



PINE TREE QUILTERS' GUILD OF MUSKOKA

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Meeting at Bracebridge Memorial Arena, 169 James St., Bracebridge 2nd Floor **Second Thursday of the month 1-3 pm**

The Pine  *Tree Tribune*

November 2019 Edition



This message comes to you via Naples, Florida. I'm sorry that I won't be at our November meeting, but know that I will be thinking of you!

As always, our monthly presenter never fails to inspire. Beth Cameron creates quilts that showcase her creativity, sense of humour and love of colour. It was enjoyable to hear how each quilt came about.

The members that participated in Beth's workshop got to use one of her original patterns. Although we were all using the same pattern, it was interesting to see how each project differed because of colour selection.

Maggie Vanderweit is the presenter on Thursday, November 14th. I have heard wonderful things about her. I'm sorry to be missing her presentations and look forward to hearing all about her trunk show and workshop.

President's Challenge: Home is Where the Heart Is



I hope that many of you are planning to take on this year's Challenge. I

have started mine and I am trying to create a miniature for the first time. Working with small pieces allows me to make use of fabrics in my ever-growing stash. It's amazing how making something so small, can take as much time as a much larger piece. Can't wait to see everyone's project!

Members' Survey

As stated in our September newsletter, we will be presenting portions of the members' survey a little at a time.

Question 5: What suggestions do you have for improving our guild?

Sixty-three members gave suggestions. They fall under *seven basic groups*:

- a) **Beginner Quilters:** Five members suggested we do more to help our members new to quilting. *We have three members that have identified themselves as beginners. Our executive is looking at ways to help beginners connect with members who are interested in acting as mentors.*
- b) **Meeting Format:** Multiple members felt that improvements need to be made to the sound system. *This is an issue we are seriously trying to improve. A couple of members also felt that a better job needs to be done of adhering to timelines at our meetings. Sometimes presenters go over their time, and we don't want to shorten break-times, as social interaction is important to our members. We will certainly try to adhere to timelines.*
- c) **New Members:** Have our special interest groups present at our meetings, so that new members are aware of them. Have members reach out to new members, i.e. partnering, mentoring, and new members orientation. *Our executive is looking at ways of welcoming our new members. One idea is to identify them by placing a dot on their nametags so that members know to introduce themselves to them, and try to include them in social situations.*
- d) **Social Interaction:** A few members suggested that at our meetings, we should build in more opportunities to interact socially. A few members believe we need to do more to encourage more members to join satellite groups. This is particularly good for those who wish to belong to a smaller group. *We have started to do icebreakers at our meetings to encourage people to make connections with people they don't know.*
- e) **Speakers/Workshops:** A dozen members had suggestions relating to Speakers and Workshops. As quilting levels vary, so do the needs and wants. *Pat and Dale are responsible for planning, selecting and organizing presentations. They will take your suggestions into consideration when booking presenters.*
- f) **Location/Facilities:** Three members thought that we should look for a more modern facility that would better accommodate the size of the guild. *When selecting a site for our meetings and workshops, it was necessary to look for a facility that could accommodate our large group and be affordable. Because of the relatively low cost of our venues, we have been able to keep the cost of memberships down. We know that in the future, Bracebridge will be building a new Arena & Community Room, and that the present location will be decommissioned. Change is inevitable.*
- g) A few members communicated that they like the way things are presently being done.

Next month, we will cover questions 6 and 7 of our survey, which include satisfaction around presenters and suggestions for topics and guest speakers.

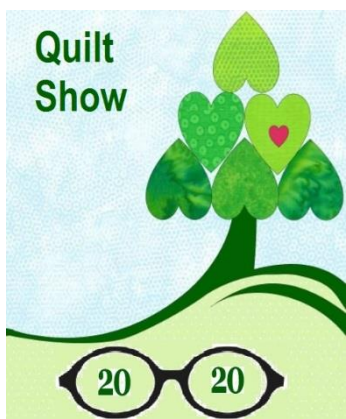


Thursday, November 14, 1:00 pm Bracebridge Memorial Arena

Hope many of you will make it.

See you soon!

Suzanne Brochu-Ranta



Volunteering is a work of HEART!

I've been thinking hard about the two quilts I would like to enter in our upcoming quilt show. Although both projects were started several months ago, their completion is still in the "hopeful" stages. I guess I should stop thinking and start sewing. How about you? Will you have a quilt ready to show? It doesn't have to be new just as long as it hasn't been entered in any of our previous shows.

In the meantime, many members are busy sewing up a storm of boutique items. We have an ambitious goal and I for one am excited to see how close we come to our target. On another note, we're still looking for a member/team to take responsibility for quilt intake/outtake. Please see Carrie for details. I will have the procedures available at our membership meeting on November 14th. **Remember, many hands make light work.** See you soon.

Carrie Latendresse

Quilt Show Boutique

We have over 100 items, so far. Thank you to all those who have donated. Our goal is 900...the sooner, the better ☐.

Wanted: Generic plastic and paper bags to be recycled for purchased items.

Happy Sewing...
Lynne, Mary, Anne, Eva
The Boutique Babes

Outreach

I delivered 18 quilts to Huntsville's Chrysalis house and Christine's place.



Several gals took kits to complete so keep sewing so our children and mums can keep "cuddling!"

Mary

PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

At our November 14th meeting we welcome Maggie Vanderweit, a well known textile artist who has been a maker all her life. I recall attending her lectures and demonstrations at the Creativ festival as far back as the early 1990s. Her quilting and textile art journey has been prolific, diverse and innovative and she is going to give us a glimpse of the steps along the way, in her presentation, "The Journey So Far". At this point, there are 17 participants for her workshop on Friday November 15th. It is taking place at the arena. Donna has sent participants the supply list already. We have three spaces left, so check with Donna, if you want to join in this day of fun and learning. Maggie will teach us her techniques for "Geological, Botanical and Distress Surfaces". For any of you who are new to painting with Colour Vie, you are in for a treat. This workshop is special because it is Maggie's swan song, the last workshop she is planning to teach. From here on she will be focusing on other aspects of her creative journey.



With December just a month away, Pat and I have been chatting about plans for our potluck. With your diverse culinary skills, plenty of interesting chatter, and a couple of optional activities we think it will be a great day. Hoping you are able to join us! If you have some projects you want to make for

Christmas, do consider finishing in time to bring it for show and share. We would love to see what you are doing and some of us who like a motivator, could find this early deadline helpful!

With 3 spaces still available, it's still not too late to attend Maggie Vanderweit's Fabric Painting workshop on Friday November 15th. If interested, please contact Donna Naylor

(donna.naylor@bell.net). You might like to check out Maggie's website to see more about the workshop - www.stonethreads.com.

Dale McMillan & Pat Wells

MEMBERSHIP



Welcome New Members. Currently we have 149 members in our Guild. New members' introduction packages are ready for pick up as well as your membership cards for 2019/20. These cards will often allow you a discount on merchandise if shown when cashing your purchase. Our membership

fees are \$25 and are due in either cash or cheque at the Membership sign in desk.

Look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Gail Wray

GOODIES



Goodies for the November meeting are being brought to us by:

**Anne Fitchett
Barbara Bentley
Sandra Wallace
Anne Ruddy
Jill Kieffer
Val Welcher
Grace Selvage**

Just a reminder to bring your own mug.



Our monthly draw supports our library. 50% goes to our library and 50% is split between our 2 winners. Tickets are \$1 each or 3 for \$2.

Congratulations to our October draw winners:

Sue Butler and Grace Selvage.

Sue and Grace will be selling the 50/50 tickets at our November meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

It's been over one year already since I became Treasurer for the Guild. I took over the role from Sue Bogers and her husband, Bill, who did an incredible job as Guild Treasurer for many years. On behalf of all of the Guild members, thank you Sue and Bill for your dedication!

On a personal note, thank you to Sue and Bill for the many hours that they've spent showing me the ropes. Their willingness to answer my questions – and there have been **A LOT!!** - has made the transition much easier.

At next week's Members' meeting (November 14th), I will present an oral summary of the Treasurer's Report to the membership. Thank you to Joanne and Heather Smith for taking the time to review the Financials. Joanne and Heather have provided me with a letter acknowledging that they completed the review. This letter will be shared at next week's Members' meeting and then filed with the Financials for 2018-2019.

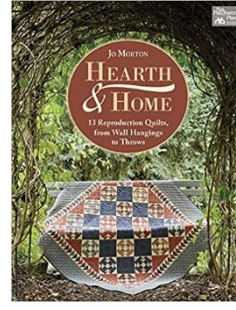
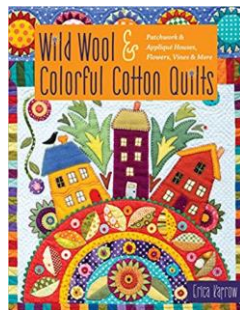
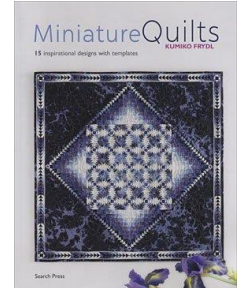
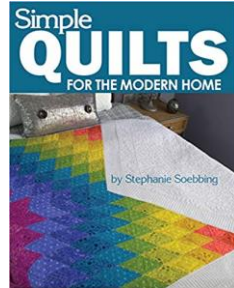
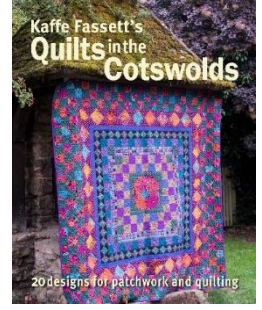
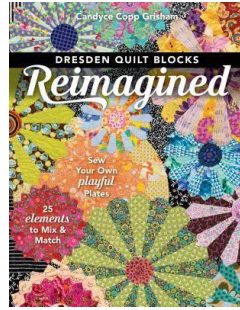
All members with email addresses have been sent a copy of the 2018-2019 Financials, under separate cover from this newsletter, today. Any members without email were asked to provide their names to Gail Wray (membership) at the October meeting in order to receive a hard copy of the Financials. If you did not make a request at last month's meeting; but, you are interested in receiving a hard copy of the Financials, please speak to Gail Wray at the November meeting.

Thank you to all of you for taking the time to review the Financials. If you have any questions, kindly send them to the Guild email address: muskokaquilts@gmail.com, or you are welcome to ask questions at the Members' meeting next week.

Cathy Glass

Library

Some brand new books for our library have just arrived! Pictures of their front covers are here and if you want more info on what they are about, have a look at the online library database, which you can access through the guild website.



On another note, some of you borrowed guild library books a long time ago and forgot to bring them back! I'm going to leave a list of names and books borrowed and kept for more than a year at the library table, so if you think you might be delinquent, come and look at the list.

And finally, if anyone has any ideas of books for the library, let me know! I always appreciate feedback.

Jan McDonnell

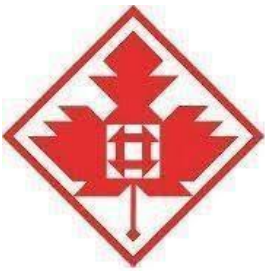
Modern Group

The Pine Tree Modern Group will have a **sew day and pot luck lunch on Thursday November 7 from 9:30 - 2:30 at Bracebridge United Church.**

We will bring ideas and projects to work on for next June's quilt show boutique.

\$2 each, everyone is welcome.

Mary McFarlane



A message from the Canadian Quilters' Association:

Did You Know?

- CQA member guilds can participate in the "Gateway to Adventure" challenge using Kona cotton colour #K001-147 Jungle & 3 additional fabrics on the face of your quilt.
- CQA members & non-members can still participate in the 52 blocks in 52 weeks event.
- National Juried show entries are now being accepted.

Full details can be found at www.canadianquilter.com or contact your local CQA/ACC representative.



For Sale - Janome Horizon MC7700 QCP



[Click Here](#) to go to the Want Ads on the 'Members Only' Page. There is a link to a PDF with more information about this Janome.

If interested please contact Diana Thompson: ridgeroadquilts@gmail.com



By: [Halina Dales](#)

Block of the Month

Every month Betty Ann McNabb will be sharing her current block, not only at the guild meetings; but, also on the web. [Click Here](#) to go to the Block of the Month page on the guild website.

Membership List

An updated membership list has been posted. It's in the 'Members Only' section of the website. If you have forgotten the password to the 'Members Only' section – check your email that sent this newsletter.

<http://www.pinetreequiltersguildofmuskoka.com/members-only/>.

Photo Albums

Five albums have been posted since our September newsletter.

[2019 10 17 - Quilt Artists - Soy Wax Resist](#)

[2019 10 10 - Guild Meeting - Beth Cameron](#)

[2019 10 09 - Workshop - Beth Cameron - Falling Leaves](#)

[2019 10 03 - Modern Quilt Group](#)

Road Trips – October to January 2019

If you hear of events that might be of interest to guild members – please send the event info to halina@dales.ca. These events are on the [Calendar](#) on the website.

Wellington County Museum - Connections Fibre Artists

Sept 15, 2019 – Jan 5, 2020

<https://www.wellington.ca/en/discover/mus-re-fashion.aspx> (check out the poster)

Simcoe County Museum - Fibre Content Travelling Exhibition

Sept 28 - Nov 30

<https://museum.simcoe.ca/exhibits/orientation>

Bracebridge - Christmas Show - Muskoka Arts and Crafts

November 15 - 17

http://www.muskokaartsandcrafts.com/Christmas_Show/christmas_show.htm

Oshawa - Durham Trillium Quilters Guild Show

November 22 - November 23

<http://www.durhamtrilliumquiltersguild.ca/home.html>

Check out the [Members Only Page](#) that will explain 'How to Submit a Want Ad'

For Sale By Margaret Gage
megage@muskoka.com



Step Basket by Leslie Terry-Songer and the other is a quilt hanger by Bob Kobe. I am asking \$20 for each. I love both of them but don't have stairs anymore and have no place to hang the hanger.

Wanted By Gail Wray
705 684 9541

Pfaff Sewing Machine

I would like a lightly/used Pfaff sewing machine with USB PORT and quilt sewing.

Thank you!

First Place Hand Quilting Winner at the Saskatoon Quilt Show! Donna Edwards



Congratulations to Donna Edwards for her first place win for Hand Quilting at the Saskatoon Quilt Show this past weekend.

Donna is a Past President of our guild and was a member of the guild for many years. She moved to Saskatoon about 12 years ago.

The Saskatoon Quilt has been described by judges, vendors and visitors as one of the biggest and best in Western Canada. Almost 500 quilts were on display. [Click Here](#) for info on the how.

Thank you to Wendy Wight for sharing!