



# PINE TREE QUILTERS' GUILD OF MUSKOKA

September 2025

## President's Message

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



And welcome back to the 35<sup>th</sup> year of The Pine Tree Quilters' Guild of Muskoka.

The first time I heard of this guild was before we moved up to this area, fourteen years ago. How did I hear about it? My sister-in-law and I were in a fabric shop in Fort Walton, Florida. There were a few ladies in the shop

when we arrived and it so happened that some were Canadians. My sister-in-law recognized one of the individuals and said, "You need to meet this lady as she is part of a quilting guild in Muskoka." I was introduced to Elizabeth Hughes who was a long-time member.

I know it's hard to believe but I am quite shy and I don't like to walk into a room full of people when I don't know anyone. I was shocked to see how many people were present. I thought, there must be more people here than usual because of the guest speaker. However, the next month the room was full again and I realized that there are many quilters in Muskoka! Heather Ingram must have realized that I was new and invited me to sit with her. I tagged along with her at meetings until I felt more comfortable. (Thank you Heather!)

I was used to attending a big church in Toronto and knew that if you want to get to know people, you need to get involved. Before my first year was completed, I took on the

## MONTH AT A GLANCE

Thursday, September 4  
@ 1:00 p.m.

- Modern Group  
@ Bracebridge  
United Church

Thursday, September  
11 @ 1:00 p.m.

- Members'  
General  
Meeting in-  
person AND on  
Zoom

Thursday, September  
18 @ 10:00

- Quilt Artist  
Group @  
Autumn Leaves  
Seniors' Centre,  
Baysville

position of treasurer and the rest is history. Truth be told, President wasn't on my list but here I am. 😊

Perhaps you would like to know some of my objectives for our Guild this year:

1. To make new members and guests feel very welcome so that they return and invite new people to attend as well. As seasoned members, I hope we will all be on the look-out for these new faces and welcome them!
2. That our Guild will be a safe place to learn and explore new quilting techniques and skills. Our Program Committee has lined up a great schedule of presenters and workshops. Also, you can expand your skills through our Block of the Month group and making Outreach Quilts.
3. To highlight the amazing skills and creativity which exists in our Guild through our monthly show and share time, and to the wider world through our very popular Quilt Show in June.
4. To see even more of our members volunteer to help make this year succeed. There are lots of little jobs that you can help with, especially with our Quilt Show coming. You will be asked to display your favourite quilts, donate things to be sold at the Boutique, help out where needed at the show and a host of other things.

When this year ends, I hope we can all look back and agree that it was good to be part of our Guild, meeting great people and learning so much.

**Sue B.**



## Program

Welcome back to our 2025-26 Program!

We are excited to be welcoming Marilyn Farquar to our September meeting. Her work is personal and moving, and due to the sensitive content, we invite our members to choose to step out if they find the presentation challenging, or to plan to arrive for Show and Share at 2:10 p.m. You may wish to view the TVO documentary on her work at <https://youtu.be/hgRflm5PrJM?feature=shared>.



Our October speaker, Elizabeth deCroos, will share the Korean art of Pojagi, and will be leading a workshop on the Friday morning after our meeting. We will be creating her Christmas Tree Window Hanging. Details regarding required materials and workshop fee will be shared at our September meeting. Online registration will open on Monday, September 15 with an email sent to all 2025-26 members at 9:00 a.m.

At the end of the month, we are again offering the Global Quilt Connection All-Star Sampler Platter.

Two weeks prior, please head to:



<https://www.globalquiltconnection.com/sampler-platter-live-link-September-2025/> to download the PDF of instructions, and preview the presentations. Once streamed, the videos will stay up for seven days, so set aside some time between September 27 and October 4, 2025. If you find any of the presenters particularly interesting, please let Liz and Terry know, as they consider our roster of guests for the 2026-27 Guild year. (And please do NOT share this link with those beyond our Guild.)



## All-Star Sampler Platter

Youtube Livestream Event  
6 hours of amazing demos  
by some of GQC's very best teachers

### Saturday September 27, 3:00 – 6:00 pm US eastern

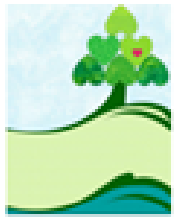
Annie Smith – The KEY to Choosing Fabric for Your Quilts  
Brenda Gael – Smith Dots and Dashes: Linear Explorations  
Roxane Lessa – Just Peachy Textile Painting Class  
Becky Campbell – English Paper Piecing Made Easy  
Corey Pearson – Revolutionize Quilt-As-You-Go with the QISS System  
Patricia Harrison – Circle those Scraps! Machine Piecing into Circles  
Julia McLeod – 3D EPP!  
Katie Lewis – Satin Stitch Magic: A Clean Finish for Raw Edges  
Carol Wilhoit – Quilting with Color

### Sunday, September 28, 3:00 – 6:00 pm US eastern

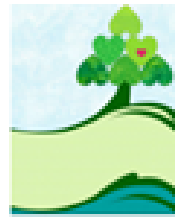
Bea Byrne – English Paper Piecing with Curves  
Diana Karna – Pinwheel Pockets for a Quilted Coat  
Jenny Kae Parks – The Art of Palette Applique  
Robin Koehler – Fabric Collaborations: Unleash your stash!  
Kristin Echols – Intro to Seminole Patchwork  
Tina Curran – Digitally Print the Fabrics You Want – Economically  
Lynn Christiansen – Souvenir Stitching: Design a Quilt From Your Adventures  
Emma Jane Powell – Finish What You Start! Managing Unfinished Quilts  
Nanette Zeller – Hang it like Art! Simple ways to hang your quilts like a pro!

Liz F. and Terry W.

## Quilt Show



Pine Tree Quilters' Guild of Muskoka



Muskoka Quilts...from the Heart!

**“A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows”  
- St. Francis of Assisi**

Hoping that all of you have found moments of joy and sunshine this summer - even if every moment was not idyllic.

Your Quilt Show Committee has taken time off this summer, but there has still been some progress:

- ✚ Suzanne B., Janet S., June M. & Joanne R. have been selecting, stitching and organizing things for Raffle Quilts.
- ✚ Rena W. has been recruiting vendors. To date we have six vendors.
- ✚ Julie D. will be submitting a grant application to the Town of Bracebridge on our behalf.
- ✚ A few members of Quilt Artists of Muskoka have bundled hundreds of metres of PFD fabrics to sell at our QS boutique. This fabric was donated from the Dye Studio of Quilt Artist, Joyce Seagram.

**The Boutique Babes will be ready and excited to begin receiving your donations for The Boutique at our Member's meeting on September 11<sup>th</sup>!**

**Dale M.**

## **Quilt Show Boutique**

WOW...only nine months until our Quilt Show is upon us. We hope you had an exceptional summer and your creative juices are back up to full strength.

### **Summer Theme - We Are MUSKOKA**

(Cushion covers, kitchen towels, cocktail napkins, zippered cosmetic bags, shoe bags, jar openers, quilts, wall hangings, and reusable cloths)

And since we are heading in to the most glorious colourful season, we have decided to continue the MUSKOKA theme through September.



**September Theme - MUSKOKA Colour** - now is the time to create with the oranges, reds, yellows, and browns hiding in your stash!

We are ready and willing to accept all your summer creations at our first meeting of the year, September 11. As well, we will be bringing a variety of pre-cut items for anyone who wishes to help out.

And for those who wish to explore their own ideas, we direct you to the website [https://www.pinetreequiltersguildofmuskoka.com/Quilt Show 2025/Members/Boutique/Ideas](https://www.pinetreequiltersguildofmuskoka.com/Quilt%20Show2025/Members/Boutique/Ideas)

Thank you to all the members, for your creativity and productivity!

**The Boutique Babes**

## Outreach

Now that we're back in our sewing rooms more regularly, many of us are diving into fresh projects and finding new ways to put our stash to good use. If you need a project to kickstart yourself then we have the answer for you - Andrea and I will be bringing kits for anyone interested in piecing a quilt top or two. We also have several finished tops, complete with all the materials needed — perfect for anyone who would like to practice their free motion or walking foot quilting techniques.



Just a reminder: we will provide batting for any quilt tops you piece that will be donated to Outreach, we'll also supply backing and binding materials whenever possible.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 11th.

**Joanne R.**

## Membership



Welcome to another exciting year, quilters! Please check your inbox for the email on how to register for this 2025-2026 year. Please register online, using the link provided in the email, and submit your \$40 membership fee by e-transfer to [muskokaquilts@gmail.com](mailto:muskokaquilts@gmail.com), or by bringing a cheque (made out to Pine Tree Quilters' Guild of Muskoka) to the September meeting. Note: your

membership renewal isn't complete until you have done these two steps.

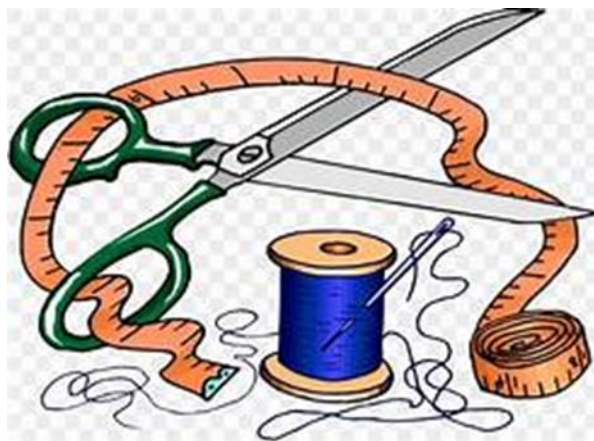
Thank you! Looking forward to meeting you at the sign in desk!

**Barbara M.**

## ***Sew Along: Meadow Mist Designs***

We presently have 16 members participating in this year's Sew Along. In the past, we would call it Block of the Month (BOM), but since we aren't making blocks, we have changed the name of this activity.

The Sew Along, started in July, with the selection of fabrics for the project. Hope participants had a fun time shopping for fabrics or hunting through their stash? August, we got to do all of the cutting for the project. Nice that this is all done. Now, we just have to wait for the release of the September instructions that come out the first Thursday of the month. Can't wait to get started sewing!



Our very first virtual meeting is happening **Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00 p.m.** These sessions will be very relaxed! We will discuss steps, exchange ideas, offer suggestions, and most importantly sew! We are hopefully all looking forward to getting to know the participants as we work on each of our individual projects from the comfort of our homes.

All future **virtual meetings** will be scheduled on the Wednesday after each of our Members' Meeting. *Please put the following dates in your personal calendars.*

Wed., October 15, from 1-3 – Instructions #4

Wed., November 19, from 1-3 – Instructions #5

Wed., December 17, from 1-3 – Instructions #6

Wed., January 14, from 1-3 – Instructions #7

Wed., February 18, from 1-3 – Instructions #8

Wed., March 18, from 1-3 – Instructions 9

Wed., April 15<sup>th</sup>, from 1-3 – Instructions #10: Assembly of the quilt

Terry W. will set-up our Zoom meetings and a link will be sent to our participants a couple of days prior to the meeting.

Looking forward to working with you all in the coming month!

**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.

## Quilt Artist Group

The next Quilt Artist Group meeting is September 18, (3rd Thursday of each month) 10:00 a.m. –2:00 p.m. at the Autumn leaves Seniors Center, 12 University St., Baysville.

New members are welcome, and must be a member of Pine Tree Quilters of Muskoka. Bring your lunch, beverage and \$3.00 for room use. A supply list will be emailed to members.



**Carol C.**

## Modern Group



The next meeting for our Modern Group is September 4 at Bracebridge United Church at 1:00 p.m. Please bring \$2 for the room rental.

All Guild members are welcome.

**Wendy W.**

## **Website**

The website has been updated with the 2025-2026 Executive list. (Found on the members only page - password in the newsletter email)

2025-2026 Speaker line-up is available on the website.

If you haven't renewed your membership yet and can't find your email with this year's link...the website has been updated with the new information. Remember the password to the Members Only page will change before the October meeting and only members who have renewed will receive the October newsletter with the new password in the email.

Remember to check the website regularly for updates about our Quilt Show and other Guild activities and for events happening around us....there are a few fall Quilt Shows.

**Sherry M.**



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Meeting at Muskoka Lumber Community Centre  
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