

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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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

MEETING AGENDA

February 19, 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 - March 19, 2018

We had another successful Quilt Bee at the end of January. I love the Quilt Bee because no matter what job I am doing, it seems to kick-start my creativity. I usually leave itching to start a new quilt! This year was no different, Cindy demonstrated an interesting technique for using striped fabric and I am almost finished the comfort quilt top I made with the technique.

I also have lots of ideas for the quilts I am going to make for next year's Quilt Show. February seems like a good month to cozy down and look at all my quilting books and get started planning out my quilts. The Quilt Show is always my excuse to make quilts for myself and experiment with fun new techniques. I've already planned a quilt using Japanese yarn dyed fabric and sashiko broidery! What are you planning for your next quilt?
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

Our theme for February will be Easter, Spring and Colour quilt books. Use your 3 cards and enjoy the Library. The Library is open before the meeting from 6 to 7 pm and during the break.

Maria Watson and Barb Gainer

PRE-MEETING DEMO @ 6:15

Cindy will do a demo on Quartered Stripes (the same demo I did at the quilt bee). This is a quick and easy quilt to do with striped fabric. The finished size is approximately 40x40 so great for a teddy bear.

This video link demonstrates <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l8xgM1H2X18>

F.Y.I. There is a wonderful fibre arts exhibit on at the Museum until the end of March.

Cindy

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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

I hope everyone is looking forward to **RIP, SNIP, DROP & PASS** and that you are searching your stash for a metre of fabric to use. The committee thought that this would be a good size for a teddy bear quilt, so if you can find a primary colour or a child's motif that would be good, but if not just bring a metre and I'm sure it will go together with the rest of the group. Don't forget scissors. It will be a fun night. See you there.

Peggy Skillen





COMFORT QUILTS

Greetings Fellow Quilters,

There were 11 quilts and one 12.5 inch square collected at the January meeting. Check out the new blocks that are posted in the quill by Maria and Jeanette for your 12.5 inch block. Your own designs are more then welcome. Let's see how creative we can be. Remember they should measure 12.5 inches after quilted. All quilts are washed frequently at the facilities so please keep that in mind when quilting. Thank you.

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 SHOW 2019

The first meeting of the Quilt Show Committee was held on January 25. The committee chair are as follows: Ellen Lang – venue and caterer, Vicky Butt – guest quilter, Sharon Melville – banquet, Mary Catharine Kennedy – quilt display, Jeannette Dann – vendors, Adrienne Lopes – quilt challenge, Ginny Strey – treasurer, Maureen Mauro – printing, Christina Wakefield – demos, Cindy Cockell – guild booth, Laura Cooke – quilt registration, Lee Tracz & Marlene Reid – advertising and Cathy Britt & Linda Boulter – volunteers. Give them a round of applause as the quilt show would not be happening without them!

Thanks,

Ellen Lang

MEALS ON WHEELS PLACEMATS

Fifteen more beautiful placemats for Meals on Wheels were donated in January, and a note of appreciation received in return. We urge you to visit our Flickr page where all of the placemats given in recent months and years can be viewed. Just click on the link in the placemat section of the guild's home web page. Use your observations as inspiration to make some placemats yourself, or just marvel at the beautiful workmanship and creativity displayed by your fellow guild members. If you would like a placemat kit to sew or labels to add to placemats you make from your stash, come see us at the meeting.

Doris Dungan & Judy Murphy



QUILT BEE COMMITTEE

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Quilt Bee on January 27, 2018. We had a very productive day and enjoyed learning from each other, catching up, and getting to sample some new recipes. There were a few requests for recipes so we have attached some to the Quill. Thank you to everyone who brought desserts to share. They were appreciated and welcome treats throughout the day.

Thank you to the organizing committee for pulling together another highly successful Quilt Bee. We continue to receive excellent feedback on the day and everyone on the organizing committee plays an important role in creating a great environment for everyone to make beautiful quilts. Thanks goes out to Christina Wakefield, Wendy Royston, Cindy Cockell, Leona Stolz, Fran Mazzaferro, Marina Erdman, Laura Cooke, Doris Dungan and Karen Boote for helping to organize the bee, create beautiful kits, cut fabric and provide great ideas and input to the day. Thank you to Cindy for giving a few tutorials to boost our quilting skills. I'm looking forward to trying the stripe tutorial. The link to the stripe tutorial on YouTube is:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l8xgM1H2X18>

If you finish your quilt top and would like to return it, please hand it in to Adrienne Lopes or any of the committee members at the meeting. Make sure you provide your name and if possible, the quilt number so we can mark your name off the sign out list. If you would like backing and batting to finish your quilt, please contact Adrienne at alopes@tbaytel.net and provide the size, colour and any other information on what you need to finish off your quilt. Remember - there's no rush to finish your quilt. Some of us have quilts from previous years to finish. If you are not "feeling the love" for the quilt top you have, and would like to return it, please feel free to do so, someone else can finish it for you.

If you have any suggestions on how to improve the bee in the coming years, please let any of the organization committee know your ideas. Is there a better month to hold the bee next time? Any room for improvement? Does everyone still like the venue? We'd love to improve the experience for the coming years.

If you were unable to make it to the bee and you'd like a quilt kit to make at home, I plan to bring a few kits to every meeting. Please see Adrienne at the break at any meeting to sign out a kit. If you are interested in finishing a quilt, please let Adrienne know. Thanks!

The following 32 people participated in the Quilt Bee on January 27, 2018 and made it a very enjoyable day.

Thank you!

Marina Erdman	Wendy Royston	Sharron McCulloch	Marlene Bosma
Judith Spillet	Laura Cooke	Ellen Lang	Julia Wojciechowski
Jackie Black	Siyao (Sharon) Yang	Barb Gainer	Maria Watson
Nellie Jaremey	Leona Stolz	Phyllis Taylor	Heidi Skinn
Cindy Cockell	Evelyn Ponka	Margaret Power	Deb Ascher Palmquist
Isolde Hois	Florence Poster	Iris Maxwell	Fran Mazzaferro
Christina Wakefield	Marlene McRobb	Barb Rabbit	Ellen Olson
Claire Archer	Michelle Gale	Cathy Britt	Adrienne Lopes

GREAT NEWS! We have received the second instalment of the grant we were awarded from the Northern Credit Union. We will be using the funds to purchase batting and backing for our quilts. Thank you to the Northern Credit Union for this support. It allows us to buy high quality batting and backing for our quilts, making for long lasting donations. In recognition of their financial support, quilts that are made with materials purchased from this grant receive two labels, one of which identifies their support. If you received batting at the bee, your quilt has benefited from this grant and needs two labels. If you did not receive the labels, please let a committee member know and we will make sure you get the labels you need for your charity quilts.

Thank you everyone and keep up the great work!

Adrienne Lopes Alopes@tbaytel.net Quilt Bee Committee Chair





Here's a couple of pictures of finished quilts from the Bee. The blue and red is the Stacks Quilt top finished by Iris Maxwell.



The green quilt is the Going Up! Chevron quilt quilted at the bee by Deb Ascher-Palmquist.

Mom's coleslaw dressing (from Cindy Cockell)

1 c. white vinegar

$\frac{3}{4}$ c. sugar

$\frac{1}{2}$ c. Crisco oil

1-2 tsp. salt

$\frac{1}{4}$ tsp pepper

$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp celery salt

Combine all ingredients in a small sauce pan. Stir or whisk to dissolve the sugar as much as you can. Bring to a boil and boil gently for 5 minutes, whisking occasionally. Pour over cabbage mixture and toss. Don't drown it in dressing. I made $\frac{1}{2}$ this recipe for the amount of the cabbage mixture below.

Note: if it sits a while you may want to pour off the excess liquid before serving coleslaw.

Extra may be kept in a jar (let it cool before putting the lid on the jar). Shake well before re-using. Just heat up a couple of tablespoons as needed. Keeps 7-10 days in the fridge.

Cabbage mixture:

1 green cabbage shredded or finely sliced (I use a mandolin on fine)

3-4 large carrots shredded on a cheese grater (the $\frac{1}{4}$ " holes)

$\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ of a red cabbage shredded

3-4 celery stalks shredded (I don't always do this)

Sprinkle a little bit of sugar, salt & pepper over the cabbage. Then add coleslaw dressing & toss.

Coleslaw will still be good the next day.





Cindy gave a demo of the interesting pattern you can make with a piece of stripe fabric

This video link demonstrates <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l8xgM1H2X18>

Berry-Oatmeal Cheesecake Muffins (from Leona Stolz)

1 c. large flake rolled oats
 1 c. buttermilk
 ½ pkg. cream cheese, softened
 ¼ c. white sugar
 3 tbsp. zest of orange or lemon
 1 c. flour
 ¾ c. packed brown sugar
 1 tsp. baking powder
 ½ tsp. baking soda
 ½ tsp. salt
 1 egg, beaten
 ¼ c. butter, melted
 1 c. fresh or frozen berries (cranberries or blueberries)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In bowl 1: mix oats and buttermilk; let stand 10 minutes;

In bowl 2: beat (with a fork) cream cheese, sugar and zest; set aside;

In bowl 3: mix flour, brown sugar, baking powder, baking soda, and salt.

Add egg and melted butter to oat mixture; stir until blended;

Add to dry ingredients; stir until moistened;

Gently stir in berries;

Spoon half of batter into 12 muffin cups lined with paper liners;

Top each with 1 – 2 tbsp of the cream cheese mixture;

Cover each muffin cup with remaining batter;

If desired, sprinkle each muffin top with ½ to 1 tsp coarse (turbinado) sugar;

Bake 25 – 27 minutes or until toothpick inserted in centres comes out clean.

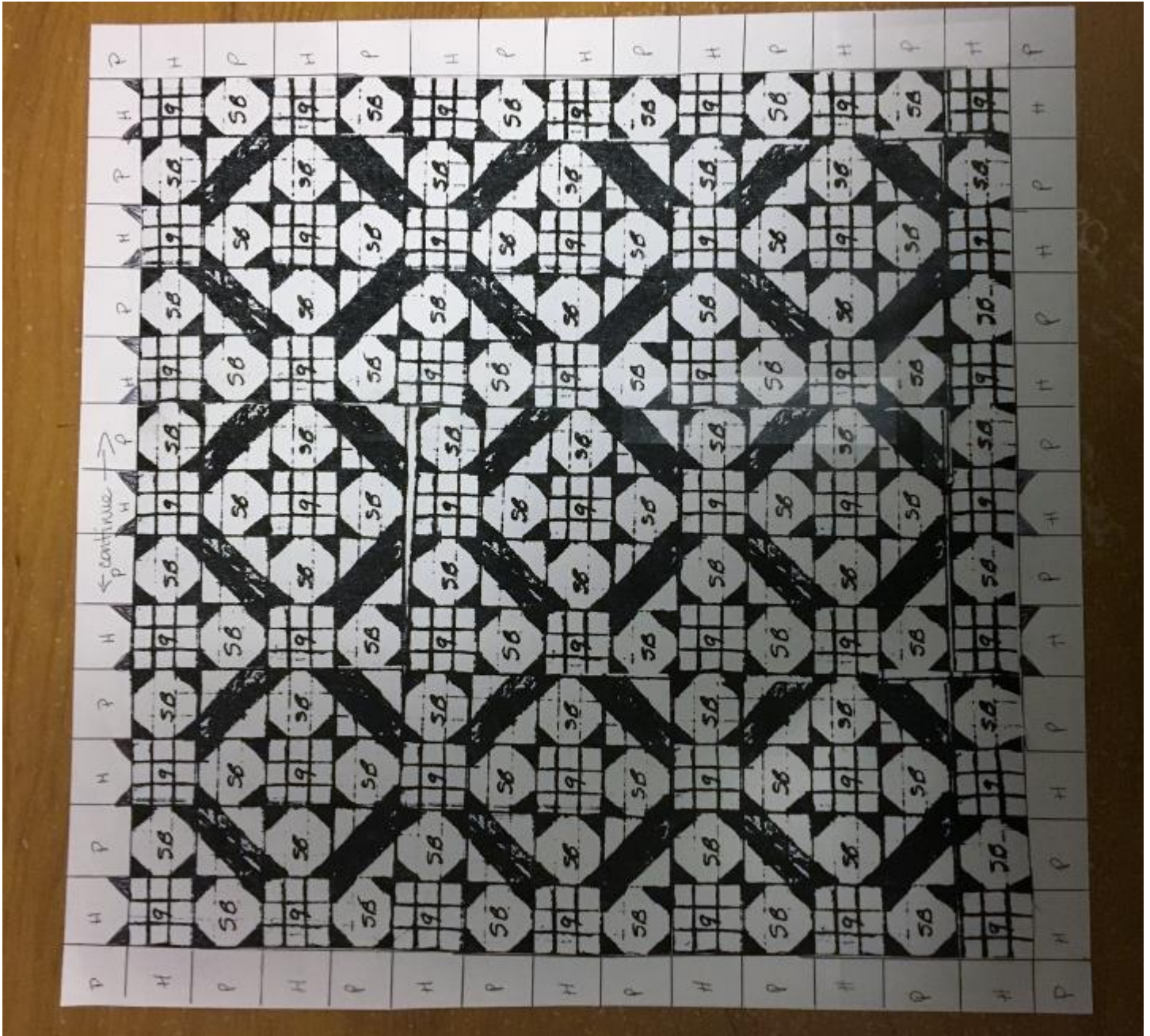
Yield: 12 muffins

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

For the February program we have been asked to lend some time for a Snip Rip and Drop! Hosted by Peggy Skillen for the teddy bear quilts!

Mystery:

Diagram for the finished mystery quilt. We are looking forward to seeing everyone's finished quilts!



The quilt as you go block for this month is called Blackford's Beauty.

<https://www.patchworksquare.com/mf/blackfords-beauty-quilt-block.pdf>

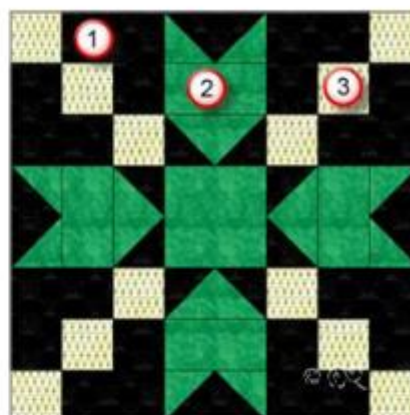
Patchwork Square

Free Quilt Block Pattern

Blackford's Beauty

12" finished quilt block

Fabric Placement



How-to Notes



Bisect square on one diagonal



Bisect square on both diagonals

*All seam allowances are 1/4" unless noted otherwise

1



Background fabric

Cut 8 rectangles 2" x 3 1/2"

Cut 8 squares 2"

Cut 1 square 4 1/4" and bisect on both diagonals

Cut 4 squares 2 3/4" and bisect on one diagonal

2



Fabric 2

Cut 1 square 3 1/2"

Cut 4 rectangles 2" x 3 1/2"

Cut 1 square 4 1/4" and bisect on both diagonals

Cut 4 squares 2 3/4" and bisect on one diagonal

3



Fabric 3

Cut 12 squares 2"

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Wildflower Arts

Spring Quilting Retreat

Friday and Saturday April 20th and 21st, 2018

Calvary Lutheran Church, Thunder Bay, Ontario

What Time: 10am-9pm Friday and 10am-5pm Saturday

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, with custom painted bags, for all attendees and attendance drawings.

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

Payment is due upon registration; the only reserved reservation is a paid one. Cancellations through Sept 29th will incur a \$25 fee. Cancellations Sept 30 up to the event will not receive a refund. Registration is transferrable as long as we are notified of the new attendee's name. Registration deadline for Fall retreat is October 3rd and the Holiday retreat is November 19th

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

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