

THUNDER BAY QUILTERS' GUILD

QUILTERS' QUILL

March 2018

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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.

mail to: kavanagh@tbaytel.net

MEETING AGENDA

March 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 - April 16, 2018

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It is starting to feel like spring is right around the corner! And with spring, out come all my UFOs in bright colours and florals. And all the projects in darker colours only have a few weeks to get finished before I can't stand them anymore and they get put away. I am especially excited to get my hands on a bundle of the new quilt show challenge fabric. I have four or five ideas about what I want to make already. What better time to get started on a "Spring is Sprung" challenge than when we are waiting for spring to spring?

Christina





CHRISTMAS CHEER TEDDY BEAR COMMITTEE

It was nice to see the good turnout for the SNIP, RIP, DROP AND PASS. I hope that those that took part had a good time and a few laughs. Remember that if the fabrics don't "work" you can always add new ones from your stash. Hopefully in a few months members can bring in their finished quilts or quilt tops even if they aren't quilted and finished to show and tell so we can see how they turned out.

Thank you to all those that participated.

Peggy Skillen

LIBRARY REPORT

The Library will not be purchasing another bookcase for Library books. A major purge of the existing Library books will be conducted in April at Inventory time to make room for newer books.

Maria Watson and Barb Gainer

PRE-MEETING DEMO @ 6:15

Cindy will be doing the demo with stripes around 6:15 before the meeting on Monday. This is the one that was going to happen last month but I was too sick. If anyone has made a quilt top using this method please bring it for show & tell even if it isn't quilted.

Cindy

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Comfort Quilts:	Pat Inch, Florence Poster
Guest Speaker / Teachers:	Laura Cooke
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

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

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As I am writing this I am looking out the window at the beautiful Sunny Day and hoping Spring will arrive soon. We all know that March and April can be very unpredictable months but we can always dream of the warmer weather coming. Talking about Spring brings me to the topic of elections. We need a President, Vice-President and Programme Chair, these positions are vital for the running of our Guild, as we cannot continue without these positions being filled. I have approached several people about running for these positions but as yet have not received a lot of response. If you are interested in any of these positions and want more information please talk to myself or anyone on the Executive and we would be very happy to assist you. The Programme Chair can be part of a committee, I will explain more at the meeting. For all positions you have other Executive members to assist you. The response I continue to get most often is "I only want to attend the meetings" but if everyone says that we will not have a Guild to attend. Please think about Volunteering to help The Thunder Bay Quilters Guild continue to teach and grow in our community. Look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

Sharon

MEALS ON WHEELS PLACEMATS

In February, members donated 26 placemats for Meals on Wheels, and a number of kits were taken home for completion. Again this month we will have placemat kits and labels available at the meeting.

Some members have recently inquired as to how the labels should be attached. Simply fold in half, wrong sides together, and encase the raw edges underneath the binding by attaching to the seam before completion. The folded edge remains free, so that both sides are readable.

Doris Dungan & Judy Murphy



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.



COMFORT QUILTS

Greetings,

We received 9 comfort quilts at the February meeting and 6 12½ inch squares. The Committee Members will be meet and distribute the comfort quilts collected from recent meetings and report next month on which local facilities.

Have you thought about making a Figit Quilt? We are adding the opportunity to make Figit Quilts at the next Sewing Day, scheduled for April 14th. Florence and I have lots of fabrics, trim and extras so you just need to bring your machine, thread and scissors. If you have surplus supplies at home, please bring them (small washable stuffed toys, Velcro, large buttons, fabric with texture – such as corduroy, fleece, lace, washable wool, fake fur,...). Hopefully you can join us for a lot of fun!

If you are making any quilt(s) for donation, the recommended sizes are given here. Also, see me or Florence for a Quilt Guild Label. A label is to be sewn onto the quilt – typically on the back bottom right side, but you can choose where.

Please remember that the quilts receive frequent washings and should be stitched sufficiently to hold together. Most batting manufactures recommend stitching every 4-6 inches. To check, place your hand over the quilt. In all locations, your hand should be able to touch stitching that connects the quilt top to the backing.

Thanks,

Pat Inch and Florence Poster, on behalf of the Committee

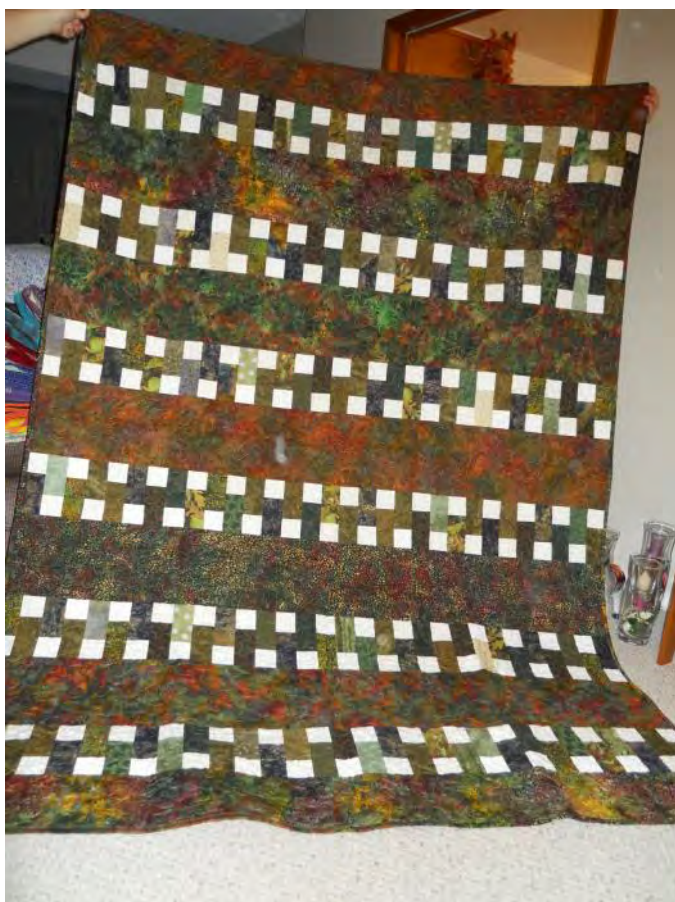
Recommended Quilt Sizes

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 handed in completed tops and quilts over the past month. Remember to let me know when you return completed quilts so I can mark your name off the list.

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!

Adrienne Lopes Alopes@tbaytel.net Quilt Bee Committee Chair

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2019 Quilt Show – Challenge

Following the fabulous success of our challenge for the 2017 Quilt Show, we present the 2019 Quilt Show Challenge:

Spring has Sprung!

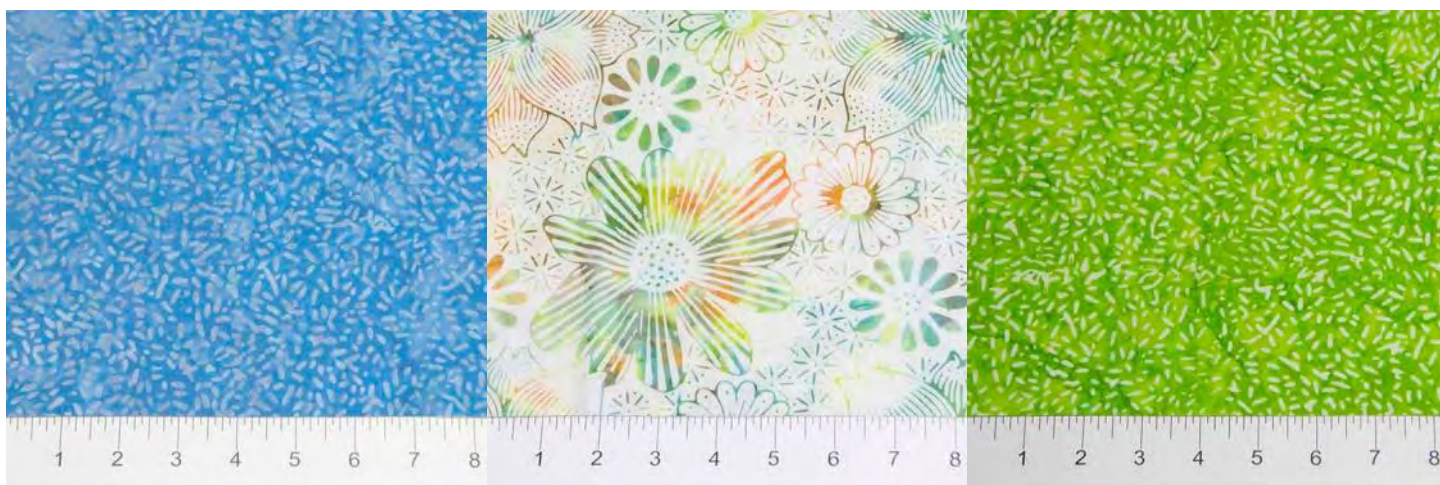
Join your fellow guild members in celebrating the arrival of spring

Our quilt show in 2019 will be held when flowers are blooming and birds are happily nesting. The long winter will be over and the grass will be green. Help us to welcome spring by creating a challenge quilt to celebrate the arrival of spring in Thunder Bay. Northcott Fabrics has graciously donated 3 bolts of fabric for our challenge. These fabrics will be available to Challenge Participants at the March and April 2018 meetings. More details will follow but here are some highlights:

1. Create a wall hanging or quilt that can be hung. The quilt must be quilted.
2. Maximum dimensions 36" x 36".
3. Must use 3 fabrics provided in the front of the quilt, not including the binding.
4. The 3 challenge fabrics must be prominent in the quilt.
5. Only use up to 3 additional fabrics to create your original design.
6. Participants are encouraged to create an original design.
7. \$5 cash required to purchase a Fat Eighth Bundle. \$10 cash required to purchase a Fat Quarter Bundle.

There will be a limited number of Fat Quarter and Fat Eighth bundles brought to each meeting.

Bundles will ONLY be sold at the break. It will be on a first come, first served basis.

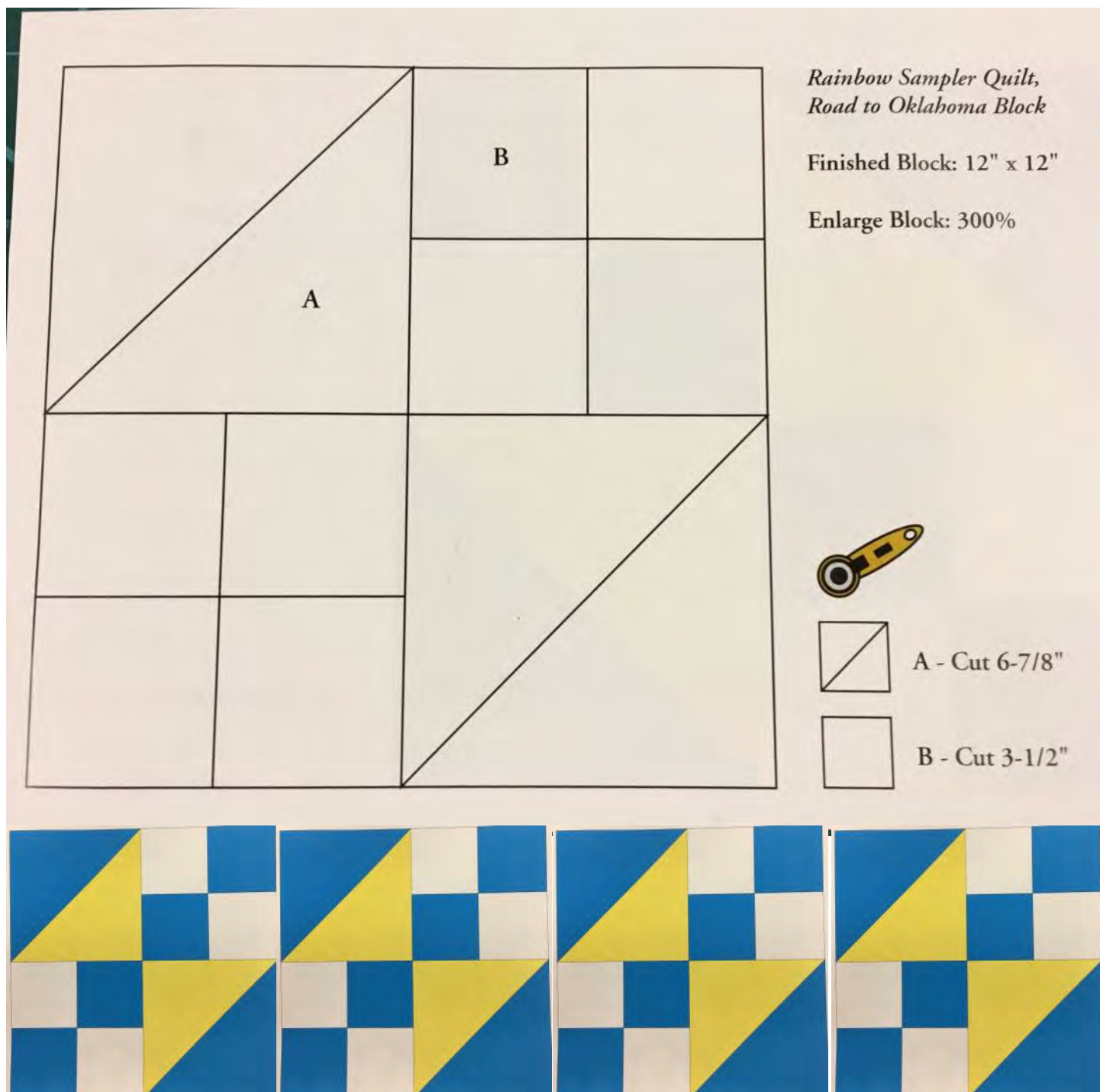


PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

This month Jeanette is going to demonstrate how to do a kaleidoscope stack and wack quilt. We have been asked to demonstrate this from the suggestions that we have received.

She will be handing out a pattern sheet with the basic steps. To do this quilt you will need approximately 3 meters of fabric with 8 repeats. And the more obscure and mixed up the pattern is the nicer your pieces end up. I have seen this done with panels.

This is the free block pattern for March!





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 April 15th will incur a \$25 fee. Cancellations April 18th 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 the retreat is April 15th.

To get a copy of the registration forms please contact: Sharon

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