

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

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I am writing this just before we leave for Colorado and our 5 day workshop with Judith Baker Montano. It has taken some creative packing to get all our stuff into the car.

It has been a great year for me as President. It is an honour and privilege to be part of such a great group. There appears to be a new feeling among Guild members that in order for our Guild to function as well as it does, a member need to be involved and willing to help out where she can. It sure makes my job and that of the executive much easier and more enjoyable.

Thank you to all the members who stepped up and volunteered this past year. Also thank you to all members for supporting the activities of the Guild.

I look forward to seeing you all in September. Have a great summer and happy quilting.

Norma

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Come to the Potluck Dinner on June 20. Don't forget your plate, cup, & cutlery.

There will be a special quilter to show her talent - Maria Pereira. Come to see her beautiful, and colourful quilts. I guarantee you will be impressed!

Lastly, if you still have a WOOF project, please bring it.

See you at the meeting

Marlene

SUPERIOR QUILTS QUILT SHOW 2011 QUILT SHOW REPORT

Quilt Show winners:

As announced at the May meeting, here are the quilt show winners. The pictures should be on the web by the time you are reading this.

Best of Show: Joanne De Jong for her quilt
Adrift in My Garden
30th Anniversary Challenge: Leona Stolz

Quilts:

1. 1st Joanne De Jong - Adrift in My Garden
2. 2nd Maureen Beaucage - 3rd Week in October
3. 3rd Muriel Squires - Triple A Quilt (Agate, Amethyst & Anguish)

Miniatures:

- 1st Elaine Bell - Size Really Does Matter
- 2nd Elaine Bell - Broken Start Log Cabin
- 3rd Linda Guitard - Crayon Box Log Cabin

Wall hangings:

- 1st Barb Mason - Life is a Journey
- 2nd Barb Mason - 3D Hydrangea
- 3rd Cindy Cockell - A Walk Through My Garden

Seasonal:

- 1st Adrienne Lopes - Forest Christmas Family
- 2nd Alva Llewellyn - Christmas Balls
- 3rd Doris Dungan - Joy

Art:

- 1st Joyce McKinnon - Sing for Joy
- 2nd Joyce McKinnon - Night's Secret
- 3rd Cathy Ridley - Seasons

Clothing:

- 1st Della Lauersen - Sweatshirt Jacket
- 2nd Deb Ascher- Palmquist - Prayer Shawl
- 3rd Muriel Squires - Recycled 1992 Quilt Canada Sweatshirt Jacket

Hand Quilting:

- 1st Shirley Lindfors - Provincial Flowers
- 2nd Shirley Lindfors - Mountain Blossoms
- 3rd Clara McNamee - Scrap Quilt #1

Other:

- 1st Pat Inch - Prairie Points Pillow
- 2nd Shirley Aussant - Pouny Penguin
- 3rd Cathy Ridley - Forest

Cindy Cockell

QUILT SHOW FINAL REPORT

Let me start by thanking everyone who attended the show or volunteered. We had more volunteers than we've ever had in the past so thank you ladies (and some husbands). I've heard lots of positive comments in the past month. The vendors were happy too and will be back again. There are also a few who couldn't make it this time who said they'd try in 2013.

Speaking of 2013, it's not that far away and we do need a co-ordinator for that show to step forward before Christmas. I will act as a mentor/advisor but I've been so busy at work lately I don't want to commit to any big projects even though I had fun doing it this year. Part of the next show's crew is already in place because people volunteered to do their job again so you wouldn't be starting from scratch.

Most of my report was in the May Quill but here is the rest. We did a BBQ at my place last week to go over final numbers and get everyone's reports and recommendations for next time. I can give you some final totals. We had just a few people shy of 1,000 individuals go through the show but many people came all 3 days. This is the first time we've had a count of individuals. Prior to this if I came all 3 days I would've been counted as 3. The purple 3-day passes worked out very well. Friday saw the most people attend, Saturday the least but it was fairly busy all 3 days. We may have lost some business on Saturday because the Folklore Festival was on.

The show also made a profit of roughly \$1,200 and that's without taking anything out of the GIC this time so that is great. There are still some CD's to be paid for and a few left for sale so that will go into the final show sales before the end of the year.

Merchandise sales went well. Thanks to Roberta for the donation of the hand quilting frame. That helped boost our sales. Final sales total was \$897. Thanks to all who made donations. June is the last time to pickup any unsold merchandise donation. Otherwise the items

will be sold or auctioned off at future meetings except for the placemats that people said to donate to Meals on Wheels or Empty Bowls.

Cathy should have the pictures on the web shortly but be patient, it takes a while to do that.

If anyone has any suggestions for improvements or things they would like to see at the next show please pass them on to me or anyone on this year's committee. We will include them in the final report for the next team. Some that I've received already from the committee or members are:

1. have the name of the quilt on the claim ticket so no confusion when members hand in multiple quilts in the same category.
2. add a section to the Intent to Show when you could describe any special hanging instructions.
3. after the show is hung, double check all numbers against the handout to make sure they match. We did correct the few mistakes as soon as we knew about it.
4. have the setup crew go in on the Wednesday so they can get props and bars organized and to do any cleaning if necessary. Then Thursday is just hanging.
5. have a list of the demo's at the door so they can tell people what's coming up. In the past this has been on the handout and bookmarks but we didn't have that info soon enough and there was no room on the handout without going to another page. They were announced on our little PA system but when it was busy in the show it was hard to hear anything.
6. have a meeting with all volunteers prior to the show to explain the duties, where to check in, etc.
7. have someone at the show sharpening scissors - this is a good idea but does anyone know someone who does this?

IN MEMORIAM

On a sad note, the 1st and 2nd place winner of the hand quilting category, Shirley Lindfors, passed away at the end of May. I got a picture of her and the 2 quilts just the week before. Our sympathies to her family and friends.

QUILT SHOW CD'S

If you didn't pre-order a CD there should be a few available at the June mtg or we can burn more. If you want one reserved then please email Cindy. If you did order a CD then please pick it up at the June mtg or

contact Cindy or Doris to make other arrangements. If you haven't pre-paid it then please pay at the June mtg.

CINDY'S VEST DEMO

If you asked for the pattern and didn't receive it by email then send me an email at ccockell@tbaytel.net. It was hard to read some people's writing so I don't know if I got everyone's correct address. Cindy

COMFORT QUILTS 2010-2011

Over the past 18 years, the Thunder Bay Quilters Guild has donated 2082 comfort quilts to many different places. These quilts have always been greatly appreciated and recognized for their quality and the love and care involved in making them.

This year, 118 quilts have been donated, all cotton and made from kits, woof strips, leftovers etc.

Thank you Quilters for your generous hearts-making kits, organizing and attending Bees, working at home etc.

Also thanks to the Northern Credit Union for your generous donation.

Psychiatric Hospital	5
St Joseph Hospice	4
St. Joseph Hospital (rehab)	6
George Jeffrey	4
Children's Place	2
Bethamy	3
Faye Peterson Shelter	6
Pinewood Court	9
Grandview	9
Dawson Court	8
Hogarth Riverview	6
Pioneer Ridge	7
Lakehead Manor (former Versa Care)	6
Thunder Bay Interim Long Term Care	9
	118
Thanks for your support.	Julie and Claire

WANTED

For 18 years, Julie Cullen has been the keeper and deliverer of our many COMFORT QUILTS. For this we are very grateful. Julie has carried out this task with commitment, care and enthusiasm. We are very appreciative for the dedication Julie has shown in this role. Over the years, Julie has had help from members. Most recently, Clare Archer was that support. Thanks Clare.

We are looking for a member or members to step forward and take on this important and fulfilling task. Julie has developed many written guidelines and procedures. Julie is also willing to be available to answer any questions and concerns.

If you are willing to take on this task please talk to Norma. Please feel free to talk to Julie about the role and what it requires.

QUILT BEE COMMITTEE

The 2nd quilt bee was held Friday, June 10th and Saturday, June 11th from 10-4p.m. It was a disappointing turnout. The number of volunteers actually attending the quilt bee has been on a steady decline. To the members who attended in person and to those guild members who continue to support the creation of the many comfort quilts for our community, THANK YOU! THANK YOU! I wish great success and continuing future support of this very important segment of your guild.

I am happy to report Julia Wojciechowski found her watch at home.

This is my final report. Please contact Norma Wynn or Aila Metsa for further information concerning comfort quilts, kits, fabric, or batting etc.
Ellen Olson, Co-Chair Quilt Bee Committee (resigned)

RESIGNATION

Effective the final meeting for the TBQG, I wish to advise members that I have resigned as Co-Chair of the Quilt Bee Committee and from the Bee Committee. Working with the Quilt Bee and the volunteer supporters from the TBQG has been a great experience. The Guild has a tremendous amount of talent and skill and many of you have share their expertise at Quilt Bee.

I wish the committee many more years of success and future support from volunteers for the creation of comfort quilts for our community.
Respectfully Ellen L. Olson

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Fabulous Fractures

The response to Linda's class in September was nothing short of fabulous!
With the number of members signed up we will be splitting the Fabulous Fractures class into two sessions:
Session One will be held on Saturday, September 17th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Session Two will be held on Sunday, September 18th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

We will still accept registration by a return email to me at landreacchi@tbaytel.net

Please let me know what session you would like to attend and I will respond to all emails once I am back in Thunder Bay, the week of June 20th.

Linda's second class – ***More than one way to bind a quilt*** will still be held on Monday, September 19th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Once again there is still room in this class so please send a return email to landreacchi@tbaytel.net if you want to register for this class.

Cost of both classes is \$100.00 or if you are interested in only one of the above sessions the cost is \$60.00.

Confirmation, payment deadline, further information and location of the sessions will be sent via email later in the summer. Luci Andreacchi

PLACEMATS & EMPTY BOWLS

Placemats are for Meals on Wheels and Empty Bowls

There were 74 placemats turned in since the last meeting. A total of 55 were taken to Meals on Wheels. I will have more placemat kits in September.

Thanks for all your hard work this past year.
Nelly Reedhead nreedhead@shaw.ca

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.

INTERESTING WEB SITES

Here are 2 links for some beautiful gardens in the shape/colour of quilt blocks. You can get to the 2nd link from the first one but I included the first one just in case someone happens to be in the Indiana area this summer and wanted to check out more info about it.

<http://www.amishcountry.org/things-to-do/quilt-gardens>

<http://www.amishcountry.org/explore-the-area/photo-gallery>

Cindy Cockell

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

CINDY COCKELL

Cindy was born and raised in Thunder Bay and is the oldest in a family of 3 – 2 brothers. Her background is in art, math and computer science. Her hobbies are woodworking, carving, beading, jewellery making, knitting, sewing and of course quilting. To fund her habit she works as a computer programmer/analyst.

Cindy started sewing doll clothes on a hand turned toy sewing machine around 5 yrs old; about the same time she helped her dad build the doll furniture which was usually miniature prototypes of the furniture he would build for her bedroom. That also developed her love of woodworking. Her grandmother was a great seamstress and could make anything without a pattern. Sewing skipped a generation and Cindy learned a bit on her grandmother's treadle machine. In grade 8 she took Home Ec as we all did back then. Even then she couldn't stick to a pattern and tried different things. Her final project was a fringed leather vest with about 100 fringes hand cut with scissors which the teacher thought was a bit ambitious but gave her an A+.

At age 16 she went to work in Eaton's in the fabric department – there was a job available for someone who sewed so when asked if she knew how to sew she stretched the truth a bit and said 'yes I've sewn my clothes for years' (well she did sit with her grandmother all those years and took home ec in grade 8). This started a life long love of fabric and sewing.

Cindy has done crafts all her life and sold many of them at craft shows starting around age 20 with knitted headbands, Friendly Plastic earrings and by current standards, pretty tacky Christmas ornaments (she's kept some of the original pieces just to see how far she's come). She started her company Woodworks in 1990 and has produced about 700 unique styles of Christmas ornaments, 120 different styles of children's puzzles and countless jewellery designs since then. She challenges herself to learn a new craft or technique each winter which is why she's dabbled in just about everything.

Originally Cindy sewed clothing exclusively, often designing many of her outfits or altering commercial patterns. She worked at Fabricland for many years while going to College and University. She is mostly self-taught in sewing from Vogue courtier sewing books, Threads magazine and trial and error.

She got into quilting by visiting Patchworks one day looking for fabric for a clothing item. She saw a snowman wall hanging and signed up for the class and the rest was history. The hardest thing was getting used to a ¼" seam allowance. That same year she also went to the Quilt Show and joined the Guild in Sept. 1998 after seeing all the beautiful quilts and realizing she'd found her tribe – people who got the love of fabric. At the beginning she still sewed mostly quilted clothing but soon graduated into wall hangings and 1-2 bigger quilts. Within a few years she was also teaching quilting at Patchworks and for the Guild. She has taken many classes with instructors from all over the world. She has attended many Quilt Canada and Minnesota shows. Her motto is 'you can always learn something new from someone even if you already know the technique so never pass up the opportunity'. She also went to Quilt Market in Houston with Diana a few years ago which was an awesome experience that everyone should try to get to once in their lifetime.

Cindy loves anything to do with fibres. She has also tried dying and painting fabrics, fabric manipulations, silk fusion and weaving. The beading has also extended into the quilting.

Cindy's favourite season is fall-winter and as everyone knows by now her favourite quilting subject is snowmen.....love those snowmen. She also loves to embellish her wall hangings with beads, thread painting and other found items. Lately she's been getting into stitchery combined

with quilting.

Sadly nobody else in Cindy's family quilts, although her oldest niece has shown interest in sewing – someone has to inherit the ever growing stash. Cindy's favourite colour is anything but yellow – blue and lime green are probably her most favourite. She used to buy a lot more on spec but found it just collected in the stash and new projects still meant going to the quilt shop. But it's so hard to resist beautiful fabric. She finds it funny that when she sewed clothes nothing under .5m ever got saved because what could you do with that little bit of fabric. These days even lint gets saved since it makes wonderful bushes in landscape quilts. She throws all her scraps into big bins and has taken them to the Quilt Bee to add to the bee scraps and lead a group of 6 members who were determined to eliminate those scraps. About 10 scraps quilts later the scrap heap had somehow grown. Other than the scraps, she stores her fabric in clear plastic bins sorted by colours + a bin for Christmas, one for border prints, one for felt/wool and a bin for Cherrywood.

Cindy pre-washes fabric and batting that will be used for clothing or items that will be washed a lot like placemats. She is a 'presser' – every seam is pressed after it has been sewn, which is probably a habit from the clothing days. She usually presses seams to one side, not always the dark side as she tells people "whichever way it falls naturally". She has been known to press seams open if it makes it lie flatter such as in a lonestar quilt.

Cindy takes photos of all her quilts now. It's important to keep a record of what you have done. One of these days she will even put labels on them.

Cindy has been a member since Sept. 1998. She has served for many years on the executive as President, Program Chair, Advertising for the Quilt Show and Chair of the Quilt Show 3 times. In 2009 she was inducted into the Hall of Fame. The Guild has given her inspiration, encouragement, fellowship and helped her grow as a quilter. She has made life long friends through the Guild, some of which started by being in the first Round Robin group with Deb Ascher-Palmquist, Norma Wynn and Margaret Bliss. She loves teaching classes and learns something along with the students.

Quirky Sewing habits – To this day Cindy still tends to match the colour of thread to the fabric even though she knows you can use a single colour. She is also a perfectionist and everything has to match perfectly. If it doesn't then it gets covered by thread painting, beads or somehow hidden. She doesn't often 'unsew' and prefers just to sew another block but if she does it has to be with the Clover ripper. She is also a left-footed sewer because it helps balance the stress load on the body.

Best Sewing Tips – Be positive and accept compliments in your quilting. Read directions first. Don't be afraid to ask anyone in the Guild for help – there's much knowledge to tap into. Don't be afraid of trying new things, new colours or altering patterns. Change your needle often – don't wait for it to break. Use good thread and polyester thread is OK in wall hangings. Use the right needle for the thread you're using and the job you are doing. Never stop learning - take classes and workshops since you're never too old or experienced to learn something new.

Submitted by Bobbie Dafoe

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS QUILT SHOPPE

An Exclusive Invitation to Thunder Bay Quilters'
Guild members.

In a charming century old home, *Circle of Friends Quilt Shoppe* offers customers a warm, inviting and nurturing atmosphere in which to gather, learn, share and for the love of quilting to thrive.

Please join us at 218 Tupper Street (off Cumberland Street N.) on Tuesday, June 21 and Wednesday, June 22, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. as we celebrate the arrival of the newest quilt shop in Thunder Bay.

Coupons received at the Superior Quilt Show and Banquet will be honoured during the months of June and July, as unforeseen circumstances has delayed the projected May opening.

We hope that you will be able to join us and look forward to welcoming you to this special event!