

THUNDER BAY QUILTERS' GUILD

QUILTERS' QUILL

January 2021

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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 18, 2021 NOTE - meeting will
begin promptly at 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. Program
3. Show and Tell
4. Break (Breakout Rooms)
5. Acceptance of Agenda
6. Acceptance of Minutes
7. Business Arising from Minutes
8. Executive Reports
9. Council Reports
10. New Business
11. Door Prizes / Adjournment

Next Meeting: **February 15, 2021**

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy New Year! New start, new beginnings, and new fabric.

The Executive and Council met earlier this month to review the year so far. We celebrated the hard work and successes of many of the Committees. New ideas were also put forward and we are excited to see how we can make these happen. There will be more ways for you to get involved.

My hope for you this year is good health, happiness and may your bobbin have enough thread to finish that last seam.

Cathy





SEW DAYS

I'm not sure why but I am always uplifted after attending a Sew Day. Maybe it is the sound of the machines humming and seeing what everyone is working on. Our next Sew Day is Saturday February 27, same place and same time. The invitations will go out a few weeks before so cross your fingers that we are not still locked down. There is a Sew Day booked at the CLE for March, April and May but nothing is firm yet. Send me an email if you are interested in attending a Sew Day and are not already on the Sew Day list.

Ellen Lang ellen_lang@tbaytel.net

VIRTUAL SEW DAYS

We will be continuing our Virtual Sew Days in 2021. I hope you will join us from your sewing room. There is no program, just log on - the rest is up to whatever you want to do – come and go at your leisure.

Next Dates: **Wednesday, January 20 @ 1 to 4 pm**
Sunday, February 7 @ 10 to 4 pm
Wednesday, February 17 @ 1 to 4 pm
Sunday, February 21 @ 10 to 4 pm

Please send an email to president.tbqg@gmail.com to register.

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Guild Calendar of Events

January—February 2021

Date	Time	Event Description
January 16, 2021	10 am — 4 pm	Libs Elliott Workshop—Registration Required
January 16, 2021	7 pm	Libs Elliott Lecture
January 17, 2021	10 am — 4 pm	Libs Elliott Workshop—Registration Required
January 18, 2021	7 pm	Guild Meeting
January 23, 2021	Tentative 2:30—4 pm	Tailgate at Church for Bee Kit Pickup, Placemat Kit Pickup, Placemat Drop Off and Charity Quilt Drop Off
January 30, 2021	10 am — 4 pm 7pm — 9pm	Virtual Quilt Bee
January 31, 2021	10 am — 4 pm	Virtual Quilt Bee
February 1, 2021	7 pm	Executive Meeting
February 15, 2021	7 pm	Guild Meeting
February 27, 2021	10 am — 4 pm	Sew Day at CLE — Registration Required

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

LIBRARY REPORT

We cannot access the Library books in the Church as we are in lockdown.
But, we can still order new books. Please send in your requests as soon as possible to mewatson@tbaytel.net
We have 3 Christina Cameli books in stock but I will order more. I will order one by Libs Elliott.

Library Chairperson, Maria Watson

<http://thunderbayquilters.org/>

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 are pleased that we have been able to broaden our outreach to include the 135 residents of the Sister Leila Greco facility last month. We have also received a request from the PR Cook facility for placemats to distribute to their 181 residents, so we WILL be collecting finished placemats from the members this month. Please email Doris (dorisd@tbaytel.net) with the number that you have finished and ready to contribute. We plan to coordinate the collection with the Quilt Bee kit pick-up and will also have some placemat kits available at that time. It will also be possible to drop off completed placemats at Doris' home near Calvary Lutheran or with Laura Cooke in the north ward. We will also continue to investigate other facilities or organizations whose clients would be cheered by receiving our work.

This month we also have two new patterns (Reel as You Go and Fill in the Corners) that will be available on the guild website. Samples are pictured below. Both are quilt-as-you-go, although the one with the larger square needs a bit of quilting in the center. Happy New Year and happy quilting!



Doris Dungan and
Judy Murphy



NORTHCOTT 2021 CHALLENGE

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.

I hope everyone who has picked up the fabric bundles are working on their challenge quilt. As of this publication of the Quill I have 28 fat eighths left so if you need more fabric or if you really wanted a fat quarter but only received a fat eighth there are more available for purchase. The challenge quilts will be displayed as part of the Grand Nations Crossroads Fibre Arts exhibition at the Thunder Bay Museum from July 13 – Sept 17, 2021. The quilts will be hung on dowels so each quilt will require a hanging sleeve. We are presently working with the museum to finalize the hanging sleeve requirements and there will be more information in the February Quill.

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 Virtual Weekend

JANUARY 30 & 31, 2021

The Quilt Bee is happening Virtually on January 30 and 31 – We hope you will join us. It will be a retreat style weekend with events planned throughout the days. You will sew, socialize, learn some new things, and have lots of fun while we create charity quilts. Participants will be entered in draws for prizes throughout the weekend.

If you are interested in participating we encourage you to register. Please contact Adrienne at alopes@tbaytel.net and indicate if you want a new kit for a quilt top or if you will be working on something from previous Quilt Bees or a charity quilt of your own to use up your stash. We encourage you to sew from your stash for donation quilts!

We have lots of pattern ideas if you need inspiration just let me know. If you are asking for a kit please specify size and whether or not you need batting, backing and binding to finish it or if you just want to work on the top.

If you need a kit, we need to know by end of day on January 18 so that we can have a kit ready for you and arrange a contactless pick up time and location.

I've made a special pattern for this Bee that you may want to consider making. At the January 2020 Bee, our long time and creative member, Linda Guitard, handed in a beautiful quilt top that has been made into a new pattern especially for the Thunder Bay Quilters Guild. The pattern is written for both hospice size and lap size. The pattern is attached to the Quill as a separate attachment.

If you don't want to work on quilts we encourage you to consider working on placemats. Remember, placemats can be great ways to practice your quilting, try out a block, test a fabric combination and practice your binding. Doris and Judy have developed many different patterns and all are available on the website.



Here's the planned schedule for the Quilt Bee Virtual Weekend on Zoom

**Saturday, January 30, 2021 10 am - 4 pm
and 7 pm - 9 pm**

Sunday, January 31, 2021 10 am - 4 pm

We are planning special times throughout the days that you can plan to join including coffee talk, educational breaks / tutorials and a few games. There will be prizes for participation.

We hope you will join us and make more beautiful charity quilts (and placemats)!

Thank you!
Adrienne

Program 2020/2021

JANUARY 2021 UPDATE



Happy New Year!

For this months Program we have a quick tutorial for a new (to us) technique that has helped speed up our quilt top construction. It won't work for every quilt but if you're using squares it's a easy time saver.

Feel free to reach out to us by email at

Program.tbqg@gmail.com

[Adrienne Lopes and Mary Catharine Kennedy](#)

QUILT-A-LONG

TAKE A BREAK

This month there is no pattern, We built in a month off post Christmas for you to either catch up or take month off. We'll have a challenge for you in February

JANUARY PROGRAM

QUICK AND EASY WEB PIECING

Many of you are probably already familiar with web piecing but if not it's a quick way to piece a top in no time. It's also a great organization method if you don't have a dedicated space to lay out a quilt.

EXTRAS!

WITH THIS MONTHS PROGRAM EMAIL

This month's recipes are for Spicy Pork Tinga with Rice & Maple Sweetened Cornbread

What's Planned for February?

Paper Piecing

What's Planned for March?

Playing with Quilt
Layouts and Designs

What's Planned for April?

So Many Ways to
Bind Your Quilt



We are here to help you and to answer questions!

Program Office Hours

February 7th, 2021

3 - 4 PM on Zoom

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

In 2019 we participated in a QAL on Instagram and saw one of the other participants (handmademyrth - Myrth McDonald) complete her quilt top in lightning speed. She showed her top half-way pieced and it was already strung together, all the blocks organized ready to sew. Myrth called it Web Piecing and did a quick Instagram story that explained the concept.

It's quite easy once you get the hang of it, if you chain piece then this is just the next logical step. Remember you can easily go beyond simple patchwork to working with any square blocks.



Web Piecing in progress. Both of these quilts are made by [handmademyrth](#) on Instagram. She has a quick Web Piecing tutorial in her stories and many beautiful quilts for you to check out.

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.

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



JANUARY 16 EVENING LECTURE WITH
LIBS ELLIOTT

Remember to Join us at 7pm, the
lecture is free for all members

Email with Zoom Link will be sent out closer to Jan 16th

CHRISTMAS CHEER TEDDY BEAR COMMITTEE



COMFORT QUILTS

Greetings fellow quilters,

Two more children's quilts were taken to the regional hospital. Additional quilts will be delivered, if donated, to provide options for the patients. Thanks for all the contributions. They have been so lovely, cheerful and bright. Well done.

We will continue to collect quilts for other facilities, especially the senior homes. Adrienne is scheduling a curbside date for picking up kits for the virtual Bee and we will collect finished Comfort Quilts and 12 1/2 inch squares on that date. Also, there will be labels and some starter kits available with materials that can be used in making Fidget quilts. Comfort Quilt labels are to be securely sewn onto front or back of each quilt.

Fidget quilts are very popular with seniors and dementia patients. A variety of styles is preferred and we recommend that the Fidgets have a maximum size of 18 inches. There are numerous videos showing how to make these quilts and activity squares. We will prepare some hints and helps to be posted on the website but feel free to have fun with your own ideas. Some examples will be displayed at the tailgate.

Please remember.....

- No small pieces that could be swallowed or picked off,
- Fidgets must be securely stitched to survive frequent washes,
- Textures and colours are good along with simple activities such as Velcro strips, bead mazes, zippers, laces, small stuffed animals or prairie points, and
- If you enjoy playing with it - others will too!

If you have questions, let us know. Hope to see you at the tailgate,

Pat, Florence, Kelly, Carol, Jeannette, and Peggy

Recommended Quilt Sizes

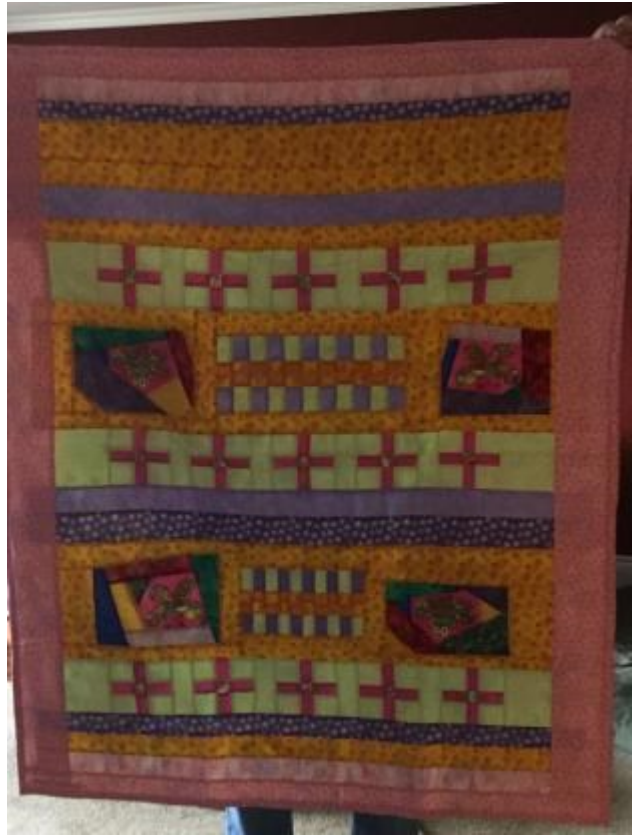
Neo Natal	36" x 36"
Crib	34 to 36" x 36"
Wheel Chair	36" x 48"
Nap Quilt	40" x 55 - 60"
Bed	63 to 65" x 80"
Dignity	72" x 84"



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2021 RETREAT SCHEDULE

WINTER - FEBRUARY 26 & 27

SPRING - MAY 7 & 8

SUMMER - JULY 23 & 24

FALL - SEPTEMBER 17 & 18

HOLIDAY- NOVEMBER 5 & 6

To be held at the Wildflower Arts Quilt Shop – Contact the shop for an application.
Limited space available. We will be following local COVID guidelines.

LONGARM QUILTING SERVICES

Quilting is 3 cents a square inch- Edge to edge pantographs only.

(calculated by length x width x .03 = charge to quilt)

There is **NO CHARGE** for thread, batting (off-white Hobbs 80/20) or the pattern. If we do not have the pattern you would like we will get one you do like at no charge to you.

Shop Local!

Wildflower Arts Quilt Shop is located at 1899 Hwy 608, South Gillies, Ontario P0T 2V0. We can help you choose fabric or give you ideas for your projects.

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