



## 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*

*December 2019 Edition*



December is a wonderful month with many of us undertaking preparations for a month of festivities. Like many of you, I love everything about the festive season. Hope that many of you will be able to attend our **Christmas Potluck** which is **Thursday, December 12th**. Come enjoy the food and company of your quilting friends!



The Quilt Show preparations are going very well. It's wonderful to see how everything is coming together under the direction of our fearless leader, Carrie Latendresse! Our committee is made up of a great group of talented women who are giving generously of their time. As the show approaches, Carrie will be looking to have members sign up to do a variety of tasks. We hope that many of you will commit to helping in any way you can.

## Members' Survey

The following is a summary of the last three questions of our survey.

### Question 7: What suggestions do you have for topics and guest speakers?

The suggestions were subdivided into three categories: presenters, topics and others.

Under presenters, there were 11 suggestions, with the names of specific quilters. Under topics, members showed a wide range of interests ranging from traditional to modern quilting. As well, many are interested in learning different techniques (i.e. using rulers, appliqué, shortcuts). Under OTHER, suggestions were made to have the different Quilting Groups make presentations at our meetings.

### Question 8: Indicate which of the workshops you attended in 2018 and 2019.

Sixty-two percent of our 111 respondents did not participate in any workshops and 38% participated in one or more workshops. The final question helps us to further understand why such a high percentage of our members are not participating in any of our workshops.

### Question 9: What gets in the way of participating in our workshops?

Time commitment: 52% (48)  
Cost of workshops and supplies: 13% (12)  
Challenge of transporting sewing machine: 27% (25)  
Level of the workshop: 16% (15)  
Type of projects: 35% (32)  
Location of workshop: 5% (5)  
Already involved in other learning opportunities: 25% (23)  
Of 114 members that responded to the survey, 92 answered this question. Over half of respondents indicated that time commitment was their biggest challenge. Cost of the workshops and location are not factors for most members. Transporting sewing machines is a challenge for over a quarter of those who responded to this question. Twenty-three members said they are involved in learning opportunities outside of our workshops.

Overall, looking at the results of the survey, our members are predominantly happy with their guild. Like everything, there are always things that need to change due to current realities. The Executive has reviewed the findings and are looking to address needs and suggestions that are within their scope. Participation in the workshops was an area highlighted in the survey. The information collected will be helpful in planning and organizing future presentations and workshops.

We hope that you have found the information we have provided in the last four newsletters of interest. Our executive thank you all for your feedback, as it will greatly assist us when making future plans.

## **CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR WISHES!**

As you relish the goodies, decorate every nook and corner of your home, and enjoy the get-togethers, may the joy and festivities continue to radiate in your lives, long after Christmas is gone.

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year** to you and your family!

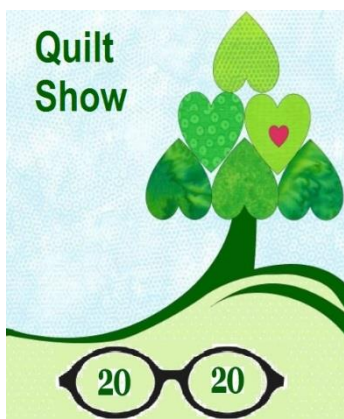
Suzanne Brochu-Ranta



**Thursday, December 12, 12:00 pm Bracebridge Memorial Arena**

Hope many of you will make it.

See you soon!



As of December 1st, we have 187 more sleeps before our Quilt Show. Although I shouldn't, I am already starting to feel a wee bit anxious. It wouldn't be so bad if I had completed at least my quilt or my wall hanging or my entry for the President's challenge, or... If you were at our last membership meeting you will know that we are looking for a co-convenor to assist Paddy Taylor with the Antique bed turning. Also, Nancy Lynch is collecting previously loved items which will be given away as door prizes. If you have time to dig up some lost treasures before our next meeting, it would be greatly appreciated. Also, keep those Boutique items coming. That's all for now. Hope to see you all at the potluck lunch on December 12th.

Carrie Latendresse

### **Boutique Babes**

EUREKA! (at least for the Boutique Babes)  
We are having a MUSKOKA Quilt Show....why don't we highlight Muskoka in our work. Nancy has kicked us off with a beautiful array of "Muskoka" photo gift cards. So, beginning in January, we will be setting our creative juices representing Muskoka (e.g. Appliqué that tea towel with a Loon, or a Muskoka chair, wildlife fabric oven mitts and for anyone with the Postcards from Muskoka pattern.....imagine a set of placemats or an apron.....the ideas are endless.)

We will outline the "ideas" for the January work sessions at the December meeting.

Let's focus on things Muskoka: loons, pinetrees, canoe, wildlife, rocks, etc fabric.

Thanks.

The Boutique Babes  
Mary, Anne, Eva, Lynne

## **PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS**

We hope you are able to come to our **Christmas Potluck Lunch on Thursday December 12th**. Plan to arrive between 11:30 am and noon.

### **Bring:**

A dish to share... main course or side or dessert. Please be generous so that everyone goes away satisfied.

Plate, cutlery and a cup.

A pair of paper scissors, if you wish to do an easy craft.

Completed quilt projects for Show & Share.

A Loonie or Toonie if you wish to donate to our Manna Food Bank Collection.

January will be a Boutique Work Day. More details will be forthcoming at our next meeting and in the January Newsletter.

We have several guest speakers booked for 2020. They include our own Andrea Orpana, Sherri Hysie & Kathy K. Wylie. In the fall we have bookings with Gunnel Hag, Kathy K. Wylie (Computer Aided Quilting) and Libs Elliott. More details to come!

Dale McMillan & Pat Wells  
Program Committee

## **MEMBERSHIP**



Merry Christmas and Welcome New Members.

Currently we have 150 members on our membership list, 13 of which are still deciding whether or not to attend our meetings. Should you know of any members who have moved etc. and/or are highlighted in yellow on the sign in sheet, I

would appreciate your advice so I can contact them.

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 pot luck Christmas meeting.

Gail Wray

## **The Quilt Artists of Muskoka**

The Quilt Artists of Muskoka meet the third Thursday of the month in Baysville (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.) These are play days trying different techniques and ideas. We were thrilled that the guild had Maggie Vanderveit as a speaker and workshop. We will continue to work with Maggie's paints and techniques. Membership is open to all guild members. **The next meeting is in January when we learn silk fusion.**

For more info contact [joannekourtz@bell.net](mailto:joannekourtz@bell.net)

Hugs

Joanne



**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 Pat Wells** who was one of our November draw winners. **Pat** will be selling the 50/50 tickets at our December meeting. We don't have the name of the second winner; but, would appreciate it if that person would join Pat in selling the 50/50 tickets. Thanks!

# Want Ads



By: [Halina Dales](#)

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

Please note the change in Want Ad submission date: **23<sup>rd</sup> of the month** so that a notification can be added to the next newsletter.

## *From Hanne*

I am selling my Gracie 11 quilting frame including the leader cloths and Bungi cords for \$700.00. The sewing machine is **NOT** included. [Click Here](#).

Grace Sure Stitch Regular for \$350.00. [Click Here](#).

Grace Laser for \$25.00. [Click Here](#).

I've had it for five years and everything has been well cared for.

If interested contact Hanne at 705 789 7661 or at [leroyk@bell.net](mailto:leroyk@bell.net)



I am wanting to swap 2.5 inch squares of 100% cotton fabric with people all over the world. I am only looking for one or two people from each country.

I am making a quilt using these squares and would like to swap all the 2.5 inch squares. I am happy to send you similar squares or a fat 1/8 of fabric in return. I live in Queensland in Australia.

Jenny Easlea

[Jenny.easlea@gmail.com](mailto:Jenny.easlea@gmail.com)

## **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 Updated as at November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

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**

These are the albums posted since our last newsletter.

[2019 11 15 - Workshop - Maggie Vanderweit](#)

[2019 11 14 - Guild Meeting - Maggie Vanderweit](#)

[2019 11 07 - Modern Quilt Group](#)



## **Road Trips – December to January 2020**

If you hear of events that might be of interest to guild members – please send the event info to [halina@dales.ca](mailto: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)

## **Thunder Bay - Conversations (Fibre Art Network)**

December 3, 2019 - February 16, 2020

<https://www.fibreartnetwork.com/exhibitionsnew/Conversations/47>

## **Orillia - Tracey Lawko Solo Exhibition**

February 1, 2020 - April 11, 2020

<https://traceylawko.com/>

## **Toronto - SAGA Annual Conference**

March 19, 2020 - March 22, 2020

<https://10times.com/saga-annual-conference>

## **Etobicoke - Quilt Fever Show and Sale**

March 27, 2020 - March 28, 2020

<https://www.etobicokequiltersguild.com/quilts-shows-gallery/quilt-fever-2020/>