

THUNDER BAY QUILTERS' GUILD

QUILTERS' QUILL

November 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

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We are fast approaching the season of last minute sewing! The time when you make weird mistakes at 10pm, like sewing the binding onto the back instead of the front, or sewing the same block backwards three times. The kinds of thrills no sewist really wants! I'm sure some of you were smart enough to have started your holiday sewing, I am not one of those people! Luckily, this year I have decided to only give one sewn gift. But I have about 10 other potential "if I have time" projects that want me to finish them for this Christmas! We'll see how that goes! Good luck with all of your holiday sewing! Looking forward to seeing your projects at our December potluck meeting!

Christina

MEETING AGENDA

November 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 - December 11, 2017
Doors open @ 6:00 PM





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

CHRISTMAS CHEER TEDDY BEAR COMMITTEE

November is here and now it's our time to shine. I'm sure everyone has been working very hard on their teddy bear quilts, sleeping bags and pillow cases. As I mentioned at the last meeting please bring your teddy bears and your quilts separate so that the committee can put them together and tie them with ribbon. Remember that these teddy bears and animals are touched five times before the child gets them so we need to tie them up tightly to make sure that everything stays together till the child gets them. Also please no price tags, quilt tags or pins on the bears or quilts, they are from Santa.

The committee will be set up in the room where the show and tell quilts are hung. Please take your teddy bear or stuffed animal to one of the members there and she will tie it up and then it can be taken to the foyer and placed with the other bears or stuffed animals.

Please do not be offended if you are asked to bring your teddy bear in to us to be tied up. Linda Guitard will be there making sure that things run smoothly.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Peggy Skillen

CINDY'S NOVEMBER PRE-MEETING DEMO

Wendy Currie and Cindy Cockell will be keeping with Alva's tradition of demo's before the meeting. We welcome others to join in as well. So this month Cindy will do some Christmas ornaments using hexi's - in the library room. I'll start about 6:20 so I can help tie ribbons on the teddy bear quilts first. I have to thank Cathy Ridley for turning me on to the addiction of hexis. There will be a snowman (of course) and a wreath and anything else I can think of. They will use up your scraps and be fast and easy to do. Tie them on to presents instead of a bow. Use for ornament exchanges or office gifts. They are simple enough to make with your kids or grandkids. They are hand work so you can sit and watch your favorite Christmas movies and stitch away the time. I'll have patterns at the meeting and get Joanne to send them out later for those not in attendance.



Cindy

LIBRARY REPORT

New books were purchased and added to Library.

1. More Twist-and-turn Bargello Quilts - Strip Piece 10 New Projects by Eileen Wright
2. Twist & Turn Bargello Quilt (came to us free) by Eileen Wright
3. The New Hexagon - 52 Blocks to English Paper Piece by Katja Marek
4. Sew Charming-Scrappy Quilts from 5" squares by Mary Etherington & Connie Tesene
5. Block Genius 201 Pieced Quilt blocks with No Math Charts by Sue Voegtlin

Many books have been donated to the Guild Library from the Alva Llewelyn Estate. They have been sorted and 38 books will be added to the library. About 30 books will be auctioned at the December Meeting.

The theme this month is on Christmas. The program topic is churn dash and some material will be on display. We even have some craft books for those who like making an extra special gift for Christmas giving.

Submitted by Barb Gainer and Maria Watson

SIGN UP FOR A CLASS WITH JULIE PLOTNIKO

Classes are Filling Fast

Thanks to your enthusiastic response to Julie's upcoming classes the Colour Blend class is almost full and the Free Motion Botanicals class is fast on it's heels! To avoid disappointment please remember to sign up with Laura ASAP with full payment to reserve your spot.

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.

COMFORT QUILTS

Greetings Fellow Quilters,

There were 8 comfort quilts, 3 Figit quilts and 17 quilted 12 1/2 inch squares collected at the October meeting. The comfort quilt committee members got together to admire and sort the quilts collected since September and take them to some of the local facilities.

Thanks,

Pat Inch and Florence Poster

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"





QUILT BEE COMMITTEE

Thank you to everyone who participated in the cutting bee. We had a great turn out and cut up a bunch of fabric. It is amazing how fabric transforms when it is cut into smaller pieces. I'm looking forward to assembling the fabric into kits in the new year. I will be in touch with the Quilt Bee organizing committee separately over the next few weeks to set a date for the kit assembly.

Thank you to everyone who handed in a strawberry block. If you still have one and are ready to hand it in, please give it to Leona Stolz at the meeting. Remember to surround it with 2.5 inch strips from your stash before handing it in.

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.

If you finish quilt tops or kits that you have signed out, we need to know that they have been returned. I am having some difficulty keeping track of people who let me know in passing (when I don't have my book to write it down). This happened at the last meeting and I don't remember the name of the person who told me - if it was you, please send me an email - Thanks! So... I am going to try to set up a system to help me get the names of people who hand in completed tops or quilts. We may ask that you sign off a sheet of paper when you drop off your quilts in the pews at the church. We will establish a system over the next month or so in coordination with the Comfort Quilt committee.

I won't be able to make it to the meeting in November so please let Wendy Royston know if you hand in a quilt. Thanks!

Remember you can email me alopes@tbaytel.net if you need batting or backing to finish a quilt top from previous bees.

Thanks and keep up the great work.

Adrienne

MEALS ON WHEELS PLACEMATS

In October, 13 placemats were donated to Meals on Wheels and their photos have been added to the guild's Flickr album. A note of appreciation was received from Meals on Wheels. At the meeting we had over 50 placemat kits available, and many were distributed to members who took them home to complete. Thanks go to Kirsi Hiebert and Gail Mayo who assisted in assembling the kits prior to the October meeting.

Once again this month we will have kits for those who wish to make them. Also, please see us if you need labels to insert into the binding of placemats you are making for donation or batting to complete your kit.

Doris Dungan & Judy Murphy

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

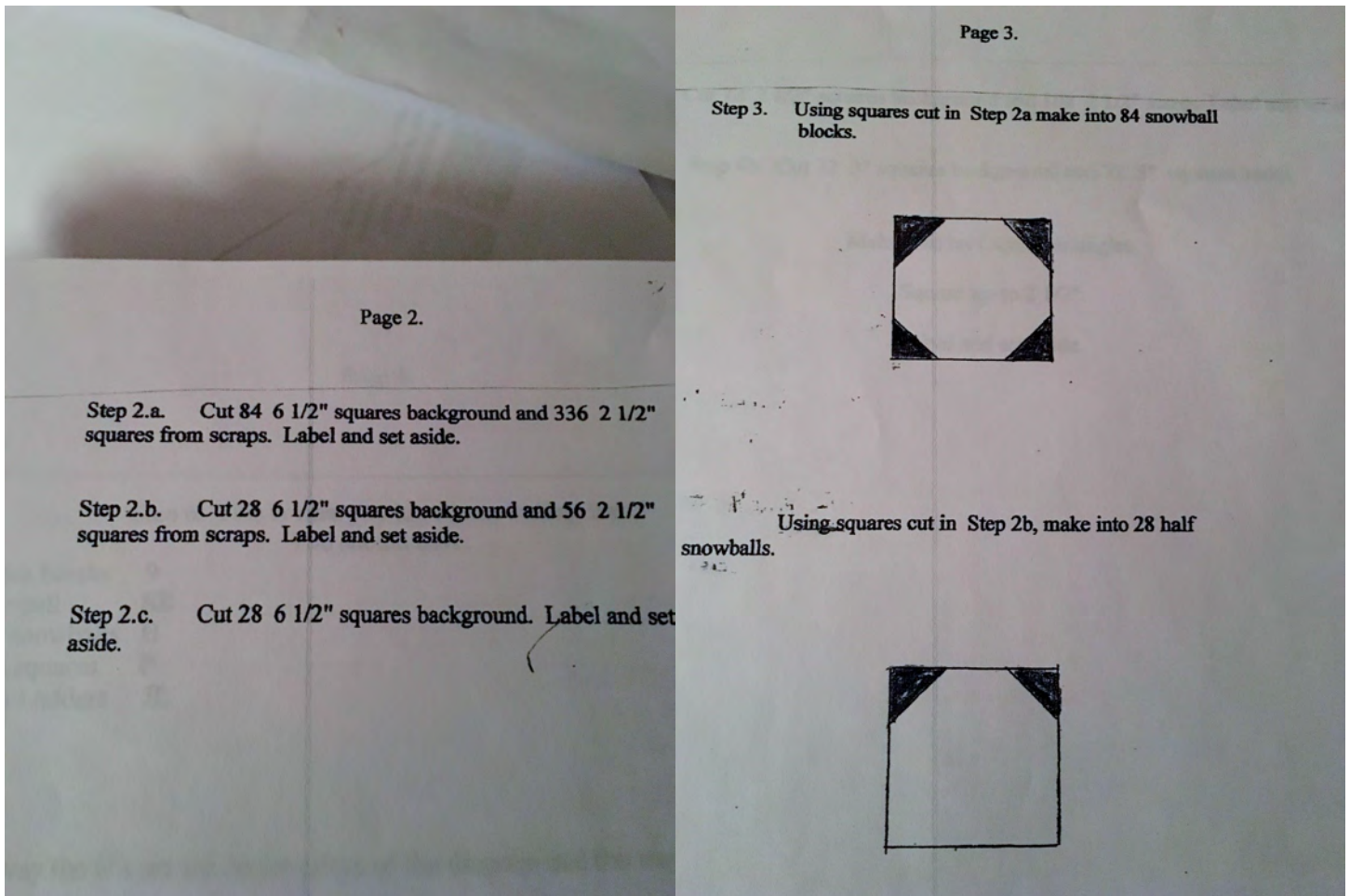
This month we will be talking about how to mark your quilt. Everyone at one time wonders what we should use. Will it stay in during the quilting and will it wash out! Our guest speaker this month is Wendy Currie who has many years of professional quilting and is willing to share her expertise with us!

I am including this link on the Frixion pens. This always causes a lot of conversation. But please make your own conclusion.

<https://quiltskipper.com/2015/08/frixion-pens-all-you-need-to-know/>

I contacted Karen McTavish and she said she uses the purple marker with the eraser for temporary marking and the blue one when she wants to mark a large quilt and then said you have to emerge the whole quilt to take the marks out. If you spray it, the marks will dissipate but come back! She also uses the white chalk pens. Matt Sparrow said he uses the white chalk pens but do not use the coloured chalk!

MYSTERY: Second clue:



12" quilt as you go for November:

Jeanette & Maria

12 inch block

For your two-color quilt select 2 fabrics, one in each color. For the purpose of these instructions, we will use red and cream.

Cut two $4\frac{7}{8}$ squares from each color for a total of four squares.



Match one square of each color, right sides together.



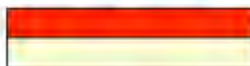
On the lighter fabric draw a diagonal line and sew a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch on either side. Cut on the drawn line and press towards the darker fabric.



There will be a total of four half square triangle blocks.



Cut one 18 by $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch rectangles from each color. Sew the two fabric right side together on the long edge. Iron to the dark.

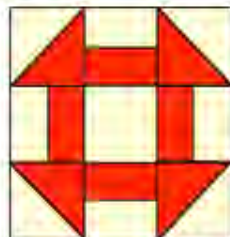


Sub cut the two color rectangle into $4\frac{1}{2}$ inch squares.



Cut one $4\frac{1}{2}$ inch square of the lighter fabric.

Assemble like a 9-patch



Different sizes of the Churn Dash Block

- 9-inch block – cut $3\frac{7}{8}$ inches for the half square triangle blocks, cut rectangles 14 by 2 inch sub cut into $3\frac{1}{2}$ inch squares and $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches for the center.
- 6 inch block – cut $2\frac{7}{8}$ inches for the half square triangle blocks, cut rectangles 10 by $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches sub cut into $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches squares and $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches for the center.
- 3 inch block – cut $1\frac{7}{8}$ inches for the half square triangle blocks, cut rectangles 6 by 1 inch sub cut into $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches squares and $1\frac{1}{2}$ for the center.



Open Call to Quilt Artists

BBAC 4th Annual Quilt Exhibition - January 13th - Feb 19th, 2018

The **Baggage Building Arts Centre** invites all Quilt Artists to submit for our 4th annual Quilt Exhibition. This is an open call to Thunder Bay and regional Quilt Artists to submit quilted items including small wall hangings to large bed quilts and everything in between.

Submission Deadline: Dec 15th, 2017

- Each person/group may submit multiple pieces, the pieces chosen will depend on space availability we will take at least one piece from each quilter/group
- Submissions including the following information may be sent email to **bbac.angie@gmail.com**
 - An image of the work
 - Quilter's Name/Names/Group Name
 - Contact email and phone #
 - Title or Name of the Quilt
 - Type of design/pattern/materials
 - Size
 - Price or "Not For Sale"
- Quilters will be notified by email on or before **Dec 19th** of the selected pieces

Details:

- The Exhibition will be curated and hung by the BBAC
- Each quilted piece must have a label pinned to the back of the quilt with the following info: Name/Title of the quilt, Type of quilt design, Quilter's Name, size, Price or not for sale.
- Quilts may be priced for sale or marked not for sale, the BBAC takes a 20% commission on all sales be sure to price accordingly
- All quilting must be finished and ready for display, please be sure the quilted work is clean, crease free and that all loose threads have been removed
- Quilts must be ready for hanging, this may be achieved by
 - having a 3" cotton pocket pinned to the back of the quilt along the top edge, the BBAC will supply the hanging rod
 - bringing the quilted piece with its own pocket & rod

Drop off Dates: January 6th, 7th & 9th, 10th 2018

Saturday, Sunday ----- 12pm-4pm

Tuesday, Wednesday-----11am-5pm

Pick Up Dates: February 20th & 21st

Tuesday, Wednesday-----11am-5pm

- If drop off or pick up times do not work with your schedule please contact me closer to the date to make other arrangements **Angie at the BBAC - 684-2063**