

THUNDER BAY QUILTERS' GUILD QUILTERS' QUILL

January 2019

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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

January 21, 2019

1. Welcome
 2. Programme
 3. Break
 4. Acceptance of Agenda
 5. Acceptance of Minutes
 6. Business arising from minutes
 7. Executive Committee Reports
 8. New Business
 9. Show and Tell
 10. Door Prizes / Adjournment
- Next Meeting - February 18, 2019

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The best part of our Guild year is fast approaching! The Quilt Bee is almost here! I am very sad that I will be missing it this year, but I know that the Committee has a great Bee planned for you. This year is especially exciting because we won the Tbaytel for Good grant to be able to hold the Bee over two days. That will leave plenty of time to finish things off so we will have lots of lovely quilts to show off at the Quilt Show in May and then donate. Good luck everyone and have fun!

Christina



VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

If you are planning on taking either one of the Jennifer Houlden classes email Vicky ASAP to hold a spot as the classes are going to be opened up to Non-members at the end of January 2019. Those that have registered to date will get a email from me with the materials needed for the courses.

A Preparation Workshop will be setup in April. The date will be announced in February.

The guild now can accept "etransfers!"

Vicky

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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Comfort Quilts:	Pat Inch, Florence Poster
Guest Speaker / Teachers:	Vicky Butt
Hall of Fame:	Sharon Melville
Library:	Maria Watson, Barb Gainer
Quilt Show:	Ellen Lang
Quilt Bee:	Adrienne Lopes
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Donation Placemats:	Doris Dungan, Judy Murphy
Teddy Bear Quilts	Peggy Skillen
Sew Days	Laura Cooke

SUPERIOR QUILTS 2019 MAY 24 - 26, 2019

Sharon will be selling the dessert social tickets at break time during the guild meeting. \$20 includes coffee, tea, fruit and dessert, a trunk show by Jennifer Houlden, the awards presentation and **DOOR PRIZES!!!** Posters and bookmarks will be available at the February meeting. The 'intent to show' forms are due March 18 so you only have two more months to get them in. Cathy & Linda will be starting to canvass for volunteers this month. There are still spots available in Jennifer Houlden's classes but they are going fast. To make this quilt show a success we need everyone's participation.

Ellen Lang

COMFORT QUILTS

Happy New Year everyone. We had 2 quilts and 4 square turned in at last months meeting. The squares are 12 1/2 inches after quilting and are hinged together by Jackie Black into a comfort quilt.

Please remember comfort quilts are washed frequently so need a fair amount of quilting done to ensure they don't come apart and the binding is best when sewn on to last much longer. A label is also required and they can be obtained from Pat or Florence at any of the meetings.

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"

Pat Inch and Florence Poster



COMFORT QUILTS



CHRISTMAS CHEER TEDDY BEAR COMMITTEE

I found a new pattern to make a Teddy Bear Quilt. It is quite simple just using 5 inch squares and 3 Inch squares. I hope that some of the members will make this pattern for their Teddy Bear. I used Child focused fabrics but you could use any fabric.

TEDDY BEAR QUILT – Oh MY Stars

34 Assorted 5 inch squares

2 Dark 5 inch squares- for example – red, navy, green.

16 – 3 inch squares the same fabric as your 2 dark 5 inch squares to make the stars.

Lay out your fabrics and add the 3 inch squares to the charm squares adjacent to the dark square. (See the picture at right). If you use a good contrast then the star stands out.

Add a 2 and half inch border. Quilt and bind.

31 ½ square quilt.

<https://www.ilovetomakequilts.com/oh-my-stars-quilt/>
for the full size free pattern.



Demo's in the Library

I am going to be doing demo's in the library area starting at the January Guild Meeting. They will start around 6:15 and end around 6:50. Come join me in the Library area for some fun blocks.

Peggy Skillen



CHRISTMAS CHEER TEDDY BEAR COMMITTEE



MEALS ON WHEELS PLACEMATS

Visit us in the fellowship hall before the meeting or at break if you want to see our new selection of placemat kits to take home and complete. We will also have labels available if you want to make placemats using your own fabrics. All placemats collected to date can be viewed on our Flickr site, by following the link from the placemat information page on the guild's website. In December, fifteen placemats were donated for Meals on Wheels.

Doris Dungan and Judy Murphy



QUILT SHOW - CHALLENGE - SPRINT IS SPRUNG!

Sponsored by Northcott Fabrics

I hope everyone is working away on their challenge quilts so that we have a beautiful wall of quilts to welcome spring. A few reminders about the challenge:

1. 1. You must use all 3 challenge fabrics on the front of your quilt.
2. 2. Limit of 3 additional fabrics on the front of your quilt.
3. 3. Maximum size is 36 inch square.
4. 4. We will collect the challenge quilts at the April meeting.
5. 5. The quilts will be pinned to ribbons on the display wall. No need for hanging sleeves.
6. 6. Label your quilt on the back only - not on the front.

I have one fat eighth bundle available if anyone needs more fabric. See Adrienne at the meeting.

Adrienne Lopes



QUILT SHOW VOLUNTEERS

Sign-up sheets will be at January meeting. More detailed job description will be available. Shifts are approximately 2 hours in length.

Admission Desk – Collect admissions and stamp hands of visitors.

Guild Booth – Sell Guild merchandise and issue receipts for each sale.

Greeter & Hostess – “Protectors of the Quilts” – Explain about the quilts and voting.

Hospitality Booth – Bring your machine and sew, and answer quilting related questions. Shirley Aussant (807-475-7728 or sraussant@aol.com) is in charge & will provide more information if you're interested

Social – Volunteers to make coffee & tea, and help with set up and take down of chairs at West Thunder.

For more information contact:

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Thunder Bay Quilters' Guild Presents

SUPERIOR QUILT SHOW 2019

Friday May 24, 12-9PM

Saturday May 25, 10AM-4PM

Sunday May 26, 10AM-3PM

CLE Coliseum, 425 Northern Ave, Thunder Bay, ON

Admission \$5, Children under 12 Free

200+ QUILTS ON DISPLAY - VENDORS - FOOD - FREE DEMOS

SPRING QUILT CHALLENGE SPONSORED BY NORTHCOTT

THUNDERBAYQUILTERS.ORG

FACEBOOK.COM/GROUPS/TBAYQUILTERS/



QUILT BEE COMMITTEE

The Big Quilt Bee for Charity - January 26 and 27, 2019 Thank you so much to everyone who has indicated that they plan to attend the upcoming Quilt Bee. The organizing committee is looking forward to a fabulous and productive weekend. If you plan to attend and have not told Adrienne yet, please email Adrienne at alopes@tbaytel.net to confirm your attendance, the days/time you plan to attend and any allergies. This will allow the committee to plan the 3 meals and the room layout. Thanks for understanding.

Here are the details about the bee:

Saturday, January 26, 2019, 10 am - 9 pm & Sunday, January 27, 2019, 10 am - 4 pm

Oliver Road Community Centre

We will have the following available for you to work on at the bee:

1. Rag Quilts
2. String Quilts - quilt as you go, hinge method
3. Machine Quilting - small blocks with hinge method and quilt tops
4. Neo Natal Blankets
5. Quilt Kits

Help with general tasks is always welcome. There will be a lot of work for people who don't want to sew. It is very much appreciated and makes quilting go much faster.

If anyone plans to machine quilt a charity quilt and would like to baste a quilt in advance to work on it at the bee, please email Adrienne alopes@tbaytel.net in advance of the meeting to arrange to have a top, batting and backing provided to you. That allows you to do your basting at home and be ready to start quilting at the bee.

If you are attending the bee, please plan to bring the following:

- Your Nametag.
- Indoor shoes - we would like to minimize mud and water in the main hall and will encourage everyone to leave outdoor shoes at the entrance. Coats can be hung in the coat room. We will make sure there are a few chairs at the entrance to help with putting shoes on and off.
- Covered coffee/tea mug and water bottle
- Dessert to share - please indicate any allergens or provide a list of ingredients (thanks)

If you are bringing a sewing machine please bring the following:

- Extension cord/power bar
- Thread, needles, notions, quilting aids (machine quilting feet, walking foot, marking tools, stencils)
- Basting pins or spray if required Rulers for cutting and trimming blocks/strips

We will have 4 cutting boards. We will also have irons and the small ironing boards. If three people can bring a full size ironing board, please do. Just check with Adrienne alopes@tbaytel.net to confirm that you will bring your ironing board. Thanks!

If you are coming to the Bee on Saturday afternoon or evening, please note the main door of the hall will be locked for our security. We will have the main doors open and will answer the door. Please bring my cell phone number with you and call Adrienne in advance to open the door. (251-1185)

A reminder email will be sent prior to the bee.

Let's make some fantastic quilts

Adrienne

#52 BLOCKS 52 WEEKS

<https://canadianquilter.com/52-blocks-in-52-weeks/>

How this works:

Starting January 15, 2019, each Tuesday morning a new set of instructions for a block will be posted here. There will also be a post on social media (Facebook and Instagram) reminding you to download your new set of instructions.

Instructions will only be on the website for 3 weeks and then they will be removed, so make sure you download each week.

There is a Facebook group for those participating called 52 Blocks 52 Weeks if you want to join that and share your blocks and see what others are creating.



Block:

Each block is a 6 ½" unfinished (6" finished block).

The blocks themselves can be print, solids or a combination. It is a great stash buster or a fun time to use up some unique prints.

Each block will be written up using the same 3 colours to demonstrate. An example of fabric yardage for only these 3 colours is 1.5 yards for each.

If you're going to post your block, and we encourage you to do so, please use the hashtag #52blocks52weeks. This is great for Instagram and twitter to allow quilters to search for other quilters doing the block challenge with us. Then we can see what everyone is creating!

Quilt:

You can arrange it anyway you want, but if looking for a finished size with no sashing or borders the quilt would be 36" x 54".

For a quilt with a 2" sashing throughout and 2" border the size would be 46" x 70". The sashing and border fabric requiring 3 yards in total.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email at:

jacwhite10@gmail.com

LIBRARY COMMITTEE REPORT

The colour this month is **red**! February is coming so ideas for Valentines Day from small hand made crafts to full size quilts will be featured.

The workshops lead by Adrienne on free motion quilting and Cindy on using your walking foot gives us an opportunity to feature our collection of books on these topics.

The library has books and magazines for sale at reasonable prices. Some of the books are duplicates of books already in the library, purged books from the library collection or are gently used and donated to the quilt guild library.

Your library has lots of ideas to keep you quilting through the cold weather this winter. As a member of the guild you can borrow up to 3 books each month.

Submitted by 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.

Sew Day News

Next Sew Day is February 23, 2019. It will be held in conjunction with a postcard bee (materials available for a fee). \$5.00 lunch provided.

Please remember that we are still collecting fabric for the Quilts of Valour, honouring our injured Canadian Forces service members. Accepting any shade of red or white/ neutrals that can be cut into 2 1/2" strips.

Laura

Log Cabin Block (10 1/2" unfinished)

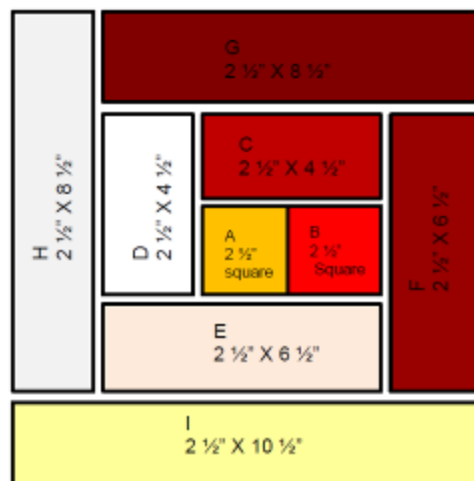
Fabric Requirements:

2 1/2" wide strips of various darks (reds)

2 1/2" wide strips of lights (white-cream)

2 1/2" 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.



PROGRAM

Program - January. Since everyone loved the ruler demo in fall I thought I'd do some of the rulers we didn't have time for. There may also be a demo on making a hanging sleeve for the quilt show quilts and putting binding on using Wonder Clips and your machine. That way I've demoed it to everyone at once rather than doing it several times at the bee.

My thanks to everyone who participated in the ugly sweater block challenge in December. Most people commented that they were all too pretty to be considered ugly. I agree.

Spring Mystery:

As of my original deadline I only had 6 people but after I asked Joanne to send out a reminder I ended up with 31 people wanting a kit. That's great and I may be able to use up the leftovers to make a few extra. But it also makes it difficult when I had planned on making 6-10 kits while I was off between Christmas and New Years and then had to scramble to do so this past week. So if I do this next year please consider deadlines and sign up for things early.

Again I have 2 colorways and both are beautiful. They are based on a very spring-like fabric line Dandy-Annie that Luci got in recently. The project can be a wall hanging or table runner (and there's no melting snowmen). The kits are \$15 and as of writing, all 31 I have made are sold. But feel free to use your own fabric. If you bought a kit it includes everything except the backing and batting. The mystery kits are \$15 - cheques payable to The Thunder Bay Quilters' Guild.



Cindy's Walking Foot class:

Thanks to all the ladies who attended - we had a fun day, even if I knocked out the timing on my own machine :(Hopefully you'll bring your new found skills to the quilt bee and get some of those tops quilted. If there's an interest for another class some time I'd be glad to do it again. Just remember....keep practicing and trying new patterns.

Quilt Show Booth:

Keep bagging up those scraps. I'm going to show people how to do string panels for a quilt at the bee, so all these scraps would be ideal for that. So if you like it there should be lots of scraps at the show.

Keep making stuff for the booth as well. The deadline to turn it in will be the April meeting so we have time to price it. I may accept a limited number of items at the May meeting. Nothing can be dropped off at the show because we have to price and inventory it beforehand. The donation books and patterns don't get dropped off until the Thursday setup day for the show. I'll ask for volunteers to help me price and setup the booth at the April meeting. There's no new patterns this month because I gave you lots in December. I'll put in a few more next month.

Cindy

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/>

Email: jennifer@quiltsbyjen.ca

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)

Wildflower Arts 2019 Quilting

Retreats



Winter Retreat - Friday February 15th and Saturday February 16th (will be held at Calvary Lutheran Church in Thunder Bay)

Spring Retreat - Friday April 12th and Saturday April 13th

Summer Retreat - Friday July 19th and Saturday July 20th

Holiday Retreat - Friday November 1st and Saturday November 2nd

Except for the winter retreat all the retreats will be held at the South Gillies Community Center.

If you register for at least two retreats before February 10th, for both Friday and Saturday, you will get a \$20 discount. If you request a refund for the second retreat your refund will be less \$10, plus any normal refund charges.

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

Payment is due upon registration; the only reserved reservation is a paid one.

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.

To get a copy of the registration forms please contact:

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Facebook: Wildflower Arts Quilting Fabric Store

Wildflower Arts Quilt Shop is located at 1899 Hwy 608, South Gillies, Ontario P0T 2V0