



# PINE TREE QUILTERS' GUILD OF MUSKOKA

December 2024

## President's Message



What a delight and “mystery” it was to participate in a day of stitching with many of our Guild members creating blocks for our mystery quilts. Thank you to Laura A.-C. for guiding us through the process with instruction, humour - and prizes! It was a great day and the new facility proved to be a most comfortable venue. This day-long activity was the brainchild of our

Program Directors, Liz and Terry, who responded to the wishes of many Guild members in the recent survey.

As I write this message, I am imagining your sewing spaces piled with scraps of fabric and “almost” completed projects and special gifts for loved ones. A quilted gift, whether a full-sized quilt, a table runner or a set of placemats, is a treasure for life. And, how wonderful it is to receive a quilted gift from a dear friend. May there be many quilted gifts from the heart exchanged in your worlds this Christmas season. A friend of mine who is a rookie quilter shared with me a photo of a beautiful table runner she made for her daughter and son-in-law featuring Hanukkah fabric. The Christian and Jewish celebrations occur at the same time this year.



## MONTH AT A GLANCE

Thursday, December 5  
@ 1:00 p.m.

- Modern Group on Zoom

Thursday, December 12 @ 12:00 p.m.

- Member's Pot Luck @ Bracebridge Lumber Community Centre

I look forward to seeing everyone at our Christmas Potluck, and I wish you all a festive and safe holiday season. Merry Christmas!

**Joyce M.**



## **Program**

Merry Christmas Pinetree Quilters! We have been busy planning our annual holiday potluck for Thursday, December 12th. We are excited to see all of you as this is our last in person meeting until spring. We ask that you not arrive before 12:00 as this will allow us time to set up the room before our meeting.

Please bring your own plate, cutlery and beverage as we are an environmentally friendly group, your luncheon contribution should come with a list of ingredients for those who have sensitivities. Luncheon donations must be ready to serve as we will not have access to the kitchen and microwave. The room is equipped with multiple electrical outlets which we can use for crockpots or other warming devices. This year we have decided to add a signup sheet for our potluck. Click on the link below and add your food to the list. If you have difficulty completing this task please contact Terry.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FrLLqaHLugWJiT5cX4iYlms4ANt9VaOcikoZ2G0Qz-0/edit?usp=sharing>

We will also be playing a game and completing a Christmas craft. To participate in these activities we ask that you bring a pen or pencil for the game. The Christmas craft requires 3 pieces of different fabric already cut into 2.5x8.5 inch strips. The fabric can be Christmas fabric or fabric that matches your Christmas decor.

Please include 2 buttons, ribbon, thread and a needle. Bring extra strips of fabric and buttons to exchange with friends if you like some of their fabric and button choices. A



picture of the craft is attached for those of us require visual information. This should be fun.

We will also be collecting donations for the food bank. We are asking for monetary donations or gift cards that we can easily drop off to the food bank. A basket for this voluntary donation will be available at the registration desk. Should you have any questions regarding any of this information please don't hesitate to contact Liz or Terry.

And don't forget to bring your creations for Show and Share!

Felix Navidad!

**Liz F. and Terry W.**

### Checklist for December 12 Meeting

<b>LUNCH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Complete sign-up sheet for pot luck</li><li>• Pot luck item</li><li>• List of ingredients</li><li>• Plate</li><li>• Cutlery</li><li>• Beverage</li></ul>
<b>ACTIVITIES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pen or pencil</li><li>• 3 different fabrics cut 2.5 x 8.5 strips</li><li>• 2 buttons</li><li>• Ribbon</li><li>• Thread</li><li>• Needles</li><li>• Extra fabric and buttons</li></ul>
<b>DONATION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cash or Gift Card</li></ul>
<b>SHOW &amp; SHARE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• My creations</li></ul>

## **Workshops**



A BIG thank you to Laura C. for our first in-person workshop at the Muskoka Lumber Community Centre in November. We had at least 25 participants when the morning started and many more members dropping in during the day! Laura did an amazing job of instructing, entertaining and encouraging the quilters! There were draws for prizes too! “Potato Chips” was the mystery quilt pattern and hopefully some of the quilters will bring in their projects for Show and Share at our December pot luck.

Your program team is still looking for Guild members willing to share their talents and expertise. If you or someone you know might be willing to lead a workshop - please contact us! Just as a little teaser - we do have “something in the works” for the spring — stay tuned!

**Donna N.**

## **Block of the Month**

We are now heading into month #3. Just a reminder to mark the blocks well when you complete each month. I have seen some of the fabrics quilters have chosen and I think the quilts will be beautiful. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

**Betty Ann Mc.**



## Outreach

I would like to end the 2024 Outreach year by saying thank you to the many members who donated so generously. I found I was returning home after each meeting with up to 20 quilts - it is amazing how generous everyone is. Needless to say, the organizations that receive these quilts are very thankful and have shown their appreciation with thank you cards and emails to Outreach.



On to another matter - it was my intention to post pictures on our website of the many quilts that were donated.....well, I am so far behind in doing that. Time would get away on me and when I finally sat down to download about 100 of them I encountered glitches which caused me a lot of frustration. It became a huge UFO for me and I kept putting the task on the back burner. It's like working on a quilt that you're not enthusiastic about finishing. I promise to try again once the holiday season is over. My sincere apologies.

Now for the good news - Outreach was able to supply 11 of our organizations with their quilt needs. I am pleased to report that for the 12-month period from October 31, 2023 to October 31, 2024, we distributed a total of 153 quilts, 10 pillowcases and 12 adult bibs. Kudos everyone, that's amazing!

Your quilts were donated to:

- Enliven Cancer Care Muskoka
- Hospice Muskoka, Andy's House
- Chrysalis House (Huntsville)
- South Muskoka Memorial Hospital
- Hospice Huntsville
- Salvation Army
- Christine's Place (Gravenhurst & Huntsville)
- Quilts of Valour Canada
- Fire victims - a family with 2 small children who had lost their home to fire
- Muskoka Shores Long Term Care, Gravenhurst
- The Pines Long Term Care, Bracebridge

Merry Christmas everyone - wishing you health and happiness over the Christmas season!

**Joanne R.**

## Treasurer's Report

Our members voted overwhelmingly to approve and accept the 2023-2024 financial statements. The online vote occurred in early November and was reviewed at the Executive meeting on November 12. If you have any follow-up questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch, either by tracking me down at our December potluck or by email [treasurer@ptqgom.com](mailto:treasurer@ptqgom.com)



**Jan McD.**

## Hospitality

Thank you to all members who provided treats at our November meeting at the Community Centre. Hats off to Carol C., Halina D., Ardith S., Janet S., Gail T. and Suzanne B-R. Treats were appreciated by all!



For our Christmas Potluck, please don't forget to bring your own travel mug with your preferred beverage. The concession stand at the Muskoka Lumber Community Centre will be open for those wishing to purchase their beverage.

Sunshine falls under the Hospitality umbrella. If you know of a member who is facing a medical challenge or has recently lost a loved one, please be sure to contact Heather M. who is not only the secretary on our executive but is also responsible for our guild's Sunshine. Her contact information can be found in the 'Members' Only' portion of our website.



**Suzanne B-R**

## Website News

Website: [website@ptqgom.com](mailto:website@ptqgom.com)

Refer to the Newsletter email for the password to the Members Only Section.

The Photo Gallery is a great place to catch up on Guild activities and to find inspiration.



### Want Ads:

**Check the members only section on the website for details**

- Donna Shea has a custom-made Oak frame (8 ft poles) for sale.
- Leslie is looking for a new home for denim (in the form of jeans) available free.

### Sherry M.

#### Quilt Art Group

The Quilt Art Group is not meeting this month.

#### Modern Group

The Modern Group is meeting at 1 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month on *Zoom* from November until April. If interested in joining any month, please email Sheila H. for the Zoom link.

### Carol C.

### Wendy W.

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