



PINE TREE QUILTERS' GUILD OF MUSKOKA

May 2026

President's Message

President's Donut Challenge Showcase!!!

Well, it certainly has been good weather for ducks!!! As we know, April showers bring May flowers!! I wonder if donuts float in mud puddles!!! Did I say "donuts" again?? Of course I did, as this month your challenge is due at our May meeting. I am so looking forward to what you have come up with and certainly hope you got them registered for the Quilt Show as well.



When you arrive at the May meeting, you will be directed to the tables where the creative works will be laid out for display. Each entry will have a number attached to it. If you have your name on the back, maybe cover it up with a piece of masking tape so no one is tempted to snoop to see who made it. 😊

Also, everyone who attends will pick up a strip of 3 tickets at the registration desk in order to cast your votes into the paper bags that will be in front of each entry. The voting and enjoying the viewing of these creations will happen before the meeting and during coffee break. After coffee break, we will do the business part of the meeting while the votes are being tallied. We will then have the general Show and Share, with the Donut Challenge creations following.

The month also reminds us that Quilt Registration and Boutique donations have all been completed. I will let Dale and Mary give the drum rolls for those numbers!! Thank you to all who have submitted entries for viewing and donated items to be sold. Our guests will be overwhelmed, in a good way, I am sure.

MONTH AT A GLANCE

Tuesday, May 5 @ 8:45 a.m.

- Executive Meeting on *Google Meets*

Thursday, May 7 @ 1:00 p.m.

- Modern Group at the Bracebridge Library

Thursday, May 14 @ 1:00 p.m.

- Guild Meeting in-person @ the Muskoka Lumber Community Centre

Thursday, May 21 @ 10:00 a.m.

- Quilt Artists Group at Autumn Leaves Seniors Centre in Baysville

Tuesday, May 26 @ 7:00 p.m.

- Quilt Show Planning on *Zoom*

Thank you to all who have signed up for volunteering as well. This show could not happen without your help.

Please note that the June Potluck which is also the last meeting for this Guild year, will be held at the Rotary Club Centre. You will be receiving more info regarding this but just wanted to give you heads up at this time.

See you May 14th at our Guild meeting.

Sue B.

Past President's Message

We are finalizing our Executive team that will direct next year's Guild activities. We have had a member step up for the Vice President role, but now we have need of someone to take over the compilation of the monthly Newsletter. Please consider whether you have the skills to help out with this important job – training is available. I will be speaking about this at our May meeting, so please give it some thought.

Joyce M.

Membership

Membership registration for the current season is now **closed**.

You will be receiving an email mid-August to inform you that you can register online for the 2026-2027 season. If you register **AND** pay online, you will be able to quickly check off your name and enter the meeting in September. If you are paying in person, you can do that at the desk, but there will be a line.

Remember that even though you are a member, you **MUST** register each year.

I want to thank you for diligently wearing your name tags at meetings and workshops!

Barbara M.



Program and Workshops

It was wonderful to celebrate spring at our April meeting. Our final workshop of the year was well-attended, with 20 of our members completing rope bowls. And later that day we welcomed Martha Schellingerhoud, who shared her Miniature and Small Quilts with us. Her unique presentation, which included the opportunity to see each quilt up close, was inspiring

This month we will be enjoying a presentation by Pauline Grondin: *Piecing Canada's History Through Quilts*, which will continue the theme of Mother's Day into our May meeting. Pauline is an honoured storyteller, who feels that "no thread running through Canada's history is stronger or more consistent than in the use of quilt designs as links between women and their female descendants. Many women felt that the female family, past, present and in the future was important and that these generations were united by the quilts that were the works of their hands and their hearts."



Please note that we will not be providing *Zoom* for this meeting, so we'll be hoping for good travelling weather and a large turnout at this final meeting before our Quilt Show!

Liz F. and Terry W.



Quilt Show



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Muskoka Quilts...from the Heart!

One Month to Showtime and we have surpassed our goals!

340 + quilts registered
and
over 1,300 items for the Boutique

So much progress at every turn:

Planning. Editing. Confirming. Analyzing. Consulting. Recruiting. Drafting. Printing. Promoting. Calculating. Consulting. Pricing. Arranging. Quilting. Finishing. Problem Solving. Testing, Quilting.

**Such hard work and still an air of excitement and fun that just keeps building!
Well Done and Congratulations!!!**

Volunteers still needed:

- Show Attendants (a.k.a. White Gloves)
- Guest services
- Clean up Crew - Saturday at 4 pm.



Email Terry W. if you can fill addition time slots please.

Raffle Quilts

Thank you to all who are helping us spread the word and sell raffle tickets. As a non-profit, our Guild looks to support organizations in the Muskoka area. Profit from the sale of the tickets will help support two worthwhile organization: *South Muskoka Hospital*

Foundation and Hospice Muskoka. Please continue to encourage your family and friends to purchase tickets for a chance to win one of five beautiful quilts being raffled. You will once again receive an e-blast prior to Mother's Day.

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Zoom Quilt Sleeve Tutorial and Work Party

- Tuesday May 5 @ 10 am and 7 pm
- There will be a tutorial & guidance to make a 4" quilt sleeve

If you already know how to make a sleeve - This could be a date to get it done!

Here is a video showing how to make a quilt sleeve if you need it:

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

Delivering your Quilts:

Bring all entries to the **south-west door of the Muskoka Lumber Community Centre**

(56 Salmon Ave, Bracebridge)

Thursday, June 4th between 9:00am and 12:00 noon.

Please bring each of your entries in a separate clear plastic bag.



Each of your entries will need to be **picked up** by you on

Saturday, **June 6th between 5:30pm and 7:00pm.** If

someone else is doing this for you, please let the Intake Team know details.

Every quilt needs a sleeve.

(Approx. 22 people will receive an email if a sleeve is not needed)

Shorter Quilts (60 inches high or less):

- **Please include a dowel** in the bag with your quilt.
 - Please put your name, and the name of your quilt on the dowel.
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To Do List For All Of Us:

- Finish your quilts!
- Attach Quilt Sleeves - (they can be fastened on with safety pins if you prefer)
- Invite Everyone to come!
- Invite others to buy Raffle Tickets.
- Email family and friends a link to the quilt show info on the website please.



PTQGM website - Quilt Show information:

Visitor Info:

<https://www.pinetreequiltersguildofmuskoka.com/guest-information-2/>

Members Info:

<https://www.pinetreequiltersguildofmuskoka.com/2026-quilt-show-2-2/>

Dale Mc.

Quilt Show Boutique

WOW....we did it...over 1250 items. Thank you to everyone who donated items to be sold in the Boutique. The quantity and particularly the variety and quality, of the items, is impressive. You have made our job so enjoyable.

We are now busily sorting, tagging and getting ready for May 5...our Display Prep Day!



You Rock PTQGOM Quilters!

Thanks again.

The Boutique Babes

Outreach

As we come to the close of our 2025 - 2026 Guild year, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the many members who donated so generously. Your kindness, time, and talent continue to make a meaningful difference.

I am very pleased to report that from September 2025 through April 2026, we distributed a total of 89 quilts and 40 pillowcases. This is an incredible achievement for an eight-month period!

Thanks to your ongoing support, Outreach was able to supply 10 of our organizations with quilts to meet their needs. Your generosity has brought comfort and care to so many.

Thank you again for all that you do.

Your quilts were donated to:

- Enliven Cancer Care Muskoka
- Hospice Muskoka, Andy's House
- Great Beginnings
- South Muskoka Memorial Hospital
- Salvation Army
- Interval House
- Huntsville Fire Victims - 2 families who lost their homes due to fires
- Muskoka Shores Long Term Care, Gravenhurst
- The Pines Long Term Care, Bracebridge
- Alzheimer's Society



Joanne R.

Hospitality

Thank you to Mary-Ruth R., Carolyn C., Donna N., Barb B., Elaine O. for bringing treats to our April meeting.



A gentle reminder to Karen T., Tammy C., Joyce McK., Shirley G., Joan B., and Barb A., for volunteering to bring treats to our May meeting.

And another gentle reminder to members to bring your own beverage if you wish to have a drink during the meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you in May.

Happy Spring,

Ardith S.

Quilt Artist Group

The next Quilt Artist Group meeting is May 21, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Autumn Leaves Seniors Centre, 12 University St., Baysville.

Bring lunch, beverage, cutlery, show and share, and \$3.00 for room use.

Sandy Mc. will be leading our group this month.

Carol C.

Modern Group

The Modern Group is meeting in person at the Bracebridge Library on Thursday, May 7 at 1:00 p.m. Every member of the Guild is welcome to attend. A reminder to bring all items (including the fabric challenge) that are to be included in our display at the Quilt Show.

Wendy W.

Website

The Website is regularly updated, if you are not reviewing it at least monthly...what are you missing?

Just a few of the frequent changes:

1. Halina updates the Quilt Show pages with lots of information you need to know and information you should be referring your friends and family to.
2. The Photo gallery is updated each month with pictures from our Show and Share, Quilt Artists meetings, and Modern Group meetings....thank you to the representatives who do this.
3. The list of Upcoming Quilt Shows and other Events is updated as information is received, so be sure to refer to it when planning your weekends and road trips.
4. As recipes are received, they are added to the "Recipes for Goodies shared at our Meetings".

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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