



PINE TREE QUILTERS' GUILD OF MUSKOKA

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President's Message

Submitted by Shirley Anne Sturgess

Now that we've had our first major snowfall and the shovels are parked by the door step like good Boy Scouts, we're all prepared and the best is yet to come. For those heading for sunny South, we'll miss you, and Bon Voyage.

It's hard to imagine the best is yet to come in quilting as we've enjoyed such wonderful programming and workshops during the past year that have challenged us, made us smile and created an anticipation of each Show and Tell like old fashioned Christmas mornings yet, the future is bright.

Our Program Committee has terrific ideas up their sleeves and we hope each one of you that can, and will take advantage of these learning experiences and challenge yourself. There are plans already for a spectacular 2011 Celebration of our 20th Anniversary and hope everyone will participate and contribute to these activities, YOU are what makes Pine Tree special and we all value each other's friendship in Quilting

We are here to add what we can to life, not to get what we can from it.

-Sir William Osler-

My hope is for everyone to have a Merry Christmas and Happy Healthy New Year



PROGRAMS

Submitted by Barb Coburn

December 11: Bracebridge Arena **11:30 a.m.**

Pot Luck Lunch Bring your dish to share,



plate, cup and cutlery.

To take part in our Christmas craft you will **need** a needle, thread (red or white), pins and scissors.

We would like to see your Seminole projects from **last year's Block of the Month.**

Please turn in your completed hand pieced blocks for the **Habitat For Humanity quilt.**

We will be holding a **special draw** during this meeting. For each item of non-perishable food you bring you will receive a ticket. All contributions will be given to either the Tim Horton's or Salvation Army Food Drive. You may "buy" as many tickets as you wish.

January 8 Bracebridge Arena 1:00 p.m.

We have invited four area shops to come to our meeting. Owners will be introducing you to a number of new quilt related products. They will have these and other merchandise for you to purchase.

February 12 Bracebridge Arena 1:00 p.m.

Sewing Room Sale It is not too early to start looking through your sewing room for unwanted items that need a new home. Just think of the space you will free up for next month's holiday gifts. More details will follow next month.

WORKSHOPS

Submitted by Heather Ingram

What a wonderful experience the Janet Rice-Bredin workshop was! Any pieces that are finished would be welcome for show & tell at the December meeting. Bring them to the workshop sign-up table & we'll try to hang them so that everyone can see what we accomplished.

Friday, January 9th from 9 to 4 at the Sportsplex. The workshop is "**The Professional Tote Bag**" with Elizabeth Hughes. That workshop is now full but we have a healthy waiting list. So, keep signing the wait list & when we have enough, we'll run it again - possibly in the spring.

Friday, February 13th. Sign up at the December meetng. "**Tessellating Pinwheels**" with Shirley Anne Sturgess. We already have members asking to sign up for that one & it should be simple & fun. It's a great workshop for beginners & everyone beyond beginner who wants a play day with friends - another bargain at just \$15 plus materials.

In the fall a list was circulated so that members who would like to host a visiting teacher or host a pot luck supper for a visiting teacher could let us know. Now I'm hearing that these events are so much fun that some people feel left out. So, if the list missed you, please call or email or let me know at the meeting.

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MEMBERSHIP

Submitted by Sandra Harthill

We have currently 6 new members for 2009:-

WELCOME

Cathy Collard, bigdog@vianet.ca
Sue Hearn, sueh@vianet.ca
Jay Mellow, jaymellow@sympatico.ca
Diane Taylor, arnkie.creations@sympatico.ca
Peggy Clark-Guiry, Bracebridge, no email
Lynda Griffin, griffins2@sympatico.ca
Ruth Johnston, ruthyj-7@hotmail.com

Also 59 members to date have renewed their membership for 2009.

I would like to remind everyone who hasn't renewed to date for 2009 you can do it on Dec 11th at our Christmas pot luck meeting. The cost is \$25

I want to thank Wilma Johnson and Eileen Baron for so willingly and capably working the Membership desk at the November 13th Guild meeting.

For your records verify Heather Stanford's information. heather.stanford@sympatico.ca

JAMES ST. PLACE PROGRAM

Submitted by Marianne Meeuwisse

The program at James Street place, on the **fourth Thursday of the month** from 1-3 pm, will resume in January with another demo by Sylvia, "Hidden Wells".

In February we will discuss and make some variations on a boring 6" block for the cuddle quilt session in March. Every meeting has embellishment component as well.

In November 12 people came with their "Crazy Quilt" square and practiced some stitches on it or on a scrap piece of fabric.

Sylvia had a great demonstration on how to make a "fractured quilt".

LIBRARY

Submitted by Carrol Reid

Several books are being added to the library this month.

Two books being added are *Quilted Landscapes* and *Appliquilt in the Cabin*. For your information, here are brief descriptions of all the books.

Quilted Landscapes: Simple string piecing methods, different fabrics, and a variety of machine-embellishment techniques to stitch realistic illusions of water and waves, snow-topped mountains, three-dimensional grasses, trees and shrubs, distance, light and more.

Appliquilt In The Cabin: 8 fresh and fun designs starting with a background of Log Cabin blocks, add a sprinkle of hearts, stars, and other fun shapes, then appliqué and quilt.

Four books by **Lynette Jensen** featuring the Thimbleberries collection: These four books join the three currently in the library.

At Home With Thimbleberries Quilts: a collection of 25 country quilts and decorative accessories.

The Thimbleberries Guide for the Weekend Quilters: 25 great looking quilts for the busy quilter with time-saving tips and tricks that work.

A Thimbleberries Housewarming: Quick and easy projects with a traditional, cozy and relaxed look. Designs for a variety of seasons and occasions.

Cozy Cabin Quilts: A collection of quilting projects to celebrate getaways and retreats.

Three books by **Judy Martin:** Judy Martin has been a pioneer in the streamlining of procedures that enable quilt makers to produce patchwork with a minimum of time and frustration. These three books join the two currently in the library.

Yes You Can! Make Stunning Quilts from Simple Patterns: Introducing Short Strips – a quick cutting method – features 14 great scrap

quilts – excellent instructions for rotary cutting and traditional methods.

Judy Martin's Ultimate Book of Quilt Block Patterns: 174 blocks with full size patterns and diagrams for each block.

Scraps, Blocks and Quilts: 200 quilt blocks, patterns and techniques with scrap quilts, sampler quilts, friendship quilts and log cabin quilts are included in this book.

OTHER INFORMATION

PINS

Submitted by Elizabeth Hughes

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

WEB PAGE INFORMATION

Submitted by Dianne Gronfors

Check our November newsletter for further information regarding the web page.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Sharon Penzvalto and Stella Neilson for volunteering to pitch in and do the refreshments with Judy's help.





VOLUNTEER WANTED

WE NEED YOUR HELP

The kind ladies that make coffee and tea for YOU find that carrying the ladders for YOU to see the Show and Tell, is too much!
With 80 members in our Guild, if each person would take on this task for **JUST ONE YEAR** (bring the ladders to ten meetings); **we would have 80 years of volunteers** lined up.

ARE YOU WILLING TO HELP?

Let Shirley Anne know.

A Christmas Quilter

T'was a few weeks before Christmas and in my head was a plan
To make all of my Christmas gifts by my own hand.
Away to my scrap box in a flash I did fly.
With patterns in my head and a twinkle in my eye.

I cut and I sewed as merry as an elf.
Making things for others and not for myself.
A quilted vest for a teen-aged niece.
Quilts for the grandparents with love sewn in each piece.

Quilted covers for aunts' tabletops,
Away I go with hardly a stop.
On scissors, on needles, on thimble and thread,
Oh, hurry I must, for Christmas day is ahead.

A quilted diaper bag for the baby so new.
I may even quilt Santa a coat before I'm through.
Quilted beadspreads for Mother and Sis.
I still have a few left on my list.

Cushions with quilted tops and potholders done.
It's now Christmas Eve and I have a gift for each one.
So I sprang to my Volks wagon and made quite a clatter.
The neighbors ran to the windows to see what was the matter.

From one house to the other, I leaped like a deer.
Leaving my presents and hopefully cheer.
With best wishes to each for a Christmas so bright.
A tired, happy quilter drove away in the night.

(Author: Pat Everson)

THANK YOU TO ALL MEMBERS FOR YOUR HELP WITH THE NEWSLETTERS. IT HAS BEEN A COLLABORATE AFFAIR.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

