

# 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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## MEETING AGENDA - Mar 16, 2015

1. Welcome
  2. Acceptance of Agenda
  3. Acceptance of Minutes
  4. Business arising from minutes
  5. Executive Committee Reports
  6. New Business
  7. Break
  8. Show and Tell
  9. Programme
  10. Door Prizes / Adjournment
- Next Meeting - April 20, 2015

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It is 10 PM and I have just peaked out my door to see that the temperature is -40 the lowest it has been this winter. I have pugged in my van so hopefully it will start in the morning. It is hard to believe that they say we are having global warming when it is so cold. Hope everyone is keeping warm and doing a lot of sewing to finish the quilts for the Quilt challenge, quilts for the Quilt Show and all the other projects you are doing. I was out for dinner tonight and one of the ladies was a quilter and she stated that if she doesn't quilt at least a few hours each day she is not happy as it is very therapeutic for her. I have to agree with her as I find that sewing and quilting are very relaxing and keeps me busy so the loneliness I feel at times is not overwhelming. Quilting was my saving grace after my husband passed away the quilting friends I have made are wonderful. I have no family in Thunder Bay so my

children would worry about me a lot more if I didn't have the support of friends my husband and I had and also my circle of quilting friends. I look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting.

Sharon Melville

## VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Peggy Skillen will be teaching two classes in the spring. Registration will begin next meeting.

Saturday May 2, Hinge Method. Learn how to attach

Quilt-As-You-Go blocks together with this popular technique.

Saturday June 6, Iron Caddy. Create a portable ironing pad and iron caddy in one!

Don't forget to collect your Eye-Spy blocks for the exchange at the May meeting!

Christina

## QUILT SHOW WORKSHOPS

**Friday, April 24, 2015 – Full-**

**Day Workshop "Secrets of the Farmer's Wife"** (each participant must have a copy of the book "Farmer's Wife Sampler Quilt", by Laurie Aaron Hird, for this class, available for order from Guild, \$20-\$30)

**\*\*NEW\*\* Saturday, April 25,**

**2015 - Full-Day Workshop "Houses: Machine Paper Foundation Piecing"** (requires the purchase of Johanna Masko's "Houses" pattern, available from the guild)



**Sunday, April 26, 2015 – Half-Day Workshop  
“Pineapple Log Cabin”**

Full-Day Workshops **\$85** (\$50 deposit or full fee required to sign up)

Half-Day Workshop **\$45** (\$20 deposit or full fee required to sign up)

Weekend entrance into the Quilt Show is included in class fee.

Class Size Limits = 8-15 people

Sign-up is first-come-first-served and has begun already!

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### **QUILT SHOW CHALLENGE**

Challenge quilts have already started to arrive and they're beautiful, I can't wait to see more! Please submit yours to me at the March or April meeting and I'll give you your deposit back.

Mary Catharine

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### **HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS**

It's the month of March and it's time to start thinking about nominations for the Hall of Fame. As you know there are certain qualifications that must be met, please keep these in mind while you make your considerations. The Hall of Fame committee will need your nominations in by May's meeting. Attached is the Hall of Fame nomination form plus all the qualifications you need to make your considerations.

Meghann Pulkkinen and the Hall of Fame Committee

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### **QUILT BEE COMMITTEE**

We are getting excited! The Quilt Bee will be held on March 21, 2015 at the Oliver Road Community Center from 10 am - 4 pm. All guild members are invited to participate. It is a great way for people of all skill levels to participate in a fun event and it is a good way to learn new skills or a new pattern while making quilts for others to enjoy. We will have a variety of patterns and kits ready for the group to create beautiful quilts for donation. There will be some new patterns - some with a modern twist. A lunch will be provided.

Although it is not necessary to sign up for the Bee, we have asked people to put their name down on a list for the Bee so we can get an idea of the expected numbers. This will help us to have kits and tables ready

and so that we can provide everyone with a good lunch. We will have the sign up list available at the March meeting in case you've decided to come. Remember that you are more than welcome to come out for an hour or two. There will be lots of cutting and pressing to be done and anyone can jump in.

We were very happy to have so much interest in helping to cut fat quarters into layer cakes and charm squares. Thank you to those who took fat quarter bundles to cut. They will make kits much easier to pull together and will make the Quilt Bee a very productive experience. Please try to bring your cut bundles back for the March meeting - or bring them to the Bee. We will be getting a bunch of kits ready for this Bee and the next Bee. The patterns we have selected are easy and use many of the common pre-cut sizes including layer cakes, jelly rolls and charm packs.

If anyone has fabric they would like to donate to the Bee Committee, we sincerely appreciate all fabric donations and we will put it to good use. Neutral fabric or fabric that reads as a solid would be helpful as we make up kits. Thank you!

Looking forward to a fun day on March 21!

Adrienne Lopes and Nellie Jaremey

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### **PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT**

Each month we like to recap our ongoing projects and would love to have you join in the fun.

Shoobox Project – sort of like a Round Robin that started at the October meeting and the U. F. O. Challenge introduced at the January meeting.

Here is a recap of both projects:

#### **Shoobox Project – Sort of like a Round Robin!**

Here is what you will need:

- A box/container – your choice
- A block pattern or full quilt pattern
- Your fabrics
- A finished block (if you want)
- Special instructions (if any)
- Threads to match
- A short write-up of what inspired you to select this pattern/quilt
- Your box/container clearly marked with your name/phone #

We hope that you will have great fun with this project and look forward to seeing many finished quilts in the next two years.

#### **U.F.O. CHALLENGE**

Challenge: To finish those quilt projects hidden in your

sewing room!!!

There are many names for those unfinished quilt projects we all have stashed in our closets, under the bed or in drawers or bags... WIPs (works in progress), UFOs (unfinished objects), NFUFO (nearly finished UFOs), BBUFO (barely begun UFOs), PIPS (projects in process), WISPs (works in slow progress), WIVPs (works in very slow progress), PIGs (projects in grocery sacks). We started them because we liked them but for one reason or another we put them aside to finish at another time. Wouldn't it be nice to see those quilt projects completed instead of hiding them away for a few more years? We have a challenge for you!!!

Here are the rules. They are simple. The UFO Challenge wants to gently help you complete 10 projects in 2015 and a chance to win prizes too! How easy is that. Write down the names of those 10 unfinished projects on a list numbered 1 through 10. Make 2 copies of the list and hand one copy in when members of the Executive collect the lists at the January meeting. Each time you bring in a completed quilt (quilted and binding attached) it will be marked off your list and your name will be entered in a draw for some great prizes. The first member to finish all ten UFO projects will receive the "Grand Prize". Think how proud you'll be standing up at Show and Tell when you tell everyone "I finally finished this quilt". The applause alone will make it worth the work. And remember, if you don't want the quilt when you are finished with it, you can always think about donating it as a comfort quilt.

Our February program on Scraps will continue with Part Two at the March meeting. We hope that everyone is enjoying the Program portion of the monthly Guild meeting. We are always open to constructive criticism and welcome any suggestions for future program ideas that might be of interest to our membership. Below is a recap on the February meeting -

#### **SCRAPS**

They say a picture paints a thousand words. In a quilter's world, a single quilt scrap can inspire a thousand ideas. But there is a trick to scrap quilting that many quilters tend to trip up on: organizing said scraps so they are ready to go when you want to sew.

Let's face it; a plastic grocery bag overflowing with wrinkled strips isn't very inspiring! Taking the time to organize fabric scraps can make the difference between creating a stellar scrap quilt, or merely dreaming of a stellar scrap quilt that may never be stitched.

So, before you ask yourself "What can I make with

fabric scraps today?" whip that scrap stash into shape with ideas from some great fabric designers/quilters.

Do you have pieces of fabric left over from a project? Do you have a method of storing these pieces for future use? Or are you like me, just throw them away so you don't have to deal with them.

I have learned to embrace my scraps, how to control them and use them effectively. At the March meeting our SCRAPS Part Two will help you create some amazing quilts/projects from all of those nicely organized scraps that keep you company in your sewing space.

Norma Wynn & Luci Andreacchi

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#### **CHRISTMAS CHEER / TEDDY BEAR QUILTS COMMITTEE**

For anyone who is doing the Quilt Show challenge and don't have a favourite little daughter or granddaughter to give this little quilt too, why not use it as a Teddy Bear Quilt for Christmas Cheer. It will be a nice size to wrap a small stuffed animal in. If you decide to do this please put a label on that can be easily removed since these quilts don't require a label because they are from Santa.

Peggy Skillen

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#### **PLACEMAT COMMITTEE**

Thirteen placemats were donated in both January and February bringing us to 26 for the year so far. The placemats will be collected for display at the Quilt Show and then donated in a batch at the beginning of May.

If you'd like to take a look at everyone's beautiful work check out the link below for photos at your leisure or the back of the donation quilt area at the meeting.  
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/thunderbayquiltersguild/>

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#### **COLLECTING INCHES TO LETHBRIDGE**

We added 4769.5 inches to our tally in February. Please remember to measure your show and tell items and report the tally of outside inches.

Tally sheets are located at the sign-in desk and everyone is encouraged to keep track of all their projects to help make up the distance to Lethbridge.

The distance from St. Catharines, ON to Lethbridge, AB (via Penticton, BC) is 197,441,338.6" (5015.01 km). They will be collecting inches up to June 1, 2015 so it is not too late to start (and all our Quilt Show inches should count).

Thanks, Pat Inch

## COMFORT QUILTS

Seven (7) comfort quilts and two neonatal flannels were donated in February. The quilts are being saved for display at the Quilt Show and will be provided to local groups later. We are still hoping to collect donated Quilts for Haven House. The suggested size for a single bed is 66 to 70 by 83 to 90.

### Recommended Quilt Sizes

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| Neo Natal .....  | 36" x 36"       |
| Crib.....        | 34 to 36" x 36" |
| Wheel Chair..... | 36" x 48"       |
| Nap Quilt .....  | 40" x 55-60"    |
| Hospice/Bed..... | 63" x 80"       |

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Your Comfort Quilt Committee Chair, Pat Inch

## KITCHEN CORNER

### Guild Booth – 2015 Quilt Show

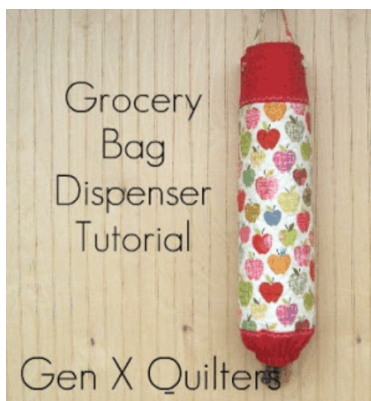
Hello members,

With our Quilt Show scheduled for April 24, 25 & 26, 2015, this will be our last KITCHEN CORNER submission. I hope that you have been inspired with some of the ideas presented for the Guild Booth “Kitchen Corner” themed merchandise that we will be selling to help off-set costs associated with our Quilt Show.

What comes to mind when you think Kitchen...how about GROCERY BAG DISPENSERS. Make one, two or a whole bunch....easy to whip up and such a creative way to use up some of your scraps that are taking up valuable space in your sewing room.

<http://www.genxquilters.com/2011/03/grocery-bag-dispenser-tutorial.html>

And next how about a cute vintage tie apron for those adorable “Chefs in Training”. Would also work well as a painting cover-up for those little “Artists in Training” too!



<http://smashedpeasandcarrots.com/vintage-tie-apron-tutorial-and-pattern/>



Hope you all have fun with these free patterns and tutorials.....

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Luci



Thunder Bay Quilter's Guild presents...

# SUPERIOR QUILT SHOW 2015

**April 24 - 26, 2015**

100+ Quilts on Display  
Northcott Quilt Challenge  
Vendors  
Demos

Food by Local Motion  
Pinetree Catering

Admission \$5  
Children under 12 free

Coliseum Building  
on the C.L.E. Grounds  
425 Northern Avenue  
Thunder Bay, ON

Trunk Show from Guest Instructor  
Johanna Masko  
at Banquet, April 25, 2015

<http://thunderbayquilters.org/>