



PINE TREE QUILTERS' GUILD OF MUSKOKA

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Submitted by Carrol Reid

Ahh the sounds, smells and noises of summer. Although not officially here, by all accounts summer has begun and spring is fading. My flower gardens are ahead of their time with most early summer flowers already bursting with blooms, the lilacs and wild flowers in the woods are fading, and the town is busier. Getting around just takes a little longer but it is good to have so much activity.

For us, the summer means new adventures. We will be doing some camping and have two cycle trips planned. And of course our travels wouldn't be complete without Geocaching along the way to find unusual places and challenging our keen sense of the hunt in pursuit of the hidden object. Geocaching is a worldwide game where you hunt for hidden objects using a GPS and coordinates. Lots of adventure!

Another season, another new beginning - the new fabrics of summer have arrived in our local stores - make sure you get in to see the beautiful collections, new colours and the patterns to support the new fabric.

Have you started to think about Elizabeth's challenge? I have been looking at gift bags in all of the stores I visit. It is interesting to try to see a quilt in the bags.

I think I have an idea.....now just to.....

Have a wonderful and happy summer, stay safe in your travels and visit as many quilt shops as you can find.

Happy Quilting
Carrol

PAST PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE

Submitted by Elizabeth Hughes, Past President

Take your favourite gift bag and make a QUILT from the inspiration it gives you.

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.**

From the gift bag, draw your inspiration for the quilt. Make it similar to the bag.

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. There will be a \$25.00 gift certificate for the winner to be used at Muskoka Quilting in Bracebridge.

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

We look forward to what you will come up with.

Elizabeth Hughes
Past President.



ON TV

Quilts of Valor Documentary

Check your local tv listings for Quilts of Valor, **Friday June 15th, 2 -4 pm.** Documenting the work of the Quilts of Valor Foundation.

PROGRAMS

Submitted by Judy Kobe & Mary Reimer

June 14 Bracebridge Arena 11:30 am

Potluck Luncheon/Birthday Celebration

This is our last meeting until September and what better way to spend time with our quilting friends! We're celebrating everyone's birthday!

Remember 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.

Food -- we will each bring our specialty dish for the buffet table, our own plates, cup and cutlery.

Show and tell is still on. Enjoy the celebration!

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

Sept.14, 2012 – Heather Stewart’s “Log Cabin Chevrons”

There are just a few spots left in Heather Stewart’s September workshop “Log Cabin Chevrons”. It’s on Friday, September 14th & the cost is \$45.00. There will be an opportunity to sign up for that class at our June meeting. You will remember Heather Stewart from our anniversary celebration. She was CQA’s teacher of the year in 2009 & that award was well deserved as she is a wonderful teacher. I’m already gathering my fabrics for the class & I’m really excited about having her back in Muskoka.

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

OUTREACH

Submitted by Sylvia Bouchard

Twenty five quilts have been donated to the Great Beginnings Programs in Huntsville, Bracebridge and Gravenhurst; and ten quilts were donated to Christine’s Place.

If you would like more information about the organizations which we support, you may find the following web sites interesting:

Muskoka Interval House and Chrysalis:
<http://centraleastontario.cioc.ca/record/MUS0077>

Christine’s Place: <http://www.christinesplace.org/>

Great Beginnings Program:
<http://centraleastontario.cioc.ca/record/MUS1517>

Quilts of Valour: <http://www.quiltsofvalour.ca/>

For more information about the Outreach Program, contact Sylvia Bouchard at 687-0412 or e-mail sylvie.bee@bell.net

ARCHIVES

Submitted by Susan McCallum

A couple of months ago, this column was about the “cancer quilts” that Guild members made and contributed to the auctions that were held for a number of years to support “The Quilt: A Breast Cancer Support Project” as part of the Guild’s “Outreach” efforts. The Guild archives were missing a couple of programs from those auctions and one of the quilts, identified as “Muskoka’s Autumn Glory”, was sorely lacking in documentation. A request for information was included in the column but “Outreach” quilts usually end up in places and circumstances that make following up on them virtually impossible. This happens to be one of those very rare occasions when I am able to share with you a great story about what became of one of our quilts.

From being something of a mystery, “Muskoka’s Autumn Glory” has become probably the best documented quilt in the “cancer quilt” series, thanks to Pinetree Quilters’ Guild member Peggy Clark-Guiry.

In 2004 when this story takes place, the “cancer” quilts that had been donated were divided into three groups: one group for Casa Loma; one group for Stratford; and one group that eventually arrived in Calgary to be auctioned there, and where Peggy just happened to be living at the time. Peggy and her mom, Bette Clark, visiting her at the time, attended the auction of that particular group of quilts. Of the group that was being auctioned that evening, one third of the number was sold by live auction and the other two-thirds were sold in a silent auction. Unbeknownst to her mom, Peggy spotted the quilt identified as having been made by her mother’s guild in Ontario in the silent auction and placed a series of bids on it. Because of her connection to it, she was determined to buy that quilt and after some forceful negotiating with a couple of other interested bidders, succeeded in purchasing it for a not negligible amount. (That’s a detail for Peggy to share with whom she chooses!) Peggy got her quilt and thanks to her and to the Pinetree Quilters’ Guild of Muskoka, the Canadian Cancer Society got a significant contribution.

But the story doesn’t end there. Peggy’s Calgary home, with “Muskoka’s Autumn Glory” as the focal point for decorating, was featured in a program broadcast on the HGTV network and shared with a much larger audience than the Guild members who made that quilt could have ever imagined!

And now...”Muskoka’s Autumn Glory” (along with Peggy) has made its way back to Muskoka where the story all began. Peggy has very kindly donated a copy of the 2004 show guide/catalogue of quilts to the Guild archives and given permission to share the quilt story.

It’s good to fill in the gaps in the archived information about the Guild and its activities but what makes it even better is to be able to follow up on an Outreach project and get some sense of the fact that the quilts that members make do have an impact.

Programs such as the Cuddle Quilt workshops, the “Quilts of Valour” quilts, the dialysis quilts, the cancer quilts, the quilts sent to Hurricane Katrina victims and the Japanese earthquake victims, and all of the other initiatives that have been undertaken over the years by Guild members and continue in the name of Guild. “Outreach” provide a unique opportunity to learn new skills, hone old ones, and especially, to get together with old friends and new in a smaller group in a social setting. If you are new to quilting or a new member of the Guild, this is the sharing part of Guild membership. Try it. It’s fun. If you have belonged for a while but haven’t participated recently, maybe it’s time to revisit the opportunity. And just every now and again you have the satisfaction of learning that all of the laughter and love that fills those group sessions and goes out with those quilts is truly appreciated by someone somewhere.

Please Note:

Further to last month’s column, I wish to make a correction and offer a sincere apology to Bette Clark and the members of the Muskoka Lakes Quilters. Bette very kindly drew to my attention that the library quilt that was made to her specific design for the Port Carling library was made by members of the Muskoka Lakes Quilters Guild. This is a group to which she also belongs, and that neither it, nor the vestments that Bette made for the United Church of Canada have any connection with the Pinetree Quilters’ Guild of Muskoka. It was simply my intention to celebrate the talents of my fellow Guild members, not to disrespect the work and talent of any other group or individual. I am sincerely sorry for any confusion I may have caused inadvertently or offense I may have given.



CLICK ON IT

Submitted by Dianne Gronfors

http://www.womenfolk.com/quilt_pattern_history/
quilting history, patterns, frugal quilting.

<http://blog.nfb.ca/2011/02/17/quilt-fever/>
Titled Quilt, this short film uses computer and experimental techniques to illustrate traditional quilting motifs choreographed to music. Very cool to watch.

Have you noticed the new slideshow feature on our website? I am trying it out on our meeting photos and on trunk shows. If you haven't seen them yet, please take a look and let me know what you think. Should we keep this feature?

To our many new members, photos are taken at all Guild functions and they then will appear on our website. If you do NOT wish to have your photo on the website, please let Wendy Beverley (with the camera) and Dianne Gronfors know so that we can honour your wishes. Names are not associated with images at any time except for guest lecturers.

MEMBERSHIP

Submitted by Rosemary Carrington

In May we welcomed two new members to the Guild - **Val Whitton** and **Niccole Balders Kaune**. We hope you both continue to enjoy the Guild meetings and take part in the various activities that are offered throughout the year.

Our membership now stands at 140.

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.

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

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Submitted by Eileen Baron

We have purchased three new books.
Luminous Landscapes by Gloria Loughman.
Construction and stitching techniques, for quilted
visions in paint and thread.

Quick Little Landscape Quilts by Joyce R. Becker. 24
Easy Techniques to create a masterpiece

Quilting Modern by Jacquie Gering and Katie
Pedersen. Techniques and projects for improvisational
quilts.

We also received a number of books from Guests and
our members last month, these include:

Accent on Angles by Susan Purney Mark. Easy strip-
set quilts, Susan gave a workshop in April and she very
kindly donated her book.

Folded Fabric by Joyce Mori.

Go Wild with Quilts and Go Wild with Quilts again,
two books that have wonderful patterns of birds and
animals.

French Braid Quilts by Jane Hardy Miller with Arlene
Netten. 14 quick quilts with dramatic results.

Fast Fun & Easy Fabric Boxes by Linda Johansen. 8
great designs with unlimited possibilities.

This month will be a great time to take home some
books since you will have longer to enjoy them, each
member is allowed a total of three books including
videos.

MYSTERY QUILT – SOLVED!

Submitted by Mary Lou Hamilton

I have enjoyed presenting to you **The Cottage
Country Mystery Quilt**. I felt there was some meaning
to each block that I included in this quilt. So that you
know and can tell others what your quilt is all about
here is an explanation:

The Shoo Fly block -- What would Muskoka be if we
didn't have those pesky black flies and mosquitoes?

The Sawtooth Star -- What beauty we have in our night
time skies with all the millions of stars up there.

The Bear Paw -- We have black bears in our woods.
We may not see them but should be aware that they are
out there.

The Maple Leaf -- The maple trees give us such
beautiful colour in the fall. And of course is very
Canadian !

Pinwheel -- Represented summer fun to me.

Friendship Star -- We all have friends who want to
visit us in our beautiful land of lakes and forests. And
we have special friends who live here with us.

The centre of the quilt has our cottage home and our
tall windblown pinetrees. One pinetree is a replica of
the pewter pin given at our 20th Anniversary Luncheon.

Surrounding the entire quilt are waves to depict the
many lakes and rivers all around us.

The inner borders are the many roads we must drive to
get to cottage country.

The little four patches are the bumps and trials along
the way.

Have fun telling others about the quilt you made all
about Cottage County.

P.S. I have another mystery quilt lined up for the fall. I
hope that you will join in with me to do this one too!

THE HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISH CLUB

FOR :

JUNE

Sandy
Sue Cleveland
Marg Legris
Ruth Mauren
Kelly Andresen
Janet Rogers
Wilma Johnson
Rena Liebster



Pam Guthrie
Sandra Rasmussen
Donna Mullen
Marianne Scott

JULY

Sue McCallum
Wendy Beverly
Barb. Coburn
Trixie Barr
Kimberley Redwood
Linda Boon
Joanne Kourtz
Sylvia Bouchard
Marianne Meeuwisse
Judy Kobe
Ena Rietveld
Nancy Lynch
Kimberley Redwood

Linda Ferguson
Velma Hanna
Dorothy Stoddard
Marsha Smart
Gillian Woan
Pat Northmore
Joan Behm
Irene Starling
Leona O'Byrne
Barbara Bentley
Betsy Purchase
Carlene Killarn

AUGUST

Maurene Hammond
Sandra Wilson
Heather Smith
Joanne Smith
Margaret Gage
Joyce Rumney
Dora Shea
Jean MacIver

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

Aug. 11 & 12, 2012

Almaguin Quilters' Guild presents "QUILTING IN THE COUNTRY"

**The Sohm Homestead, 167 Bunker Hill Rd.
South River, ON**

Admission \$5 – Husbands FREE

Merchant mall, tea room door prizes quilt raffle etc.

For more info contact dlandry45@gmail.com

or Sandra 705-386-0275

Sept. 14, 15, & 16, 2012

Simcoe County

QUILT, RUG & CRAFT FAIR

Simcoe County Museum

1151 Hwy 26, Minesing, Ont. (5 min north of Barrie)

Admission \$6

For more info www.museum.simcoe.ca

Or call at 705-728-3721

Sept. 27, 28 & 29th

Oxford Quilters Guild presents

PIECES OF MAGIC QUILT SHOW

Ingersoll District Memorial Centre (Arena)

97 Mutual St., N, Ingersoll ON

Admission \$5

Featured Quilt Artist: Jim Wilford

More than 200 quilts on display, guild challenge quilts, merchant mall, tea room etc.

For more info. www.oxfordquiltersguild.com or

pomshow@gmail.com

Sept. 29 – 30th, 2012

QUILTING AROUND CHAUTAUQUA

Chautauqua, New York

Over 800 quilts on display, over 65 vendors.

Guest Lecturers: Marianne & Mary Fons, Sue Hausmann, Mattie Rhoades

Pre-register for lectures and classes online at

www.quiltingaroundchautauqua.com



Your name tag

Money for 50/50

Sign in at Welcome table

Items for Show and Tell

Library Books

Mug

Potluck dish

Dishes

\$5 birthday gift (quilt related)