



PINE TREE QUILTERS' GUILD OF MUSKOKA

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Submitted by Shirley Anne Sturgess

November weather has been such an unexpected bonus I'm sure everyone has taken these sunny days to get some of the U.F.O.'s completed and you are now ready for new challenges. Our "Workshops and Programs" are organized for your participation and enjoyment, please sign up, you'll enjoy the day as well as the experiences.

It is my pleasure to wish each and every one of you all the best of the Holiday Season, good food, good friends and a safe return from your travels. To those heading South, safe trip, happy shopping and we'll be waiting for your show and tell to see what's new on the quilting scenes elsewhere.

PROGRAMS

Submitted by Barb Coburn

Dec. 10 Bracebridge Arena 11:30a.m.

Christmas Pot Luck – We always look forward to this lunch. Please bring your "specialty" and your plate, cutlery, etc.

Our after lunch activity will be Quilto. Non-perishable food items will pay for your card. Bring pennies or chips to play "Quilto".

The food banks are desperately in need of your contributions.

Remember you last year's Block of the Month quilt for Show and Tell.

January 14 Bracebridge Arena 1:00 p.m.

Mini Demonstrations – We are planning 4 demonstrations and you will rotate to each one. Please bring pen and paper to take notes. W

20th Anniversary

Although this event is not until 2011 the steering committee has already had a planning meeting. It is not too early to let us know if you have ideas and suggestions not only for the "big day" but activities that can be done during that year to celebrate this milestone event. Please put your ideas into the Suggestion Hat.

NINE PATCH CHALLENGE

I hope many of you are starting to work on your Nine Patch challenge. If you are planning to wait and make this a Winter activity you can refresh your memory by checking **the rules published in the September newsletter.**

WORKSHOPS

Submitted by Heather Ingram

January 8, 2010:

Elizabeth Hughes is teaching the "Simple Bag" workshop. This workshop suits all levels & Elizabeth assures me that most students will finish the bag in a day. There is some cutting to do before the workshop but it's quite easy. The cost is \$15.00 plus \$10:00 for the pattern plus your own materials.

March 10, 2010:

Dianne Gronfors is teaching "Sliced & Diced Nines 2". There will be a sample for you to see at the December meeting. The cost is \$15:00 plus materials.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Submitted by Marianne Meeuwisse

As far as the nominations go, we need people for Outreach, and Newsletter. Please don't wait till you are asked and don't hide your talents under a bushel. We need everyone to step in and keep the Guild working.

This is your organization!!!!!!

MEMBERSHIP

Submitted by Sandra Harthill

WELCOME

Barbara Ethier, 1406 Lone Pine Drive, Bracebridge, P1L 1X4 646-8776 Email: babsobl@sympatico.ca

Note the following changes for Sylvia Bouchard:

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Just a reminder to members, they should renew their membership for 2010 for \$25 at **THIS** meeting. Members are not required to complete a form when renewing but they should inform the membership team of any changes to their name, address, phone # or email when they renew. Also it is important to keep the membership team informed

of changes to the above ASAP throughout the year.

GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS

Submitted by Pauline Lucas



This month we turn our eyes on Dianne Gronfors. Dianne was born in Toronto in 1944, and her schooling was at 6 public schools and then high school at Agincourt Collegiate. Following graduation from Grade 13 she worked for the Toronto Board of Education, and then was at Teacher's College and from there taught school from 1967 to 1971.

Dianne met Dave (her husband) while spending time at the Maple Airport with her father who was a pilot. Dave and Dianne were married in 1967 (their personal centennial project) and when their first child was born in 1971 Dianne resigned from teaching. They raised 4 children, two boys and two girls. As a family, and because Dave had his pilot's licence, they had vacations in places not the run-of-the-mill family vacation spots - camping in a tent on the beach in the Bahamas, and then, for a change of scene (and temperature) camped in Inuvik, and in a tent on an island in a lake close to the Arctic Ocean in Tuktoyaktuk, NWT. Their four children have given them seven grandchildren, with number 8 due in early February.

After resigning from teaching and following the birth of their first two children, Dianne and Dave purchased Billie Bear Lodge just north of Huntsville, and were involved in this from 1974 to 1987. Two more children were born during this time, and Dave became involved in providing a service for fly-in fishing and scenic rides. After

selling the lodge in 1987 the family moved to Bracebridge where Dianne worked in the airport office while Dave was involved in his air service. Following back surgery in 1998 Dianne found it difficult to leave the house and so continued her work as the company bookkeeper from her home office.

In 2003 Dianne walked in to Muskoka Quilting looking for rulers for her scrapbooking hobby. After talking with Lydia, Dianne decided to try quilting, along with three friends Judy Dawes, Cecile Beaudry and Cathy Maher. They all signed up for a Learn to Quilt class and Dianne has not done any scrapbooking since. In 2006 Lydia approached Dianne about helping out in Muskoka Quilting and she has been involved there since.

When Dianne and her friends signed up for the first quilting class they all joined Pinetree Quilters Guild, and we have been fortunate to have Dianne inspire us with her work displayed during show and tell, and also learning from her during the Sliced and Diced Nines workshop (watch for Beyond Sliced and Dice Nines in 2010), and demos given at guild.

Dianne loves to work with her hands and since her early teens has done some type of handwork - crochet, silk ribbon embroider, knitting, fashion sewing and weaving - among others. Never one to waste time just sitting, has Dianne done handwork while traveling in their RV, including hand piecing which she tried after taking a workshop given by Linda Franz in 2004.

Dianne is one busy lady - giving classes at Muskoka Quilting, attending retreats, taking workshops and now doing frame quilting for others on her computer controlled robotic system, is a member of the first miniature group, and still finding time to complete her own quilts.

Our Guild is fortunate that Dianne has also managed to find time to learn how to do websites, as she has become our very capable and conscientious webmaster. If you haven't visited our website lately, check it out as Dianne has it right up-to-date with pictures from the last meeting and the current newsletter. Thanks for keeping us on top of things Dianne, and for inspiring us with your quilting.

Dianne, your friends at the Guild extend their sympathy to you and your family with the recent loss of your Mother.

INTEREST GROUPS

QUILT ARTIST OF MUSKOKA

Submitted by Joanne Kourtz

The group will be having a quick meeting at James Place on December 10th at 10:00 to present our "flight". We will show these at the pot luck at the arena. Our gathering at Gateway in December has been cancelled. Our next meeting will be January 28th at 10 am-3 pm at James Place. Our word will be "curves". We will be staying into the afternoon to play with stamping, paints, pastels, inks and Shiva paint sticks. We welcome any guild member. If you are planning to come, please tell a member before hand so we can contact you if we have to cancel. joannekourtz@sympatico.ca

SUGGESTION BOX

It's available for **your** ideas.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Submitted by Marianne Meeuwisse

Twelve Pine Tree members came to "Show and Share" their quilts with the residents at James Street. Two people who could not be there in person lent their quilts. Everyone had three items to show and talk about and we were able to entertain 30 ladies for an hour.

The ladies were very enthusiastic and amazed at the colours we get to work with. Most of them quilted in the 30's and 40's and had pastels with small prints as their fabric.

I heard from Sherry Lynn at James Street that they raised \$259.00 selling tickets on the donated quilt. It was won by someone on the staff who was very happy with it.

I heard from Dianne Gronfors that the funeral director bought \$20.00 worth of tickets, but he did not win. Maybe we can start a little earlier next year so it is not such a rush to get a lap-quilt to donate together.

Anyone who would like to donate orphan blocks, just give them to Marianne.

COMING EVENTS

Now until —Feb. 21/10 Winter in Red and White, Fergus, ON, Wellington County Museum & Archives, RR#1, 0536 County Rd. 18, Township of Centre Wellington. Mon-Fri 9:30—4:30, Sat & Sun. 12-4. The colour red has been treasured for its richness and was often used in combination with white to enhance the quality of everyday household articles: quilts, clothing, toys and even tableware. Brought together in one exhibit space, the works create stunning visuals of deep warmth and elegance. Drawn from the collection of the Wellington County Museum & Archives, these examples from the past two centuries offer insights into the vibrancy of our Canadian heritage.

Admin: Adult \$3, Senior \$2, Student \$2, Child \$1. For information: Amy Dunlop 519-846-0916 Ext. 232. www.wcm.on.ca

International Quilt Festival/Chicago

April 16-18, 2010
Rosemont, Illinois
Donald E. Stephens Center
Road Trip might be in order.

The Quilters Recycling

Recycling textiles saves energy
Recycling textiles saves water
Recycling textiles saves natural resources
Recycling textiles reduces landfills
Recycling textiles can affect climate change





Recipes from the Inter Guild Meeting
thanks to Sharon Veitch.

2 tbsp. vegetable oil ¼ tsp. each salt & pepper
2 mild Italian sausage casing removed
1 onion chopped 1 can (28 oz) diced tomatoes
1 cup each diced celery & carrots
1 can red kidney beans (19 oz) drained and rinsed
2 cloves of garlic minced (optional)
½ cup pasta (macaroni)
¼ tsp. oregano

In a Dutch Oven heat 1 tbsp. of the oil over medium heat & sauté sausage, breaking up with spoon until browned, about 8 min. Transfer to paper towel-lined plate. Drain fat from pan.

/Add remaining oil to pan, sauté onion, celery, carrot, garlic, oregano, salt & pepper until softened, about 5 min.

Return sausage to pan. Add tomatoes, beans and 8 cups of water, bring to boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer until veggies are tender about 20 min.

Meanwhile in saucepan of boiling water cook pasta until tender but firm. Drain and add to soup.
Makes 10 cups or 8 or 10 servings.



Pumpkin Pie Squares

1 c. all purpose flour
½ c. quick cooking oats
½ c. brown sugar
½ c. butter
1 can pumpkin (2 cups)
1 (12 ½ oz.) can evaporated milk
2 eggs (Carol used 3)
¾ c. granulated sugar
½ tsp salt
1 tsp. cinnamon
½ tsp. ground ginger

¼ tsp. ground cloves

Topping (Optional)

½ c. pecans
½ c. brown sugar
2 tbsp butter

Oven 350'. Combine flour, oats and 1/2 cup brown sugar with 1/2 cup butter. Mix well with mixer until crumbly. Press into ungreased 9 x 13 inch pan. Bake 15 min. Combine pumpkin, evaporated milk, eggs, sugar, salt and spices in bowl, mix well. Pour over baked bottom and bake 20 min. more.
Combine pecans, brown sugar and 2 tbsp. butter, sprinkle over pumpkin mixture. Put back in oven for 15 - 20 minutes more or until set.

Recipe from Pot Luck with Patti Carey (by Barbara Ruttler)

Bean & Corn Appetizer

Part #1

Mix: ¼ cup Mayo: 2 tbsp Lime juice: ½ tsp Cummin
Set Aside

Part #2

Put in large bowl.

1 can Black Beans (washed & drained)
1 can Niblet Corn (18 oz. drained)
½ c chopped red onion
1 cup grape tomatoes (quartered or smaller)
2 tbsp. finely chopped Cilantro

Part #3

Mix Part ! & 2 together and leave in fridge overnight serve with "Scoops". Enjoy



Your name tag

Items for Show and Tell

Money for 50/50

Mug

Sign in at Welcome table

Renew your membership - \$25.00

Library Books