

THUNDER BAY QUILTERS' GUILD

QUILTERS' QUILL

December 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

December 10, 2018

Doors open at 5:00, dinner at 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 21, 2019

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I would like to Wish Everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We have a lot of activities that the Guild Executive are planning in the New Year.

There will be activities for everyone to participate in, Classes, Sew Days, the two day Quilt Bee and getting ready for the Quilt Show in May, all information is in the Quill. I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A REQUEST THAT WE ALL BRING A FOOD DONATION TO OUR CHRISTMAS MEETING THAT WE CAN DONATE TO THE CHURCHES FOOD BANK OR SHELTER HOUSE. THIS IS PARTICULARLY NEEDED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR.

Sharon



SUPERIOR QUILTS 2019

Tickets for the Dessert Social will go on sale at the January meeting. The price is \$20 and includes dessert, fruit, Jennifer Houlden trunk show, awards presentation and of course door prizes. I hope to see all the quilt guild members there!

Ellen Lang

THUNDER BAY QUILTERS' GUILD MERCHANDISE

Guild merchandise will be for sale at each of the meetings this year.



Pins cost \$5.00

Name tag kits cost \$5.00

Guild bags cost \$20.00

If you want to purchase any of these items,
please see Marg Marks.



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2018/2019 COMMITTEES

Comfort Quilts:	Pat Inch, Florence Poster
Guest Speaker / Teachers:	Vicky Butt
Hall of Fame:	Sharon Melville
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Teddy Bear Quilts	Peggy Skillen
Sew Days	Laura Cooke



VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The numbers are increasing for both the Free Motion and walking foot workshops in January.

Some of the participants were asking for a kit list and course outline. Cindy will send out the information via email to those who are inquiring. Full course descriptions will be in the Quill this month.

Quilt shop workshops are over half full!

Vicky

LIBRARY COMMITTEE REPORT

The library will be closed during the annual Christmas pot-luck meeting. Many thanks to all our volunteers that help to make the library an excellent resource for all our members. The library will reopen in January at 6:00 PM before the general meeting.

Sales of books, magazines and patterns has generated \$104.60 since September towards future library purchases. In January we will have more books, magazines and a few rulers added to the sale table.

Books and magazines that have been purchased, donated or re-classified are featured each month as New Books.

January's theme table will have projects on everything Valentines.

Enjoy all the wonderful moments this holiday season brings. Merry Christmas!

Maria Watson and Barb Gainer

QUILTS OF VALOUR

This year Quilt Canada is spotlighting the efforts of Quilts of Valour - Canada in supporting our injured Canadian Armed Forces Members, past and present. At this time there are over 45,000 injured veterans in Canada, (average age 45). To date, Quilts of Valour - Canada has presented close to 12,000 quilts. Their goal is 20,000 by 2020. To that end, QOV-C is asking quilters across Canada to make log cabin blocks (pattern provided) and/or full quilts for injured CF members. The block is an unfinished 10 1/2 in log cabin block made in reds and whites, representing Canada, with a yellow center, representing a light in the window/welcome home.

I am hoping that Thunder Bay Quilters will be generous. Please dig into your scraps and find as many reds and whites (pre-cut into 2 1/2" strips please) as well as a few yellows 2 1/2" squares and either make up a couple of log cabin blocks and/or donate the fabric so blocks can be made up by other members. I will be collecting these fabric strips at all meetings and will have them available at sew days or in kits available for sewing.

The Next SEW day will be held on February 23, 2019 and will be held in conjunction with a postcard workshop

As well as the usual \$5 fee for lunch, those participating in learning the 'Art of Postcards' will be charged a nominal fee for supplies. Details to follow in January Quill.

Laura

QUILTS OF VALOUR

Log Cabin Block (10 ½" unfinished)

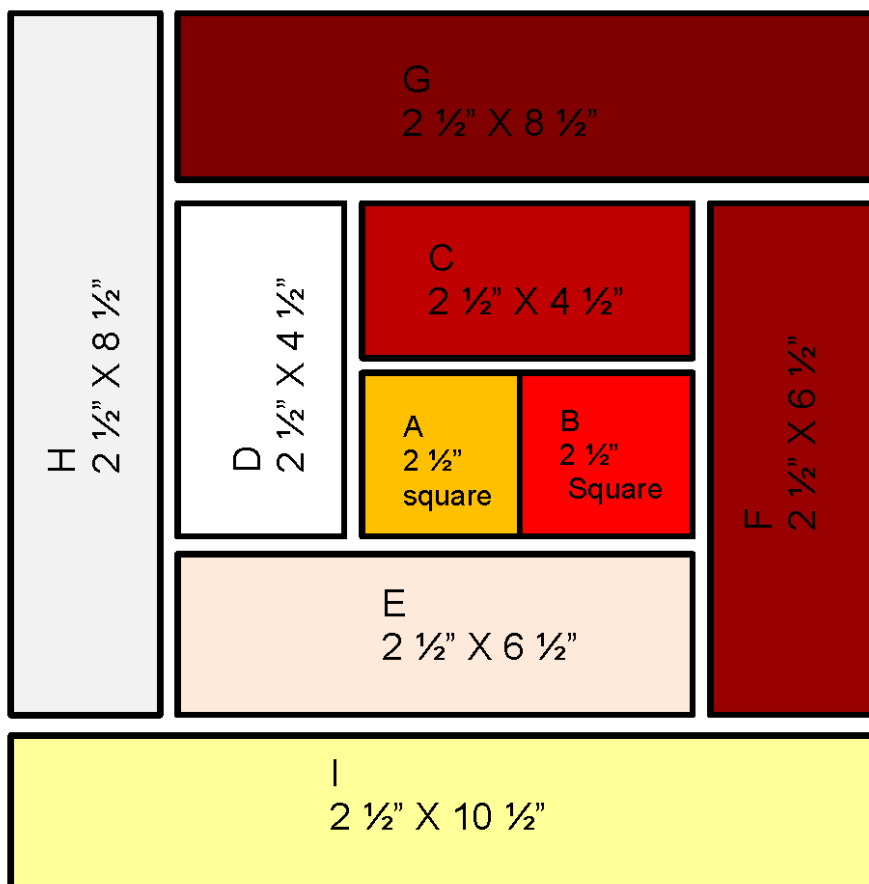
Fabric Requirements:

2 ½" wide strips of various darks (reds)

2 ½" wide strips of lights (white-cream)

2 ½" squares of yellow for centers.

8 rows of 6 blocks will give you a quilt approximately 60" X 80". No borders needed, just layer, quilt and bind.





QUILT BEE COMMITTEE

The Great Quilt Bee for Charity will be held on January 26 (Saturday. 10 am - 9 pm) and 27th (Sunday 10 am - 4 pm) at Oliver Road Community Centre with the goal of finishing quilts. We are planning a fun and productive weekend. Meals will be provided and as always, please bring dessert to share. We encourage you to participate and plan to attend as much of the weekend as you are able to attend. Cindy will talk about it at the December meeting as I won't be there.

All help is welcome at the quilt bee. We will require people to finish quilts but will also require helpers to iron backing, select, cut and press binding. We will have small tops that we will be finishing with the hinge method and we will have smaller quilts available for finishing as well. We will have quilts that just need binding put on them. Please don't be intimidated by our goal of finishing bed quilts. You don't have to work on large quilts if you don't want to. We will have kits for quilt tops available for those who don't want to do any machine quilting. We will also have a group of people making neonatal blankets - something we haven't done in a long time. All help is appreciated.

Come on out and practice your machine quilting on some charity quilts! Cindy, Adrienne and many others will be there to help if you are not confident with your machine quilting.

Please plan to attend. We will have a sign up sheet at the January meeting but request that you email Adrienne (alopes@tbaytel.net) in December to indicate if you are planning to attend so that we can plan the meals and quilts/kits in advance. In addition, if you are planning to attend, please let Adrienne know by email the following information:

1. Planning to attend Saturday (full day/evening, partial day)
2. Planning to attend Sunday (full day, partial day)
3. Any food allergies or restrictions (we will try to accommodate)
4. Willing to work on machine quilting project - yes/no
5. Will work on other project - kit, neonatal blankets, general helper

The committee will be hard at work in January preparing for the Quilt Bee. We are looking forward to a wonderful and productive weekend.

Thank you

Adrienne

CHRISTMAS CHEER TEDDY BEAR COMMITTEE

WE DID IT!!!! We outdid ourselves and really surpassed our last year's total. The Christmas Cheer Kick-off was Friday November 30th and the committee attended to put the stuffed animals and their quilts, pillowcases and sleeping bags out on display. This year there were 303 stuffed animals donated by Guild members. I want to thank all who contributed to this great cause. It was really something to stand in front of the TV camera and mention that last year we contributed 256 and this year it was 303. WAY TO GO EVERYONE.

Peggy Skillen



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COMFORT QUILTS

Greetings,

The Comfort Quilt Committee members met in November to plan distribution of 50 quilts made this year. Thanks for the beautifully made comfort quilts brought in so far. We will be saving the comfort quilts collected now until the Quilt Show so they can be displayed at the show. Quilts were taken to some of the seniors homes, George Jeffrey Centre and Healing Hearts. We have also donated quilts for all the beds at the Adult/Teen Challenge home. There are many facilities that would appreciate bed-sized quilts so we are very appreciative of the Quilt Bees.

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"

There were 12 comfort quilts and four (4) 12 ½ inch squares. Jackie Black has kindly constructed many comfort quilts using the Hinge Method and the Quilted Squares brought in during the past two years. Jackie will provide instruction on the method at the Bee in January 2019. Please note 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 (beige, red, blue, brown, black & white) 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

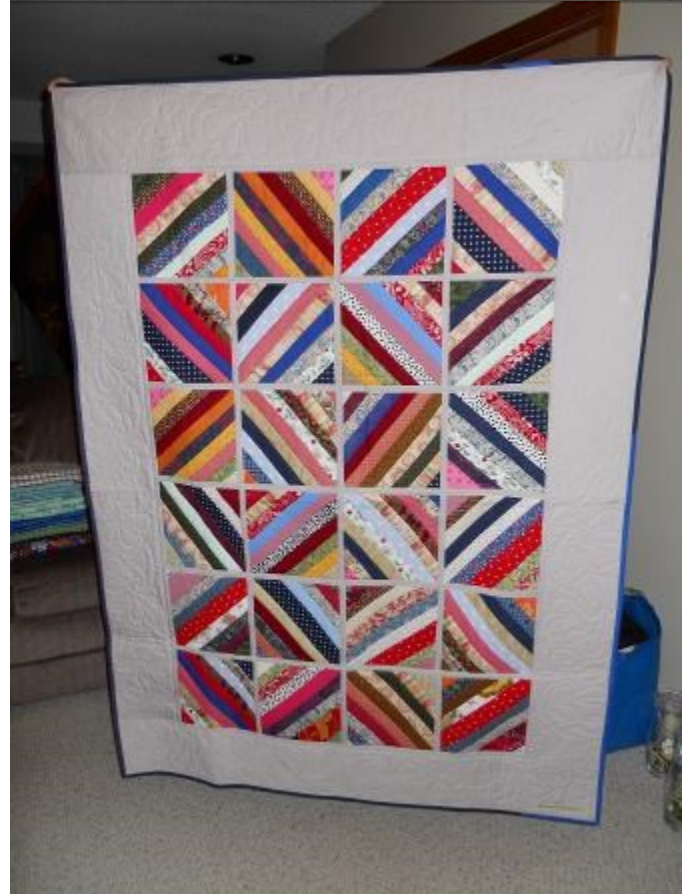
Pat or Florence for a Quilt Guild Label. A label is to be sewn onto the quilt – typically on the back bottom right side. Remember that these quilts are washed frequently so try to stitch every 4 to 6 inches. Also, binding should be sewn on by Machine so it holds up in the wash – and please trim your threads. Thanks

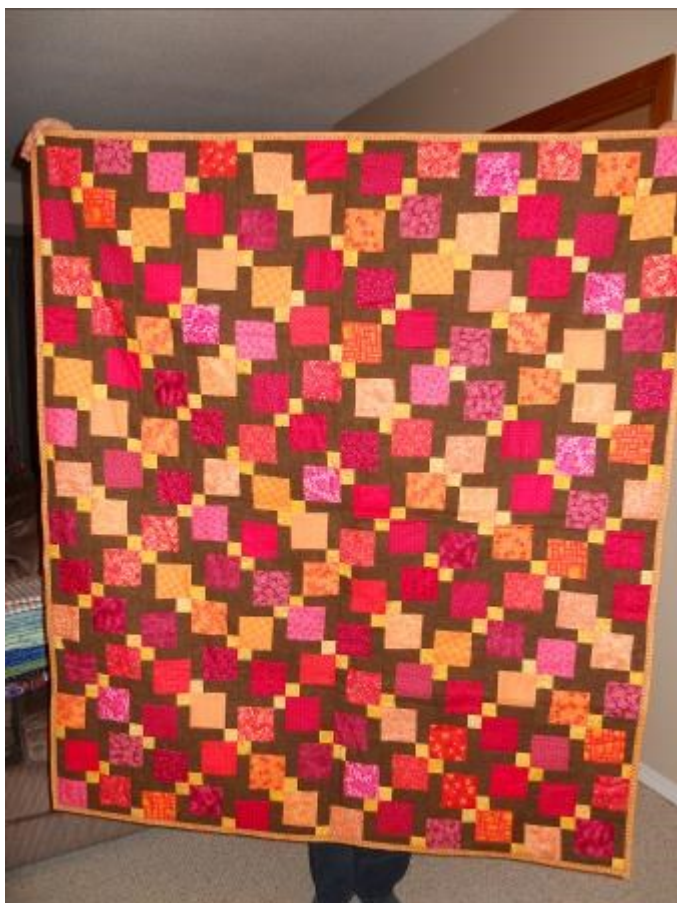
We have also been collecting Figit Quilts for Autistic and/or Memory-Loss and will take flannel blankets for the neonatal unit. If interested, we can supply starter packages to provide some interesting materials for the Figits.

We are updating our contact listings and if you know of some worthy facility within our City, please let us know. The group shares the quilts around Thunder Bay and is always interested in suggestions for locations. We ask that you provide information on the potential use, number of clients, appropriate size(s) and description of the recipients (i.e. Male and Female seniors) along with the name of the location and contact information. Our goal is to provide the comfort quilts to facilities where they will receive lots of use and love.

Have fun and enjoy yourself,

Pat Inch and Florence Poster, on behalf of the Comfort Quilt Committee







COMFORT QUILTS



MEALS ON WHEELS PLACEMATS

On November 17 we held a successful placemat bee, with eight members participating. A few placemats were totally finished that day, and several others were taken home for quilting and binding. Thirty-nine placemats were donated at the November meeting and thirty-five were received in October. All that have been donated this year are available for viewing on our Flickr site. The latest batch of placemats was recently delivered to Meals on Wheels, and a thank you note received from them. Because of the potluck, we will not be distributing kits at the December meeting, but labels will be available if you need them. Happy holidays!

Doris Dungan and Judy Murphy



PROGRAM

Cindy's Walking Foot Class:

Class will be 10am-4pm on Sunday January 13 at Superior HS. Basically I teach you about a dozen or so patterns to stitch using your walking foot. Depending on the level of the quilters I may also get into doing some dot to dot quilting or drafting a design. We just work on samples of various sizes to simulate quilting blocks and borders. We don't make a project or a quilt like when I first taught the class. I ask everyone use muslin because it's plain and fairly cheap, although Fabricland has pretty much quadrupled the price in the last year. Luci was going to bring some in and her price was better but I'm not sure if she has any at the moment. But any 100% cotton plain or tone on tone cream/white will work. I don't want anyone to use prints for the class, at least not for the tops. Use scraps as long as most are about 12"x12". You will sandwich your practice samples at home before the class. I'll get the sign up list from Vicki after the December meeting and send everyone the supply list.

Quilt Show Booth:

I got asked about seasonal scraps. They're fine. I think they should be bagged separately, so if you have some Christmas or Halloween fabric put them in their own bags and not mixed with others. Someone might need some scraps for a special project. If you have lots of scraps you might also consider color sorting them and putting similar colors in the same bag. Remember, scraps go into clear ziplock bags - Medium or Large. We'll be selling them for \$1 or \$2.

We're also taking quilting, knitting magazines, books and patterns.

I hope everyone is making things for the booth. A few members have told me some of the things they're doing and I think we'll have lots of wonderful things for sale. If you like to crochet those nylon pot scrubbers they are most welcome and sold the best of anything last time.

UFO challenge:

If you want to email me your list of UFO's then that works too: ccockell@tbaytel.net

Just one clarification because people were asking me if they could add to their initial list. Yes, but the UFO must exist before Jan 1, 2019. So you can add to your UFO list after that as long as it's an old UFO you found and didn't have on your initial list. I didn't want people adding quilts they were making in 2019 and then finished before November...that's not the idea of this.

Ugly Sweater Challenge:

The December meeting is finally the time to unveil your ugly sweater block. Remember it's 12"x12" and doesn't have to be quilted or bound if you don't want to, although they'll look better. The pattern was in the October Quill or you can download the Quill from the website to get it. We'll have a viewer's choice vote.

December Program:

Just some fun stuff and prizes this month. If you made any of the items I showed in November, bring them for show and tell.

A big thank you to Luci and The Circle of Friends Quilt Shoppe for the generous donation of Aurafil thread, Wonder Clips and giving me a great deal on the FQs and notions so the gift bags on each table and some prizes for Mystery Quilts and Ugly Sweater Quilts are even better than I planned. I also donated a few things.

Mystery Quilt

Please bring in your finished mystery quilt and we'll do a show and tell of all of them together. I'll do a draw for a special hanger.

If you are interested in doing a 3 month spring mystery (not a snowman) then let me (Cindy) know at the December meeting or send me an email. I want to put kits together over the Christmas holidays.

Cindy



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.



JENNIFER HOULDEN

Guest Instructor for our Quilt Show May 2019

“Quilts to last a lifetime & art to treasure forever”

Jennifer Houlden is a textile artist by passion and nurse by profession, who lives with her husband and dog in beautiful Muskoka.

Working in her cottage studio surrounded by the beautiful landscape of the Canadian Shield, Jennifer creates one of a kind art quilts.

Jennifer’s inspiration comes from the world around her through photographs, nature and her imagination. Her passion is to create art to enjoy and share with others.

WEBSITE: <https://quiltsbyjen.ca/>

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QUILT SHOW WORKSHOPS WITH JENNIFER HOULDEN

Twisted Log Cabin May 24, 2019

9:30-4:00 doors open at 9am

This is a foundation piecing project which allows for accuracy and precision during sewing. The pieces are cut larger than needed so there will be some wastage of fabric. The paper acts as a stabilizer during sewing to help create the fine points in this pattern. Completed size is 36 by 36 inches.



Mini Bargello Sunflower May 25, 2019

9:30 - 4:00 doors open at 9am

Jennifer is very excited to teach you this technique of Bargello and applique. It is exciting to see it all come together and how each and every flower is different. Completed size is 20 by 20 inches.



The cost of the workshops will be \$100.00 for Guild members and \$120.00 for non-members. Limit of 20 per class.

Both workshops will require pre-class preparation! This will be mandatory so that Jennifer can get right into teaching her technique rather than using class time to cut the fabric pieces

Preparation is needed and must be done before class!

We are looking into having a workshop in order for all participants to be ready prior to the workshops with Jennifer. **“No prep, no workshop, no refund”.**

Registration will be at the Guild Meeting in October.

Full payment must be made upon registration. Payment may be made by cash or cheque.

Kit list and class preparation will be given at this time.

We will have a date for the pre-class, possibly first part of April (to be announced)