



PINE TREE QUILTERS' GUILD OF MUSKOKA

April 2025

President's Message



April at last! Spring at last! (?) I am excited to see the snow disappear and sense that the season has changed. But what I am really looking forward to is our first “in person” Guild meeting in months. Won't it be wonderful to see and talk to each other and offer a hug or two.

We will be welcoming Vanessa Genier on April 10 as she speaks with us about “Quilts for Survivors”. After the presentation, we will take a break and you will have the opportunity to view the entries for our Northern Waters Challenge. I am anticipating at least 6 anonymous entries, and after viewing, the winner will be selected through an online vote – allowing for everyone to participate. The winning piece will be on display, representing our Guild, at the Quilt Canada show in Toronto, June 19 – 21.

I hope that many of you have chosen to participate in my President's Challenge – anything (quilt, bag, runner, placemats, clothing etc.) created using 2 ½ inch strips – any length, any size. Entries will be on display at the May meeting, and we will vote on winners at that time.

At this time of year, we are looking ahead to next year and the need to fill a couple of positions on our Guild executive. According to our Constitution, the **Nominating Committee** must consist of the Past President, one of our current Committee Chairs and two Members at large. Please consider volunteering for this important work. It

MONTH AT A GLANCE

Thursday, April 3 @
1:00 p.m.

- Modern Group
on *Zoom*

Tuesday, April 8 @
2:00 p.m.

- Management
Meeting on
Google Meets

Thursday, April 10 @
1:00 p.m.

- Members'
General
Meeting in
person AND on
Zoom

Thursday, April 17 @
10:00 a.m.

- Quilt Art Group
at Senior's
Centre in
Baysville

Tuesday, April 29 @
7:00 p.m.

- Quilt Show
Committee
Meeting on
Zoom

isn't a big job this year – at this point we are just looking for a Membership Chair and a Vice President.

Did someone say "Road Trip"? Yes, we are headed to the Quilt Canada Show in Toronto in June. Let's fill that bus – what fun it will be! More information on how to sign up later in the Newsletter.

See you all in April at the Muskoka Lumber Community Centre. Bring yourselves and your Show and Share creations.

Joyce M.

Program

We're Back in Person!

....well sort of... On April 10 we will be introducing a new meeting format: in person with a Zoom guest.

Vanessa Genier of Quilts for Survivors will be joining us via Zoom on the afternoon of Thursday, April 10 from South Porcupine Ontario. We look forward to meeting her and learning about the work that Quilts for Survivors is doing to honour residential school survivors. At our meeting we will also be viewing our Guild's submissions to CQA's Northern Waters Display at Quilt Canada 2025, and then voting online to choose which work will represent our Guild.

The morning of April 10 we'll be working with our fabric scraps and freezer paper to sew a "Here Comes the Sun" medallion, which can then be used as a hotpad, or appliqued to a larger work. Details can be found on our registration form: <https://forms.gle/kLFRKRZ5rYXjXDN7>



Looking ahead, we will be joined by Diane Carson on May 8. Diane has been quilting since 1999 and she is one of Ontario's first longarm quilters, quilting thousands of quilts for clients and patrons. She is Chair of the Southern Ontario Longarm Operators Guild and a founding member of the Canadian Machine Quilters' Association (CMQA).

Her quilt called Blueberry Cheddar received the Best Workmanship ribbon from the World Quilt Competition in 2014, first place in the MQX show in Manchester, New Hampshire, in 2014 and a first-place award in Longarm Quilting at Quilt Canada in Halifax in 2015.

We will also be showing (and voting on) our President's Challenge items at the May meeting.

Coming soon in an e-blast will be an invitation to spend the day learning needle-turn applique. The workshop will be held in Gravenhurst on Tuesday, May 13, so save the date and look for more information in this Newsletter under "Workshop".

And as is our tradition, June will be a chance to enjoy a potluck meal together. We'll do a little fibre art, reconnect with old friends, and get to know a few new ones.

Please check your inbox for our eblast, and join us at the Community Centre on Thursday, April 10, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. Don't forget to bring your Show and Share items so we can see what you've been busy creating.

Liz F. and Terry W.

Workshop

Needle Turn Appliqué Workshop - Tuesday May 13, 2025 9:00 am to 3 pm Cost: \$10.00

This Needle Turn Appliqué Workshop is just in time for you to plan a relaxing outdoor summer project free from sitting indoors at your sewing machine!

Barb C. will instruct participants in making a sample block that will include all of the necessary techniques needed to get started! The workshop will include information about patterns, fabrics, equipment choices and appliqué techniques. Step by step instructions will lead quilters through the process from a pattern to a finished sample block. Books, patterns and quilts will be available for viewing. There will also be plenty of time for questions and answers while you practice your stitching!



The workshop will take place at 120 Preston Way, Gravenhurst. Space is limited to 20 and Barb has suggested car-pooling if possible as parking is limited. Bring your lunch - tea/coffee will be provided.

A registration email will be sent out after our April Guild meeting. Once registration and payment have been received, a supply list will be provided!

Donna N.

Bus Trip



At the time of this writing, we are 2 away from having our minimum number for the trip to CQA show to be a go June 19. A reminder that April 1 is open to friends of members to sign up and pay up. Final day for all sign-ups is May 8.

If you have a friend going, please email them a copy of the info sheet that you can

find on the Guild website which gives them all the info required including the link for registration.

I anticipate that at the in-person Guild April meeting, I will be able to announce that the trip is a definite go.

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 - March 2025

There is a flurry of purposeful activity as our committee lays down the groundwork for another great Quilt Show!



In the works:

- ❖ Promotional Material about our Guild and our Quilt Show are being developed for distribution at Quilt Canada.
- ❖ Considerable care, energy and thought is going into the final decisions for our Quilt Raffle. To date 7 quilts are being considered for this purpose.
- ❖ We have several team members who are sharing their technical abilities and making many tasks easier: tabulating, analyzing, floor planning, quilt registering, tracking, promoting and so much more!
- ❖ We are close to being able to announce who our special guest for this show will be!

Your Mission should you choose to accept it:

+ Help our Boutique Babes by creating small items to sell! The ones that cost \$5 or less are the best sellers. **Can we reach 1,000 items?**

+ Show 3 of YOUR quilts!

Huge ... Tiny & in between! **That would be over 350 quilts on display!** We want to celebrate every level of achievement from beginners to masters and everything in between!

Questions, comments, concerns, suggestions, ideas, enthusiasm are most welcome! Contact your convenor or a member of the planning committee. (A Committee list will be posted soon in 'Members Only' on our website)

Dale M.

Quilt Show Boutique

We are looking forward to getting together in person, at the next meeting. Although collection of 'Boutique' items will begin in earnest in September, we will accept any items you have created.

Thanks to Wendy Wight for her idea...a fabric bowl. Perfect as a hostess gift or centrepiece for your table. <https://sewcanshe.com/how-to-make-a-rope-bowl-with-fabric-scrap/>



Bring your unique ideas to share at the meeting.

April Theme - 🌸 🌺 **Spring Has Sprung** 🌻 🌷 The perfect time to break out those beautiful flowered and pastel fabrics.

March Theme – 🇨🇦 **GO CANADA GO** 🇨🇦



We invite you to visit the website for pictures, ideas and patterns under the 'Pine Tree Boutique' banner.

Happy Quilting 🧵

The Boutique Babes

Nomination Committee

As Past President, it is one of my responsibilities to put together a nomination committee to find replacements for positions that will be open on the executive for the 2025-26 Guild year. The committee is made up of the past president as chair, one other member of the executive and two members-at-large. If interested in assisting with this task, please contact me either by phone or email. My contact information can be found on the Members' Only portion of our website.



Suzanne B-R

Hospitality



As we are returning to having in-person meetings for the remainder of the guild year, members are reminded to bring their own beverage. Bits& Bites does offer a variety of beverages to purchase if desired. As always, we have volunteers who will be bringing treats for us to enjoy at the meeting.

Suzanne B-R

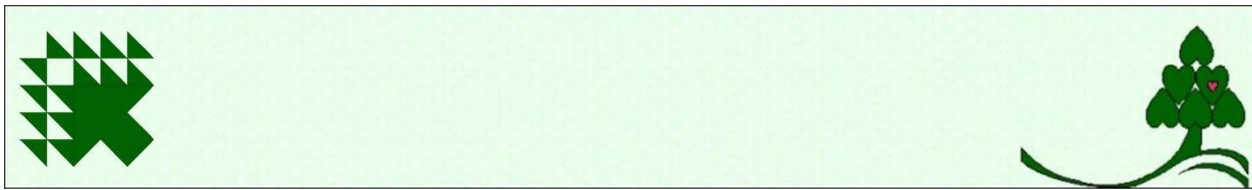
Sunshine

Thank you to all who notify us of members who are dealing with an illness or loss. Please do continue to reach out to Heather M. who is responsible for sending out cards on our behalf.



Suzanne B-R

Website



Do you look at our website?...lots of information and inspiration is available there.

Home page –

- next meeting information
- links to our newsletters and CQA northern newsletters
- links to list of up-coming quilt shows and events

Did you know The Workroom in Toronto is closed and has relocated to Sprucedale? Check the list of events to find out about the Spring Maker Market April 12th.

Forgot what the President's Challenge is...check on the Website

Members only section (password in email attached to newsletter)

- membership list and executive list
- instructions for June CQA Bus Trip
- Video of zoom meeting (usually only available for 1 week)
- Want Ads – includes some guild member long-arm quilters

Photo Album

- Show & Share from our meetings
- Quilt Artist Group and Modern Group post some inspiring pictures

- Quilt Artist Group have recently posted 6 new albums
- [2024 11 21: Quilt Artists Tetra Pak Printing](#)
- [2024 12 01 Quilt Artists December Challenge](#)
- [2025 01 16 Quilt Artists Make Dryer Sheet Art](#)
- [2025 01 16 Quilt Artists Show and Share](#)
- [2025 02 20 Quilt Artists Experimenting with Tyvek](#)
- [2025 02 20 Quilt Artists Show and Share](#)

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

Sherry M.

Quilt Art Group

The Quilt Art Group is meeting on April 17, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Autumn leaves Seniors Centre, Baysville.

Check out the photo gallery for previous play days.

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 April 3 on *Zoom*. May and June meetings will be in person at Bracebridge United Church. If you are interested in joining any month, please email Sheila H. for the *Zoom* link.

Wendy W.

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