

# PRAIRIE PIECEMAKERS QUILTERS' GUILD

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***SEASONS GREETINGS***

***Best wishes for the New Year!***

**THE PRAIRIE PIECMAKERS QUILTERS GUILD**  
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## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

### **PRESIDENTS REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2009**

First and foremost, I wish to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a most enjoyable Holiday Season. The seasons have rapidly changed and we can now turn our attention to the nice festive holiday colors of Green for the Roughrider season and mix it with a lot of Red and white to enhance the Christmas spirit.

I continued to receive a few calls following the publication of the article in September and was able to re direct a number of them toward those members who have areas of expertise that I have not. There is nothing like having some one ask questions to put one's mind in gear. It also makes one painfully aware of what knowledge is yet to be learned regarding Guild activities both past and present. It also makes one appreciate the wealth and diversity of talent within the Guild.

As the year comes to an end, I am not quite certain whether I am at the top of a roller coaster ride or at the bottom. The Guild is currently in a very precarious position of having to make some tough decisions. Having talked to a number of the Guild members, I am confident that the Executive is on the right course of action to kick their way into what should be a very great year.

I have no November statistics to offer regarding amounts time spent on behalf of the guild.

On behalf of the Executive , I wish to offer you all the compliments of the season. We trust you will all enjoy the festivities planned for tonight by our Vice president Theresa Arsenault with the assistance of other Executive and guild members.

***HAVE FUN***

***KEEP WARM UNDER ONE OF THOSE MARVELOUS  
QUILTS YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED.***

***Ted Sheard***

**AGENDA**  
**PRAIRIE PIECMAKERS QUILTERS' GUILD**  
**MEMBERSHIP MEETING December 1, 2009**  
**WHITMORE PARK UNITED CHURCH**

- 1. Welcome.**
- 2. Have a great time!**
- 3. Purchase raffle tickets.**
- 4. Win some prizes!**
- 5. Have a great time!**
- 6. Enjoy the season and have a Happy New Year!**

**MINUTES OF THE  
PRAIRIE PIECEMAKERS QUILTERS' GUILD  
GENERAL MEETING  
November 3, 2009  
WHITMORE PARK UNITED CHURCH, REGINA**

Sharon Harris (Secretary) was not able to attend the meeting.

No minutes were submitted prior to the printing of the newsletter. If anyone has minutes from the meeting please submit them to me for inclusion in the January newsletter.

*Yvonne (Editor)*

## From our WEBSITE COORDINATOR:

### Worth a Look

- Mavis Wood, a Prairie Piecemakers Quilt Guild member who recently moved to Ottawa sent an email to say she has joined the Ottawa Valley Quilters' Guild and attended her first Guild meeting on November 2. She especially recommended the work of Pippa Moore, a fabric artist from Comox BC who provided a slide and trunk show, titled "An African Adventure", at the Ottawa meeting. You can visit the Ottawa Valley Quilters' Guild website from our website's "Links" page at <http://www.prairiepiecemaker.com/links.htm>, and Pippa Moore's website at <http://www.pippamoore.ca/>.
- A slide show of pictures from the November 2 Show and Share is available on the website home page, <http://www.prairiepiecemaker.com>.
- Myrna Rosebrook has challenged Guild members to make a fabric bag, bring it to the March 2010 Guild meeting and show that going "green" does not have to be plain or green! You can find a summary of activities from each Guild meeting on the News page at <http://www.prairiepiecemaker.com/news.htm#current.htm>.

### Recommend a Link

- Send your recommendation for a link(s) to your favourite quilt store, site, resource or tip with a brief note about why you are recommending it to [info@prairiepiecemaker.com](mailto:info@prairiepiecemaker.com) and contribute to building the resource section of the Guild's website!

### Sell and Find

Send your requests anytime to [info@prairiepiecemaker.com](mailto:info@prairiepiecemaker.com) to have your notices posted on the website (<http://www.prairiepiecemaker.com/classified.htm>):

- Advertise item(s) to sell.
- Find an item to purchase, or post a notice about something you are looking to purchase.
- Post requests to find people who share your quilting interests, or sources for quilting resources.

### November 2009 Website Stats Report:

There are **223** "unique" visitors to the Guild website as of **November 24, 2009**. The number of visitors rises to **403** when repeat visitors are counted. **Final totals** for visitors to the Guild website in **October 2009** were **287 unique visitors** and **618 repeat visitors**. It is great see to visitors returning to the Guild website. Please let me know (by sending an email to [info@prairiepiecemaker.com](mailto:info@prairiepiecemaker.com)) if you are not finding what you are looking for when you visit the website and how we can make the site more useful to you, so that you too may be counted as a "return visitor".

Kathy Stedwill  
Website Coordinator

### **Report from our LIBRARIANS:**

The following three books and magazine have been donated to our library:

- Jacobean Rhapsodies Unique appliqué designs of branches vines and flowers.
- Designing Quilts Learn how to identify color value of fabric.
- 300 years of Canada's Quilts A good resource book for those interested in the history of quilting in Canada.
- Fabric Trends for Quilters Spring 2009 (magazine)

Come check out our Christmas books as you plan for the holiday season and last minute gift projects.

*Library Committee: Pat, Peggy and Myrna*

### **From the NEWSLETTER EDITOR:**

- I'm still battling with the new software on my laptop (stupid software! ☺) so I apologize in advance for any errors or omissions in this edition.
- Please have any submissions for then newsletter to me by the Tuesday before the meeting date. This gives me some time to fight with my computer and get the results to the printer. When possible, please provide submissions in an electronic format that can be copy and pasted into a Word document.

*Yvonne Gallant*

### **Misc:**

- **WORN to WOW!!!** The guild has received a request from a person looking to have a simple quilt or a duvet cover made of 6 – 8 inch squares using silk clothing. If you are interested in taking on this project please call Beverley at 525-1647 or email her at [beverley.belton@sasktel.net](mailto:beverley.belton@sasktel.net)

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## **GIFTABLES CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE**

**6911 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue N**

**Friday December 4, 2009                      4:00 – 9:00 pm**  
**Saturday December 5, 2009                10:00am – 4:00 pm**

**Bring a friend and join us for apple cider and dainties**

**DOOR PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED EACH DAY!**

## **WORKSHOP:**

### ***SILK FUSION***

**Saturday, January 23, 2010**

**9:30am to 3:30 pm**

**Pasqua Rec Centre**

**\$30.00**



This class will explore the basic concept of silk paper making. There will be class discussion on the use of silk paper in the Quilting world.

Silk fusion (sometimes referred to as silk paper) is easy and fun to make. Typically silk paper is made by treating layers of silk with a textile medium or stiffener. It can be made in flat sheets resembling fabric or it can be molded into three-dimensional shapes.

By the end of the class each student will have paper to use in quilting and will have produced a 3-D piece that is sure to WOW!

Supplies:

- \$20.00 to cover the cost of silk rovings (there will be a number to choose from)
- Plastic to cover the tables.

All other supplies will be covered by the Instructor.

## **PRE-FLIGHT CHECKLIST FOR FREE MOTION NEWBIES**

If this is your maiden voyage and you're feeling overwhelmed and that there's too much to remember, tape this flight plan checklist next to your sewing machine as a reminder:

1. Feed dogs have been dropped or covered.
2. Stitch length has been set at zero. Remember, you will actually be controlling the stitch length by how quickly you move the fabric sandwich underneath the machine needle and how much gas you give the foot control.
3. Quilt gloves are on. For me, this is an absolute necessity and I really urge you to try a pair if you have not yet. These are not mandatory, but they sure can make life easier!
4. Tension adjustments have been made on a "throw away" quilt sandwich. Know that in general, free motion quilting will necessitate a lowering of your top sewing machine tension setting.
5. RELAX! A big part of succeeding at this really DOES have to do with you being relaxed, so set the stage. Put on music or a DVD or meditate or have a glass of wine or do whatever it takes to get yourself feeling relaxed and ready for a new adventure!
6. If your machine has the "needle-down" feature, try setting it in needle-down. This will "hold your place" on the quilt sandwich every time you stop. When you start up again after stopping, remember to move your sandwich forward a teeny bit so you don't get a tiny thread mound where you started.
7. Lower your pressor foot and if you are sewing on a Pfaff, put your pressor foot in the half-darning position.
8. To begin quilting, drop the machine needle and hold onto the top thread tail as you bring up the needle. Gently tug on it and this will pull up the bobbin thread. Pull at this so you have about 4 inches of thread on the top and bobbin threads and then re-drop the machine needle just NEXT to the first hole. Gently hold onto those threads for the first few stitches and take a series of very short stitches, just next to your first stitch. Avoid stitching these on top of one or you'll get the much-dreaded thread blob! You have now successfully locked your initial stitching and you may take off! Burn some rubber, Baby!

*Origin Unknown.*



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Saturday, January 23, 2010



Open Extended Hours  
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## ***New classroom opening***

on the main floor  
January 2010

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