



# PINE TREE QUILTERS' GUILD OF MUSKOKA

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Submitted by Shirley Anne Sturgess

Winter in Muskoka! Mountains of snow on the front lawns, scarves and boots at the ready and 80 members attended our last meeting, where we welcomed four new members. It was a wonderful afternoon of friendship and a terrific presentation by our shop owners, "Muskoka Quilting"; "Gone Quiltin"; "Thimbles & Things" and "Gateway Fibreworks"; who took time to display and exhibit new products, books, interesting classes and materials for quilting and embellishing. There is so much to learn about Alpaca. There were 15 happy 'bag ladies' at the January workshop as the sewing machines hummed and the pieces began to take shape. The colourful Tote Bags are a great example of another great learning experience, hard to believe how much they'll hold and a good place to hide some U.F.O's.

The February meeting will be our Sewing Room Sale and an opportunity to sell some of your items and make room for more! She with the best stash wins!! Don't forget to bring your block of the month too. Each participant in the Habitat For Humanity quilt should be proud of the progress and the ultimate destination. Join in, there is fun for everyone.

## PROGRAMS

Submitted by Barb Coburn

**Feb 12 Bracebridge Arena 1:00 p.m.**

### SEWING ROOM SALE

Bring your items with you name and price on them (please - no sticky labels) and display them on any available table before the meeting. There will be preview time before the meeting and during coffee break but no buying until 2:00 p.m. Small change and bags for your purchases would be appreciated.

I hope you are having fun sorting through all of your stuff. I know I have found things I didn't even remember I owned!

**March 12 Bracebridge Arena 1:00 p.m.**

### SATELLITE GROUPS.

In addition to the AGM we will be featuring a number of the groups to which many of our members belong. Each group will tell you about what they do and will bring projects that have been completed in their group.

## WORKSHOPS

Submitted by Heather Ingram

At the February meeting we will be signing up for "Durham Quilting" with Lucy Anne Holiday to be held on Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 4 at the Sportsplex. Lucy Anne is a gifted teacher & quilt judge. She was the manager of Quilter's Garden (a quilting store in Toronto). She has restored & repaired many heritage quilts. She has taught in many places in Canada & internationally & at many different levels. Lucy Anne has been a guest on the TV show "Sue Warden's Craftscapes" & she has collaborated on two books; "Selina and the Bear Paw Quilt" by Barbara Smucker & "Classic Quilts" by Ruth McKendry.

"Durham Quilting" will give participants a chance to trace from many, many quilting patterns from centuries old quilts in the Museums of England. You will discuss the planning, designing & execution of a full sized White-on- White Quilt & you should go home with a cushion cover to get you started on this beautiful expression of the Durham Quilting art form.

No need to lug your sewing machine to this class. Heather Ingram 645-6829 [hingram2@cogeco.ca](mailto:hingram2@cogeco.ca)

## MEMBERSHIP

Submitted by Sandra Harthill

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## LIBRARY NEWS:

Submitted by Carrol Reid

Watch for a huge selection of books to be sold at the sewing room sale this month. The books are priced to sell at .25 to 1.00 and you will find some treasures. We also have a few magazines that are bundled and priced at .50. To let you know what is available in the library, we will feature either a selection of books by author or individual books for review.

## **OUTREACH:**

Submitted by Carrol Reid

The committee worked on sorting fabric and bundling scraps for sale at the sewing room sale this month. If you like scraps and pieces of flannel make sure you look for these at very reasonable prices at the sale. We have decided not to hold our annual cuddle quilt workshop given the number of completed quilts that are on hand. We are instead focusing on making up new kits with a little different pattern and hope to have these ready in the next couple of months. This month we donated quilts to the Bracebridge Fire Department and are looking at other outlets to donate.

## **JAMES ST. PLACE PROGRAM**

Submitted by Marianne Meeuwisse

The program at James Street place, is on the fourth Thursday of the month from 1-3 pm, 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.

## **20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

Submitted by Shirley Anne Sturgess

2011 will be our 20th Anniversary

Time for a challenge!

Are there some quilters in the house that would like to be involved in the creation of a special quilt for our 20th Anniversary?

Think about the wonderful creativity shown in the Canada-China Quilt; coupled with the exquisite work shown each month during Show and Tell; challenging designs in Quilt Art and skills being honed through workshops and program presentations, there are many talented quilters in our guild and let's rise to the occasion!

We currently have a wonderful quilt made by our members in 1991 which we will continue to exhibit and cherish. Now, with the increase in membership, is there an interest in a new Guild project?

Please contact the undersigned if you have any interest in considering this project, and I'll be happy to arrange a get-together for discussions.

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## **INTEREST GROUPS**

### **QUILT ART GROUP**

Submitted by Joanne Kourtz

The Quilt Art group will be meeting at St James Place Thursday February 26, 10-12 am in the meeting room. For our January meeting we were given the assignment "chocolate" and 1 foot square. 8 members completed this and they are wonderful. They will be shown at the March 12th meeting. Our next assignment is the word "love". In February we will work with foil and adding sparkle to our quilts. All guild member is welcome to join this group.

## **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

For Member's Name, DO NOT enter your name, you enter "Guild Member" (without the quotes). It's a generic name to keep it simple. Remember to use the capital letters and space just as if you were entering a real name.

For the Pass Code, enter "P1L 2B5" (without the quotes). This is the postal code for the Bracebridge Library. Enter it exactly like a postal code with capital letters and a space. That's all there is to it! More sophisticated systems are available for purchase but this was free and works perfectly well. However, it's only as secure as our member's make it. Please keep this information confidential

### **IT'S IN THE BAG**

Submitted by Stella Neilson

On Friday, January 9, 2009, a group of guild members (we'll call them the 'bag ladies') met at the Bracebridge Recreation Centre to learn how to make "The Professional Tote." This was a full day workshop.

Our instructor, Elizabeth Hughes, did an excellent job of leading us through the intricacies of the pattern developed by Laura Martell at The Professional Thimble.

After our initial hesitation, we began to see wonderful results as the 'bag ladies' worked at their own pace on their bags. It was so interesting to see all the different results from the various fabrics.

Colorful, useful and comfortable to carry, the resulting bags were amazing. Lots of pockets for storage, zippers to keep things safe and rings to hold keys – everything to keep us organized.

There were a few broken needles, moments of frustration and one guild member (who shall remain nameless) sewed the instructions onto her bag. But the camaraderie and donuts led to lots of laughter and a sense of accomplishment.



Thank you, Elizabeth, for your clear directions, patience and motivation.

Quilts in the **Gardens at the Royal Botanical Gardens**, Burlington, on April 25th-26, 2009 -- [www.quiltsinthegardens.com](http://www.quiltsinthegardens.com)

This show is put on by the Halton Quilters' Guild. There will be workshops, quilts from guild members and if you want to put a quilt in you may. This is to be a large show. Go on line to see what it is all about. They are aiming to make this show the Houston show of Canada. Non guild members may take the workshops.

**Habitat for Humanity** will be having three auctions in 2009. The first one will be at the Delta Grandview Resort, O'Meara Clubhouse. Tickets are \$100 but \$50 will be a charitable receipt. They will have one quilt for this auction and later in the year hopefully the Guild quilt we are making for them. For tickets you can call Bill Bell at 385-2890 if you are interested.

### HINTS

When I remove a needle from the machine I thread it with a 3 to 4 inch piece of thread, stick it through a slip of paper with needle size noted & knot it in a loop. Then stick it in my pin cushion. There may be several sizes sticking up all at once... and I can always find the one I want. When I remove it, I clip the loop, remove the slip & pin it to the pin cushion ready to reuse next time the needle is removed.

I have a wooden TV tray (bought at Wal-Mart). I covered the tray with a heavy bat and ironing board fabric. It sits next to my sewing machine so I can sit to press small pieces. Super handy! It could also go to class.

### VOLUNTEER WANTED

Someone to bring the Pine Tree Quilt and stand for display at our meetings, excluding pot lucks. Contact Shirley Anne 766-2738

UPCOMING UNITS

### GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS

Submitted by Pauline Lucas

I was asked by Shirley Anne if I would consider taking on writing for the newsletter a short bio of members of our Guild. During the year I will be approaching different people with a few questions to get their story for publication. Hopefully this way we will get to know a little more about our fellow quilters. Sylvia Bouchard graciously agreed to be my “guinea pig” - thanks Sylvia.



Sylvia was born in the Saguenay region of Quebec, but her family left there to settle in Northern Ontario. Sylvia was brought up in Massey. She went to the University of Toronto and received a Bachelor of Science Degree. She worked in various medical labs where she met Tom her husband. Sylvia and Tom have one daughter, Charlotte, who is in her 2nd year Veterinary Medicine at Guelph, and a lovely gentle dog named Leigha.

Quilting was not part of Sylvia’s background as French Canadians used their fabrics for weaving blankets rather than sewing and quilting covers. About 15 years ago she joined the Pine Tree Quilters’ Guild which had been started a year or two before by a lady who had a shop in Port Sydney. At first Sylvia wasn’t allowed to work on the quilts as she was a “beginner” and had to prove she had the skills! Pine Tree Quilters. Guild had about 12 members at this time and at some point Sylvia became Secretary-Treasurer and actually started the monthly newsletter, and also became President for a term. Currently Sylvia helps organize and give demos, at the meeting at James Street Place.

Sylvia is working her way through about 50 + UFO’s - but as soon as one is completed another is added as every demo or workshop she gives produces another UFO. Her preferred method of quilting is hand quilting and appliqué. She has given workshops and taught quilting at various quilt shops in the area.

In 2001 Sylvia went to Latvia to teach some ladies how to quilt - right from fabric to completing a quilt. This venture was under the auspices of CESO and for Sylvia it was a rewarding time and certainly an eye-opener as to how other people live. To even send an email home

she had to go to another town to find an internet connection that would work, and then came the process of trying to turn the computer on to English rather than Latvian.

About three years ago Sylvia and Tom bought a piece of property on Three Mile Lake and are in the process of finishing their lovely new house, which will have a sewing room with a view of the lake, the deer and wild turkeys - in fact a perfect spot.

Currently Sylvia belongs to the art quilt group (it is still trying to come up with a name), is a member of Chatty Batts and an appliqué group.

Again, thanks Sylvia, for taking the time to speak with me, and I certainly appreciate all the help you give me when it comes to “quilting” problems.

### Thank You

To all the members who won’t be at the meeting or who do not have email, I want to thank you, the ladies of the Guild, for all your support while I was at the R.C.M.P. Academy in Regina and the lovely quilt top. My mom gave me the hat quilt top at my graduation dinner and it is beautiful. My troop mates and instructors took the time to check it out. They were very impressed. I want to especially thank Sylvia for the pattern and initiating the project and Carol Cragg and the “Dickie Lake Chicks” for putting the top together.



Constable Joanne Elliott