



PINE TREE QUILTERS' GUILD OF MUSKOKA

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Submitted by Carrol Reid

This is the time of year when guilds have their quilt shows; shops put on shop hops, there are numerous quilt retreats and quilt tours to new and exciting quilt destinations. Why not gather a few like minded friends and go on an adventure. Attending quilt shows provides lots of inspiration and is just a fun way to spend time with your friends. Our newsletter gives information on shows, retreats and shop hops, so be sure to check that out. I attended a quilt show recently and also was at a week-end retreat. Life is good!

Your executive knows that the membership has questions about the Guild budget. We are anxious to address those concerns. We have been working with a substantial surplus over the past few years and it is important that we let you know how we are financially. With the change in the Guild's year end we will be covering our expenses for 18 months based on our income (membership fees) for 12 months. The fees you paid for your membership for January 1, 2012 will pay your membership up to June 30, 2013. The guild is in effect covering everyone's fees for 6 months. We want to assure you that the Guild is not compromised by having a surplus.

The program committee is also working diligently and plans to bring you some interesting speakers, lectures and trunk shows over the next year which you will begin to hear about at the May and June meetings.

I always encourage members to approach anyone on the executive if you have any questions.

Happy Quilting
Carrol

PAST PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE

Submitted by Elizabeth Hughes, Past President

Take your favourite gift bag and make a QUILT from the design

The gift bag can be any size. The quilt can be any size. You must not have made it before May, 2012 and **it must be a three layered quilt**. It cannot be a bag, pillow, piece of clothing, place mat, runner, or box. **It has to be a quilt.**

It can be postcard size, lap, miniature, full size etc. Size doesn't matter. It can be any shape.

You must display the quilt with the bag. Deadline and showing time will be the December Pot Luck. The guild members will vote on their favourite.

For any questions contact Elizabeth Hughes @ 705-385-2020 or behughes@sympatico.ca

We look forward to what you will come up with.

Elizabeth Hughes
Past President.

50/50 DRAW – Winners from last draw

Joan Parsons and Sandy Rasmussen

Remember to come early to sell tickets this month.

DID YOU KNOW that Winner #1 gets 25%; Winner #2 gets 25%; Library Fund gets 25% and Guild General Funds gets 25% of total sales?

PROGRAMS

Submitted by Judy Kobe & Mary Reimer

May 10 Bracebridge Arena 1:00 pm

CHAIR SALE – We hope everyone has had a chance to clear out extra fabric, patterns etc. from their sewing room for this sale. You will display your articles on, below and beside a chair. Be sure to mark each with a price and provide a basket for payment. Everyone will circulate and make their purchases. Happy bargain hunting.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH - At this meeting the Block of the Month quilt will be revealed. Mary Lou and Sharon have each completed theirs and these will be on display. You may want to bring your camera.

June 14 Bracebridge Arena 11:30 am

POTLUCK LUNCHEON/BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION - This is our last meeting till September and what better way to spend time with our quilting friends than at our potluck luncheon! Well, let's add Birthday Celebration to that mix.

Besides being a potluck luncheon, this will be a Birthday Party for ALL of our members complete with balloons, table centres and presents. Each member is asked to bring a wrapped \$5.00 gift which is quilting related. The gifts will be distributed via a game played at each table and should provide lots of laughs as the story unfolds.

Of course, we will each bring our specialty dish for the buffet table, our own cutlery and dishes. We look forward to your Show & Tell items as well.

NO MEETINGS JULY & AUGUST

September 13 Bracebridge Arena 1:00 pm

HEATHER STEWART will speak on “**Creativity: Where do I find It? How do I get it?**” Heather was named Canadian Quilters’ Association Teacher of the year in 2009 and was the guest speaker at our 20th Anniversary celebration. We look forward to an entertaining and informative afternoon.

SPECIAL EVENT

September 15 Bracebridge Arena Saturday 10am – 12 noon

Pine Tree Quilters’ Guild of Muskoka presents **Heather Stewart speaking on “Colour Harmony.”** Choosing colours for that “WOW” factor presents a challenge to many quilters. This is our chance to hear an expert on the topic of colour. Tickets are \$10.00 each and will be available at our May meeting. Please bring a cheque made out to Pine Tree Quilters’ Guild of Muskoka as well as your guild Membership card.

WORKSHOPS

Submitted by Heather Ingram

May 11, 2012 – Mary Reimer’s workshop “Fabric Art”

Sept. 14, 2012 – Heather Stewart workshop “Log Cabin Chevrons” - cost \$45.00, payable at time of sign-up by cash or cheque.

Sign-ups for Heather Stewart’s workshop “Log Cabin Chevrons” will start at the May guild meeting. It’s listed as intermediate level & looks like a wonderful quilt to use up your stash or buy all new. She shows it in bright contemporary fabrics or reproductions.

I’ll be away May 7 to 11 but someone will be at the meeting to take your registration.

Heather Ingram 705-645-6829 or hingram2@cogeco.ca

OUTREACH

Submitted by Sylvia Bouchard

Some new cuddle quilt kits will be available at the meeting; if you would like to try making a quilt top using the “Tilted Square”, the “Hidden Nine-Patch” or just the basic 7x9 grid patterns, come and pick up a kit!

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

ARCHIVES

Submitted by Susan McCallum

It's May and the return of the summer visitor season. For the next few months most of us will be looking forward to having company most weekends—the barbeques, the boating, the swimming and sunning—that our friends and family envy and come to share with those of us lucky enough to live here full time. But what if it rains and you find yourself with a houseful of guests with time on their hands and nothing to keep them occupied? Often that becomes “road trip” time, when you bundle everyone into the car and take them out to explore the sights and scenes that make Muskoka unique: rocks, trees, water, wildlife, and quilting. QUILTING?

Well maybe not just quilting, but art works done specifically by your friends and fellow guild members. Have you ever thought about that as a theme for a sight-seeing tour of the district?

You could start with a stop at Muskoka Tourism on Highway 11N, just south of Gravenhurst, where Sylvia Bouchard and her work will be featured in a display during May and June.

Next stop: the Bethune House in Gravenhurst. Back in the fall of 2005 the Guild was approached by Claudette Bue, Bethune Memorial House historic resource coordinator, with a request for interested members to contribute to an initiative that would twin quilters in China with their counterparts in Canada to construct a Friendship Quilt depicting scenes and events relating to the life of Dr. Norman Bethune. Nine Guild members collaborated on making the seven Canadian blocks and were joined by several others for the finishing stages of the process, once the Canadian and Chinese blocks had been assembled into a quilt top. On Sunday, July 1, 2007, the completed quilt was presented to a delegation from the Chinese embassy in Ottawa, at Bethune House, during the Canada Day celebrations, and now hangs in an honoured location in the Bethune Memorial House in Gravenhurst, while the identical twin quilt is hung and receiving the same respect in China.



Presentation of Bethune House Quilt, B. Coburn, S. McCallum, S. Bouchard, July 1, 2007

When you get to Bracebridge, drop in to the library. The folks there will be glad to direct you to the quilt made by Pinetree Quilters Guild members that hangs proudly just inside the main entrance in the Robert J. Boyer reading room. In August, 2003, Leda Story organized a group of eight guild members to design and make a quilt depicting books on shelves. The names of donors making contributions to the financial support of the library became the book titles. When it was finished, the “shelves” contained seventy-five “books” and library patrons benefited from the generosity of the donors whose names are displayed and from the Guild members whose work made the donation a matter of public record.

Just across the parking lot from the library, take a moment to drop into the Bracebridge United Church. There you will find works done by Guild members Sylvia Bouchard and Donna Edwards. Sylvia was commissioned to make the dossal cloth; a large wall covering that hangs behind the altar. Donna's commission was to execute the designs for the hangings that mark the church calendar and can be seen on the wall to the right as you face the altar.

As you travel around the lakes, make a stop in Port Carling. There you will find works by Pinetree members in the library and in the United Church. Bette Clark spearheaded a fundraising initiative for the Port Carling Library, much like that done in Bracebridge but reflecting the particular vision and talents of the Port Carling group. Bette has also contributed vestments to the use of the United Church in Port Carling, which were a prominent part of the display at the Guild quilt show “Collaborations II” in July, 1999.



Church Vestments by Bette Clark, "Collaborations II", July, 1999

These are just a few of the permanent displays that there are around the district that are the work of our very talented Guild members. No doubt there are others, particularly as you venture further north and into the areas of Huntsville, Dorset, Port Sydney, and Baysville, all of which can lay claim to Guild members. I have been told that one might drop in to the Knox United Church in Dorset to see works by Mildred Everest but haven't been able to confirm that claim.

Aside from permanent displays, there are many displays of works by Guild members that occur for limited periods in galleries, shops, community centers, and at community events over the course of the summer that feature quilting, and that serve to represent the wealth of talent that the Guild can boast in its membership. In fact, although the particular focus of the Guild is on quilting, it is impossible not to notice that for most of the members, quilting is just one of the many ways that they demonstrate their creativity. Perhaps you recall seeing Joyce Rumney's wonderful

boxes at "Show & Tell" or Joyce Partridge's dolls, each with their own tiny quilt, at the Guild show in 2005.



Dollies with Quilts by Joyce Partridge, "Collaborations IV", June, 2005

The Guild membership includes respected potters and painters; fibre artists who work in other techniques including smocking, knitting, non-traditional quilting, cross stitch, embroidery, etc.; rug makers; weavers; dyers; doll makers; photographers; and so on and so forth. There is no end to the wealth of creativity and the summer offers abundant opportunity—not just rainy weekends—to see and enjoy all that talent. Why not make this a summer to discover as much of it as you can?

Who do you know amongst the 135 Guild members who is having a show of their work this summer? What is it they are showing? What other expressive media are they involved in? Who is working on commissioned works, either for public display or private purchase? (There is at least one large commission underway that will be presented to the public later this summer. Watch for it to be announced!!.) Who has work for sale in shops and galleries around the district? That's my challenge to you: get to know the names and interests of your fellow members and you will open up unlimited opportunities to enjoy and to learn from and to share with your visitors this group of incredibly talented people that are your friends here and that call Muskoka their home too.



CLICK ON IT

Submitted by Dianne Gronfors

<http://www.blockcentral.com/index.shtml> - this site has lots of free blocks for you to use as well as a collection of calculators designed to help you determine how many width of fabric strips to cut in order to get the number of patches that a pattern calls for. Browse the site for more.

<http://rechneronline.de/pi/> - a German site but with English on the page also. This site provides a calculator for geometric shapes ie, triangle, rectangle, hexagon. Enter known values, hit the "calculate" button and the rest of the info is provided.

<http://piecefulliving.blogspot.com/p/tools.html> - a collection of links useful to quilters. Check out the other areas of this blog also for more useful information

MEMBERSHIP

Submitted by Rosemary Carrington

Our Guild is growing! We have welcomed 10 new members so far in 2012 bringing our total membership to 138.

At the April meeting we had 93 members attending plus 7 guests.

Thank you to those members who have volunteered to help out on the membership table at meetings. It will be a great opportunity to meet all our members and their guests each month.

NEW MEMBERS TEA

Submitted by Barb Coburn

Members who joined the guild in 2011 and 2012 are invited to a complimentary tea to be held at The Blue Willow Tea Room, Muskoka Wharf in Gravenhurst on June 21st from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m..

The executive will be there to provide information about our various guild activities and address any questions or concerns you may have.

This will also be a good opportunity to meet other guild members. You are encouraged to bring an item for a Show and Tell.

If you would like to attend please email Barb Coburn at barb@coburn.ca by May 31st. There will also be a sign up sheet at our May meeting.

QUILT FOR THE DAY

Submitted by Shirley Anne Sturgess

Thursday, August 9th, 10 am to 3 pm

QUILT for the day, inside, outside, rain or shine.

YOU bring your lunch, a mug, folding chair, hand work, bathing suit.

I will provide the coffee, tea, lemonade and goodies.

LEAVE your worries at home.

THURSDAY AUGUST 9TH at Shirley Anne's- 1013 Baxter Road off Highway 117.

If you are coming through Baysville, it is 20K from the Baysville bridge. You will pass Marine Drive and Baxter Road is the next road on the left. If you are coming through Dorset, we are 7K from Dorset on highway 117. Drive past the Narrows Road and Baxter Road pops up on the right. Call 705-766-2738 for more information.. Remember to keep your lunch OFF the floor so the dogs won't eat it! Thanks, Shirley Anne Sturgess

REFLECTIONS FROM WORKSHOP

Submitted by Heather Smith

What a great day we had in April with SusanPurney Mark, all the way from British Columbia, at her “Shattered Angles” quilt workshop.

We all had taken such a variety of colours and patterns in our fabric choices for the workshop. Picking out fabric that “goes” together is always a problem for me and this time was no exception. Susan soon had us convinced that anything works – and she was so right! By the time we sewed, slashed, reseeded, turned, flipped and rearranged our fabric it really did look good! The contrasting strip that we had added after the first slashing took place magically appeared nicely distributed throughout the blocks. By the end of the day several of the girls were on to the final stages and starting to sew their blocks together. Me – I was still at the first slashing stage!! But, I know that it will look good when I get to the final stages too and put the quilt together. After all, as Susan said – there is no wrong way to make this quilt!

THE HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISH CLUB FOR MAY

Joan Hines
Barb Smith
Marion McLaughlin
Jennifer Milne
Mary Reimer
Edith Svistunenko
Linda Wilkin
Cecile Beaudry
Mary Andison



UPCOMING EVENTS

June 15 & 16, 2012

“IT’S THE BERRIES” QUILT SHOW

Goderich Community Centre Arena

(Fri. 10-6pm & Sat. 10-5pm)

Admission \$5

Help Goderich Quilters’ Guild celebrate their 20 years of quilting!

Bed & Wall Quilts, mini quilt Toonie table, raffle quilt, vendors’ market, Judy Lyons (certified Quilt Appraiser), members’ boutique, lunch/tea room

For more info: 519-482-9963 or email

bmnhuys@tcc.on.ca

Oct. 27 – 28, 2012

FIBRE CONTENT

Juried Exhibition of Fibre Art

at the Burlington Performing Arts Centre (BPAC)

The show will be a powerful opportunity for visitors to view and make a personal connection with the patterns and passion expressed in fibre art. Expect to see traditional, contemporary, representational and abstract art wall quilts, a variety of themes and sizes and diverse mediums including fabrics embellished with threads, beads and found object, painted and felted fibres.

<http://www.fibrations.org>



Your name tag

Money for 50/50

Sign in at Welcome table

Items for Show and Tell

Library Books

Mug