

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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MEETING AGENDA

March 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 - April 17, 2017

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Everyone, I hope you are all surviving the last few days of winter, our March meeting will be the first day of Spring! I am requesting all crocuses and daffodils to be up! I am also requesting all my quilts for the show to magically be finished! Do you think that will work?

I just returned from Victoria BC, where I tried to get a sneak peak at Spring, but their weather has been so crazy this year as well, that I only got the tiniest little peak. The cherry trees weren't even out yet, and while the daffodils were up, only a few had opened. Oh well, I caught up with my best friend over our handwork, and we hiked in the rain anyway; it was the rainforest after all!

Christina



CHANGE TO CONSTITUTION

It has been made clear over this year that we need to increase our membership fees in order to meet even the basic costs of running the Quilt Guild. The Executive has researched the issue and discovered that most guilds charge over \$40 for their memberships. Section 10 of our constitution currently reads:

“10. Fees:

Annual membership fees will be \$25 if paid by the end of October meeting and \$30 for those renewing after the October meeting. If a person joins for the first time in March or later then the membership fee will be \$20 for the remainder of that fiscal year.”

We would like to propose the following change to the Guild constitution, to be voted on at the May meeting:

“All Guild membership fees shall increase by \$5 per year over the next three years to finish at \$40 starting in the 2019-2020 membership year:

2017-2018 - \$30 paid by October, \$35 if paid after October, \$25 if joined in March or later.

2018-2019 - \$35 paid by October, \$40 if paid after October, \$30 if joined in March or later.

2019-2020 and after - \$40 paid by October, \$45 if paid after October, \$35 if joined in March or later.”

NEW GUILD LOGO BAGS

We will be selling bags with the new Guild logo! The bags are navy cotton with a zippered closure and will be available at a cost of \$15 cash, exact change please!



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

QUILT SHOW WORKSHOPS

*****The Improv Class has two spots left! *****

This year the cost for each workshop is \$100 for members and \$125 for non-members. Please note, please postdate cheques to April 2017. Supply lists have been sent out, let me know if you didn't get yours, and let me know if you have any questions.

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!



Mary Elizabeth Kinch



Improvisational Compositions

REGISTRATION & DEREGISTRATION FOR SUPERIOR QUILTS 2017

Attached to this newsletter is a form containing four copies of the hanging and associated claim ticket. Please complete each side (hanging and claim) and safety pin one hanging ticket with the attached associated claim ticket to the back of your quilt on the bottom left hand corner.

Quilt Registration is from 8:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on Thursday April 27th, in the Cardinal Room.

Quilt Deregistration is from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday April 30th, in the Cardinal Room

(NO EXCEPTIONS). Please be on time for both drop off and pick up.

Ellen Lang

The Thunder Bay Quilters' Guild would like to thank our sponsors for helping to make this year's show a success.

Joan Hoskinson, BA CFP 
Certified Financial Planner



QUILT SHOW MERCHANDISE FOR THE GUILD BOOTH

I recently discovered a new quilt site, National Quilters Circle. There are lots of videos including lots of free technique ones. Here's the link to the free videos:

<https://www.nationalquilterscircle.com/vtag/free/>

Guild Booth

Please try to have all your items for the Guild booth in to Cindy by the March meeting since we will be doing a pricing meeting later in March. The final day to hand booth items in will be the April meeting. Nothing can be handed in at the show other than the books, magazines and patterns. These must be dropped off on Thursday morning in the Cardinal Room when you drop off your quilts. Then start saving your money because we have some really great items for sale this year. Thanks to everyone who have been busy making things. Remember to include a note with your name and product description if you want any unsold items back.

Banquet

One idea for a door prize for the banquet was a huge fat quarter bundle. I'm sure all of you have a leftover FQ from a bundle you'll never use, or can part with a FQ from your stash. We're looking for good quality 100% cotton. If everyone brings one in to the March or April meeting we could have one or two really good FQ bundles. Wouldn't that be fun to win!

Cindy Cockell



QUILT SHOW - APRIL 28, 29 & 30

I would like to thank all the Guild members, for their outstanding support for our 2017 Quilt Show.

The Classes for our Guest Quilter, Elizabeth Kinch, are almost sold out. Just a couple of remaining spots are left.

The Quilt Display Committee has already filled their quota of 160 Quilts for display, and the majority of them were bed size quilts. Congratulations to all who worked so hard to get their quilts ready to hang in our Quilt Show.

Cindy has indicated that the Quilt Booth Merchandise is also coming in at a good pace. Thank you for the time and effort you have put in, to make the merchandise for the Guild Booth.

Nellie has sold 46 Banquet Tickets, as of the last meeting. She will have them available again at the Guild Meeting.

Christina has again managed to get us a spot on the back cover of Bayview Magazine, yet again. Thank you Christina!!

Advertising is very costly, and the Quilt Show Committee is exhausting every avenue possible to get the word out. You could also help us out, by letting your friends and relations, know about our wonderful Quilt Show, via Facebook, e-mail, and any other means, electronic or otherwise. "Word of mouth" is our best advertising tool.

This year we have had outstanding support in sponsorship; Lakehead Printing; Marostica Hyundai; Lakehead Motors; Northcott Fabrics; and Joan Hoskinson, Certified Financial Planner (for our ad on the back of Bayview Magazine).

We do need more Volunteers to sign up for the days of the Quilt Show. Laura will have sheets out, indicating what spaces we need you for. Remember also, that the Volunteers do not have to pay admission to the Quilt Show. We appreciate you giving us your time.

We have received the Canadian Quilters' Association 151 Prize Ribbon. As an additional "bonus" the Rosette winners have the opportunity to display their winning quilt in a special Concurrent exhibit at Quilt Canada. Prizes will be awarded for "Viewer's Choice".

The Quilt Show is just around the corner!

Aila Metsa, 2017 Quilt Show Chair.

MEALS ON WHEELS PLACEMATS

In February, we received a beautiful assortment of 53 placemats donated for Meals on Wheels. Many will be on display at the quilt show, if you didn't see them in person or on our Flickr site. Once again we will have placemat labels available at the meeting. These are to be folded wrong sides together and inserted under the binding on the back of the placemats.

Doris Dungan & Judy Murphy

QUILT SHOW DEMOS

April 28th, Friday

- 1:00 p.m. Curved Piecing by: Shirley Aussant
- 2:00 p.m. Finishing a Braided Edging on a Fleece Blanket by: Diane Connelly
- 3:00 p.m. Scrappy Placemats by: Judy Murphy
- 4:00 p.m. Organizing your Work Space by: Maria Bell
- 5:00 p.m. Recycled Jeans Tote Bag and Duffel Bag by: Jeannette Dann
- 6:00 p.m. Scrappy Quilting Blocks by: Leslie Loonen
- 7:00 p.m. Colouring Your Quilt Panels by: Dori's Sewing Studio & Quilt Shop

April 29th, Saturday

- 10:00 p.m. Technique for Piecing Your Pieces by: Norma Wynn
- 11:00 p.m. Out of the Box Quilting by: Debbie Ascher Palmquist
- 12:00 p.m. Stencilling and Stamping on Fabric by: Tonia Heng
- 1:00 p.m. Fun With Rulers by: Ellen Olson
- 2:00 p.m. 3D Paper Piecing: Gail's Stitches
- 3:00 p.m. Hexi and More precuts, Thread and their Purposes by: Circle of Friends Quilt Shoppe

April 30th, Sunday

- 11:00 p.m. Making Fabric Snowflakes by: Tonia Heng
- 12:00 p.m. Hand Paper Piecing Hexies by: Maureen Mauro
- 1:00 p.m. What is Knew in Notions by: Dori's Sewing Studio & Quilt Shop

All demos will be \$5.00 to be paid at the location where the demos are being held.

Thank you, Jeannette Dann

COMFORT QUILTS

There were 14 comfort quilts and one Figit quilt collected at the February meeting. They will be kept for display at the quilt show. If anyone needs labels, they can get them from Wendy or me at the March meeting.

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"

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Spring is near, and with your spring cleaning we want you to remember to do a little extra cleaning to your sewing machine!

Leila Pettigrew will be our special guest and will speak on sewing machine cleaning and maintenance. This will be a generic talk pertaining for all types of machines. So get out your pencil and paper and take down a few notes!

Here is a site I found with a lot of very nice free patterns:

<http://www.fonsandporter.com/free-quilt-patterns>

Jeanette & Maria

QUILT SHOW CHALLENGE

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

The challenge quilts will be collected at the April Meeting.

Reminder that the quilts need to be no greater than 36 inches square, need to use all 3 of the donation fabrics, and can only use 3 additional fabrics on the top.

The challenge quilts do not need a hanging sleeve. We will be pinning them to hang them. If you don't want your challenge quilt pinned, please let me know at the April meeting when you hand it in. Good luck in getting your quilts done!

The hanging committee is looking forward to a wall of quilts that celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary.

Adrienne Lopes

Quilt Show Challenge Coordinator

QUILT BEE

I encourage all of the Quilt Bee participants to finish off their quilts in time for the show. We will be setting up a display of our donation quilts at the show and it would be a great problem to have too many quilts to display. Reminder to let Adrienne know when you have handed in your finished quilt so that you can be marked off the list.

Take a look through your sewing room. Do you have a charity quilt from last year (or even the year before)? If so, it's a great time to get it finished. If the quilt is partly done or if it is just not speaking to you any more, please hand it back to Adrienne and someone else will be happy to work on it. Different people like different parts of the quilt making process and different fabrics speak to some more than to others. No shame in handing a kit back. Just see Adrienne at the meeting and get your name marked off the list.

Batting has arrived. If anyone needs batting or backing to finish quilts, please let Adrienne know by email alopes@tbaytel.net and we can make arrangements to get what you need.

Thanks for all of your hard work.

Adrienne Lopes



QUILT BEE

