

October
2026

Pine Tree Quilters' Guild *of Muskoka*

President's Message



*I'm so glad I live in a world where there are
Octobers. It would be terrible if we just
skipped from September to November,
wouldn't it? – Anne of Green Gables*

Welcome to our October newsletter! The crisp air has settled in, the leaves are starting to turn, and the days are growing shorter. You know what that means - **quilting season has begun!**

Autumn brings a welcome flow of focus, warmth, and gathering together with family and friends. The dropping temperatures mean it is time to dig into our stashes, finish up those summer projects, and start piecing together quilts for the cold days ahead! There is nothing quite like the feeling of pulling out your latest project, pouring a warm cup of tea, turning on a favourite playlist and settling in for an afternoon or evening of uninterrupted quilting. This season, our guild is dedicated to helping you expand your skills, share your progress and projects, and find inspiration! Whether you are returning or joining us for the first time, your presence is what makes our guild thrive. *(Continued on next page)*

UPCOMING EVENTS



MODERN GROUP

Thursday, October 1st
12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Bracebridge Library at the
Muskoka Lumber Community Centre



GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, October 8th
1:00 p.m.

Trunkshow: **Bill Stearman**

Muskoka Lumber Community Centre

* In-person & via Zoom *



WORKSHOP

Friday, October 9th
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

'In My Own Voice' Sampler
with **Bill Stearman**

* Registration Required *



QUILT ARTISTS GROUP

Thursday, October 15th
10:00 a.m. – 2:00pm

Autumn Leaves Seniors Centre, Baysville



QUILT STUDIO TOUR

Monday, September 28th
1:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Let's Connect



Take a few minutes to meet at least one new – to – you quilter at our meeting. Let's greet with a simple hello and this...

"How do you find time to quilt?"

Did you know?

In February 1991, a group of five women who shared the common interest of quilting met in a home near Port Sydney. And well, the rest is history.

Read about our humble beginnings....

Click here: [Pine Tree Quilters' Guild History](#)



We're better together. Inspire. Create. Quilt.

President's Message - Continued...

October 'tricks' for finding time to quilt! Schedule your sewing time by:

- **blocking the calendar:** write "quilting time" on your calendar in pen
- **sewing with a friend:** build accountability, share expertise and problem solving
- **trading scrolling for stitching:** swap 15 minutes of social media scrolling or screen time for a quick sewing session
- **grabbing pocket moments:** use 15 to 30 minutes of downtime to sew a block or bind part of a quilt
- **leaving your machine out:** keep your sewing machine plugged in, threaded, and ready to go
- **batching your tasks:** separate your quilting process into distinct sessions (e.g., doing all fabric cutting in one go, all piecing in another, and pressing in a third)
- **using project bins:** store all required fabrics, rulers, and threads for a specific project in a designated box or bin so you do not waste time searching for supplies

Wishing you a productive, colourful and healthy October!

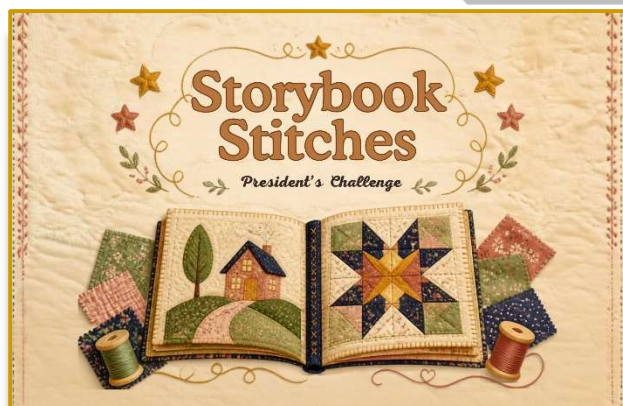
May your Thanksgiving be full of peace, love, and joy!

Warmly,

Lisa Serebrin



President's Challenge



Dust off your favourite childhood memories and fire up your sewing machines! This year's **President's Challenge:**

Storybook Stitches

This year, the challenge is inspired by the magic of children's literature. I invite you to create a quilted piece that celebrates a children's book that holds a special place in your heart. Whether you want to recreate a beloved illustration, quilt an abstract mood, or highlight a famous quote, the sky is the limit!

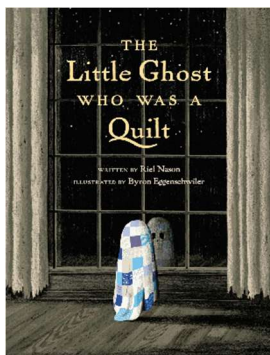
Please follow a couple of simple guidelines:

- a maximum of 24" x 24" quilted wallhanging
- submit at May 2027 meeting with an index card listing the book title and a 1-2 sentence description of your inspiration

** pick a favourite childhood storybook * let the creating begin!**



A Storybook Stitches Book Recommendation!



The Little Ghost Who Was a Quilt

Written by Riel Nason and Illustrated by Byron Eggenschwiler

The Little Ghost Who Was a Quilt is the sweet story of a ghost who isn't like any of his friends or family. Instead of a light, airy sheet, this ghost is a heavy and colorful quilt. It's hard to fly and hide when you're a quilt ghost, and he is sad about being different until something special happens that only he gets to do. And it's all because he's a quilt! This heartwarming story is a reminder that being different is special!

What Makes a Quilt So Special?

By Debbie Anderson Searless

Surely, when the final stitch is entered and the needle laid to rest, only a quilter can know the feeling of pride soaring within her soul.

She has the contentment of knowing that a long, hard journey has come to an end.

She has conquered a challenge, and through her own patience and endurance, has created a loving work of art.

It may well live on long after she has finished her walk upon this earth.

Perhaps what makes a quilt so special is that pride a quilter knows -
that deep in her heart she knows -

some distant future generation might gaze upon her quilt, or touch its fragile threads,
and still feel the love and care that she has sewn in every stitch.

Membership

Membership registration is open for 2026 -2027!

If you haven't done so yet, please register online
AND submit your payment by e-transfer.

We have 146 registered members as of September 19th!
Our new system of checking in at the meetings worked great, so we will
continue with that process. Thank you all for your cooperation.

- ✓ If you have done this, you will be able to go through the **Express line** to sign in when arriving at Guild Meetings.
- ✓ If you have filled out the online form but are making payment in person, you will have to line up to do this at the sign in desk. In this case, please come a bit early to be processed.

A reminder that the registration is on-line only and a two step process.

Complete the registration form by clicking the link below.

Be sure to click "submit" to finish.

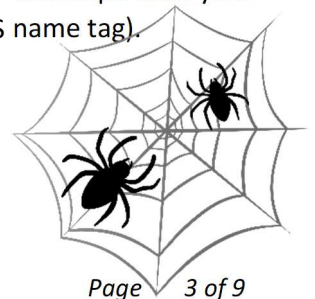
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Payment can be made in 3 ways:

1. **Send an e-Transfer to:** muskokaquilts@gmail.com
(Preferred method). Be sure to indicate what your money is for. (i.e. membership, name tag, workshop, etc.)
2. **Sending a Cheque:** Make cheque out to **Pine Tree Quilters' Guild of Muskoka**
and mail to the Guild Treasurer: Treasurer, PTQGOM
1150 Golden Beach Rd, Bracebridge P1L 1W8
3. **Cash: This option is only available at in-person meetings.**
PLEASE NOTE: If you are bringing cash or cheque to the meeting, please put it in an **unsealed** envelope with your name on the front, the amount, and what it is for (ie Membership only, or membership PLUS name tag).
Thank you!

If you have any problems, please email membership@ptqgom.com .

Joyce M. and Leslie ST



Program

We welcome Bill Stearman to our guild

"In My Own Voice: techniques to put words into quilts".
Thursday, October 8th, 2026
at the Muskoka Lumber Community Centre at 1:00 p.m.



Here's what Bill says about this presentation:

"Words and stories are such an integral part of my work. And they are a large part of my social justice and activism. In this presentation I will use a 'BackPack Show' to talk about the many techniques that I use to add words and story to my quilts... including: appliqué, reverse appliqué, pieced letters, improv letters, paper pieced letters, machine stitched letters, hand stitched letters, trapunto letters, braille, morse code, other codes, QR codes. You'll get to see many of these techniques in real quilts! I'll also offer some hints and tricks to simplify techniques."

Learn more about Bill at: www.billstearman.ca



Looking ahead Next month we will welcome Sharon Fisher!



Terry W. & Julie D.

Workshop

We will continue learning from Bill as he will be presenting:

"In My Own Voice" Sampler
Friday October 9th, 2026 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
at the Muskoka Lumber Community Centre
Cost: \$35

In this workshop, we'll construct a sampler style wall hanging (approx 6" X 18"). It will spell out the word **'QUILTS'**. There will be six letters created during the workshop, each using a different technique, likely raw edge appliqué, reverse appliqué, trapunto, pieced letter (pattern), pieced letter (paper pieced), and Braille or Morse Code.

Bill will provide the fabric (often pre-cut) to speed us through this process. If you know that you are a faster worker, please bring additional fabric to make more letters. There will be a handout provided with internet links, reference material, techniques, etc. You will need to bring neutral thread, your sewing machine and hand-sewing tools. We will provide a shared iron and cutting station, and you are welcome to bring your own as well.

To register for this workshop:

Complete this Google form: <https://forms.gle/oxDtsx5EGSHB84687>

OR Send an email to program@ptqgom.com, and let us know how you will be paying the \$35 fee.

Please note: All workshops are open to all members on a "first-paid-first-served basis", with a limit of 20 participants.

Terry W. & Julie D.



Block of the Month



Sew Along with Meadow Mist Designs

We are now just finishing the third month of our Sew Along. We presently have 27 members participating this guild year. I've included a photo of the two different blocks we made this September: Ohio Star and the Chain Block. It's fun to see how everyone's blocks look different depending on the fabric they have selected to use.



We had our very first Zoom Sew Along on September 16th. This part of the program is voluntary, but I have to say every time I meet with our group, I learn something new. For example, one of our members showed us her 10" X 10" design boards. As we are making a block, laying out each of the pieces helps organize the sewing of each row. These can be purchased or made and Lori Holt has a fabulous video to show us how. I am now eager to make some for me to use for this Sew Along!



Click here for the video to make: [Quilt Design Boards by Lori Holt](#)

Our monthly instructions are always released on the first Thursday of the month. We always schedule our Zoom Sew Along Sessions on the Wednesday following our Members' Meeting. We will be having our next Zoom meeting on:

Wednesday, October 14th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Our Zoom Sew Along sessions are just another way for our guild members to connect (and sew virtually) with other quilters in an informal Zoom setting. It's still not too late for members to join:

www.MeadowMistDesigns.blogspot.com

Please email me at bom@ptogom.com to let me know that you are joining so I can add your name to our fun group.

Suzanne B-R



Hospitality

So great to see everyone at last month's meeting.

Thank you for bringing treats to our September meeting...

Carol C., Pam R., Sandi C., Lynda G., Suzanne B-R, and Ardith S.

For our October meeting

Barbara A., Elaine O'G., Syliva B., Julianne M., Wendy W.
have volunteered to bring treats.

I will be passing along the volunteer sign up sheet for signing up to bring snacks for our future meetings. Please know that the week before the meeting, you will get a reminder email or phone call to bring treats. Please bring along a copy of your recipe so those with allergies will be able to see the ingredients.

Please remember to bring your own beverage for the meeting - not sure if the canteen downstairs will be open.

Ardith S. & Suzanne B-R



Sunshine



If you know of a member who is facing a medical challenge or has recently lost a loved one, please be sure to contact Heather, who will be sending out cards on our behalf.

Heather's contact information can be found in the 'Members' Only' portion of our website. Thank you to all who notify us of members who are dealing with an illness or loss.

Heather M.

Into the sewing room I go, to lose *my mind* and find *my soul* ♡

Outreach

Outreach is on a Roll!



A big thank you from Andrea and me for your incredible generosity with your Outreach quilt donations. Your time, talent and willingness are very much appreciated.



We are excited to report that our goal of catching up on the backlog of pieced quilt tops waiting to be finished was a huge success. All 15 quilt "sandwiches" we brought to the meeting were scooped up - a record for us! It was wonderful to see so many members willing to take a project home and help turn those waiting tops into finished quilts.

And we're not stopping there!

We'll be bringing more quilt "sandwiches" ready for quilting, along with Outreach kits for anyone who would like to piece a quilt top. The kits will include everything needed to get started, making it easy to pick up a project and sew whenever you have some time.

Thank you all for supporting Outreach - your generosity is amazing and truly appreciated!

Joanne R. & Andrea O.



Skip the cutting and go straight to the sewing!

Did you know our Outreach kits are completely pre-cut and include the pattern? We've handled all the prep work so you can enjoy a fun, stress-free sewing project.

Swing by the Outreach table to pick one up!

Quilt Studio Tour



Our very first Studio Tour!

Open Doors: Quilt Studio Tour

Monday September 28th

Between 1:00 and 4:30 pm

Carpool with friends and come!

PTQGM members ONLY - a special membership perk!

(Spouses can come too.)

No Registration is required, just come!

Visit studios and enjoy a beautiful fall drive with friends!
Six Guild Members between Bracebridge and Kearny will
welcome you to tour their very own quilting workspace!
Karyn at "The Workroom" in Sprucedale is also opening her shop
from 1:00 to 4:00 pm! Just for us!

To receive all the additional details and the
Studio Tour Map, please contact Dale

dalecmcmillan@gmail.com

Dale M.



Quilt Artist Group

October 15th, 10:00 am-2:00 pm.

(3rd Thursday of each month)

Baysville Seniors Centre 12 University St, Baysville.

Cost: \$3.00 per person for facility rental.

Bring: Your own Lunch, beverage, cutlery, supplies for the activity, Show and Share.

Each meeting is a play date (see leadership schedule below). For more information visit our guild website.

www.pinetreequiltersguildofmuskoka.com/quilt-art-group

October

Leader: Lisa S.
Fabric Manipulation

November

Leader: Ingrid
Shiva Sticks

January

Leader: Inge
TBD

The Leader each month looks after planning the technique and play activity, sending out a supply list, videos, tutorials and meeting details. They will email this information a week or more before the meeting date.

Questions or to join this group contact:

Carol C. and Dale M.



A Visual Treat: Art Quilts at the Baysville Library

As a point of interest, there is a colourful display of 19 art quilts created by the **Quilt Artists of Muskoka** at the Baysville Library. This gorgeous exhibit runs until the end of October—making it the perfect destination for an autumn drive!

If you want to check it out, the library is open Tuesday through Saturday.

Please see their website for hours of operation: www.lakeofbayslibrary.ca

Modern Group

October 1st, 12:00 – 4:00 pm

(1st Thursday of the month)

Castle Peak Room, Bracebridge Coulson Library at
Muskoka Lumber Community Centre

Our Thursday, October 1st meeting will have a different time and format, as it will be a sewing session from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. to make wheelchair quilts for our Outreach program to provide to local retirement homes. Members have already agreed to bring supplies and equipment. Mary will prepare several kits if you would choose to make those. It should be a fun session!

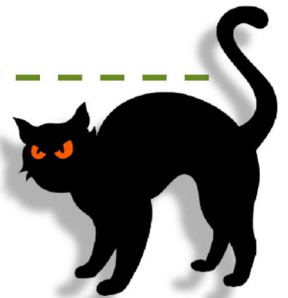
Winter month meetings are held by Zoom. All Pinetree Quilters Guild members are welcome to attend.

Wendy W. & Mary Mc.

Website

Need information about our Guild?

- ✓ Who are the up-coming Speakers and are there Workshops?
- ✓ When/where are Quilt Shows and other events in our area?
- ✓ Questions about Outreach Quilts?
- ✓ Need to contact another member or an executive member?
- ✓ Looking for Newsletters?
- ✓ Missed a meeting and want to know what happened?



This information and more is available at our website www.pinetreequiltersguildofmuskoka.com

Our **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 HAS NOW CHANGED WITH THE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER.

The **Members Only** page is a great resource with videos of our meetings (individual speakers allow their presentation for specified times), wants ads (things our members are looking to rehome, community needs), the patterns for the Boutique items to make it yourself, videos from the Quilt Show, as well as updated community requests.

Use the Up-coming Quilts Shows and other events section to plan your “Fall Colours” Tour, plus there are events into the middle of October!

Sherry M.

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