

THUNDER BAY QUILTERS' GUILD QUILTERS' QUILL

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"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 email or call Joanne Kavanagh 345-2269.
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MEMBERSHIP FORMS

It's that time of year again and no I don't mean fall.....I mean the long lines at the September meeting waiting to register. So help us out by filling out the attached membership form. Don't forget to bring your membership and library cards for stamping.

Ellen

MEETING AGENDA

September 19, 2016

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 - October 17, 2016

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello everyone and welcome back to a new year of quilting adventures! I hope you have all enjoyed your summer and got in some time for quilting! I am very excited to be your Guild President in our 35th Anniversary year! We have many great things planned, so be sure to read all about them.

I should tell you a little bit about myself. I have been sewing for more than 25 years; as a child I was on a mission to be an "accomplished" Victorian lady and my mom was happy to send me





to another after-school activity where many costumes resulted! Almost 10 years ago, I needed something creative to do while in graduate school and signed up for an intermediate sampler quilt class at Satin Moon Quilt Shop in Victoria, BC, and I've been hooked on quilting ever since.

My pet rabbit, Basil, and I moved to Thunder Bay in 2012 so I could start my job as an Associate Archivist with the City of Thunder Bay. Because I didn't know anyone in town, I decided to try out one meeting of the Quilt Guild to see if I would be interested. Everyone was so pleasant and welcoming, that by the end of the meeting I was signed up for coffee duty! I have so enjoyed being a part of this Guild for the last few years; for the learning and teaching opportunities; the inspiration, but mostly for all our wonderful members. I am delighted to be your President this year!

Christina

QUILTS FOR PULSE

At the June meeting, we announced that we would be collecting some blocks for the Orlando Modern Quilt Guild's "Quilts for Pulse" campaign, to bring some comfort to the survivors and victim's families of the Pulse Nightclub shooting. Thank you to all the guild members who brought in blocks. We received 71 heart blocks and 6 rainbow slabs, enough to make 3 quilts! Thanks especially to Adrienne Lopes who quilted them all, and Laura Cooke who took them down to Orlando with her and delivered them in person! Here is a link to the Orlando MQG's blog post of that meeting

<http://theorlandomodernquiltguild.blogspot.ca/2016/08/meeting-minutes-wednesday-august-3-2016.html>

Thanks again to everyone who donated blocks and slabs! If you hear of similar quilt bees throughout the year, you are welcome to bring it to the membership. If we cannot take it on as an official guild organized event, there are always members willing to participate. Please be sure to show us the results in the Quill!

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Teddy Bear Quilts	Peggy Skillen



Orlando Quilts for Pulse- contributions by members of Thunder Bay Quilt Guild

QUILT LOGO

Thirty-five years is a long time for a logo to be around, and your Guild Executive agrees that it's time for us to plan a refresh. We want to create a logo that reflects the energy and vibrancy of this organization.

Below are the top three designs that we are currently considering. Please have a look at them, and provide us with your ideas and feedback. As always we are open to suggestions and constructive comments. We are, after all, a creative group with incredible ideas. Our aim is to send out an interest survey later in the Fall, and have a new logo in time for to provide attractive merchandise at the Quilt Show in the spring!

Christina



Logo 1



Logo 2



Logo 3

POSSIBILITIES

Possibilities group is a place where you can meet to discuss and learn new techniques and possibilities in quilting. This group is open to any Guild member who wants to attend. It meets at Superior CVI on the last Tuesday of the month at 7pm, upstairs just to the left of the foyer in room 2001. Dates are Sept 27, Oct 25, Nov 29, Jan 31, Feb 28, Mar 28, April 25, May 30.

TREASURER'S REPORT

At the September meeting I will be bringing forward a motion to accept the attached proposed budget for the 2016-2017 year. Every month in the Quill I publish the Balance Sheet and Income Statement from July 1ST to the end of the previous month. If you have any questions I will be more than glad to answer them.

I will be continuing my sweet treat incentive this year. On either the Balance Sheet or the Income Statement there will be a clue hidden. Your job is to read these reports and find that clue. Once you find it, write the account description and dollar amount on a small paper and place it in the jar on the executive table **BEFORE THE MEETING STARTS**. When it is my turn to give my report I will pick a name and that person will get a little treat. Because I missed the June meeting there will be two draws in September.

Ellen

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I have not finalised the workshop schedule yet, but I am planning on holding the first workshop in November (I'm thinking cathedral windows or a cute little tuffet pin cushion class). If anyone is interested in running a workshop in the New Year, please let me know. In other news, we are looking into holding monthly or bi-monthly sewing days. It would be a good opportunity to share ideas and have a little fun together. Please feel free to email with any ideas or offers you have.

Happy quilting, Laura Cooke

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

This quilting year we would like to invite everyone to dig into their stash / scraps and try to use up what you have! It will be like quilting for free! Plus we will access free patterns off of the internet.

First we would like you to join us in a Riley Blake Design Cozy Christmas Sew Along. This is a free pattern and the quilt along is hosted by Lori Holt. Each month she will post a tutorial on her on her website on the current block. This actually started in August so we encourage everyone to do two or so monthly. We will have our sample blocks to show at the guild. The pattern can be seen here and is a free download:

<http://beeinmybonnetco.blogspot.ca/>

We will also be offering a free project monthly that we hope you find useful and would also be suitable for small gifts or even the TBQG craft table.

Jeanette and Maria



LIBRARY REPORT

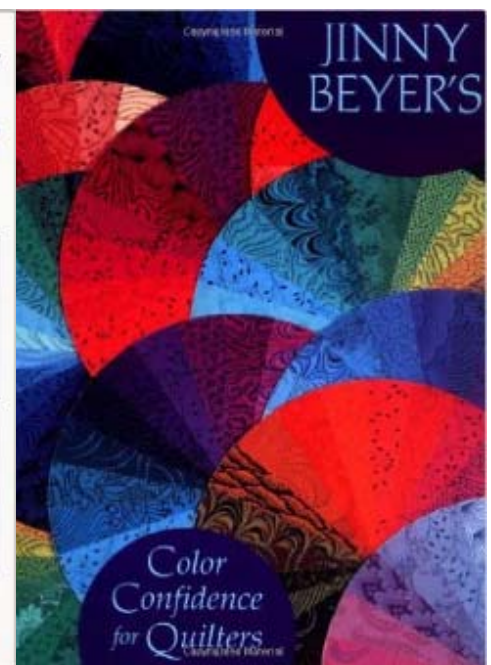
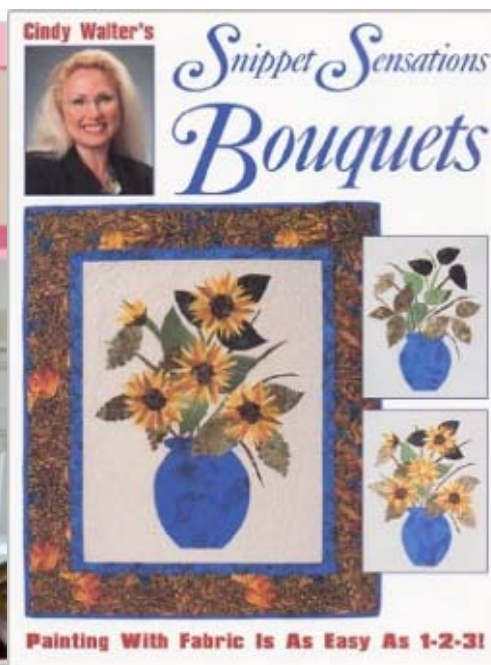
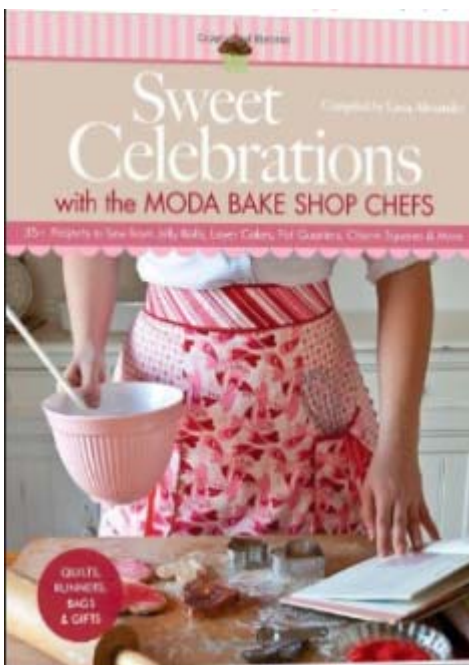
Welcome back to a new year. If you have any books you would like to see considered for purchase by the library, please let the library volunteers know.

The following books were missing from the June inventory. Please check to see if you have them.

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| 1. Colour Confidence for Quilters by Jinny Beyers | 2. Curiosities & Mischief an Art to Heart |
| 3. Easy Does It Quilts by Georgia Bonesteel | 4. Every Quilt Tells a Story by H. Kelley |
| 5. The Finishing Touch by M. Chronosky | 6. Incredible Thread-a-bowls by W. Hill |
| 7. Goddess of the Last Minute by R.J. Eklow | 8. Miss Rosies Spice of Life Quilts by C.L. Nelson |
| 9. Make: Over 40 Fantastic Projects | 10. The Modern Applique Book by J. Dick |
| 11. One Stitch At A Time by C. Miller | 12. A Passion for Patchwork by L. Bergene |
| 13. Patch Pizzazz by Judy Sisneros | 14. Santa's Scrapbook by Debbie Mumm |
| 15. Showstopping Quilts to Foundation Piece by T. Lund & J. Pollard | |
| 16. Snippet Sensation Bouquets by C. Walter | 17. Snowball Quilt by Eleanor Burns |
| 18. Sweet Celebrations by Moda Bake Shop | 19. Sweet Celebrations with Moda |
| 20. Two Colour Quilts by Nancy Martin | 20. Wild Birds by Carol Armstrong |
| 21. Wild Goose Chase by Terri Thayer | 22. With Fabric and Thread by J. Figueroa |

Also the CD from the book The Farmer's Wife Sampler Quilt by Laurie Aaron Hird is missing from the back of the book. Please check to see if this might be mixed in with your other CD's. Thank you.

Thanks, Marg





QUILT BEE

Welcome back everyone! I am looking forward to another productive year for the Quilt Bees. For anyone who is new or has not participated in a Quilt Bee before, please consider joining us for one or more of our scheduled Quilt Bees this year. For anyone who is wondering what the Quilt Bee Committee is and Quilt Bees are I will give a brief description of what we do.

The Quilt Guild hosts Quilt Bees for members to get together for a day to sew and create beautiful quilts for the Comfort Committee to distribute on behalf of the Guild to various charitable organizations, hospitals and homes throughout the community. The Quilt Bee Committee organizes these Bees and coordinates kits, donation fabrics, patterns and all aspects of the Bee to allow the quilters to have a fabulous experience.

Our Quilt Bees this year are already booked so that you can pencil them into your calendar and plan to attend.

Cutting Bee - October 22, 2016 - 1:00 - 4:00pm - Superior High School - 2nd Floor

Quilt Bee - January 21, 2017 - 9:30 am - 4:00 pm - Oliver Road Community Centre

Finishing Bee - March 4, 2017 - 9:30 am - 4:00 pm - Oliver Road Community Centre

The Quilt Bee gladly accepts donations of quilting cotton. If you are de-stashing (yes, that is a new word) and find a pile that you don't want to look at any more, please consider donating it to the Quilt Bee Committee for use in kits. Any donation is greatly appreciated and will be turned into beautiful quilts.

Anyone who has comfort quilts from Bees last year (or the year before...) please let me know when you turn them into the Comfort Quilt Committee at the meetings so I can mark your name off the list of quilts that are out being completed. No rush.

Looking forward to another fun and productive year.

Thank you for participating! It makes the Quilt Bee Committee's job very rewarding.

Adrienne Lopes

COMFORT QUILTS

Greetings Fellow Quilters,

The Comfort Quilt Committee is responsible for collection of quilts donated and distribution to worthy local facilities. Last year over 160 comfort quilts were delivered to local facilities including bed-sized quilts for some of the new respite beds. Many of the Seniors' homes now have respite care beds and appreciate the larger sized quilts. Quilts are made in the Bees and independently by members and groups.

If you are making any quilt(s) for donation, the recommended sizes are given here. Also, see Pat or Wendy for a Quilt Guild Label. A label is to be sewn onto the quilt – typically on the back bottom right side. Thanks

New Committee members are always welcomed and the Committee Chair will be decided in September so please come out and support the Committee. One of the Committee tasks will be to review the list of locations that receives Comfort Quilts and update the contact and background information. If you know of a location that may benefit from receiving a quilt or quilts, please provide contact and background information. The aim has been to support facilities where quilts will be used multiple times and benefit the users.

Pat Inch

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 to 65" x 80"

MEALS ON WHEELS PLACEMATS

The Guild continues to supply clients of local Meals on Wheels with placemats. Recommended size is approximately 12" x 18", so that they are large enough to hold a place setting. Your donation placemats can be dropped off at any guild meeting. You may use any pattern that you wish.

This year, as your placemat representatives, we plan to provide some easy placemat ideas and patterns or links to them on the guild website. There is also a link on the website to photos of placemats previously donated by our members. Throughout the year we will show you a variety of samples, some of which we hope to demo to those who are interested. Some months we will also have placemats kits for you to take home and sew, and placemat sized batting pieces to use if you need them.

Ten placemats were donated at our June meeting.

Doris Dungan and Judy Murphy

TEDDY BEAR QUILTS

Every year the Thunder Bay Quilters Guild contribute to the Christmas Cheer fund by making quilts, pillowcases or sleeping bags for teddy bears or other stuffed animals. These are collected at the November Guild meeting. They can be handed in earlier if members know that they will not be at the November meeting. Please remember to take the price tags off the teddy bear and do not put labels on the quilts. These quilts and stuffies are from Santa.

If you choose to make a quilt please make sure that it is large enough to wrap your stuffed animal up like a baby swaddled in its quilt. It doesn't have to be fancy piecing; if you have a nice piece of children's fabric that you would hate to cut up then sandwich it and quilt it. Last year we handed in 152 and I am hoping that we can beat that number this year.

Thank you, Peggy





THUNDER BAY QUILTERS' GUILD

2017 QUILT SHOW

ENTHUSIASM OF A BEGINNER QUILTER

Greetings fellow guild members, I am so happy and honoured to be included in this fine group of quilters. The love of fabric has always been inside of me, the incessant touching of everything - everywhere, finding great pleasure in feeling natural fibres with small sounds exuding from lips - sometimes not so discreetly. I know you understand this to some degree.

Having an opportunity to finally learn how to sew I was anxious also to find my way into the world of quilting. One thing of course led to another and I was connecting bits and pieces of pre-cuts together happily.

It wasn't until I attended the beginners class at Luci's shop 'Circle of Friends' and taught encouragingly by Norma Wynn, that the love grew and I knew there was no looking back. An affair of the heart had been instilled; the fabric passion had blossomed wonderfully.

I consider myself a beginner still until I can graduate into an intermediate class and feel that I've understood and administered the techniques taught successfully. A part of me hopes to never lose this beginner mind set but I do understand that one must learn the rules first before we can break them.

I recently revisited one of the first pre cuts that I sewed together, the seam allowances varied, the colours were randomly placed, and the half square triangle corners did NOT match up to say the least. As I sat and hand quilted this little lap size quilt I would think of the little person it would be given to along with the soft monkey, and poured loving energy into every stitch in hopes that this soft, colourful homemade quilt would offer comfort however small. There are a whole heap of mistakes but the texture quality is bang on, and I tend to like things a little less than perfect anyway.

I realize I have so much to learn but this new found passion has already influenced how I look at **everything**, my garden being one of the major recipients, and painting the outside of my house (the bottom concrete strip is painted in different colours like a nine patch checker board effect). Even watching the closing ceremonies of the Olympics in Rio, the geometrical formations that the Brazilians performed made me think of quilts, and the tribute to hand work and lace with a central lacy mandala, so inspiring and appreciated. My love of process serves me well in this discipline; until that binding is finished there can be so many steps on the way to completion.

I'm sure most if not all of you feel the same way, we see quilts in so many things - those of us that are makers, take inspiration in everything that surrounds us and take pleasure in the simplicity of nature and its unique and amazing offerings. The forms, shapes, texture, and the colours, how they all interact and work in harmony together, leaving us open to appreciate others interpretations. Some we may like better than others, as it should be, and perhaps we grow to like an aspect that we were closed to in the past or let go of a favourite just in time for our world to open wide at all the wonderful possibilities. So exciting isn't it?

I hope to maintain this exuberance and excitement in this aspect of my life, finding beautiful fabrics - playing with their placement like a painter mixes their paints and putting it all together to perhaps keep someone warm and comfy or to hang on a wall to bring pleasure. It is a never ending journey of Joy and I am so happy to be included in this group to learn to share and to discover more in the world of Quilting.

On that note, I would very much like to encourage you to recall when you first fell in love with quilting and revisit what it was that made your heart sing. Think about entering some of your favourite quilts into our



upcoming Quilt Show in April of next year. Never underestimate the influence you have in life, in all you do. It was attending YOUR show in 2015 at the Coliseum that inspired me to sew, and join the guild. As I walked through the incredible displays thinking that someday I would like to have a quilt hanging in this show. Needless to say I was overwhelmingly excited and extremely happy to learn that as a member we can enter 3 quilts and possibly more, there are variables in size as well as quilted clothing in all the styles and traditions, and don't forget the challenge in celebration of Canada's 150th birthday!!

Once again thank you for including me in this welcoming group as I look forward to contributing and refining my skills as time goes on - happy with fabric on the table ready to go!!! Enjoy your process with LOVE.

Maureen Mauro

QUILT SHOW HELP WANTED

I am looking for anyone to volunteer to put on a demo for our Quilt Show in 2017. Please let me know; I will be at the Quilters' Guild meeting in September and will introduce myself so you will know who to submit your name to and what your demo might be. I would appreciate any and all help.

Thanks, Jeannette Dann

QUILT SHOW CHALLENGE

The Quilt Show Challenge kicked off with great enthusiasm in June. All fabric kits were purchased at the June meeting. If you have found yourself gazing at the beautiful Oh Canada! fabric and wondering.... what am I going to do with that fabric, or why did I get myself into this, consider returning your fabric bundle and allowing someone else to participate. If you would like to split a bundle with a friend, please do so. Some people have also let me know that they are willing to split with others so if you'd still like to participate, please let me know at the meetings and I will try to pair you up with another quilter.

Reminder of the rules:

1. Fabric bundles are \$5 each.
2. Quilts are to use all 3 fabrics on the top (not including binding).
3. Quilts can only use up to 3 additional fabrics on the top.
4. Quilts to be no larger than 36 inch square.
5. Quilts will be handed in at the March or April Meeting. Completed quilts will get their \$5 back.

If you have any questions, please see me at the September meeting.

Adrienne Lopes
Quilt Show Challenge Coordinator

Thunder Bay Quilters' Guild

2017 Quilt Show – Challenge

Following the fabulous success of our challenge for the 2015 Quilt Show, we present the 2017 Quilt Show Challenge

0 CANADA

A CELEBRATION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF CANADA

In 2017 Canada will celebrate its 150th Anniversary. Our Quilt Show Challenge will be centered on this theme. Northcott Fabrics has graciously donated 3 bolts of fabric from a collection that celebrates Canada. These fabrics will be available to Challenge Participants at the June 2016 meeting. More details will follow but here are some highlights:

1. Create a wall hanging or quilt that can be hung. The quilt must be quilted.
2. Maximum dimensions 36" x 36".
3. Must use 3 fabrics provided in the front of the quilt, not including the binding.
4. Only use up to 3 additional fabrics to create your original design.
5. Participants are encouraged to create an original design.
6. \$5 cash required to "purchase" your Fat Quarter Bundle. \$5 will be returned if you hand in a completed challenge quilt.

Get your creative juices flowing and help us to celebrate Canada's 150th Anniversary.

These are the fabrics that Northcott has donated. Circle of Friends Quilt Shoppe will carry companion prints.

