



PINE TREE QUILTERS' GUILD OF MUSKOKA

January 2026

President's Message



Welcome to 2026!!!!
How can that be? It seems like yesterday we were awaiting the arrival of Y2K and all the uncertainties of that period of time. A lot has gone on in the past 25 years.

Even more is going to go on in the next number of months as we gear up for our Quilt Show in June. You can never say there is not enough going on in this guild! Stay tuned for more information regarding "Register your Quilt Entries" and "Volunteer Sign Up" for the days leading up to and throughout the show.

Of course, I can imagine there are many people working away at items to be finished whether it be for Quilt Show entries, Show Boutique, BOM, Outreach and the "Donut you just love to....." President's Challenge. I had better get busy!!! How about you? 😊

These last few months of the Quilt Guild year can also bring some changes to the executive for 2026/2027. In the near future, we will post vacancies that need filling and trust there will be willing members that will come forward to fill the spots. It is a good experience to be part of the "behind the scene" crew in making this such a great guild. We always love to hear and implement new ideas. We are full of appreciation to those who have served in the past, present and will do so in the future.



MONTH AT A GLANCE

Tuesday, January 6 @ 9:00 a.m.

- Executive Meeting on *Google Meets*

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

- January Guild Meeting in-person @ the Bracebridge Library AND on *Zoom*

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

- Quilt Artists Group at Autumn Leaves Seniors Centre in Baysville

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

- Quilt Show Planning on *Zoom*

So, in closing, we are about to start these next few months at a canter and then to a full gallop by Show time in June. Are you ready to Saddle Up?

And away we go!!!!

Sue B.

Program

Happy New Year! Our first meeting of 2026 will take place on Thursday, January 8, 2026, both via *Zoom* and in person at the Bracebridge Library.

The *Zoom* link, and details regarding our new opportunity to meet in person during our winter season, will be sent out on Tuesday, January 6 via eblast.

Our guest speaker is Mary Elizabeth Kinch, who will be presenting:



"OH CANADA! THE QUILTING HERITAGE OF THE TRUE NORTH".

This lecture and slide presentation illustrates Canada's incredibly diverse quilting history over the last 150 years. Mary Elizabeth will explore the artistic, quilting, and stitching talents that our ancestors brought with them, allowing us to gain an understanding and appreciation of how patterns and designs travelled across the country, how styles changed, and how unique

regional quilts came to be. This rich presentation is full of ideas that will leave you inspired, and eager to pick up your needle and start stitching!

To learn more about Mary Elizabeth, check out <https://www.maryelizabethkinch.com/bio/>.



In the next week, please send pictures for Show and Share to program@ptggom.com. And arrive on Thursday prepared to chat about your quilting plans for 2026, when we head into break-out rooms during the meeting.

Liz F. and Terry W.

Quilt Show



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Muskoka Quilts...from the Heart!

Happy New Year! With only 5 months until the Quilt Show, we hope you will consider ways you would like to help make this an outstanding event for visitors and members alike!

Please enter your Quilts!

Online Quilt Registration opens on January 15th.

Whether you are a beginner or a master, we want to celebrate your accomplishments. Watch for an email reminder from the Registration and Tracking Team.

Please Sign up to be a volunteer!

Online Volunteer Signup will go live on January 15th.

We need volunteers for set up, takedown, greeting, admissions, white glove show attendants, boutique helpers, quilt hanging, behind the scenes, vendor supporters, raffle volunteers... and more.

Zoom Boutique Sew Days coming in January:

Dale M. is hosting optional monthly *Zoom Sew Days* from January to April. You can join in from your sewing space and work on a project to donate to the Boutique if you would like to. These will be "come and go" events. An invitation and Link will be sent by email.

Here are the dates and times:

Tuesday January 13th - 9 am to noon AND 6:30pm to 9:30 pm

Tuesday February 3rd - 9 am to noon AND 6:30pm to 9:30 pm

Tuesday March 3rd - 9 am to noon AND 6:30pm to 9:30 pm

Tuesday April 7th - 9 am to noon AND 6:30pm to 9:30 pm

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dale.

Dale M.

Quilt Show Boutique



We hope several of our members will be able to come to our In-Person and *Zoom* meeting in January. There will be a drop off table for Boutique Donations at our meeting (in The Castle Peak Room - this is at the MLCC in the Library) for members who come in person.

If you are planning to join by *Zoom*, please hold on to your Boutique donations and bring them with you to our meeting in April - we will be back to our usual meeting place by then. April will be the deadline for donations, so the Boutique Babes have the time they need to get organized and ready for showtime.

Dale M.

Hospitality

Welcome to this new year of 2026.

Thank you to those who brought treats to the November meeting.

For January's Guild meeting, there will be the option to attend in-person or virtually. The in-person meeting will be held in the CastlePeaks room in the Library. Sharon G., Barbara O., Jean A., and Hanne K., have offered to bring in treats. Thank you in advance and to Suzanne B-R. for setting up the table.



Ardith S.

Quilt Artist Group

The next Quilt Artist Group meeting is January 15, (3rd Thursday of each month) 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Autumn leaves Seniors Centre, 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.

If the buses are cancelled, so is our get together. Stay safe.

Carol C.

Modern Group

The Modern Group is not meeting in January.

Wendy W.

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.

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