

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

January 15, 2018

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 - February 19, 2018

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a good holiday season and got all kinds of sewing done!

Coming up this month is one of the Guild's most fun events, the Quilt Bee! The committee had a great day making up kits earlier this month, so all you have to do is show up and start sewing! It is a really fun day, so make sure you sign up!

This is also a good time to start thinking about becoming a member of the Guild Executive. The positions of President, Vice-President and Program are all opening up this year and we need every one of them in order to keep having a guild at all. I have been both Pres and VP, and they are both really fun, so you can ask me anything about either position!

Christina



CAN YOU HELP ME WITH A QUILT?

My sister is turning 50 and I am looking for someone to help create a quilt with a number of picture panels that show my sister at various ages, and at various events in her life. I was thinking maybe 8 or 9 picture panels depending on layout.

This project is way out of my level of expertise, so am looking to find someone to work with me on getting this done. Any leads you can provide would be appreciated, or if you want to forward this information to anyone in your group, feel free. Thanks in advance for your help and time. Any questions, please contact me.

Regards , Ken Toews

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LIBRARY REPORT

The library has been blessed with donations of previously loved books and magazines. Some have been added to the library and will be displayed at the January meeting as new books to the library.

Duplicate books and quilting magazines have been reasonably priced and will be available for sale in the library at the January general meeting. Check-out the free bin!

Valentines Day is coming so there will be books on display at the January meeting highlighting hearts as well as the program topic this month - recycled ties.

Maria Watson and Barb Gainer

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Comfort Quilts:	Pat Inch, Florence Poster
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Hall of Fame:	Sharon Melville
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Teddy Bear Quilts	Peggy Skillen

Explore Quilting with the

Thunder Bay Quilters Guild

May 19-21, 2018

Take a class with guest instructor Julie Plotniko



Treat yourself to a class with Julie Plotniko this Victoria Day weekend at Oliver Road Community Center, May 19th-21st 10am-4pm. She is offering 3 classes:

1. **Colour Blend Quilt** Saturday, May 19th
2. **Botanical Free Motion Quilting Made Easy** Sunday, May 20th
3. **Thread Painting for Beginners “Harmony the Hedgehog”** Monday, May 21st.

Each class is \$90 for members or \$110 for non-members + pattern fee where applicable, lunch included.

For more information visit thunderbayquilters.org

To reserve your spot contact Laura Cooke rl.cooke@hotmail.com



BBAC 4th annual

QUILT EXHIBITION - 2018

Jan 13th - Feb 19th

**BAGGAGE BUILDING
ARTS CENTRE**

2200 Sleeping Giant Parkway
Prince Arthurs Landing
Thunder Bay, ON

Open for viewing:

Wed-Friday 11am- 5pm

Sat 2- 4pm & Sun 12- 4pm



SAVE THE DATE

SUNSET COUNTRY QUILTERS GUILD

presents

SPRING 2018 DRYDEN QUILT SHOW



**AUTUMN
*Splendor***

APRIL 28 & 29

Saturday: 10:00 - 5:00

Sunday: 10:00 - 4:00

Dryden Fairgrounds

www.SunsetCountryQuilters.org

2018 QUILT SHOW - DRYDEN

Considering visiting the Sunset Country Quilters Guild's 2018 "Autumn Splendor" Quilt Show? Whether you are a guest or exhibitor, there are some basic show guidelines that will ensure you have a successful experience.

The Dryden and area's Sunset Country Quilters Guild displays quilted articles entered by its members, and also the public, to showcase their skills. This is not a judged or juried show, but for exhibit only, although a select few articles are 'For Sale'. The only prize awarded at this bi-annual show is the "Viewer's Choice Award" which is awarded as the result of the anonymous voting taking place by the viewing public during the two day event. In the quilting world, the pleasure of seeing a collection of quilts all in one place is inspiring, and encourages others to challenge their creative abilities.

You are sure to be in awe of the variety of quilts and other items; amazing workmanship, phenomenal expertise in style, colour, and skill - incredible works of fibre art.

In recent Sunset Country Quilters' Quilt Shows, held bi-annually, members' miniature quilts were made available through a silent auction held at the quilt show's evening banquet. Because participation was limited to only banquet attendees, this year we are moving the Silent Auction to the Quilt Show, opening it up to a much larger audience. If you are interested in participating and are looking to donate a mini quilt, check out the guidelines on our website www.sunsetcountryquilters.org. The form to accompany your donation(s) is also available on the website.

Of course, regional vendors will have retail booths at the show, along with several workshops. The Tea Room will be open for the two days. Tickets are now available from any member for your chance to win the gorgeous Raffle Quilt which will be on display.

One of the first things you'll notice as you enter the exhibit hall is the offering of free "white gloves". Because oils and perfumes from the skin surface can damage the fabric or workmanship, these gloves are available to assist viewers with seeing (and not touching) the cherished quilted items. Leave no fingerprints behind! Another courtesy is that you ask permission prior to taking photographs of the entries on display.

If you plan on entering a quilted item, keep in mind that smoke is particularly unpleasant as it can migrate to other nearby quilts. Placing the quilt into a plastic bag, even temporarily, can actually make the odour worse and is not recommended. If there is smoker in your house, air the quilt well prior to the show. Another aspect of getting a quilt "show ready" is making sure that the quilt is free of assembly markings. All quilted articles which leave your home should be labeled with the quilter's name, full address, home and cell phone numbers, email or website information, and date. The entry rules will provide label protocol.

And finally, carefully check the rules for specific instructions on how to retrieve your quilt at the end of the show. Security is an ongoing issue for all quilters, and we take it seriously. Follow the Guild's guidelines regarding signing for pick up. The ladies of the Guild will re-pack your items in the cloth bag you provided, and make it available for signing and pick up shortly after the show's closing on Sunday.

Visit www.sunsetcountryquilters.org for information on the Sunset Country Quilters Guild, and also 2018 "Autumn Splendor" Quilt Show details.



CHRISTMAS CHEER TEDDY BEAR COMMITTEE

First of all I would like to wish everyone a very Happy and Healthy New Year and I hope that your sewing machines keep humming.

The Teddy Bear Committee has decided to take over programming for the February Guild meeting and we thought this would be a good way to get you started on your teddy bear quilt for next November. For the February meeting you need to bring a pair of scissors and 1 metre of fabric. Since this will be for a child it would be nice to bring a primary colour or children's fabric. We will be in groups of 5-6 (depending on how many people plan on participating) so if you like, you could get together with your friends and choose coordinating fabric. You will start with a metre of fabric and go home with a metre of assorted fabrics. There will be more explanation at Guild and at the February meeting. See you there.

Peggy Skillen



QUILT BEE COMMITTEE

We are looking forward to another great Quilt Bee on Saturday, January 27, 2018 at the Oliver Road Community Centre. The Quilt Bee committee has been busy getting kits ready for you to pick out and sew during the Bee. We have new patterns and more beautiful colour combinations. Come out for the day and help us to create beautiful quilts for our community. The Bee will be held [from 10 am - 4 pm](#). If you are able to come out to join us, please sign up at the January meeting so we can have an idea of the numbers to expect. It will help with the room setup and it will help us to know how much food to order. Lunch will be provided. If you can bring a dessert to share, please do. It will be enjoyed! Please be sure to mark your food with any specific allergens like nuts and dairy.

If you can't make it for the whole Bee, you are welcome to join us for part of the day. We always need help with pressing, trimming and more pressing. If you can't bring your sewing machine, there will be tasks to help with (like pressing) and we encourage you to join us.

If you are coming to the Bee please plan to bring your name tag, your sewing machine, sewing notions, thread, and a covered coffee mug. Please bring a power bar and extension cord for your sewing machine. You may need your rotary cutter and ruler to trim half square triangles, make strips or trim blocks.

Thank you to everyone who helped to prepare kits and cut fabric either at home or at the Cutting Bee. Your efforts have made it easy to create beautiful kits and will provide the opportunity to make unique quilts during the Bee. We hope to see you on January 27 at the Bee.

Adrienne

COMFORT QUILTS

Greetings Fellow Quilters,

There were 2 comfort quilts and 12 squares turned in at the December meeting. Thanks to Jannette and Marie for the ideas for blocks but remember 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. Neutrals such as blues, greens, browns, beige, reds,....

If you are making any quilt(s) for donation, the recommended sizes are given here. Also, see 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 or youth) along with the name of the location and contact information. This information helps the Committee to prioritize where to take the quilts locally. One new facility suggested is looking for quilts suitable for babies. Sounds like a fun project.

Enjoy the sewing and I (Pat) will see you in March. Florence Poster will be available if there are any questions.

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"

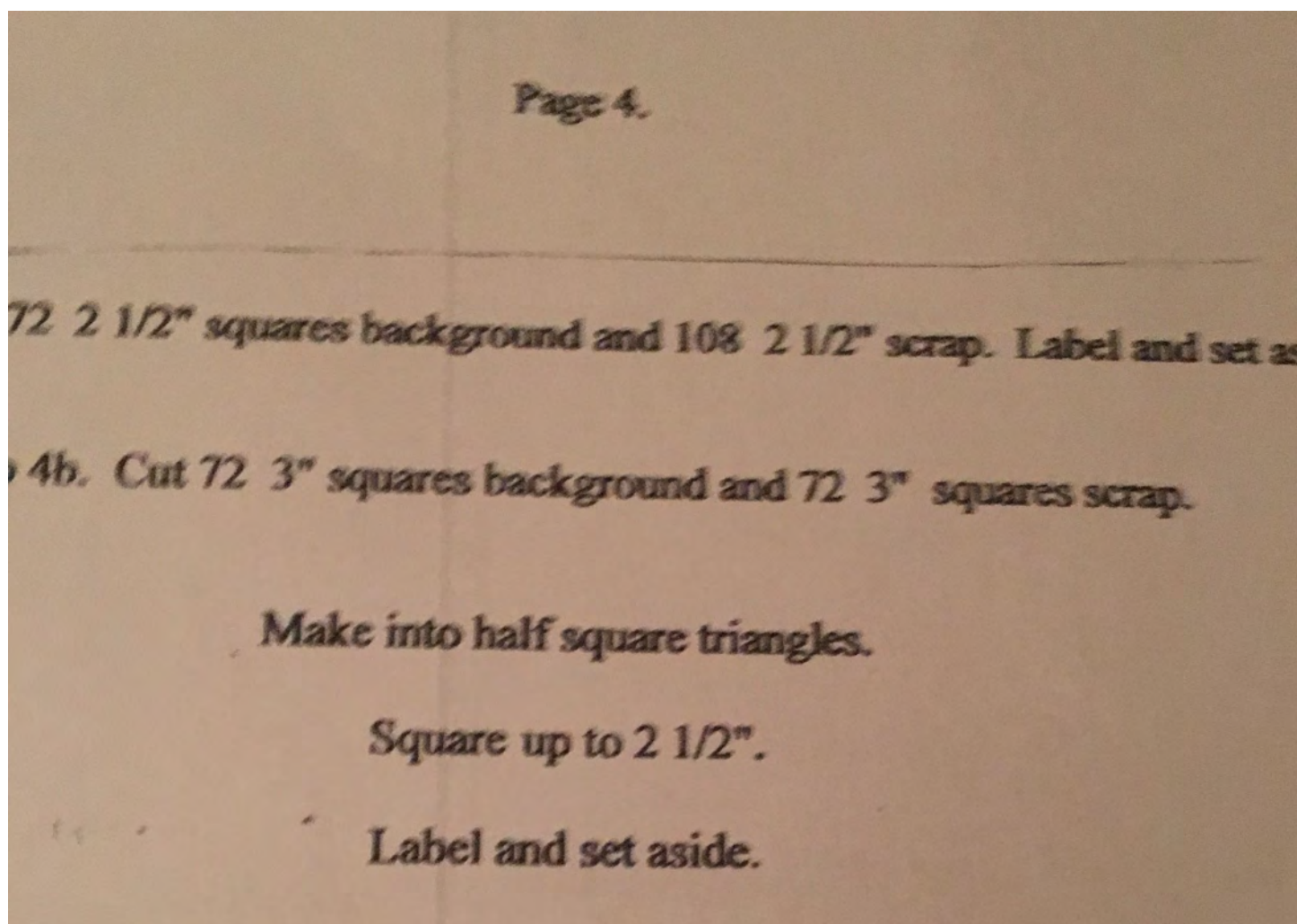


PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

For the January program we will be talking about how to use ties. Whether they are from your Grandpas tie collection or from your saved stash, there is a use for all of them!

Mystery:

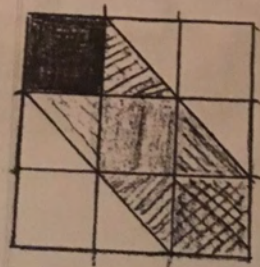
Second last clues! Next month we will be showing the finished product. Don't you just love getting all those scraps used up!!



PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

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Step 5. Using squares from step 4a and the half square triangles made in step 4b, m
36 Jacob Ladder Blocks.



Page 6.

Step 6. This is what you have been waiting for:
You should have:

49	9 Patch blocks	9
84	Snowball	SB
28	Half snowballs	H
28	Plain squares	P
36	Jacob Ladders	JL
225	Total	

Note: The way the H's are set on the edges of the diagram and the way the JL change directions.

Quilt as you go block for January:

Patchwork Square

Free Quilt Block Pattern

Buttercup

9" finished quilt block

Fabric Placement



How-to Notes	
	Bisect square on one diagonal
	Bisect square on both diagonals

1		Background fabric Cut 3 squares 3 1/2" Cut 2 squares 3 1/2" and bisect on one diagonal Cut 1 square 2" Cut 1 rectangle 3 1/2" x 2"
2		"Flower" fabric Cut 1 square 3 1/2" Cut 1 square 3 1/2" and bisect on one diagonal
3		"Flower bud" fabric Cut 1 square 2"
4		"Leaf" fabric Cut 1 square 3 1/2" and bisect on one diagonal

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<http://www.patchworksquare.com>

Just a reminder if you are following along with the mystery and or doing any of the projects we have talked about you are welcome to come and get a draw ticket from Jeanette or Maria!

Jeanette & Maria