

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.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

HAPPY NEW YEAR! No I have not mistaken September for January but I have always felt September was the beginning of a new year. School starts again, all the activities that take a summer break start again like TBQG. A new season is about to begin so all these things say HAPPY NEW YEAR to me.

We are entering our 30th year as Thunder Bay Quilters' Guild. We have a rich and interesting past, an exciting and dynamic present and a hopeful, exciting future. Our future as a Guild depends on **you, the members**. Our Guild has always counted on volunteers to make it function. Now is no different. Your Guild needs every one of you to become involved in one way or another to ensure that this Guild is here to continue to advance the art of quilting in Thunder Bay. If every member volunteered to do at least one thing during this year, what a great year it will be. Hitch hiking on the words of JFK, **"Ask not what your Guild can do for you, ask what you can do for your Guild"**.

I am excited about the coming year and the activities that members of the executive as well as others have planned. Alva Llewellyn has agreed to run demonstrations of quilting techniques and blocks from 6:15 to 6:45 before every meeting. Alva is open to any suggestions or requests. Marlene McRobb, the programme chair, has some great new ideas to share. Luci Andreacchi is interested in hearing from you suggestions for workshops and teachers that will add to your quilting resume

As the New Year begins let all members of TBQG resolve to make 2010 – 2011 a great year for our guild.

Norma

HALL OF FAME

Congratulations to Nelly Reedhead and Linda Guitard on becoming the newest members of the Hall of Famers.

Nelly has been a member of TBQG since 1997. Nelly is a prolific quilter. Since joining, Nelly has been actively involved in many areas of the Guild. She has participated in many quilting bees, teaching many of us new and quick blocks, donated many comfort quilts and place mats. She has lead the Empty Bowls and lead in the making of many place mats. Nelly has also collected place mats from members for Meals on Wheels. Nelly donates many hours to many worthwhile projects that include quilting.

Linda has been a member since 1998. Linda also has been actively involved in many areas of the Guild. Linda has volunteered for the quilt show by organizing the hanging of the quilts as well as many other things that make the quilt show successful. Linda has also been a leader on the Quilt Bee committee. She has stored fabric in her basement, help cut kits for comfort quilts, sorted, folded and cut fabric into many squares. Linda has participated in many workshops conducted by the Guild.

Both Nelly and Linda have made our Guild stronger and relative by becoming involved and volunteering their time, knowledge and skills. Thank you for all you have done and what you will do.

Cotton Theory

Nancy Eichel Workshop

Certified Cotton Theory Instructor Nancy Eichel from Dryden will be giving a trunk show on Friday evening November 5 at Superior High School, followed by a one-day workshop which will be given on both Saturday, November 6 and Sunday, November 7. Cotton Theory is a quilt-as-you-go technique.

The Saturday workshop is almost full, but there are still spaces available for the Sunday session. A \$50

non-refundable workshop deposit is due ASAP. Total cost for the workshop and kit is \$125, and the remaining \$75 fee will be due at the October meeting. The workshop kit will include fabrics for a table runner top and backing, special batting, book, adhesive guide, and some thread. For further information contact Doris Dungan (625-6350 or dorisd@tbaytel.net).

HINTS AND TIPS

- Use a lint roller to remove stray threads from your batting before sandwiching it into a quilt.
 - Always thread the leading edge off the spool through the eye of the needle, cutting and knotting the opposite end. This way you work with instead of against the twist in the thread from the manufacturing process.
 - A cute fall wall hanging pattern called Simply Spooky with cats, bats and pumpkins is available for free from Red Rooster Fabrics at this address: <http://www.redroosterfabrics.com/content5748.html>
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QUALITY MARKET

We are still collecting cash register tapes from Quality Market. Give your collected receipts to Doris Dungan. In the Spring, these will be converted into cash for our guild.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Welcome ! We hope you will all help to make this year a success by participating and helping.

New in September ...

1. " The Box "
 - for comments , questions , quilting problems , suggestions etc.
 - will be addressed to at the following month's meeting
 - sign your name or remain anonymous
2. Getting to know our members
 - When you sign in you will be given a number; [1 to 15]. Come to the meeting to find out what the numbers are for!
3. WOOF, WOW, WONDERFUL
 - We have chosen this theme for donation quilts for this year and we want you to help. Helping our community by working together to make quilts for those in need.
 - WOOF means -Width Of Our Fabric [selvedge to selvedge - about 42 inches] WOOF *Please bring to the meeting 1 WOOF strip [or 2 or 3 or more]. The strips can be 2" to 4" wide. More on this at the

meeting.

4. Personal Challenges
 - Throughout the year, we invite you to do some personal challenges - to be announced. It would be great fun if everyone participated.
5. Volunteers
 - We want you to help us - no specific job at this time - just a list of people we can call on when needed. Please sign on.

Marlene McRobb & Linda Guitard

"QUILTER'S NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION"

This is just a reminder that Cindy has kept all the resolution forms that were turned in last February. If you remember, October is the big reveal month. If you can't remember what you planned to have finished you can email me at ccockell@tbaytel.net and I'll send you your list.

CINDY'S QUILT CLASSES

My apologies to anyone who wanted to do the Magic Tiles or Paper Piecing early in summer. I was called out of town unexpectedly for a funeral when I had planned to do it and then just got too busy at work over the summer. I will let you know when Magic Tiles is re-scheduled.

Cindy

QUILT SHOW

Just a reminder to everyone that I'm still looking for lots of volunteers for the Quilt Show, especially for the Vendor & Advertising committees. The sign up sheets will be at the Sept. meeting or you can email me (I don't think I'll be at the Sept. meeting). Also, don't forget about the "30" challenge for our 30th anniversary. For those of you who are new or who have forgotten, I have reprinted the rules here:

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 30 cm OR 30". So if you do a square it must be 30 cm x 30 cm or 30 in x 30 in. Or you can do a triangle with all 3 sides being 30 cm or 30 in. If you chose a circle it is the circumference that must be 30 cm or 30 in and unless you're into really miniature quilts a 30 cm 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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PLACEMATS & EMPTY BOWLS

I don't have a count on the number of placemats received as I missed the June meeting. Our Empty Bowls event takes place on October 17, 2010 at the Moose Hall on Fort William Road. I have dinner tickets and raffle tickets available. If anyone still has placemats or table runners to donate, let me know and I can arrange pickup or drop off before the 17th. Nelly 473-5646.

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.
