



PINE TREE QUILTERS' GUILD OF MUSKOKA

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A **BIG** thank you to those members who have stepped forward to make our great Guild Greater.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Submitted by Elizabeth Hughes

Ladies, I am writing this from Destin Florida where the sun has finally come out and it is warm. If you were going to pick a winter to stay home you picked a very good one. There have been too many days where we have looked at the gadgets on the computer and found that it is warmer in Muskoka than in Destin. We have had to wear coats and hide in alcoves in order to sit out of the wind but we didn't wear boots or shovel snow. That did come close to us one day though.

As our new Executive begins a new term, I would like to thank each one for being willing to serve the Pine Tree Quilters'. In the coming two years we have some very exciting things happening. Marta will be starting to pull together a committee for the Quilt Show in 2011 and we have our 20th Anniversary party with a very special speaker and during that time we will be having two different workshops. One for the average quilter and one for the advance quilter.

If you have suggestions or ideas for our guild during the next two years, please feel free to contact me.

I have bought a few things while in Destin that I will be giving out at our meetings. Barb and Heather have some exciting meetings and workshops coming up. Please support them in signing up for the workshops. Barb. Hartwick is a whiz when it comes to machines and sewing on them. I think you will enjoy and learn from Barb's talk at our April meeting.

I look forward to seeing you all at our April meeting.

PROGRAMS

Submitted by Barb Coburn

April 8 Bracebridge Arena 1:00 p.m.

Our guest for this meeting will be Barbara Hartwick from Huntsville. Her topic will be "How to Care For Your Sewing Machine". Although we rely on having our machines work for us efficiently, I am sure that we all tend to neglect keeping it in top running order. Barbara's talk should help us make sure our machines do what we want them to do.

WORKSHOPS

Submitted by Heather Ingram

April 22nd “Beyond Stippling II”

By popular demand, Elaine Quehl is returning to our guild from Ottawa. Come prepared to sign up for one of Elaine’s April workshops.

April 23rd “Reflections”

“Reflections” is an art quilt workshop for all the artsy types who have been waiting for exciting inspiration in this direction.

More Details

“Beyond Stippling II” registration is restricted to those who have taken “Beyond Stippling I” with Elaine or “Beginner Machine Quilting” with Elizabeth Hughes as some experience is required. Each workshop costs \$40.00 plus your own materials & registration is limited. I expect these classes to be back at the Sportsplex.

For further information, contact Heather Ingram 645-6829 or hingram2@cogeco.ca

MEMBERSHIP

Submitted by Sandra Hartill

Membership update. In 2010 we currently have 110 members, which include 10 new members. Remember to keep the Membership Committee updated with any changes to your name, address, phone # or email address. Send any changes to Sandra Hartill at scm.hartill@sympatico.ca or call 646-0082

OUTREACH

Submitted by Sylvia Bouchard

IMPORTANT NOTICE



The cuddle quilt workshop has been changed to **Thursday, April 15th, 2010** instead of April 22nd as mentioned in the previous newsletter. It will be held at James St. Place, from 10:00 AM to ~ 3:00 PM. If you have any questions, contact Sylvia Bouchard (705) 687-0412 e-mail sylvie.bee@bell.net

GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS



Our April focus is on Mary Lou Hamilton. Mary Lou was born in Weston in 1950, having two older brothers, and her early years were spent in Colborne, moving to Maple when she was 7 years old, where she resided until she was 53 – 46 years in the same house (not many folks can say that). Grade school years were at George Bailey

Public and then high school, by bus, to Langstaff S.S. in Thornhill and then Bayview S.S. in Richmond Hill. First day at Bayview Secondary was a great day for Mary Lou as she met her future husband Ken. They have been married now for 40 years, raised two daughters and a son, and have four lovely granddaughters, two of whom live in Charlotte, N.C. and two in Brampton.

As Ken was a high school teacher they spent their summer months “up north” and purchased a cottage on Kawagama Lake in 1983, thinking of possibly retiring there. However a property came up for sale on Falkenburg Road close to some friends and they decided to buy it, designing their own house and having it built on the lot. The permanent move to Muskoka came in 2004 after much work moving from the home they had lived in all their married life.

Before moving to Muskoka, Mary Lou worked for 17 years at Southbrook Farm Market and Winery on Major Mackenzie in Richmond Hill, doing everything from baking pies, cash sales, caring for the plants in the garden center, ordering merchandise (in February for the Halloween store), setting up this store in September and then setting up for Christmas and also preparing gift baskets for both retail and corporate sales – a job with lots of variety.

Mary Lou’s mother was a lady who loved handwork and introduced Mary Lou to most of them at a young age – making doll clothes, then progressing to clothes for herself, crocheting, knitting (which wasn’t a success) and finally quilting. Piecing and tying baby quilts were her first endeavors, and then moving on to larger quilts which she had quilted by the ladies at the Weston UCW. She still has some of these early quilts – the cotton parts having worn out, but the polycotton still intact!

Guild experience started at the Region of York Quilting Guild in 1997 as a cousin and she joined and jumped right in going to workshops and finding out how much they had to learn. They signed up for a workshop conducted by John Willard in Haliburton, which was an exercise in “getting out of the box”.

Another hobby Mary Lou enjoys is making furniture and accessories for her collection of three doll houses, made for her by a brother. The doll houses are in 1–12 scale and are absolutely delightful with really interesting pieces and mini-quilts made by Mary Lou.

Those of us who do the Block of the Month at Pinetree know Mary Lou has been using her talents in that area as well, challenging us to make various 9 patch blocks, using fabrics to suit the season we are in. Thanks, Mary Lou, for your efforts on behalf of the Guild.

ARCHIVES

Submitted by Susan McCallum

Look for the current display at the meeting.

INTEREST GROUPS

QUILT ART GROUP

Submitted by Joanne Kourtz

There will not be a meeting in April due to cuddle quilt day. joannekourtz@sympatico.ca

CARE BEAR



A Great big **THANK YOU** for all the lovely mugs and cups and saucers given to me at the March meeting, they are a wonderful reminder of all the terrific

friendships made over the years. Here's to more great quilting and quilting friends! Thanks, Shirley Anne Sturgess

We wish Marlene Clarke and her family well at this time.

OTHER EVENTS

INTERGUILD MEETING

Date: Saturday, April 10, 2010
Place: Shilton Hall, St. John's United Church
56 Victoria St.E. , ALLISTON, ON
(Across from Shoppers Drug Mart & north of Giant Tiger)

ORILLIA QUILTERS GUILD PRESENTS

Sunshine Quilt Show

Saturday & Sunday

April 17 & 18

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Trillium Manor

12 Grace Ave, Orillia

Beautiful quilt exhibits, vendors market, tea room, members market, quilt demonstrations, quilt appraisals and more!

Sew Fest West 2010

Friday, April 30th & Saturday, May 1st

<http://sewfestwest2010.blogspot.com/>

This sewing and needlework event will be held at **Bingemans Conference Centre in Kitchener, Ontario**. Bingemans is a fabulous venue for events. And parking is free! Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Sew Fest West 2010 was conceived by three business women, Joanne Thomson of Joanne's Creative Notions, Alma Laidlaw of Sew Fancy and Catherine Goetz of Distinctive Sewing Supplies.

Stitching Community: African Canadian Quilts From Southern Ontario,

Toronto's **Royal Ontario Museum** has opened an exhibit of quilts made between 1848 and 1976 by Canadian women of African descent; most of them escaped and freed slaves and their descendants. The exhibit, **Stitching Community: African Canadian Quilts from Southern Ontario** uses quilts to explore the role of African Canadian women in reinforcing community and familial ties in new and unfamiliar settings. The exhibit runs through **September 6**.

**THREADWORKS, A SPECIAL PROJECT OF
ONTARIO NETWORK OF NEEDLEWORKERS**

Apr 24, 2010 - Jun 13, 2010

The Wellington County Museum & Archives is proud to once again host and support what has become one of the finest juried fibre art exhibits in Ontario.

Threadworks, a special project of **Ontario Network of Needle workers**, is mounted every three years and circulates to museums and galleries throughout Ontario. It showcases exceptional and creative needlework by artists from across Canada. Wellington County Museum & Archives is the inaugural exhibition venue and organizing site.

The 2010 theme is "Trees" and we will no doubt be offered interpretive works of the highest technical and artistic quality.

Link to the museum <http://www.wcm.on.ca/>

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Quilters drive out of province and country to visit quilt shows and shops. Normal people visit provincial parks and museums.

Quilters have co-ordinated bedrooms, with matching quilts, pillows and wall hangings. Normal people have co-ordinated wardrobes.

Quilters carry 3x5 cards with yardage requirements and snips of fabric to be matched. Normal people carry 3x5 cards with their husbands sleeve length and the children's sizes written on them.

Quilters have needle nose pliers, razor blades and sandpaper in their sewing boxes. Normal people have two spools of thread – one light and one dark and a few assorted buttons.

Quilters leave works of art filled with memories that will one day be of historic importance. Normal people leave

Taken from the Sudbury & District Quilting and Stitchery Guild.

ARE QUILTERS NORMAL PEOPLE?

There are two kinds of people in this world; those who quilt and those who don't. Quilters feel that they are really no different from other people, but let us compare.

Quilters receive flyers from fabric stores announcing sales. Normal people clip coupons and take advantage of refund offers.

Quilters' children wear shoes at all times and never crawl once they have learnt to walk. Normal peoples' kids run barefoot through the house. They have no fear of ins in their feet.

Quilters read quilt magazines, quilt books and pattern instructions. Normal people read the newspaper, the latest novels and the Reader Digest.

Quilters have basements filled with boxes of fabric and rolls of batting leaning up against the wall. Normal people have ping-pong tables, pictures on the walls and empty suitcases

If you got this far!!!



Your name tag

Money for 50/50

Sign in at Welcome table

Items for Show and Tell

Library Books

Mugs