

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

It is Thanksgiving afternoon and I am wondering what to write. I am already late with my submission to the Quill. Every time this past week I went to write for the Quill, my mind was blank (some would say what else is new). I will give it one more try and see what I come up with.

Thanksgiving is always a good time to sit back and reflect on the many blessings we have in our lives. I have been blessed over and over in my life. I live very comfortably, have great family and friends and I am involved in many activities that enrich and enhance my life.

My glass is half full and becoming fuller every day.

I realize this is a very personal and short reflection. I wish for you all a great Thanksgiving and a life that is full and rewarding.

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THE EXECUTIVE DECIDED

At the Executive Meeting held at Calvary Lutheran Church on Tuesday October 5th, a few decisions were made that needed to be passed on to the membership.

1. The Executive received a suggestion that the president challenge be stopped. The member felt that this challenge put undue pressure on the past president and was not a fitting way to thank some one for their years of service. The 3 past presidents in attendance at the meeting concurred as well as the other members present. It was decided that a past presidents pin should be created as a way to honour and thank the women who take on the role of president. Luci is unable to complete her challenge and Doris will not be completing hers. Each of

these women has full and busy lives and do not need this pressure.

2. There was a suggestion that those who have Show and Tell give the pattern along with it. This will not be happening. TBQG does not approve of running off patterns from commercial patterns. If some one wants to know the pattern, please talk to the quilter who created the quilt to get the information about the pattern.
 3. Please keep asking questions and making suggestions in the box available each meeting. We will give each suggestion proper thought and hopefully come up with an answer to them all.
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MEMBERS INVOLVEMENT

We had 109 quilters become members in September. We had 25 of those quilters volunteer to serve on committees. That is 23% of our membership chose to become involved in our Guild. Thank you to all who volunteered to be involved. Now we just need others to step forward and make TBQG the best it can be.

Members have volunteered to be greeters, help with the Quilt Bee, write some articles for the Quill, help with merchandise, make and serve coffee and collect teddy bears for Christmas Cheer. We still need members to help with Show and Tell, small quilt groups to host the Christmas dinner and the June dinner, more members to write articles or submit information for the Quill. Together we can make TBQG the best it can be.

TRUNK SHOW

Mark your calendars for Friday, November 5, 7 PM. That's when visiting quilter Nancy Eichel will be giving her trunk show in the Cafetorium of Superior High School on South High Street. Cost will be \$2 for guild members and \$5 for non-members. Join us for a fun and inspiring evening showcasing work by the winner of the last two Dryden quilt shows!

**Cotton Theory
Nancy Eichel Workshop**

Final payment of the remaining \$75 for the table runner class by certified Cotton Theory instructor Nancy Eichel is due at the November meeting. The equipment and supply list will be available at that time for those who have registered for these one-day sessions on November 6 and 7 from 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM at Superior High School. Kits will be provided at the class. Contact Doris Dungan (dorisd@tbaytel.net or 625-6350) for further information, or if you are interested in attending and have not yet registered.

HINTS AND TIPS

- **Set in Quarter Triangles:**
At a retreat this past week, a quilter needed to know how to determine the size of the set in triangles. This tip was found to answer that question. Measure the length of the longest side of the triangle and add 1 ¼”.
 - If you have chosen a colour and cannot seem to find a complement for it, try to see its afterimage. Stare at the fabric for about 60 sec. Then close your eyes to see what colour appears in your eyes. Usually you see a pastel form of the perfect complement colour.
 - Pull pins out of the seam line just before the needle reaches them. This not only prevents damage to your needle but also decreases distortion in the fabrics as you stitch.
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VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT

If you’ve never taken a workshop in quilting you’re missing something special. Workshops covering a subject you love offer a great growth opportunity, whether you consider yourself a beginner or an expert. Take a look at the roster of upcoming workshops and sign up for at least one. You won’t regret it.

Doris Dungan is offering the following workshop that might be of interest to you and a few of your quilting friends:

Mantel Cloth Class
Scheduled for Saturday, November 27
Calvary Lutheran Church
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Cost: \$30.00

This wintry mantel cloth project has easy piecing, snowflake appliqué, and prairie points. The size can be adjusted to fit the mantel.

***Sign up sheets will be available in two locations:
Church Foyer & Library***

Cindy Cockell is offering the following Christmas Wall Hanging Workshop:

**In the Meadow We can Build a Snowman –
Pumpkinberries Stitchery Quilt Pattern**

**Tentative Date: Saturday, December 4
Superior High School
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Cost: \$30.00 plus pattern and kit fee**

Workshops scheduled for 2011

Vest Class – Doris Dungan

This quilt-as-you-go vest project is fun and easy to do, with “camouflaged” pockets, piping, and optional zipper and yoke embellishment. Most of it can be made with 2 ½” strips. Lighter-weight versions use flannel or muslin instead of batting.

Machine Quilting Class – Doris Dungan

Learn a variety of machine quilting techniques, from basic to more advanced. The course will include layering tips, freehand free-motion designs, options for marking, resources and hints on finding, selecting and designing quilting designs, as well as a look at longarm machine quilting.

Button Snowman Wall – Cindy Cockell

Placemats (new pattern) – Elaine Bell

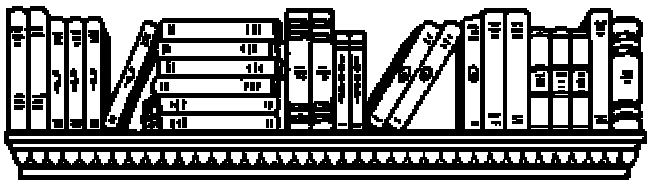
Buggy Barn Whack and Stack – Alva Llewellyn

Bonnie Hunter Scrap Quilts – Maria Bell

Postcards/Solvvy Method – Cathy Ridley

If that isn’t enough, we have even more exciting ideas to share with all our Guild Members. Just don’t know what to do with the wide range of Moda Bake Shop pre-cuts. Why not join us once a month for a fun filled day of POSSIBILITIES - great fabric recipes. Use up those charm packs, layer cakes, jelly rolls, turnovers and sampler packs. Bring along your ideas, or projects you are working on, we will provide inspiration and assistance with the latest ideas, techniques and step by step instructions along with some real baking treats, hot and cold beverages and just a whole lot of good quilting fun. Each month will feature new fabric

lines/designers, patterns, books and great projects. Join us, you won't be disappointed!



The Library has a new improved home – it's located in the Education Wing and we hope that you will make an effort to come and visit, stay a while, pick up a quilt book or two and enjoy this wonderful benefit.

Starting with the October meeting, three books will be chosen and reviewed: this month's books are as follows:

The Farmer's Wife Sampler Quilt – Laurie Aaron Hird

In 1922, the very popular *The Farmer's Wife* magazine held a contest asking a simple question: "Would you want your daughter to marry a farmer?" Author Laurie Hird has excerpted 55 of the top letters, and using these letters as inspiration, she selected 111 traditional 6-inch quilt blocks and created a tribute quilt to the contest. Each block is fully illustrated and comes with complete cutting templates on the bonus CD*. In addition, she provides complete quilt making instructions for the queen-sized sampler quilt with all 111 blocks, as well as additional instruction on converting the quilt to lap, twin, double and king sizes.

Techniques: piecing and reference

System Requirements: Recommends the latest Adobe Acrobat Reader

1 project, 111 blocks – 256 color pgs. Item No. 45058

I love historical books because they are so inspiring! It is interesting to know how women lived in the past, expressed their beliefs, and managed to survive without all the luxuries of current times. In 1922, there was a contest in a widely famous magazine called *The Farmer's Wife*, and they petitioned readers to submit their opinions on whether they wanted their daughters to marry a farmer. In the end, the reader submissions surprised the editors of the magazine!

There are 111 blocks inspired by the letters these women wrote to *The Farmer's Wife* magazine with excerpts from the letters along with each beautiful block. The blocks wind up in a very beautiful pieced quilt that you can build too! You also get a CD with a

larger version of quilt assembly diagrams. You will most certainly enjoy the story along with the delightfully honored blocks to dip your thread into.

Sew Necessary – Nancy Halvorsen

Now you can make everything necessary and fun for organizing your sewing space. You'll find designs that are perfect for everyday use as well as projects that will add a special festive touch throughout the holiday season. Projects include pincushions, needle wallets, scissor chatelaines, a sewing basket, scissor fobs, project tote bags and more!

Techniques: general sewing, appliqué, and embroidery
16 projects – 36 pgs – 8 color. Item No. 45092

This book is for all of the Art to Heart lovers out there! Every book Nancy Halvorsen graces us with is a winner, but this one is "sew" special. Yep, you guessed it, the theme is sewing! This book will give you great ideas for gifting your sewing buddies or guild members. There are even holiday themed projects! You **MUST** take a peek at the inside pages to see what's waiting for you! This book is a Quilt Along waiting to happen!

Top This! – Nona Davis

Quilters are busy people whose favorite projects are versatile, quick and practical. *Top This!* provides the inspiration for a year's worth of quilts and table toppers - perfect for all seasons and occasions. It's a pleasing and useful pattern book that you will use to revisit favorite fabric from your stash, or take a trip to your local quilt shop to increase your stash so you can sit down at your sewing machine and just get started on a new topper.

Techniques: piecing and appliqué

24 projects – 88 color pgs. Item No. 45062

Top This is the perfect book to go to when you have the urge to make a quilted project, but may not want to do a big quilt!

This book is divided into projects by month, with 2 options for each month, one larger project, and another that is smaller and can be completed in less time. All can be completed in a weekend, and what fun to have the option of two projects using the same blocks just put together in different ways. *Top This* would be a great Christmas gift for the time strapped quilter.

Enjoy and Happy Reading

Luci Andreacchi

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Welcome Quilters.....

1. Have you made your " Little Quilt "? I bet we are all looking forward to a wonderful display and maybe get some ideas to make another one. Please print your name on a paper and pin it to the front of your creation. We will have a place to display them, so we can admire them all.
2. WOOF.....Apologies for not collecting the strips in September. This month you can bring them and leave them by the WOOF sign. Thank you.
3. Looking ahead to November.....The Christmas Cheer Fund will be pleased to receive the dolls and stuffed toys, along with their beautiful little quilts. Please have them ready for the November meeting.
4. Where are all those people who said , " I'll help you." when I became Program Chair? The 'sign up' paper will be there again this month.
See you at the meeting. Introduce yourself to someone you don't know yet.

Marlene McRobb & Linda Guitard

"QUILTER'S NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION"

October is the month to reveal what you completed from your New Year's Resolution list. We'd like to see the quilts but if not, a picture is good.

CINDY'S QUILT CLASSES

I have 2 classes ready for this season. Both are snowman wallhangings with embellishments (I will have embellishment kits available). The samples and sign up sheets will be at the October meeting. One is an evening and the other will probably be a Saturday (or 2 evenings). I will have the definite dates by meeting night (but they will be the last week of November or first week of December).

On-Line Hints from Jinny Beyer

I found these tidbits of knowledge in the Jinny Beyer newsletter. They are free downloads/videos and might be of interest for some of the quilters.

This is Jinny Beyer's method of binding a quilt. A bit different than the norm but it would be handy in some situations.

<http://www.jinnybeyer.com/binding/Binding-a-Quilt-the-JB-Way.pdf>

This is also from Jinny's newsletter. How do you handle the odd angles you might find on table runners, decorative projects or art quilts? Marci Baker of Alicia's Attic put together a wonderful video that explains angles greater and less than 90 degrees. For anyone who was in Marilyn Weibe's class this is good info for doing the binding on those triangle edges.

<http://www.quilt-video.com/2010/02/05/binding-odd-angles/>

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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COMFORT QUILTS

Comfort quilts are collected year-round and distributed through various community organizations. Kits are often available at meetings, and the comfort quilts are the focus of the annual quilt bee(s). Use 100% cotton fabric with a simple pattern and light quilting to make a quilt in bright or restful colours.

Recommended sizes:

Hospice Beds	63" x 80"
Neo Natal	36" x 36"
Crib/Bassinet	34" x 48"
Wheel Chair	36" x 48"
Recliner chair/Nap Quilt	40" x 55"

Julie Cullen has more information about labelling the quilts and the purpose of the comfort quilts.

Julie Cullen

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.
