

THUNDER BAY QUILTERS' GUILD

QUILTERS' QUILL

March 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

March 18, 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 - April 15, 2019

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It's an exciting meeting! All of the Intent to Show forms will be handed in and we can start to see how the show will shape up! If it is anything like last show, we'll be full and won't have space for any late entries, so make sure you hand yours in before or at the meeting! I am entering one that just needs to be quilted and one that's still an idea, I can totally get them finished. Remember, your quilt has to have been completed since the last show. I can't wait to see them all! (Also, fingers crossed it will be feeling like Spring by the meeting)

Christina



QUILTING DEMOS

There will be a demo in the Library starting at 6:15 and ending at 6:45.

Peggy Skillen

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.



2018/2019 EXECUTIVE

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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

Superior Quilt Show 2019 is only a few months away! If you haven't already I hope you are finishing your quilts for the show. Don't forget that the 'Intent To Show' forms are due March 18 which is the next guild meeting.. Any Intent To Show forms submitted after that date are not guaranteed a place in the show. I have posters and bookmarks available at the March meeting so if you see a bulletin board on your travels around town grab a poster and post it. Jennifer Houlden's classes are filling up fast and are now open to the general public so contact Vicky Butt if you still need to register. What makes a quilt show great? Why it's the volunteers to please sign up as a volunteer for the show. There are many spots still to fill and we NEED your help.

AWARDS

As we have done for the last few quilt shows the award category will be Viewer's Choice 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. The show committee has decided this year to also have another category which will be the Member's Choice. Each member of our guild will be given a special ballot available at the hospitality table and can vote for this category.

DESSERT SOCIAL

\$20 includes coffee, tea, fruit and dessert, 'Creating with Colour – My Quilt Journey' a trunk show by Jennifer Houlden, the awards presentation and door prizes!!! See Sharon Melville for your ticket.

CREATING WITH COLOUR – MY QUILT JOURNEY

Jennifer Houlden's trunk show is called 'Creating with Colour – My Quilt Journey'. Jennifer uses traditional patchwork and applique to create not so traditional designs. Learn about how she uses the colour wheel to help create stunning colour combinations in her eye catching quilts. As well learn how the use of value is paramount in creating her dynamic quilts – light, medium and dark values in just the right proportions. Movement is something that Jennifer strives for in her quilts and the use of colour is important in creating this feeling of movement through the design whether it be from the use of value or secondary designs within the quilt. Join Jennifer in her quilting journey as she discusses the use of colour in her quilts and designs and how colour and value work together to create magic in fabric and textile design.

Ellen Lang

QUILT SHOW DEMOS

So far I have 4 volunteers to do demonstrations at the Quilt Show, I need 5 more. Demonstrations have an hour time slot, the presentation should fill 30 to 45 minutes, leaving time at the end for discussion. There will be an hour between demos for take-down/set-up and further discussion time if needed. You can demonstrate a technique or gadget, give a mini-lecture on a topic, or run a mini make-and-take workshop. There will be a screen, projector, microphone and design wall available and you can bring your own sewing machine if you need it. Make-and-takes are for handwork only and should have kits made up for purchase (\$5), which can be done with guild fabric if you give me enough warning. Please contact Christina Wakefield as soon as possible if you are interested or have questions.

QUILT SHOW SUBMISSIONS

The Quilt Show is fast approaching, as is March 19th, your deadline line for submitting your quilts to the show. Quilts are what makes the show beautiful and we can't wait to see what you've decided to display! You can hand in your forms to either Ellen or Mary-Catharine or email a completed form to either one of us. Thanks to everyone who's already handed in their entry forms!

Mary-Catharine

VP'S REPORT

All current participants have received instructions on the prep work for the two Quilt show classes by email! There will NOT be a workshop to complete the prep work. It was felt that it could be completed on your own. Registrations are now open to the public.

Thank you to Adrienne and Cindy for successfully putting on the free motion and walking foot classes.

All guild classes will have a cut-off date 1 week prior to the class and any late registrations will be up to the discretion of the instructor.

Vicky Butt

COMFORT QUILTS

Greetings,

There were 38 comfort quilts, six neo natal blankets and ten (10) 12 ½ inch squares turned in at the February meeting. A huge thank you to everyone finishing up those comfort quilts from the Quilt Bee and other projects. We are keeping the quilts for show in May since many visitors appreciate seeing the donated items and some simpler patterns. Jackie Black is still using the Hinge Method and the Quilted Squares donated to make beautiful larger quilts. 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.

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"

If you are making any quilt(s) for donation, the recommended sizes are given here. **Please 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.

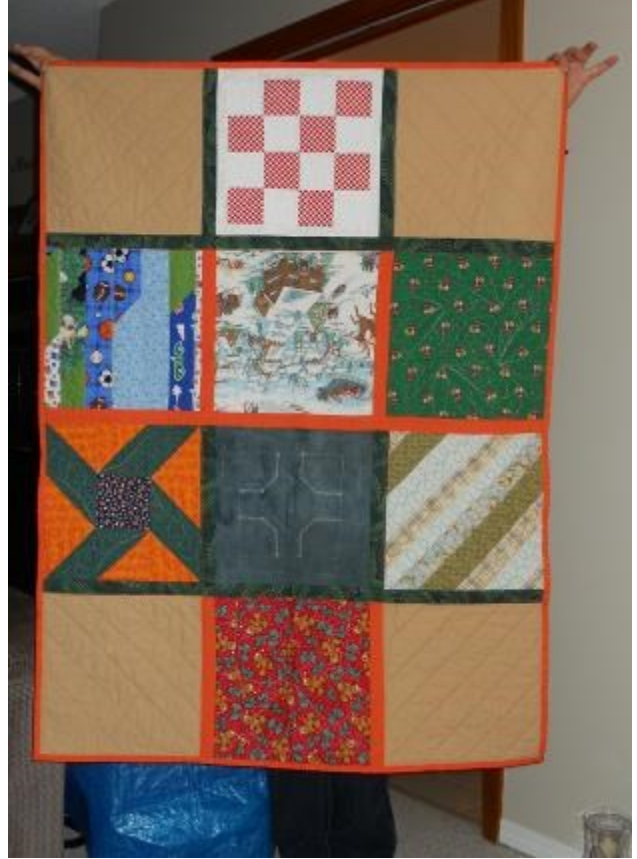
Have fun and enjoy yourself,

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

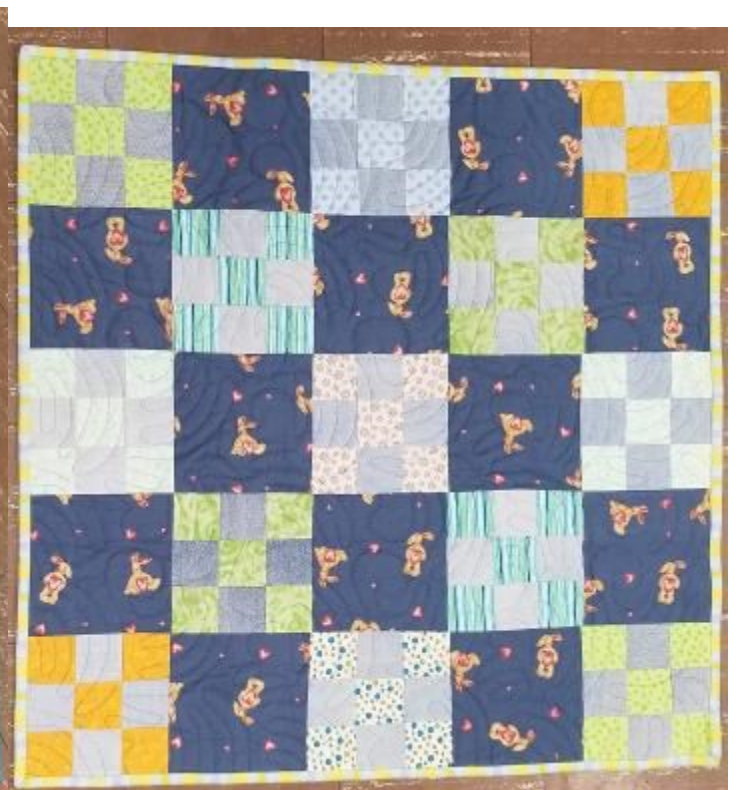
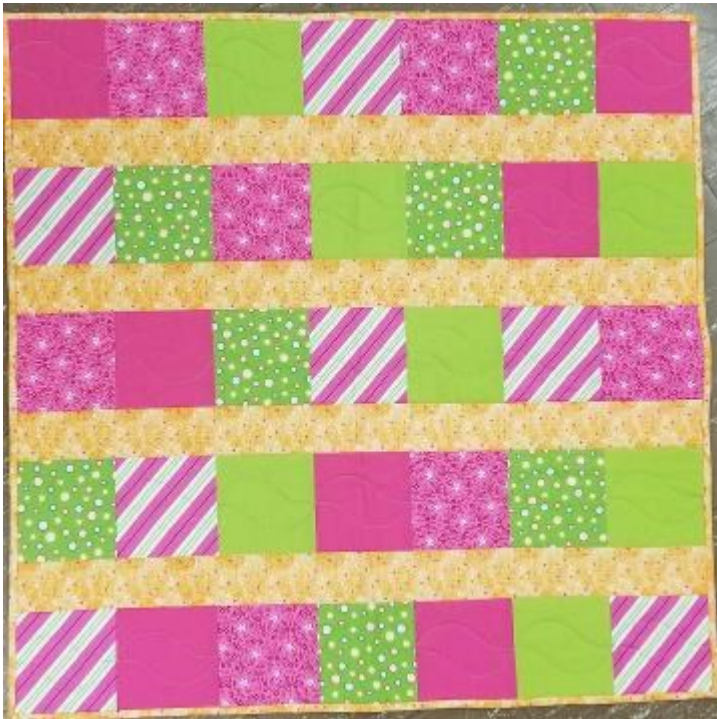
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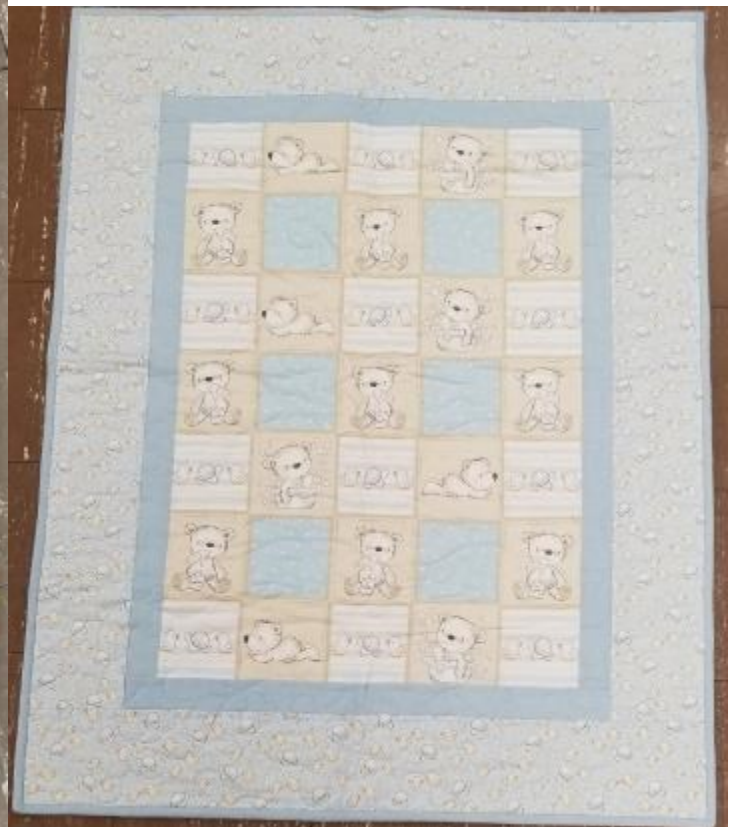
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CHRISTMAS CHEER TEDDY BEAR COMMITTEE



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QUILT SHOW - CHALLENGE - SPRING 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. You must use all 3 challenge fabrics on the front of your quilt.
2. Limit of 3 additional fabrics on the front of your quilt.
3. Binding can be any fabric.
4. Maximum size is 36 inch square.
5. We will collect the challenge quilts at the APRIL meeting during the break. Quilts will be returned to you at the JUNE meeting.
6. The quilts will be pinned to ribbons on the display wall. No need for hanging sleeves.
7. You MUST label your quilt on the back only - not on the front. Your label must include your name.

Adrienne Lopes



QUILT SHOW VOLUNTEERS

Sign-up sheets will be at the March meeting. More detailed job descriptions are 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 – Two or three volunteers to help Sharon Melville 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

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QUILT BEE COMMITTEE

So many fantastic quilts are being turned in! It is exciting to see how our creations from the bee and our kits are being made into completed quilts to donate. Please remember to let Adrienne know if you need backing or batting (it's on order and should be here soon) to complete your quilts. Please also remember to put labels on your quilts. Adrienne and Wendy both have a stash of labels at the meetings. Also don't forget to let Adrienne or Wendy or Leona know that you have handed in a quilt so we can cross your name off the list.

Our local quilt shop, Circle of Friends Quilt Shoppe, supports the guild in many great ways. One of the ways that you may not be aware of is through providing storage space for our quilt bee bins and other guild items for many years. We are very thankful for this support. As their business expands, they will be needing the space that we have occupied - so we need to find other options for storing the Quilt Bee items. We have been working to reduce the volume of things we have so that we can manage the inventory but we need your help with storage.

Look around your home. Can you store 2 Rubbermaid bins in a clean, dry, smoke free, indoor space? Can you store more than 2? If you can help, please contact Adrienne alopes@tbaytel.net and let her know that you can help.

What will it mean to help? For the most part, it means the bins sit in a corner and silently encourage you to quilt beautiful quilts. From time to time (a few times per year) the Quilt Bee Committee will need access to them. This may mean that we pick them up from you, or you drop them off at a meeting or event if you are attending. Inventory will be tracked by Adrienne.

I encourage you to consider helping out the Quilt Bee Committee and the Guild with storage. We have a solid inventory of items (irons, cords, risers, cutting mats, etc), fabric, kits and quilt tops that need to be stored. This inventory helps us to provide good variety of quilt tops for our donation recipients and allows us to hold fantastic quilt bees like the one we just had in January.

Thank you

Adrienne

MEALS ON WHEELS PLACEMATS

Sixty-one placemats were donated last month for Meals on Wheels. Congratulations, quilters! There was lots of beautiful work, and it can all be viewed on our Flickr site following the link from the placemat section of the guild's website.

If you are making a set of placemats, you might want to consider keeping it and donating it in April for sale at the guild booth at the quilt show. In prior years, quilt show customers have asked for placemats. Meals on Wheels clients are usually single or very occasionally a couple, so sets aren't required and are typically broken up. If you donated a set recently and want to redirect it to the guild booth, please talk to Doris at the meeting.

Once again we will have some kits and labels available in the Fellowship Hall at the meeting for those who want to make placemats at home.

Doris Dungan and Judy Murphy



PROGRAM

If anyone has any ideas they'd like me to work on for next year then please feel free to contact me. Or if you'd like to be a quilter of the month or present an idea that is welcome too.

March - Scraps!!!! Maria Bell and Jeanette Dann (and maybe a few others) will share some of their scrap quilts with us. This is a participation month so anyone is welcome to bring in a scrap quilt and share it, or tell why they love scrap quilting! It doesn't have to be quilted or even totally finished since some scrap quilts are a labor of love for years. Draw prize for participation. We'll give you lots of ideas for what to do with scraps. Scraps can be as small as selvages.

Adrienne also plans to have squares and strings (scraps) available at some point for you to take home to put together so we can continue to use up the small pieces left from our quilt bee. These might not be ready in time for this month but they will be coming.

April - Mary-Catharine will talk about putting hanging sleeves on your big quilts and other prep for putting your pieces in the quilt show. There will be a short program after this.

May - unknown at this point. If anyone wants to be a quilter of the month let me know.

June - I'm thinking about a garage sale for about 30 minutes prior to supper and the meeting or maybe right after the meeting. You will sell your own stuff. Tell me what you think at the March meeting. Maybe we'll sell off anything left over from the quilt show booth too.

Ideas:

If you check out any of the fabric design houses and many designers they all have websites with free patterns to get you to use their fabrics. Here's but a few to check out:

Moda is a great place for ideas and free patterns, especially for pre-cuts. Teddy bear sized quilts and other small projects too. The links on the right side of the page take you to projects by category. Click on the project or 'read more' to get the patterns

<http://www.modabakeshop.com/>

RJR Fabrics:

<https://www.rjrfabrics.com/basics-patterns>

<https://www.rjrfabrics.com/collection-patterns>

Riley Blake

<https://www.rileyblakedesigns.com/free-patterns>

Amanda Jean Nyberg - great scrap quilter. She has free tutorials and patterns.

<http://crazymomquilts.blogspot.com/>

Quilt Guild Booth:

Joanne has been including patterns for you to make but anything is good. I plan to get the committee together in early May to price everything. We will price to sell, not necessarily price as if retail price. We all know our stuff is worth way more than people will pay for it but we will price it at a reasonable value.

PROGRAM

- The April meeting is when I'd like to have your products (or the majority of it). If you can't make the meeting or keep making more stuff I will take it at the May meeting, but that will be the final date. NOTHING can be dropped off at the show, we just don't have time to price and inventory it.
- The books, magazines and patterns will be dropped off on the Thursday before the show; same day you drop off your quilts.
- The bags of scraps or bags of left over yarn will be dropped off at the same time. All fabric must be good quality 100% quilting cotton - like Luci's shop sells or quilt shops or name brand fabrics. Please don't use this as a way to get rid of your old fabrics that are 20yrs old and not the quality we can get today. These MUST BE in clear ziplock bags so people can see what's in them. If you get inspired by the March meeting then this may be your chance to get some wonderful scraps really cheap.
- If you have yarn then please label the contents eg. 100% acrylic, 100% wool etc.
- If you have kits you would like to donate then they must also be in a clear bag and clearly labeled as to what they are. They must include the pattern and at least the majority of fabric. If it's not a full kit then please label as such.



I couldn't attach a pattern due to size so click on the link and download the pattern. Riley Blake's site has a free pattern for a sewing machine cover that doubles as a pad and notion holder while you're sewing.

The size is for a Featherweight or small retreat machine but easy to make it wider for a big machine. Make one for yourself and one for the booth to sell. You wouldn't even have to do the detailed piecing. A nice piece of fabric or some charm squares would look equally nice. You could get really fancy and do an extension on one size with ironing board fabric and have a tiny ironing surface right beside you. Or attach a pincushion to one side. The possibilities are endless. You could make it like a crazy quilt and use up your scraps!

<https://www.rileyblakedesigns.com/free-sewing-patterns>

Cindy

SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR GUILD BOOTH

Casserole Carrier

Here is what you need!

- Two 22 in squares of cotton.
- One 22 in square of either Insul-brite (a thermal batting) or regular cotton batting.
- One 5 in by 22 in strip of cotton
- Two 7 in lengths of wide ribbon



http://www.littlebitfunky.com/2014/12/20-minute-crafter-super-simple.html?utm_source=feedburner&m=1

Heating Pad

Here is what you need

- 2 Quilting Fabric Pieces (22 x 7 inches)
- 2 Muslin Fabric Pieces (22 x 7 inches)
- Cotton Thread (no polyester because of potentially melting in the microwave!)
- 5-6 Cups Rice



<https://www.craftpicnic.com/how-to-sew-your-own-microwave-heating-pad/>

Spring 2019 Mystery - final part.

The final installment of the mystery is attached. The finished wall hanging will be at the March meeting so you can see it and feel free to take pictures. Hope everyone enjoyed it. If you let me know that you wanted an embellishment kit by the deadline last week there will be one waiting for you at the meeting. see me either before the meeting or at break. I had about 15 people let me know they wanted an embellishment kit. There may be a few left over when I make them up since I'll use up the supplies I bought. So if you didn't let me know you may be in luck but no guarantee.

Maybe we'll see a few in the quilt show.

Cindy Cockell



LIBRARY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Library will be open at 6 to 7 pm and on the. The topics for display are Spring, Kids Quilts, Free motion, Paper Piecing, Bargello techniques, and the books on scrap quilting .

The donated and purged books will be for sale at another table for a reasonable price.

Submitted by Maria Watson and Barb Gainer



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. **SPACE IS LIMITED**



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. **SPACE IS LIMITED**



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



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

Retreats will be held at the South Gillies Community Center.

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:

Sharon Melville 807-626-3691 sharonmelville@tbaytel.net www.wildflowerarts.com

Facebook: Wildflower Arts Quilting Fabric Store

**Wildflower Arts Quilt Shop is located at 1899 Hwy 608, South Gillies,
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Come and visit and see what we have that is new!