



PINE TREE QUILTERS' GUILD OF MUSKOKA

January 2024

President's Message



Happy New Year!

I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday break, and perhaps received "quilty" gifts that will inspire as we head into a cold January.

I would like to share with you a podcast that I enjoyed in December. I listen to this creator regularly, but particularly enjoyed this episode.

David is from New Zealand, and his podcast "Flightless Bird" examines aspects of American culture that are foreign to him, as a Kiwi. In this December episode, he examines the popularity of quilts and quilting, and introduces us to some interesting artists along the way:

[Apple Podcast](#) or [Spotify Podcast](#)

If you will recall, the President's Challenge this year is to prepare a quilt or quilted item, for exhibition at one of our Fall Fairs. Here's a link to our District 11 Fairs, with the dates of the fairs for 2024. You should be able to click on each Agricultural Society's link, and locate their Fair Book, to see what you might consider creating. I look forward to seeing what each of us has chosen to sew, at our June 2024 meeting. <https://sites.google.com/view/oaas-district-11/home/ag-society-fair-dates-judging-dates>

Happy Quilting!

Terry W.

MONTH AT A GLANCE

Thursday, January 4 @ 1:00 p.m.

- Modern Group Meeting on *Zoom*

Tuesday, January 9 @ 9:00 a.m.

- Guild Executive Meeting on *Google Meet*

Thursday, January 11 @ 1:00 p.m.

- Member's Meeting on *Zoom*

Program News

Our meetings in January, February and March are on *Zoom*. You will receive an email with the Zoom Link the Tuesday before our meeting.

January 11 @ 1:00pm

Pat Pauly

<https://www.patpauly.com/>

Pat Pauly, from Rochester, New York, designs contemporary quilts with strong composition and modern interpretation. She has won numerous awards and accolades for her work over four decades, and has been featured in prominent fiber art magazines and publications.



February 15th @ 1:00 pm

Julia McLeod

<https://juliamcleodquilts.com/>

“Anything but the Cotton”

Julia is an international award-winning quilt maker living and working in Northern California. She specializes in making silk quilts. Her presentation shows what you can create with neckties, saris, kimonos and other unusual, ‘not cotton’ textiles.



March 7th to 14th

Weeks Ringle & Bill Kerr

<https://www.modernquiltstudio.com>

“What Makes it Modern?”



Our presentation with Weeks & Bill is different. **You will receive a link to the lecture a week before our meeting.** Watch the presentation BEFORE our meeting! One of them will join us at our meeting on Thursday March 14th @ 1:00 pm for a Q & A session. We will also get a sneak peek of what they are currently working on. The lecture link will expire at midnight after the live Q&A.

This lecture discusses how quilting, like other design disciplines such as fashion, industrial design and architecture, has evolved over time. Culture, economics, technology and society have played a part in this evolution as well, especially over the past 50 years. These changes laid the groundwork for new approaches to designing and making quilts. We'll apply this history to new ways to think about planning and making quilts that will inspire you to expand your palette and your skill set.



Member-led Workshop Plans for 2024

We have a number of member-led *Zoom* workshops scheduled for the New Year! The cost of each is \$10.00 and the workshop will be recorded and available for one week — great news if you want to attend but the date does not work for you! Registration can be done through the E- blast or the Guild website.

Coming in January

Embroidery Appliqué with Betty Ann Mc and Susan P.

Date: Thursday January 25, 2024

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10.00

Location: *Zoom*

The purpose of the Embroidery Appliqué Workshop is to give the participants a better understanding and comfort level of using an embroidery machine for appliqué. There will be a general discussion of machine embroidery, supplies required, threads, etc. A pattern for appliqué will also be demonstrated.



Participants can choose to appliqué along with Betty Ann and Susan or just sit back and watch and maybe pick-up a few pointers. Questions will be welcome throughout the presentation.

For those who wish to complete the project during the workshop, the pattern can be purchased from the Juju Embroidery site (designsbyjuju.com). The pattern will create a mug rug and is called Sunflower Mug Rug. The cost of the pattern as of November 2023 was \$5.00 US.



Coming in February

Foundation Paper Piecing with Julie D.

Date: Thursday February 29, 2024

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10.00

Location: *Zoom*

Foundation paper piecing allows the creation of intricate and precise designs. By sewing fabric onto a paper foundation, quilters can achieve accurate shapes and sharp points at irregular angles, making seemingly complex designs achievable. In this workshop, Julie will cover the basics of FPP as an introduction to the technique. However, like so many aspects of quilting there are many ways to do things, so Julie will also explore variations available. Participants will create a Canadian Maple Leaf quilt block (using a free online pattern from Monica Curry Quilt Design) during the workshop.



Coming in March...

Labeling and Recording Your Quilts - For Yourself and the Future with Heather I.

Date: Thursday, March 28, 2024

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10.00

Location: *Zoom*

Heather has the equivalent of 4 albums filled with write-ups, photos and fabric swatches for all of the hundreds of quilts she has made since 1985. She has travelled the world learning from quilt masters and is an award winner herself! Heather's presentation will highlight a selected number of her quilts with their stories and in the process inspire us to track our own work. The presentation will be about an hour with time for a "Q & A" after.



Coming in April...

Design As You Go with Mary W.

Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Cost: \$10.00

Location: In Person at the Bracebridge Arena



Are you someone who loves colour and loves to play? Then this workshop is for you. There is no pattern necessary! By the end, you will have the background for a cushion cover or a wall hanging...or the inspiration for a larger project.

More information to follow!

Scraptastic Quilted Cards with David Owen Hastings

Thursday, April 25, 2024

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm Eastern

Time Cost \$55.00 Canadian

Maximum 30 Participants

Grab a handful of fabric scraps, and let's make some art! Your scrap bin is a great and underused resource! It's often full of beautiful fabrics, but in very small amounts. Sometimes it contains mistakes that we would rather toss into the scrap bin than unpick. It's time to dive in and make something beautiful from those off-cuts and whoopsies. Using just a few pieces of fabric pulled from scraps, we will machine sew a mini series of modern art cards. We'll explore

colour, scale of print, value, and texture... and maybe come up with some surprising combinations!



Gather all the supplies and be ready to work near your computer. A desktop or laptop computer will give you the best experience. A good task light is nice, to help both light you and your work so you can share on camera.

Please do sign in a few minutes early: we will start promptly at **1:00 pm Eastern Time**. Please double-check the start time if you live in a different time zone. The workshop is 3 hours. We will take a break midway.

**This is a live Zoom event
and will not be recorded.
Registration for this event
will be in the New Year!**

Check out David's website at:

<https://davidowenhastings.com/portfolio/workshop-scraptastic-quilted-cards/>

Pat W., Donna N. & Dale M.

Hospitality and Social



We had another delicious potluck lunch and fun activities at our Dec. meeting. Thank you to Halina D., Sherry M., and Kim W. for making quick work of set up, clean up and packing up.

We will be needing bakers for the April and May meetings. Members can contact Lynda G. anytime to volunteer. Another reminder/request will go out in the March newsletter. Although the kitchen volunteers will be having a break until the April in person meeting, please remember that our Sunshine rep, Heather M., would be pleased to contact any member that may need a card or a call.

Lynda G.

Outreach

December was a busy month - I was the lucky one to play Santa and deliver our donated quilts to our various organizations that happily accepted them.

Although we will not be meeting in person over the winter months, please contact me if you are in need of batting or backing for quilt tops that you have pieced. I will deliver these and kits if you would like some, as well as picking up any quilts that you have completed and wish to donate.

For those of us lucky enough to travel to warmer climates, please drive/fly safely.
Joanne R.



Donna Kearney and staff member from Andy's House were very appreciative for the quilts that we donated.

Joanne R.

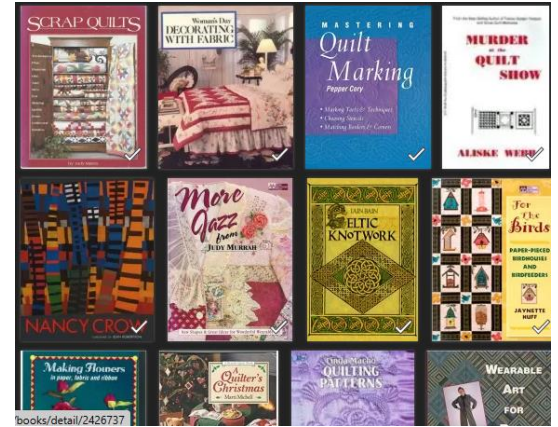
Modern Group

The Modern Group meets the first Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m. on *Zoom*. This month, Mary M. will be sharing some information about a modern quilter that she has been researching. There will also be discussions about the group making a quilt for the raffle at the next Guild Quilt Show in 2026. Please contact Sheila H. to have your name added to the distribution list to receive the link for the meeting.

Wendy W.

Library

A quick note to let you know that although we aren't meeting in person for a few months, it is still possible to borrow books from the library. Just let me know what you want and I can arrange to get them off the cart for you. The arena staff don't mind at all if I drop by to access the cart so it really is very easy. Just check out the online library database to browse our inventory and let me know what books (by title or by number) you would like to borrow.



Jan M.

Website News



Over the past month the Website has had changes, additions, and many updates. A few additions are the Outreach and 2023 Quilt Show sections.

Everything that is underlined here can be clicked on to take you to the Guild website

[Check out the Website](#)

Membership and Executive Lists:

The Membership and Executive Lists are 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.

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

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Quilt Artists: [In Person Meeting November 16, 2023 Photos](#)

[Baysville Library Display November 1 to December 31](#)

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Modern Group: [December 7, 2023 Minutes](#)

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Creative Cards:

Check out our new section for the link to [Creative Thank You Cards](#) that have been created by Guild Members and or Creative Artist's and sent to the Guild.

Want Ads: Updates to [Want Ads](#) in Member Section

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Pam R.

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