

THUNDER BAY QUILTERS' GUILD QUILTERS' QUILL

November 2016

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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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MEETING AGENDA

November 21, 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 - December 12, 2016
6:00 PM - Christmas Potluck

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello all! I hope you are all progressing nicely with your holiday sewing if you can bear to be inside with all the lovely weather we have had!

Since joining the Guild, my holiday sewing has been even more fun because of the Teddy Bear quilts. I try to make at least two quilts each year, and I love finding the perfect stuffy and quilt design combinations. I use them to try out a new technique or pattern, and use up orphaned blocks or fabric that doesn't fit the style or my usual quilting. They are also a great way to practice quilt construction; different ways to baste; new quilting patterns; trying out free-motion quilting; or even experimenting with different sized bindings. This year I got to try out a bunch of new techniques from Crafts classes I have taken. But even better than making them is seeing all the lovely quilts that all of the other Guild members have made as well! The huge pile of warmly wrapped Teddies is such a wonderful sight to see every November. When I





was a new member, that big pile of love was another sign to me that I had made the right decision in joining the Guild.

Christina

QUILT SHOW WORKSHOPS

At the 2017 Superior Quilt Show, Mary Elizabeth Kinch will be our guest, teaching two workshops and the Trunk Show at the Quilt Show Banquet.

Mary Elizabeth Kinch, is a Canadian quilter, fabric designer, interior designer, and author of ‘Small Pieces, Spectacular Quilts’ and ‘Small Blocks, Stunning Quilts’. Her work is influenced by a deep respect for the quilting tradition, classic design training and a keen sense of design and colour. She likes to break the rules by stretching traditional boundaries and loves creating exciting quilts with small pieces and enticing quilting designs. www.MaryElizabethKinch.com

This year the cost for each workshop is \$100 for members and \$125 for non-members. Please note, cheques will not be cashed until April.

Friday, April 28, 2017, 9-5, Cardinal Room

IMPROVISATIONAL COMPOSITIONS

Beginner to Advanced

Delve into the process of improvisational compositions in this fun and free-spirited class. Mary Elizabeth will guide you as you explore your creative potential. Using a “responsive conversational” approach, you will learn about the intuitive side of playing with colour, scale, proportion and balance. Students end the day with significant progress on a central composition that they will be itching to continue working on!

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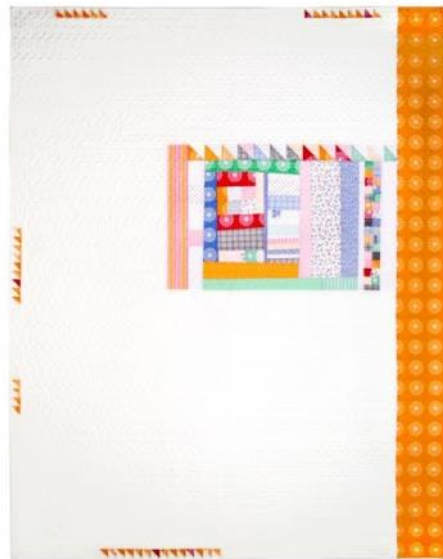
Comfort Quilts:	Pat Inch
Guest Speaker / Teachers:	Laura Cooke
Hall of Fame:	Sharon Melville
Library:	Maria Watson, Jo Anne Brimmell
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Donation Placemats:	Doris Dungan, Judy Murphy
Teddy Bear Quilts	Peggy Skillen

Saturday April 29, 2017, 9-5, Cardinal Room
THE JOY OF SMALL PIECE SAMPLER
Intermediate to Advanced

Jump in and experience the wonder of working with small pieces! Learn about the secrets to success in working with these tiny morsels, including tips, tools, and “batchwork patchwork” – all helpful skills that will translate to other projects. And learn how to do a knife edge binding – one of Mary Elizabeth’s favourites! These persuasively addictive blocks will capture your heart and before you are finished you will be dreaming of your next small pieces project! There is an additional pattern fee of \$10.00, pattern to be purchased at the workshop.



Mary Elizabeth Kinch



Improvisational Compositions



Joy of Small Pieces Sampler

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Thank you to all who participated in our first basket raffle. Congratulations to Sharron McCulloch, our lucky winner. The proceeds from the raffle will go towards future guild endeavours.

On another note, thank you to everyone who filled out the survey last month. To that end, I have booked 2 sew days at Calvary Lutheran Church (February 4 and May 6, 2017). As there will be limited seating we are asking would be participants to sign up in advance on a first come, first serve basis.

Happy quilting, Laura Cooke

LIBRARY REPORT

Muriel Squires' new book called "Reflections" has been purchased for the Guild Library. It will be on display on the "New Books Table" at the Monday, November meeting.

Maria Watson & Joanne Brimmell

MEALS ON WHEELS PLACEMATS

At our October meeting, members once again donated nearly two dozen placemats for Meals on Wheels. Many members also showed interest by taking one of our kits home to sew. At our November meeting, we will report on the placemat bee which is being held on Saturday, November 19, and expect to see lots more beautiful placemats on display. We also plan to soon have new labels, which are to be folded in half and sewn into the binding seam on the back of the placemats that we make to donate.

Doris Dungan & Judy Murphy

TEDDY BEAR QUILTS

November is Teddy Bear month so please hand your bears (stuffed animals) and their quilts, pillowcases or bags in at the meeting on **November 21**. Kick-off for Christmas Cheer fund is November 25th so it would be great to have them all in at the meeting. Remember to cut price tags off but you can leave other tags on since this shows that the stuffed animal is new. Wrap your bear up in its quilt and tie it with a ribbon. The committee has lots of ribbon if you don't have any. No pins please. No labels on the quilts as these are from Santa.

To the committee members: please be at the CLE Cardinal Room at 11am on Friday November 25 to put the bears up for display and remember to wear a white t-shirt or sweater that day.

Thank you to anyone who is bringing a bear in, it is so nice to see the tables at the CLE overflowing with teddy bears.

Thank you, Peggy



PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

A reminder that we will be exchanging the 5" eye spy squares again at the November meeting during the break. Put 5 different squares into a baggie and you will get a different one in exchange. You may do as many as you want. If you are doing the quilt doing the diagonal cut you will need 48 squares.

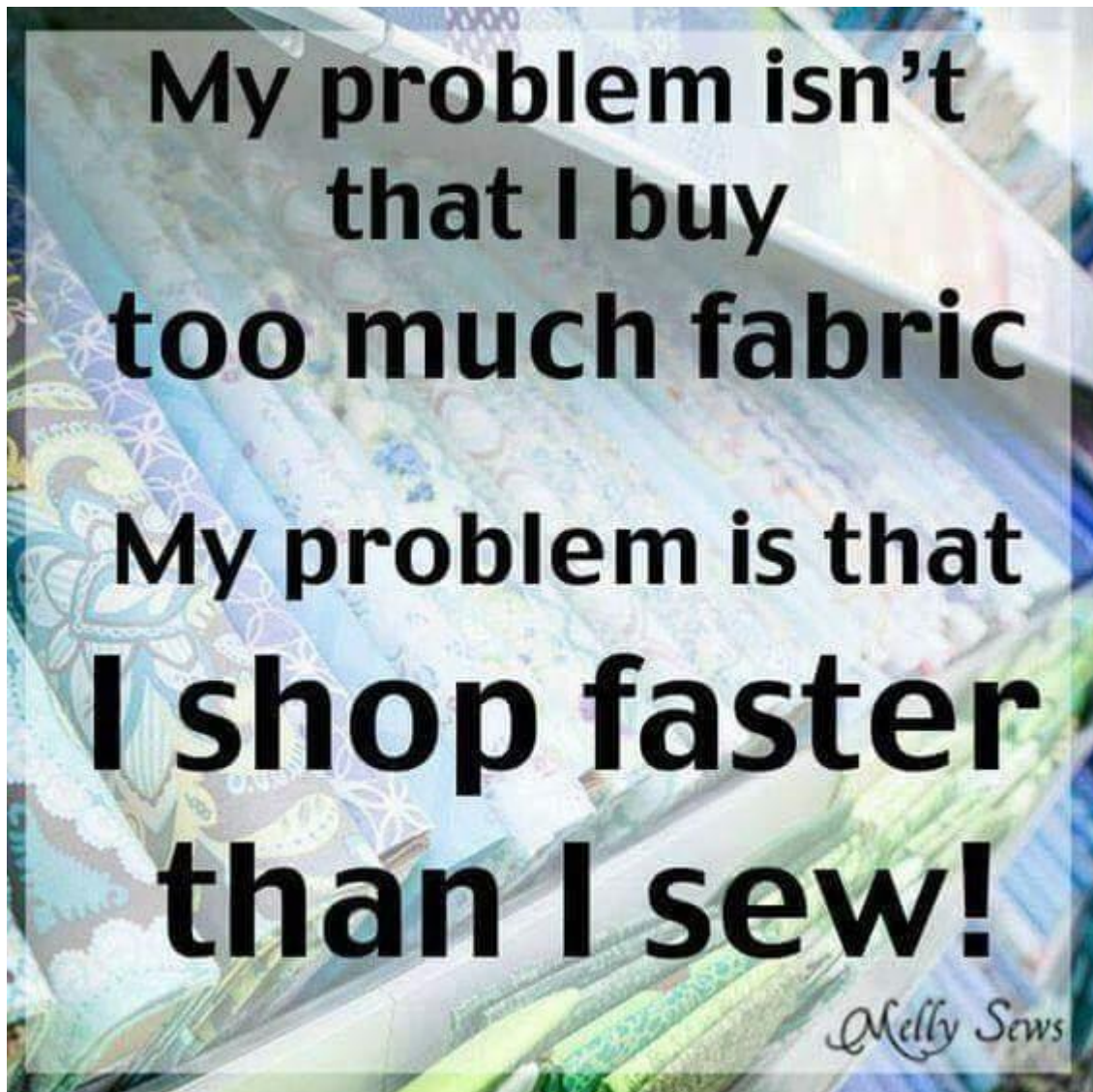
For December we will be having an ornament exchange. If you bring one, you get one! It must be home made, although Santa has many elves out there and if you purchase a home crafted ornament from an elf that is okay!!

We are having a fun little game in December. We would like everyone to bring (5) - 2 1/2" Strips 1/2 half the width of fabric. (20"). Strips will be available to purchase at the door if you forget etc!

Here is a site that has 174 Free Christmas quilt patterns and projects: A good way to use up all that Christmas stash

<http://www.favequilts.com/Christmas-Projects/>

Jeanette & Maria



COMFORT QUILTS

Greetings, hopefully you are enjoying trying out new patterns and techniques. I was finally able to use the Hinge Method when Jackie Black, Florence Poster, Janet Jacobsen and I got together on October 29th to make some Figit quilts. Several of the senior homes have identified the need for the small lap activity quilts to calm and entertain residents and there is a demand for more. Have a look at the few displayed with the Comfort Quilts and consider making one or two if you have time. We will also consider including making Figit quilts at one of the Bees, if there is interest, since we have a collection of interesting materials that can be shared.

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"

There were 11 new comfort quilts collected at the October meeting and 18 quilts collected in September. The Comfort Quilt Committee members will be invited to meet after the November meeting to decide on distribution of the quilts within the community. Quilts collected after the November meeting may be kept for display at the Quilt Show in April. The quilts were a big hit with visitors at the last show.

Happy Quilting, Pat Inch and Florence Poster (Co-Chairs)

