

PINE TREE QUILTERS' GUILD OF MUSKOKA

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Fifteen hardy souls attended the January Boutique sewing day. It was forecast to be a nasty one, but sometimes it isn't quite as bad as we expect. Nevertheless, better to be safe than sorry and, those of us who did brave the roads enjoyed some good fellowship. And bonus, there were lots of treats to share. Wendy Wight demonstrated a terrific little drawstring bag she has been whipping up. Perfect for gift bags, toiletries, etc. I got to touch base and have some one-on-one time with some of the attendees. Sometimes, there isn't any time to really chat with you when I am busy running a meeting.

February's meeting is also a sewing day but this time it is dedicated to whatever you want to work on. It was suggested that we have a few demos during the day as well. It sometimes helps to have a refresher. Sylvia Bouchard is doing a demo on triangulations. If you are interested in trying this technique out, Sylvia suggests you bring some fabrics in both light and dark values. A separate email will be issued about this so look for it in your email inbox.

I will be heading up the nominations committee as we are already more than half way through the year. Nancy Lynch will be your incoming President. She will need the support of a Vice President. The VP stands in when the President is away and acts as a consultant to the President. Nancy has been very helpful to me. She is a great person to bounce ideas off of and get feedback. I know she would appreciate someone to step forward and be that for her in the coming year.

Paddy Taylor would like to step down as Historian and Joyce MacKay and Donna Brown are looking for a team to takeover Program and Workshops. Joanne Smith has been doing a great job of the newsletter and she feels it is time to hand the job over to someone else. After all, Joanne is also on

Meetings at Bracebridge Memorial Arena,
169 James St., Bracebridge, ON, 2nd, floor
Second Thursday of the month 1 – 3pm

Community Outreach. Funny how the same people keep stepping up to the plate. I have been blessed with a terrific Executive and I would like to leave a solid team in place for Nancy over the next year.

Please consider what you can do for the guild over the next year. There is lots of support available if you are unsure of what is expected.

See you in February,
Margaret Gage

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EXECUTIVE LIST 2016-17

Past President	Barb Coburn
President	Margaret Gage
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Treasurer	Sue Bogers
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Outreach	Jill Kieffer
Hospitality	Marg Thomas
Historian	Paddy Taylor
Website	Halina Dales
Sunshine	Tina Bax
Photographer	Sherry Moncrief

Please refer to the membership list on the web for phone numbers & email addresses.

PROGRAMS

Submitted by Joyce MacKay and Donna Naylor

The dull grey days of winter have hopefully seen you all at your sewing machines - sewing and quilting your own projects or making items for the Quilt Show boutique. We had a small turn-out for the January meeting - the weather man was not cooperating - but those that were able to get to the arena spent the day working on projects for the boutique. A number of those items will be at the February meeting for all to see and hopefully become inspired.

FEB 9th, 2017 - The program portion of February's meeting will be **an old fashioned quilting session - bring your handwork and plan to finish some of that hand stitching that you have not been able to get to!** Do not forget your cup for tea, coffee and goodies! If you have "show and share" be sure to bring that too!

We will also have **several demonstrations at the meeting**. If you are interested in learning a technique to make triangles, **Sylvia Bouchard will demonstrate "triangulation"**. To take part in her "mini" workshop **all you need is 9 - 9" squares of light value print fabric and 9 - 9" squares of dark value print fabric** (a wonderful stash buster!) This is a great "sampler project" showing how triangles can be used to create a variety of blocks. A project for both beginner and seasoned quilters.

MARCH 9th, 2017 - Our March guest speaker comes to us from the Finger Lakes region of New York . **Mary Aman** (sister-in-law of Guild member Mary Demomy) has been quilting for almost 40 years. *Mary will share with us her love of machine appliqué and reproduction quilts.*

APRIL 13th, 2017- **Dorothy Fu**, a quilt artist from Toronto will be our guest speaker in April. **Dorothy will be teaching a workshop on WEDNESDAY April 12th** - a change from our usual workshop day as that would fall on Good Friday! Autumn Splendour or Spring Leaves is an art quilt using free motion sewing. This workshop is suitable for all levels with free motion sewing experience. The cost is \$40.00. To see a sample of Autumn Leaves please go to dorothyfuquilts.wordpress.com/workshops. The sign-up sheet for the April workshop will be available at the February and March meetings. A supply list will also be available.

<p>White glove ladies for February are: S. McCallum, A. Symmes , P. Wells.</p>

HOSPITALITY

Thank you so much to Leda Story, Sharon Veitch, Peggy Clark-Guiry and Margaret Gage for baking the goodies for our Feb. meeting. They were really enjoyed by those members who came to sew that day, and some by the arena staff who set up tables, chairs and extension cords for us.

The following members are signed up to bring treats for the Feb. 9th meeting: Dorothy Stoddart, Sandra Hartill, Sue McCallum, Pat Wright and Joan Hines.

Thanks.

QUILT SHOW BOUTIQUE REPORT

Submitted by Lynda and Sue

Thanks so much to the intrepid members who joined us for a fun day of sewing and fellowship at the arena on Jan. 12th. Luckily the weather was better than predicted, so we had several other members drop in to bring goodies and to check out what we were sewing/making. Other members stayed safe and sound in their own sewing rooms, making items for the boutique. Thank you! The Feb. Guild meeting is a hand sewing day. If you don't have a project that you are working on, we will have patterns, tracing paper and some fabric available if you would like to choose and plan a project for the boutique. There are also lots of ideas and patterns available on the Guild website under Quilt Show 2017 - Boutique.

We are looking forward to receiving all the items made over the last couple of months. I will make sure that I bring a big container to hold them all. Thanks for your creativity and your generosity.

Lynda and Sue

Quilting is a daily dose of fibre!

WEBSITE NEWS

Submitted by Halina Dales halina@dales.ca

Check out your guild photo gallery. There are now over 7200 photos going as far back as the 1990's.

One of our members brought in photo albums of guild activities spanning 20 years. Our photographer, Sherry Moncrief, scanned each picture and put the digital photos into albums on FLIKR. Thank you Sherry – that was a lot of work!

If you have digital copies of old guild photos, these can be archived in the photo gallery. You will note that digital copies is underlined, bolded and italicized.

Thank you to Leslie Songer-Terry for completing the transfer of photos from the previous guild website to our guild photo gallery. There were loads of pictures on the previous web-site of: Presidents challenge, Block of the Month, Quilt Art Group. Cuddle quilts etc. Leslie has archived these photos into albums in FLIKR.

Go take a look guild photo gallery.

QUILT SHOW NEWS

Submitted by Halina Dales halina@dales.ca or
muskokaquilts@gmail.com

Looking for Donations of Black Fabric The Arena Is Getting A Makeover!

The arena is getting a makeover for the quilt show. The ice rink walls will be curtained in black; tables will be draped in black; black will be used as a background for smaller quilts.

Just picture black as the backdrop for all the colour. Your quilts are going to pop!

To help the arena get its version of the perfect little black dress – the décor folks – **Dale McMillan and Pat Wells** are looking for donations of black fabric.

Knits or woven.

Preferably 3 metre lengths of 54 or 60" widths.

Thank you.



REMINDER

*Pine Tree Quilters Guild
Challenge 2016-17*

Must be completed and submitted

by April 2017 Guild meeting

- ♥ make a cloth bag, minimum 14 inches square, for yourself, a friend, or to donate
- ♥ based on what the theme Muskoka Quilts! “from the heart” means to you
- ♥ can include Canada 150 if desired
- ♥ 1 side or 2 of the bag can be pieced, appliquéd, embroidered, embellished, ribbon embroidery
- ♥ can use Muskoka tartan fabric (supplied). Lynda has some left.
- ♥ will be judged and prizes awarded at the May meeting
- ♥ will be displayed in special area at the Quilt Show in June 2017
- ♥ any questions, call Lynda Griffin 705-385-0945 or jtgimg8@gmail.com

Quilt Entries

We have 85 members who intend to show 241 quilts or quilted items. That's terrific! And do we need more? Of course we do!

To see what you are intending to show, go to the **Members Only** menu item on the PTQG website. You will have to put in the guild password. And once you are successfully in – you can find the list. The list will also be posted at the general meeting.

Have you thought of everything that you can enter? There are hundreds of pictures in our FLIKR gallery from show and tell. Every item that you have shown at a meeting, is a great item for the quilt show. Make sure you get it into 'Intending to Show' list. Sign up at the meeting or send me an email. We need this information to make sure we have enough quilt stands and can do our floor planning.

You have to 'enter' each quilt so that we can make a quilt label for it.

Paper entry forms will be available at the general meeting. All those that have an email address have received the online entry form or can go to the online entry form through our website. For the information on the website about entry forms, Go to <http://www.pinetreequiltersguildofmuskoka.com/entry-form/>

Our Quilt Show Committee Has Grown

Leslie Songer-Terry has joined the Quilt Show Committee as our Quilt Entry tracker. She will ensure that all the paper and online entries end up in the same spreadsheet, that photos that are submitted for identification purposes are linked to the entry form and that labels are produced. Welcome on board Leslie!

How are we going to keep Your Quilts Safe?

The entry forms for the show, ask that you acknowledge that the Guild is not responsible for lost or damaged quilted items. Sounds scary – doesn't it!

We are making it less scary!

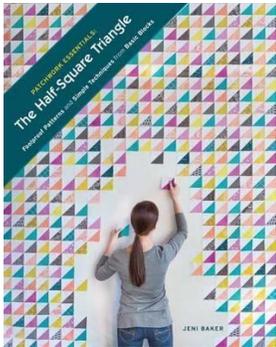
We are doing everything possible to make sure that your quilt is not lost or damaged – that it is safe. Here are the things we are putting in place:

- ♥ There will always be an arena staff member at the arena. **Day and night.**
- ♥ Over and above the alarm system at the arena, we are arranging to have overnight security for those nights when we have quilts (Thursday and Friday nights).
- ♥ At the end of the day, arena staff walks through the arena, area by area to ensure that each area is secure.
- ♥ During the show, there will be volunteers in all areas with displays to ensure that nothing walks.
- ♥ When you bring your quilts you will receive a receipt and claim ticket for each item. Each item will have it's own number.
- ♥ Your sheets, bags or whatever you used to transport your quilts, will go home with you.
- ♥ A pick-up time on the Saturday will be set. The doors will not open till then. We want to ensure that the take-down is done in an orderly fashion and with enough time so nothing is misplaced.
- ♥ When picking up your quilt, each item will be in it's own clear plastic bag with it's entry number visible.
- ♥ You will use your claim tickets to retrieve your numbered items.
- ♥ With each of your entries we are asking that you submit a photo of the quilt. This helps with security and identification.
- ♥ **If you have any other suggestions to safeguard your treasures please talk to anyone on the show committee.**

LIBRARY

Submitted by Jan McDonnell

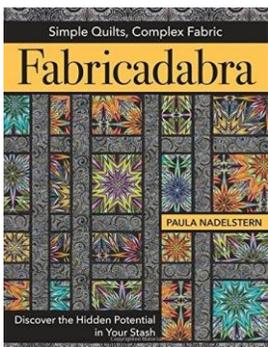
Now that the Christmas kerfuffle has come and gone, I had some time to do some shopping for the library (which is really fun!). The books are in and here are a few that you may wish to check out:



665 The Half Square Triangle – Foolproof patterns and simple techniques from basic blocks.

By Jeni Baker

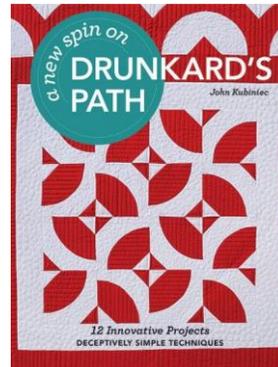
Turn a basic HST quilting block into a star project. HST (Half Square Triangle) is a quilt-making staple, and Patchwork Essentials is here to show you how to work with it to create the most magnificent quilts to hang and to cover. While the HST may be a simple block, it yields complex, beautiful results as proven in the 50 colorful images of the 12 finished, timeless quilts you can make with Patchwork Essentials.



#666 Fabricadabra: simple quilts, complex fabrics.

By Paula Nadelstern

Fabricadabra! Discover your fabric's hidden potential and sew complex-looking quilts that are easy to piece. Understand symmetry in fabrics and fool the eye with daring design strategies. Fussy cut prints to perfection with self-drafted templates and camouflage seams to get the "seemingly seamless" look made famous by quilter and fabric designer Paula Nadelstern's kaleidoscopic quilts. Example piecing diagrams show you how to quilt a visual spectacle for luminous effects.



#668 A new spin on Drunkard's Path.

By John Kubinieć

Shake up the Drunkard's Path block with quilting teacher John Kubinieć. Go beyond the basics of curved piecing with 12 innovative projects based on a classic pattern. Discover how sewing pre-pieced units like rail fences, half-square triangles, and sixteen-patches can completely change up the Drunkard's Path look. Take it a step further with creative sashings and add-ons to alter the finished layout. The end result looks complex but is actually easy to sew!

Queen's Bush Quilters Markdale invite everyone to attend

"Sew Much To Celebrate, Eh!"

Over 100 new quilts will be displayed including quilts designed to commemorate Canada's 150th birthday. Vintage quilts will be displayed; a quilt raffle and draws will take place. In addition, our very **special guests**, The Grey Highlands Hooking Craft Guild, will present their Rug Hooking Show, including demos -- making the event "two shows for the price of one." A merchant mall is open to shoppers. The Tea Room will serve lunch and refreshments. Facilities are wheelchair accessible.

Further excitement: this show presents an opportunity to learn more about "For the Love of Grey Barn Quilt Trail." Over the past several years, both in Canada and the U.S., many people have installed large, brightly painted quilt blocks on their barns. Grey County now features a barn quilt trail of close to 50 barn quilts! Representatives of this this local group will set up a display and give directions for travelling the Barn Quilt Trail. Make a day of it at....

MARKDALE ARENA,
Markdale Arena, Markdale, Ontario
Fri June 23 10-6pm Sat June 24 10-4pm
Admission \$8.00