

THUNDER BAY QUILTERS' GUILD

QUILTERS' QUILL

December 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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MEETING AGENDA

December 11, 2017

Doors open @ 6:00 PM

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 - January 15, 2018

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Thank you everyone for the fabulous donations for the Christmas Cheer Teddy Bears! We surpassed last year's total and ended up with a grand total of 257 teddies! Well done everyone! I can't wait to see how well we do next year. Don't forget to grab a teddy at the meeting or pick a few up in the after Christmas sales!

I wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and stress-free holiday season! I hope all your gift sewing goes well, and Santa brings you all the quilting books, fabric and sewing gadgets you ask for!

Christina



DECEMBER POTLUCK

The December meeting is a week early, it is on December 11. Doors open at 5pm to start bringing your yummy food in! Dinner is at 6pm and the meeting is at 7pm. Bring a plate, cup, and cutlery for yourself so you have something to eat off. Please label all food that contains things our members are allergic to: dairy, nuts, onions and garlic. You may also bring a non-perishable food item for the food bank. Remember to bring lots of cash money, there will be raffles and an auction of items from Alva Llewellyn's estate.

SAFETY WARNING

I know that a lot of our members make these microwave bowl holders. Fons and Porter has issued a safety warning. Polyester batting, fabric and thread can melt and catch fire in the microwave; spray baste is highly flammable in the microwave; and any metallics (fabric or thread) are also dangerous in the microwave. If you have used spray baste, make sure you wash the bowl holder thoroughly before using. Use only 100% cotton (or other natural fibre) fabric, thread and batting, and no spray baste, for anything that will be used in the microwave.

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Hall of Fame:	Sharon Melville
Library:	Maria Watson, Barb Gainer
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Donation Placemats:	Doris Dungan, Judy Murphy
Teddy Bear Quilts	Peggy Skillen

CHRISTMAS CHEER TEDDY BEAR COMMITTEE



Congratulations ladies, we did it. We beat last year's total of 216 by 41 for a total of 257 stuffed animals and dolls with their quilts, pillowcases, sleeping bags and tote bags that were donated to the Christmas Cheer Fund. I hope you were watching the local news on Friday night to see the great display that we presented. Some of the committee were also highlighted. I'd like to thank you all for all your hard work so that we could give that many stuffed animals to Christmas Cheer. Thanks also to my committee for tying the stuffed animals up and for helping with the display.

Peggy Skillen



This is about half of this year's total donation!

BAG CLASS

On November 25, 7 members participated in a bag making class where they made a small bag and then inserted a zipper with a gusset. We all learned a lot from each other and had a very successful class. Everyone finished their project during the workshop.

Peggy Skillen



CINDY'S RAFFLE FOR CHARITY

Once again I will raffle off a penguin family with the proceeds going to Christmas Cheer (I may have 2nd and 3rd prizes too). Tickets will be \$2 or 3 for \$5 and I'll be selling them before the meeting and at the break.

Cindy



QUILT BEE COMMITTEE

The Quilt Bee is coming up. It will be held January 27, 2018 from 10-4 at the Oliver Road Community Centre. Please plan to attend. I will have a sign up list at the January meeting. 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 and for planning the quilt bee itself.

Thank you to everyone who has handed in a strawberry block. I'm looking forward to seeing these as finished quilts. These will be made into kits for finishing at the Quilt Bee.

If you finish quilt tops or kits that you have signed out, we need to know that they have been returned. 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. In the meantime, please continue to let me know.

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

Seventy-four beautiful placemats were donated at our November meeting – a record number! Congratulations, ladies. Due to the pot luck and other activities, we will not be distributing kits at this meeting, but we will still collect completed placemats. Check with us in the new year if you want additional kits at that time. In the meantime, have wonderful holidays!

Doris Dungan & Judy Murphy

LIBRARY REPORT

A collection of books donated by the late Alva Llewellyn will be auctioned at the Dec. meeting. Monies collected will be sent to Shelter House and the rest to be used to buy an item for the Guild in Alva's memory. The Library will be opened from 5 to 6 pm for the returning of books.

Submitted by Barb Gainer and Maria Watson, Library Chairpersons



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COMFORT QUILTS

Greetings Fellow Quilters,

There were 8 comfort quilts and 13 squares turned in at the November meeting. 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 or Florence 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

If you have suggestions for worthy locations. We would need to know the potential use, number, appropriate size(s) and description of the recipients (ie. Male and Female seniors) along with the name of the location and contact information. This information helps the Committee to prioritize where to take the quilts locally.

Have fun and Merry Christmas,

Pat Inch and Florence Poster

Recommended Quilt Sizes

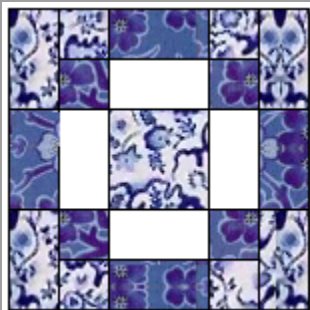
Neo Natal	36" x 36"
Crib	34 to 36" x 36"
Wheel Chair	36" x 48"
Nap Quilt	40" x 55 - 60"
Bed	63 to 65" x 80"



PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

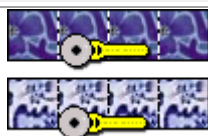
Antique Tile

This makes a 12" block!

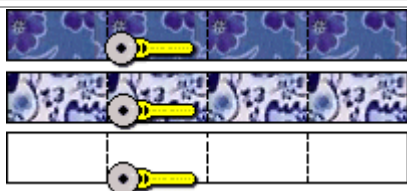


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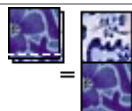
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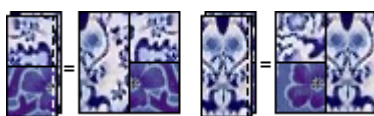
Start by marking and cutting the Color 1 and Color 2 2-1/2" x 10" strips into four 2-1/2" squares of each...



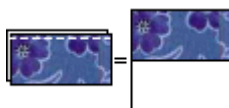
Next mark and cut the Color 1, 2 and 3 2-1/2" x 18" strips into four 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" rectangles of each...



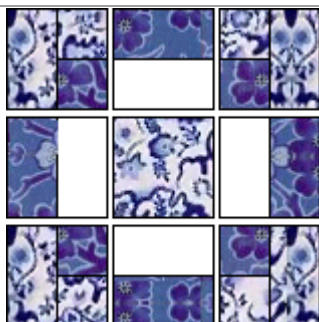
Sew the Color 1 and Color 2 squares right sides together in pairs, using a scant 1/4" seam. Press seam to darker side. You will be making four units like this...



Sew the Color 2 rectangles to the side of the square pairs...two on the left, two on the right, with the Color 1 square on the bottom in each case. Press seam towards rectangle. These will be the block's four corner units...



Sew the Color 1 and Color 3 rectangles right sides together in pairs along one long edge, again using a scant 1/4" seam. Press seam to darker side. Make four units like this for the block's sides...



Now piece the block! Lay out all your units as shown at left, then sew three horizontal rows. Press top and bottom row seams towards the outsides, and center row seam towards the middle. ...and then join the rows!

MYSTERY: Fourth clue:

Jeanette & Maria

