

PINE TREE QUILTERS' GUILD OF MUSKOKA

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Meetings at Bracebridge Memorial Arena,
169 James St., Bracebridge, ON, 2nd floor
Second Thursday of the month 1 – 3pm

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Submitted by Barb Coburn

I am sure that you are all busy with preparations for the many holiday activities that December brings. This is always a special time for families to get together, whether you are expecting everyone at your house or you are planning to travel to their homes. Many of you will be putting those last minute stitches into quilts that will become very cherished gifts.

With a new plan to make the business portion of our meetings shorter so we have more time for Show and Tell and the program I want to remind you that you will have to pay particular attention to the committee reports so you won't miss any important information. As well, Dianne Gronfors does an excellent job of keeping our website up to date.

I am pleased to tell you that four ladies have stepped forward to look after our Outreach program. More volunteers will be very welcome. If you feel that you have some time to give please let me know.

We always anticipate our December meetings as it gives us time to share excellent food and camaraderie. I hope you can take time from your hectic schedules to join us.

Season's Greetings,
Barb

PROGRAMS

Submitted by Marianne Meeuwisse & Mary Reimer

DECEMBER 12- our Famous potluck lunch starts at noon. Please do not come in **before 11.30am.**

- Bring; your food choices, plates. cutlery and mug.

-A minimum of 25 buttons

-A quilt related gift of under \$5.00, wrapped, no name on it.

-A happy mood, ready to enjoy another fun filled afternoon.

JANUARY 9- A trunkshow presentation by Sue Bodis and Wanda Milankov "Sew squared" Two ladies from Thimbles and Things in Orillia.

WORKSHOPS

JAN. 10, 2014 Square in a square workshop.

Sue and Wanda from Orillia's Thimbles'n'things, will give us a trunk show and workshop in January. The workshop will be held at the Sportsplex 9 – 4 on Friday the 10th. We are doing **a Lotus Flower**. The cost is \$30 per member, limited seating to 15, which includes a pattern. There will be rulers and books available for sale during the workshop. Remember, payment is required at the time of sign-up by cheque only, please.

MEMBERSHIP

Submitted by Rosemary Carrington

In November we welcomed two new members, Lana Young and Dale McMillan. We hope they continue to enjoy the meetings, guest speakers and workshops. Carrol and I are still working on the format for a new members booklet which we hope to get printed for the New Year. Have a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Rosemary Carrington,
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CLICK ON IT

Submitted by Dianne Gronfors

<http://quiltville.blogspot.ca/p/cute-tutes.html> - Bonnie Hunter has taken the time to consolidate a list of her favourite tutorials from around the web. Must be something there that you would like.

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/lwr/collections/72157594587080023/> - a collection of images of alphabet letters – free to use. Trace for appliqué, print on printable fabric to make a wall hanging or to add a child's name to a quilt. Use your imagination.

<http://www.thebusybean.com/2012/12/how-to-selvege-star-pillow/> - use your selvages to make a star block. Turn it into a pillow top or make several stars and make a quilt.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

A very special thank you to all who helped with the coffee and treats for the November meeting. I was able to join a group of folks from Port Carling/Bala United church on a mission to Christian Island to deliver much needed food, toiletries and clothing. I was grateful to have been a part of this.

Peggy Clark-Guiry,

Do you know a guild member who could use a card for condolences, get well, thinking of you etc.? If so, please contact Tina Bax and she will send one on behalf of the guild.
Email: _btbax2004@yahoo.ca

OUTREACH

Submitted by Joanne Smith

Six members recently met to discuss future outreach programs. It was decided to wait until the new year to investigate who is in need of cuddle quilts and when and where cuddle shop workshops will be held.

Cuddle quilt kits will be available at the December meeting at the back table. Kits are bundled with precut fabric and the pattern to use – all you need to do is to whip them up!

Anyone with outstanding cuddle quilt kits please remember to bring the completed tops in!

Are you interested in helping with the Outreach program? Please email me, Joanne, napperzzz@cogeco.ca

FRIENDSHIP FLAGS

Submitted by Marianne Meeuwisse

Friendship Flags

It is so exciting to see our Friendship flag chain grow at each meeting.

We now have 63 flags.

Almost everyone is different and we are across the meeting room and ready to start on the long sides. Remember the Challenge;

Are we going to be able to go right around the room by May?????

This is only 5 month away! Please ladies get sewing.

After this we hang them between the quilt racks during the Quilt Show for everyone to see.

If you would like your flags returned to you at the June Potluck, please make sure your name is on them. Meanwhile I carry them back and forth to the meetings.

Below is a short reminder of the history and purpose of these flags

Prayer/Friendship Flags short history

The origin of Prayer Flags is believed to be from the time before Buddhism started.

Traditionally, Prayer Flags are used to promote peace, compassion, strength and wisdom.

The Flags do not carry prayers to God, rather the Tibetans believe that the prayers will be blown by the wind to spread the goodwill and compassion into all-pervading space.

By hanging the Prayer flags in high places the blessings depicted on them will be carried to all beings and bring benefit to all.

As the wind passes over the surface of the flags, which are very sensitive to the slightest movement of the wind, the air is purified and sanctified.

Traditionally the prayer flags come in sets of five, the solid colours range from left to right; **Blue** for Sky; **White** for air and wind; **Red** for fire; **Green** for water; **Yellow** for earth.

According to traditional Tibetan medicine; Health and Harmony are produced through the balance of these five elements.

The Modern Quilter's Guild in Vancouver was making these flags in their guild. In April 2013 the bombing at the Boston Marathon happened and a lot of athletes and spectators were killed and injured. The whole country grieved.

The word went out and many people sent friendship flags to Boston, in fact there were 1754 flags sent from all over the world in support of the families and the injured.

This project was called "To Boston with Love". The flags were part of the memorial service in Boston and are hanging in the Museum of Fine Arts.

(Google; vancouvermodernquiltguild.ca)

Our guild makes the flags to show friendship and caring between our members.

You may make a flag in memory of a special someone, to give support to a friend in need, or just to feel that you belong to a group of great ladies in our guild.

They can depict anything, but should be able to be viewed from both sides.

The instructions are in a former newsletter.

If there are any questions please feel free to call Marianne at 705-645-6549

LIBRARY

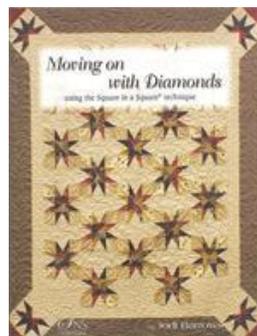
Submitted by Halina Dales

Your Library:

- Just for fun ... information on library usage is being collected.
 - Since September, 78 items have been borrowed by 41 different people.
 - And, since September, 27 books have been added to your library. 21 were purchased and 6 were donated. Many of the new books are themes or specific books you requested.
- Please continue suggesting books or themes that would be of interest.
- A reminder will be sent out before the January meeting, telling you which library items you have. Please return them at the January meeting. At this point, reminders are planned for January, before the June and September meetings.
- The holiday season is a great time to curl up with a quilting book or magazine to provide inspiration for New Year's projects!

The library has nine new books this month!

In January we will have 'Quilts of Dufferin County', Japanese Quilting and maybe one or two books on modern quilting. Stay tuned!

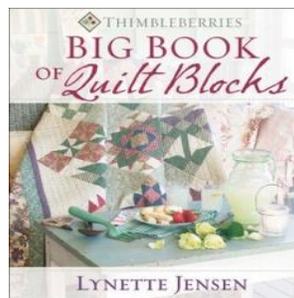


#453 Moving On With Diamonds
by Jodi Barrows

The Square in a Square system has always offered beautiful quilt designs with no triangle troubles. This new diamonds book expands the design possibilities with 18 new Options.

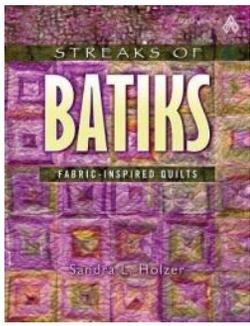
The technique has moved on with the 18 new diamond shapes. This concept of simple strip sewing turns any level of seamstress into a Master Quilter!

No more Y seams, set in pieces, or ripping it out again! The diamond center has expanded in ability, creating circles, curves, movement, depth and dimension to simple strip piecing.



#454 Thimbleberries Big Book of Quilt Blocks
by Lynette Jensen

Presenting 60 quilt block designs that combine to make five distinctive quilts, this collection features techniques for various skill levels, a progressive approach that moves from easy to more complicated blocks, quilt making basics, a broad range of quilt designs that varies from casual to formal, and different quilt-making styles.



**# 455 Streaks of Batiks:
Fabric-Inspired Quilts**
by Sandra L. Holzer

The traditional way to piece quarter-square triangle blocks is to cut squares into pieces before sewing the patches together-it's tricky and it wastes fabric, especially with directional prints. Sandra shows you how to cut and sew strips for a simple, waste-free method to create these blocks. If you use streaked batiks or striped fabrics, the design results are pure eye candy. One easy technique gives you a lifetime of design possibilities, and the sewing is simplicity itself. Use these versatile blocks for: Art quilts, appliqué backgrounds, quilt borders, and interesting backings.



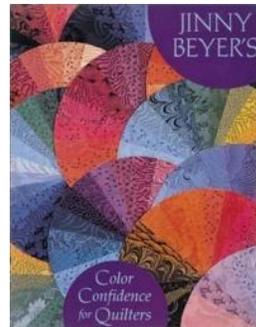
**#456 Batik Quilts: Best
of Fons & Porter**
by Marianne Fons, Liz Porter

Create paradise with quilts in exotic fabrics! Whether you want to make a small quilt, a bed-size one, or something in between, you're sure to find plenty to love. Fons & Porter's popular Sew Easy lessons are included for extra help with special techniques. There is also an article about how batik fabrics are made. 24 Designs.



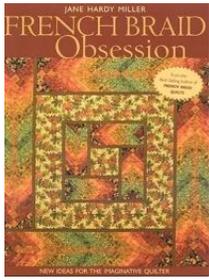
#457 Kaleidoscopes & Quilts
by Paula Nadelstern

Filled with actual images of kaleidoscopes, this book covers the elements of design and techniques used to create the random nature of the scope's interior on the flat surface of a quilt. The color and complexity of Paula's quilts invite the reader to return again and again. Step-by-step instructions will inspire quilters to see the possibilities in fabric in a whole new way.



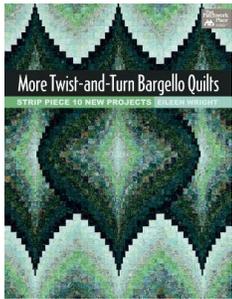
**# 458 Jinny Beyer's Color
Confidence for Quilters**
by Jinny Beyer

Drawn from her own experience in teaching and making quilts, Jinny Beyer's "Master Palette" system is great for quilters who want to develop color confidence quickly and easily without studying formal color theory. Quilters will learn how to create a smooth-flowing palette with no jumps from dark to light or one color to the next, and will also learn the secrets to "coloring" a quilt by shading colors and fabrics or scattering them throughout a quilt.



**#459 French Braid Obsession:
New Ideas for the Imaginative Quilter**
by Jane Hardy Miller

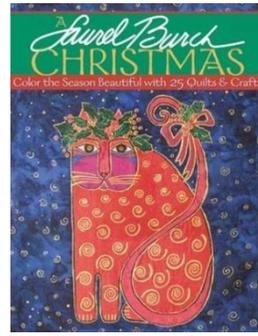
Take your French braid quilts in dramatic new directions with bold new shapes and sizes, techniques, and colors. 8 projects.



#460 More Twist-And-Turn Bargello Quilts: Strip Piece 10 New Projects
by Eileen Wright

Quilters keep asking for more of Eileen Wright's fascinating bargello quilts that seem to wiggle, bend, twist, and turn

Immerse yourself in the beauty of 10 new bargello projects ranging in size from a bed runner to queen-size quilts--including a bargello for Baby--plus pillowcases. Learn Eileen's efficient and enjoyable quilt-by-number technique, which takes the guesswork out of the construction process. Find quilt patterns for everyone from confident beginners to advanced quilters



**#461 Laurel Burch
Christmas: Color the Season
Beautiful with 25 Quilts & Crafts**
by Laurel Burch

Get ready for an enchanting Christmas as you fill your home with beautiful quilts and crafts inspired by famed artist Laurel Burch. Try these fun, imaginative projects ranging from very easy to more challenging.

25 projects include quilts, stockings, ornaments, tree skirts, and more.



- Food for potluck
- Dishes for eating
- \$5 quilt related gift, wrapped
- Buttons (at least 25)
- Show & Tell
- Money for 50/50 draw
- Library books