

THUNDER BAY QUILTERS' GUILD

QUILTERS' QUILL

April 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

April 16, 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 - May 21, 2018

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I will not be at the meeting this month as I am visiting my Daughter in Milwaukee. The weather here is really chilly for this time of year and they even had four inches of snow three days ago, there is still some on the ground which is very unusual.

I just want to remind everyone that we still need to fill the positions of President, Vice- President and Program Chair, these positions are required to run our Guild. If you are thinking about taking any of these positions and require more information please contact me or anyone on the Executive our phone numbers and email are listed in the membership list. Hope everyone has a great Spring and I will see you at the May meeting.

Sharon





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

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Guest Speaker / Teachers:	Laura Cooke
Hall of Fame:	Sharon Melville
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Quilt Show:	Ellen Lang
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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



COMFORT QUILTS

Greetings,

We received 5 Figit and 6 comfort quilts at the March meeting. Comfort quilts collected from recent meetings were taken to Precious Bundles, Pinewood Court, and Hogarth Riverview by Committee Members.

Have you thought about making a Figit Quilt? If you weren't able to make Figit Quilts at the Sewing Day, April 14th, Florence and I could provide you some tactile fabrics and notions to give it a try. Let us know if you'd like some starter materials. Figit Quilts can be almost any size however, we recommend that they fit in your lap and have a tie end to fasten to the chair or wheel chair.

If you are making any quilt(s) for donation, the suggested 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"
Figit	24" x 30"

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.

We have many quilt tops for finishing. If you are interested in finishing a quilt, please let Adrienne know. Thanks!

Adrienne Lopes Alopes@tbaytel.net Quilt Bee Committee Chair

Thunder Bay Quilters' Guild 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

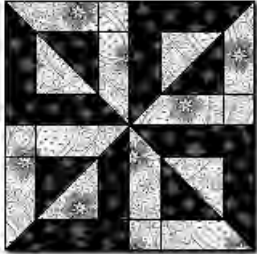
This is the block for April. If everyone made blocks in blacks and whites we could put together a whole matching quilt! <http://www.quilterscache.com/B/BettysDelightBlock.html>

Betty's Delight



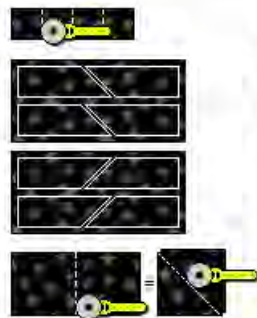
This makes a 12" block !

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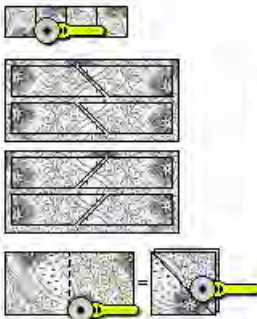


[Click here for the template!](#)

**** Preparing the Pieces and Sewing the Block ****



Start by cutting the Color 1 $2" \times 8"$ strip into four $2"$ squares. Next, using the template provided, cut four trapezoids from each of the two Color 1 $4\frac{1}{2}" \times 10"$ rectangles...note that four are cut in one direction, and four in reverse. Now cut the Color 1 $3\frac{7}{8}" \times 7\frac{3}{4}"$ strip into two $3\frac{7}{8}"$ squares—stack these squares and cut them once on the diagonal to make four half square triangles...



Repeat the above actions with the Color 2 strips of the same size...

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WHEN TO USE RETAYNE AND SYNTHRAPOL

RETAYNE

- Use Retayne before you cut and piece your quilt or garment.
- Color fixative for commercially dyed cotton, linen, and rayon fabric that bleeds.
- Use it in your washing machine or by hand washing with hot water.
- Test fabric before washing it for the first time.
- Only one application is necessary.

When to use Retayne

- Test your fabric before treating it with Retayne.
- Dampen a small square of 100% cotton white muslin.
- Place it on top of the colored fabric to be tested.
- Iron the fabrics with a hot iron until dry.
- Inspect the muslin and if there is any transfer of color, then treat your fabric with Retayne.

Please note:

The new energy efficient front and top loading washing machines do not supply enough water to properly treat your fabrics with Retayne. You will need to use the Hand Wash method below or a traditional top loader in your local laundromat.

How to use Retayne

Washing machine

1. Estimate the amount of water needed to cover your fabric. Fill your washing machine to this level with 140°F (60°C) water. Boil water on the stove and add it to the washing machine if your hot tap water is not hot enough.
2. Add 1 teaspoon (5 ml) of Retayne for each yard of fabric.
3. Add dry cotton fabric. Set the washing machine for a 20 minute wash cycle. If necessary, reset your machine during the cycle so the Retayne bath does not go down the drain. Rinse with cold water and dry at once.

Hand wash

1. Use an old enamel canning kettle or plastic bucket that is not used for food preparation and add water that has been heated to 140°F (60°C). The quantity of water must completely cover the cloth and allow it to move around freely.
2. Add 1 teaspoon (5 ml) of Retayne for each yard of fabric.
3. Add dry fabric. Swish your fabric around in the hot Retayne bath for 20 minutes with a spoon or wooden dowel. After 20 minutes, rinse with cold water and dry at once.

How to care for fabric treated with Retayne: You only need to treat your fabric once with Retayne, then launder it in cool water with a cold rinse, from then on. Do not wash it in hot water.

info found at <https://www.prochemicalanddye.com/home.php?cat=323>



SYNTHRAPOL

- Will remove excess dye from hand dyed fabrics.
- Will remove sizing from fabric before dyeing.
- Use in the dye bath for even color.
- A concentrated wetting agent, known as a surfactant.

When to use Synthrapol

- To wash hand dyed fabrics before using them in a garment or quilt.
- When fabric is already quilted and bleeds into adjacent fabric.
- To soak fabric before dyeing.

How to wash hand dyed fabric with Synthrapol

Washing machine

1. Fill your washing machine with 140°F (60°C) water. Boil water on the stove and add it to the washing machine if your hot tap water is not hot enough.
2. Once the washing machine is filled, add 1 to 2 tablespoons (15 to 30 ml) of Synthrapol. This is just enough to form ¼" of suds in the machine.
3. Add your dry cotton fabric and let the machine run for a 10 to 12 minute wash. Let the machine run through the complete cycle with a warm rinse, then dry.

Hand wash

1. Use the sink, a plastic tub, or an old enamel canning kettle this is not used for food preparation. Heat the water to 140°F (60°C).
2. Add 1 teaspoon (5 ml) of Synthrapol per gallon of water.
3. Add dry hand dyed fabric. Swish your fabric around in the hot Synthrapol bath for 5 to 10 minutes with a spoon or wooden dowel. Rinse well in warm water and dry.

Synthrapol soak before dyeing

1. Fill a plastic bucket with enough hot water to cover your fabric.
2. Add ¼ teaspoon (1.25 ml) of Synthrapol per gallon of water.
3. Add your cotton fabric and swish it around for 5 minutes. Squeeze out excess water from your fabric before adding it to the dye bath. How to care for hand dyed fabric Launder hand dyed fabric in warm water with a cold rinse. Do not wash it in hot water.

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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 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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