

PINE TREE QUILTERS' GUILD OF MUSKOKA NEWSLETTER

President: Marianne Meeuwisse

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President's Message

Hello everyone:

October and the start of a new season of quilting! After a busy summer I am sure that most of us are eager to resume our own activities.

I am really excited to see the children and grandchildren come, but also very excited to start our own life again.

At the general meeting we will change some members of the executive and I would like to take this opportunity to compliment Joanne Kourtz, Sandy Carnell and Shelley Fawcett for the programs and challenges they brought us over the past two years. They have done a great job of keeping the guild members on their toes, involved and entertained at the meetings.

Our treasurer Eileen Baron quietly does what is needed; she has kept us on the straight and in the black for the past four years. A job well done!!!

Terry Lock has been the librarian for the past four years. She used to carry the books and magazines in a small box to every meeting. Thanks to her husband Russ we now have a library in a cart on heavy wheels. The library has grown with excellent additions, please brows the shelves. Thanks Terry!!!

Wendy Beverly is "the cuddle quilt" lady, with the help of all of you; she has been able to supply Interval House with hundreds of quilts for the children over the past eight years. This program was started in 1998 and is very gratefully accepted by the moms and children. Thank you to Wendy and your committee of Isobel Milne, Sylvia Bouchard and Leda Story

for a job well done. At the Rowanwood meeting in October there will be another cuddle quilt workshop, let us try to beat the record of 26 quilts produced. This is an open invitation to all the members!! Carol Reid will be cracking the whip this time.

Irene Green has edited and produced the newsletter four times a year over the last three years. Most of us receive the issues by e-mail at great savings to the guild. Thank you Irene for an excellent newsletter and all the work you did for it.

If you feel someone needed a card to share sympathy or congratulations you only had to tell our "sunshine lady" Isobel Milne. She speaks for the membership in finding the appropriate card and sending it.

Isobel has filled this function for four years, Thank you Isobel!!!

We can all look forward to an exiting ten month of meetings, challenges, trunk shows and workshops.

Have a wonderful quilt year and we will all see each other at the meetings.

Marianne

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2007 -2006 CHALLENGE

MEALS ON WHEELS PLACEMAT CHALLENGE

All placemats will be donated to Meals on Wheels clients in the Bracebridge, Huntsville and Gravenhurst areas.

The challenge will be in four parts with judging and prizes to be awarded each time. You may make as many placemats as you wish. It is not necessary to do all four sessions. Placemats are being made all across Canada. The number of placemats made by our guild will be submitted to the Calgary Quilters Guild who is keeping track of the participation.

Winter placemats are due at our Dec. meeting.
Spring placemats are due at our Mar. meeting.
Summer placemats are due at our Jun. meeting.
Fall placemats are due at our Oct. 2007, meeting.

The following guidelines will apply:

1. The placemats should be finished at 12" x 18".
2. All fabrics must be machine washable and dryable. Please pre-wash all of your fabrics.
3. Any quilting technique is acceptable but no raised embellishments will be allowed.
4. Embroidery may be used.
5. Batting must be thin. Flannelette would be a good choice.
6. A small card with your name may be pinned on the back of the placemat.

Any further questions speak to Barb Coburn, Dianne Gronfors or Sylvia Bouchard.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Name: Cottage Garden Path Quilt

Used with permission of the designer
10 months of blocks.

Samples of previous and current block are at the back table.

Cost - \$2.00/year to cover photocopying.
Project combines both piecing and appliqué.

Treasurer Report – Eileen Baron

Costs to the quilt guild for the year 05 to July06

Insurance	\$459
Arena rent	\$399.99
Library cart/quilt hanger	\$590.77
Trunk shows	\$351
CQA membership (50.82) paid in previous year	
Tea/social	\$55.25
Miscellaneous	\$91.60 (blackout drapes, cards, stamps, etc.)

We had 111 members, 26 guests and the 50/50 income was \$217.25 for the general fund and the same for the library.

We have one account at the Bank of Montreal. The money is divided into:

General fund	\$4163.87
Library	\$356.51
Community outreach	\$447.26
Future quilt show money on deposit	\$1551.29

For a total bank account of \$6518.93

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RESOLUTIONS

One of the secrets of success is to refuse to let temporary setbacks defeat us. (MaryKay)

Don't forget to sign the card with this year's resolution. This is a chance to start or finish a project by June 2007. The reward could be a few fat quarters. Hand the cards in soon.

TIPS

Tulle for Quilt Marking:

In regard to using tulle for marking quilting, mark the design with a permanent marker on the tulle. Lay the tulle over the quilt and trace the lines with preferred quilt marker (chalk, soapstone, etc.) The mark will go through the holes in the tulle onto the quilt and your tulle pattern can be used again and again.

Bobbins and Spools:

I keep my bobbins with the spool of matching thread by putting a pipe cleaner through the spool and attaching the bobbin with the pipe cleaner. They can both be placed on my wall thread rack. No more wasting the remaining thread on the bobbin or hunting for the matching pairs!"

SMALL QUILTING GROUPS

Quilting Group

An informal quilting group meets every Thursday morning from 9 am to 12 noon at the Bracebridge United Church. We bring whatever we want to work on, machines, or hand work, etc. Cost is a loonie each to cover church expenses. If you are interested in joining us, please call Marsh Smart at 645-3328, or Donna Edwards at 645-6597.

Quiltart Group

The next meeting will be November 23 at 10 am. Any member is invited to join this small group. We meet at Rowanwood and usually stay for the afternoon meeting. Please bring new ideas or work for sharing. We will not be meeting in October or December.

FOR SALE

Sewing machine cabinet with 3 drawers. Suitable for a machine with a top loading bobbin. \$30. Donna Edwards, 645-6597.

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PROGRAMS FOR 2006 – 2007

September 14th – Arena

Trunk Show by our member, Joyce Rumney.

September 28th – Rowanwood

Art Group meeting 10a.m. – 12 noon
Anyone can join us. Bring you pieces that you have been working on over the summer and your postcards or art cards.

1 p.m. – General Meeting

Speaker: Joanne Kourtz
Topic: Quilting from the backside.

October 12th – Arena

Annual General Meeting – 1 p.m.

Speaker: Sue Chin from “Quilted Dreams”,
Huntsville.
Topic: Preparing a quilt to be machine quilted.
If you have any quilts that Sue has done, please bring them in for show and tell.

October 26th – Rowanwood

No Quiltart group.

Cuddle Quilts: 10 a. m. .. bring your lunch.

November 9th – Arena

Speaker: Melody Madden, Hawkstone, Ont.
www.melodymadden.com

A Creative Journey

A trunk show that is inspirational and informative in which Melody describes her creative journey, to date, in the field of textile arts.

November 10th, Friday - Workshop

Presenter – Melody Madden
Sign up at September meeting.

Beauty of Nature Revealed in Fabric

This workshop is designed to teach students a creative and unique way to construct their own beautiful landscape quilt filled with colour, depth, texture and form.
This workshop is based on free motion machine quilting and is designed to be a highly creative experience.

December 14th – Arena

POT LUCK LUNCHEON

January, February and March - 2007

Keep your ears and eyes open as we await to hear from the Program Committee.

April 12th -2007 – Arena

Speaker: Renske Helmuth, Moorefield, Ont.
www.renskehelmuth.com

My Journey as a Quiltmaker

Using a variety of quilts and wall hangings, I will share my journey as a quiltmaker with you. Quilting has meant a great deal to me. Many appliquéd quilts will be featured, as they are my favorite.

April 13th – Friday – Workshop

Presenter: Renske Helmuth
Topic: To be decided

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May 10th – Arena

Speaker: Judy Garden, Belleville, Ont.

www.patchworkgarden.com

Topic: Trunk Show

Author of "Dutch Treats" which is in our guild library.

May 11th

Workshop to be decided.

JUNE 14TH, 2007 - Arena

POTLUCK LUNCH

Elections of new Executive.

Get on board. Get involved.

Nominating committee would love to have you approach them rather than having to search and find.

LIBRARY REPORT

The system for tracking loaned books from the library has been revised. The books now have an envelope in the back with a date loaned and member name card. The card is removed when the book is loaned and replaced when the book is returned. We ask that members return the books monthly and renew them if needed for longer than one month. The Library has acquired 6 new books. The Titles are: "Borders & Finishing Touches", "Better by the Dozen", "Fat Quarter Quilts", "Encyclopedia of Quilting", "Art Quilts", and "Landscape Quilting". Thanks to the generous donation from some members we have also received a number of very nice books for the library.

The magazines have been separated from the books and can be signed out by members writing their name and the name of the magazine in a tracking book. A large number of newer magazines have been donated to the Library.

Your Library is a huge resource for members who are looking for inspiration, techniques, patterns and ideas".