



PINE TREE QUILTERS' GUILD OF MUSKOKA

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Submitted by Elizabeth Hughes

Many of you are probably at the same stage I am as you read this. It is a time when we scurry around getting ready with our many gifts, decorations and food preparation. Right now I have one mitt ready to felt and a sock just about done. Problem is they have two hands and two feet. I'm not complaining about that but do wish I was on the second sock and mitt. I have a Landscape that needs to be finished by Christmas day also. Food and decorations are not even thought of. Now mind you it is just Nov. 24th.

Yes, your Executive prepares for each meeting well ahead of time and we need to tell them that we appreciate them. Maybe you can make that part of your day at our meeting where we laugh, visit, enjoy the show and tell and of course EAT.

I personally would like to thank the Quilt Show Committee and the 20th Anniversary Committee for all the work they have done during 2011 to make our Pine Tree year very special. I trust you all will have a very Happy and Healthy Christmas and wish you the Best for 2012.

PROGRAMS

Submitted by Barb Coburn

Dec. 8 Bracebridge Arena 11:30 a.m.

Come and enjoy another delicious Pot Luck Lunch. You will need to bring your food contribution, plate, cutlery and mug. At this meeting we are collecting toiletry items to donate to our women's shelters. If you are making a Christmas stocking, please bring it to the meeting so they can be included with the donations. We will have a special draw for the ladies who bring in their stockings.



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

If you are looking for ideas about making labels for your quilts, this meeting is for you. If you want to jot down some of the information, please bring note paper and a pen.

WORKSHOPS

Submitted by Heather Ingram

Friday, January 13, 2012 from 9:00 am. to 4:00 pm

Judy Kobe's "Delicious Four Corners Apron" workshop. The cost is only \$15 plus \$10 for the pattern. It's the perfect workshop for all levels – a fun, sociable day! While I will not have an official sign-up table at the December meeting, I would be happy to fill the last few spaces if you track me down. The prep work & the project are both easy. I'm making mine from my stash.

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MEMBERSHIP

Submitted by Sandra Hartill

We received 51 more renewals in November.

PLEASE COME EARLY IF YOU WANT TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP. Please have a cheque for \$25 made out to the Pinetree Quilters Guild as the committee would like to enjoy the Pot Luck Luncheon. and cash if you must but it takes more time to process.

Thanks for your consideration. See you in December

OUTREACH

Submitted by Sylvia Bouchard

Please bring your completed Christmas stocking and a toiletry item for Interval house/Chrysalis when you come to the Christmas pot luck! For Information about the cuddle quilts and quilts of valour, notify Sylvia Bouchard 705-687-0412 or e-mail sylvie.bee@bell.net

LIBRARY

Submitted by Linda Speller



At the December meeting, there will be a few books and magazines available for sale at a nominal price. There are no new books profiled for this month, but numerous donations have been added to the library thanks to the generosity of our members. You can check the guild website under Library at any time to see what is available.

“CLICK” ON IT

Submitted by Dianne Gronfors

This month's links take you to places that provide short-cuts to quilting projects. The Moda Bakeshop has patterns designed to be used with the various types of pre-cuts that are available now. This site is updated regularly with new projects. The Blog of Linda Franz is a good one too. Many of you may remember when Linda (and Monkey) were guests at our Guild several years ago. Linda has developed a system called Inklingo which uses your computer and printer. The software prints cutting and sewing lines right on your fabric with safe dyes. It takes the ease and accuracy of Triangulations (c) or Thangles (c) one step further. <http://www.modabakeshop.com/p/bakery.html> - main page with links to projects using the different types of pre-cuts.

<http://www.lindafranz.com/blog/> - blog by Canadian Linda Franz who was a guest speaker at our guild several years ago.



If you've been waiting for the website to update, please be patient. This has been a particularly busy month for me so the guild website has taken a back seat. I'll do it. I promise.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Submitted by Shirley Anne Sturgess



Nominations Committee is busy and happy to report that there are enthusiastic members willing to guide the activities for the future of our Guild.

HAVE YOU OFFERED TO PARTICIPATE?

ARCHIVES

Submitted by Susan McCallum

Do you have a collection of “Orphan Blocks”? Orphans are those odd blocks left over after a project has been completed; or that didn't quite fit in colour-wise; or that sized out just a twitch off; or were won in a block challenge or an exchange and aren't quite to your taste; or just otherwise hang around in the scrap basket because they are not exactly scraps but they simply don't belong in a family of other blocks or have a place to call home. Most of us have at least a couple of them.

In November of 2002, Guild members were asked to bring their “orphan” blocks to the regular meeting at Rowanwood. Quite a collection of mismatched, unrelated blocks were assembled and it seemed that nothing could be made from such a jumble of sizes and colours and patterns.

At the January 23, 2003, meeting, again at Rowanwood, the members worked as a group placing and replacing all of those sadly mismatched blocks on flannel sheets hung on the walls for the purpose, under the gentle guidance of Donna Edwards. Although there were enough blocks for three full-sized quilts, attention focused on a particular group of them and slowly but surely, the possibility of a quilt top began to appear amongst all of those apparently unrelated chunks of fabric, once members began to see the possibilities with the addition of a sashing or two here or there and an additional small filler block in one spot or another. At the end of the meeting, Donna volunteered to take them home and sew them together.

A month later, on February 27, 2003, the completed top was shown to the members at the Rowanwood meeting.

By May 23, 2003, the top had been matched with batting and back and was mounted on a frame at Pastimes Hobby Shop in Huntsville for members to come in and quilt at their leisure. Quilting wasn't completed during the time it was mounted at Pastimes and the June 2004 newsletter mentions that plans are being made to continue with the quilting in the fall of 2004.

Finally, by the meeting of November 11, 2004, the Orphan Block Quilt, as it came to be known, was completed. But then, a decision had to be made as to what should become of it. The "Quilt for a Cure" initiative to which the Guild had contributed a quilt for many years had come to an end. Changes in legislation had made it virtually impossible for the Guild to get the necessary permits to hold a public raffle, and the general consensus amongst the members was that all of those sad, unrelated, mismatched blocks had blossomed into a beautiful top—much too good to simply give away without purpose. After considerable discussion, it was decided to donate the quilt to the Canadian Cancer Society with the stipulations that it would be the focus of a raffle to be held at the Guild quilt show to be held in July, 2005, and that the proceeds of that raffle would be used to benefit local residents.

And that is what came to pass. Those ugly duckling blocks were transformed into the beautiful "Orphan Block Quilt" featured as a raffle prize and admired by all who saw it. Maybe we should have another look at those ones we have been ignoring in our scrap baskets and consider the possibilities.



May 2003: Olive Tomlinson with the Orphan Block quilt on the frame at Pastimes

THE HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISH CLUB

Carol Hipson



Irene Green
Heather Ingram
Eleanor Aderson
Bev Hall
Barb Bryant
Joanne McKinnon
Tina Bax
Mary McFarlane

Cathy Collard
Deb Crockatt
Wendy Wight
Carolyn Dyk

To those whom I might have missed, I apologize. I ask that you let me know when your birthday month is. I'll have my chart at the December meeting.

OTHER EVENTS

May 18, May 19 and May 20, 2012.

Heidelberg, ON.

Quilt Line as the Third Design Aspect will be held on Friday and again on Sunday. Painting Images With Dyes will be held on Saturday. This is an amazing opportunity to learn from an international teacher like Hollis Chatelain who has won numerous awards and her work is exhibited internationally. You can view her work at www.hollisart.com

June 28- July 3, 2012

Vermont Quilt Festival

(with host Carrol Reid)

Join Carrol as you embark on 6 days & 5 nights of Quilting Heaven.

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If you got this far!!!

POT LUCK DISH (YUM) – plates, cutlery & mug

Your name tag

Sign in at Welcome table

Items for Show and Tell

Money for 50/50

Library Books



MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR IN 2012