



PINE TREE QUILTERS' GUILD OF MUSKOKA

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I will have the Resolution cards at the meeting. Check with me if you are not sure that you signed one.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Submitted by Elizabeth Hughes

Spring is here, the trees are sprouting leaves and our May meeting where we will learn all about threads is here. You will get a lot of information from Anita Zobin so I would suggest you bring paper and a pen. My machine is a Bernina and they tend to be a machine that is usually not happy with invisible thread. After taking a course with Janet Jones Worley where Janet suggest that we all use Superior's Mono Poly I have had little problems. It does not go kinky or brittle. Anita will be bringing Mono Poly with her if you too are having problems.

One of our members asked which direction to put a spool on the machine. Threads that are "stacked" or wound horizontally naturally feed off the side of the spool and generally work best on an upright or vertical spool pin. Threads that are "cross wound" in a figure 8 position are designed to feed off the top of the spool, and generally work better on a horizontal spool pin.

Four of us went to the Inter Guild meeting in Alliston on April 10th. I wanted to pass on to the guild that many members of the Alliston Guild thanked our ladies that put together Inter Guild meeting in the Fall, as it gave their guild a base to work on in planning the Spring Inter Guild meeting. Good job ladies.

PROGRAMS

Submitted by Barb Coburn

May 13 Bracebridge Arena 1:00 p.m.

Anita Zobens from Superior Threads will be our guest speaker. Her topic will be "Tools and Techniques for Marking Quilts.

Your Nine Patch Challenge is due this month. Please bring it to the meeting in a sealed bag. We need to know how many we have so they may be displayed properly at the June meeting.

June 10 Bracebridge Arena 11:30 p.m.

We will have our traditional Pot Luck Lunch. I am sure that this will not be a Snow Day! Please bring your contribution for the table, your plate, cutlery and mug. Challenges will be revealed and a Viewer's Choice prize will be awarded.

Bring your completed resolution or a fat quarter if you did not fulfill your objective.

WORKSHOPS

Submitted by Heather Ingram

May 14th, 9 to 4 Sportplex

The Open Thread Bar Workshop with Anita Zobens This workshop is full & there are currently 8 people on the waiting list. For those who are registered this is just a reminder that there is some preparation to be done before the workshop. So, save the rush & get busy now.

At the May meeting we will take registrations for the Doll Making Workshop with Cheryl Smith. It's not until September but we know there will be a rush for space in this 2 1/2 day special workshop. These are artistic sculptures for sure. It's for all levels - no experience necessary. The cost is \$75 plus \$15 for the pattern. It's a bargain when you consider that it's 2 1/2 days of play & creative expression on Friday, September 10th from 1 to 4, Saturday, September 11th from 9 to 4 & Sunday, September 12th from 9 to 4. Cheques can be dated for July or August if that helps. The supply list is not extensive & most of it is probably already in your stash. I'm really excited about this one - so excited, in fact, that I'm going to be out all day on my husband's birthday. Heather Ingram 645-6829 or hingram2@cogeco.ca

MEMBERSHIP

Submitted by Sandra Hartill

Welcome

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Year to date we have 115 members which includes 15 new members. Remember to give any personal info changes to the Membership Committee so we can keep our forms current. Thank you Rena Liebster whom I misses last month as an assistant to Sandra, the editor.

OUTREACH

Submitted by Sylvia Bouchard

Cuddle Quilts:

We had a very successful "Cuddle Quilt Workshop" on Thursday April 15th. Nineteen quilters came out to "sandwich", "birth", "label" and "tie one on". (If you're wondering about these highly technical quilting terms, come and join in when we have our next workshop in the fall!) We managed to finish or almost finish over 30 quilts. Thanks everyone.

Hopefully we will have some new patterns for the cuddle quilt kits; be sure to check out the cuddle quilt display table at the next meeting.

Quilts of Valour:

Nine quilters have volunteered to work on a "Quilt of Valour" to be donated to an injured Canadian soldier. They have met, chosen a project and are starting to work on a quilt.

For information on the Guild's Outreach program, or if you have any suggestions, please contact Sylvia Bouchard. ph 687-0412 or e-mail sylvie.bee@bell.net

LIBRARY

As our new librarians get settled into their new roles, some interesting things seem apparent. Books that are borrowed and put into the basket seem to be picked up by someone else before they have been checked back in. The result of this is – you might have returned a book but it was never recorded as such. So the librarians are asking that **everyone** when they are doing their spring cleaning look for any books that might belong back in the library. The black flies are out so we should all have time.

Look forward next month to a review of new books that have been added to our library.

GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS

Submitted by Pauline Lucas

This month we turn our attention on Barb Coburn. Barb was born in 1942 and lived in Collingwood until she was five, when the family moved to Mississauga, and attended Graydon Secondary School. Following high school she moved on to Lakeshore Teachers' College, then Toronto Teachers' College where she decided she wanted to teach kindergarten and so obtained a Primary Specialist's Certificate.



It was while work at the old downtown Eaton's store during a summer job as a sales clerk that she and Dick met. They were married following their graduation from Teacher's College, and have two children. Their daughter, Martha lives in Gravenhurst, and son Greg lives in Switzerland. Barb is the proud grandmother of five-year-old Lorenzo, son of Greg.

Before retiring to raise children, Barb taught kindergarten in Mississauga and North York. Dick continued in the education field and as a result the family moved a number of times in Ontario to Thunder Bay, Stratford, Kenora and also spent two years in Nigeria. When Dick retired they moved back "south" to Windsor and made the moved to Gravenhurst 5.1/2 years ago.

Barb's quilting life began back in 1980 when she took a beginner's course and joined the Huron-Perth Quilters' Guild while living in Stratford. A couple of years later, through a friend who was a charter member of Canadian Quilters' Association, she took on the role of editor of the newsletter. This led to Barb spending seven years

on the Board of Directors during which time she was Membership Director and then Treasurer. Following the family move to Kenora Barb served as Registrar of Quilt Canada '91 in Thunder Bay. She gained even more experience as a board member of the Lake of the Woods Quilters' Guild, serving as Vice President, President and Program Chair for a number of years. It was during this time she was approached by Confederation College to teach beginners' quilting course, and well-known quilt artist and Canadian teacher, Nancy Bergman, was one of her students.

After joining Pine Tree Quilters' Guild about five years ago, Barb's experience as Program chair was again called on, and she has been our Program Chair bringing us interesting and fun programs, as well as chairing last year's Interguild Meeting, sitting on the last Quilt Show Committee, she is currently on the 20th Anniversary Committee and will be a member of the next Quilt show Committee. Besides all this "executive" work, Barb still finds time to belong to the Quilt Art group and the second Miniature Group.

With all her time spent involved in quilting, Barb (and Dick) still find time to be corner marshals at car racetracks. This interest became a passion for Barb and Dick after attending the first Canadian Grand Prix at Mosport while they were still dating. After their children were grown up, they became more involved in the sport and volunteer as corner marshals, attending races all across Canada and the U.S. and to more far-flung places such as Brazil, Mexico, England, Japan and Australia. Their son, Greg, retains an interest in car racing as a driver, and owns two cars, which he races on several European tracks. Martha, however, decided this sport was not for her but is very supportive of the other family members. Quilting goes along to all these races as Barb always takes a hand-quilting project with her.

A year or so ago Barb became the owner of a long arm quilting machine, which has taken her in another direction, but she still enjoys hand piecing, appliqué and quilting. Through all Barb's endeavours Dick has given her tremendous support and encouragement, which has helped her accomplish so many things.

Thanks, Barb, for taking time to share some of your interests and background with us, and we look forward to seeing more fruits of your quilting labour, and more of the interesting programs you have planned for our Guild Meetings.

REMEMBERING MARLENE CLARKE

Submitted by Mildred Everest & others

Marlene was born at Kakabeda Falls on Aug. 17 1935. She died at St Michaels Hospital, Toronto on March 31, 2010. Her body had been attacked by the virus that produces "flesh eating disease".

Marlene and her husband Chris had celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their family this past year. Marlene had recovered from a struggle with cancer and had come out to join our sewing group on Dorset. This group had just started and everyone did their own thing – sewing, knitting, or other needlework. Marlene was able to help us all and she would face winter storms to get to these meetings.

Then she joined our guild and this was a highlight for her. She loved the meetings, enjoyed participating in cuddle quilt workshops and was absolutely thrilled to win the squares at the past March guild meeting. She went out right after the meeting to buy the appropriate coordinating material to make a quilt.

She entered the last quilt show and she really enjoyed being part of the leadership weekend conference this past winter. We, who knew her best, shall miss her terribly.

Found out
Marlene
Trekkie
quilt that
in
2009 was
to Star



that
was a
Fan. This
she showed
November
her tribute
Trek.

She was always smiling! Very happy to receive bits of batting and fill etc for her monkeys. I met her in Wal-Mart at the Photography section about an hour or so after our March meeting and she was just so happy to have won the "Block of the Month" blocks!

ARCHIVES

Submitted by Susan McCallum

Look for the current display at the meeting.

INTEREST GROUPS

QUILT ART GROUP

Submitted by Joanne Kourtz

The group will be having their last meeting before September at James Place on **May 27th at 10:00-12:00** to present our "waves". There will not be a meeting in June but there may be a play day to paint fabrics in the summer in Dorset. You do not have to be an artist to join this group. We encourage any member of the guild to join us. Our main objective is to try new methods to produce original works.

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OTHER EVENTS

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/>

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July 23 – 25th

Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild
Present "**Journeys**" Quilt Show 2010
At the Haliburton Curling Club
Fri. 3 -8 pm, Sat. 9am – 4pm, Sun. 11am -3pm

Thursday, August 12th, 10 am to 3 pm

Quilt for the day, inside, outside on the deck, on the dock, under the trees, rain or shine.

U bring your lunch, a mug, folding chair, hand work, bathing suit.

I will provide the coffee, tea, lemonade and goodies

Leave your worries at home

The day is Thursday August 12th

at Shirley Anne's -- 1013 Baxter Road, off Highway 117. If you are coming through Baysville, it's 20K from the Baysville bridge. You will pass Marine Drive and Baxter Road is the next road on the left.

If you come through Dorset, we are 7 K from Dorset on highway 117. Drive past the Narrows Road and Baxter Road pops up on the right.

Call 766-2738 for more information. Remember to keep your lunch **OFF** the floor so the dogs won't eat it.



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