

THUNDER BAY QUILTERS' GUILD

QUILTERS' QUILL

October 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.
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Everyone. Well, Fall kind of snuck up on us, but it looks like it's here for good now. On September 29 and Oct 1, I represented the Guild for Culture Days at the Baggage Building Arts Centre. We didn't get too many people through on Saturday, but we got many more on Sunday when Maureen Mauro came to help me. It was a good chance to chat with the other guilds in town though! The Needlework Guild was there on Saturday and the Weavers and Spinners came on Sunday. All of them took some of the new Guild business cards I had made up, so I hope we can welcome them when they come as guests. You can never have too many fiber hobbies, right?

What are you working on this Fall? I'm finishing up my Teddy Bear Quilts to have them ready for the November meeting. I usually try to use up orphan blocks or try out something new without a huge commitment. This year I have a really fun monster panel and I'm going to try out some of the tricks we learned in program last year.

Christina

MEETING AGENDA

October 16, 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 - November 20, 2017



GUILD MERCHANDISE



Marg Marks will have Guild merchandise available for purchase in the church foyer before every meeting and at break.

Nametag Kits : \$5.00

Pins: \$5.00

Bags: \$20.00



NEW GUILD BUSINESS CARDS



The Guild now has business cards! I will have them available at the meeting if you would like to take a few to give out to friends you think might be interested in Guild, or even if you just want one for yourself to remember the meeting dates!

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2017/2018 COMMITTEES

Comfort Quilts:	Pat Inch, Florence Poster
Guest Speaker / Teachers:	Laura Cooke
Hall of Fame:	Sharon Melville
Library:	Maria Watson, Barb Gainer
Quilt Show:	Ellen Lang
Quilt Bee:	Adrienne Lopes
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Donation Placemats:	Doris Dungan, Judy Murphy
Teddy Bear Quilts	Peggy Skillen

COMMITTEE MEETUPS

Below are the lists of people who signed up for each committee. If you signed up, please meet with your committee chair at the time and location listed below, either right before the meeting or at break. If you did not sign up, but think you might be interested, please attend the meeting as well. These are to be brief meetings only.

Before the meeting 6:45pm					
Placemats	Hall of Fame	Demos	Library	Teddy Bears	
Doris Dungan	Sharon Melville	Cindy Cockell	Barb Rabbit	Florence Poster	Marlene Reid
Judy Murphy	Pat Inch	Wendy Currie		Lynne Lark	Lee Tracz
Karen Boote	Jeannette Dann			Diane Chase	Evelyn Ponka
Iris Maxwell	Norma Wynne			Peggy Skillen	Claire Archer
Gail Mayo				Jeannette Dann	Cindy Nethercott
Cathy Ridley				Barb Hay	Jennifer Quick
				Mary Catharine Kennedy	Carol Richards
				Cindy Cockell	Laura Cooke
				Wendy Currie	Vicky Butt
				Fran Mazzaferro	Janet Parker

At Break			
Sew Day Team	Comfort Quilts	Quilt Bee	Quilt Show
Sharon Melville	Florence Poster	Laura Cooke	Laura Cooke
Deb AP	Peggy Skillen	Christina Wakefield	Sharon Melville
	Pat Inch	Fran Mazzaferro	Christina Wakefield
	Jeannette Dann	Leona Stolz	Maureen Mauro
	Candace Kucher	Doris Dungan	Jeanette Dann
	Carol Richards	Karen Boote	Cindy Cockell
	Gail Mayo	Deb AP	Mary Catharine Kennedy
		Jeannette Dann	Carol Forneri
		Cindy Cockell	Lee Tracz
		Wendy Royston	Marlene Reid
		Barb Rabbit	Vicky Butt
		Candace Kucher	Candace Kucher
		Carol Richards	Adrienne Lopes
		Marina Erdman	Wendy Currie
			Norma Wynn
			Linda Boulter
			Cathy Britt
			Deb AP

SIGN UP FOR A CLASS WITH JULIE PLOTNIKO

May 19th to 21st the Guild will be hosting Julie Plotniko for 2 classes and a demo at our Guild meeting. Class space is open to all members as of the October meeting. Non-member sign ups will be open January 1st. Sign up with Laura (our VP), full payment is required to reserve your spot.

Julie teaches in her community on Vancouver Island, across BC and at Quilt Canada. You can visit her blog at juliesquiltclass.blogspot.com to take a look at her work. We're excited to have her visit our Guild and share with us.

Classes will be held at the Oliver Road Community Center between 10-4pm. Lunch is included in the class fee, please let us know of any allergies when you sign up.

May 19th - **Colour Blend Quilt**

\$90 + \$10 pattern fee *or* \$110 + \$10 pattern fee/non-members



Center of Fanny Bay Star Medallion Quilt

A “Colour Blend Quilt” is a quilt made to look like the quilts of the early 1800’s where attention was paid to colour but many small amount of fabric were used rather than having large amounts of yardage. Value was

often ignored or lost due to fading or the scale of prints placed side by side. This old fashioned look is what draws many of us to the quilting world. Come and make your own family heirloom while learning simple piecing techniques and colour blend theory.

For all skill levels.

A month before the class Julie will consult with students via email about their fabric selections. Julie's sample is in paler colours but she asked us to let you know that you can use any colours you'd like (darks, brights etc) so don't worry if her choices aren't something that grab you.

May 20th - **Botanical Free Motion Quilting Made Easy**

\$90 *or* \$110 for non-members

Let's go organic with this class on free motion quilting designs from nature. Learn how to stitch a variety of fanciful leaves, vines, ferns and flowers. These designs look wonderful as a background or overall design on batiks, art quilts, children's quilts and more. Stitch them small with blending thread for a more traditional look or go big and playful with all your fancy threads.



Thread choice (colour, type and weight) to enhance design will be discussed as students stitch a small design sampler.

QUILT BEE COMMITTEE

Thank you to everyone who took a strawberry block to make for charity quilts. If you have finished the block, remember to surround it with 2.5 inch strips from your stash and hand it in to Adrienne or Leona at the October meeting. We will work on combining them into full hospice size quilts for the quilt bee.

The Quilt Bee will be held January 27, 2018 from 10-4 at the Oliver Road Community Centre. We look forward to seeing you there.

To prepare for the Quilt Bee we will hold a Cutting Bee on Sunday, October 29, 2017 from 1-4pm at Superior High School in the 2nd Floor arts and crafts room. If you are available to come to the cutting bee, please bring your rotary cutter, ruler and a mat. We will be cutting guild fabric into precut sizes of 5 inch and 10 inch squares and 2.5 inch strips. It's a great way to get a good variety of fabrics ready for kits for the bee in January. Hopefully you can make it and help out.

Remember that if you finish quilt tops or kits that you have signed out, please let me know when you hand them in so I can mark them off the list. Email me alopes@tbaytel.net if you need batting or backing to finish a quilt top from previous bees.

Thanks for all of your hard work!

Adrienne



FACEBOOK GROUP

If you are on Facebook, please sign up for our Facebook group to receive updates, event notices, reminders for the meetings, and general quilting fun that we find around the internet!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/tbayquilters>

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Please remember that our membership fees are going up next year. Membership fees for the 2017-2018 Guild year will \$30.00 due at the September 18th or October 16th meetings. Membership forms will be included in the September Quill and available on the website.

<http://thunderbayquilters.org/>

MEALS ON WHEELS PLACEMATS

In September members donated 15 placemats for Meals on Wheels. Remember that you can view pictures of our donated placemats on our Flickr site, which is accessible through a link on the guild website.

At this month's meetings we will have a number of kits available to be taken home and completed by those who are interested. We already have some new designs for this year. If you want to make placemats using your own fabrics and patterns, we will also have labels available for you to add.

Doris Dungan & Judy Murphy

<http://thunderbayquilters.org/>

CHRISTMAS CHEER TEDDY BEAR COMMITTEE

Fall is here, the trees are all changing colours, so we know that Teddy Bear time is soon here too. I thought I would just go over a few reminders for members who are submitting bears or stuffed animals.

- Remember that these are from Santa, so take the price tag off, but you can leave other tags on.
- No labels on the quilts.
- Pillowcases and bags or sleeping bags are fine.
- If you are submitting a quilt make sure that it is large enough so that we can wrap the bear up in it.
- These are handed in at the November guild meeting unless you are unable to make that meeting and they can be handed in at the October meeting.

Thank you to everyone who is participating; there will be more information in the November Quill.

Peggy Skillen



FROM THE VP'S DESK

There are a number of classes coming up and I will be accepting registration and payment at every meeting.

- Free motion quilting Oct 21 **Full**
- Sew Day Nov 18 \$5
- Peggy Skillen Bag Class Nov 25
- Walking Foot Class Nov 26
- Hand Quilting Jan 20
- Free Motion Jan 13

Minimum Class size is 6; if we do not get that many registrants, class will be cancelled and money refunded.

Laura

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Try this Ohio Star quilt block pattern to sew 12" versions of the popular quilt block.

The Ohio Star blocks illustrated are sewn with either pink *or* orange stars against a white-on-white fabric background -- called WOW for short. Select tone-on-tone fabrics for the stars.

The color selection was originally used for a quilt block exchange but you can make the quilt blocks with any color combination that you like.

Ohio Star is a nine-patch quilt block made with five plain squares and four...MORE quarter-square triangle units. It's a classic block that's easy to make, but do take care to sew an accurate quarter inch seam allowance when assembling the patchwork units.

Cutting Chart for One Ohio Star Quilt Block

Quarter square triangle units are quick pieced using half square triangle units as 'parents.'

It's often best to cut the 5-1/4" parent squares listed below just a bit larger and then trim the resulting half square triangle units you produce to their exact unfinished size before turning them into quarter square units.

Don't worry if this is a new technique for you -- the instructions on page 2 explain the process.

Pink or Orange (or other colors of your choice)

- one 4-1/2" x 4-1/2" square for block center
- two 5-1/4" x 5-1/4" squares to make quarter-square triangle units

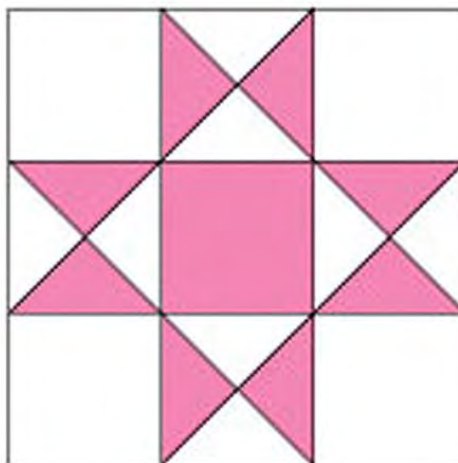
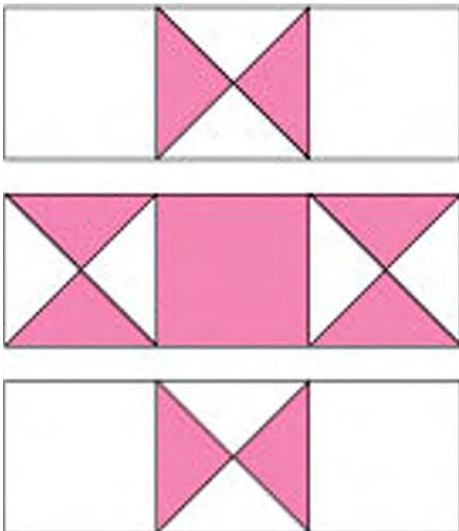
White on White (or any other contrasting background)

- four 4-1/2" x 4-1/2" for block corners
- two 5-1/4" x 5-1/4" squares to make quarter-square triangle units

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Sew the Ohio Star Quilt Block



We would like to continue our quilted donation blocks with the Ohio star quilt block. These are the directions for any one who would like to do this. Although any 12 1/2" blocks quilted will be fine. Please try to use a neutral backing and quilt your block as desired, Assemble the Ohio Star Quilt Block. Janet Wickell



Assemble the Ohio Star Quilt Block

1. Draw a diagonal line on the reverse side of each lightest 5-1/4" square.
2. Combine a 5-1/4" x 5-1/4" pink (or orange) square with a WOW square of the same size, right sides together and all edges matched.
3. Use a quick pieced half square triangle unit method to sew two half square triangles from the pair. When complete, each unit should measure 4-7/8" x 4-7/8". If you used larger than necessary squares, trim each unit back to that size.
4. Repeat to...MORE make two more half square triangle units.
5. Use the same basic technique to make four quarter-square triangle units but align units so that contrasting fabrics are not across from each other. The easy quarter square triangle instructions explain how to combine the parent half square triangle blocks.
6. Each of the four completed quarter-square triangle units should measure 4-1/2" x 4-1/2".
7. Arrange the plain squares and the quarter-square triangle units into three rows, taking care to orient the triangles as shown.
8. Sew the components of each row together. Press seam allowances towards the plain squares unless you feel the color shows through too much.
9. Sew the three rows together to complete the block, butting the seams and matching patch edges. Use straight pins to help keep fabrics from shifting. Press.

The Ohio Star quilt block should measure 12-1/2" x 12-1/2". If your block is smaller than it should be, or skewed, press again and recheck. If it still isn't quite right, use my easy squaring-up method before swapping it with others or sewing it to other blocks.

We have listened to what people have suggested and are starting a Mystery Quilt. This has 6 parts to the mystery, and is suited for beginner to advanced quilters. Remember to all the new quilters that we will do this one step at a time. So you will get a lot of practice during each stage. It's a great way to use up scraps and even trade with your friends to have more colours

This mystery will use scraps and six yards of light background fabric. The background fabric is not needed until step two. The quilt will be approximately 90 x 90.

The blocks are 6" square when finished.

The scraps should be dark/medium, dark and brights.

The fabric will be cut in steps as we proceed.

Mystery: Part One

Cut 441 2 1/2" squares from scraps. Make the squares into 49 9 patch blocks.

These must measure 6 1/2" square.

Cut

Jeanette & Maria



COMFORT QUILTS

Greetings Fellow Quilters,

Welcome to new Committee members who signed up in September. Nineteen (19) quilts were collected along with 17 quilted squares that will go into making larger quilts later using a hinge technique. Thanks to everyone who has brought in donation quilts and squares. The Guild members have been asked to support Hope House and the need for quilts to go to the single mothers for their new babies. More information has been requested. Committee members will be advised when a meeting is scheduled to sort through and distribute the quilts.

Jackie Black has kindly agreed to help with organizing quilt blocks for putting together with the Hinge Method so we are going to continue to challenge members to make quilted 12.5 inch squares that can be used to make larger quilts. Jackie Black has made an example quilt to show how the squares can go together and this quilt will be on display with the donated comfort quilts at the side of the church. Please note that you can make any quilt square and then sandwich it with cotton or cotton/poly batting and a backing fabric to make a quilted square that should measure a minimum of 12.5 inches (so start with a 14 inch piece for backing and batting). Don't trim your blocks as they may fray so blocks should be trimmed just prior to making the quilt tops. Almost any colours can be used but we recommend using a neutral backing and would like colours that will appeal to both males and females.

If you are making any quilt(s) for donation, the recommended sizes are given here. Also, see Pat, Florence or Wendy for a Quilt Guild Label. A label is to be sewn onto the quilt – typically on the back bottom right side. Also remember that these quilts are washed frequently so stitching be every 4 to 6 inches. Thanks

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"
Bed	63 to 65" x 80"

Pat Inch and Florence Poster

DRESS SEWING BEE

Please come and help sew adorable dresses for children in Africa. These "little African dresses" go to remote villages where there is very little. Many times it is a choice to wear clothes or to eat.

I am working with a committee to have this special one day sewing bee to make these dresses.

Date: Saturday, October 21

Time: 9:00AM - 3:00PM

Place: 2255 Ponderosa Dr.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

Contact: Marlene Bosma at 768-0081

If you can't make it you may be able to donate 1/4" elastic, double fold bias tape, pillow cases (in good shape) or cotton or cotton/poly material.

Mostly we need you and your sewing machine.

Marlene

POSSIBILITIES GROUP

The date for the Possibilities Group for October has been changed because the last Tuesday in October is Halloween. The group will be meeting on Tuesday October 24 at 7 pm at Superior C.V.I.

Peggy Skillen



15 REASONS FOR BUYING FABRIC

1. It insulates the closet where it's kept.
2. It keeps the economy going. It's our patriotic duty to support quilt shops.
3. It is less expensive and more fun than psychiatric care.
4. Because it's on sale.
5. A sudden increase in the boll weevil population might wipe out the cotton crop for the next 10 years.
6. I'm participating in a contest. The one with the most fabric wins!
7. It keeps without refrigeration, you don't have to cook it to enjoy it, you never have to feed it, change it or walk it!
8. I need extra weight in the trunk of my car for traction on icy roads - you never know when the weather might change.
9. Because I'm worth it.
10. Like dust, it's good for protecting previously empty spaces in the house, such as ironing boards, laundry hampers and the dining room table.
11. When the big earthquake comes, all the quilt shops might be swallowed into the ground and never be seen again.
12. Stress from dealing with the "Fabric Control Officer" (my husband) made me do it.
13. It's not immoral, illegal or fattening. It calms the nerves, gratifies the soul and makes me feel good.
14. Buy it before your husband retires and goes with you on all your shopping expeditions.
15. A yard a day helps you work, rest and play





Wildflower Arts-Holiday Quilting Retreat

Friday and Saturday, November 24 & 25th, 2017

Gillies Community Centre, South Gillies, Ontario

There will be demonstrations both days and attendees have the option of participating in a gift exchange and a cookie exchange.

What Time: 10am-9pm Friday Nov 24 and 10am-5pm Saturday Nov 25th

Includes lunch and dinner Friday and lunch Saturday and snacks and beverages throughout the days.

Bring your sewing machine and projects and sew and socialize. There will be 'goodie' bags for all attendees and attendance drawings. Santa may even deliver gifts for each attendee for us to hand out.

Cost: \$80 Friday, \$60 Saturday or \$125 for both days.

Payment is due upon registration; the only reserved reservation is a paid one. Registration is transferrable as long as we are notified of the new attendee's name. Registration deadline is November 19th. Cancellations through Nov. 20th will incur a \$25 fee. Cancellations Nov. 21 up to the event will not receive a refund.

To get a copy of the registration forms please contact: Sharon Melville 807-626-3691

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