

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

We sure are enjoying these wonderful Fall days. I cannot ever remembering going to church on Thanksgiving wearing short sleeves. There were people there, in shorts and sandals. It sure was a great day.

Last weekend a group of 7 of us travelled to Hutchinson for the second annual Brunch and Trunk Show hosted by Lynette Jensen of Thimbleberries. The drive was gorgeous with the reds, gold and oranges of the leaves. The weather also co-operated. It was sunny and warm.

Lynette had a few interesting things to say about the new younger quilters. She said they are not interested in being challenge. They want fast and uncomplicated as well as colourful. So, she has returned to some older patterns and using them has developed some new patterns to appeal to these new younger quilters. This point of view was also stated by the quilt store owner in Kimberly Minn. She carries many patterns that fit these criteria.

Her shop is also a place where ideas are everywhere. She only carries her own fabric in the shop and most of it is priced at \$8.99. It is hard to resist buying all you see.

I also bought 2 new rulers to make some new patterns I found. It was a great weekend. Hopefully next year there will be a bus load of us going.

Norma

HELEN KNIGHT'S CREATIVE WORK

Just a reminder that there is a display of Helen's

work at the Thunder Bay Museum until the end of November. Helen was very much a pioneer in the arts and craft scene in Thunder Bay for many years. This display of Helen's work will show you the many facets of her creativity.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

"Welcome Aboard Quilters!" We'll take you on a fun filled bus trip right there in your seat and it won't cost you a cent! We will have some quilt shop stops and a show and tell of the many things we learned from 3 professional renown quilters.

Oct: Quilter of the month

Short presentation of the Ricky Tims' Seminar Part 2 of the "non mystery" table topper. For those needing a refresher on squaring up there will be a short demo during break.

Nov: Those making Teddy Bear/Doll quilts please bring them in for the Nov meeting. Part 3 of the "non mystery" table topper. Demo Night, please consider volunteering to demo a quick "gifty" item. I would like to have 3 or 4 volunteers, call me @ 475-4997.

Dec: Pot Luck dinner on the 2nd Monday of December Show and tell of the mystery table toppers before they are wrapped up for Christmas giving.

As always if you have any suggestions to the program, please come forward, you are always welcome.

See you at the meeting

Linda

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hope everyone enjoyed our warm and wonderful Thanksgiving Weekend. Last month's meeting welcomed 22 new quilters and a very special Trunk Show with Linda Clark of Kenora. What wonderful quilts Linda brought along to share and inspire us all!

The Executive has been busy planning for the next ten months and I hope that you will be able to join us at our monthly meetings and activities that will happen throughout the year.

Marlene McRobb and Doris Dungan will be offering a “Beginner’s Quilting” 6 week course and we still have space for any interested members. A sign-up list will be available for any new or beginning quilter who is interested in learning the basics or just refreshing your basic quilting skills. If interested please make sure to get your name on the list. Further information will be made available at the meeting.

Doris Dungan is offering her popular Thread Notebook class on Monday, November 7 from 6: 30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church. The thread notebook is a great way to keep your spools of thread (up to 72 spools) organized and easily portable. October will be the last month to sign up and make payment for this class. Don’t forget to bring along your cheque book.

Cindy Cockell is offering the Snowman Table Runner “Snow Mama and Little Flake” class on Saturday, November 5 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Superior High School. Make sure to sign up for this class and have a wonderful table runner ready for your Christmas table. October will be the last month to sign up and make payment for this class. Don’t forget to bring along your cheque book.

Our February Quilt Bee has been booked for Thursday, February 9, 2012 at the Prince Arthur Waterfront Hotel. A large banquet room overlooking the Sleeping Giant will give us wonderful vistas as we gather to sew comfort quilts for our great community – Thunder Bay. Please make an effort to come out and share your talents....just for a few hours or gather a group and come and spend the day or evening. We will be there from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and have even ordered breakfast, lunch and supper to be served throughout the day. Hot and cold beverages will be available all day long. WAIT there is more! the Prince Arthur Waterfront Hotel has graciously donated a Weekend Get-A-Away for Two complete in a Jacuzzi Suite with Breakfast. Every member who comes out that day will have their name entered in the draw – you might be the lucky winner! A sign-up sheet will be available so please take the time to sign up at the October meeting so that the Quilt Bee Committee can prepare further for the Quilt Bee.

See you at the meeting,

Luci Andreacchi

LIBRARY REPORT

The September meeting was very busy with registration and sign-ups for classes/events and the Library was not open for business as usual. This month will see the Library up and running and filled with many new books selected for your reading pleasure by Doris Dungan, our Past President.

Remember that the Library opens at 6:00 p.m. and closes down for the meeting and is up and running during the break period.

Members are allowed up to three books a month, so bring along your library cards and take out some great books.

Here is a description of three of the many new books that await you:

Bloom Creek Quilts – Vicki Bellino

Vicki Bellino presents 14 of her top-selling designs! Combine traditional Patchwork with delightful appliqué shapes in projects ranging from wall hangings to bed-sized quilts – plus a great tote bag and pillow.

Use pre-cuts; many projects are perfect for convenient 5” squares, 21/2” strips and fat quarters.

See the fresh ideas budding at Bloom Creek!

Charmed, I’m Sure – Lesley Chaisson

Put all those fun charm squares to clever use in quilts that show case 5” squares. Many of the designs allow you to use whole squares, so a lot of the cutting is done before you start.

Choose from 15 projects ranging from lap quilts and table runners to twin-sized bed quilts.

Make shopping a breeze – each project uses up to three charm packets and just one or two co-ordinating fabrics.

100 Paper Pieced Quilt Blocks – Linda Causee Includes CD with block sizes – 2” to 8”

If you love foundation piecing, but don’t enjoy copying each block over and over so that you have enough patterns to complete the project requirements, you’ll enjoy this book and its accompanying CD. Just pop in the CD into your computer, click on the desired block in the size you want and print out all of the paper patterns you’ll need for an entire bed-sized quilt, wall hanging or even a miniature quilt. How easy is that!

Hope to see you there,

Luci Andreacchi

QUILTERS' CHALLENGE - PART II

Greetings Fellow Quilters – if you enjoyed the Polka Dot Challenge, you won't want to miss the sequel (Quilters' Challenge – Part II)

We (Val Kosloski, Shirley Aussant and Pat Inch) had sew much fun with the polka dots that we begged Linda to let us have the **May 2010 meeting program** for Part II - ***All God's Creatures Great and Small***

Everyone is invited (challenged) to create/make something to bring forward at the May 2012 meeting for Show and Tell. We will have an assortment of projects to show at the meeting and discuss (time permitting) in terms of the inspiration, patterns, fabric choices, colour variations and more.

We will also have some fun draw prizes for those who meet the challenge of bringing at least one item within the theme (***All God's Creatures Great and Small***)

Sew – be creative! You have lots of time to find some great fabric(s) and make something to bring in May. Have fun with the theme – Almost anything goes – as long as it features something that creeps, crawls, flies or swims!

Enjoy the challenge.

CLASSIFIEDS (BUY/SELL/TRADE)

Three-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.

FOR SALE

EZ3 Grace Company no baste quilting frame. NEW. Opens to 3 sizes (32", 64", 96"). Flattens to 9" for under bed storage. \$125.00 Call Bea 346-5672

THUNDER BAY QUILT GUILD MEMBER PROFILE

LINDA GUITARD

Born in Fort William, I was raised in Nolalu about 35 miles southwest of Thunder Bay.

I am the oldest of five with two sisters and two brothers. Growing up we always had home made clothes and to purchase something was a real treat. As a child I do not remember quilts as I know quilts today. Our “taakkis” were made of heavy wool blankets with a back and front (not often pieced) and tied with wool. They were so heavy one didn’t toss and turn around very much at night! I learned to knit and embroider at a young age. One grandmother had a treadle machine and it amazed me how she made it look so easy. I have a treadle machine and can’t get my stitching to be very steady without lots of stops and starts and your ankles get a real workout! In high school home economics was must have for girls.

Shortly after high school, I got married and within 4 years I had 3 children. I was a full time homemaker, mom, wife, and cook for over 25 years with only a few attempts to get out into the working world. During the time when the children were young I would sew clothing for them and myself too. As the children grew up, my sewing machine became a mending machine and collected dust. Petit point and cross stitch became my favourite pastime.

One day I found myself going into Patchworks to ask about a building in the area and I was hooked. After spending about an hour in the store I emerged with fabric and a supply list having signed up for a 6 week beginners course. Since then quilting has become my passion. I quilt in all seasons, when we travel, I always come home with something for my sewing room and I must say my sewing room is my favourite room in the house! To date I have not made a large bed quilt but I have many lap quilts and lots of smaller projects. I don’t like to throw anything away, therefore, my scrap bin never goes down. You can find many useful pieces in there for miniatures or appliqué. I’m also building a stash of half-square triangles.

I try to take pictures of all my projects and also to make labels for them. I most often pre-wash my fabrics when I bring them home...you never know when you get inspired and need some fabric at 1:00 am. I rarely make a sample block, just jump in. I have never used spray starch either but for some of the newer things I’m trying, I may start, it is said that cutting is more accurate and there is not as much distortion of fabric.

I joined the guild in late fall of 1997 and started going to the quilt bees and taking classes whenever I can. What better way to meet new friends and you always learn something. I have also gone on 4 or 5 retreats and have enjoyed them all. The best thing I have done so far is go to a Ricky Tims’ Seminar! It was AWESOME! The three professionals are very talented and very enthusiastic to share information.

“Challenge yourself....don’t be afraid to try....you can’t do it if you don’t start!”

Submitted by Bobbie Dafoe

Christmas Table Topper Mystery

Part 2

Creating half-square triangles

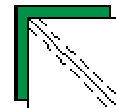
Note: the half-square triangles you will be creating, will require trimming to size. If you wish to allow more fabric for trimming than originally designed, we suggest sewing scant 1/4" seams rather than the full 1/4" allowance.



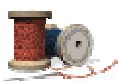
Using the largest color A sqs., draw a cutting line corner to corner, and a 1/4" sewing line on each side as shown in diagram at right.



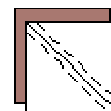
Using twenty of these marked color A sqs., and twenty of the large color D sqs., place right sides together. Line up all edges and sew on both sewing lines. Cut pieces apart diagonally. Dividing the colors into four groups, press seams in each group as follows: six toward color A and four toward color D. Keep each group together.



You should have 40 half-square triangles as shown at right.



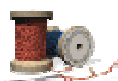
Using four of the marked color A sqs., and the four large color C sqs., place right sides together. Line up all edges and sew on both sewing lines. Cut pieces apart diagonally and press seams toward color A.



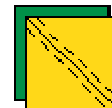
You should have 8 half-square triangles as shown at right.



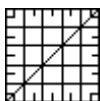
Using the four large color B sqs., draw a cutting line corner to corner, and a 1/4" sewing line on each side as shown in diagram at right.



Using these marked color B sqs., and the four large color D sqs., place right sides together. Line up all edges and sew on both sewing lines. Cut pieces apart diagonally and press seams toward color D.



You should have 8 half-square triangles as shown at right.



Using a square-up ruler, trim pieces to measure the size indicated in chart below.

18" Topper	27" Topper	36" Topper
1 1/2"	2"	2 1/2"