

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

On November 25th, Betty Maki and Meghann Choquette delivered **114** stuffed animals/dolls wrapped in quilts for the children that Christmas Cheer services. The media was there and a picture of Betty, Meghann and Linda was published in the paper surrounded by all the stuffed animals and quilts. What a wonderful gift to give to the children who may not have received a gift for Christmas.

I have found quilters to be very generous people and these gifts to Christmas Cheer just once again prove my point. Christmas is a busy time for most of us but it is important for all of us to remember that not everyone is as blessed as we are.

My hope for you and your families at this time of year is peace, love and happiness,

MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Norma

POSSIBILITIES

Possibilities will not be meeting in December, but will restart in January. Please note the date, time and presenters.

Possibilities will meet on the last Tuesday of the month at Superior High School in the Fashion Room.

Month	Presenters
January	Marlene Audet/ Meghann Choquette
February	Luci Andreacchi/ Norma Wynn
March	Peggy Skillen/Maria Watson
April	?
May	Della Lauersen/ Margaret Chernosky

Hope you are able to make these fun evenings of sharing.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Dec: Potluck Dinner on the 2nd Monday, 12th of December doors open at 5:00, dinner at 6:00.

- Remember to bring your plate, cup, utensils, place mat (if you wish to use one) and your dish for the potluck table for sharing.
- We will collect non perishable items for the Christmas Cheer distribution and/or the Shelter House.
- Bring in your Non Mystery Christmas Table Topper for Show and Share.
- If you wish to participate in the Brown Bag Exchange....bring your bag with the minimum: 2 – 2 ½" x WOF strips of fabric **and** 5 – 5" squares of different fabrics in them. If you didn't get a bag in November, bring your fabrics in and we will provide a bag for you. Remember, if you bring a brown bag for exchange, you will go home with one!

Last of all I wish everyone a blessed Christmas, lots of family/friends time and even some time for sewing!

Jan: Marlene Bosma will be showing wall picture/fabric mounting. Celebration of a special birthday/birthdays in 2012.

Feb: In the planning, still open to suggestions.

Mar: Shirley Aussant and Alva Llewelyn to speak on sizing your quilts.

Apr: Open to suggestions

May: Quilters' Challenge Part II by Pat Inch, Shirley Aussant and Val Kosloski.

Jun: Yearly windup Potluck Dinner

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

November's meeting featured Demo Night and one of our members, Joyce McKinnon demonstrated some very interested techniques incorporating unusual mediums – paper napkins being one of them. Joyce was honoured in the Grand National Quilt Show as one of the 2010 Grand National Artists and as I write this article, has once again been selected to participate at the Definitely Superior Art Gallery's 23rd Annual Regional Juried Exhibition.

Gather your group together or go on your own to see all of the works from the Multi-Disciplinary Regional Artists featured at the Gallery from December 2 to January 14.

Congratulations Joyce, you do us proud!

Have you given any thought to attending 2012 Quilt Canada in Halifax, NS – May 29 to June 2, 2012.

Below you will find the link with loads of information.
<http://quiltcanada2012.ca/>

Christmas is that special time of the year when we take time to create so many wonderful things. One of the pleasures of the season has always been the special baking that we do, especially fruitcake. Either you love it or you don't, and I fall into the first category. With time being a precious commodity, I have included two very simple recipes that make up in no time at all using some everyday ingredients along with some fruit and nuts. Enjoy the fruitcake of your choice, or make both and have a very wonderful Christmas feast.

Fast and Fabulous Fruitcakes

Dark Fruitcake

Ingredients

2 ½ cups flour
1 tsp. baking soda
2 eggs, slightly beaten
3 cups (1 28-oz. jar) mincemeat
1 can sweetened condensed milk
2 cups mixed candied fruit
1 cup walnuts, chopped OR 1 cup red or green glazed cherries
icing sugar for glazed icing garnish

Directions

- Preheat oven to 300 degrees F.
- Grease a 9-inch tube pan, line with waxed paper and grease again.
- Sift together flour and baking soda; set aside.
- In a large bowl, combine eggs, mincemeat, sweetened condensed milk, candied fruit and the

nuts/cherries.

- Add dry ingredients and blend well. Pour into prepared pan.
- Bake 1 hour and 50 minutes. Test to check the cake is done.
- Cool 15 minutes. Turn out of pan; remove waxed paper.
- Garnish with dripped icing and decorate as desired.

Light Fruitcake

Ingredients

1 cup coconut
½ cup glazed fruit
1 cup mixed peel
½ cups almonds (sliced)
3 cups flour
2 tsp. baking powder
2 cups white sugar
4 eggs
1 cup butter
1 cup milk
1 tsp. vanilla
1 cup coconut
½ cup glazed fruit
½ cup almonds (sliced)
1 cup mixed peel
pinch of salt

Directions

- Preheat oven to 325 degrees F.
- Grease a 9-inch tube pan or round cake pan. Grease and flour the sides of the pan.
- In a large bowl, place all fruit and coconut. Set aside.
- In another large bowl, mix butter and sugar. Add eggs one at a time. Add vanilla.
- Combine flour, baking powder and salt, and add to butter/egg mixture.
- Add milk and blend well.
- Add the fruit/coconut mixture to the cake batter. Mix well and pour into cake pan.
- Bake at 325 degrees for 1 and ½ hours. Test the centre of the cake before removing from the oven. Cool 15 or 20 minutes before removing from the pan.

Beginner's Quilting with Doris and Marlene

Classes are scheduled for the following dates:

Wednesday, January 11 and 25; February 8 & 22 and March 7 & 21 from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. in the Fashion

Design Room at Superior High School. The cost for the six classes will be \$60.00 and must be paid at the December meeting.

Quilt Bee

Before you know it, February will be here and so will our Quilt Bee. Please take the time to consider attending this worthwhile event and sign up to join us for this fun-filled day.

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-Way 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.

In keeping with the spirit of Christmas, Laura Ingalls Wilder's quote expresses my wishes for the season to all of you -

“Our hearts grow tender with childhood memories and love of kindred, and we are better throughout the year for having, in spirit, become a child again at Christmas-time “

Wishing you and your families the very best at Christmas-time and throughout the year,

Luci Andreacchi

LIBRARY REPORT

Just a reminder that the Library will be closed for the December meeting and will reopen for the January meeting. Please make sure that you return your books each month, so that every member has a chance to enjoy the books available in our Library.

Book Sale

The Library has limited space and as new books are introduced, shelf space needs to be created.

To this end, older books will be put on sale every

month for \$5.00 per book. Remember to bring along all your loonies and toonies to benefit from this book sale and help us make more space for all those new books making a home in our library. All funds from the book sales will be re-invested in making your Guild Library up-to-date with great reading material.

Wishes for a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year
The Library Committee

Luci Andreacchi, Meghann Choquette, Ellen Lang,
Betty Maki, Sharon Melville, Wendy Royston

PLACEMATS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

I have been travelling and haven't posted the placemat distribution for a few months. Here it is for this fall.

September	38 received	none to Meals on Wheels
October	31 received	21 to Meals on Wheels
November	10 received	15 to Meals on Wheels

(leftovers from Empty Bowls)

After much consultation with the various quilters involved with Empty Bowls we have decided to give away co-ordinating sets of two placemats rather than just one. The public seems to undervalue our quilting efforts, but respond very well to a reduced price on placemats. The sets do not have to match exactly, but should have some common colours and fabrics. I am asking you to please fasten pairs together with a string, just to help us sort them. We made over \$17,000 on the Empty Bowls events thanks to all the quilters and potters as well as volunteers.

We will still need single placemats for Meals on Wheels, so don't worry that your placemats may not have mates.

I will have placemat kits again in January.

Nelly Reedhead

INTERESTING WEBSITES

I found this link to an online National Film Board short video of changing images about quilting in the next Quill. I really enjoyed it.

<http://www.nfb.ca/film/quilt>

Check it out!

Wendy McAllister

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.

THUNDER BAY QUILT GUILD MEMBER PROFILE

STELLA LEITERMAN

Written by Betty Whittingham

Stella was born in Bromhead, Sask.-population 200, and was related to most towns people. She and her sister and parents moved to Vickers Heights area in the south ward. It was here Stella attended Fort William Collegiate.

Stella majored in nursing and accepted employment with a local obstetrician, Dr. Chapman. She was soon able to purchase her first sewing machine. Since she had a young family to clothe, she decided to purchase a Neechi-Bernina rather than a Singer as it had reverse sewing capability. At this time girls didn't wear slacks to school only dresses were allowed., so she enrolled in a sewing class

In 1981 guild member, the late May Carlson, taught a quilting class at Hammarskjold High School and then at Pine Street School. This was the beginning of the Monday night quilt group, of which Stella is one the remaining members. The group still meets twice monthly at the 55t center and are known as the "nifty needlers"

Stella is a 27 year member of the guild and also co-chaired the guild library back when the membership was only 25-30. She has participated in many of the guild endeavours and is a "96 hall of fame" member and has been an inspiration to her daughter Karen, who is also a guild member. Stella enjoys piece-work, making quilted clothes, handbags and wall hangings and has kept hand quilting long after machine quilting became more popular.

Stella and her late husband Ron were very community minded having volunteered many times packing Christmas hampers and visiting hospital patients to name a few.

Stella enjoys working on smaller projects and still has that wonderful gift of a great sense of colour.

Quilt on Stella

Submitted by Bobbie Dafoe

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DECEMBER HOURS:

Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday & Saturday

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Thursday

10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

We will close Saturday, December 24 at 3:00 p.m. and will re-open
On Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

Tony and I would like to extend a very big 'THANK YOU'

For your support and good wishes in the past six month.

May Peace be your gift at Christmas and your blessing all year through