

PINE TREE QUILTERS' GUILD OF MUSKOKA

February 2026

President's Message

Happy Valentine's Month

Well, since we last met, I think we can say winter is really here!! Still not as bad as last year, at least at the time of writing this. I know there are a few in the Guild that love this weather and the outdoor activities it brings. I can definitely state that I am not one of those people. 😊 I am quite happy to stay in a warm house and spend time sewing. There is certainly enough going on at the Guild to fill my sewing list of "to do's".

This time of year is also when we ask for nominations for the Executive and Non-Executive roles that will need filling at the end of June. We encourage you to review the list and if you are interested in one of the positions or can think of someone who would be a good fit, please contact Joyce M., our Past President or myself. The list is as follows:

1. Vice President
2. Program Assistant
3. Membership
4. Hospitality Assistant (non - executive role)
5. Technical Support (non - executive role)
6. Archivist - (non - executive role) to continue work on our electronic historical documents

You will find the Job Descriptions on the Guild website. They are in the Member's Only section under Pine Tree Quilt Guild Documents - Policies and Procedures. Being part of the executive is a good learning experience of the behind-the-scenes workings to provide informative and pleasurable meetings. You can also contribute



MONTH AT A GLANCE

Thursday, February 5

@ 1:00 p.m.

- Modern Group on *Zoom*

Tuesday, February 10

@ 9:00 a.m.

- Executive Meeting on *Google Meets*

Thursday, February 12

@ 1:00 p.m.

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

Thursday, February 19

@ 10:00 a.m.

- Quilt Artists Group at Autumn Leaves Seniors Centre in Baysville

Tuesday, February 24

@ 7:00 p.m.

- Quilt Show Planning on *Zoom*

fresh and new ideas to be implemented. We encourage you to give serious thought about volunteering for one of these roles.

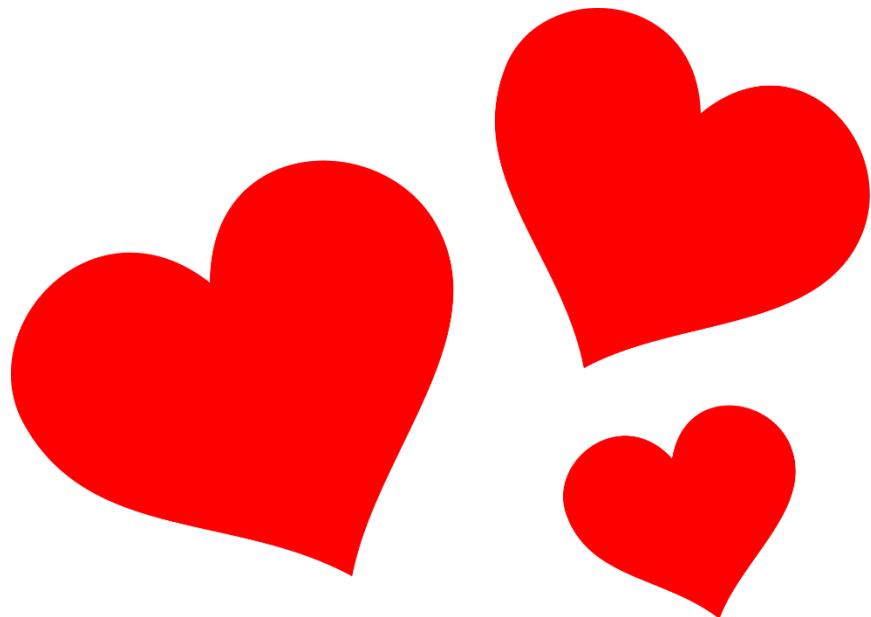
We encourage you to submit pictures for Show and Share to Terry during these winter months. We love to see what you have been working on. Those who are attending in person at the Library are welcome to bring your Show and Share, but if you could also send a picture to Terry so that those at home will be able to get a clear up close view of your work, would be greatly appreciated.

As we are limited in space for tables at the Library, the Free table will not be available until we resume meeting in our usual room in April.

Please continue to read through the newsletter as you will find ongoing information related to the Quilt show. Hope you are finishing up your projects. It might be a good idea to mark your calendars of important due dates such as Quilt Show Entries, Boutique submissions, President Challenge reveal and volunteer sign ups for the show.

Thank you again to all our members for the support you give to this Guild.

Sue B.



Past President's Message

Hello ladies. It's been a while since I have had any input here in our newsletter. I have had to take a step back due to health issues of my husband and myself but we seem to be on the mend. I want to thank so many of you for all the kind messages of support and well wishes over the past five months.

Now, back to responsibilities as Guild Past President.

How much do you love being part of this wonderful organization?

We are a group of talented, creative, involved individuals, and we seek to learn more about our quilting passion and support one another in our creativity. I think our Guild does an exemplary job attaining these goals. The amazing women who have stepped

up to sit on the executive and lead our group make these goals come to fruition. At this time of year, several of our executive members are moving out of the positions they have held for some time and **we are in need of a few individuals to**

join the executive group. Sue B. has mentioned in her newsletter piece some of the positions open at this time. I encourage you to speak to anyone on the executive to learn more about the roles. It is such a fun, collaborative group to work with. Please give consideration to joining these enthusiastic leaders to help our Guild move forward. **We can't do it without you!**

Thank you

Joyce M.



Program

On February 12, 2026, we'll be welcoming Terry Rowland of T-Row Studios (@trowstudios) to present "Scrap Attack with Wearables". Many of you viewed her beautiful jacket at Quilt Canada 2025 in Toronto last June. Our *Zoom* link will be sent out via eblast on February 10. Terry is from Alberta, and recently completed her "Canada United" quilt, made with fabric contributed from across Canada.



Please take a picture or two of your latest work, and send it to program@ptqgom.com, for inclusion in our Show and Share slide show. We'll view January's submissions as well., since we ran out of time before Show and Share last month. We'd love to see photos of items you have sewn for the Boutique, so send them along as well.

Looking ahead, we'll be meeting Andrea Tsang Jackson and hearing her "Quilting: The Lab, The Classroom, and The Theatre" presentation on Thursday, March 12, 2026. It's almost a year since her book "Quilting: A Modern Creative Journey Through an Age-Old Craft" was published. If you are looking for some inspiring reading, check it out.

Later in March we'll be welcoming Cindy Connell to lead a workshop on Dorset Buttons. Put the afternoon of March 19 on your calendar to join us On *Zoom*. More details will be shared in our March newsletter.

Liz F. and Terry W.



Quilt Show



Pine Tree Quilters' Guild of Muskoka



Muskoka Quilts...from the Heart!

Four months until show time!

We appreciate that many of you are working behind the scenes on tasks and projects ...from the heart!



Pine Tree Quilters' Guild of Muskoka
Muskoka Quilts...from the heart!

Friday June 5 and Saturday June 6, 2026
Muskoka Lumber Centre
Admission: \$10

Special Guest: National and International Award-Winning Quilt Artist Sue Sherman

Quilt Displays * Viewers' Choice * Merchant Mall * Demonstrations
Raffle Quilts * Members' Boutique * Door Prizes Brews & Bites Cafe

The flyer features the Pine Tree Quilters' Guild of Muskoka logo at the top left and right. Below the logo, the text "Pine Tree Quilters' Guild of Muskoka" and "Muskoka Quilts...from the heart!" are displayed. The center of the flyer contains the show dates and location, admission price, and a special guest. At the bottom, there is a row of four small quilt images and a list of event activities.

Zoom Boutique Sew Days

Would it be helpful to schedule a time to work on something for the Boutique and have a visit with other Guild members too? Then, come join us for our next *Zoom* Boutique Sew Day. An invitation will be sent to all Guild members. Come if you wish and work on your choice of project for the Boutique. The next ones are Tuesday, February 3rd – 9:00 a.m. to noon and 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Do you have questions about the Quilt Show?

OR

Do you want to know how you can help?

Please Check the links below. If you do not find what you need there our Planning Committee can help!

Promotion is a top priority! - Contact Lisa S.

For information about how we can all spread the word:

<https://www.pinetreequiltersguildofmuskoka.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/PDF-Start-Spreading-the-News-Pine-Tree-Quilters-Guild-of-Muskoka.pdf>

Volunteer Inquiries - Contact: Terry W.

Volunteer sign up is coming in April.

Raffle Ticket Sales - Contact: Suzanne B., Janet S. & June M.

Online ticket sales coming soon!

Quilt Registration - Contact: Inge B., Leslie S.T., or Julie D.

Quilt Registration form:

<https://www.pinetreequiltersguildofmuskoka.com/quilt-entries/>

Youth Registration Information & Form

<https://www.pinetreequiltersguildofmuskoka.com/youth-entries/>

Quilt Sleeve Tutorial:

<https://www.pinetreequiltersguildofmuskoka.com/quilt-sleeve-tutorial/>

Boutique Babes Questions? Contact Mary W., Lynne F, Anne R.

For information, patterns and ideas:

<https://www.pinetreequiltersguildofmuskoka.com/members-only-2-2-3/>

General Question, Concerns or Suggestions - Contact: Dale M.

How to connect with the Quilt Show Planning Team?

At our In-person Meetings.

By email or phone:

Go to the Pine Tree Quilters' Guild website:

<http://www.pinetreequiltersguildofmuskoka.com/>

- > Sign into the Members Only portion of our website.
- > Look under the Membership and Executive Lists

Dale M.

Quilt Show Boutique

As the snow continues to pile up, what a perfect time to spend with your stash and quilting machine! With that in mind, our first '**Boutique**' **Sew-Along** was a great success. (Thanks Dale) The creativity abounded and the chance to chat was delightful. This might also be your opportunity to have fun with our next theme 'Everything Scrappy'. Bring your scrap stash for ideas and motivation. Plan to join us for the next one on **February 3** from 9:00 - 12:00 or 6:30-9:00.



We are looking for volunteers, prior to the big show. If you are interested...check out these opportunities and contact Mary W., if interested:

1. Pricing Days –

- a) Feb. 27 - 10-3 (weather alternate Mar. 6) and
- b) late April

At Lynne F.'s place in Kearney - lunch included

- work in groups to choose a price for the Boutique items

2. Display Organization Day - early- mid May

- to decide on the themes,
- sort all the items,
- allocate the space in the Boutique
- decide on any signage.

All attendees would take their bins back with them to prepare their props and space. We would then bring the bins to the Arena on Thursday June 4, for set up.

If you are interested in either of these volunteer opportunities, please send an email to Mary W.

February Theme ‘Everything Scrappy’ - placemats, coasters, bags, lap quilts, baby bibs - make your fabric scrappy and have fun!

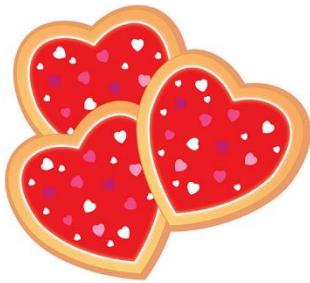
- Thank you everyone for your donation of bags. It looks like we have gathered enough for the show.

Please bring donated Boutique items to the library, at the February Guild meeting. Suzanne B.R. will collect them. We are presently at 620 items. Keep them coming!

The Boutique Babes



Hospitality



Thank you to Sharon G., Barbara O., Jean A., and Hanne K. for bringing treats to the January meeting and to Suzanne B-R. for setting up.

For our February meeting on Feb. 12th, Marjorie M., Donna N., and Judy F., have volunteered to bring treats to the meeting in the Castle Peaks Room at the Library. Thank you in advance.

Ardith S.

Quilt Artist Group

The next Quilt Artist Group meeting is February 19, (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.

Carol C.

Modern Group

The Modern Group is meeting on *Zoom* on Thursday, February 5 at 1:00 p.m. Every member of the Guild is welcome to attend. Contact Sheila H. to receive the meeting information.

Wendy W.

Website

We are starting to receive notifications for this year's Quilt Shows.... check out Up-coming Quilt Shows and Other Events. It is updated as we received the notices.

Whenever another Guild sends us an invitation to join a *Zoom* meeting, it is posted on the members-only section.

The Guild Member area has been updated, reorganized and now requires the same password as the Members Only Page.



Sherry M.

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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