

THUNDER BAY QUILTERS' GUILD

QUILTERS' QUILL

February 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

February 15, 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
 - a. Sisterhood Swap
11. Door Prizes / Adjournment

Next Meeting: **March 15, 2021**

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

February – my favourite month. Sunshine, love and red fabric!

Pantone's colours of the year are Ultimate Grey and Illuminating (yellow), Kona Cotton has chosen Horizon (blue), and Benjamin Moore chose Aegean Teal. Will you be guided by these this year?

The weather is getting warmer (we hope) and the days are getting longer. I hope you are able to get out and shed the feelings of being house bound. I met a woman who said she refused to say she is experience boredom and preferred to say she was experiencing quiet.

Take care everyone,

Cathy





SEW DAYS

The next Sew Day is scheduled for February 27. However I suspect that it will be cancelled due to the present lockdown rules possibly being extended. I will keep all the Sew Day members updated as to what is happening.

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, March 3 @ 1 to 4 pm**

Sunday, March 14 @ 10 to 2 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
February 15, 2021	7 pm	Guild Meeting
February 17, 2021	1 pm — 4 pm	Virtual Sew Day — Registration Required
February 27, 2021	10 am — 4 pm	Sew Day at CLE — Registration Required
February 28, 2021	10 am — 2 pm	Virtual Sew Day — Registration Required
March 3, 2021	1 pm — 4 pm	Virtual Sew Day — Registration Required
March 10, 2021	1 pm — 4 pm	Virtual Sew Day — Registration Required
March 15, 2021	7 pm	Guild Meeting
March 21, 2021	10 am — 2 pm	Virtual Sew Day — Registration Required

QUILT BEE

Even though we decided to postpone the quilt bee for now due to the lockdown, we hope that you are continuing to work on donation quilts. I plan to get back to finishing my Linda's Quilt this weekend now that a few other projects are off my plate. I encourage you to reach out to me if you need batting or backing to finish a current project. I can be reached by email at alopes@tbaytel.net. The pattern for Linda's Quilt was attached to the January Quill. If you are trying it and want some pattern support, please contact Adrienne.

We will be planning for a quilt bee in the coming months. In the meantime, if you would like to finish a quilt or a kit, contact Adrienne for options for supplies pick up.
Thank you

Adrienne Lopes
alopes@tbaytel.net



TBQG Sisterhood Swap – Spring 2021

Important Dates:

Cost \$5.00 payable to the Thunder Bay Quilters Guild by cheque or email transfer to tbayqg@outlook.com

Register and pay by March 1, 2021

Pattern and group assignment sent by March 8, 2021

Blocks made and mailed by May 1, 2021

Finished block for Show and tell at June Meeting



The Guild is sponsoring this project swap and supporting the members in the purchase of the "Sisterhood" pattern by Berene Campbell. Each participant will need to pay \$5.00 for the pattern. The pattern is paper pieced and will be available only to those members who participate in the swap. The material will come from your stash. Please use 5 different low volume materials for the background. Members will be assigned to a group of 8 for the purposes of the swap. There will be a presentation at the February Guild Meeting about this swap.

By participating in the Sisterhood Swap, you are committing yourself to make **eight of one section of the pattern**, as assigned by the Swap Committee. To ensure everyone receives the correct number of sections for the block, you will keep one section and send the other seven sections you made to the other members in your group. You will then receive the seven other sections required to complete the pattern from your group members. The finished block will be **16 inches square**.

Registration must be received by **March 1st**, with the \$5.00 payment to the Guild. Groups and patterns will be emailed or available in print to you (at an extra cost) by **March 8th**. Finished sections of the block must be mailed by **May 1st**.

It is hoped that the blocks will be completed by the June meeting for our Show and Tell. The Swap Committee is looking forward to seeing what we all can do together. Blocks can be made into a bag as shown, or can be used to make a quilt if a number of groups want to do so.

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



MEALS ON WHEELS PLACEMATS

We had an awesome and generous response to our shout out for 181 placemats to donate to the residents of the PR Cook Apartments. A wide array of gorgeous placemats was collected, and we expect that they will have been delivered to the facility prior to tonight's meeting. We heard reports of excited anticipation at PR Cook once they heard that the placemats were coming their way. Thanks to all of you who contributed!

We learned this month that if your iron is too hot, it may possibly melt our placemat labels, so please keep that in mind. For those of you who are not familiar with these labels, they are made of satin ribbon and are attached by folding in half width-wise and tucking the raw edges under the binding before it is completed.

Keep an eye on the website for more new patterns, an updated pattern index and photos of some of the donated placemats. See some sample photos below.



Doris Dungan and Judy Murphy



NORTHCOTT 2021 CHALLENGE

I hope everyone is working on their challenge quilts so that we have a beautiful wall of quilts to showcase our talent. 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.

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.** The hanging sleeve is basically a tube that is the length of your quilt and will fit your thumb. Both top and bottom of the hanging sleeve will need to be sewn to the top back of the quilt. **You also must label your quilt on the back only** – not on the front. Your label must include your name.

A few reminders about the challenge:

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. A hanging sleeve is required on the back to accommodate a dowel. See above for the description
8. A label (on the back of the quilt) with your name.
9. Deadline for submission is April 30, 2021. Drop off location will be announced at a later date.

Submitted by Ellen Lang



Program 2020/2021

FEBRUARY 2021 UPDATE



We hope your year is off to a good start! The new year has brought cold temperatures with it and that can make for perfect cozy quilting time. We're focusing on Foundation Paper Piecing (not to be confused with English Paper Piecing or EPP) for February and hope you join us.

Feel free to reach out to us by email at

Program.tbqg@gmail.com

[Adrienne Lopes and Mary Catharine Kennedy](#)

QUILT-A-LONG

Arkansas Traveler

A mix of both traditional and paper piecing our QAL block for February is a great fun! Look in the private Facebook group for a couple tips on how to piece your diamonds.

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Paper Piecing

If you already love paper piecing like we do, you know it's fun and can give you perfect blocks. If paper piecing is new or intimidating this month is all about wading into the shallow end with some tips and tricks.

EXTRAS!

WITH THIS MONTHS PROGRAM EMAIL

This month's recipes are for Nut Crusted Chicken Cutlets with Lemon and Thyme & Key Lime Bars

What's Planned for March?

Playing with Quilt Layouts and Designs

What's Planned for April?

So Many Ways to Bind Your Quilt

What's Planned for May?

Brenda Gael Smith
Of Serendipity Quilts



We are here to help you and to answer questions!

Program Office Hours

March 6th, 2021

3 - 4 PM on Zoom

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

Tools and Extras

You don't need any special tools to Paper Piece, that's the beauty of it, so don't feel like you need to run out and buy anything to create beautiful blocks. We do mention a few things that we've found to be handy. If you're interested the local quilt store probably has them in stock.

Violet Craft Seam Roller

Add A-Quarter Ruler

Foundation Paper—In program you'll see Carol Doak's but there are other brands that work in the same way.



Patterns to Get you Started

If you've gotten the bug and want to explore here are a few pattern designers that we mentioned in program or have enjoyed before;

Mini Series Sew Along with Alison Glass and Guicy Guice - these are available from local Quilt Stores and online. They're the little blocks that Adrienne made.

Violet Craft - a wide selection of paper pieced patterns, again available from her own website, local shops, or online Canadian quilt stores.

Andrea Tsang Jackson - Our October guest instructor and speaker has a few paper piecing patterns and her book Gemology is all about paper piecing. You can visit her website 3rd Story Workshop for more information.

Lilly Ella Stitchery - This shop is on Etsy and has a few cute paper piecing patterns, including the one for Mary-Catharine's mini butterfly quilt.

Judy Niemeyer & Quiltworx - We didn't show any examples of Judy Niemeyer patterns but we encourage you to check them out when you're ready for a challenge.

Of course there are many other wonderful paper piecing pattern designers. Please share your favourites with everyone on the Facebook page. Everyone is always looking for more inspiration and eye candy.

A Little More Inspiration

In Program we talked about the simplest and most common method of Foundation Paper Piecing but there are other ways to go about it. A number of years ago guest instructor Johanna Masko taught a style using freezer paper. In this method you don't have to tear away paper after your block is sewn and if you're making multiple blocks you can re-use your freezer paper templates over again.

If you're interested trying this method out there are lots of resources online, to get you started here's a video from Mister Domestic;



How to Sew Foundation Paper Piecing: No Tear Freezer ...

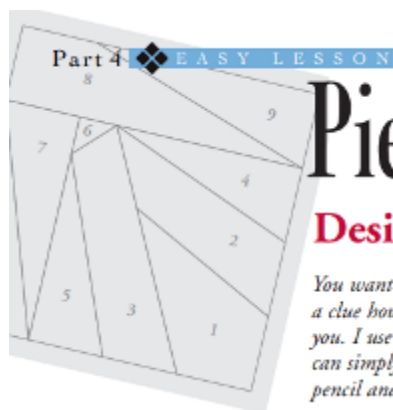
YouTube · Mister Domestic
Aug 1, 2018

<https://youtu.be/VLiYaZ3W-nY>

Or this blog tutorial from Bryan House Quilts;



<https://bryanhousequilts.com/2020/05/freezer-paper-piecing-tutorial.html>



BY CAROL DOAK

Piecing on Paper

Designing Your Own Blocks

You want to design your own paper-pieced patterns, but you don't have a clue how to get started. Well, come along with me, and I will help you. I use a drawing program on my computer to create designs, but you can simply use graph paper. Draw a finished size block, and then use a pencil and ruler to draw your lines and number the pieces.

From Around the Web...



Made with foundation paper piecing all of these and so much more inspiration can be found on Instagram if you search #paperpiecing

Rainbow Heart by @quietplay

Cariboo by @notqnot

Lion, Camel & Elephant by @joejuneandmae

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 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



Thunder Bay Quilters Guild Presents

TRADITIONAL AND CURVY

A class with Daisy Aschehoug of WarmFolk

April 10, 2021

This workshop offers an easy introduction to curved piecing. Each participant chooses a traditional block and sketches out a new block that substitutes quarter circle squares for half square triangles. We'll talk about design principles, quilt math, and explore secondary patterns. The class will cover strategies for selecting fabric, instructions for sewing curves with three different basting methods, and many tips for cutting and pressing that help your curves look amazing.

Registration

Cost **\$60/members** - \$80/non-members - payable at time of registration

Registration Opens **Tue. Feb. 16 @ 9am/members** - Tue. Mar. 2 @ 9am/non-members

Email Cathy Ridley @ cr Ridley@tbbaytel.net

LIBRARY REPORT

Three books have been purchased for the Guild Library:

1. Step by Step Texture Quilting 2019 by Christina Cameli (65 New Free Motion Designs) will pickup Feb. 4/21
2. Successful Scrap Quilts from Simple Rectangles will pickup Feb. 4/21
3. Patchwork Lab: Gemology: Transforming Fabrics into Facets by Andrea Tsang-Jackson will come into Indigo Store April 2/21

Please let me know the names of other books to order.

Library Chairperson, Maria Watson

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

FREE FABRIC SCRAPS

I have a blue recycling bag full of scraps (pieces big enough for a mouse - ha) ..do you know of anyone who is making animal beds out of scraps? Someone in TBQG made these in the past few years. If not, to the landfill the scraps go.

Cheers, Deb deb_ascher@hotmail.com



CHRISTMAS CHEER TEDDY BEAR COMMITTEE

Valentine's Day and Easter will be here soon and the stores are preparing by having a large selection of stuffed animals for sale. They come in many shapes and sizes and price ranges. Now is the time to pick up a few for Christmas Cheer. Don't wait too long or the best selection will be gone.

I am enclosing a new pattern for a Teddy Bear Quilt. I have made 2 of them, one in red and one in green. They go together very quickly. Hope you will try it.

Peggy Skillen



CHRISTMAS CHEER TEDDY BEAR COMMITTEE



COMFORT QUILTS

Greetings Fellow Quilters,

In January, we have received 3 bed quilts, 5 nap quilts, and 20 marble maze squares. Sister Margaret Smith's rehabilitation facility sent a thank you for the 20 bed quilts and nap/lap quilts. They identified an additional need for 20 bed quilts and some lap/nap quilts for a pre/post rehabilitation facility in Thunder Bay. If anyone has a bed quilt for donation, please let us know and arrangements can be made for pickup or drop off.

Currently, the committee has 20 children's quilts in storage until facilities will be able to receive them for use again so we are only taking the bed quilts at this time. Hopefully we will be able to do more when conditions improve and facilities reopen.

Fidget quilts are also currently needed in the hospital and senior homes. The Hospital staff have indicated that taggy blankets are popular with patients in the Transition unit but all shapes and styles would be appreciated. These can be one activity square, a marble maze, taggy blankets, or knitted and crochet muffs.

Taggy blankets are easy to make using soft fabrics (fleece and flannels) with crinkly material inside and ribbon loops outside. The noise, soft texture and loops all help to calm and entertain the patients.

Jackie Black and I are working towards providing examples for the website and in the interim, there are numerous YouTube instructional videos available for all of the fidget ideas. A search will bring up several instructional videos and you can contact me if you have questions. If anyone is interested in a kit of starter materials to make fidgets, please let me know. I have a dozen kits available and lots of supplies. The key considerations are to make them;

1. Safe enough for small children,
2. Simple, strong and stitched sufficiently to stand up in frequent washes, and
3. Fun - if you enjoy playing with them, others will too! My husband and I are enjoying the muffs!

Thanks also to Iris who found a typo in our new batch of comfort quilt labels. Please look and read carefully any labels if you received any lately. I looked through the supply and found two more. We would not like to use the misprinted labels as we are "Quilters" not "Quitters"! If anyone would like labels for comfort quilts, please let me know. They will be correct.

Thanks,

Pat Inch (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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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
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