



PINE TREE QUILTERS' GUILD OF MUSKOKA

November 2025

President's Message



I hope you have had time to enjoy the great weather that we have had over these past few weeks. The colours have been great!!

I had my first visit to the Quilt Artist group this month for the dyeing of the scarves which will be used at the Quilt Show to identify the volunteers. What a fun day! This was a new thing for me and yes

I did end up with some red fingers as the gloves were not donned quite fast enough. 😊😊 We now await with great anticipation to see how they turned out. I came away from this group being reminded once again of all the talent that we have in this Guild.

This is a busy year with the planning and prepping for the Quilt Show. In celebration of 35 years, we would like to have a "Retrospective Show and Share" segment each day of the show. We are looking for volunteers who are willing to show a quilt, share the story behind it, while also sharing how the Guild has enriched your life. The plan is to break it down into years thus giving a bird's eye view of our 35 years. The break down is as follows:

1. 1990's
2. 2000-2010
3. 2010 - 2020
4. 2020 -2026

So, what year did you join? Do you still have a quilt from that period of time (maybe it is the first one you ever made)? Do you have a memory quilt that has brought solace during a rough time? Could it be a quilt from the past where you first tried a new technique?

MONTH AT A GLANCE

Thursday, November 6
@ 1:00 p.m.

- Modern Group
on Zoom

Tuesday, November 11
@ 9:00 a.m.

- Executive
Meeting on
Google Meets

Thursday, November
13 @ 1:00 p.m.

- General
Meeting in-
person AND on
Zoom

Thursday, November
20 @ 10:00

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

Tuesday, November 25
@ 7:00 p.m.

- Quilt Show
Planning on
Zoom

These are just some ideas to help you think back through the years and check out what is in those closets. 😊😊

I can hear some of you saying, “There is no way I will get up in front of all those people at the show and speak”. No fear!! We have you covered. We would still like you to be up there with the quilt but you will be able to write something out for one of us to read. Piece of cake or should I say Piece of donut! 😊

In the past we had quilt turning which was very well received by the guests. I am sure this could be a match as it expresses our 35 years of existence as a group.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Wendy W. You will find her contact info on the Website under Members Only then go to the Membership List.

Final comment, more donut fabric has arrived and I will have it with me at the November meeting so please pick your piece up if you haven't got one already.

Thank you and hope to see you at the November meeting.

Sue B.

Program

We are looking forward to welcoming Sandy Simmelink to our November meeting. Many of us will remember her "Home is a Nest" quilt, displayed in the National Juried Show at Quilt Canada 2025, which won the Dorothy McMurdie Founder's Award.

Twenty of our members will return to the MLCC on Friday, November 14, to join Sandy for her Pond Wall-hanging workshop. We look forward to seeing the results of this workshop at December's Show & Share.





A reminder to those who attended Elizabeth DeCroos' workshop, to bring their Christmas Tree Wall-hangings to this month's Show & Share.

We are still looking for members to lead workshops, to be hosted over *Zoom* during our Winter months. If you are willing to share your expertise, Terry will take responsibility for the technology, and we can enjoy sewing together. Our guild provides an honorarium of \$150 to our workshop hosts, to offset expenses you might incur in preparation. Please chat with Liz or Terry at our November meeting, if you would like to learn more.

Looking forward to our December meeting, we will be enjoying a social afternoon with a potluck lunch, a Christmas craft, and Show & Share. Hold off on wrapping your quilted Christmas gifts until after December 11th so we can all be inspired!

We are hoping to schedule our "white glove" helpers for our in-person meetings. These are the helpers who assist with "Show and Share", holding up our quilts for all to see.

If you think you might be able to help out, please sign up
here: <https://signup.com/go/WNccozZ>

Liz F. and Terry W.



Quilt Show



Pine Tree Quilters' Guild of Muskoka



Muskoka Quilts...from the Heart!

Things are abuzz in the Quilt Show world this month!

Bookmarks and Posters Are Ready!

Lisa S. will have bookmarks and posters available for you at our November meeting. Please help us spread the word by passing them along to anyone who might like to come! **Not Just quilters!**

Vendor Updates

We have 11 vendors booked and filling 180' along the exterior of our showroom. These are our vendors:

remembermequiltsandmore@gmail.com

thimblesandthings@gmail.com

suziesfabricattic@hotmail.com

quilts@ddcountryquilts.com

thecottagequilter@gmail.com

thefabricloft@hotmail.com

shop@theworkroom.ca

info@bolts2blocks.com

LADYJBHAMILTON@gmail.com

chloe22homedecor@gmail.com

Muskoka Sewing Centre



Registration Forms are available if you need a printed copy

Quilt Registration will open online on January 15th, 2026. **It is less work for the Registration Team if you can do it online.** However, **if you prefer to fill out a paper copy**, you can get them from Leslie S.T. at our November meeting.

Youth Participation

It turns out that implementing a youth membership is a complex, legally challenging endeavour that we do not wish to undertake at this time. So, we have found a way that will allow us to still have youth participation in our 2026 Quilt Show:

- 1 We are implementing members being sponsors for youth quilts.
- 2 There will be a separate online registration form for these quilts that needs to be completed by a parent or guardian. (Not relatives or neighbours)
- 3 The sponsor will be the one who is responsible for these quilts as far as intake and outtake is concerned.
- 4 These will be shown in a youth display.
- 5 These quilts will not be numbered for Viewer's choice since they are not members.

1st Boutique Pricing Day

The Boutique Babes have scheduled their first pricing day later in November. If you have more items to donate, please bring them to our November 13th Guild meeting.

T-shirts & Scarves

We are happy that the scarves for volunteers are going to be red and white...not the pink and white that you saw at our October meeting. Phew!

In addition to the scarf, we want volunteers to wear black shirts - all part of a professional approach that makes it easy for visitors to identify who is on hand to help and answer questions.

Do you want to order a shirt with the Muskoka Quilts Logo?

Terry W. & Lynda G. will have sample t-shirts at the November Guild Meeting so you can figure out sizes and styles you like. Orders can be placed in the new year.

35th Anniversary Stage Presentation



You are invited to participate in an Onstage Retrospective Show and Share during the Quilt Show. Check out the President's Message for more information.

Winter Meetings - In Person and by Zoom

We have booked the large meeting room at the library for our meetings in January, February & March. You can come in person or join in on *Zoom*. The speaker will be on screen...just like our meeting with Vanessa from Quilts for Survivors back in April. **In the case of poor weather, we will be in touch and you will still be able to attend by *Zoom*.**

**Where are your quilts for the
show?**

Create Them!

Finish Them!

Borrow Them Back!

Dale M.

Quilt Show Boutique

As the weather starts to cool, there is nothing nicer than cozying down in your sewing space....and how those hours can pass.

We'd like to make special shout out to Halina D. and Sherry M. for the reworking of the Boutique section of the website. It looks great. And to Carol C. for the variety of boutique items you have shared. Wow! (If YOU have an idea you'd like to share, send it to Halina and she will add it to our growing inventory.)

Here are some of the 163 items added last month. Thank you to all for sharing your creativity (and putting your name and descriptor on every item!)



car pillows, table runners, pillows, coaster gift pack, pillow cases, pin cushions, zippered bags, phone stands, and hanging towels.

November Theme: 'Celebrations' continues, with Christmas coming, Halloween and Thanksgiving just past, and those incredibly well-organized people that are now working on Valentine's Day and Easter!

We are on our way...keep those items coming...

The Boutique Babes



Hospitality

Thank you to Pam R., Hanne H., Sheila H., Sylvia B., Korleen S., and Halina D., who provided desserts for our October meeting. 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 November treats will be called one week prior to the meeting.

Please bring along the recipe for dessert, so that we can begin to compile them and place them on our website. Thank you in advance to those who have signed up to bring desserts.

See you in November.

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

Modern Group meetings are on *Zoom* from November to April. This month's meeting is November 6 on *Zoom* at 1:00 p.m. The room will open at 12:45 to allow time to visit with each other.

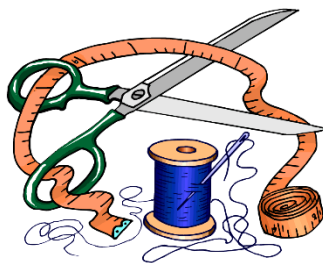
All Guild members are welcome.

Wendy W.



Quilt Artist Group

The next Quilt Artist Group meeting is November 20, (3rd Thursday of each month) 10:00 a.m. –2:00 p.m. at the Autumn leaves Seniors Center, 12 University St., Baysville. The past month was an enjoyable day of dyeing scarves for the 2026 Quilt Show.



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.

Carol C.

Website

The website has some new additions as well as some “tweaking”.

Want Ads:

- A member is looking for assistance to repair her long-arm
- And 2 other members have quilting items available – price is great – just contact and arrange to pick up

Quilt Show

- ❖ new suggestions for items you can make for the Boutique
- ❖ Ideas have been split into 2 groups – Small Projects and Medium Projects

- ❖ New Navigation buttons have been added to make “flipping” from one page of the Boutique to another easier

Quilt Artists of Muskoka- check out the techniques they have been exploring -all photo albums up to September are posted

Members Only Page (remember the password is in the email this newsletter is attached to)

- **Updated and Reorganized**
- **Missed a meeting** – the videos are now available starting with October’s meeting– speaker portion only for the length of time the speaker has agreed to
- **Members list-** updated as of Oct 27th
- **Like to travel** – check out the invitation for a 2026 Bus Trip Shop Hop
- **Want Ads** Separated by section: From our Members, Requests for assistance from our Community, Guild Members offering Long-arm services.



Sherry M.

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