



PINE TREE QUILTERS' GUILD OF MUSKOKA

October 2025

President's Message



Happy Thanksgiving!

OK!!!! I can see this Guild year is going to fly by as it seems I just wrote the September President's message and now, I am doing the October one. We had a great kick off meeting in September and trust we are all looking forward to what lies ahead.

In this blurb, my focus is on clarification of the President's Challenge, just in case you went away with "fear and trembling" 😊😊😊 saying to yourself "I can't do this!!" Do not fear!! I know you can.

You will recall the goal of this challenge is to learn something new about each other as we already know we like quilting/sewing. It is also an opportunity for us to get out of the "donut box" to try some new techniques i.e. collage, paper piecing, appliqué, machine quilting, hand quilting etc. etc.



MONTH AT A GLANCE

Thursday, October 2 @ 1:00 p.m.

- Modern Group @ Bracebridge United Church

Tuesday, October 7 @ 9:00 a.m.

- Executive Meeting on Google Meets

Thursday, October 9 @ 1:00 p.m.

- General Meeting in-person AND on Zoom

Thursday, October 16 @ 10:00

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

Tuesday, October 28 @ 7:00 p.m.

- Quilt Show Planning on Zoom

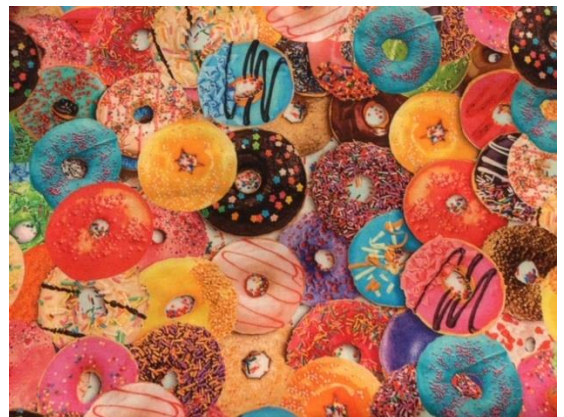
Here are some steps that I hope will help you out:

1. Complete the sentence "Donut you just love toi.e. travel, grandkids, cup of tea with a friend, reading a book, camping, watching a sunset, going to a fair, flower arranging, gardening, something on your bucket list, etc.
2. What do you see in your mind? Jot down the parts of the picture you are envisioning. I can hear you saying, "I can't draw!!!!" Neither can I. One of my brothers got all that talent.
3. Source out pictures on the internet under clip art, stained glass, patterns, photos that you have, magazines etc. If they need resizing, you can resize them either on your own printer or ask Staples, for example. Printing them in black and white often helps with placement of light, medium and dark tones of fabric
4. Sketch out your picture for placement. It can be as simple or as complex as you wish and the completed project is no more than 24"x24"
5. Once you have your picture roughed out, go through your stash to choose fabrics. Of course, make sure the gifted "donuts" are in that pile 😊 Your donut fabric, when all is said and done, will not likely look like donuts as you are going to cut the fabric into different shapes and sizes. The fun part, when your project is done, is for the rest of us to admire your piece and try to find the donut fabric. You will be surprised at how well you can disguise it while other pieces can be obvious.

If at any time you need inspiration or you're stuck on a certain part, do not hesitate to contact me or talk to other quilters that you know.

If you did not receive a piece of donut fabric, please let me know because I do not want you to miss out on this exciting and challenging experience.

I am looking forward to seeing how many accept this challenge. It is to be fun. It is something like "Where's Waldo" only it is "Where have all the donuts gone???"



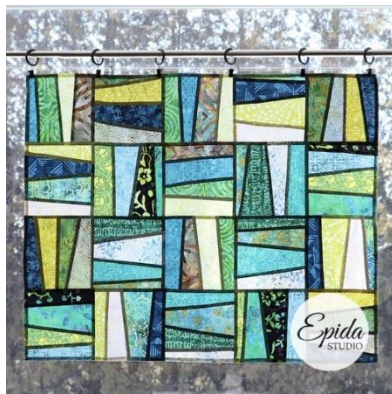
Happy quilting!!

Sue B.

Program

Welcome to our Fall Program!

Thank you for all the positive compliments on our September presenter, Marilyn Farquhar. Her presentation was well received and very inspiring. Marilyn reminded us that each of our quilting journeys are personal and unique, filling a need in all of us.



Our speaker on October 9th is Elizabeth DeCroos who will share her knowledge on the ancient art of “Pojagi” from ancient Korea to modern Canada. Elizabeth will also be leading a workshop on Friday October 10th, where we will be creating her Christmas Tree Window Hanging. We look forward to seeing those of you who signed up for this workshop.

We hope that many of you enjoyed participating in the Global Quilt Connection All-Star Sampler Platter this past weekend. Please remember that it is available to us for seven days after the webinar, so there are still a couple of days to enjoy these wonderful 15-minute workshops (<https://www.globalquiltconnection.com/sampler-platter-live-link-September-2025/>)

In November we are happy to welcome Sandy Simmelink to our Guild meeting. Her presentation is titled “Something for All”. Join us as we welcome Sandy and her wonderful variety of award-winning quilts with styles that range from traditional to innovative, mixed media to journaling. This trunk show offers a journey through many rabbit holes. Please don’t miss it! You might want to read more about Sandy on her website: <https://www.sandysimmellink.com/>.



Sandy will also be leading us in a full-day workshop on November 14, 2025 entitled “Pond Flower Wallhanging”. Further information will be shared at our October meeting regarding online registration and required materials.

Liz F. and Terry W.

Quilt Show



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Muskoka Quilts...from the Heart!

Your Quilt Show Committee is continuing to work enthusiastically on preparing for our Quilt Show!

- + We have arrived at a budget that is ready to submit to the Executive!
- + Hospice Muskoka and South Muskoka Hospital Foundation are taking the lead on running our quilt raffle in a similar way to what was done for our last show.
- + We have arranged for a donation of geo landscape fabric and recruited some volunteers who are willing to help us drape the glass and boards for our show. (A significant cost saving!)
- + Our Confirmed vendors are: Remember Me Quilts, Thimbles and Things, Suzie's Fabrics, D & D Quilts, The Cottage Quilter & The Fabric Loft. If you have any other suggestions, please email Rena W. or Dale M.
- + Our Boutique Babes have well over 200 items donated already. How many more will come in by our October Guild meeting?
- + It is never too early to think about what quilts you can show. Maybe you could borrow some you have gifted? There is still time to start one more! Or this might be the push to finish a UFO!

Are you interested in helping to create red and white shibori scarves to help ID our volunteers at the show? The Quilt Artists of Muskoka are dyeing them on Thursday October 16th from 10 am to 2 pm. For more details see the Quilt Artist note.

Coming Soon - news about how we will be marking our 35th anniversary at our Quilt Show!

Dale M.

Quilt Show Boutique

What a beautiful fall we're having here in Muskoka. Thank you for all the donations we received in September. Here is a small sampling of the beautiful work, highlighting all the seasons of Muskoka.

And the multiples...



24 wine bags



13 microwave bowls

Each month, watch for the 'thermometer' showing our progress towards our goal of 1250 donated items. We hope to surpass the number of items of the 2023 show!

We are looking forward to receiving your creations at the meeting. We really appreciate you printing your name and the item name, on each item.

October's Theme - **Special Occasions** (Thanksgiving, Halloween, Christmas etc)

See you on the 9th...



The Boutique Babes

Membership

Thank you to all the members who have submitted their online registration form and who have also sent an e-transfer or paid at the desk in September. I would say that at this point most members have done these 2 steps and are now in the system for the 2025-2026 season.



The sign-in desk will have an express line for all those who are registered. They simply have to check off their name and enter the meeting.

All other business, such as bringing payment, or signing in as a guest or new member will see me in a separate line.

Guests are welcome, and their fee is \$10.

Barbara M.

Treasurer



Our fiscal year ends on June 30, so part of my responsibility as Treasurer is to ask Guild members to review and accept our year-end financial summary. To that end, we will be sending an e-blast out in the next week with:

- a one-page summary showing the bank balance at the beginning and end of our fiscal year as well as total income and expenses; and
- a one-page summary of what we spent our money on as well as what provided revenue to our Guild.

I'll be at our October Guild Meeting and would be happy to answer any questions. Alternatively, feel free to email me at treasurer@ptggom.com. I'll also have a few printed copies of the summaries.

Thank you to Jennifer M. and Judy B. for reviewing the 2024/2025 Guild financials this past summer. The letter acknowledging their review will be available for viewing at the October Members' Meeting and then filed with the Guild financials for 2024/2025.

Jan M.

Hospitality



Thank you to Wendy W., Mary McF., Carol C., Suzanne B-R., Lynda G., and Ardith who provided treats for our September meeting. In October, our meeting will again be at the Muskoka Lumber Community Centre in Bracebridge. Just a reminder that we no longer can make our own coffee and tea, so members are asked to bring their own travel mug with their preferred beverage or visit the cafe on the main floor to purchase a beverage.

Members who have signed up to bring the October treats will be called one week prior to the meeting. Thank you in advance to those who have signed up to bring treats.

See you at the October meeting.

Ardith S.

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.

Modern Group

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

All Guild members are welcome.

Wendy W.



Quilt Artist Group

Hello Quilt Artists & other PTQGM members who would like to come and help create the volunteer's scarves for our quilt show.

When: Thursday October 16
Time: 10:00am to 2:00pm
Where: Baysville Seniors Centre
Address: 12 University St., Baysville
Cost: \$3.00 per person for the rental space
Bring: Lunch, Show and Share



The Quilt Artists have made about 56 scarves from 54" cotton lawn that we are going to resist dye red at our October 16th Quilt Artist meeting. The technique we will use is Shibori. The video links below will mostly use indigo dye. We are dyeing with Procion MX dye & will not be unwrap them immediately. Dale will take them all home and let them batch before I rinse them out. The reveal will take place at about 12:30 at our November Quilt Artists meeting.

Here is an introduction to Shibori:
<https://youtu.be/B6qyilf3mkA?feature=shared>

Carol C.

Website

- ✓ Need information about our Guild?
- ✓ Do you know where to find out about up-coming speakers and workshops or Up-coming Quilt Shows and other events?
- ✓ Questions about the Presidents Challenge or our 2026 Quilt Show?
- ✓ How big should Outreach Quilts be?
- ✓ Need to contact another member or an executive member?
- ✓ Looking for Newsletters?



This information and more is available at Pinetreequiltersguildofmuskoka.com

Members Only Page is password protected and contains information we want only our members to access. The password is available in the email that the newsletter is attached to.

**HEADS UP: THE PASSWORD CHANGED AS THIS NEWSLETTER WAS
DISTRIBUTED**

Check the Want Ads in the Members only section...we received information and a request from Muskoka Hospice concerning Beaver Creek Sewing and Knitting Club...you may be able to help.

Added to the Member Page is Meeting Video (a link to the zoom recording) Click on the month to access the video. Videos links will remain active based on the length of time the speaker agreed to.

Sherry M.

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