



# PINE TREE QUILTERS' GUILD OF MUSKOKA

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Submitted by Elizabeth Hughes

How quickly the months have slipped by and here we are at the end of the year 2010. Very shortly we will be starting to celebrate our 20th Anniversary Year. The Anniversary Committee and some of our Quilt Members have a few exciting things that they will make happen over the Year 2011. Read your Newsletter and listen to the announcements so that you don't miss out on anything.

How is your Mystery Quilt going? I bet many of you groaned when you read the instructions to make another 128 blocks. Don't let yourself get behind as you don't want to see the finished product before you have your own completed. Besides, you want to have yours finished so it can be one of the ones shown at the Quilt Show in June.

Those of us that took Kathy Dunigan's Baltimore Workshop had a great day. Kathy was very generous in giving us needles, material etc. Please remember to pick up from me at the meeting the missing page for finishing the quilt. For those of you that didn't take the workshop, talk to some that did and they can tell you of a whole new way to do Appliqué plus the great advantage of the "Toothpick".

I would like to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and all the Best for the New Year.



### PROGRAMS

Submitted by Barb Coburn

#### Dec. 9 Bracebridge Arena "11:30 a.m."

Come and enjoy one of our ever fabulous Pot Luck Lunches. Please bring your contribution for the table plus plate, cutlery, and mug.

In addition to our regular Show and Tell we would also like to see your (nearly) completed Block of the Month quilt from last year.



We will dust off the Quilto game to wrap up the afternoon. You will need to bring buttons, pennies or some small thing to mark off the card. Price of a card is non-perishable food items to be donated to the food bank.

#### January 13 Bracebridge Arena 1:00 p.m.

Mini Demonstrations – We are planning 4 mini demonstrations for making items for the Quilt Show Boutique, You will rotate to each one and receive a pattern. Please bring pen and paper to take notes. No sewing involved this day.



## WORKSHOPS

Submitted by Heather Ingram

Friday, January 14, 2011 from 9:00 am. to 4:00 pm

**Carrol Reid - Quilted Placemats** - the Sportsplex. Our own Carrol Reid will be teaching a variety of simple placemats or runners. This is a great workshop for beginners or for anyone who wants to make some homemade gifts or for anyone who just wants a play day with quilters. It's a bargain at \$15.00 per person. Sign up will be at the November meeting.

Heather 705-645-6829 or [hingram2@cogeco.ca](mailto:hingram2@cogeco.ca)

## MEMBERSHIP

Submitted by Sandra Hartill

To date we have only received 46 new / renew memberships for 2011. In 2010 we had 118 members so that means a lot of members still have to renew in December!!!! As our December meeting is a Pot Luck Lunch and Meeting, the Membership Committee will be there at the arena at 10:30 am to collect membership fees so that at 11:30 am we will be able to sit down and enjoy the Pot Luck and all the special activities of our December meeting along with you. The yearly membership is \$25 and is payable by cash or by cheque ( Pine Tree Quilters' Guild of Muskoka). I am looking forward to seeing you on December 9th between 10.30 -11.30 am.



### NEW MEMBERS

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UPDATE:

Lynda Griffin...her email is now

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## OUTREACH

Submitted by Sylvia Bouchard

For information about cuddle quilt kits and the "Quilts of Valour" contact Sylvia Bouchard (705) 687-0412 or e-mail [sylvie.bee@bell.net](mailto:sylvie.bee@bell.net)

## MYSTERY QUILT

Submitted by Mary Lou & Marianne

**WOW!!** Now that we have made you cut and sew all these squares of four patch and ½ square triangles, you must wonder what is next. Another set of 128 small blocks? Oh no!!!! We do want to keep everyone as our friends, so part of solving the mystery is at hand. Come to the meeting and you will find out what is happening next.

## LIBRARY

Submitted by Linda Speller



As winter descends upon us, you may want to peruse your guild library which is a wonderful source for members who are looking for inspiration, techniques, patterns and ideas.

Check the web page for a complete listing of our expanding supply of books. Hopefully there is something that will interest you.

Best Wishes for a Safe and Happy Holiday and look forward in the New Year to a review of new books that have been added to our library.

## QUILT SHOW

Submitted by Marta McIntyre

Just friendly reminder guild members to be working on your quilted items for our upcoming show. We will be having another fantastic show next year!!

## QUILT SHOW BOUTIQUE

Submitted by Wendy B & Marianne M.

In June 2011 our guild will have another "super" quilt show.

A small part of the show is the Boutique with an inventory made and donated by a lot of the Pine Tree members.

The money raised with this is used for the Outreach program and for the benefit of the whole guild.

A committee of about a dozen people with co-chairs Wendy Beverly and Marianne Meeuwisse has already been established and we would like to invite anyone else who is interested in helping to contact either Wendy or Marianne. You may ask "What is involved"?

1. In May we get together to price all the individual items and organize them in containers.
2. The main job is setting the displays up, staffing the booth and sales for the two days of the show and cleaning up after.

As you can see it is not hard and does not take a huge amount of time

At the January meeting there will be demos of four or five different items to motivate people to start making the inventory

And every month there will be a display of products and a table to receive donations.

Thank you all very much for participating.

## WEB PAGE

Submitted by Dianne Gronfors

**DID YOU KNOW?** The Guild website has a secure area that only members can access. Once into that area, you can read newsletters back to 2006. For new members, this is a great way to find out more about your guild. A current membership list is available from this area as well. It is kept up to date as new members join. Please respect the privacy of this list, it is for members' use only and not for commercial purposes. Every member has been given



the information to access this area of the website but if you're having trouble doing so, please contact Dianne Gronfors at [gronfors@muskoka.com](mailto:gronfors@muskoka.com) or see me at a meeting.

## GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS

Submitted by Pauline Lucas

In the December newsletter our focus will be on Joanne Kourtz. Joanne was born in Guelph just after the war, where her parents owned a trucking company, which is still in the family, Crawford Transport.



Her school years were spent in Guelph at four different area schools, and after high school she attended one year of university and then moved on to Hamilton Teachers College. Being a patient person, Joanne spread obtaining her degree over 11 years. Following

completion of Teachers College and obtaining her degree she taught public school in North York and Etobicoke, and then moved into the Special Education Reading department.

While spending time in Dorset Joanne, through a friend Marjorie, she was introduced to her friend's brother, Peter. They began dating and married in 1983, and moved to Petawawa. Joanne taught school in Beachburg, about 50 km from Petawawa, for four years. This was really a rural school complete with cows in the backyard. In the late 1980s Peter inherited the family cottage and bought the farm close to the cottage. In 2003 they built a retirement home on the property.

As a child Joanne played with her dolls under her grandmother's quilting frame - but wasn't introduced to quilting at that point. In Grade 9 Joanne signed up for Home Ec. and attempted her projects on a treadle machine, which obviously wasn't a success so far as Joanne was concerned as the next year she switched to the typing course. Her first venture into quilting was a "quilt-as-you-go" night school class with Angie Kowalski. She went back the second year, different teacher, different size block, and finally finished it. Although now much used and as she says "worn and torn", it proved to be her only venture into a queen size

quilt. After that Joanne took classes in Petawawa and Ottawa and in the US, and then started taking art quilt classes at Haliburton School of Fine Arts.

Pinetree Guild opened for new members in 2003, and Joanne became a member, helped on the program committee for a number of years, joined the appliqué group and then later the first miniature group. Sometime later Joanne started the Quilt Artists group and encouraged others to join her, and she has since stretched herself and the other members of the group to think “outside the box” and we have seen, enjoyed and marveled at all their projects. Certainly we have been given lots of ideas from Joanne and the art group to explore other techniques in our quilting, and I’m sure we will see many others as they expend their vision.

For the past 25 years Joanne has been losing her hearing and is no longer able to hear speech and relies on the written word for contact from others - the internet and email is wonderful for Joanne as communication with others is now more available to her. Joanne has very recently (only in the last few days) been accepted by Sunnybrook for a cochlear implant in 2011. Our prayers and good wishes are with her for this procedure. If successful she will look forward to taking more classes in the world of art quilts, and we will benefit by this by seeing more innovative methods for art quilting.

## OTHER EVENTS

October 1, 2010 to **January 3, 2011**

### “Comfortable Quilts” show

The Canada Summit Centre  
20 Park Dr (old arena by the High School)  
Huntsville

You will find works by guild members Marianne Meeuwse, Joyce Rumney and a postcard display by the Quilt Artists of Muskoka, plus pieces by Judith Martin, Carolyn Maw, Judith Tinkl, and John Willard. There are some older quilts from the Huntsville Heritage Place collection and a quilt painted by grade one students. Be sure to see them on two floors.

## ADVANCE NOTICE



Quilt Ontario  
University of Western Ontario  
London, Ontario  
May 24 - 28, 2011

If you got this far!!!

Your name tag  
Sign in at Welcome table  
Items for Show and Tell  
Money for 50/50



Library Books      Mugs



Don't forget our delicious POT LUCK. Bring your scrumptious dish to share as well as your plate, cutlery and mug so that you can enjoy the culinary inventions of others.

Please bring a donation for the Food Bank and small buttons or pennies for the Quilto Game.

### Poem

How much like a patchwork quilt we are  
Some of us are bright and gay  
Some are quieter, more delicate and subdued.

Yet how well we blend together,  
The quieter ones set off the colourful.  
The brighter ones accentuate the pastels.

Often, the more fragile pieces  
Hold the sturdy ones together;  
Blessed are we to be varied.

All of us are stitched with love  
and tied to one another.  
Reap the benefits of your sewing,  
Baste consideration into your life  
Hem up disagreements  
And embellish it all with love.

