

THUNDER BAY QUILTERS' GUILD

QUILTERS' QUILL

October 2020

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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

October 19, 2020 @ 7:00 pm
(zoom will open at 6:00 pm)

To be held over Zoom – link will be sent in the email with this Quill

1. Welcome
2. Honouring of Members
3. Programme
4. Show and Tell
5. Break (Breakout Rooms)
6. Acceptance of Agenda
7. Acceptance of Minutes
8. Business Arising from Minutes
9. Executive Reports
10. Council Reports
11. New Business
12. Door Prizes / Adjournment

Next Meeting: November 16, 2020

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Congratulations and thank you to everyone for our great start to this weird year. Our first meeting went so well. If you are having any issues with technology don't hesitate to contact us and we can try to help you sort it out.

October is turning out to be a month of firsts. The launch of our first members-only Facebook page; our first virtual and in-person sew days of the year; first tailgate drop offs for comfort quilts; and our first on-line workshop and trunk show. I also know one member who started and finished their pumpkin table runner in time for Fall (pretty sure that is a first.)

I have loved seeing everyone's fabric choices for the quilt along. For those of you who are finished early, maybe you could make a second set for a donation quilt?



Fall is such a great time of year, so much inspiration with the colours of the leaves changing, crisp air and that golden light. It's always interesting to see how people capture it in their quilts. Don't forget to send your photo (s) each month to Marina for show and tell. Your work is always a motivation to others.

Take care everyone. I am truly thankful for the friendship and inspiration of our Guild.

Cathy

SHOW AND TELL

Thanks again to all those who sent in photos for the Show and Tell presentation last meeting. It was a great success and we will be having another slideshow this month! Please send photos to secretary.tbqg@gmail.com by October 16th if you would like to show off your work! Please include your first and last name and the name of the quilt(s) you are showing off. Thank you!

Marina

MEMBERSHIP FORMS

To join or renew your memberships, please download the TBQG 2020/2021 Membership form (available in the email sent with the Quill or from the website at www.thunderbayquilters.org) and follow the instructions to send the pdf by email to tbayqg@outlook.com or print and mail a copy to 1100 Memorial Avenue, Suite 213, Thunder Bay, ON P7B 4A3. Payment of your membership fee – e-transfer \$40.00 (before October 19 or \$45 after this date) to tbayqg@outlook.com. If you have any questions about this please contact Ginny at treasurer.tbqg@gmail.com

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Guild Calendar of Events

October—December 2020

Date	Time	Event Description
October 17, 2020	10:00—16:00	Sew Day at CLE—Registration Required
October 19, 2020	19:00	Guild Meeting
October 24, 2020	10:00—16:00	Andrea Tsang Jackson Workshop—Registration Required
October 24, 2020	19:00	Andrea Tsang Jackson—Lecture
October 25, 2020	19:00	Andrea Tsang Jackson—Workshop—Registration Required
October 28, 2020	13:00—16:00	Virtual Sew Day—1-4pm—Registration Required
October 31, 2020	15:00—16:30	Program Office Hours—3-4:30pm
November 2, 2020	19:00	Executive Meeting
November 15, 2020	10:00—16:00	Virtual Sew Day—10am-4pm—Registration Required
November 16, 2020	19:00	Guild Meeting
November 28, 2020	10:00—16:00	Sew Day at CLE—Registration Required
November 30, 2020	19:00	Executive Meeting
December 14, 2020	19:00	Guild Meeting with Christina Cameli Lecture

THUNDER BAY QUILTERS' GUILD MERCHANDISE



Guild merchandise will be for sale will be for sale 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 email Marg Marks at jmjarks@tbaytel.net



ADVERTISING ON SOCIAL MEDIA

We would like to offer a \$5/month Add-On to our current advertising prices. The \$5/month fee will include 1 social media post per month (on both the public Facebook group and Instagram). All advertisements must include all/any necessary information as they will NOT be edited in any way before publishing. If any advertisement does not adhere to our code of conduct, the executive committee can refuse an ad. All advertisements can be sent to the secretary.tbqg@gmail.com for review. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask!

Marina

CANADIAN QUILTERS ASSOCIATION

<https://canadianquilter.com/>

As the CQA representative for our guild, I thought I would share some information with you.

The CQA is the Canadian Quilters Association. It is their mission to promote and celebrate quilting and Canadian Quilters. By becoming a CQA member, you are able to participate in a number of activities and classes at Quilt Canada, join in on their **Row by Row Quilt Along**

<https://canadianquilter.com/row-by-row-quilt-along/>

and access TrendTex Challenge fabric kits, <https://canadianquilter.com/cqa-acc-quilt-challenges/> etc.

You can find more information on the CQA website, and also find out how to become an individual member. Our guild is a CQA guild member! If you have any questions, feel free to ask me about CQA.

Carol Richards

MEALS ON WHEELS PLACEMATS

We are still asking members to keep completed placemats at home until such time as Meals on Wheels will be able once again to distribute them to their clients. Our thanks go to the Comfort Quilt Committee members for helping to distribute some placemat kits and labels in conjunction with their quilt drop-off events. If you are in need of labels for placemats that you are making with your own materials, please contact Doris (dorisd@tbaytel.net).

Doris Dungan and Judy Murphy



TREASURER'S REPORT

Lots of reading from me this month!

Please take a look at the Financial Statements as we will be voting to accept them at the Oct 19th meeting.

1. Balance Sheet/Income Statement to June 30 2020 (previous year)
2. Balance Sheet/Income Statement to Sept 30 2020 (current)
3. Proposed Budget for 2020 2021

It's been wonderful to hear the positive response to our new online format!

Stay healthy everyone!

Ginny Strey, Treasurer

Thunder Bay Quilt Guild

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SEW DAYS

Saturday, October 17 & November 28, 2020

All the invitations to attend the Sew Day on Saturday, October 17 have been sent and the Sew Day is full at the time. Any members who expressed an interest and did not receive an invite to this Sew Day will be at the top of the list for November. The location has changed to the Coliseum building to provide a much greater social distance and because of this we are able to bring a small personal iron if you want. I will send out an email to all attendees shortly to remind them of our rules to provide a safe environment. Anyone who would like to participate in future Sew Days please send me an email at ellen_lang@tbaytel.net and your name will be added to the list.

Ellen Lang

LIBRARY REPORT

As the Guild cannot enter the church to access the Library books, I have nothing to report. Please hold on to the items that you have signed out from the Library. Will keep you posted.

Library Chairperson, Maria Watson at mcwatson@tbaytel.net

QUILT SHOW 2021

Mark your calendars! The next Superior Quilt Show has been booked for May 26-28, 2023 at the CLE! So you have almost four years to create some beautiful things for the next show!

There will be no quilt show in May 2021 because we don't know what the regulations on large groups will be and how that will affect attendance. We need a fairly high volume of people coming to the show in order to cover our costs.

The Northcott Quilt Challenge will go ahead in Spring/Summer 2021, more to follow.

Christina

WORKSHOPS

We have a couple of workshops in the planning stage. We will let you know as soon as they are confirmed. If anyone has any ideas for workshops or would be interested in running a workshop, please contact me- vp.tbqg@gmail.com We have equipment to borrow, and training and assistance is available.

Laura

NORTHCOTT 2021 CHALLENGE

Superior Quilts 2021 has been cancelled due to that nasty virus called COVID-19 but the challenge is still going ahead!

Isn't this fabric gorgeous! How could you not want to sew something with it. The quilt committee has decided that even though the quilt show is cancelled the challenge can still proceed. The same basic rules (see below) will still apply however the submission date will change to a later date. More details to come re the submission date and location of display of challenge quilts. All the fat quarters have been purchased and at this time only fat eights are available for \$5 for a bundle of the three fabrics. Presently we are only selling one bundle per member but at the end of March if any fat eights are available extras can be purchased if required.

REFLECTIONS

What does 'reflections' mean to you? Could it be our unique aurora borealis with its blue and green colours shimmering across the night sky? Possibly you see a reflection in a mirror or pond. We are looking forward to seeing your creations!

Once again Northcott Fabrics has graciously provided 3 bolts of fabric for our challenge. Each bolt has been divided into fat quarters and fat eighths.

All the fat quarters have been purchased and there is a limited amount of fat eighths available. They will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. **Fat eights are available for \$5.** Payment for the challenge fabric will be **cash or etransfer only to Ellen Lang.** Contact Ellen Lang at 623-2307 or by email at ellen_lang@tbaytel.net if you are interested to arrange payment and coordinate pickup.

More details to follow but here are some highlights:

1. Create a wall hanging or quilt that can be hung. The quilt must be quilted & bound.
2. Maximum dimensions 36" x 36".
3. Must use all 3 challenge fabrics provided in the front of the quilt, not including the binding.
4. The 3 challenge fabrics must be prominent in the quilt.
5. Participants are encouraged to create an original design.
6. Only use 3 additional fabrics to create your original design.

Submitted by Ellen Lang



Quilt Bee

MAKING COMFORT QUILTS TO BE ENJOYED BY OUR COMMUNITY

The Quilt Bee Committee works hard every year to prepare good quality patterns and kits so that our members can create beautiful quilts to brighten our community.

We also organize a fun and productive quilt bee for our members. During the Bee we gather together to work on comfort quilts, learning from and encouraging one another. This year will be a bit different as we plan for kit preparation and distribution over the coming months with a **Virtual Quilt Bee** being planned for January 2021.

If you have kits or unfinished projects from previous years, please consider finishing them. Let Adrienne know if you hand in a finished quilt or top from a Guild kit. Thanks! If you are interested in working on a quilt kit for a comfort quilt or if you are interested in practicing your quilting or binding skills, please contact Adrienne (alopes@tbaytel.net) to make arrangements to get a quilt kit or a quilt to complete. We have lots of options available!

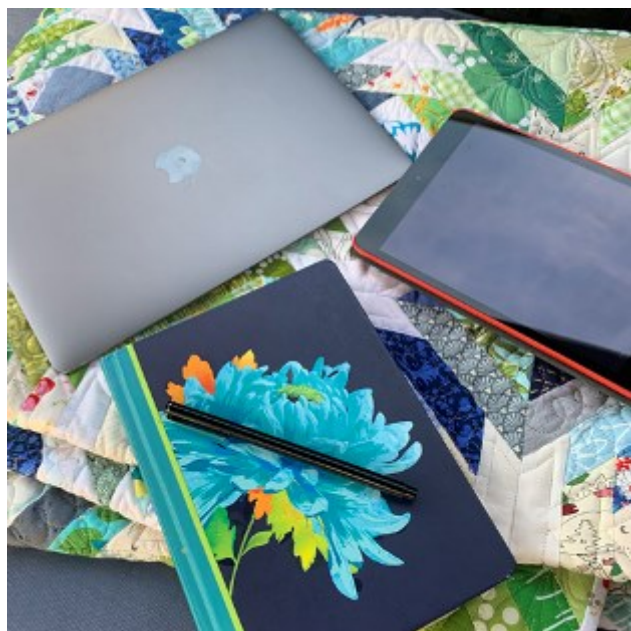
Over the next month I will begin contacting previous committee members to help with organization and ideas for the January Virtual Bee. Let me know if you'd like to help out. Thank you! Keep up the great work.
Adrienne Lopes



Let Adrienne know if you are interested in completing a quilt in your spare time. She will make arrangements to get you a kit or a quilt to finish or bind. Everything helps to keep our community supplied with beautiful quilts.

Program 2020/2021

OCTOBER 2020 UPDATE



Hello!

It's a busy month for the Guild! Along with your regular program content make the time to tune into Andrea Tsang-Jackson's virtual Trunk Show on October 24th. Please be sure to submit your quilt top photos if you'd like some quilting advice from Christina Cameli at the December meeting.

Feel free to reach out to us by email at

Program.tbqq@gmail.com

Adrienne Lopes and Mary Catharine Kennedy

QUILT-A-LONG

IRISH CHAIN

October's blocks will be in your email shortly. We'd love to see your colour choices and blocks! Please share them with everyone on the Facebook page.

What's Planned for November?

HST and Flying Geese Mastering the Basics

OCTOBER PROGRAM

MAKING THE MOST OF SOCIAL MEDIA

You asked how to make the most of quilting and the internet and we're going to do our best to get you started. We'll walk you through Instagram, YouTube, Blogs and Podcasts in this month's program.

What's Planned for December?

Christina Cameli !!!

EXTRAS!

READ ON FOR MONTHLY

This month's recipes are for Pumpkin Chocolate Chip Cookies and Butternut Squash Soup.

Make sure to check out the October Quilter of the Month

What's Planned for January?

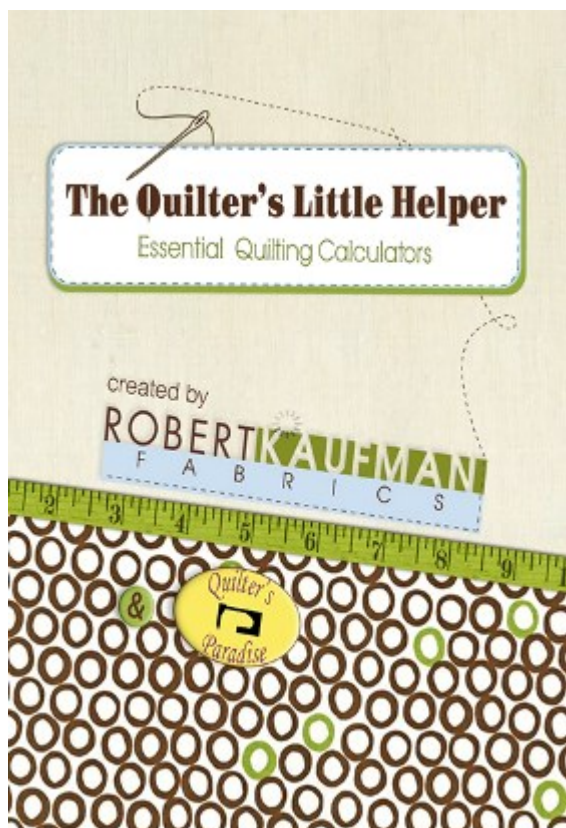
Web Piecing

October Program

Our program feature for October is all about how to use Social Media to your advantage. The internet is a great way to keep up with the latest in the quilting community. Want know about the latest trends, contests, newest fabric lines and much more? Stick around and we'll show you how to find all sorts of resources.



APPS TO ADD TO YOUR PHONE OR TABLET

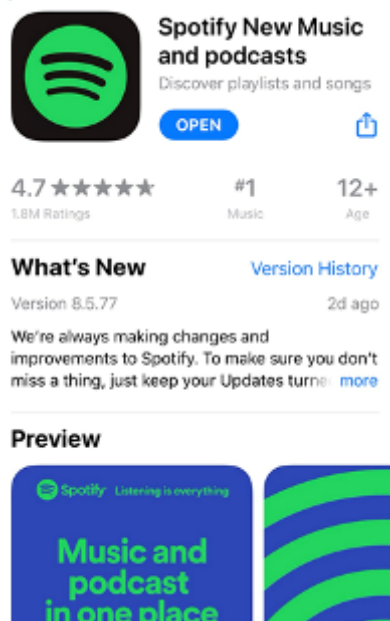
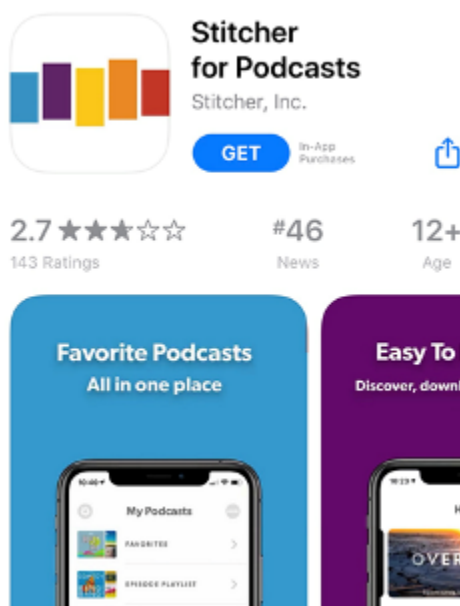


While not strictly social media Robert Kaufman's QuiltingCalc App is a great resource. It will quickly help you calculate how much batting, backing or fabric you need for binding. The app is free and easy to use.

The Instagram logo, featuring the word "Instagram" in its signature multi-colored script font.

Instagram is great for sharing your own work, admiring the quilts of your friends, keeping up with favorite pattern and fabric designers, entering contests, and gathering inspiration.

Start by following your friends, practice using hashtags, and search for your favorite designers. Soon you'll be seeing all sorts of beautiful work in your feed.



Both Spotify and Stitcher are options for podcast apps if you don't like the one on your phone. They'll automatically let you know whenever a new episode is released.

PODCASTS

Here are some podcasts we can recommend;

 Modern Sewciety Podcast Stephanie Kendron: Modern... SUBSCRIBE 5.0 ★★★★★ 17 Ratings 2018 – 2020 Design Modern Sewciety features modern creative bloggers in many different industries such as sewing, crafting. I will chat with each guest: more Episodes MARCH 8 MS episode #219: Michael McCormick from QuiltFolk Magazine – A quarterly magazine that tells the stories behind... + Details 54 min. FEBRUARY 27 MS #218 – Heidi Staples from Fabric +	 American Patchwork & Quilting Podcast American Patchwork & Quilting... SUBSCRIBE 4.5 ★★★★★ 14 Ratings 2016 – 2020 Design Welcome to the American Patchwork & Quilting podcast, a podcast aimed at making your quilting life more fun and creative, while more Season 11 MONDAY 3 Methods for Basting Your Quilt On this episode, we share three techniques for basting a quilt (we give the pros and cons... + Details 39 min. SEPTEMBER 21 What We're Obsessed With Now +	 Just Wanna Quilt Elizabeth Townsend Gard Subscribed SUBSCRIBE 3.5 ★★★★★ 9 Ratings 2018 – 2020 Visual Arts Conversations with quilters, designers, tool-makers, all kinds of people connected to the quilting industry. Hobby quilters, famous more Season 2 AUGUST 19 Scott Fortunoff of JafTex Corporation + catches us up and tells about the Facebook Live Video Challenge for... + Details 56 min. JUNE 26 Homemade Mask (Virtual) Summit - + Part 2 +
Modern Sewciety Podcast	American Patchwork & Quilting	Just Wanna Quilt

YOUTUBE

Looking for some channels to subscribe to? Here are a few that we like;

Just Get it Done Quilts

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQt_y4kqMQIG1id0n975DVg

Angela Walters

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0pG03YOX2DSwn8Se32TnNQ>

Forever Quilting

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCS8Pa_BhPb9I5PgwyjfozA

Fat Quarter Shop

<https://www.youtube.com/user/FatQuarterShop>

Riley Blake Designs

<https://www.youtube.com/user/RileyBlakeDesigns>

BLOGS

Blogs to visit;



www.agfblog.com

Art Gallery Fabrics Blog



www.diaryofaquilter.com

Diary of a Quilter by Amy Smart



myquiltodyssey.blogspot.com

Quilt Odyssey by Louise

Quilt-a-Long

We have designed a Quilt-a-Long and both of us made our quilts with different fabrics to show you the possibilities with this pattern.

Patterns for this month will be provided to members by email after the October Meeting.

We encourage you to join in the fun!

Pick your fabrics and post your choices on Facebook or drop into our Office Hours Zoom Meeting to discuss your choices. We'd love to see your plans.

We are here to help you and to answer questions!

Program Office Hours

October 31st, 2020

3 - 4:30PM on Zoom

Link will be sent to members by email with a reminder.

SAMPLE QUILTS FOR THE 2020/2021 QAL



Mary-Catharine's Sample Quilt

The blue and white sample quilt was created with a random selection of blue and white fabrics. It has a scrappy background with many different white and cream fabrics.



Adrienne's Sample Quilt

The multicolour sample quilt was created with a selection of fat quarters chosen to match a specific focus fabric. The background is Kona Navy.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON OUR COLOUR AND FABRIC SELECTIONS PLEASE WATCH THE VIDEOS PROVIDED ON THE MEMBERS FACEBOOK PAGE

FABRIC REQUIREMENTS FOR THE 2020/2021 QAL

The Quilt will finish at 50x68 if you follow the pattern but we encourage you to feel free to play and have fun with the pattern.

Two colour options have been presented for the samples of this Quilt Along. The following describes the approximate fabric requirements.

Background Fabric(s) - 3 m (approximately - additional fabric recommended)

Optional - Feature Fabric(s) - select one or two feature fabrics and have at least one fat quarter (18" x 22" of each)

Complimentary Fabrics for the quilt blocks - range of colours and/or values - 18-20 different fat quarters (18" x 22" each) or equivalent (scraps work too!)

The following photos provide examples of the fabrics chosen for the sample quilts.



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Block sets will be released each month with a “catch up” month (no blocks released) planned in January. We will also give you tips on how to finish the quilt and in December, Christina Cameli will be asked “How would you quilt it?” to help us with quilting ideas.

Join Us in the Quilt Along!

December Program

We are excited to be able to provide all Guild Members with a Guest Lecture from Christina Cameli who is a well known instructor, quilter and author of numerous quilting books.



HOW SHOULD I QUILT IT?

Christina will be providing the guild with an in-depth lecture where she reviews her thoughts on how she would quilt various quilts that WE provide!

There is an opportunity for you to share a quilt with Christina and find out how she would approach quilting your quilt!

The guild is accepting photos of your quilt tops and the executive will select a variety of quilt tops to submit to Christina to be highlighted in her presentation. Submit high quality photos of your quilt tops for a chance to be included in the December Program. Send your photos by email to Adrienne and Mary-Catharine at program.tbqg@gmail.com.

Photos must be received by the end of the day November 16, 2020 to be considered.

Andrea Tsang-Jackson

is coming soon to a screen near you!

TRUNK SHOW!

October 24, 2020 @ 7PM

We are excited to be able to provide all Guild Members with a Trunk Show from Andrea Tsang-Jackson!

Andrea is a well-known instructor, quilter and a quilt pattern designer.

Check out her work on her website!

3rdstoryworkshop.com

Zoom link will be provided to all members prior to the Trunk Show.





PUMPKIN CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

INGREDIENTS

- 1/2 cup unsalted butter, melted & slightly cooled
- 1/4 cup packed light or dark brown sugar
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 6 Tablespoons pumpkin puree
- 1 & 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 & 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 3/4 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- 1/2 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips

DIRECTIONS

1. Whisk the melted butter, brown sugar, and granulated sugar together in a medium bowl until no brown sugar lumps remain. Whisk in the vanilla and blotted pumpkin until smooth. Set aside.
2. Whisk the flour, salt, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, and pumpkin pie spice together in a large bowl. Pour the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients and mix. Fold in 1/2 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips. Cover the dough and chill for 30 minutes.
3. Preheat oven to 350°F (177°C). Line two large baking sheets with parchment paper or silicone baking mats.
4. Roll the dough into balls, about 1.5 Tablespoons of dough each. Using the back of a spoon, slightly flatten the tops of the dough balls.
5. Bake for 10-12 minutes or until the edges appear set. The cookies will look very soft in the center. Remove from the oven. If you find that your cookies didn't spread much at all, flatten them out with the back of a spoon when you take them out of the oven.



BUTTERNUT SQUASH SOUP

INGREDIENTS

- 2 ½ pounds butternut squash, peeled, seeded, and cut into 2-inch chunks (about 7 cups)
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 leek, white and light parts only, quartered lengthwise, sliced thin, and washed thoroughly (about 1 1/2 cups)
- Salt and pepper
- 4 cups vegetable broth
- 1 - 2 cups water
- 2 sprigs fresh thyme
- 1 bay leaf
- pinch cayenne pepper
- Sour cream

PROCEDURE

- 01** Place squash in bowl, cover, and microwave until paring knife glides easily through flesh, 14 to 18 minutes, stirring halfway through. Carefully transfer squash to colander set in bowl and drain for 5 minutes; reserve liquid.
- 02** Melt butter in Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Add squash, leek, and 1 teaspoon salt; cook, stirring occasionally, until squash pieces begin to break down and brown.
- 03** Add broth, reserved squash liquid, 1 cup water, thyme sprigs, bay leaf, and cayenne. Simmer until leeks are fully tender, 6 to 7 minutes.
- 04** Remove and discard bay leaf and thyme sprigs. Blend soup until smooth. Bring to simmer, thinning with up to 1 cup water to desired consistency. Season with salt and pepper to taste; serve with dollop of sour cream.

CHRISTMAS CHEER TEDDY BEAR COMMITTEE

As of now there is still no word about collecting Teddy Bears and their quilts for Christmas Cheer. As soon as I hear something I will have Joanne send out a notice. While we wait to hear about the collection would it be possible to let me know if you have a Quilt and Bear so that we can give them an approximate number.

I don't mind receiving emails from 103 people so that we have some idea of the numbers and Christmas Cheer can be prepared when that day comes. I am adding my email address so you don't have to look it up.

Just a reminder:

- No labels on the quilts.
- All tags to be removed from the stuffed animal. Even washing instructions are to be removed
- The quilt must be large enough to wrap up the stuffed animal.
- If you have a stuffed toy and don't want to make a quilt, then make a pillowcase for the child
- Dolls are also acceptable.

Thanks for helping to put a smile on a child's face on Christmas morning.

Peggy Skillen pegskillen@tbaytel.net



CHRISTMAS CHEER TEDDY BEAR COMMITTEE



COMFORT QUILTS

Greetings,

A huge shout out to all the quilters who brought us quilts and squares during the collections. It was so nice to see the eyeballs of your smiling faces. Hopefully we will be able to get together sometime in 2021. The quilts will be sorted and taken to local facilities.

We hope another collection will be scheduled later in November so one more distribution can happen prior to Christmas. If anyone has suggestions for the collections, please let us know. We did receive a great recommendation that more than one drop off location be arranged and will look into offering options for those who live further away.

Quilts collected prior to the lockdown were taken to Pinewood Court and the Regional hospital in advance of the church parking lot drops. Thanks to those who finished Quilt Bee projects, kits, and their own donations we hope to be taking more comfort to additional facilities around town. It brings us joy to see the happy faces of staff and residents when the quilts are donated. They are always gratefully received and anyone visiting senior homes and hospitals usually can see the quilts many in use.

Jackie Black is making larger quilts again using quilted squares collected. If you have orphan blocks or want to try making a new quilt square, why not make up some 12 1/2" quilted squares. Just remember to use cotton fabrics, cotton or cotton/polyester batting and start with your backing and batting slightly larger (14"). Don't trim in advance. Jackie prefers to do this just prior to sewing to reduce fraying. We will be collecting squares during our tailgate events which will be scheduled when needed.

As always, the Comfort Quilt Committee welcomes suggestions for facilities that would benefit from receiving quilts. Our aim is to provide quilts where they will be repeatedly used and would provide comfort to those in the facility. We don't provide quilts for sale or by request although we do collect information on the needs (such as bed quilts for the children's ward). So far we have collected four of the ten needed at the hospital. Please provide some general information and a contact name with phone number for any suggested locations and the committee can consider adding to the list.

If anyone needs labels, let me know and we will figure how to pass the on. The general quilt sizes listed are guidelines only and sizes can vary. The key consideration is that there is sufficient quilting so the quilts hold up with frequent washes; typically every 4 to 6 inches or tighter if many small pieces.

Thanks to all who contributed quilts and to those working on more.

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

ORPHAN BLOCKS

Do you have orphan blocks? Why not finish them as quilted 12 1/2" blocks and try out a new quilting technique, practice free motion or walking foot patterns. Jackie Black has graciously agreed to continue making bed sized quilts with the quilted squares received using the hinge method.

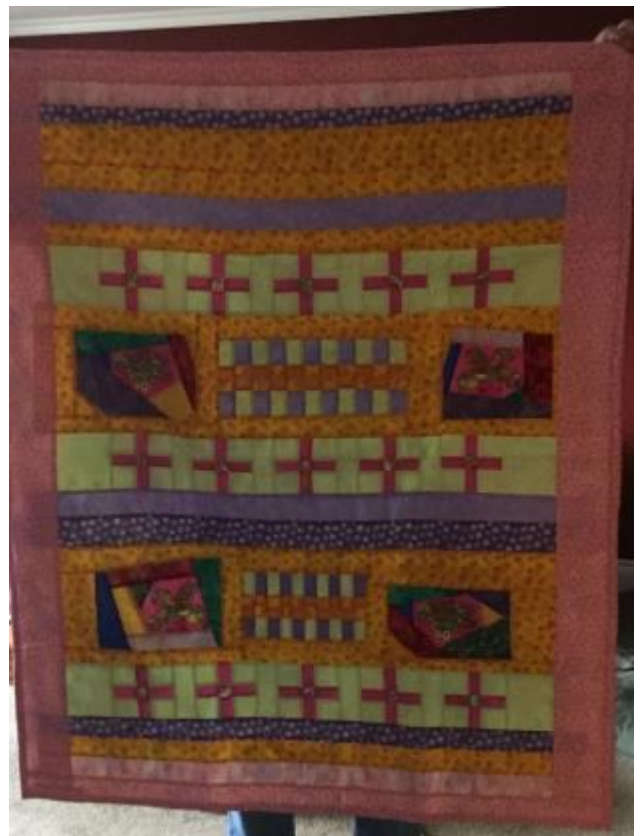
Please use cotton fabrics only for backing and to make your quilt square. Backing pieces and batting should be oversized (14") and squares should not be trimmed after quilting. Jackie prefers to do this to reduce fraying. Batting should be cotton or cotton/polyester mix for consistency. All colours and patterns are welcome but consider that these quilts are used by male and female residents so a variety is appreciated.

Bring your quilted squares to the Comfort Quilt Collection Days and I will get them dropped off. No Teddy Bear Quilts are being collected at this time so please hang onto those. More dates will be arranged, as needed so it isn't too late to work on quilted squares for the next collection.

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"
Dignity	72" x 84"

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