
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 - Apr 20, 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 - May 18, 2015
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings everyone I hope everyone is enjoying the nice spring weather we are having, it is a welcome change for most people. There are still some hardy souls that want winter to continue so they can continue to do all the winter sports they love. I am not one of them, I love the change of seasons but winter could be a lot shorter which would allow my favourite seasons Spring and Fall to be longer.

The quilt show plans are falling into place after a lot of work by the Quilt Show Committee. When we started the planning meetings we thought there was lots of time to get ready but the time really does pass quickly and before you know it is January and then with the blink of an eye it is April and now we are down to the countdown. Are all of your projects to be entered in the show finished or if you are scrambling to finish remember an old saying "haste makes waste"? If you

can volunteer some time to help in all areas of the Quilt Show it would be appreciated the sign-up sheets will be at the meeting. It takes a lot of volunteers to make the show a success and also allows people in the community to see what we do and where our comfort quilts go in the community.

Hope to see everyone at the meeting.

Sharon

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I am looking for people to lead workshops next year. If you are interested please see me at the meeting or contact me via email, christinalwakefield@gmail.com.

Remember to collect your eye-spy fabric for exchange at the May meeting! Fussy-cut squares to 4-6 inches.

There are two more Guild workshops available before the end of the year.

May 2, 2015 - The Hinge Method Workshop, taught by Peggy Skillen, is booked for Superior CVI. Learn new technique to join together already quilted blocks into a larger quilt.

June 6, 2015 - Peggy Skillen will teach a workshop at Superior CVI where you will sew your own Iron Caddy, a portable ironing mat that folds up to hold your iron. Perfect for retreats, workshops and quilting groups! All workshops are \$35.

Quilt Show Workshops

There are still a few spaces left for all of the Quilt Show Workshops. Please check out the website for more details or come see me at the meeting.

If you have registered for a workshop, you get a wristband for the show as part of your registration price. You can pick this up at the admission desk at the show.

Any questions, please email

christinalwakefield@gmail.com

Christina

QUILT SHOW CHALLENGE

The time has come to wrap the Challenge up! Your Challenge quilt must be submitted to me at the April general meeting or it will not be hung at the show. I can't wait to see all the quilts hanging together at the show.

Mary Catharine Kennedy

QUILT SHOW REPORT

Our quilt show will run from April 24 to 26th.

Final preparations for our Quilt Show are underway. We will have over 160 Quilts on display again this year. Thank you to our Guild Members for all your hard work in getting your quilts out for the show. I am sure we will once again "WOW" the visitors coming to see our Quilts.

Please pick up your registration forms at Monday's meeting, as they have to be attached to your Quilts.

Quilt Registration is from 8:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on Thursday April 23rd, in the Cardinal Room. Please be on time.

We are still looking for Volunteers for the days of the show – Cathy Ridley and Nellie Jaremey have the lists available for sign up.

We also could use a few more items for the Guild Booth sale table.

The Quilt Show would not be the success it has been over years, if it had not been for those who had volunteered their time. Without you, there would be no Show!!

Don't forget to get your tickets for the Banquet, which is on Saturday April 25th at the Airline Hotel. Linda Santorelli will have the last of the dinner tickets available at the Guild meeting on the April 20th. We have to finalize the numbers for the dinner on Tuesday, so don't miss out. At the dinner we will have a Trunk Show by our guest quilter Johanna Masko. We will have draws for door prizes, as well as the draw for the grand prize of a Janome Sewing Machine, donated by Circle of Friends Quilt Shop.

All door prizes are drawn from the Banquet Tickets.

Aila Metsa

ELECTIONS & HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS

Once again elections are coming up and we have two vital positions up to fill, secretary and treasurer. Please consider running for one of these positions. Would you like to be part of the decision making? Would you like to have a more integral part of the

guild? This is your chance!

We are run on volunteers and that is all of us. Please consider putting your name forward we would love to have you.

Also, we are still looking for a Hall of Fame nominee for 2014/2015. Please let me or anyone on the hall of fame committee know your suggestions. Please make sure this person has met the criteria for this nomination. You can submit their name and a letter stating why you feel they should be awarded to any one on the Hall of Fame committee - Marg Marks, Pat Inch, Norma Wynn or myself.

Past President, Meghann Pulkkinen

LIBRARY REPORT

The library will be having a book sale at the April 2015 meeting. Books will be \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00. There is a good selection to choose from. Come out and see what is available.

The inventory is completed and Ellen Lang has finished typing up the new inventory list. A copy will be available in the library starting at the April meeting. I want to thank Ellen for all her hard work in updating this list.

Margaret Marks

QUILT BEE COMMITTEE

A wonderful and productive quilt bee was held on March 21, 2015. Not only was it the first day of spring, but it was also National Quilting Day. What a great day to have a quilt bee. Many quilt tops were completed at the event and 23 kits (including some finished tops) were taken by the participants to complete at home. Thank you to the participants: Dorothy Mills, Kathie Pawlik, Carol Forneri, Carol Richards, Judy Wrigley, Maria Watson, Peggy Skillen, Cindy Cockell, Judy Murphy, Kirsi Hiebert, Helen Kitching, Joanne deJong, Audrey Borger, Laura Cooke, Annette Langlois, Joyce Pavelick, Flora Ozburn, Janet Jacobson, Deb Maki, Lorraine Gysen, Pat Inch, Florence Poster, Deb Ascher Palmquist, Sharron McCulloch, Sharon Melville, Marlene McRobb, Claire Archer, Michelle Gale, Marlene Bosma, Aila Metsa, Linda Santorelli and Linda Guitard. Also a big thank you to the organizing committee for a making this a great day: Wendy Royston, Linda Santorelli, Karen Boote, Christina Wakefield, Nellie Jaremey, and Adrienne Lopes

Reminder to any of you who have fat quarters that are being cut into 10 inch and 5 inch squares, and a 2.5 inch strip, return your cut pieces to us at the next

meeting. They will be used to make more kits that are pre-cut friendly for the next bee. The cutting guide can be found at the following blog:

piecefulliving.blogspot.ca It is a great way to cut up fat quarters for use at home or to donate to the next Quilt Bee. Thank you for your enthusiastic participation.

We've made a beautiful collection of quilts for donation.

Adrienne Lopes and Nellie Jaremey

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

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

Shoebbox 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:

Shoebbox 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.

April Program

This month we will present Quilting Tips and Tricks. We will be using the camera for on-screen demos and strongly suggest that you bring along a pad and pen to take notes – this will save on the amount of paper product and make a small dent in our carbon footprint. All the informational links will be posted in the May Quill for your browsing pleasure.

Norma Wynn & Luci Andreacchi

PLACEMAT COMMITTEE

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/>

COLLECTING INCHES TO LETHBRIDGE

We are still looking to collect more quilts for Haven House and other local facilities. Quilts from September and October were taken to Faye Peterson House and Precious Bundles. All Comfort Quilts donated since the November meeting are being kept for display at the Quilt Show in April. Haven House will need 14 bed quilts and one double/Queen - sized. So far we have 5 bed quilts and some in the works.

As far as Inches - Quilt Canada needs 197,441,338.6 by June to travel their distance to Lethbridge. We have a long way to go but will be counting the Quilt Show items so our April Tally should help. Thank goodness there are many Guilds contributing their tallies to help record the distance. Keep those measurements coming in for the outside dimensions of your Show and Tell projects.

Thanks, Pat Inch

COMFORT QUILTS

Recommended Quilt Sizes

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"

<u>Month</u>	<u>Comfort Quilts</u>	<u>Inches Tallied</u>	<u>Total Inches</u>
September	7	1,974.0	1,974.0
October	17(3)	3,943.0	5,917.0
November	6(2)	20,223.0	26,140.0
December	1	3,193.0	29,333.0
January	1	2,560.0	31,893.0
February	7(2)	5,742.5	37,635.5
March	2	4,232.0	41,867.5

(#) are NeoNatal quilts

Your Comfort Quilt Committee Chair, Pat Inch



PLACEMAT BEE

SATURDAY, May 2, 2015

LOCATION:

Unitarian Fellowship,
129 South Algoma St.

Thunder Bay.

Time: 9:30 – 2:30 p.m.

A light lunch included.

Coffee, tea, juice

Bring quilting supplies and an insulated mug for your coffee

Sponsored by: Lakehead Unitarian Fellowship and
Empty Bowls committee

All placemats will be sold to raise money to feed the hungry

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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/>

