

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

Well the white stuff is here and looks like it's going to stick around. When I look outside and see a blank canvas of white, I think of how important negative space is on a quilt. Not only does it provide a platform for our designs, but when appropriately balanced on a quilt and in the correct proportion, it enhances that design and draws us in. That lesson was made painfully clear to me on a two colour/alternate block quilt I made in a very bright yellow and white a few years ago. The quilt was to go on our bedroom wall facing the bed. Because my proportion of negative (white area) was wrong in one of my borders, the design did not "float" as I had intended. Every morning I would wake up and face my design error. Finally, I repainted the room, took the quilt down and stuffed it away in a drawer. And there it lies. Gone but not forgotten. Another expensive quilting lesson learned. If I hadn't rushed to put the border on and be done with it; if I had used a design wall to step back and evaluate my progress, all that could have been avoided. (Heavy sigh)

Back to the white stuff. What looks good against a sea of white? Red and Green! I have pulled out my Christmas sweaters that can only be worn during the holiday season. I will be wearing one to our annual Christmas Potluck (my favourite meeting of the year.) **So, my challenge to you for the December meeting is to wear one of your Christmas sweaters, the uglier the better. I want to see Christmas earrings, brooches, bracelets. Get it all out and bring it on.**

See you then,

Margaret

PS. My personal feeling is that there can never be too many Swedish meatballs, cabbage rolls or Nanaimo bars on a potluck buffet. Just saying...

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If you do not wish to receive emails please email pinetreeguild@hotmail.com

December 2015

Submitted by Joyce MacKay and Donna Naylor

If you are anything like me, your sewing machine and quilting fingers are working in overdrive in an attempt to get all projects finished in time for Christmas. At December's meeting, let's take a break and enjoy each other's company as we feast at our annual Christmas potluck lunch. We will have fun with a couple of games and hopefully some of you will bring some Christmas projects to **Show and Share** after our meal. Please arrive after 11:30 – that will give us time to have the room set up before the happy gang arrives.

Good News! *Donna Brown* has offered to be our Workshop coordinator. She will be working with the Program committee to find interesting classes for us in the New Year. Stay tuned!

Things to remember for December's meeting:

1. **Let's share in our good fortune. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Manna Food Bank.**
2. **Participation in one of the afternoon's games involves the contribution of \$1.00** (proceeds to Salvation Army), so bring a loonie or two.
3. Remember to bring your dishes and cutlery for the potluck.
4. **White glove volunteers for Show and Share this month are: Marion M, Karen J, Carrol R, Marianne M, Barb R, and Sheila H.**
5. 50/50 draw winners from November (you know who you are!), please arrive prepared to sell, sell, sell.

Preparations for 2016!

On January 14, we will have another "Cuddle Quilt Day" – remember the major snowstorm last year on the day of this event? Joanne Smith, our outreach coordinator, will provide details for this day.

Best wishes to all for a wonderful Christmas and holiday season.

MEMBERSHIP

Submitted by Kim Wynnott

Thank you to Barb C. for taking over the Membership desk in November...sounds like you were busy! **Welcome to our newest member, Sherri H.** who is new to our area, but has been quilting for over thirty years! In our November meeting we had an astounding thirteen visitors! The Loaning Stash Box spent the month of November with Marcia G. We hope you had fun! If anyone has suggestions for additional items that could be included in the box, please let Kim know.

Still need to renew your membership? Last chance - renewals will be accepted at our December meeting after which time non-renewed members will be removed from our pending list and electronic newsletter mailings. If you miss the deadline, please speak with us to arrange to be reactivated, or participate as a Visitor.

WEBSITE UPDATE

Submitted by Halina Dales

The photos from last month's meeting are now available on FLIKR.

In addition, the photos from last year's meetings (September 2014- May 2015) can now be found on the FLIKR website.

Here's the link to the albums in FLIKR.
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/134719553@N03/albums>

There are still lots of photos that need to be moved from the old web-site to FLIKR. However, it's time to turn attention to the look and feel of the website.

Stay tuned.

OUTREACH

Submitted by Joanne Smith

Thank you to everyone who participated in the silent auction last month! We raised a grand total of \$396.00 !! YIPEE!!! YAHOO!!! All of the money raised will be used to buy backing, batting and other supplies for our cuddle quilts.

Thank you to all those who took a "quilt bundle" last month to put together a cuddle quilt. Your help is very much appreciated and in doing so will allow us to get those quilt out sooner to those in need.

January will be an all-day cuddle quilt workshop as we had done last year. More details to follow – watch your email box for a notice!

HOSPITALITY

Submitted by Lyn Griffin

We all enjoyed the goodies that Linda Wilkin, Donna Mullen, Marion McLaughlin, Beryl Graham, Mary Reimer, Karen Atkle, and Carrol Reid brought to the November meeting. Thanks so much!

There are always lots of delicious treats at the December potluck. Bring your appetite – we'll have the coffee and tea ready.

The following members have signed up to bring goodies for the January 14th meeting: Cathy Maher, Bet McNabb, Shirley Anne Sturgess, Wendy Wight, Barb Coburn, Bev Hall and Hanne Knowlton.

The sign-up sheets for Feb., March, April and May will be circulated at the January meeting.



WE LISTEN

Submitted by Marianne Meeuwisse

At the November meeting three notes were put on the board.

1. I forgot to ask this last month; When the cuddle quilt workshop was cancelled due to "lack of interest" did I miss the sign up sheet, because I intended to go?

Generally there is no sign up sheet for the workshops, just an announcement and informal organization of who will bring sewing machines etc. Most of the time people just show up for the day or part thereof.

There will likely will be another cuddle quilt workshop/sewing day in the winter/spring, meanwhile anyone can help out by making a top or taking a kit to sandwich and finish a small quilt. This provides a great opportunity to practice sewing or free motion quilting. The outreach committee is happy with any help. During Novembers presentation of group/community quilts a lot of ideas were presented to put odd sized blocks and different borders together.
Be adventurous, have fun!

2. Do you have an announcement in the newsletter for articles for sale?

Today's silent auction was an exception as a sale. This one was announced in the newsletter. There is a table with "Free-Bees" at the back of the meeting-room, the articles are donated and free to whoever likes them.

If you have a quilt related item that you would like to sell, such as a sewing machine, quilt frame, accuquilt cutter dies, sewing table etc. etc. please feel free to email Joanne S. and it can be advertised in the next newsletter.

3. We need a "Modern Quilt Group" spin off.

We need a Guild retreat
Bring back July and August sewing gatherings to replace Shirley Ann's.
Workshops; Pat Whittle— Bracebridge
Linda Kristin Bliv
(Gravenhurst)

Linda could do a workshop on various ways to make prints for fabric (styrofoam) for beginner Art Quilters.
We need a small group sit and sew day.

The author of this note brought up a lot of excellent suggestions. If anyone would like to start a new group or event, approach the executive/president and discuss the way to go about it. An invitation to guild members to join a special interest group, published in the newsletter, is also a good start. These groups would organize themselves and be autonomous. The Program committee (Joyce McKay and Donna Naylor) is always ready to accept ideas for workshops.

The executive thanks you for using the board for your ideas and suggestions, keep the notes coming! Marianne Meeuwisse for the Pine Tree executive.

**CANADIAN QUILTERS'
ASSOCIATION**



The Show takes place on June 15—18, 2016 at The International Centre, Mississauga, ON.

<http://njs.canadianquilter.com/>

Quilt Canada 2016- The International Gathering of the Guilds

A public gathering such as the International Gathering of the Guilds, for quilters by quilters around the world, is an incredible and unique occasion. Please join us, at Quilt Canada 2016, in celebration of quilting and sharing on a global scale.

The most common thread among quilters worldwide is fellowship and camaraderie. The evening will include presentations from guest speakers from the global quilting project movement, followed by a Show/Share quilt parade like no other! Won't it be fun to see what other quilters around the world are working on? Please bring a finished quilted piece to show and share with others. All skill levels are welcome!

Keynote Speaker: Paula Rafferty of Ireland

Sponsored by: Celtic Quilt Tours

Friday, June 17, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Cost: \$22.00 (\$25.00 at the door if available).

For further information:

<https://www.canadianquilter.com/events/quilt-canada-2016-tours.php>

Quilt Canada 2017

Join the CQA/ACC to celebrate Canada's 150 years! Quilt Canada 2017 is returning to Toronto from June 14 to 17, 2017. That's right, we're in Toronto two years in a row. Join the celebration and experience the largest Quilting Bee ever! Stay tuned for more details.

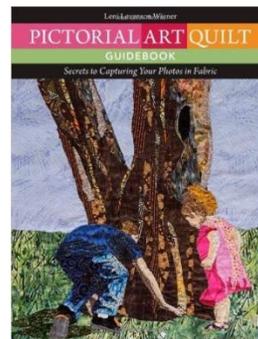
LIBRARY

Submitted by Halina Dales

The Following Four Books Have Been Added to Your Library. Enjoy.

* # 606 'Pictorial Art Quilt' book was referenced by our speaker Pearl Sceviour at our October meeting

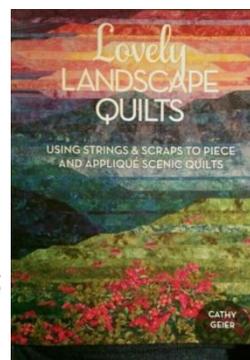
* # 612 Here Comes Winter was donated by The Quilt Patch in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. It was not UPS or Canada Post that delivered the book, but our very own Kim Wynott. Thank you Kim!



606 Pictorial Art Quilt Guidebook

By: Leni Levenson Wiener

You'll be surprised how easy it is to transform a photo into gallery-worthy fabric art with Leni Wiener's simple methods. Leni walks you step by step through choosing the right fabrics; creating patterns with free software; depicting common elements, such as grass, trees, water, and faces; layering and sewing your collages; and finishing your work for display. Complete patterns and instructions for two quilts help get you started. Use the included Art Quilter's Value Scale to choose the perfect light and dark fabrics for your quilts. Loaded with helpful photos, this guide is a virtual art class in a book.

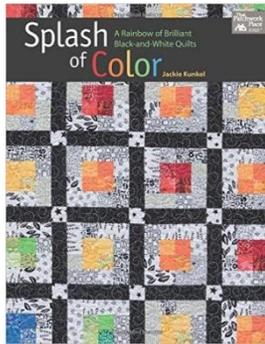


610 Lovely Landscape Quilts

By: Cathy Geier

In "Lovely Landscape Quilts," Cathy Geier walks you through the process of creating amazing landscape quilts using simple techniques that anyone can try. Learn how to find inspiration and choose your fabrics, how to design and lay out your quilt, and how to use angles to create skies, water, hills and mountains. Learn tricks for embellishing your quilts with applique, marker and fabric to create shadows and highlights that will give your landscape quilts depth and perspective. Finally, learn the tips for finishing and quilting before trying any of the 15 beautiful projects designed by Cathy.

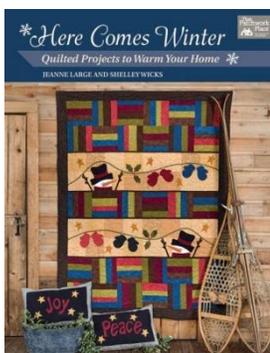
Inspired by the frosty winters of Saskatchewan, Jeanne Large and Shelley Wicks are back with more of the whimsical designs that have enchanted quilters around the world. This cheery collection is packed like Santa's sleigh with 20 festive projects. Make your home cozy all winter with decorative projects ranging in size and shape from pillows to banners, wall hangings, table runners, and lap quilts. Create fun wintertime motifs including Christmas trees, lights, reindeer, snowmen, and of course a snowflake or two. Enjoy the simple piecing, charming and chunky appliqué, and earthy color palette that Jeanne and Shelley are known for.



611 Splash of Color

By: Jackie Kunkel

Learn to combine a rainbow of bright, saturated colors with crisp black and white prints to make the most amazing quilts. Choose from modern, graphic patterns as well as traditional designs updated by the use of a bold palette. You will love the high contrast and fun pops of color in these sparkling designs. Confidently create with black and white using Jackie's tips for scale of print and ratio of dark to light. 13 projects from table runners to bed-sized quilts provide lots of options. Piece quilts using various techniques, from easy four patches to paper piecing, curves, points and partial seams



#612 Here Comes Winter

By: Large Jeanne

25th ANNIVERSARY PICNIC LUNCHEON

***Pine Tree Quilters' Guild of
Muskoka***

Thurs. June 9th, 2016

***Brooklands Farms,
Butter & Egg Rd.
Bracebridge***

Cost \$25



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

Tickets will be available in January. If you are going to be away feel free to give a friend your cheque.

25th ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE

“Design a Pine”

QUILT TRAVEL TOURS

Love to travel? Love to quilt? Why not combine the two and go on a quilting holiday! There are many trips available – often there are ads in quilt magazines, posters at your local quilt shop, and of course lots can be found on the internet. Any information on trips that the guild receives are, as always, placed on the back table along with any

information about upcoming quilt shows. A few examples of upcoming trips are:

February 6—13, 2016

Quilting on the Beach, Kona, Hawaii

I just wanted to follow up to see if there was any interest in attending this great event in Hawaii this winter? There is still room to join our group.

Quilters from all over the world flock to the Big Island of Hawaii for Quilting on the Beach, a weeklong retreat filled with specialized classes, sightseeing, and local shop hopping. Non-Quilters Welcome! For more info contact Joan Kingston, Trent Travel, TravelPlus, 15 Thickson Rd. N., Whitby, ON, L1N8W7, 905-240-6344

Joan.Kingston@TravelPlus.ca

June 6-15th 2016

Mystery Shop Hop Through the Martimes

Enjoy a good mystery! Travel through the Maritimes visiting quilt shops, enjoy Peggy's Cove and the Cabot trail.

quilttoursinternational.ca

Aug. 9-17th 2016

Birmingham, England

Travel to see Britain's Largest Quilt show in Birmingham, England. Visit the Victoria and Albert Museum. quilttoursinternational.ca



REMEMBER:

POTLUCK LUNCHEON

- your yummy food dish (**please add a tag on your plate, bowl or spoon if there is an ingredient in your food that someone might have a common allergy to such as nuts, seafood etc.**)
- dishes (plate, mug, cutlery etc)
- show-and-share
- money for 50/50 tickets
- ideas & suggestions for the suggestion board
- library books
- nonperishable food to donate to Manna Food Bank
- \$1 to participate in afternoon games (money will be donated to Salvation Army)