

THUNDER BAY QUILTERS' GUILD

QUILTERS' QUILL

November 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

November 16, 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: : **December 14, 2020**
featuring guest Christina Cameli

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

November, time to get out our Christmas fabrics. Remember those ones you bought on sale at the end of last year? The decision now will be whether to make large quilts for everyone or smaller items like placemats and postcards. Either way, I see late nights of sewing on binding the night before they are to be gifted or mailed.

I know a number of you are continuing to share your quilting passion with our Community through the making of masks, placemats, comfort quilts and teddy bear quilts. This is amazing! The Comfort Quilt, Placemat, and Teddy Bear Committees are all working hard to organize opportunities for you to access kits and drop off your finished items. Stay tuned for more updates. Thanks to everyone for your work on this.

November can also be a dark, dreary month, especially in these unprecedented times. There are opportunities



to reach out and support each other like Sew Days (both in-person and virtual), committee meetings and by just keeping track of those around us. Please, take care of yourselves and reach out, join in, keep going.

We are truly all in this together,

Cathy

FAREWELL

Our Guild has lost a dear friend and inspirational quilter, Linda Guitard. She joined the Guild in 1998 and throughout the years was an important member who joined many committees, participated in all the quilt bees, made too many placemats and teddy bear quilts to count-if there was something going on, she was there to help. Linda took on programming a few years ago and many of us have the table runner with all of those half square triangles, some have even finished it. She was made a member of the Hall of Fame in 2010 and was always a mentor to new quilters and an inspiration to everyone else. Linda had a lovely sense of humour and once she got started laughing...we can still hear her. Our Guild is rich in tradition, skill and creativity and it is because of the contributions of members like Linda. We will miss her.

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.

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Guild Calendar of Events

November 2020 — January 2021

Date	Time	Event Description
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 9, 2020	13:00—16:00	Virtual Sew Day—1pm-4pm—Registration Required
December 14, 2020	19:00	Guild Meeting with Christina Cameli Lecture
January 4, 2021	19:00	Executive & Guild Council Meeting
January 16, 2021	10:00—16:00	Libs Elliott Workshop—Registration Required
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January 17, 2021	10:00—16:00	Libs Elliott Workshop—Registration Required
January 18, 2021	19:00	Guild Meeting
January 30, 2021	TBD	Virtual Quilt Bee
January 31, 2021	TBD	Virtual Quilt Bee

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

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 mjmarks@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

MEALS ON WHEELS PLACEMATS

We know that many of you enjoy making placemats and we receive and donate a beautiful assortment of them each year. Meals on Wheels is still unable to distribute anything other than food to their clients, so we are asking that you keep any completed placemats at your home until further notice. However, the Executive has approved investigating other agencies that might also be able to put our donated placemats to good use. If you know of any organizations or facilities that you believe might appreciate a supply of placemats, please contact us (dorisd@tbaytel.net).

Also, a few new placemat patterns are being posted on the guild website. We hope you will take the time to check them out. Pictures are below.

Happy Quilting!

Doris Dungan and Judy Murphy



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 April 30, 2021. 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 starting in January 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.
7. Deadline for submission is April 30, 2021
8. A hanging sleeve is required on the back to accommodate a dowel. Size information to follow.

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

NOVEMBER 2020 UPDATE



Hello!

What a fantastic lecture we had a few weeks ago from Andrea Tsang-Jackson! It makes the upcoming Christina Cameli Lecture even more exciting. We can't wait to see what we can learn from her to expand our quilting ideas. Remember to submit your photos by the end of the meeting day—November 16!

This month we explore half square triangles and flying geese. There are so many options to create them and we go through each of them with you. These will help you as you create your QAL blocks this month.

Feel free to reach out to us by email at

Program.tbqq@gmail.com

Adrienne Lopes and Mary Catharine Kennedy

QUILT-A-LONG

FLYING GEESE

November'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.

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

HALF SQUARE TRIANGLES AND FLYING GEESE

Tips and tricks for making half square triangles and flying geese in different ways. Learn how to make 4 at a time... and more. Internet resources are provided on the next page to help you out.

EXTRAS!

READ ON FOR MONTHLY EXTRAS!

This month's recipes are for a yummy Chocolate Sheet Cake with Frosting and an Easy Italian Wedding Soup.

Let us know if you make them!

What's Planned for December?

Christina Cameli
Lecture

What's Planned for January?

Web Piecing
And

What's Planned for February?

Paper Piecing

Catch Up on the QAL

<http://thunderbayquilters.org/>

November Program

Our program feature for November shares various techniques for making half square triangles and flying geese. Using these different techniques you will master making these blocks which are common building blocks for larger quilt blocks and many stars.

Visit the sites we recommend for resources on sizing HST and Flying Geese for your own quilts.



Mastering Half Square Triangles

Half Square Triangles or HST's can be created two at a time, four at a time or even eight at a time! Our monthly video will show you each of these methods and we encourage you to use them. Generous quilters have shared sizing information on their websites to determine what size blocks to start with to achieve a certain finished block size. Blossom Heart Quilts has great downloadable and printable pages that you can reference regularly for finishing HST's at every size from 1 inch through to 8 inches. Here's the link:

<http://www.blossomheartquilts.com/2012/07/hst-tutorial-and-maths-formula/>



Image from Blossom Heart Quilts.com

<http://thunderbayquilters.org/>

Mastering Flying Geese

Flying Geese can be created one at a time or four at a time. Our monthly video will show you each of these methods and we encourage you to use them. Generous quilters have shared sizing information on their websites to determine what size blocks to start with to achieve a certain finished block size.

Flying Geese blocks finish at a size that is two times as wide as they are tall. For example, if your block is going to be 6 inches wide finished it will be 3 inches tall finished. Therefore, for a 3x6 inch flying geese block, you cut 1—6.5 x 3.5 inch rectangle and 2—3.5 inch squares to allow for your seam allowances.

Our QAL instructions walks through the one at a time method. This method has a bonus triangle that you can save for later! We hope you will try both methods and find a new favorite.



For the Four at a Time method, there are a lot of great resources on-line. The Spruce Crafts has a good reference chart and instructions for any size. Here's the link:

<https://www.thesprucecrafts.com/flying-geese-cutting-chart-assembly-options-2821434>

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

November 28, 2020

3 - 4 PM 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.tbqq@gmail.com.

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



JANUARY 16 & 17 CLASSES WITH
LIBS ELLIOTT

Availibilty in **Embrace the Chaos & Improv Piecing with Dynamic Stripes** will be Announced at the Nov. Meeting

January 16 Evening Lecture free to members. Full refunds will be issued for trunk show tickets, information will be sent out via email.

SEW DAYS

November 28, 2020

All the invitations to attend the Sew Day on Saturday, November 28, have been sent. Because there were some cancellations we managed to give everyone on the list the opportunity to attend and the Sew Day for November is now full. The location at the Coliseum building provides a more than required social distance and because the electrical is much better you are able to bring a small personal iron if you want however irons with wool ironing mats are also available. I will be negotiating with the CLE in the next few weeks and should the Coliseum building be available and no more restrictions with regard to group gatherings apply then there will be one sew day per month after Christmas. 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

CHRISTMAS CHEER TEDDY BEAR COMMITTEE

Thank you to everyone who emailed me about how many quilts and bears etc. that they have for Christmas Cheer. This has been a very different year and I'm sure they will appreciate our contribution again this year.

We have heard from Thunder Bay Christmas Cheer and there will be more information at the Guild Zoom Meeting on November 16.

Remember no labels on the quilts and no tags on the stuffed animal. These gifts are from Santa.

Thank you.

Peggy Skillen pegskillen@tbaytel.net



CHRISTMAS CHEER TEDDY BEAR COMMITTEE



COMFORT QUILTS

Greetings,

If you have been busy like me, good news. We are looking into new dates to collect comfort quilts and will coordinate with other Guild gatherings such as the November 28th Sew Day. If you are attending the Sew Day and have finished projects from the Bee or kits, please bring them along. Others are welcome to drop off quilts at the Coliseum Building. Please bag the quilts, include a note to indicate if from the bee or a kit, and place them in between the doors. The outer door will be unlocked between 1:00 and 2:00 to accommodate the collection. Note, if you have quilts and can't wait for new collection dates, contact Florence or me to arrange a drop off.

We have collected some children's bed sized quilts and are looking for a few more to supply the Regional Hospital kids ward. Recently, there was an article about fidget quilts and pillows purchased for the hospital so we will find out if there is need for additional fidgets. Other facilities have appreciated receiving these items and we have some materials that can be kitted for members. Guideline for fidgets will be provided with an update after obtaining information from the hospital.

Thanks for all the donated quilts and squares. Jackie Black received 50 quilted 12 1/2" blocks and is busy making larger quilts. Please let us know if you need labels.

Pat Inch and Florence Poster on behalf of the Comfort Quilt 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"
Dignity	72" x 84"



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Long Arm Quilting Machine Rental

Get your quilt done in less time than it takes to cook a turkey!



MILLIE—Long Arm Quilting Machine on
12 Ft. Frame with Quilt Path System
(26" throat space)



GEORGE — Table Top Long Arm
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