2@cogeco.ca

THE HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISH CLUB

Paula Elliott
Sharon Veitch
Elizabeth McMillan
Lize Ogilvie
Bonnie Taylor
Noreen Morrison
Bette Clark
Karen Jackson
Heather Stanford



LIBRARY NEWS:

Submitted by Eileen Baron

Check out our vast collection of books and DVD's, we have something to suit everybody. Remember you can take out a total of 3 items each month.

Magazines are available for people to enjoy at home.

OUTREACH

Submitted by Sylvia Bouchard

We had a very successful "Cuddle Quilt Workshop" on March 22nd. The 12 quilters who attended did an amazing amount of layering, sewing, birthing and tying; we managed to finish six quilts, and almost finished

another 19, so we will soon have 25 more quilts to donate to Interval House, Chrysalis and the Great Beginnings program. Thanks everyone!

We have started to work on another "Quilt of Valour"; it's an original pattern that combines paper piecing and log cabin. This will be the fourth quilt that we donate to this worthwhile cause. More information about the "Quilts of Valour" (and some patterns) can be found at their web site: www.quiltsofvalour.ca

For more information on our Outreach projects, contact Sylvia Bouchard (705) 687 0412 or sylvie.bee@bell.net

ARCHIVES

Submitted by Susan McCallum

You may recall that last month there was a reference in this column to Rowanwood and a promise to explain what that meant to newcomers and new members.

The Guild has held its meetings in a number of places since its inception back in 1991, starting with guild founder Debbie Marriette's studio and shop, Makepiece Studio in Port Sydney. When Debbie closed her studio in 1993, Guild members agreed to try holding meetings in each other's homes on a rotation basis. By September of 1994, the members were looking for a more permanent site for meetings. Arrangements were made to use the facilities of the Anglican Church in Port Sydney, but this proved to be a less than reliable solution due to the necessary priority of church-related functions. Finally, in May of 1995, thanks to the efforts of Eileen Baron, the Guild held the first meeting marking the beginning of what would become a long and mutually rewarding relationship with Rowanwood Retirement Home, its staff, and residents.

Rowanwood Retirement Home was located on Highway #11, north of Port Sydney, on the outskirts of Huntsville, at the Rowanwood Road. It offered the advantages of a large and sunny meeting room with sufficient kitchen facility to accommodate the needs of tea-times and pot-lucks, plenty of parking, and a welcoming and supportive resident and staff population.



Sylvia Bouchard, Rowanwood residents, at mini-show, Sept. 14, 2007

Rowanwood mini-show, Sept. 14, 2007



Rowanwood residents, staff, & Guild members enjoying tea & goodies at mini-show, Sept. 14, 2007

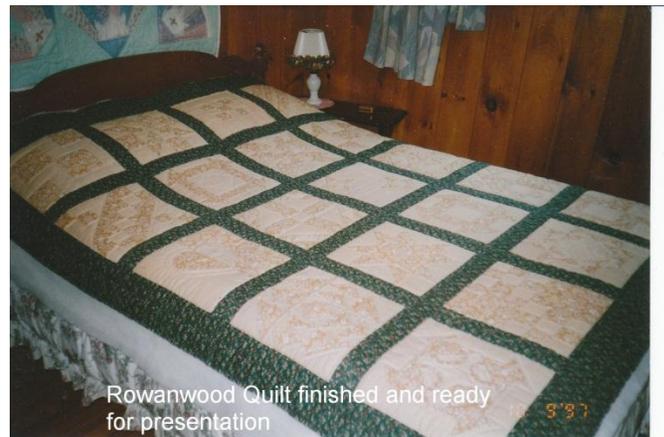
Rowanwood mini-show, Sept 14, 2007

Over the years, the Guild contributed to the activities of the home by holding a series of “mini” quilt shows for the residents and guests, complete with home-baked goodies for their enjoyment. As well, in 1998, the Guild made and donated the first of a number of quilts specifically for the retirement home to use to the advantage of the residents as they deemed most fit.

In October of 1996, the Guild began holding the second of two monthly meetings at Bracebridge Villa and Olive Tomlinson filled the role of liason person. The principle business of the Guild continued to be conducted at the Rowanwood meeting but both meetings offered members a wealth of opportunity for socializing and accomplishment. And once again, the association with a retirement home proved to be an auspicious one.

November, 2002, saw the end of the affiliation with Bracebridge Villa, thanks in part to changes to the facility and its function, and to the growth of the Guild.

The decision was made to move the principle monthly meeting to the Bracebridge arena while continuing to hold the second meeting at Rowanwood.



Rowanwood Quilt finished and ready for presentation

Rowanwood Quilt ready for presentation



Presentation of Rowanwood quilt to staff and residents by Sylvia Bouchard and Guild members, Feb. 12, 1998

Presentation of Rowanwood Quilt, Feb 12, 1998

Then late in the evening of April 12, 2008, disaster struck. Motorists passing by on Highway 11 spotted fire at Rowanwood and rushed to assist staff with evacuating the residents. Thanks to their timely intervention and the combined efforts of staff, other passing motorists, and the fire and rescue teams from Huntsville, Port Sydney, and surrounding localities, all 56 of the residents and the staff were safely evacuated. The building itself was destroyed. Now all that remains of what had been a busy and vibrant facility is a grassy field alongside the highway.

Subsequently, James Street Residence in Bracebridge have made their facilities available to the Guild but the enthusiasm for that second meeting of the month has waned and regular attendance diminished. It seems that

the guild lost something more than just a meeting place in the Rowanwood fire.

I have subscribed to both of the above lists and have downloaded over 100 totally free books. A good opportunity to try out new authors or a different genre.

INTEREST GROUPS

Submitted by Joanne Kourtz

QUILT ARTISTS OF MUSKOKA

We will be meeting at 10 am – 12 am at the back of the Bohemian Café, 75 Manitoba Street, Bracebridge on Thursday April 26th. There will be a discussion on using Sharpies with rubbing alcohol to get the ink to spread. Bring some fabric and try it with us. All guild members are encouraged to join this group. For more info contact Joanne at joannekourtz@bell.net

CLICK ON IT

Submitted by Dianne Gronfors

The following links are not quilting related but will be of interest to those of you who have a Kindle E-reading device. Similar resources are/should be available to other brands of readers. There is a free Kindle app for your smart phone/iPod.

The following link will take you to the main page for all their FREE books. To limit your search, check in the left column for the category that interests you and click on it.

http://www.amazon.com/mn/search/?_encoding=UTF8&kc=AG56TWWU5XWC2&redirect=true&tag=billybobscmp-20&ie=UTF8&linkCode=ur2&hidden-keywords=-domain%20-breakthrough%20English&hidden-keywords=-domain%20-breakthrough%20English&camp=1789&creative=390957&rh=n:154606011,p_36:0-0,p_15%3D-domain%23 – this is a long link so make sure you get the whole thing copied into your browser.

<http://www.pixelofink.com/> - this site has a place to sign up for their daily email with new free books listed.

<http://www.fkbooksandtips.com/> - another site offering email information about free books.

OTHER NEWS

CANADIAN QUILTERS' ASSOCIATION

A New On-Line Shopping Experience for Canadian Quilters! You're invited to visit the new Virtual Marketplace, created by CQA/ACC to celebrate Quilt Canada 2012.

Beginning April 1st the Virtual Marketplace will offer special deals and discounts from Quilt Canada Sponsors, Merchant Mall vendors and CQA. Member Quilt Shops. Check out the site to search for the deal that's just right for you and the Coupon you'll need to complete your purchase in-store or on-line. Not a CQA member? No problem, the site is open to everyone! Let's go shopping!

<http://canadianquilter.com/shopping/marketplace-information-search.php>

UPCOMING EVENTS

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/



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