

THUNDER BAY QUILTERS' GUILD QUILTERS' QUILL

February 2017

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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.
mailto: kavanagh@tbaytel.net

MEETING AGENDA

February 20, 2017

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 - March 20, 2017

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I participated in our first ever Sew Day on Feb 4 and had a wonderful time! It is so great to sew in a room with other women, it's so motivating! The best parts are the suggestions, tips, reassurance, and help that come from sewing together. Each person has a slightly different skill set, or has come across a weird problem before and has the solution. You get so much work done when you aren't stalled on something that isn't working out.

Thanks so much Laura for having such a great idea and carrying it off so well. I can't wait for the one in May.

Christina



QUILT SHOW SUBMISSION

This meeting, February 20, 2017, is the deadline to hand in your completed Intent to Show form. If you are submitting more quilts than will fit on one form, please complete two forms.

Remember we need your write-ups as well, one for each quilt! You can hand your write-ups in with your form, or email them to Marg Marks, mjmarks@tbaytel.net.

NEW GUILD LOGO BAGS

We will be selling bags with the new Guild logo starting at the March meeting. The bags are navy cotton with a zippered closure and will be available at a cost of \$15.

We will also have new pins available in time for the Quilt Show.



MEALS ON WHEELS PLACEMATS

Our new supply of placemat labels has arrived will be available from us at the meeting. These are easy to attach. Simply fold them in half with the writing showing on the outside and the raw edges together. Sew into the binding seam on the back so that the raw edges are hidden under the binding and the Thunder Bay Quilters Guild name will be visible when you look at the back of the placemat. The care instructions will be folded to the underside of the label. New placemat pictures are on the guild's Flickr site, and several patterns are now on the guild website. In January, 30 completed placemats were donated for Meals on Wheels.

Doris Dungan & Judy Murphy

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Donation Placemats:	Doris Dungan, Judy Murphy
Teddy Bear Quilts	Peggy Skillen

QUILT SHOW WORKSHOPS

***** The Workshops are almost sold out!! There are only a few spots left in each class! *****

This year the cost for each workshop is \$100 for members and \$125 for non-members. Please note, please postdate cheques to April 2017.

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!

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

QUILT BEE - JANUARY 21, 2017

Thank you to all of the participants and the organizing committee for the great enthusiasm for our Quilt Bee held on January 21, 2017. Take a look through the pictures to see how much fun we had. If you didn't attend, please think about attending next year. We had a great turn out of 40 people! What a great day of quilt production, learning and friendship. Thank you to Cindy and Jeannette for sharing some helpful tips with the group. Thank you to everyone who brought desserts to share. They topped off the fantastic lunch quite well. Thanks to Cindy for the salads and to Laura and Marina for the great soup and chilli. What a nice treat for the group.

A big "Thank You" to everyone who participated:

Linda Guitard Marlene Bosma Laura Cooke Florence Poster Jennifer Quick Barb Lamminmaki Deb Maki Cindy Cockell Carol Volbracht Jeannette Dann	Karen Boote Carol Richards Kirsi Hiebert Doris Dungan Peggy Skillen Maria Watson Deb Park Kathie Pawlik Darlene Yahn Phyllis Taylor	Marina Erdman Leslie Lopenen Leona Stolz Fran Mazzaferro Jackie Black Sandra Metilnick Christina Wakefield Helen Kitching Pat Inch Judith Spillett	Deb Ascher- Palmquist Sharron McCulloch Heidi Skinn Wendy Royston Nellie Jaremey Adrienne Lopes Marlene McRobb Barb Rabbit Sandra Stewart Ellen Olson
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Many of you took batting and backing to finish off your charity quilts. Please remember that we'd like to have a strong showing of charity quilts at the show so if you can fit in your charity sewing while getting ready for the show, please try to complete your quilts.

Remember to put labels on your quilts before you hand them in. We received a generous donation from the Northern Credit Union this year and we have used it to purchase batting and backing. If you received this batting and backing you were given a label acknowledging their support. Please remember to put this label on the charity quilt along with the guild label. Thanks!

I will probably miss the February meeting. If anyone needs batting or backing for charity quilts please email me - Adrienne Lopes at alopes@tbaytel.net with dimensions needed. I will get back to you with any questions and an estimated date that I will be able to get you the supplies you need.

We had planned to hold a finishing bee in March but due to lack of interest we decided to cancel the finishing bee. We will try to plan something for the Fall. Remember that you can use the Sew Days as opportunities to finish your charity quilts if you need support or if you need a larger space to sew.

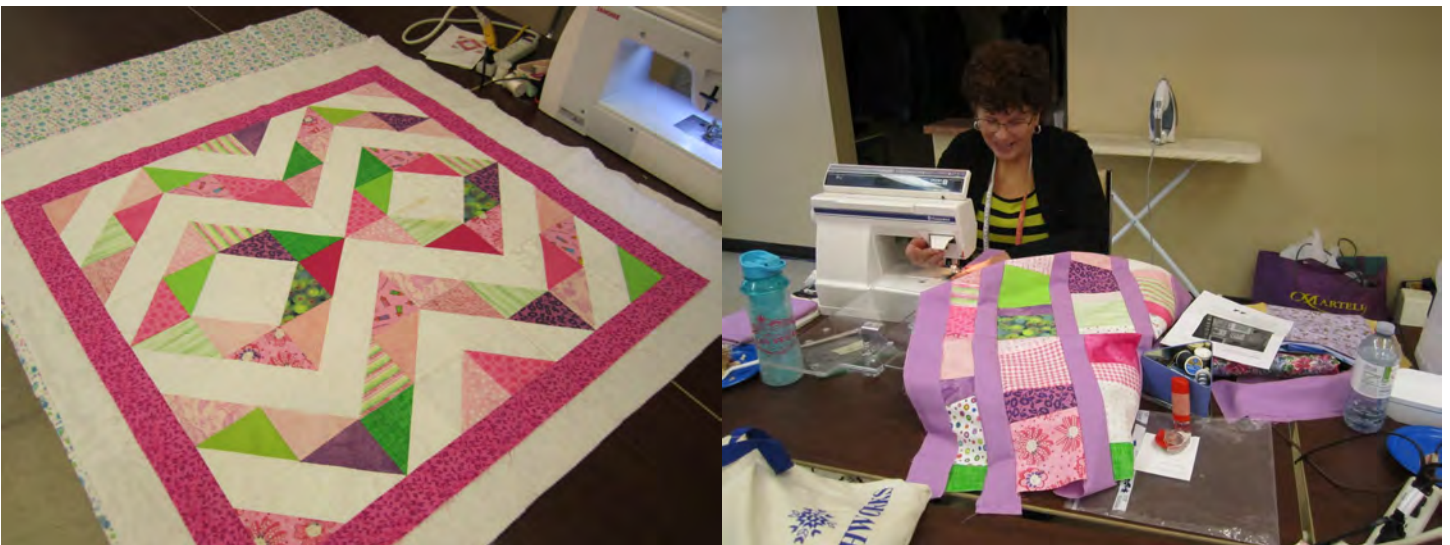
Adrienne Lopes



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LIBRARY REPORT

We have added 7 books to the Guild Library, listed as follows.

1. Patchwork Essentials: the Half-Square Triangle: Foolproof Patterns and Simple Techniques from Basic Blocks
2. Animal Parade 2 - Charming Applique Quilts for Babies
3. Sew This and That! - 13 Quick-to-Make Quilted Projects
4. The Big Book of Fat-Quarter Quilts - 66 Designs
5. Striking Strip Quilts- 16 Amazing Patterns for 2 1/2 inch Strip Lovers
6. Simple, Fun & Quickly Done- 18 Easy-to-Sew Table Runners, Bags, Pillows, and More
7. I Love Churn Dashes - 15 Quilts from an All-Time Favourite Block

They will be on the display table, for the members to sign out.

Submitted by JoAnne Brimmell and Maria C. Watson

QUILT SHOW DEMO

Thanks to everyone for volunteering to do a demo for our April show. Here is a line up of demos that we will be offering: Curved Piecing; Braided Edging on a Fleece Blanket; Scrappy Placemats; Organizing your Work Space; Colour your Panel with crayons; Piecing; Out of the box quilting; Stencilling on Fabric; Fun With Rulers; Scrap quilting blocks; Rulers and theory on threads to use for your projects; Tote bag and Duffle Bag made from blue jeans; Fabric Snowflakes and Paper Piecing Hexies. I will have sheets to preregister at our March and April meeting with times for each demo. Thanks again,

Jeannette Dann

QUILT SHOW CHALLENGE

Quilt Show Challenge - Oh Canada! A Celebration of Canada's 150th Anniversary

As a reminder, the challenge quilts will be collected at the April Meeting. I encourage everyone to finish their challenge quilts. It would be nice to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of Canada by having a full challenge wall showing off our creativity as we celebrate our country. As a reminder, the guidelines for the challenge are included below.

1. Quilts are to use all 3 fabrics on the top (not including binding).
2. Quilts can only use up to 3 additional fabrics on the top.
3. Quilts to be no larger than 36 inch square.
4. 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 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

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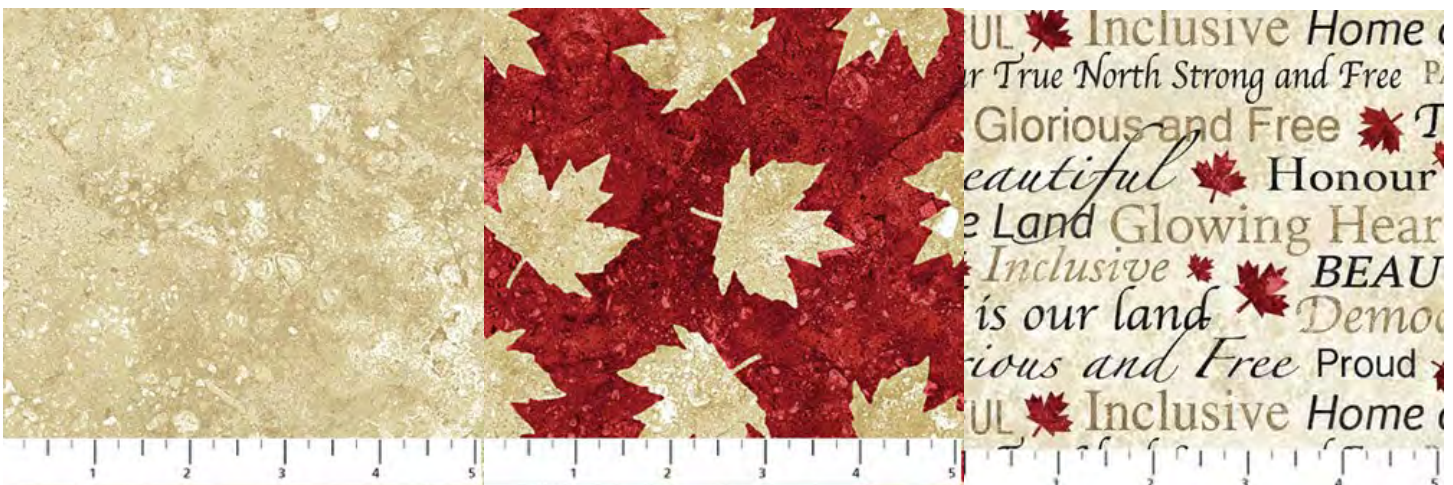
A CELEBRATION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF CANADA

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.



QUILT SHOW MERCHANDISE FOR THE GUILD BOOTH

Thanks to everyone who brought in their donations for the booth. We're off to a great start! So many wonderful things. We can always use more. I will collect products up until the April meeting but if I could have them in by March it would be best so we can do the pricing all at once. I will not accept anything at the show (except the books and magazines).

I know a few people offered to help me price everything. Sorry I don't remember everyone who offered at the meeting so please let me know again. I'll do a meeting at my place late in March for pricing. If you want to be on the committee please send me an email. I need 2 - 3 people. ccockell@tbaytel.net

Books, magazines & patterns donated to the Guild Booth

These can be any craft related, so quilting, sewing, knitting, crocheting, beading, woodworking, etc. I'll also accept cook books and magazines. Any that are left after the show will be donated to the Salvation Army or Value Village. Or if you want them back put a note on them. I know I did a ruthless purge of mine and have a big plastic tote's worth. Lots of wonderful patterns that I had good intentions to make but don't think I'll ever live long enough to get them all done! Felt good....now I can buy more (LOL).

I decided that having you bring these to the meeting and me having to cart it all home then back to the show was lots of work and I have little storage space right now. So, please bring the books, magazines and patterns to the Coliseum Building when you drop off your quilts for the show. If you are not putting a quilt into the show and can't get them to the Coliseum on the Thursday then let me know and I'll make other arrangements with you. I will have a special drop off section where you hand in the quilts. I initially told some people to bundle the magazines by name and a full year. But I think we might sell more if they are individual and people can look through them. So you don't have to bundle them.

Latest Suggested Product

Anyone who saw Carol Richard's cute little garbage bag at the Quilt Bee will know what this looks like. It quick and can be made with scraps. Leave the handles off for the garbage bag. It was about 6" high.

<http://www.psiquilt.com/2009/08/friendship-bag-tutorial.html>

I test ran this pattern and it took about 45 minutes per bag. The author doesn't mention ironing but it goes together better if you iron the side seams open. I also pressed the top edge of the lining towards the lining and folded it over the seam allowance of the quilted part at the top so it looked like the top edge was bound then did a stitch in the ditch to hold it in place. I thought it made a cleaner top finish.



QUILT SHOW MERCHANDISE FOR THE GUILD BOOTH

I will be doing a demo around 6:15 before the meeting (in the library room)

You can get enough strip sets for 7 bags from a charm pack. I trimmed the pinked edge off then cut my 3 1/2" strips. I also tried one using strips sets left over from another project where not all strips were the same width and it looked great too.

This is a link to the Binding Kit that Ellen showed us at the January Meeting:

<http://lellaboutique.blogspot.ca/2015/07/goody-goody-binding-kit.html>

While I was checking that out I found the same person had a tutorial for a Knitting needle organizer, which could also be a crochet hook organizer if you made the pockets shorter.

<http://lellaboutique.blogspot.ca/2012/11/grammys-knitting-organizer.html>

Cindy Cockell

GOODY GOODY BINDING KIT

At the January meeting a few ladies were asking for a pattern for the binding kit that I had for Show & Tell. Vanessa Goertzen has a blog called Lella Boutique and she has kindly allowed me to post the link to her binding kit. The tutorial <http://lellaboutique.blogspot.ca/2015/07/goody-goody-binding-kit.html> is really great with good pictures and instructions. Please check out her store and other tutorials. I think the knitting needle organizer might be next on my list.

Ellen Lang



TEDDY BEAR QUILTS

I would like to give a BIG THANK YOU to all the members who donated ribbon for our committee. I am completely overwhelmed by the response. It was so generous of everyone. Thank you.

Peggy



COMFORT QUILTS

Greetings,

Six (6) comfort quilts and one (1) Figit quilt were received at the January meeting. These will be kept until displayed at the Quilt Show then the Committee members will meet and distribute them to local facilities.

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

Please remember that the quilts receive frequent washings and should be stitched sufficiently to hold together. Most batting manufactures recommend stitching every 4 - 6 inches.

Florence and I have received materials for use in Figit Quilts and will bag some of the supplies for any members interested in having fun putting together one of the small lap quilts. Just remember that they will need to be washable and safe for small children. If you have any questions, just ask. Florence and I will work on having an example available.

Pat Inch and Florence Poster, on behalf of the Committee

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"
Figit	24" x 30"

CANADA'S BIG QUILT BEE

To celebrate Canada's 150th birthday the **Canadian Quilter's Association (CQA)** has set a goal to make and donate 1000 quilts for kids at **Ronald McDonald Houses** across Canada! Help is needed to create 12 ½ inch slab blocks using at least one piece of any Canada 150th fabric. These blocks will be sewn into tops and quilted at Canada's Big Quilt Bee during **Quilt Canada 2017** in Toronto in June 14-17. You can also complete a whole top, if you wish. Slab blocks (excellent way to use up scraps) will be collected until the end of April and forwarded to CQA. For further details, the slab block pattern, and to track progress visit

<http://www.canadianquilter.com/events/quilt-canada-2017-quilting-bee.php> .

Nellie Jaremey

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

To continue with our theme of using what you have, this month we would like to focus on all those panels that are probably on the bottom pile of your least favourite fabric!

Jeanette and I would like to challenge the members to use up a few of these in different ways! Not just in quilts or wall hangings.

We will have a few examples and look forward to seeing all the cool ideas you bring back in the next few months.

Here is a site that offers free patterns:

<https://www.allfreesewing.com/>

Jeanette & Maria