



# PINE TREE QUILTERS' GUILD OF MUSKOKA

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Submitted by Shirley Anne Sturgess

We had our winners in the Quilt Olympics, learned the difference between a warp and a weft; and a 'between' from a 'straw', who knew someone would have gum, a toothpick and a needle threader in their purse? Wasn't that fun! Thanks to Barb for all the preparations and presentation and a special thanks to all the ladies who brought their own memories from many countries to help celebrate the moment.

The future is yours ladies, try a Challenge, you'll be thrilled with your own efforts; your Resolution completed will be a wonderful surprise both to your friends and yourself, (means one less U.F.O.); take a Workshop and learn a new skill or polish up a rusty one, there are often Tim Bits and lots of help everywhere; the Programme Committee have organized a variety of excellent speakers, trunk shows, suppliers as well as teachers with many skills to share, come and enjoy, you'll be hooked.

Thank you for being supportive members, please say hello to a new member, remember we were all newcomers once! Here's to a great future in Pine Tree Quilter's Guild of Muskoka. Everyone wins GOLD when we work together.

## SUGGESTION BOX

It's available for your ideas.



We will try this again for a few months. The line of ladies with show and tell will line up on the elevator side of the room, pass their work to the White Glove ladies, and then speak at the microphone. Then they will take their own work and lay it out on the table near the windows. The quilter could stay there and answer questions, or just leave the work for viewing. There will be NO FOOD OR BEVERAGE signs available.

The membership will be able to enjoy the work up close en route to get their refreshments. Let's give it a try!

## PROGRAMS

Submitted by Barb Coburn

March 11 Bracebridge Arena 1:00 p.m.

In keeping with our focus on featuring the work of one of our own members, we are pleased that Dianne Gronfors will present a trunk show.

Please remember that we will also hold our Annual General Meeting.

April 8 Bracebridge Arena 1:00 p.m.

Our guest for this meeting will be Barbara Hartwick from Huntsville. Her topic will be "How to Care For Your Sewing Machine". Although we rely on having our machines work for us efficiently, I am sure that we all tend to neglect keeping it in top running order. Barbara's talk should help us make sure our machines do what we want them to do.

## WORKSHOPS

Submitted by Heather Ingram

March 10, 2010: 9: am to 4 pm

Dianne Gronfors is teaching "Sliced & Diced Nines 2". There will be a sample for you to see at the guild meeting. There are still a few spots available at only \$25.00 & we will continue to take registrations at the February meeting. **Remember its Wednesday, not Friday & at the Arena, not the Sportsplex.** Any additions to the class list have to be made at the February guild meeting.

April 22nd "Beyond Stippling II"

By popular demand, Elaine Quehl is returning to our guild from Ottawa. Come prepared to sign up for one of Elaine's April workshops.

April 23<sup>rd</sup> "Reflections"

"Reflections" is an art quilt workshop for all the artsy types who have been waiting for exciting inspiration in this direction.

## More Details

“Beyond Stippling II” registration is restricted to those who have taken “Beyond Stippling I” with Elaine or “Beginner Machine Quilting” with Elizabeth Hughes as some experience is required. Each workshop costs \$40.00 plus your own materials & registration is limited. I expect these classes to be back at the Sportsplex.

For further information, contact Heather Ingram 645-6829 or [hingram2@cogeco.ca](mailto:hingram2@cogeco.ca)

## MEMBERSHIP

Submitted by Sandra Hartill

# Welcome

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RR# 1, Utterson, P0B 1M0  
385-1812 [bpmaharg@yahoo.com](mailto:bpmaharg@yahoo.com) .

## OUTREACH

Submitted by Carrol Reid

The Semi Annual Cuddle Quilt workshop will be held at James Street Place on April 22, 2010 starting at 10:00 a.m. We will spend the day making up quilts from the tops that have been completed by members. Plan to come, bring a lunch and enjoy a day of stitching with friends and contributing to this worthwhile project.

Quilts of Valour – Canada

Delivering quilts of comfort for injured Canadian soldiers

Quilts of Valour are quilts being made for injured military personnel on their return to Canada. As of December 2009 over 500 quilts have been delivered to our armed forces members.

Quilts of Valour – Canada is a Canadian Charitable organization dedicated to ensuring that wounded Canadian soldiers are recognized for their bravery and commitment. The soldiers who receive the comfort quilts are often overwhelmed by the generosity of the volunteers who make these quilts. A quilt of comfort is a small step in the process of recovery. The organization has representatives across Canada who ensures the quilts are delivered to the right people in the most efficient way.

There are specific criteria for making the quilts that will ensure that all quilts are made from 100% high quality cotton fabrics and meet size specifications.

Check the website for complete information o this program. [www.quiltsofvalour.ca](http://www.quiltsofvalour.ca)

Is our guild interested in making and donating a quilt for this program? Your Outreach Committee would like to know who would be interested in being on a committee to start the process of organizing a group to participate in choosing a Canadian themed pattern and coordinating the effort within the guild. Please contact Carrol Reid at 646-7609 or Sylvia Bouchard at 687-0412.

## ARCHIVES

Submitted by Susan McCallum

Look for the current display at the meeting.

## INTEREST GROUPS

### QUILT ART GROUP

Submitted by Joanne Kourtz

Our next meeting will be March 25th, 10 am-3 pm at James Place. We will be revealing our next word and talking about the techniques used for our twelve square inch piece. We will be staying into the afternoon to play with stamping, paints, pastels, inks and Shiva paint sticks. Please bring any of the above supplies plus some fabric to play with. We welcome any guild member. If you are planning to come, please tell a member beforehand so we can contact you if we have to cancel. There will not be a meeting in April due to cuddle quilt day. [joannekourtz@sympatico.ca](mailto:joannekourtz@sympatico.ca)

## OTHER EVENTS

### THE ETOBICOKE QUILTERS' GUILD

#### Quilt Fever 2010

March 26, 27, 28, 2010

26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> – 10am – 5pm

28<sup>th</sup> – 10am – 4pm

Members Boutique, Merchants Mall, Tea Room, Daily Door Prizes.

Admission \$5.00

Neilson Park Creative Centre

56 Neilson Drive, Etobicoke

## INTERGUILD MEETING

Date: Saturday, April 10, 2010  
Place: Shilton Hall, St. John's United Church  
56 Victoria St.E.  
ALLISTON, ON  
(across from Shoppers Drug Mart & north of  
Giant Tiger)

## ORILLIA QUILTERS GUILD PRESENTS

### Sunshine Quilt Show

Saturday & Sunday

April 17 & 18

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Trillium Manor

12 Grace Ave, Orillia

Beautiful quilt exhibits, vendors market, tea room,  
members market, quilt demonstrations,  
quilt appraisals and more!

## Sew Fest West 2010

Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, May 1st

<http://sewfestwest2010.blogspot.com/>

This sewing and needlework event will be held at  
**Bingemans Conference Centre in Kitchener, Ontario.**  
Bingemans is a fabulous venue for events. And parking  
is free! Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Sew Fest West 2010 was conceived by three business  
women, Joanne Thomson of Joanne's Creative Notions,  
Alma Laidlaw of Sew Fancy and Catherine Goetz of  
Distinctive Sewing Supplies.

## WEEKLONG COURSES: APRIL 26, 2010

Monday to Friday 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

*This course is not suitable for beginners.* Instruction  
will inspire your creativity and enable you to produce  
original works of art in the quilt medium. You can  
expect to make one larger art quilt, or a series of smaller  
works. The goal is to enable you to experiment, take  
risks and create original work. Discover your voice,  
your style, and what it is you want to express.  
Instruction and exercises in colour as well as the  
elements and principles of design and composition will  
give you the background to make visually dynamic  
work. Explore the process of dyeing your own fabric,  
the techniques you might need to construct the work  
itself, and how to finish it off. . You will be required to

bring a familiar and reliable sewing machine in good  
working order

Haliburton School of The Arts

Cost \$275.00

QUILTING – THE ART QUILT

INSTRUCTOR: Elaine Quehl

For further details go to Fleming College

<http://www.flemingcollege.com/Programs/Materials/>

## Stitching Community: African Canadian Quilts From Southern Ontario,

Toronto's **Royal Ontario Museum** has opened an  
exhibit of quilts made between 1848 and 1976 by  
Canadian women of African descent; most of them  
escaped and freed slaves and their descendants. The  
exhibit, **Stitching Community: African Canadian Quilts  
from Southern Ontario** uses quilts to explore the role of  
African Canadian women in reinforcing community and  
familial ties in new and unfamiliar settings. The exhibit  
runs through **September 6.**

## THREADWORKS, A SPECIAL PROJECT OF ONTARIO NETWORK OF NEEDLEWORKERS

**Apr 24, 2010 - Jun 13, 2010**

The Wellington County Museum & Archives is proud  
to once again host and support what has become one of  
the finest juried fibre art exhibits in Ontario.

**Threadworks**, a special project of **Ontario Network of  
Needle workers**, is mounted every three years and  
circulates to museums and galleries throughout Ontario.  
It showcases exceptional and creative needlework by  
artists from across Canada. Wellington County Museum  
& Archives is the inaugural exhibition venue and  
organizing site.

The 2010 theme is "Trees" and we will no doubt be  
offered interpretive works of the highest technical and  
artistic quality.

Link to the museum <http://www.wcm.on.ca/>

Wellington County Museum & Archives

RR#1 Fergus, ON

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0536 County Road 18

Township of Centre Wellington

## ANNUAL REPORTS 2009

### PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT, 2009

Pine Tree Quilters' Guild of Muskoka had a banner year in 2009 as we welcomed many new members to share experiences and challenges. Workshops and speakers were met with enthusiasm and all the participants benefited from the efforts of hard working, creative committees.

As your retiring president, I would like to thank all the members who contributed to the success of our Guild and by your support and participation made my responsibility a very rewarding experience. I do look forward to an exciting future with the Guild led by your vibrant, enthusiastic, new executive. Please show them your support.

Submitted by Shirley Anne Sturgess

### PROGRAMME COMMITTEE REPORT

The Programme Committee has successfully planned another year of interesting topics for our guild meetings. I wish to acknowledge the much appreciated help of Mary Lou Hamilton who has worked very hard to coordinate the Nine Patch Block of the Month, Judy Kobe, who has suggested many excellent ideas and has willingly helped in a variety of ways and Heather Ingram and Sharon Veitch who have arranged for out of town speakers for our meetings. These ladies are to be commended for their time and talents that they have contributed. I thank them for their valued commitment to our guild.

Thanks are also extended to all of the members who took part in several of our programmes. It is gratifying to have people who will agree to participate without hesitation.

The Programme Committee appreciates the positive feedback that we receive from the members. It makes us feel that what we do is satisfying you needs and makes our job worthwhile.

Submitted by Barb Coburn

## WORKSHOPS

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

January 9/09 - Elizabeth Hughes taught us to make a "Professional Tote Bag". This was challenging machine piecing that resulted in a wonderful bag with lots of pockets & zippers.

February 13/09 - Shirley Anne Sturgess taught "Tessellating Pinwheels", an interesting way to combine different colours of one shape to create a pattern.

April 8/09 - Lucy Anne Holliday taught "Durham Quilting". This workshop was a change from machine work when she had us create our own hand quilting designs in the style that came from the north of England.

May 15/09 - Pat Menary taught "Threads of Time". This was a class in hand piecing miniature spoils.

September 11/09 - Elizabeth Hughes taught "Beginner Machine Quilting". This was a very popular class in free motion quilting.

November 13/09 - Patti Carey taught "Lone Star Made Easy". She is an energetic, knowledgeable teacher who really did simplify colour choices, accurate piecing & inset seams.

I sincerely hope you enjoyed the workshops that were offered this past year & I welcome any suggestions for future workshops. We already have some interesting things scheduled for 2010. Your support for these workshops encourages us to plan a variety of fun things yet to come.

Submitted by Heather Ingram

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## FROM THE TREASURER:

Financially, we have had a good year for the Guild. We are holding our own with income and expenses. The Executive, at their last meeting, approved a budget for each of our activities, e.g. library, programmes, workshops, etc. The Executive also set aside monies for the next Quilt Show and our 20th Anniversary, both in the year 2011.

### APPROVED BUDGET

Hospitality -	\$120
Insurance	525
Library	400
Membership	400
Newsletter	610
Outreach	500
Petty Cash	40
Programme	1,200.
Rent – Arena	450
Rent- P.O. Box	140
Sunshine	10
Website	100
Workshops	<u>300</u>
Total 2010	4,795.

I am happy to be part of this great Guild, and I thank all the members for their help and co-operation.  
Submitted by Eleanor Anderson.

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

In 2009 there were 119 members, including 21 new members, and we had 25 guests. We started a new membership form, which can be used for 10 years. It is easy to complete and there is room on the form for any changes in name, address, phone # and email information.

Thanks to the following members who helped me throughout the year at the membership desk: Wilma Johnson, Eileen Baron, Patricia Jacobs, Rosemary Carrington and Sue Cleveland.

Submitted by Sandra Hartill

## LIBRARY 2009 REPORT

The Guild's library provides a significant resource for members. At the end of 2009 the library held 314 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.

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.

Respectfully submitted by: Carrol Reid, Guild Librarian

## OUTREACH PROGRAM 2009 REPORT

The outreach program provides cuddle quilts for children residing in Muskoka Interval House and Chrysalis, both shelters for abused women. In 2009 quilts were also donated to the New Beginnings Programs in Huntsville and Bracebridge. The donations are always very much appreciated by those receiving them.

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.

In the previous year the large quantity of fabric had been sorted and stored into cartons. This year the guild purchased plastic totes to securely store all of the fabric.

New kits and patterns have been provided for members to take home and sew. As well, the kits are now numbered and signed out. This helps us to better manage the program and keep track of the kits.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Carrol Reid – chair – Outreach Committee

## ARCHIVES

Some guild members may not know that the Pine Tree Quilters' Guild has maintained a collection of pictures, meeting minutes, and other items related to Guild member activities since its beginning some twenty years ago. This "archive" of memorabilia relies on contributions of photos, media clippings, and other items such as patterns and instructions from workshops that members provide. Maintaining the collection is the job of the archivist, a position which I currently hold. With the twentieth anniversary of the Guild approaching, some of this archival material will be made available at each of the regular meetings, so that members can revisit some of the good times and good friends from the past.

Submitted by Susan McCallum

## WEBPAGE

"Did you think our Guild website was just for our members? Take a look at this list of countries. People from all of these countries have visited our website. They've seen pictures of your quilts and events that we've held. They've viewed trunk shows and workshops and our quilt show. All these people are visiting our little website - **HAVE YOU?**"

Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, Former Czechoslovakia, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Singapore, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, United States, Venezuela

Looks pretty impressive eh? Of course, many of those got there by mistake and some only had one visitor but still, we're out there, worldwide.

Submitted by Diane Gronfors

## HOSPITALITY REPORT

Many thanks to all those ladies who have brought in the delicious treats. It is amazing the variety and amount we have each meeting to put out for our members. If you have not signed up to bring in treats, we have a few upcoming empty spots before the end of June.

We also appreciate everyone who has been 'green'. By that we mean, those who bring in their own mugs so that we do not have to use Styrofoam.

We are making extra cups of tea now in our new urn and we are keeping our eyes out for a 60 cup coffee urn. If you know of one at a reasonable price, please let us know. We are doing our best to judge how much to make and try get it right without making too much.

It is nice to hear your comments and we enjoy seeing your smiling faces as you pass by to get your tea or coffee. If you have any suggestions, do not hesitate to let us know.

Sharon and Stella

## NEWSLETTER EDITOR

First, I wish to thank all the Board members for their input to the newsletter. Without your continued support giving me the information to put in our Newsletter it would be very sparse.

Secondly, I wish to thank all the members of the guild for the bits of information that you give me which makes our newsletter informative as well as interesting. It has been a learning curve for me. When the first newsletter was published, I really didn't know what I was doing.

Having a monthly newsletter was a new idea from the Board after the elections. It can be crazy trying to get everything together when the time between guild meetings and the next newsletter is short.

Thirdly, I wish to thank Margaret Gage for stepping forward to help with the newsletter. I know that we will work well together for the Guild.

Respectfully Submitted  
Paula Elliott

If you got this far!!!



Your name tag

Money for 50/50

Sign in at Welcome table

Items for Show and Tell

Library Books

Mugs