



PINE TREE QUILTERS' GUILD OF MUSKOKA

President: Marianne Meeuwisse

December 2007



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Dianne Cooper
Dora Dalton
Daphne Dittman
Gayle Herrington
Joanne Irvine
Patricia Jacobs
Mary McFarlane
Joanne Meisner
Stella Neilson
Mary Reimer
Barb Smith
Sharon Weir**

REMEMBERING A MEMBER

JOHNSTON, Dolores Ramona (nee Fraser)

Died suddenly at her Island home on Wednesday, November 7th, 2007 in her 80th year. She was an avid quilter, who gave away more than she kept. Dolores loved all nature, taking special delight in feeding the many animal species that came to her waterfront home.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Submitted by Marianne Meeuwisse

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

I would like to wish everyone a wonderful holiday, with lots of visitors, snow and cold sunny weather.

Please remember we have a Quilt show coming up. Whatever you make from now on should be retrievable so we have lots of items to display. Large quilts, wall hangings, wearables and miniatures and Art cards: we can show all of it

.Please also remember the Boutique, if there is something you think will sell, bring it to the meeting. We will need lots more if we are to have a varied inventory.

Stay healthy and we'll see each other in 2008.

MEMBERSHIP

Submitted by Carol Cragg

To date we have 103 paid members of which we have welcomed twelve (12) new members this year.

PROGRAMS

Submitted by Barb Colburn & Dianne Gronfors



MARK YOUR
CALENDAR

January 10 - Bracebridge Arena - 1 p.m.
Rotating Demonstrations

January 24 - Rowanwood - 1:00 p.m.
"Orphan" Blocks - Bring a set of unfinished blocks to exchange with someone else who may have a great idea about how to put them all together.

February 14 - Bracebridge Arena - 1p.m.
Sherry Hisey Trunk Show

February 15 - Sportsplex - 9:00 a.m.
Sherry Hisey Workshop - Straight From The Heart. The workshop will be held at the new Bracebridge Sportsplex starting at 9:00 am. A supply list will be available at our December meeting."

February 28 - Rowanwood - 1:00 p.m.
Boutique Items - We still need more ideas and completed projects for the Quilt Show. Show and share what we have so far.

March 13 - Bracebridge Arena - 1:00 p.m.
Annual General Meeting - Have you considered volunteering for a position on the executive or do you know of someone you could nominate?

March 27 - Rowanwood - 1:00 p.m.

Cuddle Quilts - Join us for a very productive and rewarding day of making these special quilts.

April 10 - Bracebridge Arena - 1:00 p.m.
Featured Pine Tree Quilter's Trunk Show - To Be Announced

April 24 - Rowanwood - 1:00 p.m.
3 D Borders - Dianne Gronfors will demonstrate several ways to add interesting borders to your quilts.

May 8 - Bracebridge Arena - 1:00 p.m.
Elaine Quehl Trunk Show - Elaine will have hand-dyed fabric for sale.

May 9 - Sportsplex - 9:00 a.m.
Elaine Quehl Workshop - Beyond Stippling

May 22 - Rowanwood - 1:00 p.m.
Confetti Quilts - Joanne Kourtz will lead the group in making a quilt with 30 8 1/2" squares. She will have more details at the May 8 meeting.

June 12 - Bracebridge Arena - 11:30 a.m.
Pot Luck Lunch
Resolutions are due. Remember to bring your fat quarter if you didn't get it finished!
Final details for the Quilt Show

June 20 - 21 - Bracebridge Fairgrounds
Quilt show
We need your quilts for display and your help at the show to make this a success.

PLACEMAT CHALLENGE

A very special thank you goes to all of our members who participated in the Meals on Wheels Placemat Challenge. Your efforts resulted in 141 placemats being donated to the very appreciative clients in the Muskoka area. Your generosity has shown many people that someone cares. Our results have now been added to the Canadian total.

PINE TREE QUILTERS' GUILD OF MUSKOKA WEB PAGE

Web Master - Dianne Gronfors

Our website is live. Here is the link:

<http://www.pinetreequiltersguildofmuskoka.com>

Please bookmark it. Details about opening the members' page are available from Marianne.

Remember to check the website the Monday after each meeting for new things. This will be a continuous work in progress with something new after every meeting, both Bracebridge and Rowanwood.

CUDDLE QUILTS

Submitted by Carrol Reid

"The Cuddle quilt workshop held at Rowanwood on October 25th was as usual a great success. During the day 18 ladies participated and we finished 23 quilts with several going home for finishing touches. After the workshop we had 52 quilts on hand, 10 have been added since the workshop and a donation of 3 quilts were made to the Dorset Fire Dept. leaving a total of 59 quilts on hand. Interval House and Chrysalis also had their supply of quilts topped up.

A big thank you to all who participated, provided goodies and friendship and made the day a very productive activity."

LIBRARY

Submitted by Carrol Reid

Be sure to check out our supply of books. Check the web page for a complete listing.

QUILT SHOW 2008

Coordinator – Marta McIntyre

June 20th & 21st 2008

at the Bracebridge Fairgrounds
Remember we will need lots of quilts and quilted items for this show.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chair – Susan McCallum

Just a reminder that our elections this year will be held in March. The committee would appreciate if you would step forward to fill a position as they will be contacting people for help.

INTEREST GROUPS

Quilt Art Group

The group will be meeting January and February 10-12 at Rowanwood on the fourth Thursday of the month. For the January meeting, members are challenged to make a wallhanging using a new to them technique. They are also challenged to finish a UFO. Any member of Pine Tree Guild may join this casual group at any time. Contact Joanne Kourtz for more info. at pkourtz@muskoka.com

Thursday Morning Group

Join our informal group which meets every Thursday from 9ish – 11:30. We work on our own projects, whatever they may be at the time, mostly quilting but some bring knitting, needlepoint etc... It is a great morning out and cost a \$1.00 a time. We often go out for lunch after but on Guild days, we bring a lunch, eat at the church and then go to the Guild. Speak to Marsha for more information.



Pick up the phone and call a group.

E-Mail Group

Joanne Kourtz maintains a mailing list. This list sends you to interesting sites concerning quilting or includes interesting thoughts about quilting. Usually there are 2-3 emails a month.

To be placed on this list, sign up at the back of the Bracebridge arena room or email

pkourtz@muskoka.com

Ontario Quilting Connections

August 25 -28, 2007 at Geneva Park

Kelly Andresen and Mildred Everest were participants in the Ontario quilting Connection at Geneva Park on Lake Couchiching. This retreat is held every other year.

Kelly & Mildred spent Friday with Rinske Helmuth and her workshop "Pot with Pansies" Kelly make spectacular folded flowers with Peggy Kwan. Mildred enjoyed "raw edge pictorial appliqué with Joanne Miller and also made a "casserole carrier" with Yvette Piiparinen. (Editor's note: Mildred had it as show and tell at our Nov. meeting)

Accommodations consisted of a motel room with two beds, private bathroom, (beds were made etc.) and a fan to move the air. Attendance was down from two years ago. Members from guilds scattered across Ontario may attend. There was even a gentleman, Jim Wilfor, who did outstanding work.

Kelly and Mildred are looking forward to 209 when Ontario Quilting Connections meets again at Geneva Park.

FOR SALE

I have a Q.type quilting frame for sale. It is the floor model which is used for a full sized quilt.

Pat Strachan

Paula Elliott, Editor

HAPPENINGS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Quilt Raffle

The Bracebridge Arts Council through the sale of quilt raffle tickets continued to support the Rene M. Caisse Memorial Theatre Campaign. The double bed quilt top was designed, made and donated by Lydia Piccott of Muskoka Quilting. It was quilted by Judy Dawes and Dianne Gronfors of Get Topless. The sale of tickets raised over \$1800.00. The winner was a local Bracebridge lady.

Waterloo Quilt Festival

Information from an article by Valerie Hill, Kitchener-Waterloo Record

After 12 years the festival has folded.

Attendance has never built up again since the SARS epidemic. Even when held under one roof at RIM park attendance failed to come up.

This year the festival was voted one of the top to festivals in Canada by the Canadian Automobile Association. However competition from the Canadian Quilting association at or near the same time did not help.

Then Viking withdrew financial support and a 2 year Trillium Grant and support from local municipalities was not sufficient.

Volunteers for leadership roles were difficult to find although there were lots of volunteers for the setting up and manning of the displays.

Of course, many smaller events, not part of the actual festivals, such as the Art Gallery's Grand National or the events in St Jacobs are not affected. And certainly the Mennonites 42 year old annual quilt auction in New Hamburg will continue on the last weekend in May.

Thanks to Mildred Everest for the article.