



# PINE TREE QUILTERS' GUILD OF MUSKOKA

June 2025

## *President's Message*



Well, here I am writing my final “blurb” as Guild President. It has been an interesting year – two different meeting venues (in addition to our own homes!); guests from across the world and nearby; meetings in person and by Zoom; and a cancellation due to weather. We’ve experienced the harshest winter, with the most snow in a long time and the most delayed and coolest spring in a while. But, would we want to live anywhere else? Not me. Our five entries to the Northern Waters Challenge reflected aspects of the beauty of our area – and that is why we are here.

Congratulations to Sue Bogers, Carol Cragg, Catherine Elliott and Kim Wynott who won the President’s Challenge with their jelly roll jamboree creations. We had 17 amazing entries, and I thank you for participating. The level of creativity is quite mind-blowing. I look forward to seeing what Sue Bogers, our incoming President, will come up with as next year’s challenge.

One of my favourite parts of our meetings has always been the “Show and Share” of your creations. The level of imagination and expertise is over-the-top. Hopefully many of the quilted items we have seen in the past year will be on display at our **Muskoka Quilts...from the heart!** show next June.

I want to thank all members of the Executive for guiding me through this year – special mention to Heather M, and Suzanne B-R. All members of our Executive have done an exemplary job in their roles, and that has made my job very easy.

Looking ahead, our next Guild year culminates in our triennial Quilt Show and also marks our 35<sup>th</sup> year of existence – that is some accomplishment!

## MONTH AT A GLANCE

Thursday, June 5 @ 12:00 p.m.

- Modern Group @ Bracebridge United Church

Tuesday, June 10 @ 2:00 p.m.

- Management Meeting on *Google Meets*

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

- Members’ Pot Luck and General Meeting in-person AND on *Zoom*

I wish you all a happy, fulfilling summer. Make lots of rich memories with your family and friends. And, on those (hopefully few) rainy days, get out some fabric and be inspired to create – we need lots of quilts to display at the quilt show and copious quantities of items for the show's boutique.

Happy summer!

**Joyce M.**

P.S. Last week I watched a compelling documentary called “The Quilters” on Netflix. It is set in a Missouri, USA maximum security prison.

“...a group of men finds purpose, expression and redemption through quilting in a space that becomes more than a sewing room; it becomes a lifeline...”

Check it out on one of those rainy summer days.

## **Program**

Our annual June potluck and general meeting is quickly approaching. We request that you don't arrive before 12 o'clock as we require time to set up the meeting room. We would like to remind you to bring a contribution of food for the potluck, a beverage, a plate and cutlery for our luncheon. Please include a list of ingredients to be placed next to your contribution of an entree, salad/side or dessert. We do not have kitchen access in this new facility so be creative.



Following our lunch, Terry has a wonderful craft planned for us. Please bring two matching 2 1/2-inch squares, a sewing needle, matching thread and scissors to participate in this fun activity.

We are excited to have booked a fully Canadian program for our 2025-26 year. Here's a summary of our plans:

| MONTH     | MEETING                                                                                                | WORKSHOP                                                                                                      |
|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| September | <i>September 11, 2025</i><br>Marilyn Farquar<br>"Quilts See Us Through"                                |                                                                                                               |
| October   | <i>October 9, 2025</i><br>Elizabeth de Croos<br>"Pojagi - from ancient Korea to modern Canada"         | <i>October 10, 2025</i><br>Elizabeth de Croos<br>"Christmas Tree Window Hanging" Workshop                     |
| November  | <i>November 13, 2025</i><br>Sandy Simmelink<br>"Something for All"                                     | <i>November 14, 2025</i><br>Sandy Simmelink<br>"Pond Wallhanging" Workshop                                    |
| December  | <i>December 11, 2025</i><br>Potluck                                                                    |                                                                                                               |
| January   | <i>January 9, 2025</i><br>Mary Elizabeth Kinch<br>"Oh Canada! The Quilting Heritage of the True North" | Winter Workshop<br>Open to suggestions from our members for a Zoom workshop                                   |
| February  | <i>February 12, 2026</i><br>Terry Rowland<br>"Scrap Attack with Wearables"                             | Winter Workshop<br>Open to suggestions from our members for a Zoom workshop                                   |
| March     | <i>March 12, 2026</i><br>Andrea Tsang Jackson<br>"Quilting: The Lab, The Classroom, and The Theatre"   | Winter Workshop<br>Open to suggestions from our members for a Zoom workshop                                   |
| April     | <i>April 9, 2026</i><br>Martha Schellingerhoud<br>"Miniature Quilt Trunk Show"                         | <i>In Person, April and/or May</i><br>Fabric Bowl and/or Jelly Roll Rug Workshop<br>Suggested by Modern Group |
| May       | <i>May 14, 2026</i><br>Pauline Grondin<br>"Piecing Canada's History Through Quilts"                    | <i>In Person, April and/or May</i><br>Fabric Bowl and/or Jelly Roll Rug Workshop<br>Suggested by Modern Group |
| June      | <i>June 11, 2026</i><br>Potluck                                                                        |                                                                                                               |

We would like to thank you for your support this year with all of the Program activities and we look forward to continuing our role next year as well. Have a great summer!

**Liz F. and Terry W.**

### ***Bus Trip***

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

A few days before the trip, I will touch base with each of you either by email or a phone call as a reminder of the approaching day. We are able to take a beverage and food on the bus. The plan is to stop at an Enroute along the way to the show but the time will be limited at that stop in order to keep on schedule.

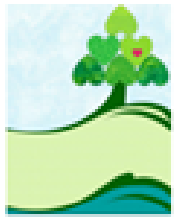


If you have had opportunity to do binding for the survivor quilts, make sure you bring them to the June meeting and we will deliver them on June 19.

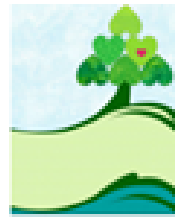
Looking forward to a good day.

**Sue B.**

## Quilt Show



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Muskoka Quilts...from the Heart!

The majority of our Quilt Show Committee were able to enjoy coming together in person for our May meeting. Four members who live a great distance away participated with Zoom. How great is that!!

The major decisions this month:

- We are going ahead with booking quilt stands from the North Bay Quilt Guild and the Simcoe County Quilt Stands. We are still waiting for word about the local supply.
- We have a special plan in the works for Viewer's Choice ribbons that will celebrate the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Guild.
- Bookmarks and Posters will be available in November.
- The Planning Committee is taking a break until September, with small groups taking care of necessary details as the needs arise.

There will be times in the coming weeks when rain, heat or bugs will keep us inside. What a perfect opportunity to work on show quilts or Boutique donations! Happy Summer Everyone.

**Dale M.**



## Quilt Show Boutique

If you haven't had a chance to visit 2026 Quilt Show on the website <https://www.pinetreequiltersguildofmuskoka.com/>, please do. Halina D. and Sherry M. have done a masterful job of organizing the ideas for the Boutique. There are new ideas coming every month. We encourage members, with ideas, to **send the patterns to Halina**. Thank you to Carol C., Wendy W and Eva B. for their contributions.

### Monthly Themes

June - September - "We Are MUSKOKA" - Think of all the amazing features of this special place and highlight them in your creative works...eg. cushion covers, cocktail napkins, zippered bags, tea cosy, placemats, coasters, appliquéd tea towels... The ideas are endless... have fun playing.

May - Celebrating Mothers



Wishing you a glorious summer. We'll be ready to receive all your creations in September.

Happy Quilting 🧵

**The Boutique Babes**

## Outreach



It's the end of our Guild year already! After checking my June calendar, I realized that Andrea and I are not able to attend our June potluck. June came up too quickly for me - I will be travelling to London UK and Paris FR, with my daughter, the first couple weeks of June. This means I will also be missing Quilt Canada, but on a happy note this will be another check off my bucket list.

If possible, would you please hold on to your Outreach quilt donations until our meeting in September. Arrangements have been made with Suzanne B-R and Sue B. who have offered to collect any Outreach quilts that may be donated at our meeting. If you wish to donate over the summer months, please contact me and I will arrange to pick them up.

Anyone needing batting or backing for quilts (which they plan to donate to Outreach), please contact me. Between Andrea and I, we will make arrangements to meet with you.

As a result of us being absent there will not be the usual Outreach "free" table. For those who do bring items to give away, you will need to be prepared to take leftover items back.

Enjoy your summer, stay safe and healthy!

**Joanne R. & Andrea O.**

## Membership

It's our last meeting of the year and it's been a great one! Now it's time to get ready to think about next year.

Registration info will come out in late summer and remember that you need to register online to receive information from the Guild. By registering online, you are added to the contacts list. We will not be taking paper renewals at meetings.

As usual you can pay via e-transfer, cheque to the Treasurer or in person at the September meeting.

I hope you have a great summer with lots of quilting and fun!

**Leslie S.T.**

## ***Block of the Month 2025-26***

This coming Guild year's BOM, we will be doing things differently. Members wishing to take part in this coming year's BOM will be asked to sign up to receive the Meadow Mist Designs newsletter with the intention of joining the next quilt along called **Magnificent Mystery**.



<https://meadowmistdesigns.blogspot.com/2025/03/magnificent-mystery-quilt-along.html>

The above link will allow you to register to receive the Meadow Mist Designs newsletter. Cheryl, a quilter, and designer has been running her free quilt alongs for eleven years, of which I have participated in for the past five years. Each one provides easy to follow instructions and illustrations. Projects are suitable for confident beginners and challenging enough for more experienced quilters.

Magnificent Mystery Quilt Along starts July 2025 and ends April 2026 (10 months). Instructions are sent out monthly, on the first Thursday of the month. The first month (July) is fabric selection and the final month (April) is instructions for quilt assembly. You are given lots of time to finish each step.

You may wish to also join the Meadow Mist Designs Facebook page. Cheryl invites participants in the quilt along to post photos of their progress. Seeing other quilters' choices in fabrics, comments and questions is interesting. You can join via the link provided in the first paragraph.

When you sign-up for her quilt along, you can choose to see a photo of the finished project or keep it a surprise. That is completely up to you. If you wish to see the finished project, Cheryl asks that you keep it a secret until the final reveal.

Some of our members have suggested that we set-up up a monthly virtual meeting where we can get together to sew, discuss steps, exchange ideas, and offer suggestions. We have decided that we will implement this activity for those wishing to participate in our guild's BOM. As stated before, the monthly directions come out the first Thursday of the month. Terry W. will set-up a Zoom meeting for us for the next Wednesday after our monthly Members' Meeting. Each session will run from 1:00-3:00

p.m. The format will be very relaxed, and participants will be free to ask question, share and work on the month's steps.

Prior to our Zoom meeting, you will be invited to send in a photo of you monthly progress. This is completely voluntary.

### ***Why join our Quilt Along?***

- 🔗 Get to join-in on a learning adventure.*
- 🔗 Meet regularly with a great group of quilters.*
- 🔗 Opportunity to feel supported as you work on this project.*
- 🔗 Participate in a fun activity.*
- 🔗 Zoom meetings allow you to quilt in the comfort of your own space.*
- 🔗 No need to lug your sewing machine and tools.*

If you wish to participate in the Quilt Along, send an email to the following email address:

**[bom@ptggom.com](mailto:bom@ptggom.com)**

Please include your full name.

Looking forward to working on this project with you!

**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 taking a break for the summer.

**Carol C.**

## ***Modern Group***

The Modern Group is meeting on Thursday, June 5 from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. in person at Bracebridge United Church. This will be a sew day to make items for the Quilt Show Boutique. Bring your sewing machine (or not), ideas and/or kits to share with the group. Cost is \$5 for rental of the room. Everyone is welcome!



**Wendy W.**

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