

QUILTERS' QUILL

"The Executive will work together as a team to support and encourage new quilters, challenge and draw upon experienced quilters and provide warmth and comfort to those in need." As your Executive Committee, we are designing some things to meet the above goal."

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Items for Quilters' Quill should be submitted by the Monday of **two weeks** before the Guild Meeting. Please call Joanne Kavanagh 345-2269.

E-mail: kavanagh@tbaytel.net

Business card ad - \$10; Half page ad - \$20

Full page ad - \$20+ printing cost/copy

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

This month we have several opportunities for community-oriented projects. Thanks to all for their participation!

Earlier in February representatives from the Guild spent a day at McKellar Park School, introducing students to quilting by speaking to them about it, showing them the quilting process along with completed projects, and providing some hands-on activities.

Members have gathered at Alanna Shaw's house twice to prepare kits for the Quilt Bee scheduled for this weekend, February 19 and 20, 9 am to 4 pm at Calvary Lutheran Church. Many of us will attend that event and work on quilts to be distributed throughout the community. Bring along a bag lunch, a treat to share, your machine and sewing supplies, and enjoy a productive day of fellowship and inspiration.

Be on the lookout at this meeting for further information about proposed courses offered by Nancy Eichel and Heather Stewart. Nancy is a certified Cotton Theory teacher. Cotton Theory is a special quilt-as-you-go technique. Heather Stewart teaches a variety of classes. If there is enough interest, both will be scheduled for the fall.

Happy quilting!

Doris

HINTS AND TIPS

- Make your own project kit. After you have purchased or gathered everything you need for a project, place it all along with the pattern in a zippered bag so that it will be ready to go when you have time to work on it.

- Use wine glass charms to identify your scissors and cutters when you take them to a class or retreat.
- Save large empty pill bottles to hold thread and bobbins for a take-along applique project. Poke a hole through the cap so you can pull out the thread you need without opening the lid.
- Use a CD case for storing templates.

PROGRAM CHAIR

Reminder - make sure your car is locked.

If you have any ideas for program then please pass them along to Cindy or anyone on the executive. We may do another demo night in spring - they are popular this year and I've had many volunteers. Pat Inch and her group are also doing something with polka dots in May. I'm still looking for 1-2 volunteers for quilter of the month - be brave and have your own show & tell night.

Feb - Muriel Squires will be Quilter of the Month.

Mar - undecided at this time

Apr - tentatively another demo night. I need 3 more volunteers to make this a go. It can be on any technique or quick trick or a simple project to make or if you have some cool tools you want to demo that would be great. Please let Cindy know before the March meeting.

May - Pat Inch and her group will be doing something with polka dots. More details to follow.

BOM - Just a reminder that for every block you turn in from this year's BOM your name goes into a draw for a gift certificate from The Quilter's Stash. I will do the draw in May. So far none have been turned in. So please try to do some extras so we can give them to the Quilt Bee committee to make up kits. BOM #6 is in this month's Quill.

WINTER 2010 MYSTERY - 3 PARTS

Part 2 is included in the newsletter. There are still 3 kits left at \$20 so contact Cindy or see me at the meeting if you want one. It's a black and white theme with a splash of color. As always I have designed a special hanger for one

lucky person who brings it in finished to the April meeting. Since I have more time now, I will also take orders for the hanger.

Placemat Pattern - want a simple pattern for a placemat to use up those scraps or to make some for Meals on Wheels or Empty Bowls. Then check out the Moda Fabrics free patterns website: http://www.unitednotions.com/un_main.nsf/free_patterns and go to the Silent Night Batik Table runner pattern. It has a table runner and placemats. The square on point would be great if you fussy cut a fabric with a nice feature print.

THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE

FOR THE QUILT SHOW 2011

The executive has decided on the challenge for the 30th anniversary of the Guild and the deadline will be next April in time for the Quilt Show. Final deadline to be published early next year. But we wanted everyone to have lots of time to plan their quilt. Since it's our 30th we decided the number 30 had to play an important part of the challenge. So have fun with it and be creative. We will have prizes for the top 3. This would be a great way to use up a charm pack since they typically have 40 fabrics all coordinated for you if you don't think you can do it on your own!

Here are the rules:

- it can be a circle or as many sides as you like BUT each side must be the same size and be either 30cm OR 30". So if you do a square it must be 30cm x 30cm or 30in x 30in. Or you can do a triangle with all 3 sides being 30cm or 30in. If you chose a circle it is the circumference that must be 30cm or 30in and unless you're into really miniature quilts a 30cm circumference is really small.
- It must be quilted in some way
- It may be embellished any way you choose but it is not necessary
- The edges must be finished in some way but not necessarily bound.

- You must provide a write-up explaining how your quilt meets the criteria.
 - You must have a label on the back with your name and the name of the quilt.
 - You can include any description with the quilt i.e. explaining your inspiration or ideas in making it
 - Then you must incorporate 2 of the following (binding and backing don't count):
 - it must have exactly 30 different fabrics
 - it must have exactly 30 pieces
 - it must have exactly 30 colors in the same color family
 - it must have exactly 30 blocks
 - it must be made entirely of 1930's fabrics
 - it must have 1 piece of fabric from 30 different people (include the list of people with your quilt)
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FEBRUARY QUILT BEE

Our next Quilt Bee will be held on Friday and Saturday, February 19 and 20, at Calvary Lutheran church, located at the corner of Edward and Donald Streets. Sign-up will be at tonight's meeting. Join fellow quilters for a fun day or two of sewing quilts that will go to the sick and needy in our community. Bring your sewing machine, thread and normal sewing and cutting equipment along with a bag lunch and a treat to share. Kits, fabric and batting will be supplied. Quilters at all levels of experience are invited to participate. If you're new, it's a great opportunity to get to know other guild members and perhaps to learn a few new quilting tricks!

PLACEMATS & EMPTY BOWLS

Eight placemats for Empty Bowls were turned in at the December meeting. 30 placemats, left over from Empty Bowls 2009, were delivered to Meals on Wheels in December.

16 placemats were turned in at the January meeting. None were delivered to Meals on Wheels in January.

Nelly Reedhead

Chair Empty Bowls Committee

www.emptybowlstb.com

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Spring is just around the corner, full of promise, new growth and warm sunny days.

Along with promise and new growth comes the reality of change and the need for a new Executive. I have spoken to our current President, Vice President and Program Chair and all three **will not** be seeking re-election. So the future may be full of promise and new growth if and only if we are able to fill the three Executive positions successfully at our June meeting.

Consider the possibility that no one comes forward - will there be no need for future planning because there will be no September meeting, no Quilt Show in 2011 and the end of the Thunder Bay Quilter's Guild.

The Guild is a volunteer run organization and it takes the support of the entire Guild to make every meeting and event possible. Please consider the above positions, come and talk to me or any member of the Executive with any questions you might have. Remember that all past Executive members are ready to offer support and assistance, so that this great Guild that has been built on a strong foundation for the past 29 years can continue to be a healthy organization full of promise and new growth.

LIBRARY REPORT FEBRUARY 2010

The January meeting proved to be a detour from the usual. The Library was broken, so only a small selection of new books were presented to the membership, and they all went home with interested members to enjoy a few hours of happy reading and planning.

I had positive feedback on the presentation of the books – laid out on a table the books were easier to access and browsing did not involve bending way down to the bottom shelves and trying to read titles with bent necks.

With that in mind, the Library will continue to display and present books to the membership on tables (sorted in bins) making for a more friendly user venue.

Come by at the February meeting, browse the new books listed below and some of the current books already part of the expanding library and go home with a book or two or three!

Books offer a limitless supply of information, new projects, great ideas to try out or simply great pictures to capture

your imagination and create new creative endeavours and challenges.

Your comments and suggestions are always welcomed...



NEW BOOKS

Sew Necessary
 Fibreart Montage
 JB Montano Embroidery and Crazy Quilt
 Stitch Tool
 On The Run
 Quilt a Gift
 Layer Cake, Jelly Roll and Charm Quilts
 Basic Beauties
 Block by Block to Beautiful Quilts
 Deck the Halls
 Decorating for Christmas
 Sewing Season's Greeting
 Have your Cake and Eat it Too
 Material Obsession
 Northwoods Flannel
 Fresh Vintage Sewing
 Quilt the Seasons Book 2
 Turning Strips and Squares into Table Sets
 Serge and Merge Quilts
 Quilters Think Pink
 Make it You – Your Space

FEATURED BOOKS

Cotton Theory Book One and Two

Author: Betty Cotton

What is Cotton Theory™ Quilt

Cotton Theory quilting is a new and different way to construct your quilt. It's backward!

Unlike traditional quilts, which are pieced together, layered with batting and then quilted, Cotton Theory projects are quilted first, one segment at a time, and then assembled using Betty Cotton's fold-and-finish procedures.

Most quilters enjoy piecing together the top of a traditional quilt because they can see the design as it takes shape, and the results are rewarding. The actual quilting, however, can be a challenge, especially if your traditional quilt is large. Often, quilting becomes the least favorite part of constructing a quilt.

[Reversible quilt.](#)

The Cotton Theory method makes quilting easy, no matter the size of your quilt. You quilt each piece individually before you construct your project, so quilting becomes just as enjoyable as piecing together the design.

You can quilt pieces creatively and

accurately to produce completely reversible quilts with decorative stitches and optional machine embroidery.

During Cotton Theory assembly, you sew the raw edges of your quilted pieces together, leaving seam allowances that are folded on the outside of your quilt and then stitched in place using one or more Cotton Theory techniques. This adds an extra dimension to the surface. The result is a reversible quilt that combines sewing, quilting and embroidery, if you choose. You end up with two quilts - one on each side - by constructing one project. All work is done with a sewing machine; there's no need to do handwork. It's fast, fun, and completely unique.

ELECTIONS/POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Time has a habit of creeping along very quietly and before you know it – it's June and time for another election.

This year will bring three major positions upfront and centre –
PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT AND
PROGRAM CHAIR

Please consider these positions, discuss it with your friends and quilting groups and step forward!

The Guild runs on volunteer power and without our members running the show – THERE WILL BE NO SHOW. Talk to the current Executive if you have any questions or to just get an idea of what is required in each of the positions. Many hands make light work – volunteer and make a difference to your Quilt Guild – new people, new ideas, great GUILD!

Luci Andreacchi Past President

Hi Joanne;

I just wanted to say thank you for faithfully sending the Quill to our guild here in Dryden. We appreciate it so much and our members enjoy seeing what your guild is up to.

Our guild has a website up and running now, so I thought I would share it with you and you may pass it on to your members if you wish. You can find us at:
<http://www.sunsetcountryquilters.com/>

We hope you enjoy it. Don't forget that our quilt show is happening on April 24th and 25th so keep those dates open. Check our website for entry forms and rules. We look forward to seeing old friends and new from your guild for it and hopefully this year, there will be no large snowfall to keep people away.
Thanks again Marg Wallis-Zarecki

FOR SALE

Wooden, double bed size hand
quilting frame - 475-4997 for more info

CLASSIFIEDS (BUY/SELL/TRADE)

Two-line non-business quilt-related
classified ads can be placed in the Quill for
\$2.50 Each additional line costs \$1.00
Please pay Aila Metsa in advance.

Linda Schmidt - January 15, 2010

Have you ever noticed how closely the quilting movement resembles the French Resistance movement? Think about it. Most quilt guild meetings are at a church, at a time when people won't notice a large number of women coming singly or in small groups, walking nonchalantly up to an unmarked door, and slipping inside. They are laden down with bags, usually marked with strange runes and signs made of squares and triangles. There is rarely a sign saying "Quilt Guild meets here."

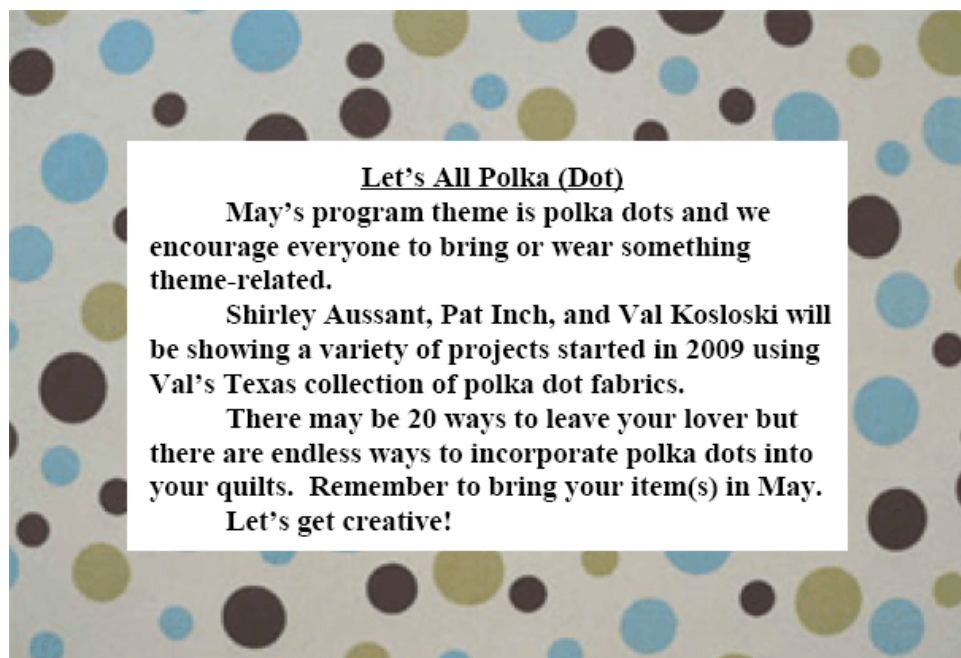
We are like a small revolutionary band, a secret society where other quilters automatically feel linked. We mix fabric, color and stolen time to make beauty, whether it is out of scraps, worn-out clothing or new fabric. This is not something a whole lot of people understand, so a quilt guild functions in many ways as a support group of the highest order. The members help in time of need, understand when things go awry, and sometimes hide out from the Quilt Police.

I think quilting is a Resistance in other ways: resistance against mass production, shoddy workmanship and an uncaring world. We take time, fabric and memories and wrap them all up to keep someone warm, whether they are family or strangers. We do it to remember them, to connect them to all the people who go before us and after us, including the people who will be touched by our work, even if they never know our names. Most of these quilts are given to shelters of all kinds, all with the hope of making the world a better place, all part of the quilters' Resistance Movement.

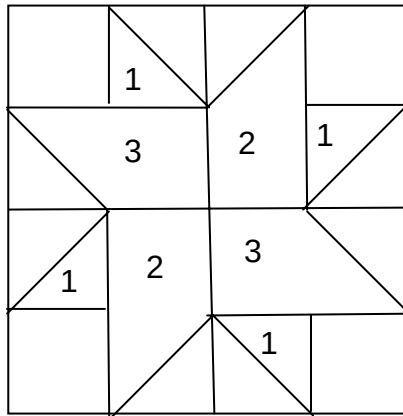
Like many people, I have never marched in a peace rally or taken a stand that meant commitment to a cause. I grew up a fairly easygoing, laid back person who figured things are just better left alone to work themselves out. But then I got to thinking - what if every person who could do something, did? I'm not good at a lot of things, but I can make quilts.

Lots of other quilters, members of the Resistance, are out there, too, doing what they can do. Guilds all over the world are making quilts for people who need to have something made by caring hands, something they can call their own, when all else has been taken from them, even their dignity. We are making quilts that go directly to those who have the need or raffling quilts to make money for research. We're doing our best to put the message out that there are still caring people in the world; people who know the importance of people helping other people.

So, be an active member of the Resistance and do what you can do, whatever that may be. Make a quilt by yourself or join a group that makes quilts. Get to know your fellow Resistance members, whether they meet in person or online. Be part of the Quilters' Resistance against an uncaring world, and know that you are not alone.



BOM #6



Corners (BG)

$2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 2\frac{1}{2}''$ – need 4

Half Square Rectangles:

(BG)

$2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 2\frac{1}{2}''$ – need 4

(color 2)

$2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 4\frac{1}{2}''$ – need 2

(color 3)

$2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 4\frac{1}{2}''$ – need 2

Half Square Triangles:

(color 1)

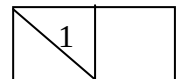
$3\frac{1}{4}'' \times 3\frac{1}{4}''$ – need 2

(BG)

$3\frac{1}{4}'' \times 3\frac{1}{4}''$ – need 2

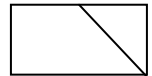
1. Make the 4 half square triangles using the $3\frac{1}{4}''$ BG and color 1. Square up to $2\frac{1}{2}''$

2. Sew a $2\frac{1}{2}''$ BG corner square to one edge so it looks like this picture. Make 4. Press to the corner square



Making the half square rectangles:

3. Lightly draw a diagonal line on the back of the 4 remaining $2\frac{1}{2}''$ BG squares.
4. Place it right sides together on one end of the $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 4\frac{1}{2}''$ rectangle. So it looks like the picture.
5. Sew on the line. Press to rectangle. Then trim excess. Make 2 of each color.
6. Sew a unit from step 2 to each of the half square rectangles.
7. Sew the 4 blocks together to look like the block picture. Pressing seams so they will interlock.
8. It should measure $8\frac{1}{2}''$ square



CELEBRATE SPRING

Come and join

**Elaine, Evelyn, Luci
Norma and Yvonne**

**for an evening of
QUILTING and FRIENDSHIP**

MYSTERY QUILT NIGHT

Friday, April 30, 2010

6:00 p.m. – 12:00 midnight

\$40.00

What exactly is a “mystery quilt” project? Instructions for construction of a new quilt top are given out bit by bit, so you won’t have a clue to what you are making until the project is nearly complete.

Location: Calvary Lutheran Church

2820 Donald Street East

Thunder Bay, Ontario

Seating will be limited to 25 so that you can enjoy the evening in comfort.

We will provide rolled sandwiches (yes we will include the ever popular peanut butter/banana combination along with all the other favourites) veggie/fruit trays and dips and of course dessert served along with tea/coffee and assorted cold beverages.

Tickets will be available at the February Guild meeting and an information package (fabric requirements/cutting instructions/supply list) will be emailed (to those who have an email address) or by pickup in March.

See you there!