

PINE TREE QUILTERS' GUILD OF MUSKOKA

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In my last message, I urged you all to bring your cheques in to the February meeting for our upcoming 25th Anniversary Celebration in June. Then I promptly forgot to bring my own cheque in. My mind was totally focused on the "seat sale." Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the sale, either by selling or buying or perhaps a bit of both. I am glad to say that I was able to come back home much lighter and am now the proud new owner of a Marti Michel ruler for only 50 cents. Such a deal!

At our February Executive meeting, Nancy Lynch informed us that she is well on her way to completing her "Design a Pine" entry for the Anniversary event. Since she has thrown down the gauntlet, as President, I feel I must now respond and submit something for the challenge. Rather than start yet another project, I thought I would incorporate something Piney into an existing UFO and see if that doesn't kill two birds with one stone. (so to speak)

I would like to give a shout out to a few people. First, **Nancy Davies**, who took up the "ugly Christmas sweater" challenge at our December meeting. If there was a winner, she was it, hands down. Thanks for making me smile Nancy.

Second, **Lynda Griffin**, who held down the fort in the kitchen at our February meeting. Due to illness in the ranks, Lynda was short-handed by a few souls. It was nice to see Kim and Barb from the membership desk pitch in and help Lynda clean up at the end of the meeting.

Third, please welcome **Jan McDonnell** in her new position as head of the library. She is taking over from Halina Dales so that Halina can concentrate on Quilt Show and Website responsibilities. How lucky we are to have such talented individuals on board.

As Halina gears up for our 2017 quilt show, please give consideration to assisting her in some way.

Can I also ask you to consider joining one of the committees or taking on a position on the executive? I can honestly say that the role and responsibilities of President are not as ominous as I had originally feared and I am surprised at how quickly my term is coming to an end. Only three and ½ months left.

As we start to move out of the dark winter months, I look forward to the lengthening days and seeing the bright colours of spring.

Regards,
Margaret

PINE TREE QUILTERS' GUILD EXECUTIVE LIST 2015 -16

Past President	Barb Coburn
President	Margaret Gage
Vice President	Nancy Lynch
Treasurer	Sue Bogers
Secretary	Pat Northmore
Program	Joyce MacKay Donna Naylor
Workshops	Donna Brown
Membership	Kim Wynott Barb Smith
Library	Halina Dales
Newsletter	Joanne Smith
Outreach	Jill Kieffer
Hospitality	Lynda Griffin Peggy Clark Guirry
Historian	Paddy Taylor
Website	Halina Dales

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

PROGRAMS

Submitted by Joyce MacKay and Donna Naylor

A special thank you to those ladies who shared information about their special interest stitching groups last month. Hopefully some of you have been inspired to get together with other like-minded stitchers to create your own little ad hoc groups.

Have you taken all your cash from last month's Chair Sale and spent it on more fabric? Isn't that what we do? We hope the purge of your sewing area has helped you organize your projects and inspired you to complete some – remember that Resolution Challenge from the beginning of the year – time is moving on!

MARCH 10th - Our March presenter is our very own **Dale McMillan** who is going to speak to us about the stages of development in her becoming a fabric artist – in particular, art quilting. She will feature work she has created in the process. Dale's presentation is entitled, "*Becoming a Quilt Artist – A Work in Progress*"

APRIL 14th - our guest will be **Jennifer Houlden**, quilt designer and textile artist (www.quiltsbyjen.ca). The title of her presentation is "*Creating with Colour – My Quilt Journey*". On Friday, April 15, Jennifer will be conducting a workshop featuring her Twisted Log Cabin design. Our workshop coordinator, Donna Brown, will have registration forms along with photographs and specifications at the March meeting. The cost is \$35.00.

MAY 12th - we welcome **Rev. Kathryn Gorman Lovelady** of Moonstar Lodge in Tiny, Ontario. She will present her *International Trunk show – a contrast of Aboriginal quilt traditions with international styles*.

We continue to research and book guests for next year's guild meetings. We think we have some very special presentations to look forward to. Happy quilting!

WHITE GLOVE VOLUNTEERS for March:

Sharon V., Linda W., & Lynn McN.
Thanks ladies!

WORKSHOPS

Submitted by Donna Brown

FRIDAY APRIL 15TH ~ 9 am to 4 pm ~
Bracebridge Sportsplex. **There are only five spaces left** for Jennifer Houlden's "Twisted Log Cabin" Workshop. If you are interested in attending be sure to bring a cheque or cash to cover the \$35 cost to our March meeting.

HOSPITALITY

Submitted by Lyn Griffin

Shirley Anne Sturgess, Barbara Cronier, Dona Shea, Pat Wells, Tammy Comeau, Edith Sristerenko and Clara Moore brought a delicious variety of goodies for us to enjoy at the February meeting. Thank you! And thanks too to those who helped serve and clean up as some of the committee were unavailable to help that day.

The following members have signed up to bring goodies for the March 10th meeting: Jean Andrews, Leda Story, Pat Northmore, Lynn Gauthier, Barb Smith, Joan Hines, and Jan McDonnell.

There are still a few spots available on the sign-up sheets for April and May. The sheets will be available at the sign-in desk at the March meeting.

Just a gentle reminder to bring your cup or your quarter if you use a Styrofoam cup. :)

(Guests are not required to pay .25 for a cup)

MEMBERSHIP

Submitted by Kim Wynott & Barb Smith

Welcome to our newest members Bev B. (Bracebridge) and Janet B. (Port Sydney)! Members, if you are in the same geographical area, please make certain to say hello!

Thank you to Margie S. for stepping forward to learn more about the Membership responsibility. We are looking forward to sharing the position and to a smooth transition for next year

Do you remember your first day at Guild? It can be daunting to come into a room full of strangers and sit alone. If you are willing to act as an ambassador to a visitor/new member, please let us know so that we can match you up. This role would involve inviting the person to sit with you, discussing how the meeting works (Show and Share, Library, Give Away Table, Cuddle Quilts, etc.) and conveying key items such as tea/coffee/snacks, and where the facilities are located.

Thank you to those members who updated their email addresses. Remember that if you are not receiving your newsletter electronically, we may not have an accurate email address. Please stop by the Membership table so that this can be corrected.

Barb and Kim

OUTREACH

Submitted by Joanne Smith

We were fortunate to receive the fabric of Judy Parker to use in our cuddle quilts. It will make lots of quilts and lots of thankful people.

Thank you to Mary-Lou who took home a pile of flannel scraps from our cuddle quilt workshop and pieced together about 10 backings for us!!

Thank you to all those who took quilts home to finish them and have returned them!!

Thank you to Joanne Kourtz for all the cuddle quilt kits that she makes up for us to distribute to members.

And a big thank you too to all who have donated quilts they have made on their own!

THANK YOU!

WE LISTEN

There were two new notices posted at the February meeting which have been passed on to the workshop committee.

1. *I would like a workshop to try making my own batik. Maybe the art group could run the workshop.*
2. *I am interested in a workshop on paper piecing and making a sewing basket from clothes line rope.*

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR JUDY PARKER

Friends and family of Judy Parker are invited to gather at The School (restaurant), 4121 14th Avenue, Unionville (905-477-1161) on Saturday, March 26, 2016 from 2-4 p.m. to celebrate Judy's life. Here is the web site for directions: www.theschoolfinedining.com. If you plan to attend, please email Hugh Parker at hughp@vianet.ca.

QUILT ARTISTS of MUSKOKA

Submitted by Joanne Kourtz

This is a small group of quilters who are members of Pinetree Quilters. The group enjoys play days where we work on different techniques that we have read about. In 2015 we tried indigo dyeing, shibori, collagraphs, carving stamps, screen printing, etc. **We meet the third Thursday of the month 10-2 in Gravenhurst** at 175 Lofty Pines, Seniors apartment building. **Any member is welcome to join.** contact: joannekourtz@bell.net

25th ANNIVERSARY PICNIC LUNCHEON

*Pine Tree Quilters' Guild of
Muskoka*

Thurs. June 9th, 2016

*Brooklands Farms,
Butter & Egg Rd.
Bracebridge*

Cost \$25 (cheque only)



25th ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE

“Design a Pine”

Any size, any type of item will be suitable as long as it is a

“Design of a Pine”

Must be quilted.

*Must be completed and handed in at the
May 12, 2016 Guild Meeting. To be
displayed at the June 9, 2016 25th
Anniversary Luncheon*

If you have any questions contact:
Elizabeth Hughes or Wendy Wight



PINE TREE QUILTERS' **GUILD** **BUS TRIP**

When: Wednesday, June 15, 2016

**Where: Quilt Canada 2016 –
International Centre, Mississauga**

DEPARTURE: 7:30 am.
(7:15am) Board Hammond Coach
Bus Bracebridge –Walmart
Parking Lot)

RETURN: by 6:30 p.m. Cost:
\$65.00 per person –includes entry
and bus.

Required # 33 (bus can hold 55)

Schedule for the Day- **Wednesday, June 15**

7:15 am. Meet in Bracebridge Walmart parking lot.
(out from Dollar Store)

7:30 am. Depart by Hammond Coach. We are
unable to wait so please be on time.

9:30 am Arrive at Quilt Canada, International
Centre, Mississauga

3:30 pm. Board Bus for departure.

4:30 pm. Stop for Snack Break

6:30 pm. Arrive Bracebridge

There are food vendors at the International
Centre. We cannot take food into the show due to
contract obligations.

Unfortunately, we will be arriving too late and
leaving too early to participate in workshops or
lectures.

By the end of the April meeting we will need to
have our required number of 33 firmed up for the
trip to be a go. Of course the bus will hold 55. First
come first serve.

Please make your cheque payable to Pine Tree
Quilters' Guild of Muskoka. We will start
collecting cheques at the March meeting.

**Cheques will not be cashed until the trip is a
definite go. Once we have the required number
we will cash the cheques and you are committed
to the trip. If you need to cancel you will need to
find someone to go in your place.**

**If you have any questions please call or email
me. Sue Bogers 705 684 9389
slbogers@gmail.com**

LIBRARY

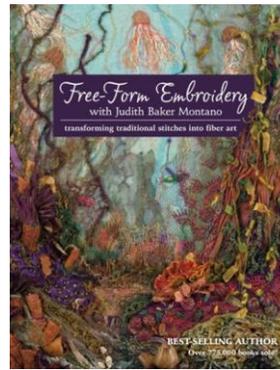
By Jan McDonnell

This is my first library report as the new head of the library! Halina Dales recently trained me and now I know just what an amazing job she did to take care of the library for the past few years. Not only is the library superbly organized, with new books being brought in every month, she has brought it into the 21st century by cataloguing it using an online program which will allow our users to browse it on your computer at home. **A profound “thank you”, Halina!**

We are working on a cheat sheet that will help you use the program. When it’s ready, it will be posted on the Pine Tree Quilters Guild web-site. However, there’s nothing to stop you from exploring it right now. Here’s the link to our book collection:
<http://cloud.collectorz.com/pinetreequiltersguild/books> **Thank you to Wendy Beverley and Leslie Songer-Terry, who helped enter all those books!**

There will be a few library items for sale at the March meeting. Donate what you think the item is worth. Proceeds are re-invested in the library.

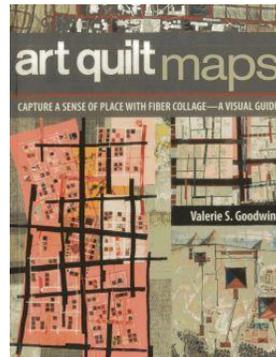
The following six books have been added to your library. Enjoy!



#620 Free Form Embroidery

By: Judith Baker Montano

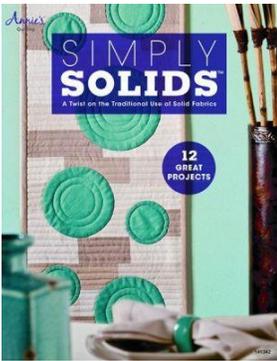
Sewing with luxurious felted wool, Bestselling author Judith Baker Montano is back with a new comprehensive stitch guide that will take you beyond traditional embroidery. She’ll show you how to create stunning landscapes and seascapes by applying fine art principles to your fabrics, threads, and fibers. Learn how to use these materials with other embellishments to convey lifelike trees, flowers, ocean corals, and more with 60 stitches and 67 stitch combinations. Learn artistic embroidery techniques for building layers, creating dimension and perspective, and blending shapes—translate your favorite snapshot of any landscape or seascape into fiber art!



#621 Art Quilt Maps - capture a sense of place with fiber collage : a visual guide

By: Valerie S Goodwin

Award-winning quilt artist Valerie Goodwin shows your customers how to transform the places they love—and places they’ve always wanted to see—into hypnotic art quilts. Readers learn step by step how to create fiber collages based on maps of their favorite real and imaginary places. The book features a large photo gallery of quilt maps by Valerie and her students.



#622 Simply Solids: A Twist on the Traditional Use of Solid Fabrics

By: Annie's Quilting

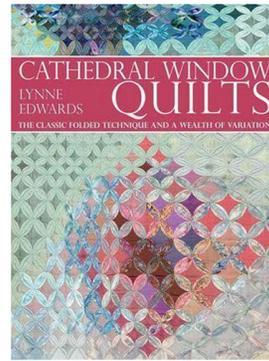
The timeless beauty of solids comes to life in this book of classic and contemporary quilting patterns. The 12 exceptional projects in this guide blend the past and the present while using bright, contrasting colors, and mixing fabrics and hues creates endless combination possibilities. Concise diagrams and easy-to-follow instructions appeal to quilters of all skill levels and styles. Customizable designs include bed runners, bed quilts, table runners, pillows, and more.



#623 Quilt Blocks Go Wild

By: Eleanor Levie

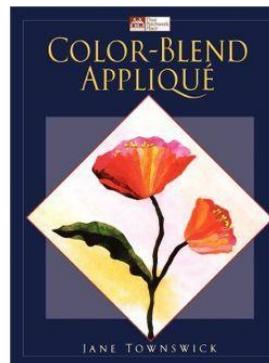
Take a tame, familiar quilt block and unleash it to create a fresh, modern look. Eleanor Levie and five quilters famous for innovation put their spins on well-loved classics. Gorgeous photos make you gaga for wonky hearts, skewed nine-patches, a crazy-quilted star, split Log Cabins, a basket gone bonkers, and more. Guided by easy how-to's and more than 120 step-by-step photos, even beginning quilters can make super-cool pillows, quilts, wall hangings, and bags. There are also plenty of hands-on extras: tips and tricks for color, composition, and design, plus workbook (er, rather playbook) sections that offer lots of jumping-off points to tweak tradition and create your own original blocks. In short, you'll be wild for these bold takes on old favorites!



#624 Cathedral Window Quilts

By: Lynne Edwards

In "Cathedral Window Quilts", internationally-renowned quilt designer Lynne Edwards returns to this beautiful patchwork technique by popular demand. Lynne's uniquely creative and accessible approach brings Cathedral Window quilts right up to date, capturing quilters' imaginations and inspiring them to learn and enjoy this technique and its variations, Secret Garden and Twisted Window. Using fabulous fabrics and machine short cuts, she shows quilters how to immerse themselves in this flamboyant folded style, free from stuffy traditions and the need to spend hours hand-stitching bits that don't even show. Step-by-step instructions and beautiful color photographs will guide the reader through different projects, from the classic square to layered curves.



#625 Colour-Blend Applique

By: Jane Townswick

A dozen blocks show how to stitch realistic renditions of roses, orchids, poppies, and more- Create visual depth with inking and stippling- A photo gallery features quilts from the author's inspired students.

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INTERNATIONAL PLOWING MATCH 2016 QUILT SHOW & COMPETITION February Update

Just a warm and friendly reminder from the IPM 2016 Quilt Committee that there's plenty of time to create your masterpiece for the show. The Entry Brochure and Entry Form can be found at www.plowingmatch.org/2016-committees/quilting

Over \$4200 in prizes are available for the eleven categories, thanks to the generosity of our donors. Entry Forms are due to Renske Helmuth, Committee Chair, by April 15. The quilts themselves don't need to be delivered until August.

Mark your calendars for the IPM 2016 "**A Fresh Taste of Quilting**" Show and Competition to be held at the Harriston Curling Club, August 19 & 20.

Stay tuned for details of the upcoming Quilt Challenge Raffle.

FIBRE CONTENT 2016 QUILT SHOW & COMPETITION

The next biennial show **Fibre Content 2016**, which will be at the Art Gallery of Burlington from September 8 to 18, 2016.

Fibre Content exhibits the best of contemporary Canadian Fibre Art that reflects a wide range of works. Its primary goal is to raise the profile, awareness and acceptance of Fibre Art as a true art form. Fibre Art includes fabric, paper, yarn, thread and various mixed media materials.

Their website will be ready to accept entries by April 1st and the submission deadline is May 31, 2016.

Note there is: No theme requirement and No size restrictions.

Works must be made within the last 5 years and must be of the artist's own design.

LIKE them on their Facebook page; Fibre Content: Burlington 2016.

**Be sure to check out
the back table for
information about
upcoming Quilt
Shows, Quilt
Retreats, and
opportunities to
enter your quilts in
various Quilt
contests and
challenges!!**