

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 that time of year that the executive begins to look for volunteers to be President, Vice-President and Programme Chair. These roles are very important for the continuation of the Guild. The Guild requires enthusiastic and willing leaders. It does not matter how long you have belonged to the Guild or how long you have quilted. If you want to see the Guild continue to grow and offer quilters of Thunder Bay a place to show their art, then you are the one we need to lead.

As leaders you are not alone. There is always someone who can offer you support and advice if you require it.

The Guild continues to function very well because of the great volunteers who have step forward to head committees, do demonstrations, lead the Quilt Show to mention a few.

Your Guild needs you to step forward and take on these tasks. Please talk to Doris Dungan or any one on the executive. The executive need to know that there will be leaders for the 2012-2013 season.

Norma

CALL for ENTRIES

The Ontario Network of Needleworkers and the Wellington County Museum & Archives invite you to enter the juried show of creative needlework. The show is entitled Threadworks and the theme is WATER.

The entries are due in April 2013. If you want more information please see Norma.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

A huge thank you goes out to the members Maria Bell, Cathy Ridley, Cindy Cockell and Wendy Currie for their demos in February and to Ron Strey who was so patient in projecting the demos unto the big screen. It was very easy to sit back and watch and the demo people only had to speak once instead of 4 to 5 times. Thanks also to Peggy Skillen for taking the mic to the members questions.

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

Apr: Program planned just needs confirmation

May: Quilter's Challenge Part II by Pat Inch, Shirley Aussant and Val Kosloski. "All God's Creatures Great and Small". Everyone is invited to make something to bring something to show and tell at the May meeting. Anything that creeps, crawls, flies, swims, walks or runs qualifies.

Jun: Yearly windup Potluck Dinner before summer break.

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

See you at the meeting

Linda

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As I mentioned in my VP Report last month, Quilter's Connection Magazine for Canadian quilters is just loaded with the latest quilting news and views.

From feature articles to projects, show and tell and great recipes, you'll find something interesting on every page. The Spring 2012 issue has a great article on having the right tools and I would like to share the information with all of you.

"To do a job properly you need to have the right tools"

- A sewing machine in good working order.

- A rotary cutter and all that goes with it – a good supply of new blades is just as important as the cutter.
- A good pair of fabric scissors.
- A good marker. A personal favourite is a white retractable pencil made by a French company – Bohn. It comes with a good supply of replaceable leads made from chalk and a little wax and includes a sharpener in the kit.
- A seam ripper. Several of them and always at the ready. A good choice is the Clover brand. It fits well in the hand and comes with a very sharp edge that easily cuts the threads and does not shred fabric.
- A reducing glass. The ones that were originally made to see people on the other side of the door works well, but one that is even more helpful is like a magnifying glass, in reverse. Stopping to look through this frequently, as you assess our work is invaluable.
- A well-fitting thimble. Leather, metal or the new small round self-adhesive ones all work well.
- A needle-threader. Clover's little two-ended threader is a good choice, but others work just as well.
- Good quality thread. This means Aurifil thread. If I could only buy one kind of thread, this is what I would get. One hundred percent long staple cotton, virtually lint free and because it is a very fine 50 weight thread, your quarter inch is guaranteed.
- Good quality fabric, and lots of it! Fabric is your raw material and nothing is so important as having on hand that which you will need as you go about creating your quilts.

Of course, the most important thing of all is not a notion, or a book or a workshop, or even the fabric; but a curious and adventurous spirit – a willingness to try something new and see what happens. It's quite the journey, this creative life, and having the right tools and the right frame of mind ensure that it will be a wonderful journey too.

Luci

LIBRARY REPORT

The Education Wing buzzed with excitement as members came looking for all of those wonderful new books that have made their way into our Guild Library. They were not disappointed with the thirty-three new books that were introduced last month. Here is a list of those books:

Lots of Scraps/Time to Quilt

Jean Stauffer & Sandra L. Hatch
House of Birches
Table runners to bed quilts

Love Mercy

A Benni Harper Mystery
Earlene Fowler
Donated to Guild Library/2012

Threading the Needle

A Cobbled Court Novel
Marie Bostwick
Donated to Guild Library/2012

The Quilter's Homecoming

An Elm Creek Quilts Novel
Jennifer Chiaverini
Donated to Guild Library/2012

The Winding Ways Quilt

An Elm Creek Quilts Novel
Jennifer Chiaverini
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A Dozen Roses

Beautiful Quilts/Pillows
Jennifer Rounds/Catherine Comyns
February 2012

Another Season of Beautiful Blooms

Appliqued Quilts/Cushions
Susan Taylor Propst
February 2012

Points of View

Landscape Quilts to Stitch/Embellish
Valerie Hearder
February 2012

Favourite Applique Quilts

Mimi Dietrich
Applique/Piecing
February 2012

Fresh Vintage Sewing

Fig Tree Quilts/Joanna Figueroa
Pin Cushions/Wearables/Quilts
February 2012

Knit, Purl, Die

A Black Sheep Knitting Mystery
Anne Canadeo
Donated to Guild Library/2012

The Fabric Makes the Quilt

Creative Process in Quilting
Roberta Horton
February 2012

Adventures in Design

The Ultimate Visual Guild
Joen Wolfrom
February 2012

Twist and Turn

Quilts with NO Curved Seams
Suzanne McNeill
February 2012

Twelve Days of Christmas

Gift/Decorating & Quilting Ideas
Debbie Mumm
February 2012

Charmed, I'm Sure

Quilts and More from 5" Squares
Lesley Chaisson
February 2012

Thimbleberries - Small Wonders

Toppers/Runners/Quilts/Gifts
Lynette Jensen
February 2012

Wilderness Adventure

Traditional Piecing
Kathryn Squibb & Deborah Jacobs
February 2012

Thimbleberries – Holiday Collection

Classic Country
Lynette Jensen
February 2012

Make It Merry

Whimsicals by Terri Degenkolb
Traditional/Seasonal
February 2012

Beautiful Blooms

Quilts and Cushions to Applique
Susan Taylor Propst
February 2012

Candy Cane Lane

Quilts/projects – Christmas
Melinda Bula
February 2012

Simple Strategies for Scrap Quilts

Fat Quarter Friendly
Lynn Roddy Brown
February 2012

Scrap Basket Sensations

More Great Quilts from 2 1/2" strips
Kim Brackett
February 2012

Spotlight on Scraps

Colour confidence with Hues & Values
Cyndi Walker
February 2012

Showstopping Quilts

Foundation Piecing/Traditional quilts
Tricia Lund/Judy Pollard
February 2012

Free Motion Quilting Made Easy

186 Quilting Designs
Eav A. Larkin
February 2012

Small Blocks/Stunning Quilts

Traditional Quilts
Mary E. Kinch/Biz Storms
February 2012

Spirit of the Northwoods

12 Unique Applique Blocks
Debbie Field/Granola Girl Designs
February 2012

State Fair

A Benni Harper Mystery
Earlene Fowler
Donated to Guild Library/2012

The book sale was also a huge success last month. Many books that have been taking up space in our library have found new homes and now we can look forward to a new selection of more current and updated quilting books. We will continue with the sale of these older books, so remember to bring your loonie and toonies to the March meeting and find a treasure that needs a new home. Come to the Education Wing and see what awaits. Hope to see you there and remember to bring back the books that you took home in February, so that all members of the Guild can have a chance to enjoy the great quilting resources that their library has to offer.

Thank you and happy reading,
The Library Committee
Luci Andreacchi, Meghann Choquette, Ellen Lang,
Betty Maki, Sharon Melville, Wendy Royston

**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.

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Tuesday, March 13, 2012

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Open to serve you ~ Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. ~ 5:00 p.m.

Closed: Sunday and Monday

Thimble Treasures Quilt Show

Presented by Dryden's
Sunset Country Quilter's Guild

April 28 & 29, 2012

Saturday, April 28: 10 am to 6 pm
Sunday, April 29: 10 am to 4 pm

Dryden Agricultural Building
at the Fairgrounds at Scott St & Hwy 601
watch for Quilt Show signs

\$5 per person
Children under 10: \$3
Babes in Arms and Strollers: free

- + Numerous Vendors from near and afar
- + Mini Workshops throughout each day
- + Saturday Evening Banquet – details at
www.sunsetcountryquilters.com
- + Viewer's Choice – Saturday votes
Winners revealed at Banquet

