

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

Dear Members,

As I write this message I am madly sewing sleeves on the backs of my quilts for the quilt show. Then it's on to creating labels and taking pictures, all before the dreaded deadline of May 1st which will have already passed when you read this.

As I mentioned at the last guild meeting, we have sold our home of the last 17 years and will be moving the end of June. So in addition to my guild responsibilities, I am in the throws of purging 17 years of accumulated stuff. That means fabric, yarn, books, knick-knacks, furniture, etc. For those of you who have done this recently, I know you feel my pain. Yes, we are downsizing and building again to boot. Ask me in September whether I want to shoot myself or not.

However, in the midst of change and upheaval, I have good news to share. We have filled all but two spots on the executive committee, that of newsletter publisher and Outreach Committee Chair. Joanne Smith and Jill Kieffer wish to step down from their roles. They have covered these positions for the last several years and it is time for someone new to start assuming these responsibilities. Also, it was mentioned to me that we have been without a Block of the Month person. Do you miss this aspect of the guild? Then perhaps you might like to take on this challenge in the upcoming guild year. Find a like-minded friend and make it a team effort.

Notwithstanding challenges from the floor at the AGM, your Executive for the Guild Year 2017-2018 will be:

Past President – Margaret Gage
President – Nancy Lynch
Vice President – Dale MacMillan
Treasurer – Sue Bogers
Secretary – Pat Northmore
Program – Joyce MacKay and Donna Naylor with Linda Speller assisting with workshops
Membership – Margie Sharples
Library – Jan McDonnell
Newsletter – Open
Outreach – Open
Hospitality – Lynn McNeice
Historian – Paddy Taylor
Website – Halina Dales
Sunshine – Tina Bax
Photographer – Sherry Moncrief

It would be nice if you could take the time to express your appreciation to those members who have served, those who are continuing to serve, and those who are coming on board. I have always appreciated the positive feedback I get from the membership and I know the others would too.

Okay, now back to those sleeves!

See you on my 32nd wedding anniversary,
May 11th.

Regards,
Margaret Gage
Soon to be Past President-YIPPEE!!

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EXECUTIVE LIST 2016-17

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

PROGRAMS

Submitted by Joyce MacKay and Donna Naylor

MAY 11th - This month we welcome Sherida Giddings (certified Judy Niemeyer instructor) to our guild as she presents her Trunk Show entitled "It's All About the 'Paper' Piecing". She will also be conducting a workshop on Friday, May 12 to be held at the Memorial Arena – upstairs where we have our regular guild meetings. Sherida will be guiding us through our selected patterns introducing us to techniques in paper piecing, curves and machine quilting.

White glove volunteers for May:

Joanne Reesor, Suzanne Brochu-Ranta, Sandi Carnell, Ardith Symmes

May is "Resolutions Month"!

Remember back in the fall when you resolved to complete some UFOs? Well, you need to have them finished by the May meeting. And here is the deal:

If you have not finished your projects and don't have it for "Show and Share", you owe a Fat Quarter!

If you have completed the resolution projects you committed to, then bring them to show off. Your name will go in a box and once all projects have been revealed, a name will be drawn and that person will win all of the fat quarters.

JUNE 8th – POT LUCK

The June meeting will be our annual Potluck luncheon. More details will follow in the June newsletter.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

We have already booked several guests for next year and we want to give you a "heads up" for the September meeting. Catherine Timm is a visual artist inspired by nature. She expresses her creativity through textiles, fibres, wire and paint. She incorporates line, colour, texture, shape, form, positive and negative space to communicate her interpretations of nature's features to create 2 and 3 dimensional collages. Catherine's trunk show will focus on the quilting aspects of her work. On Friday, September 15, Catherine will teach her Post Card workshop. This is a 4 hour session from 9 to 1 pm. A description and list of materials and equipment for the class will be available at the June meeting.

Happy quilting (or should I say frantic quilting!) as we prepare for "Muskoka Quilts...from the heart".

HOSPITALITY

Thanks so much to Kim Wynott, Stella Neilson, Edith Cook, Joan Pearson, Andrea Orpana, Pat Wells, and Karen Atkin for all the wonderful baking that they made for our April meeting.

Carrol Reid, Joan Parsons, Marcia Groskorth, Kelly Andreson, Barbara Cronier, Dona Shea, and Linda Wilkin have signed up to bring goodies for the May 11th meeting.

We will be circulating the sign-up list for the September 14th meeting during the May meeting. As always we will remind you with a newsletter note as well as a phone call.

RAFFLE QUILT

Submitted by Heather Ingram

The response to the raffle quilt was wonderful. Thank you so much for helping out. Please remember that all returns are due this month at or before the meeting. That means we need you to bring in money, stubs & any unsold tickets (I hope there won't be any of those) so that we have them before the show. The rules state that the winning ticket must have the address & phone number. Make sure that your stubs are complete.

The quilt was a guild effort supported by our outreach committee. All proceeds are going to South Muskoka Memorial Hospital Foundation & Hospice Muskoka. Heather Ingram 705-645-6829 or hingram2@cogeco.ca



Embroidered Shirts, Aprons, Patches

We are planning to have the shirts, aprons, and badges **available for pick-up at the May 11th meeting**. If you have not paid for your apparel, please bring cash or a cheque. Thanks.

OUTREACH

Submitted by Jill Kieffer

The Outreach program has continued to supply quilts to various groups in the community. In 2016 a total of 67 quilts were donated and this year we have given away 20 to date with the majority going to Interval House the women's shelter in Bracebridge. Thanks to the members who worked on sewing quilt tops together. We have ended up with a good supply for future use .

Do to the challenge of storage space we made a decision put a hold on preparing kits for quilt tops and stop accepting fabric donations temporarily. It was a difficult decision but it was felt to be the only option for the time being.

QUILT SHOW BOUTIQUE REPORT

Submitted by Lynda Griffin and Sue Bogers

Last Call !!!!!

To date 583 donated items!!!! We have the potential of over \$5500 coming in from the Boutique!!!

The May meeting is the last opportunity to donate your wonderful creations. Please remember to tag each item with your name and what the item is before you arrive to the Guild.

Also stay tuned to notices from the Guild during the month of May. There is the chance that as we think of displays we may need to ask members if they have certain things that could help in this area. This likely could be the case from other areas of the show as well. If you do assist us this way please make sure you put your name on everything that you loan us. We will be setting up on the morning of Thursday June 1.

Thank you again and again for your amazing response to the Boutique!!

Sue and Lynda

SPREADING THE WORD

We will have bookmarks/posters available at the May meeting. You can distribute to businesses & organizations in your community; and of course to family and friends.

QUILT SHOW NEWS

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



**So Exciting! Less Than A
Month to the Show!**

\$1000 GRANT

We have been fortunate to receive a \$1000 Grant from Event Tourism at the Town of Bracebridge. These monies are to be used for 'out of town marketing'. **Thank you to Jan McDonnell for seeing this through from start to finish!** Good job Jan!!

Volunteer Sign-up Continues At our May 11th Meeting Or by contacting Nancy Lynch or Marcia Groskorth

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR:

* Saturday – shifts between 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.-
'White Glove' people on the floor to help attendees

* Shifts on Thursday 3 p.m. to 6 p.m and/or
Saturday 4 p.m. -6 p.m.: to help vendors unload and load

Volunteer Attire on Show Days: Friday June 2nd and Saturday June 3rd

To fit with our theme of black draping and to make volunteers easier to identify, we are asking all volunteers to wear a black top. A 'Volunteer' button will be provided. If black is not your colour feel free to drape a scarf over your black top. If a black top is not possible, please wear your darkest coloured top.

You will be Reminded That You Volunteered

Prior to the show, you will receive an email, from Sherry Moncrief, confirming the day(s), time(s) and role(s) for which you volunteered.

GETTING YOUR QUILTS READY FOR THE SHOW

- * Large (bed size, lap and baby) quilts must have a 4"- 6" hanging sleeve.
- * [Click here](#) for instructions on getting your quilts ready for the show.
- * Andrea Orpana just sent me these instructions for 'easy' almost done my machine hanging sleeve.
- * All wall hangings (including miniatures) must have their own hanging rods
- * Label, Label, Label! (I.e. quilted item, rods, anything else you are providing for display).
- * Please bring each quilted item in a clear plastic bag. As the item moves from registration to the floor to display, it will be protected by the plastic bag.
- * Each of your quilted items will be returned in a clear plastic bag.... not necessarily your bag.

YOUR QUILTS AT THE SHOW

We are doing everything that we can to make sure that your quilts are safe and secure; and, returned to you in the same condition that you brought them in. Here's what we are doing:

- * We have changed the processes for quilts coming in and out of the show- so that we know where your quilt is at any time and where it's going to be displayed.
- * When you arrive with each item in a clear plastic bag, you will work with a volunteer to make sure each item is labelled correctly. One item in one clear bag - means that there should not be accidental bundling of quilts.
- * The item will travel to its destination protected in its plastic bag.
- * For the large quilts that go on the rented quilt stands, the floor will be covered so that there is no accidental transfer of dirt.
- * We have arena staff on duty 24 hours a day - from Thursday morning till Saturday night.
- * The show ends Saturday 4 p.m. The doors will be locked from 4 p.m. till 6 p.m. to focus on an orderly take-down of your quilts. When you hand in your claim check(s), your quilt(s) will be returned to you: one labelled item in one clear plastic bag.

DROP-OFF & PICK-UP TIMES

*** DROP-OFF**

Thursday June 1st between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, at the arena: Please bring each quilted item in its own clear plastic bag to ensure that your work(s) of love do not get damaged as they travel to their display destination. When you arrive, you will work with a receiver to ensure that each item has the correct label. You will be given a claim check which is needed to pick up your quilts.

*** PICK-UP**

Saturday June 3rd between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.: The doors will be locked between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. for show take-down. Doors will re-open at 6 p.m. so that you can retrieve your quilts. Please bring your claim check(s).

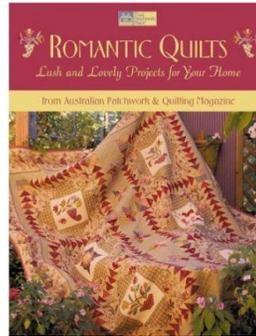
* If the person (most likely you) dropping off your quilts is not the same as the person picking up the quilts, then please tell the volunteer when you drop-off your items. If possible, give your claim check(s) to the person who is picking up your items.

LIBRARY

Submitted by Jan McDonnell

Thanks to those of you who have sent me some suggestions for new books. It is very helpful getting those ideas! Don't forget to get those books back to the library if you don't need them anymore.

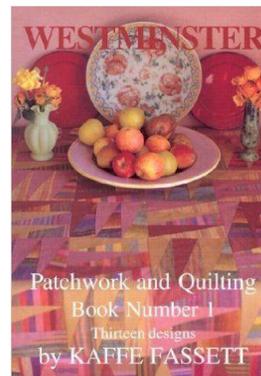
Here are a few new (to us) books that you can check out in May.



#675 Romantic Quilts: Lush and Lovely Projects for Your Home

*From Australian
Patchwork and Quilting
Magazine*

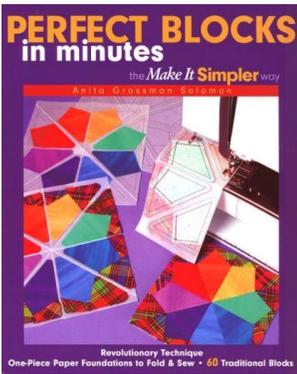
Presenting quilt designs conceived of by some of Australia's top designers, an easy-to-use guidebook combines romantic and sentimental patterns with useful techniques and projects suitable for every skill level. Original.



#676 Westminster Patchwork and Quilting Book Number 1

By Kaffe Fassett

Chic designs for quilts, bags, pillows, and table linens fill the pages of this sophisticated 2000 collection of patterns by one of quilting's hottest designers. Projects range from easy to challenging.



#682 Tumbling Blocks - New Quilts from an Old Favorite

By Anita Grossman
Solomon

Revolutionary fold & sew
technique plus 60
traditional-styles 6 quilt
blocks in this 2004 book.

MAY 27 – 28th, 2017

*Lindsay Creative Quilters' Guild
Presents*

QUILTED TREASURERS QUILT SHOW

Lindsay Curling Club
18 Peel St.

Lindsay, Ont

10 – 4pm

Admission \$5

Come celebrate our 30th Anniversary and Canada's
150th Birthday! Quilt Exhibits, tearoom, raffles,
member's boutique, vendors, demos, scissor
sharpening, toonie draws, door prizes

www.lindsaycqug.com

UPCOMING SHOWS

MAY 7 – SEPT. 3, 2017

OH! CANADA - 2017 GRAND NATIONAL QUILT SHOW

466 Queen St S.,

Kitchener, ON,

Wed - Sat 10-5, Sun 1-5

July & Aug open Mon & Tue 10-5

*Oh! Canada, the Grand National's Quilt Show,
challenged quilters to create works of art that
express reasons we all should be celebrating 150
years of our glorious country in 2017. The quilts
have arrived from across the country and they are
truly wonderful textile tributes to each artist's part of
Canada. Come, enjoy this colourful convergence of
quilt art and learn about our proud nation - its
geography, its history, its cultural diversity, and its
traditions.*

<http://grandnationalquiltshow.ca/>

MAY 26 – 27th, 2017

Thousand Islands Quilters' Guild Presents

CELEBRATING OUR CANADA

REFLECTIONS FROM THE 1000 ISLANDS

QUILT SHOW & SALE

Brockville Memorial Civic Centre

Magedoma Drive,

Brockville, Ont

Fri & Sat – 10-5pm Sun 10-3pm

Admission \$8

*More than 200 quilts demos, viewer's choice, silent
auction, guild boutique, merchant mall, tea room
etc.*

www.thousandislandquiltersguild.com

MAY 15 - JUNE 10th, 2017

QUILT150 SQUARED SHOW & SALE

St. Mary's Museum

177 Church Street S

St Marys, ON N4X1B6

Mon- Fri 9-12 and 1-4:30 June/Aug Sat and Sun 1-
4:30

Admission: free

*The Perth County Tartan was created to celebrate
the 150th anniversary of Canada. The shades of
GREEN represent the strong agricultural presence
in Perth County. BLUE represents the many rivers
and creeks flowing through the fertile farmland.
RED is for the blood sacrificed by the early settlers
and veterans who gave their lives so that we could
prosper and GOLD signifies the industrious nature
of the people of Perth County.*

*Quilt Squared" is an exhibition of One Foot
Square quilt & fibre art pieces based on the
colours or what they represent in the Perth County
Tartan.*

Join us for an opening reception on Mon. May 15
at 6 p.m.

<http://www.quilt150squared.com>



1,000 Quilts for Ronald McDonald Houses across Canada!

Take part in Canada's biggest quilting bee!

We know Canadian quilters like to get involved! Help the Canadian Quilters' Association/Association canadienne de la courtepointe (CQA/ACC) pull off Canada's biggest quilting bee from June 14 to 17, during **Quilt Canada 2017** at The International Centre, Toronto, Ontario!

Everyone is invited to bring blocks to **Quilt Canada 2017**, where there will be a chance to work on quilts-in-progress during the **Big Quilt Bee**. Sponsors have donated sewing machines and longarms, and we need an army of quilters to make quilts from stacks of blocks donated by hundreds of quilters. Our goal is to distribute 1,000 quilts to families of sick children, who are staying at the 15 Ronald McDonald Houses across Canada.

It can be surprising to know that 70% of Canadians live outside a city with a children's hospital. This means that when a child becomes sick, families must often travel hundreds of kilometers to get the care their sick child needs. The Ronald McDonald Houses and Ronald McDonald Family Rooms in Canada help keep 30,000 families, from over 440 communities, close to their sick child and the care they need each year. The 15 Ronald McDonald Houses provide out-of-town families with a home to stay at while their child is being treated at a nearby hospital, while the 16 Ronald McDonald Family Rooms provide a comfortable place for families to rest and recharge, right inside hospitals.

Each block must have at least one piece of a special Canada birthday fabric. Over 350 quilt shops across Canada are stocking the special Canada birthday fabric required for each block. With permission from amazing designer, Cheryl Arkinson, our specified block is her Slab block... directions for this block can be found at: www.canadianquilter.ca/events/quilt-canada-2017-quilting-bee.php

Blocks and *unfinished* tops destined for the official **Big Quilt Bee** should be mailed by May 30, 2017, to Leslie Whitby (2895 Old Almonte Road, Carp, ON, K0A 1L0). Finished quilts should be delivered to your nearest designated collector found on the CQA/ACC website:

<http://www.canadianquilter.com/pdf/quilt-canada-2017/Quilt-Distribution-to-Ronald-McDonald-Houses.pdf>

We want to share what you are contributing! Send photographs of your blocks and your quilt gatherings to socialmedia@canadianquilter.com. Use the hashtag #bigquiltbee



Six slab tops sent by a woman from Missouri for the the Big Quilt Bee being staged by the Canadian Quilters' Association/Association canadienne de la courtepointe (CAA/ACC) for Canada's 150th birthday celebration. *Photo courtesy of Leslie Whitby.*