



PINE TREE QUILTERS' GUILD OF MUSKOKA

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Submitted by Shirley Anne Sturgess

It was wonderful to see our members, new and not so new at the September meeting complete with a Show and Tell that always blows me away. Our members are capable of fine work and imaginative ideas, keep them coming ladies.

We were fortunate to see a terrific trunk show by Elizabeth Hughes with a lively description of the progression of her skills and for those that attended the Machine Quilting workshop, you are now filled with enthusiasm and confidence to press on and be challenged.

The Interguild Meeting plans are well underway and we have 75+ delegates registered to attend the lively discussions on the program. Thanks to everyone who contributed goodies; as well as their time and talents to prove that Pinetree Quilters are the friendliest, nicest people in the quilting community. Hey, they are coming from as far as Espanola, North Bay and many points south of Muskoka. Make them welcome.

Enjoy the workshops, take up the challenges, and try the Block of the Month, your committees work hard to provide interesting programs for all our members. If you have any suggestions to improve the quality of our Guild, please don't hesitate to tell me.

PROGRAMS

Submitted by Barb Coburn

Oct. 8 Bracebridge Arena 1:00 p.m.

Carol Doak Teaches You To Paper Piece

Carol is the "Queen of Paper Piecing". Using the new DVD the Guild has purchased she will present tips, tools and tricks for success. If you have never paper pieced or want to learn more this programme is for you. I have watched the DVD and was impressed with her step by step approach.

November 12th – Bracebridge Arena

Our guest will be Patti Carey of Northcott Fabrics. Her talk is called "How To Make Interesting Quilts Using Unusual Fabrics". She is a very excellent and entertaining speaker.

WORKSHOPS

Submitted by Heather Ingram

All workshops are from 9:00a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Sportsplex on Clearbrook Trail unless otherwise stated.

Friday October 9th

Quilted Jacket by Diane Taylor

It is the first time we have offered a clothing workshop since I have been looking after workshops & we are excited to have our own design expert teaching this class. The cost of the class is just \$15 plus your own materials & a \$10 pattern fee.

Friday November 13th

Lone Star by Patti Carey

This workshop is being taught by well known Northcott Fabric representative, Patti Carey. It will be rotary cutting machine piecing for all levels. The cost is \$40 plus materials & **registration will be taken at the October meeting.**

JAMES STREET PLACE

Submitted by Marianne Meeuwisse

As far as James Street meetings go, meetings are from 1-3 pm. There was a social get together on September 24, where we hope to receive many orphan blocks to make a lap-quilt for the James Street Bazaar.

In October there will be an all day cuddle quilt workshop at James Street

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Submitted by Marianne Meeuwisse

Job openings on the Executive Committee of the Pine Tree Quilter's Guild

A nominating committee has been established to fill certain openings on the executive committee starting March 2010; generally the positions last two years.

Vice President: Shall assist and replace the President whenever necessary

Newsletter editor: Shall be responsible for the gathering of information, layout, editing and publishing of a monthly newsletter.

Outreach: Shall be responsible for community outreach projects. Shall co-ordinate meetings to work on outreach projects. Shall be responsible for storing fabric for cuddle quilts.

Library; Shall maintain the library and keep members informed of new purchases.

Program: Shall be responsible for the programs presented at regular meetings. Shall be responsible for organizing workshops.

Many of these positions need more than one person, ideally a chair and one or two assistants. This is a wonderful occasion to become involved, get to know people and learn the trade.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the next meeting in October and **the nominations committee hopes to have a terrific response from the members.**

MEMBERSHIP

Submitted by Sandra Harthill

Guild members do not have to complete a renewal form for 2010. The form used in 2009 is good for several years. The Membership committee will be ready to accept 2010 renewals starting at our October meeting.

GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS

Submitted by Pauline Lucas



This month our attention is focused on Shirley Anne Sturgess.

Shirley Anne was born in 1934 in Montreal. For a few years her family lived in the French district of Montreal, her Dad was fluent in both English and French, but as her Mother wasn't proficient in French, they moved to an English speaking area.

Her formal education was in Montreal, but Shirley Anne has never stopped learning. She learned to swim, then taught swimming, also learned to rug hook and became a hooker. Before marrying Doug, Shirley Anne worked as a secretary/bookkeeper in a public relations firm, then for 35 years worked in Oakville with Doug in the construction business. During this time, she became involved with a group of ladies who took time off every week to take synchronized swimming classes – in fact they celebrated 25 years of meeting together at the pool on Wednesday mornings.

Shirley Anne met Doug while hitchhiking from Montreal to the Laurentians to go skiing. (We wouldn't encourage our daughters to do this, but for her it certainly worked out well.) They have celebrated 52 happy years together; have three handsome sons, Cam in Roches Point, Tony in Seattle and Rob in Calgary. The boys and Doug are all engineers, but none have learned how to put the toilet paper on the holder! Shirley Anne has lived in Pointe Claire, PQ, London, Ontario, and then with her family spent 35 years in Oakville.

Sewing for Shirley Anne began when she loved the great styles and fashions but couldn't afford them. She sewed and redesigned her wedding gown, made her going-away outfit, and as the boys came along she made their clothes too. She became interested in quilting after a visit to Calgary to celebrate the birth of their first grandchild. After seeing the beautiful quilts their daughter-in-law had, Doug wanted to know why they didn't have any. After saying "I don't know how to make quilts", they bought a machine, a book and fabric came home and made a bed size quilt. This was the start of a hobby for them, something they still enjoy doing.

Shirley Anne came as a visitor to Baysville 55 years ago, but life for her and Doug started in the Muskoka area 25 years ago, when they bought property on Lake of Bays, where they tore down cottages and built their home, to which they retired 15 years, and now live comfortably, joined by two dogs, one cat and two canaries.

The Pine Tree Quilters Guild became part of her life in 2001/2002. At the time Marianne became President, Shirley Anne volunteered to be Vice President when Marianne put out the call for a volunteer. For the past two years she has served as President, and we have enjoyed her sense of humor and her ability to keep the meetings interesting and well organized. Whenever workshops are available and she is able, Shirley Anne takes the time to go, as she enjoys learning a new skill and spending the day with friends. She taught us "Tessellations" last year and all who took the workshop really enjoyed their day. She loves appliqué work, and the challenge of miniatures, and participates in the Guild quilt shows, and really enjoys seeing the work of other members.

LIBRARY

Submitted by Carrol Reid

Four new books for your reading and inspiration:

Vankoughnet Community Quilt by St David's W.M.S. & St. Stephens A.C.W.
A Community Quilt Project

Alphabet Soup by Tammy Johnson & Avis Shirer
Expressive quilts with folk Art charm. Features pieced letters and simple embellishments.

More Elm Creek Quilts by Jennifer Chiaverini
30+ Traditional blocks and 11 projects inspired by Jennifer's Elm Creek Novels

Quilting For Baby A House of White Birches book edited by Jeanne Stauffer and Sandra Hatch
Irresistible baby quilts, fun baby accessories and adorable baby sets welcome baby home. Over 50 baby quilts and accessories to stitch

OUTREACH NEWS

Submitted by Carrol Reid

The annual cuddle quilt workshop is scheduled for Thursday, October 22, 2009. We will convene at James Street Place at 10 a.m. Bring your lunch, good spirits and enthusiasm. Also helpful would be sewing

machines, needles suitable for tying quilts, wool and yarns are provided. We will ask for volunteers to bring sewing machines so we have an idea how many will be there. The quilts will be sandwiched and ready for finishing.

INTEREST GROUPS

QUILT ARTIST OF MUSKOKA

Submitted by Joanne Kourtz

Quilt Artists of Muskoka

Yes we have a new name!

There is no official meeting in October. The next meeting is November 26th at 10 am at James St Place. We will present our pieces for the word "flight". We will also have a discussion on different kinds of silk and painting silk. So members you have any silk remnants, ties, scarves, we could use them. Any guild member is welcome to join the group.

We have been offered working space at Gateway Fireworks from 10-4 on October 14th, November 18th and Dec 16th.

This will be at a cost of \$8 a quilter per day. Any required materials will be extra. We hope to try new techniques and do small demos, sew and create for the day. Any member of the guild is welcome to join us on these days. Let Joey Salmon bojosalmon@sympatico.ca or joannekourtz@sympatico.ca know if you would like to join the group.

SUGGESTION BOX

It's available for your ideas.

COMING EVENTS

INTERGUILD MEETING –

Submitted by Barb Coburn

Plans are continuing to fall into place as the Oct. 24th date rapidly approaches. We have 65 registered delegates plus several special guests coming from a wide area of Ontario. We are looking forward to extending to them a warm welcome and great Muskoka hospitality.

Thank you to all of the members who signed up to donate goodies (please remember to bring them to the meeting on Oct. 8th) and volunteered to help either before the meeting or on the big day.

FOR SALE

'NEW GENERATION QUILTING FRAME' with cradle for sewing machine. 2 sections each 5'wide (total 10') complete with CD, assembly manual, laser etc. asking \$350.00. Never used - need space. Daphne (Dittman) 705-645-6331.

QUILT SHOWS

Oct. 19 – 24, 2009

The Quilts of Ireland

presented by: Cotton-By-Post Quilt Show.

Ailsa Craig Recreation Centre, Ailsa Craig, ON.

Mon – Thurs 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Fri. 10 am—9 pm.

Sat. 10 am – 5 pm

Daily Pass \$7.00

For more information contact garnet@cotton-by-post.com or call 519-293-3499.

Nov. 7 – 9, 2008

York Heritage Quilters Guild

Japanese Canadian Culture Centre – Free Parking

7th – 10 a.m. – 9 p.m., 8th & 9th – 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Admission - \$7.00 at door Advance = \$5.00

FALL FAIR

Submitted by Judy Kobe/Marsha Smart

Thanks to members of the Pine Tree Quilters' Guild, the number of quilts and quilted items shown at the Bracebridge Fall Fair increased this year. The organizing committee and the visitors to the fair were thrilled with the showing.

One of our members, Wilma Johnson won the "BEST OF SHOW" rosette for machine quilted quilt. This was her first time entering in the Fall Fair and her first time as a volunteer for the Fibre Arts committee.



Bags, wall hangings, table runners, aprons, tree skirts and quilts made by other members won many ribbons. Our members also entered in the smocking, needle work and flower classes.

Now is the time to plan for next year. Talk to Wilma, she had a great time. Thank you all.

REMEMBERING LYDIA PICOTT

Lydia Picott passed away peacefully at the South Muskoka Memorial Hospital on September 6th. Lydia was a member of the Pinetree Quilt Guild and the owner and operator of "The Muskoka Quilting Co." in Bracebridge The shop was a place where you would meet friends and her family. Monica, her daughter, was often in the shop during her summer recess from University and her Mother would be there to chat with those who stopped by. Below are a few remembrances from our guild members.

I didn't know Lydia as well as many of our Guild members but when I started my first Quilting course held by Donna Edwards at Bracebridge United Church several years ago, Donna suggested that we go to Lydia's store to buy our material as we should get good material as we were going to put a lot of work into the sampler quilt. I went to Lydia's and she was so very helpful and spent such a lot of time with me choosing colours etc that would complement each other and she could not have been more helpful to me, a novice. Any other times after that when I went for material she was just as helpful and enthusiastic. That's what I will always remember about her. Sandra

Our memory of Lydia was her exceptional mathematical brain. No matter what project you had in mind, she would figure out the amount of material that was needed without pulling the hair from her head. With a pencil and a scrap piece of paper the calculation would be done. At first Joanne and I would add a bit more yardage as we weren't sure that we would be able to do it as precisely as she had calculated. We increased our stash with the extra yardage we requested. Paula and Joanne

Strangely enough my story of Lydia is not one of fabric and quilting. I remember one of the first potluck luncheons I attended. Lydia had made enough cabbage rolls for the whole guild. I was impressed.

Judy Kobe

Our condolences and sympathy go to Lydia's mom Mrs. Wisnicki, her daughter Monica and their families.