



PINE TREE QUILTERS' GUILD OF MUSKOKA

March 2025

President's Message

I thought by now that "snow" would no longer be a main topic of conversation, but it seems winter is going to linger on. Let's hope for a slow melt when spring does appear.



Keep in mind that March 15 is International Quilting Day. Why not treat yourself to a day of quilting, a visit to your favourite quilt shop, or investigate a new YouTube quilting show to learn a new technique. Or, for the small fee of \$25.00, you can sign up with the Royal City Quilters' Guild (Guelph) for their celebration of the day featuring Katie Pasquini Masopust and Caryl Bryer Follert-Gentry.

[\(https://royalcityquiltersguild.ca/events/international-quilting-day-2025/\)](https://royalcityquiltersguild.ca/events/international-quilting-day-2025/)

As I mentioned at our last virtual meeting, our Guild will be participating in the Northern Waters concurrent show at the Quilt Canada show in June. It's not too late to enter a quilt for consideration. Our Guild members will view entries at our "in person" April meeting and vote to select the quilt that will be displayed in the show. This will be a wonderful opportunity to promote our guild and show off one of our talented quilt artists. Speaking of the Quilt Canada Show, don't forget to sign up for the bus trip to the show. Sue B. and her hubby have gone to great lengths to plan this fun-filled day for us.

MONTH AT A GLANCE

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

- Modern Group on *Zoom*

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

- Management Meeting on *Google Meets*

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

- Members' General Meeting on *Zoom*

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

- Quilt Art Group at Senior's Centre in Baysville

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

- Quilt Show Committee Meeting on *Zoom*

If the Northern Waters Display is too daunting for you, why not create a quilt for my "President's Challenge". Any type, size, shape of quilt, making use of 2 ½ inch rectangles (any length) – think Jelly Roll, Bali pop etc.) is acceptable. If you have any questions, please ask at our March meeting or email me. Judging will take place at our May members' meeting.

I hope to see you (on my computer screen) at our meeting in March. Liz and Terry have arranged for another talented quilter to share her expertise and works of art with us.

Happy quilting!

Joyce M.

Program

Our March speaker will be award-winning fine art quilter and fabric illustrator Kestrel Michaud (<https://kestrelmichaud.com/>). Kestrel was recently honoured with Best of Show for "The Arrival" and 1st Place in the Animal category for "Bremen Town Musicians", at Road to California in January 2025.



(<https://online.roadtocalifornia.com/awardwinnersroad.php?con=38>)

Her presentation to us is entitled "Stitch Theory", and is the story of Kestrel's fraught relationship with stitches: from necessary evil to integral part of the design. She will cover:

- The development of her current quilting techniques
- How she incorporates the use of other non-fabric mediums
- Why she pays attention to weird shadows at quilt shows





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

Liz F. and Terry W.

Workshops

Hopefully all this snow has resulted in a number of quilting projects being started and/or completed! If you are ready to get out and learn a new technique your program committee can help.

In April Terry W. will lead an in-person workshop. Come out and learn about “Non -Traditional Paper Piecing Appliqué Using Freezer Paper” — and this can be done with or without your machine! The workshop will be from 9 to 11:30 am on Thursday April 10th at the Muskoka Lumber Centre - prior to our afternoon Guild Meeting. The cost is \$10.00 per member. An E-blast will come to your “in-box” in March for registration.



Barb C. will be sharing her expertise in “Needle Turn Appliqué “on Tuesday May 13, 2025 from 9:00 to 3:00. The workshop will include information about patterns, fabric, equipment choice and appliqué techniques. Step by step instructions will lead participants through the process from a pattern to a finished sample block. The workshop will take place in Gravenhurst at 120 Preston Way. Registration for Barb’s workshop will be in April. Still lots of snow out there enjoy spending time with your sewing machine!

Donna N.

Bus Trip

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 posted on the website.



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.

Quilt Show

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

2026 - Muskoka Quilts ... From the Heart!
Update - February 25, 2025



Your enthusiastic, talented Quilt Show Planners are meeting monthly. Plans are coming along nicely. The team leaders are getting familiar with the tasks they are responsible for, considering budget requests and developing plans. A big thank you to everyone who has helped by providing comprehensive quilt show notes and information in the archives!

The **best contribution** for all of us to make is **creating**.

Create quilts you love!
Create simple things for the boutique.
Let's make things that bring us joy!



Then we will show others that ...
Muskoka Quilts ... From the Heart!

Dale M.

Quilt Show Boutique

The Boutique Babes are ready to go...
...and ***“our goal is to have every member of our Guild contribute to the Boutique”***.
So, we need to know what we can do to make this happen! What would help you? Is it...

- Kits?
- Coordinated fabric packages?
- Patterns?
- Sewing Days?
- Monthly ideas?



At the in-person April meeting, participants will be asked to let us know.

For those of you who have not been to our quilt show or the boutique, we organize all the items into broad based themes. To help us and maybe give you some motivation, we will be suggesting monthly themes.

March Theme -  CANADA ROCKS 

This will get those great fabrics out to make the placemats, wall hangings, coasters, keychains or tea towels ready for Canada Day.

*clarification from the February Newsletter. At the 2023 quilt show, 72% of the items sold were under \$10. We anticipate in the 2026 show, the majority of items sold will be under \$15.

Mary W.

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 March 20, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Autumn leaves Seniors Centre, 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.



Website



Did you know that our Guild is often invited to join other guild's *Zoom* meetings...check our website – Upcoming Shows and Events. This page is updated as new information is received.

Missed the last meeting? Want to review it? But the email with the link is buried somewhere in your inbox?...The link is posted on our website in the Members Only Section, but remember the video is only active for 1 or 2 weeks (depends on the agreement with our speaker).

The Members Only Section also features instructions for our Bus Trip.

The password for Members Only is in the email this newsletter was attached to.

Sherry M.

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