



PINE TREE QUILTERS' GUILD OF MUSKOKA

February 2025

President's Message

Hello quilters!

As I write this, the snow continues, and I feel this might be a year for the record books in terms of snowfall. I have been fortunate enough to spend a few weeks in Florida, but I'm back in the snowy, cold North now – perfect quilting weather!



While in Florida, I did have a wander through a few quilt shops. If any of you are lucky enough to visit the Gulf Coast of Florida, the Charlotte Sewing Studio (Port Charlotte) is a huge shop with machine sales, fabric and notions and a very large studio space for classes. The White Daisy in Punta Gorda is a relatively new, smaller shop, but quite lovely. My favourite shop is PJ Quilt and Longarm Studio (formerly Quilt Lover's

Hangout) in a new location in Fort Myers. It was bustling with activity and wild with colour – so many beautiful fabrics and a great vibe. Sadly, the Joann's store (always good for basics) in Punta Gorda has closed for good. Many Joann's stores across the U.S. have been shuttered in the last month or so. It is always such a treat to investigate quilt shops in new areas; the diversity of fabrics is quite amazing.

I am happy to announce that our Guild will be participating in the "Northern Waters Challenge" – the brain-child of our CQA rep, Cindy Connell. If you are interested in this challenge, read about it in the CQA Newsletter and contact me to let me know your

MONTH AT A GLANCE

Thursday, February 6
@ 1:00 p.m.

- Modern Group
on *Zoom*

Tuesday, February 11
@ 2:00 p.m.

- Management
Meeting on
Google Meets

Thursday, February 13
@ 1:00 p.m.

- Members'
General
Meeting on
Zoom

Thursday, February 20
@ 10:00 a.m.

- Quilt Art Group
at Senior's
Centre in
Baysville

Tuesday, February 25
@ 7:00 p.m.

- Quilt Show
Committee
Meeting on
Zoom

intention. The selected entry will be on display along with entries from other guilds in our zone at the Canadian Quilt Association Show in Toronto in June.

In the next few weeks, I will be interviewed by Cindy, our CQA rep, as she is planning to feature our Guild and its activities in her CQA Newsletter in the coming months.

Until we meet again on Zoom, enjoy your winter days and happy quilting.

Joyce M.

Program

We had a wonderful afternoon with Julia McLeod to kick off 2025. Her presentation likely resulted in many of us searching for silk ties and saris to consider using in our quilts!

Our February speaker will support our trip to Quilt Canada 2025 in Toronto. She is Bonnie Rankin, a CQA/ACC Certified Quilt judge who has judged show entries at events in Ontario, Quebec, and British Columbia, and co-juried a show in the U.S. at the New England Quilting Museum in Massachusetts. She is a past president of the Canadian Quilters Association, and has served as its Youth Programming Director and as a regional representative for Eastern Ontario. Her expertise lies in applique, English paper piecing, wool work and felting but she loves all types of quilting.

Bonnie's presentation to us will share the process she has overseen in 2024, and which is in process for 2025, in her role as the 2025 National Juried Show (NJS) Jury Coordinator. Her insights will enrich our visit to Quilt Canada in June.



Please check your inbox for our eblast, and join us in Zoom on Thursday, February 13, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. And please continue to document your quilting, and send in your photos to program@ptggom.com, for February's "Show and Share".

Liz F. and Terry W.

Workshops

Your program committee is happy to announce that we will be offering an “in-person” workshop in April! Terry W. will be teaching “Non-traditional English Paper Piecing and Appliqué using Freezer Paper” (with or without your machine!!) The workshop will be held at the Muskoka Lumber Centre prior to our afternoon meeting on April 10, 2025. The cost is \$10 and registration will be in March. See an example of Terry’s work below. More information to follow next month!



But ... we are still looking for individuals to share their talents with our members. If you are interested in leading a workshop or you know someone who we might approach to lead a workshop ... or you have an idea for a workshop ... please talk to the Program Committee.

Donna N.

Block of the Month

I hope you are all caught up. The February instructions will explain how to put the quilt top together. This is when you will appreciate marking all your blocks. Pay close attention as you will be putting the rows together vertically.

Betty Ann M.



Bus Trip



CQA Here We Go!!!

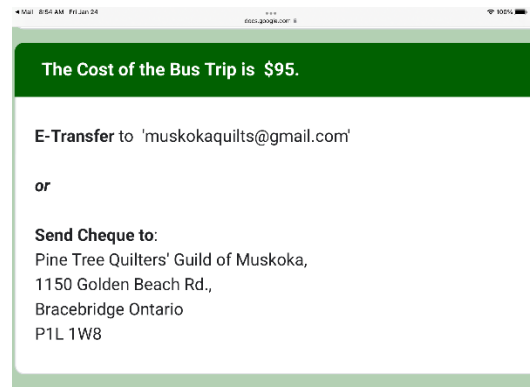
Many of you have likely read your email that gives you the info about the CQA Bus Trip Thursday June 19, 2025. See the info sheet that is also attached to the Newsletter.

The only added information that I have received since then is that there are 1 or 2 lectures that may fit into our time frame. You can check that out on the CQA show website. If you are interested in a lecture, you purchase your ticket for that on your own either on line or when we arrive. Please remember our arrival time and departure time so that there is no issue with the bus.

A reminder that we need a minimum of 36 for the trip to be a go. And that the deadline for registration and payment is April 30th. Here is how you can pay after you have registered:

Looking forward to a fun day!

Sue B.



Membership

Just a reminder that if you are wanting a name tag, price \$10.00, please send me an email and I will order it and it will be ready for pick up when we next meet in person. It can be paid for by e-transfer or cheque at the meeting.

Leslie S.-T.



Quilt Show

Muskoka Quilts ... From The Heart!
June 5 & 6, 2026
Muskoka Lumber Community Centre Arena

How can you help now?

- 1) Make quilts that you love! They will make our show great!
- 2) Make small, useful items to donate to the Boutique. Under \$5 items are the best sellers.



Wanted:

If you are interested in organizing **An Antique Quilt Bed Turning Presentation** for our 2026 Quilt Show, please contact Dale M.

Plans are underway!

On January 28th the planning committee for our **2026** quilt show met virtually. We have 19 enthusiastic, talented leaders in charge of 14 roles.

What we know so far:

- ✚ We are in the process of booking the Muskoka Lumber Community Centre for our show. The new rink is 3,000 sq feet larger than the Memorial rink was.
- ✚ The Guild will not operate a café. We are informing Lake of Bays Catering of the huge number of guests they should expect during the show.
- ✚ The name of the show remains Muskoka Quilts ... From The Heart!

Stay Tuned!

Dale M.

Outreach

It has been quite the winter! While the snow piled up and the cold weather prevailed - I spent most of my time in my happy place and caught up on several UFO projects.

If you are looking for a sewing project to get you through the winter give me or Andrea O. a call or email and we will arrange to get one (or more) of our kits to you. If you would like to practice your quilting skills then we have several lap size quilts ready for you to practice on, let us know.



Outreach

Please contact us if you need batting for any quilts that you are making for Outreach - this is something we can help you with. We do have some backing fabrics on hand and will try to supply that as well.

Joanne R.

Sunshine



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

Quilt Art Group



The Quilt Art Group is meeting on February 20, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Autumn leaves Seniors Center, Baysville.

Anyone is welcome, but must be a member of the Pine Tree Quilters Guild.

Carol C.

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.

Wendy W.



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