

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

I received a new book last week entitled "CUT THE SCRAPS" by Joan Ford. In the acknowledgments, Joan describes quilting as "much more than sewing together a collection of fabric pieces. It's about the connections made between quilters where they gather. It's about creating something incredible from random pieces of fabric. It's about memories and stories. It's about a feeling of accomplishment when the task is complete and the quilt finds a home."

This paragraph from this author sums up what I feel about quilting. Quilting has brought me many hours of creativity and pleasure. It has also brought me many great experiences at workshops, retreats and travelling from quilt shop to quilt shop. But, best of all, quilting has brought me many great friends. The community of quilters is a very special community in which to be a member.

Our quilt show is one way to show our community of Thunder Bay what quilting means to us. It is an opportunity to celebrate the art of quilting, the quilter and the quilt itself. So, I hope all of you have completed or are in the process of finishing your entry.

HAPPY QUILTING.

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HINTS AND TIPS

Some of you know I am a collector of rulers and other gizmos to aid in my quilting. In Joan Ford's book "CUT THE SCRAPS", she gives the "Top 10 Reasons to Use a Tool or Gadget".

10. More fun
9. Easier to understand
8. Easier to use
7. Math-free
6. Faster
5. Safer
4. Impressive to your friends
3. Justification for buying it
2. Your spouse just bought a new gadget for his hobby and you need to even out the playing field.
1. The 'demo' made you do it.

In my case, it is number 1 that gets me every time. How about you?

SUPERIOR QUILTS QUILT SHOW 2011

APRIL 28 (SETUP) APRIL 29-MAY 1

QUILT SHOW NEWS

Well it's only 6 weeks until show time. Time to finish off all those quilts and get the Intent to Show form in - remember it is due by April 1st which is before the next meeting. The hanging committee needs a few weeks to do the layout. For those new to the Guild the Intent To Show form is where you list the quilts you plan to put in to the show. Please be accurate in your measurements. Don't be afraid to submit a quilt if you are a beginner. Put a note on it saying it's your first quilt. People will love them. We hope to fill the Dove even more than last time. If you are out of town then the forms are on the web. You can just email it to Cindy and I'll pass it on to the hanging committee

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Remember to include a write-up with your quilt. People do stop to read the story behind the quilt; what inspired you, what techniques are used, how long it took, was it an original design or from a book/magazine etc. You should also acknowledge the person who

quilted it if it wasn't you. If it is for sale then make sure you have your business cards in a plastic sleeve or bag on the back of the quilt.

Sometimes we forget that new members don't know everything that goes on at the Show or other events we run. So if you have a question about the Show please ask at the meeting - someone else may be wondering the same thing.

We also have a special display at the show this year. Shirley Aussant and I had the same idea and the show committee and executive agreed with us. We are thrilled to announce that Helen Knights has agreed to be a first 'Superior Quilts Feature Quilter'. We hope future show committees continue this idea. We will have an area of the Dove building dedicated to Helen's work and she'll be there at various times throughout the show to chat with people about it. So don't forget to drop by and be inspired by her. May we all still be quilting at her age! Thank you Helen.

Banquet - Marg & Jennifer Marks will be in the lobby area selling banquet tickets. They also have the menu if you'd like to see it. The Banquet is on Saturday, April 30 at the Airplane. The tickets are \$35 for members and vendors and \$40 for non-members. This includes your meal, non-alcoholic punch + gratuity and entertainment. There will also be a cash bar.

Door Prizes - We also plan to have 30 door prizes - total prize value is currently over \$500 already and we only have half the prizes! If you have something to donate or can get a donation from a business you frequent then please do and let someone on the Show committee know. We'd like them no later than the April meeting so we can get things organized. Even a small item is OK since we'll make up gift baskets of smaller items. It doesn't have to be quilt related. We will acknowledge all donations and send a thank you note to the donor.

Vendors - The Merchant Mall is filling up due to a few last minute applications. We have a few new quilt shops from out of town this year. We have also invited a few artisans since we had a couple of booths left as of our March 1 deadline and we want the Heritage to break even. We'll have the list at the meeting since we're waiting to hear back from some late comers but these are the confirmed ones as of March 12: Circle of Friends Quilt Shoppe (Luci's new shop), Born To Quilt (Linda Clark - Kenora), Caryll's Yarns (Carol Watkinson), Threads in Time

(Lynne Landy-Rody), Crystal's (Crystal Nelson - Grand Marais), Dori's Sewing Studio (Dori Hopko - Sioux Lookout), Gail's Stitches (Gail Green - Red Lake), One-of-a-Kind (Muriel Squires), Salavich's Serge & Sew (Marj Salavich - they're Husqvarna dealers too), JaKe's Originals (Karen Gobeil & Janice Sopko Ellingson - clothing), Purse-snickety (Marion Eastwood - felted purses), Cindy Cockell (jewellery & quilting stuff). There is still time if some members wanted to have a booth to sell stuff too, just talk to Leona, Nellie Jaremev or Cindy.

Demos - Louise and Sheila are still looking for people to sign up to do demos at the show. We would like to know by the end of March since this has to go into the program and Jennifer will be doing that early in April.

Advertising - the posters and bookmarks have been sent to all vendors who are in the show as well as out of town shops. They've also been dropped off at some local shops. Print media ads will be starting in April. Cindy will be on Around Town on April 25. But, this is your show too and you can help advertise it. Put up a poster at work or any place you go to that will let you put one up. Drop off some bookmarks to friends. The more we get the word out the more people visit the show. If you're new to the Guild you probably don't realize that this show helps us raise money to fund the charity events such as the quilt bee. So the more people we can get to attend the better it is.

Wristbands - Cindy should have the wristbands by the meeting. I'll be pre-selling the 3 day pass (\$10). The idea of pre-selling is so that we can limit the amount of cash on site and maybe lessen the work for the admission people.

Guild Booth - Cindy will have some more copies of some of the most popular patterns at the Feb. meeting. I hope everyone is busy making stuff. Louise did another show & tell at our meeting last week and she's made more cute things. Remember to bring all items to the April meeting so we can price and inventory them. Put them in a bag with your name on it. All items not sold at the show will be returned to the person who made them - but we hope we sell it all.

Hostesses - this is your chance to help out. We need 7-8 people for each 2 hour shift to either be a hostess in the quilt show (Dove), work in the Guild Booth (Heritage) or take admissions - both buildings. The

hostesses in the Dove have to watch over the quilts and Helen's area; the Guild Booth workers will be selling merchandise. Many hands make light work and we have a lot of fun at the show. The sign-up sheets will be in the lobby.

General info: the show at the Dove & Heritage Buildings. Fri. Apr. 29 noon-9pm, Sat. Apr. 30 10am-4pm, Sun. May 1 noon-4pm. Admission is \$5 per day of \$10 for a multi-day pass. We will be issuing wristbands - different color for each day or purple for the unlimited pass. Drop off time for the quilts will be on Thur. Apr. 28 early in the morning - exact times will be announced later. Pickup is Sunday.

Cindy

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

RICKY TIMS SHOP HOP AND SEMINAR

EAU CLAIRE, WISC

www.rickytims.com/seminars

THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

MAY 12, 13, 14, 2011

Group registration has been completed and everyone signed up for the seminar should have received a confirmation letter. Please keep this letter in a safe place and bring it with you to Eau Claire. The confirmation letter must be presented at the registration desk for admittance into the Seminar. If you have not received a confirmation letter please see me during break in the Library.

I am passing along a report from Pat in Virginia who just attended a Ricky Tims Seminar – hope you enjoy what she has to say:

Hello! Just last week I had the good fortune to attend a Ricky Tims Seminar in Richmond, Virginia. The event ran for several hours on Thursday evening, all day Friday, and all day Saturday ... about 15 hours of quilting demonstrations and lectures! Ricky gave most of the sessions, while Libby Lehman and Alex Anderson each gave two sessions. Each registered person received an outstanding syllabus. This is jam packed with charts, information, and pictures.

Plus, on Friday night Ricky gave a concert. He is a classically educated musician, and played the piano and some other instrument that looked like a wooden flute. There was a good display of their works, and a few other works. A Richmond Bernina

dealer had a 'store' where I bought a book and four fat quarters. Ricky had a 'store' selling gorgeous hand dyed fabric, cds, thread and notions. The owner of Superior Threads, Bob, attended the Seminar and gave two sessions about thread. I then received a certificate stating that I am now a PhD of Threadology! LOL

It was fun to have a mini vacation with quilter friends, to learn good stuff, and to view beautiful quilts. The Seminar had about 450 attendees. It was VERY well organized, with all events starting and finishing on time. The logistics were also very good.

The event here was nearly \$200 for the Ricky Tims Seminar; hotel and meal costs were on our own. My guild had a group that registered together, saving each person \$40. The cost was well worth it.

I receive NO compensation for this message ... I am posting in case some of you are considering attending a Seminar.

Buggy Barn Whack and Stack with Alva Llewellyn

www.buggybarnquilts.com

A date for this class will be set for April. It will either run as two - three hour evening classes a week apart or one Saturday, six hour class. Please sign up for this class at the March meeting and a follow-up email will be sent to verify date and times. Cost will be \$30.00 plus cost of book/pattern.

Possibilities Club: Great Fabric Recipes

www.modabakeshop.com

The first meeting of the Possibilities Club was a great success. We had 20+ members attend and participate. Due to previous commitments by some of those members attending, a request was made to switch the meetings to Tuesday evening. The next meeting of Possibilities will be held in the Chapters Meeting Room on Tuesday, March 29, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. Alva and Bobbie have graciously agreed to provide leadership and host this evening.

Bonnie Hunter Scrap Quilts with Maria Bell

www.quiltville.com

This class will be scheduled for either May or June. Please sign up for this class at the March meeting and a follow-up email will be sent to verify date and times. Cost will be \$30.00.

Luci Andreacchi

LIBRARY REPORT

Happy Daylight Savings Time! I am always so very happy when we switch to daylight savings time cause it means that Spring is just around the corner. I know, some of you will say, we lose an hour and the day is only 23 hours long, but who needs bright light so early in the morning, not I, cause I'm still in bed that early and really don't care if it is light or not!

Ok enough, this is the Library report so here is some news remember way back in December when Doris reported that she had bought new books but they did not show up in the Library. The problem was finding book pockets and cards so that the new books could be catalogued and circulated. Seems that the age of technology has made it very difficult to find cataloguing materials because now everything is scanned through a barcode.

Two months later a box of unused book pockets and cards made a surprise appearance at my house and with the assistance of my five year old grandson all books have been stamped, catalogued and carded. Come pay a visit to the Guild Library and see what Daylight Savings Time has delivered along with extra daylight!

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.

FEATURED BOOKS

QUILTS FOR BABIES AND KIDS – Leisure Arts by House of White Birches

Here you will find a collection of warm quilts to make for your favourite child. Whether it is a new quilt for a brand-new baby or a fun present for a delightful child, you are sure to find it in this collection.

BABY WRAPS – Karla Alexander

From the author of Stack the Deck series, a new generation of quilts especially for babies! From bright and fun to soft and sweet, Karla's signature style shines through in these delightful designs for little ones.

Get eight adorable quilt patterns and choose from motifs including moons, butterflies, and spaceships. Whip up quick designs for shower gifts, nursery décor and toddler birthdays.

QUILTING FOR BABY – Jeanne Stouffer & Sandra L. Hatch

Whether you are an expectant mother awaiting the arrival of your baby or a grandmother looking for just the right quilt design for a special baby, you'll find just the right quilt in this collection of creative quilts and projects. Irresistible Baby Quilts, Fun Baby Accessories and adorable baby sets can all be found in this delightful book.

Luci

PLACEMATS & EMPTY BOWLS

Placemats are for Meals on Wheels and Empty Bowls

More than 20 placemats were turned in last month and 19 went to Meals on Wheels.

Placemat kits and fabrics available. Bring usual sewing supplies/ machines. See me during break for placemat kits and potholder liner.

Placemat Bee planned for:

Sat March 26 from 9:30 - 2:30

Lakehead Unitarian Fellowship 129 Algoma St S

Lunch and beverages provided

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INTERESTING WEB SITES

You find this article interesting. It's titled "What up with cotton" and explains why cotton prices are rising which increases the price of our quilting fabric.

<http://www.americanquiltretailer.com/cotton/>

Cindy

CASH REGISTER RECEIPTS

Cash register receipts from Quality Market in support of the guild are due at the store on April 15. Please bring any that you have to the March meeting and give them to Doris.

GUILD ELECTIONS

Guild elections will be at the June meeting. This year, the two year terms for secretary and treasurer will be ending. If you are interested in stepping into either of these roles, please contact Doris.

ORANGE OATMEAL MUFFINS

From More of Our Canada magazine - March 2011

Ingredients

1 cup rolled oats
1/2 cup orange juice
1/2 cup boiling water
1/2 cup butter
1/2 cup packed brown sugar
1/3 cup white sugar
2 eggs, lightly beaten
1 cup all-purpose flour
1 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. baking soda
3/4 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. nutmeg
1 tsp. vanilla
1 cup raisins (optional)

1. Preheat oven - 350* . Grease muffin tins or use paper liners.
2. Soak oats in orange juice and boiling water for 15 minutes.
3. In a large bowl, cream together butter and sugars. Beat in eggs and oat mixture.
4. In a separate bowl , combine the dry ingredients. Stir into batter. Stir in vanilla and raisins.
5. Spoon into prepared muffins - 2/3 full.
6. Bake until golden brown - about 20 minutes. Makes 12 muffins.

Tried & tested by Marlene McRobb

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.

THUNDER BAY QUILT GUILD MEMBER PROFILE

HELEN KNIGHTS

Helen is our most senior member at 99 and also one of our originals. She may not be native to Thunder Bay but is as close to it as some born here. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Toronto in 1935. She was married to a soldier who was killed overseas. As a young widow she had a career in Household Economics. She comes from a very artistic family she told me. She met and married Orville Knights and moved to Thunder Bay(then Port Arthur). She discovered there were very little in the way of arts here and decided to do something about it.

Helen was very instrumental in bringing the Arts Council to the Lakehead and as a result many artists came to teach 3 day workshops on a regular bases.

This was the start of many different artistic mediums for Helen. From enamelling on copper, oil and acrylic painting, printing, etching, batiking and calligraphy to name a few. She decided her designs would work as well in another medium and this went into a rug. When this was done she decorated the room around the rug. She then proceeded to redo each room. Each bedroom was planned around a "Helen" original, paintings etc. all originals planned by Helen. Her whole house is filled with her arts and crafts along with numerous items gathered from her many trips.

Her next venture was into quilted clothing. Who else would tackle strip piecing ultra suede into a magnificent coat? Helen has crafted many lovely articles which she proudly shows us.

One of Helen's greatest loves is her tours she has taken to India, Russia, Australia, New Zealand and Africa. On her return she hosts her many friends for an evening to tell and display her treasures. Her hospitality is unlimited.

When information is not available she tries to pass on anything she know about where to buy supplies or art information. She is still involved but now as a quilter but her art knowledge applies to any art form.

In her spare moments, Helen prepares hand crafted Christmas items for every member of her family-no small feat since her family members keep growing all the time. Her main interest today is quilting and she came to it in a round about way from her other art interests. She has long been a member of our guild and her enthusiasm and talents seem to spark any group she is in. With her knowledge and common sense approach and out going personality she is a most welcome member.

Submitted by Bobbie Dafoe