



# PINE TREE QUILTERS' GUILD OF MUSKOKA

May 2025

## President's Message



What an exciting month it has been for the Guild – the first “in-person” meeting since last year, the culmination of our Northern Waters Challenge with winners announced last week, and lots of on-going planning for next year’s activities and our 2026 quilt show – Muskoka Quilts...from the heart!

Our April guest, Vanessa Genier, provided us with a most inspiring presentation about her project, **Quilts for Survivors**. For those of you who were not able to join us in person or by Zoom, I encourage you to watch Vanessa’s YouTube presentation. Let’s help Vanessa’s cause by donating our leftover scraps of 2 ½ inch binding to her organization; we can help her create a strip of binding that is long enough to encircle the world – and be used to bind her quilts for survivors.

Thank you to all those who have stepped up and agreed to take on a **role on the Executive** of our Guild for next year. It is a wonderful group of committed, talented, fun people.

At the June meeting, we will be holding our **AGM** in addition to all the other fun and games. In early May, you will receive by email copies of the updated PTQGOM Constitution and Policies and Procedures documents. Our Constitution requires these documents to be reviewed every 5 years; minor adjustments have been made to reflect our current practices. You will be asked to vote on the revised documents at the June AGM, so please try to find some time to read them over.

## MONTH AT A GLANCE

Thursday, May 1 @ 1:00 p.m.

- Modern Group @ Bracebridge United Church

Tuesday, May 6 @ 2:00 p.m.

- Management Meeting on *Google Meets*

Thursday, May 8 @ 1:00 p.m.

- Members’ General Meeting in-person AND on *Zoom*

Thursday, May 15 @ 10:00 a.m.

- Quilt Art Group at Senior’s Centre in Baysville

Tuesday, May 27 @ 7:00 p.m.

- Quilt Show Committee Meeting on *Zoom*

Please remember to bring your items for my **President's Challenge** this month (May). We will have all entries on display and vote for 3 winning pieces during our break. You will then display your piece during the Show and Share, and winners will be announced. I'm excited to see the wide variety of creations you have produced.

See you all on May 8 at the Muskoka Lumber Community Centre for our next meeting.

**Joyce M.**

### **Program**

At our May meeting we will be welcoming Diane Carson, who hails from Southwestern Ontario, and is Youth Program Coordinator for CQA. Diane is known for her custom longarm quilting, which she has been perfecting for more than 25 years.

The following week, many of us will be joining Barb Coburn for the day, to develop our needle-turn appliqué skills. There are still a few spots available, and the link to register can be found in an email sent in April.



We'd also like to remind you to check out this weekend's Sampler Platter. This link (<https://www.globalquiltconnection.com/sampler-platter-live-link-May2025>) will take you to the main page, where the links to the Saturday and Sunday sessions will be found. They become "live" at 3:00 each day, and remain active for 72 hours. Scrolling down to the bottom of the page will take you to the "workbook", which has pages for each of the instructors. This is a great resource, and will assist you to prioritize the sessions you wish to view.

And it's not too soon to start thinking about what you might wish to bring to our June potluck!

**Liz F. and Terry W.**

## ***Block of the Month***

It has been a pleasure doing the Block of the Month. I am hoping anyone who is ready will show their quilt or quilt top at the May meeting.

**Betty Ann Mc.**

## ***Bus Trip***



Bus Trip to Quilt Canada show: Thursday  
June 19, 2025

Just a reminder that Thursday May 8 is the final day for signing up for the Bus Trip. Tickets will be ordered shortly following that date. You still have time to sign up and invite a friend as there are still some seats on the bus.

Take note of the departure times for the bus. It is vital that you arrive well before departure time so we are not delayed in getting to the show. There is a window of time for buses arriving and I have to give our ETA to the show organizers so we have to stay on schedule.

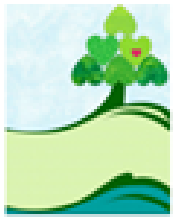
The pick-up spots are:

- Bracebridge - bus leaving at 7:30 Walmart parking lot (please arrive 15 minutes ahead of time)
- Gravenhurst - bus pick up 7:45 Canadian Tire parking lot (please arrive 15 minutes ahead of time)

Looking forward to a good day.

**Sue B.**

## Quilt Show



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## Muskoka Quilts...from the Heart!



Your Quilt Show team is making great and significant progress: consulting, planning, designing, discussing, researching, creating, calculating, dreaming, motivating and problem solving.

Here are some of the things you might like to know:

- ❖ our venue is the arena at MLCC
- ❖ the dates are Friday and Saturday June 5 & 6, **2026**
- ❖ Sue Sherman will be our Special Guest <https://sueshermanquilts.com/>
- ❖ postcards promoting our guild and the quilt show are printed and sent for distribution at Quilt Canada this June.
- ❖ an exciting new floor plan has been approved. We will show you soon!
- ❖ a SAVE THE DATE notice is ready to send to our potential vendors
- ❖ 2026 is also the 35th anniversary of Pine Tree Quilters' Guild and plans are being considered for special ways to mark this at our Quilt Show

**Please help make this a great show!!**

### Quilt

- ❖ Can you create and show at least 3 quilts? Any size!

### Donate your time and creativity

- ❖ Can we make 1,000 small items to sell in our boutique?

### Promote

- ❖ Invite family, friends and other quilters to save the date:

**Friday and Saturday June 5 & 6, 2026**

**MLCC**

**Admission: \$10**

**Dale M.**

## Quilt Show Boutique

The weather is warming and the flowers are starting make their appearance.  
Spring has Sprung!



This sets the stage for **May's Theme... "Celebrating Mothers"**

We invite you to visit the Guild website

<https://www.pinetreequiltersguildofmuskoka.com> - 2026 Quilt Show - Guild Members  
... for ideas, videos and patterns.

Happy Quilting 🧵

**The Boutique Babes**





## Outreach

Pattern designs, rulers, notions, and quilt tips & hacks have come a long way over the last decade. We are lucky with today's technology to have the advantage to access YouTube tutorials, Pinterest, workshops and countless patterns to motivate and help us find that perfect quilt and sewing project.



I find that learning new techniques and participating in workshops quite often results in orphan blocks or perhaps a quilt that would be just a bit too small to be useful. A quick solution is to check your stash for material to add sashing between each block or to add a border or two. Voila - you have just increased the size of that small quilt and managed to use some of your stash leftovers.

It has been a while since I have mentioned quilt sizes so I have included a Quilt Size Chart to give you an idea of the sizes that best suits specific categories.

Thank you from both Andrea and me for being so generous with your Outreach quilt donations - our organizations are grateful receiving them.

### Joanne R. & Andrea O.

QUILT TYPE	WIDTH: Min to Max	LENGTH: Min to Max
Baby Quilt	30" to 36"	40" to 45"
Toddler Crib Quilt	36" to 45"	45" to 55"
Youth Cuddle Quilt	36" to 40"	50" to 60"
Adult Comfort Quilt	40" to 50"	55" to 65"
Lap Throws/Quilt	45" to 50"	50" to 65"
Wheelchair – Small	36" to 40"	40" to 45"
Wheelchair – Large	40" to 45"	40" to 55"
Single Bed	55" to 65"	75" to 90"

## Hospitality

As we are back to 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. We have volunteers who will be bringing treats for us to enjoy at the May meeting. They will be receiving a reminder prior to the meeting. Thank you to those wonderful members who brought us treats for the month of April!



**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**

## Quilt Art Group



The Quilt Art Group is meeting on May 15 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.

Check out our photos from April with Dale.

**Carol C.**

## **Modern Group**

The Modern Group is meeting at 1 p.m. in person at Bracebridge United Church. Everyone is welcome!

**Wendy W.**



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