

## Pembroke Log Cabin Quilt Guild Minutes for May 16

1. The meeting began at 7 pm. 31 people were in attendance.

50/50 Draw - Suzette Begin

Show and Tell Winner: Jackie Beaupre

Stitch-by-Stitch Door Prize Winner: Susan Smith

2. Executive Reports: No reports were presented.
3. New Business: Monic Harrington would like someone to take over as secretary. She will continue to do the newsletters. There were no takers but everyone was asked to think about it and let Mary Ann know by the June meeting.

Wendy Henderson has stepped down as Treasurer so the Treasurer position is now vacant. Dawna Steele nominated Mary Jackson. Denise Kossatz seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Mary accepted the position.

Next month is our trunk garage sale. Leave sewing items in your trunk and everyone can go shopping on the honour system. Take item and leave money. Bring cash. Also, we will have a snack night. Everyone is to bring something to munch on. Showing all charity quilts at this meeting. There will be 40-50 quilts presented!

Faith stated that Dawna would like to do a mystery quilt in the fall instead of a Block of the Month. All that will be needed is 42  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inch strips - no pattern will be needed.

Faith also suggested that we have a workshop on making a tote for our sewing machines or making a tote with wheels that would be used for toting our sewing machine supplies. These totes are called "A Place for Everything Bag"!

4. Ruler Presentation by Heather Dawson from "Stitch-by-Stitch" in Kingston: Heather insisted that we all try our local shops to find desired rulers. If we cannot find them, call her. Heather spoke about *Studio 180* and *Matty Michelle* rulers. Both rulers are similar but the *Studio 180* is for trimming down to perfection and with the *Matty Michelle* ruler, you are stepping up to perfection.

*Quiet in-day rulers* are square-up rulers. They have tear drops on the side and are great to cut off dreaded "dog ears" or squares.

Tips with Rulers: Highlighter tapes and colour tapes which are good to use to mark your spot on the ruler. Use new rotary cutter blades!

The *Trick* ruler has a French curve on it and is used by seamstresses. You can use the rotary cutter around the curve.

Rules can be hung on the wall; they can lay flat; or they can be put in special ruler racks. Amazon rulers might be cheaper but they neither cut nor measure. Also, the measurements are often off.

Mist off matts with water after use. This makes them last longer.

You can add a QR app on your phone to check out the QR codes on the rulers you want to buy. This app will take you to a video showing what the ruler does before you actually buy it!

Keep your sewing machines well-oiled and lubed. Keep your technicians busy in order to keep your machine healthy! We are lucky to have two available at Algonquin. Most places don't have anyone!

5. Questions:

- A participant asked if we would be continuing zoom. Are we just not having zoom for this meeting? Or will it be forever?  
**Mary-Ann said she is not willing to take over zoom but was not opposed to someone else taking it on.** Another participant

suggested that a student wanting to get their Co-op hours might be interested in the task. The majority of participants were in favour of having zoom available in the winter.

- Faith gave a website address for anyone interested in getting gems for quilts. These were displayed by the presenter last month.

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6. Caroline Beaulieu - Game Night - Caroline presented two jars - one with clips and the other with bobbins. We were to guess the quantity in each. Game winners were Joanne Jefferies and Ellen Vandersleen.
7. Notion of the Month - Cynthia Bell - Cynthia presented the "Magic Hand Ruler" which has points at each end as well as a  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch indicated on each side of center. This ruler comes in 6", 8" and 12" lengths.
8. Tips of the Month - Dawna Steele - You can use a frisbee under your sewing pedal to keep it from sliding. This tip came to Dawna from Roxie.

Keep small strips of fabric cut off at the end of yardage. These are good for making bags!

Suzette Begin suggested that you can put two door stops under both ends of your machine to raise it up. This will help stop your neck from bending down all the time. This technique won't work if you are using an extension table, however.

9. The meeting ended sometime after 8:45 pm.