



PINE TREE QUILTERS' GUILD OF MUSKOKA

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Submitted by Shirley Anne Sturgess

Ah! Spring! Here in Muskoka we still have snow covering our gardens, yet before April is over, it will be replaced with daffodils; tulips and that lovely scent of hyacinths. Can't you just taste the fresh asparagus, BBQ lamb and fiddleheads, life is good.

It was a pleasure to see everyone at the Annual General Meeting, if you blinked, it was over and the committee reports were in the Newsletter for you to read at your leisure. The Show and Tell again, was a wonderful reminder of what goes on behind closed doors and the Satellite Groups brought a whole new meaning to sewing bees and pot luck dinners. It's wonderful to know that everywhere quilters are sharing ideas, skills and their many talents, as well as recipes for yet another great dish. Perhaps it's time for another cook book?

To those that took the time to drop a suggestion in the Hat, your answers are in this Newsletter. Keep them coming.

To every new member, we are most grateful that you chose to join Pine Tree Quilters' and hope that you find the fellowship of the members warm and inviting and the Program topics challenging and stimulating. Please, if you have any ideas for our programs, or suggestions that YOU would like to see addressed, pop your suggestion in the Hat and we'll do our best to make your wishes come true.

To everyone who wants to spend a great day with friends (some donuts too) and have a good learning experience, please sign up for a workshop you'll be glad you did.

Happy quilting!



PROGRAMS

Submitted by Barb Coburn

April 9 Bracebridge Arena 1:00 p.m.

Our guest for this meeting will be Lucy Ann Holliday. Her presentation called "Why Do We Quilt" is a humorous and thought-provoking talk on this most important topic.

May 14 1:00 p.m. Bracebridge Arena

Pat Menary Trunk Show. Pat works in miniature. Her show will feature many little treasures. I am sure you will be amazed at how small a quilt can be. She has had patterns and quilts published in a variety of quilt magazines

WORKSHOPS

Submitted by Heather Ingram

Wednesday, April 8th, 9am to 4pm at the Sportsplex is the Durham Quilting workshop with Lucy Anne Holliday. As well as collaborating on books, she is an expert quilter, teacher & quilt judge. Durham Quilting comes from the north of England & often refers to "whole cloth" or "white on white" quilts. In this workshop student will discuss the planning, designing & execution of a full sized "white on white" quilt & should go home with a cushion cover to get started on this beautiful expression of the Durham Quilting art form. There are still a couple of spots available. Remember it's Wednesday, not Friday. So any additions to the class list have to be made before Wednesday. Call Heather 645-6829.

Friday, May 15th, Pat Menary will be teaching her miniature class "Threads of Time". Pat has been specializing in miniature heirloom quilts since 1989. Her work has been exhibited in Europe, the USA & Canada & she has been teaching throughout Canada for the past 28 years.

In this class students will enjoy an old fashioned day handpiecing a miniature spools heirloom quilt. You can dig into your scrap bag to create 2 inch blocks of charming spinning spools. The last two spaces will likely fill up at the April meeting.



Conquer a new book!!

MEMBERSHIP

Submitted by Sandra Harthill

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LIBRARY NEWS: BOOK REPORT

Submitted by Carrol Reid

“PIECED BORDERS” – THE COMPLETE RESOURCE

By Authors Judy Martin and Marsha McCloskey

We've all admired those gorgeous antique quilts with the intricate borders. Have you ever noticed how many of the truly memorable quilts that you see have pieced borders? There's no question about it: pieced borders make a quilt special. Yet, admit it, most of us have slapped on four ordinary strips to finish a quilt, even when we knew that it would look better with a pieced border. Sometimes you just want to be done with it.

This book is organized with plenty of photos, illustrations, captions, subheads and tip boxes to make it easy to find information. There are a dozen complete quilt patterns or 200 ready to use border patterns.

One section deals with designing and drafting borders including making stock or traditional borders. There are charts to help with the calculations to make border planning easier and more enjoyable. From the information provided you can figure out how to plan an appropriate pieced border from the bounty of designs provided or how to adapt your own design to a specific quilt.

You will find everything you need to know about pieced borders in this book. If you want to learn some math and drafting tips, you will find them here. Whether you are looking for creative design ideas or tried and true shortcuts and techniques you will find what you need.

OUTREACH - CUDDLE QUILTS

Submitted by Carrol Reid

We would like to ask that any cuddle quilt kits that you have that are finished or unfinished, that you return them to the guild as soon as possible. We are trying to do an inventory of what is out with members and would also like to use some of the squares from existing kits to make into other kits.

JAMES ST. PLACE PROGRAM

Submitted by Marianne Meeuwisse

We had a very successful meeting in March with 16 people present for a basic sewing skills session. We demo'd and talked about pre-washing your fabric or not; how to square your fabric before cutting; how to use the mat and rotary cutter; how to make and square 1/2 square triangles; 1/4 square triangles; 1/2 square 1/4 square triangles and snowballs.

April 23, no meeting

May 28, an opportunity to practice more embroidery and embellishments and socialize.

GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS

Submitted by Pauline Lucas



Marianne was born in 1934 in Eindhoven, the Netherlands, where her father worked for Phillips, and at the age of six she and her family moved to Utrecht where she attended public school and high school.

After graduation from high school, at 17, Marianne wanted to go to art academy but her parents thought a 17 year old alone in Amsterdam was not a good thing. After getting her diploma in four different art and craft classes and taking Art History and Psychology courses, Marianne was able to teach in public school. Then her career path took another turn when she went into nursing. This was a three year diploma course.

It was around this time Marianne met her husband-to-be. He spent three years in Sweden during the war and knew he didn't want to stay in Holland, so he came to Ontario to check things out, went to college where he found jobs in two different veterinary practices for the summer. When he came back to the Netherlands he told Marianne he wanted to live in Canada. So, they got married and embarked on their journey to Canada. This was in May of 1959, and Marianne still recalls coming up the St. Lawrence and leaving winter behind as they came further south-west, and coming into spring when they reached Montreal.

Marianne's husband had qualified as a vet in Holland and they started out in Guelph where he wrote the Ontario Board exams, they moved to Seaforth and then to Matheson in Northern Ontario, and in 1962 they moved to St. Thomas in Southern Ontario and in five years they had four children. Marianne's nursing background was a great help to her husband as he operated his veterinary practice from the house and she was able to assist him. In St. Thomas, in the 70's, a friend was taking a quilting course and told Marianne there were openings and asked if she was interested in going along. They learned four techniques in two days, one technique was log cabin. So, Marianne made a log cabin quilt for each of her children - using the quilt as you go method.

In 1989 her husband retired and they moved to Bracebridge. In 1997 she heard from Isobel Milne about the Guild and came along as a guest, and Marianne decided to become a member - and the rest, as they say, is history.

Marianne has been Membership Chair and President, and currently she and Sylvia organize the meetings at James Street Place. We have all seen the beautiful quilts, wall hangings and garments Marianne has made, and can appreciate how much attention to detail she takes to have everything look so well finished.

Thanks, Marianne, for taking the time with me for this article, and also for the efforts you put in for the Guild members, at workshops and at Guild meetings and at James Street Place.

OTHER INFORMATION

PINS

Submitted by Elizabeth Hughes

Pine Tree Quilt pins are available for \$4.00 at the Membership Desk.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Quilts in the **Gardens at the Royal Botanical Gardens**, Burlington, on **April 25th-26, 2009** -- www.quiltsinthegardens.com

This show is put on by the Halton Quilters' Guild. There will be workshops, quilts from guild members and if you want to put a quilt in you may. This is to be a large show. Go on line to see what it is all about. They are aiming to make this show the Houston show of Canada. Non guild members may take the workshops.

Quilt Saskatchewan 2009

Come join us at Quilt SK!!

Check out the website at

http://www.canadianquilter.com/events/index_events_quiltcanada2009.htm

for workshop availability and registration information.

Contact Jackie Philpott or Denise Constable for Meet the Teacher and banquet tickets. You can reach Jackie at 877-672-8777 or by email at administration@canadianquilter.com Denise can be reached at (306) 955-0614 or by email at d.constable@sasktel.net

We look forward to seeing you there!

SUGGESTION BOX

From March 12th

Is there any provision for the assets to be distributed, should the guild de cease?

Replies varied from: Revisions and Amendments to our Constitution regarding assets and dissolution and any other matters of importance can be dealt with at our next Annual General meeting. Our Constitution was revised in 2002, 2004, and 2007 and these matters were not discussed. Our guild is alive and well.

New committee, suggestions have a 'guild' quilt retreat at Miss Bee Haven, support that business

Replies varied from: **GO FOR IT!** , create the new committee and organize the retreat. Miss Bee Haven is a wonderful place for a retreat and accommodates 8 people. If there is sufficient interest in a guild retreat, it could be arranged at a different facility.

Organize a bus trip to Burlington Quilts in the Garden 2010

Replies included: **GO FOR IT!** Volunteer to organize it. There might be a great interest among the Guild members to take a bus trip. The next Burlington (Halton) Quilt show is however until 2011 yet there may be other destinations to explore.

Fund an award of cash for a CQA winning Quilt
Replies were: Is winning a rosette not enough of a reward? I don't think rosette winners need a monetary reward, I've been lucky enough to win a couple of rosettes and that's the thrill. Might look good when we look financially healthy, but if not, what then? Why not give a financial reward to a winning quilt in our own show?

As you know this suggestion box was spontaneous and the executive was delighted to receive your questions and provide some answers. You can see the replies are varied but be assured; they generated as much thought as you did submitting them. Please continue to ask questions, make suggestions; we strive to make Our Guild the best for every member.

GOOD NEWS ITEMS

Submitted by Shirley Anne Sturgess

20th Anniversary Quilt - Good news to share is that two of our Guild members have come forward and offered to take on the task of developing, designing and dreaming about a quilt to celebrate our 20th Anniversary. There will be many opportunities for others to get involved so keep your talents handy and be part of the festivities.

20th Anniversary Celebrations - Great news also that five of our members will come together in the Fall to plan creative ways for us (everyone) to enjoy our big celebration. If you have any suggestions for this milestone, you can help by popping them in the 'Suggestion Box' and be assured every one will be considered. Good times ahead, enjoy them all.

WANT TO TRAVEL AND QUILT?

Check out this web page. Just happened to find it in my surfing and thought what a hoot.

<http://www.sewmanyplaces.com/>



APRIL IS EARTH MONTH PLEASE – PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR MUGS

Last month we used over 30 Styrofoam cups which is a shame when we reuse our materials but we forget to reuse our mugs.

Buckeye Balls

Ingredients:

1 ½ cups Jif/Kraft Creamy Peanut Butter
½ cup butter softened
1 teaspoon vanilla
½ teaspoon salt
3-4 cups icing sugar

Coating:

1 cup chocolate candy coating wafers
2 tablespoons Crisco All Vegetable shortening

Directions:

1. Combine peanut butter, butter, vanilla and salt in a large bowl, with an electric mixer on low, until blended. Add icing sugar by the ½ cup, until mixture, when shaped into a ball, will hold on a toothpick. Shape into ¾ inch ball. Refrigerate.
2. For coating: Combine candy coating and shortening in microwave-safe bowl or measuring cup. Microwave at 50% for 30 seconds. Stir. Repeat until mixture is smooth. Insert toothpick in peanut butter ball. Dip ¾ of ball into coating. Scrape off excess. Place on wax paper-lined tray. Remove toothpick. Smooth over holes. Refrigerate until firm. Store at room temperature in covered container.

Thanks to Sue Chin