



# PINE TREE QUILTERS' GUILD OF MUSKOKA

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## MEMBERSHIP

Submitted by Sandra Harthill

## WELCOME

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## PROGRAMS

Submitted by Barb Coburn

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

The AGM should not be too long as this is a non-election year. Seven satellite groups are confirmed to make presentations. It should be interesting to find out what quilting activities outside our guild take place in Muskoka.

### **April 9 Bracebridge Arena 1:00 p.m.**

Our guest for this meeting will be Lucy Ann Holliday. Her presentation called "Why Do We Quilt" is a humorous and thought-provoking talk on this most important topic.

## WORKSHOPS

Submitted by Heather Ingram

The next workshop will be "**Durham Quilting**" with Lucy Anne Holliday from Toronto. Durham Quilting originated in the north of England & most often was a method of hand quilting beautiful patterns on whole cloth quilts. In this workshop you will work on a pillow top project but will also get a chance to copy wonderful quilt designs & plan a larger project if you wish. Today, these patterns are also sometimes executed by machine. So hand quilters & machine quilters alike will benefit from this workshop & from Lucy Anne's extensive experience. No need to bring a machine to class, though. Sign up at the March meeting for Wednesday, April 8th, 9am to 4pm. \$35.00.

In March we will also begin registration for Pat Menary's "**Threads of Time**" workshop. She is a miniature specialist coming from Innerkip, ON to teach

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this little spools class. Dig into your scrap bag & hand piece a colourful combination of memories from projects past. Workshop will be held Friday, May 15th from 9am to 4pm at the Sportsplex. \$45.00.

## TESSELLATING PINWHEELS WORKSHOP

Submitted by Carol Cragg

I want to first thank our fearless leader Shirley Anne, who assured all of us that we would have our completed masterpiece done by noon. I have taken a couple of classes, and I was prepared to have the pedal to the metal all the way. But her "don't worry - it will work out" attitude made for a very relaxed productive class. The instructions were easy to follow and the 12 members were able to complete their tessellating pinwheel by the end of the session, (except the outside borders). The hardest part was cutting the piece apart and 'not sneezing' thereby disturbing the work in progress. Each of the pinwheels created were beautiful. You learn so much by taking a class. The donuts helped!!



## PINS

Submitted by Elizabeth Hughes

The Pine Tree Quilt pins are available for \$4.00 at the Membership Desk.

## **LIBRARY REPORT**

Submitted by Carrol Reid

We have added that last of the Delores Johnson estate books to the library. The 34 books added this month are too numerous to detail in the newsletter. Please refer to the website's library section for a complete listing. The Library's books and videos now total 288.

The Library's collection of books and videos cover a vast array of patterns, techniques, reference and instructions to name a few and several books by single authors. Sometimes it is overwhelming to try and select a book or books from the library because of the numbers. It is our intent to do book reports on a regular basis to let members know what is available and to highlight some of those books that we think you might be interested in knowing more about.

### **FOLLOWING IS THE FIRST BOOK REPORT:**

#### **Creative Triangles for Quilters by Janet BE. Elwin**

One result of the quilting renaissance is a new look at all angles of this immensely popular craft: Must we use only 100% cotton if we're making wall hangings? Must we hand-quilt? Must our quilts be squares and rectangles?

Well-known quilting authority Janet Elwin takes an even more drastic angle - 60 degree! Instead of using squares and rectangles in pieced patterns, she has developed an easy yet complicated-looking way to use 60 degree triangles in traditional designs.

First you will learn how to draft and piece the basic triangle quilts in rows, so that you don't have to worry about set-in points. Then, in nine mind-expanding chapters, you will explore how to translate traditional motifs like trees, flowers, fans and baskets into stunning quilts made of simple triangles.

Janet traces her inspiration for each quilt and shows how she thought through the colour. Then she give complete step-by-step instructions for 19 quilts,(in several sizes) such as all-pieced Fans and Dresdens Plates, curves and fractured triangles. You'll also learn how to make Dune Points and a gorgeous three-dimensional lily.

In the process, Janet shows how blending small amounts of colour using many fabrics, just as the Impressionists did with paint, gives a far more intriguing look to a quilt.

Dazzle yourself by working with creative triangles - easy to work with, beautiful to see, and far more complicated-looking than they are to piece.

## **INTEREST GROUPS**

### **JAMES ST. PLACE PROGRAM**

Submitted by Marianne Meeuwisse

**March 26,** Brush up on basic sewing skills, such as ¼ inch seams and pressing ½ square triangles as well Snowball, Strip piecing and any other skill on request. Bring your own fabric and sewing machine, we will provide an iron and cutting board, tea and goodies. This will be a demo and opportunity to try out each skill. If you are having problems with the block of the month this is the afternoon for you! There will also be time to do more embroidery.

**April 23, no meeting**

**May 28,** an opportunity to practice more embroidery and embellishments and socialize.

### **QUILT ART GROUP**

Submitted by Joanne Kourtz

The group will be meeting at St James Place, March 26 10-12 am.

We hope that after you see some of our work at the arena meeting, you might join us. We discuss a lot of techniques and share many ideas. Our challenge for the March meeting is "think green" 12 square inches. Our April 23 meeting will be held at Gateway Fibreworks in Gravenhurst where we have been invited to create a needle felting piece to hang in the store. We will have great fun embellishing this piece.

Any guild member is welcome to join us at our lively meetings.

### **OTHER NEWS**

Canadian Quilter Magazine, Spring Issue has two articles regarding our Guild; one regarding our Paint Chip Challenge and a picture of Doreen Steele winner of the Association's Rosette at our June 2008 Quilt Show. There is a copy of the magazine in our Library, check it out and read oodles of interesting articles about quilters from B.C. to The Rock.

## GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS

Submitted by Pauline Lucas

This month we get to know a little more about Mildred Everest. Mildred was born in Brampton in 1931. Her father rented farms, so the family moved often and she attended schools in Shelburne, Orangeville, Caledon and Burlington. During her teenage years, Mildred worked six summers for Dr and Mrs. Van Wyck at Norway Point on Lake of Bays - this was her introduction to Muskoka. Mildred went on to Teachers' College and became a public school teacher in Kitchener. For three years she had the experience of teaching Canadian Air Force children at a NATO base in Fontainebleau, France.

After returning to Canada Mildred took a sabbatical at Western University and obtained her Masters Degree in Library Science, and became a library consultant working in a department headed by Ken Everest. Mildred became a close friend of Dorothy, Ken's wife. After 35 years of teaching Mildred retired. Her good friend Dorothy Everest died of cancer, and sometime later Mildred invited the poor widower for supper and in 1989 they were married.

As a child of 10, Mildred had made her first embroidered squares. Sometime later she cross-stitched a cover and with the help of her Mom and an aunt she did her first quilting. It was after retirement that Mildred took her first quilting course in Elmira. Following a visit to the Quilt Show of Pine Tree Quilters' Guild of Muskoka, she became a member in 1993, and has served on the executive.



Now living in Muskoka with Ken, her hobby is **QUILTING**. She has made small banners and hangings for her church in Dorset, the United Church in Baysville, as well as many items she has brought to show and tell at our monthly meetings. She says her favourite method of quilting is paper piecing. Thanks, Mildred, for sharing your story with us.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

### 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.

Contact: Shirley Anne Sturgess at [dhsturg@vianet.ca](mailto:dhsturg@vianet.ca)  
705-766-2738

## **2008 ANNUAL REPORTS**

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Submitted by Shirley Anne Sturgess

2008 was an exciting year for Pine Tree Quilters' Guild as many of the members on the executive were new to the challenge, and have joined with the experienced members to make the Guild a vibrant place for all our members.

Exciting books are continually added to **YOUR** library; Cuddle Quilts are being completed and donated to worthy causes; the Quilt Art group continues to challenge everyone who chooses to participate; Habitat For Humanity will soon have a quilt hand pieced by our members; talented guest speakers have shared their trunk shows and workshops for our participation too; our own Guild members have generously taken the time to share a technique with everyone; our block of the month program has been extended to challenge us all; the James St. Place programs are tantalizing and challenging for all participants. Everyone is encouraged to participate in any area of interest and suggestions for additions are always welcome.

Thanks are extended to everyone that gives of themselves to make the guild a better place, from the membership, hospitality, communications, to our treasurer and secretary who work tirelessly on your behalf. It has been a pleasure to serve the members and hope to be able to continue to do so in the coming year.

Chairperson – Shirley Anne Sturgess  
Vice Chairperson – Elizabeth Hughes  
Past Chairperson – Marianne Meeuwisse  
Secretary –Marta McIntyre  
Treasurer – Eleanor Anderson  
Program Committee – Barb Coburn; Heather Ingram;  
Judy Kobe; Mary Lou Hamilton  
Hospitality – Sharon Penzvalto, Stella Neilson; Tina Bax (Sunshine Lady)  
Library – Carrol Reid; Cathy Maher; Joanne Kourtz  
Membership – Sandra Hartill; Patricia Jacobs  
Outreach Committee – Carrol Reid; Leda Story; Pat Jacobs; Elizabeth McMillan  
Communications – Paula Elliott (Newsletter); Dianne Gronsfors (Website).

### **TREASURERS' REPORT**

Submitted by Eleanor Anderson

The Treasurer's books for the year 2008 have been audited and everything is in order. Budgets have been set up for the various categories; e.g. Workshops, Programme, etc. This should give us a better idea of how and where we are spending our money. It has been a pleasure to serve on the Executive as your Treasurer. All the members have been very cooperative and helpful. This made my job easier. Many thanks to all

### **PROGRAM REPORT**

Submitted by Barb Coburn

The members of the Programme Committee, Heather Ingram, Mary Lou Hamilton, Judy Kobe and me have worked hard to provide the Guild with interesting and informative topics for our Bracebridge meetings. Marianne Meeuwisse took on the responsibility to plan the programme for our James St. Place meetings.

Heather, whose task it became to provide the speakers and workshops for the Guild, has arranged a wide variety of excellent and challenging topics. We have been inspired by the trunk shows the speakers bring to us and the workshops fill up easily.

Mary Lou agreed to look after the Block of the Month programme. The number of participants is overwhelming. She is extremely gratified by the number of blocks received each month for the draw.

Judy is always ready to step in to help all of us with the many tasks necessary to achieving successful programmes.

I would like to thank these ladies plus the other members of our Guild who have agreed to participate in several of our programmes.

The Programme Committee is always looking for ideas for future meetings. If you have any suggestions, please let one of the committee members know. We want to make sure that we are satisfying your interests.

## **WORKSHOP REPORT**

Submitted by Heather Ingram

Pine Tree Quilters Guild held the following workshops this past year:

February 14/08 – Sherri Hisey taught “Straight From My Heart”, a strippy quilt workshop involving machine appliqué & piecing.

May 8/08 – Elaine Quehl taught “Beyond Stippling 1”. In this workshop we became a little more comfortable with free motion quilting by machine. We look forward to having her back in 2010 for “Beyond Stippling 2” & an art quilt workshop.

September 24/08 – Dianne Gronfors taught her “Sliced & Diced Nines” workshop. Participants rotary cut & pieced as directed & then cut & pieced some more for a very interesting effect.

November 13/08 – Janet Rice-Bredin taught “Botanical Art Quilts”. All sorts of flowers bloomed as we machine appliquéd colourful lilies, poppies, pansies & more.

## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Submitted by Sandra Harthill  
Assistant – Patricia Jacobs

We currently have 112 members which includes 18 new members. Thanks Pat for your help.

## **LIBRARY REPORT**

Submitted by Carrol Reid  
Assistants - Joanne Kourtz and Cathy Maher

The Guild’s library provides a significant resource for members. At the end of 2008 the library held 245 books.

Books and videos are added regularly as well as magazines. New books are featured in the monthly newsletter with a highlight of the contents. There is a master list of all of the books and supplementary lists by Author, Name of Book and Type of book. These lists are available at meetings for reference and are also on the Guild’s website for members to peruse at leisure. We were fortunate to receive a large donation of books in the fall and these are being added on a regular basis. Watch the newsletter and the website for updates. We plan to use the newsletter to do “Book Reports” detailing specific books, videos or other interests in the library.

The book cart at each meeting is a busy place. You will find members enthusiastically discussing books and reviewing contents. There is a large selection of

magazines that are available for borrowing on an “on your honour system”. These are donated by members for members to share.

The Guild also receives copies of “The Canadian Quilter” magazine. These magazines highlight activities of guilds across Canada, people of interest in the quilting world and sometimes a pattern or two.

## **OUTREACH PROGRAM REPORT**

Submitted by Carrol Reid  
Committee Members: Mary Andison  
Pam Guthrie, Sharon Veitch, Sandi Carnel,  
Pat Jacobs, Elizabeth MacMillan

The outreach program provides cuddle quilts for children residing in Muskoka Interval House and Chrysalis, both shelters for abused women. In 2008 46 quilts were donated and very much appreciated by the children. The program was expanded because of the enthusiasm and hard work of members which resulted in a large number of tops being completed. We were able to donate quilts to the New Beginnings program as well as the Dorset Fire Department and Victims Services.

Kits are made up and distributed at guild meetings for members to take home and make into tops. In April and October workshops were held to sandwich the quilts and finish them by tying or machine quilting. The workshops provided an opportunity for members to get together to sew, chat, and enjoy the opportunity of doing something very meaningful for the community.

Because of a serious fire, the venue for the workshops had to be moved from Rowanwood Retirement Residence. The workshops are now held at James Street Retirement Residence in a bright roomy area at that facility.

The guild has stored a significant stash of fabric over the past few years. The outreach committee met on several occasions to sort through the stash and bring it to a manageable amount of suitable fabric. We received a donation of a large carton of fabric appropriate for cuddle quilts from Northcott.

Members can look forward to some new and interesting kits and fabrics in the coming year.

## QUILT SHOW

Submitted by Marta McIntyre

We had a very successful quilt show in June 2008. There were 274 quilted items on display. This was our largest quilt show, thus far. There were 622 visitors who attended. The People's Choice winners of rosettes were:

Large Quilt – Doreen Steele. “Lily”

Small Quilt – Marianne Meeuwisse – “4 Seasons”

Miniatures – Dianne Gronfors – “Little Houses”

Wearable's – Marianne Meeuwisse – Turquoise Jacket

There were a few changes this year. Our venue was at the Bracebridge Agricultural building at the fairgrounds, which was an excellent location. We handed out pamphlets with some tidbits inside as visitors came in. There were door prizes. We had 5 vendors whose sales did well and were happy with the venue.

Our tearoom was run by the Bracebridge UCW and it was a big hit. Our boutique was a show –stopper with lots of wonderful donated quilted items for sale. The net profit made this a worthwhile event.

Thank you to all the volunteers and members for making this one fantastic quilt show! I look forward to working with you again in 2011 as the convenor.

## HOSPITALITY

Submitted by Judy Dawes

All is well behind the coffee pot at guild these days. Thanks to Sharon Penzvalto and Stella Neilson who are now taking charge of having your coffee and tea ready for you. Again many thanks to all those who keep the plates filled with cookies and squares. Every crumb is 'mouth wateringly' appreciated.



## COMMUNICATION REPORT

Submitted by Paula Elliott

As you are reading another Newsletter, I guess you have my report. I want to thank all committee chairs who have regularly sent me information to include in the newsletters. All members can submit articles for the newsletter and I will include them if I have the space. You can list things for sale or if you are looking for things.

I have included Dianne's instructions to get on the web page again as her report. Check out the web page. Dianne has done a wonderful job of keeping the world informed about the events and happenings here in Muskoka.

## WEB PAGE INFORMATION

Submitted by Dianne Gronfors

The guild maintains a secure area on our website for things that are not public information such as our membership list, newsletter archives, constitution, treasurer's forms, etc.

Access to this area is simple but often found confusing.

When you click on the link to “Member's Area” from the navigation bar, you are taken to another page that explains that the area is private for members and you then click on the link that says “Private Member's Area”. Once you click on that link, you are prompted for a Member's Name and a Pass Code.

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.**