



PINE TREE QUILTERS' GUILD OF MUSKOKA

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Submitted by Marianne Meeuwisse

Dear ladies:

This will be the last message you will have to put up with from me. By the time you read this the executive is changing and I will hand the presidency over to the very capable hands and mind of **Shirley Ann Sturgess**.

At this time I would like to thank all the members of the executive and the members of the guild.

When I started my term I was willing but new and inexperienced. **Sylvia** was always available for consults and only a phone call away with her sweet "hello!!!"

The last two years there was **Shirley Ann**, with a gentle but much more analyzing mind than mine. She reads the fine print and is soothing at the same time. A quick phone call to make decisions was always answered with "Yes Marianne" (she has

call display) I hope I can be for her what she was for me.

Many thanks to the program committee, **Barb, Dianne, Sylvia and Mary Lou**. They have brought us varied and interesting programs with challenges.

Their fiscal management was exceptional; they never used the funds set out for them in the budget. Organizing the programs, that take half of the meeting time, is a lot of work. Contacting speakers, doing follow ups, finding venues and making sure our meeting place is set up the right way and that everything works is only a small part of their job.

Carol Reid, who has reorganized the Library and also took on the outreach (cuddle quilt) hat, has done a fantastic job. She spent many hours cataloging and cross referencing all the books and magazines and purchased more interesting material for the members to read. She willingly took in many banana boxes of fabrics for the cuddle quilt production. Although she did not crack the whip as hard as **Wendy B.**, because of her preparations she was able to milk many cuddle quilts out of us.

Then there is **Marta**, our secretary, capable and always with her notepad ready. She knows who won the 50/50 draw and can answer inquiries about decisions made.

Marta also is the chair for the Quilt Show and does a great job.

You would hardly notice her, but **Eleanor Anderson** is right on top of our finances. Very smart and soft spoken, she keeps the guild financially healthy with her actions and good advice.

Paula Elliott has done an amazing job with the news letter. She brought a new approach and format to an already excellent communication.

To be able to access this on line is the work of **Dianne Gronfors**. The website she has developed is amazing and a real asset to the guild. Dianne put in many hours to set this up and will stay on as our webmaster. With the help of our photographer, **Wendy Beverly**, everyone who has internet access is now able to see the latest news, programs, workshops and cancellations from home.

Carol Cragg has been our membership chair for four years, she keeps track of attendance and lets me know how many guests and new members are present. She balances the membership dues and in her quiet way contributes a lot to the executive.

There would not be any tea, coffee or goodies if **Wilma** did not organize the "goody list". I think Wilma has done this at least for 10 years. When the guild was small it was fairly simple, but with over 100 members she sometimes has to ask more often for people to volunteer to bring snacks and follows this up with a phone call to remind you. She lugs the "Box", with coffee, tea kettle, cream and other necessities to every meeting. She brings the step ladders needed for "Show and Tell" and is always ready to take on extra jobs.

Sue Mc Callum takes care of the archives; she keeps an inventory of programs, workshops, photographs, secretarial notes and financial reports. She makes sure

everything is up to date and is an amazing organizer.

Last but not least there is our sunshine lady. If you have ever had reason to receive a card from the guild, it was **Tina Bax** who made and sent the card expressing sympathy or good wishes.

All these ladies have helped to run the guild for all the members. Because of their work other people are able to come and be entertained. The guild functions because we work together, without this teamwork it would not be possible. Thank you so much for the privilege of being a part of this.
Marianne

PROGRAM UP DATES

Submitted by Barb Colburn & Dianne Gronfors

Rowanwood Feb. 28
Orphan Blocks - what to do with them - ideas and perhaps an exchange
Diagnosing Quilt Problems

Rowanwood March 27
3D Borders - Dianne Gronfors

Rowanwood April 24
Cuddle Quilts

Bracebridge April 10
Heather Ingram Trunk Show

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.

SLATE OF OFFICERS – 2008/9

Past Chairperson – Marianne Meeuwisse
Chairperson – Shirley Anne Sturgess
Vice Chairperson – Elizabeth Hughes
Treasurer – Eleanor Anderson
Membership – Marsha Smart &
Sandra Hartill
Newsletter – Paula Elliott
Library – Carrol Reid, Cathy
Maher & Cecile Beaudry

Hospitality – VACANT

Sunshine – Tina Bax
Outreach – Leda Story, Elizabeth
McMillan & Patricia Jacobs

Program – Barb Coburn, Mary Lou
Hamilton, Judy Kobe, &
2 VACANT POSITIONS

Archives – Susan McCallum

Now is your chance to:
Contribute in some small measure in return
for the benefits of membership in the Guild
which you enjoy;
Help to keep the Guild a viable
organization;
Plan for the future activities and direction of
the Guild;
Relieve those members who have
enthusiastically held office for one or more
terms already and who have created an
organization which you wanted to join.
Please volunteer your name or nominate
someone (with their permission) who you
think would do a good job as a member of
the executive for the next term.

You are invited to respond by e-mail to me
(Sue McCallum) at theena@muskoka.com
or by phone to 1-705-687-4577.



HAPPY VALENTINES

MEMBERS NEWS

ART GROUP

Reminder that the Art Group will meet
February and March as Cuddle Quilts are in
April.

If you are interested - the Muskoka Quilting
will be participating in the Northcott quest for
a cure Quilt block challenge. Lydia will be
carrying the complete line in both color ways.
It will be in the store soon with entry forms
and info for submission.
See the store for details on this quest.

The ABCs of aging

A's for arthritis;
B's the bad back,
C's the chest pains, perhaps car-d-iac?
D is for dental decay and decline,
E is for eyesight, can't read that top line!
F is for fissures and fluid retention,
G is for gas which I'd rather not mention.
H is high blood pressure--I'd rather it be low,
I is for incisions with scars you can show.
J is for joints, out of socket, won't mend,
K is for knees that crack when they bend.
L is for libido, what happened to sex?
M is for memory, I forget what comes next.
N is neuralgia, in nerves way down low,
O is for osteo, the bones that don't grow!
P is for prescriptions, I have quite a few,
just give me a pill and I'll be good as new!
Q is for queasy, is it fatal or flu?
R is for reflux, one meal turns to two.
S is for sleepless nights, counting my fears,
T is for Tinnitus; there's bells in my ears!
U is for urinary; big troubles with flow,
V is for vertigo, that's "dizzy," you know.
W is for worry, NOW what's going 'round?
X is for X- ray, and what might be found.
Y is another year I'm left here behind,
Z is for zest that I still have -- in my mind.
I've survived all the symptoms, my body's
deployed, And I am keeping twenty-six
doctors fully employed!!! Author Unknown