

THUNDER BAY QUILTERS' GUILD

QUILTERS' QUILL

June 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

June 21, 2021 NOTE - meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 pm with our guest so we advise that you sign on at least 5-10 minutes before to ensure you are ready to go (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 – Guest: Rose Parr
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
 - 10.1 Executive Elections
11. Door Prizes / Adjournment

Next Meeting: **September 20, 2021**

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We would like to thank everyone for completing the survey – 113 member responses – incredible! 85% of you were able to join our meetings on zoom and 92.9% of you said you would be renewing your membership. Thank you for your support of our efforts this year. We are already planning for next year's program, committee work, workshops and speakers.

I would like to take this time to personally thank the members of the Executive and Council for their hard work in adjusting to the altered normal and their leadership to manage change.

We have two members of our executive who are finishing their terms at this time: Ginny Strey has been our treasurer for the past four years and through this she has assisted with a quilt show, solidified processes for e-transfers and for me personally, has guided the executive through this year of change with her

wisdom, humour and patience. Marina Erdman has held the position of secretary for Guild. As a member of the executive with her this year, I have come to so appreciate her enthusiasm, her dedication and her lovely smile that has had for every new challenge and opportunity. Her Show and Tell presentations were recognized as a such a valued part of our meetings. Sincere thanks to you both.

I hope everyone has a great summer. We are starting to be able to connect so I hope you are all can with the important people you haven't seen in too long. And we'll see you back here in September.

Cathy

VIRTUAL SEW DAYS

We will be continuing our Virtual Sew Days throughout the summer. A schedule will be emailed to members. Please send an email to president.tbqg@gmail.com to register.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Hey quilting friends.....here we are at the last meeting of the year (and what an impressive year!) This also concludes my second term as Treasurer. Four years have gone by quickly and it's been my pleasure to work with the different executives. It was really nice to see the guild members embrace the challenges of this past year.....including all the e-transfers. I hope we will be able to meet in person some time during the next year. In the meantime, enjoy your summer, stay well and keep doing what you love.....quilt on!

Ginny

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MEALS ON WHEELS PLACEMATS

This past year, despite Covid restrictions, we were able to donate over 300 placemats to the residents of Sister Leila Greco and PR Cook apartments. We look forward to a time when Meals on Wheels will once again be permitted to supply placemats to their clients, and welcome suggestions of other outlets for the beautiful placemats made and donated by our members. Many thanks go to all who participated.

Below is a picture of a new placemat pattern using 2" cut squares. Simply select 39 light coloured squares and 57 dark squares, lay out as in the picture, assemble, quilt, label and bind as usual. If you need labels for placemats you are making, contact Doris (dorisd@tbaytel.net).



Doris Dungan and Judy Murphy

TBQG Sisterhood Swap – Spring 2021

Please submit your finished project pictures to: secretary.tbqg@gmail.com to be part of the Sisterhood Swap slide show at the June Guild meeting. This swap was so popular that there will most likely be another swap next year. If you are interested in being a member of the swap committee or have any ideas for a swap next year, contact me.

Ellen Lang



SEW DAYS

We did have a few Sew Days last fall and hopefully we will have access to the Calvary Lutheran Church at some point next fall so until we hear more Sew Days will be on hold.

Ellen Lang

NORTHCOTT 2021 CHALLENGE

There will 13 challenge quilts submitted for the Northcott Challenge and they are a good representation of our capabilities as a Guild. The display will be part of the Grand Nations Crossroads Fibre Arts Exhibition at the Thunder Bay Museum. This show will be held from July 13 to September 17, 2021. Please make an effort to see this exhibition and also our members' work!

Ellen

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

Program 2020/2021

JUNE 2021 UPDATE



Rose Parr from Healthy Quilting in Guelph is joining us at our last meeting for her lecture Sew Smart; The Ergonomics of Healthy Quilting. We're excited to pick up some tips and tricks for keeping our bodies healthy and pain free while quilting as much as possible and hope you enjoy her lecture as well.

Rose will be touching on studio set-up, carpal tunnel prevention, FMQ and Long-Arm quilting posture along with a host of other topics. We should all be able to learn something new from her. If you'd like to check her out before or after the meeting she can be found at healthyquilting.com

Upcoming for Program-

Planning is underway for next year's Program, if you have any content suggestions now is the time to let us know. Members have already sent us program, speaker and topic ideas that we'll be working hard to incorporate in next years content.

Like last year we'll be releasing details of the Quilt-a-Long, next speakers (we think you'll be excited to see who's already booked) and much more at the end of August. We hope to see you again as it's been great to keep connected over the last year.

As we reach the half-way point in our job as Program Chairs we'd like to thank you for all your support as we've navigated delivering program under uncertain conditions.

See you in September!

[Adrienne Lopes and Mary Catharine Kennedy](#)

Feel free to reach out to us by email at

Program.tbqq@gmail.com

THUNDER BAY QUILT GUILD
DETAILS & REGISTRATION TO COME IN MAY



DANDELION CLOCK WITH JO AVERY

JOIN US ON OCTOBER 30, 2021.
A VIRTUAL CLASS | 9AM TO 2PM
\$60 FOR MEMBERS
REGISTRATION OPENS TUES. MAY 18TH
Email cridley@tbaytel.net

Explore Jo's Freehand Foundation Piecing technique in this skills based workshop. We will be drawing up our own Dandelion Clock on a foundation fabric before foundation piecing and then tackling wonky improv curves.

QUILT BEE

Hello everyone!

I'd like to encourage everyone to consider working on at least one charity quilt over the coming months.

- I have several kits for quilt top assembly.
- I have backing and batting and tops if you'd like to practice your quilting.
- I have at least one small quilt sandwich that has been spray basted and ready for quilting.
- I have quilts that need binding.

And.... I have bundles of fabrics that would be great to assemble into a Linda's Quilt. I've finished mine and another member has finished one. They are beautiful! I will try to show it at the meeting.

Contact Adrienne at alopes@tbaytel.net to arrange a pick up or drop off of a kit or item for finishing.



Thank you, Adrienne Lopes

LIBRARY REPORT

The AccuQuilt Ready Set.GO! 8" Ultimate Fabric Cutting System has arrived which includes a 2 1/2-inch strip cutter, 6 x 6 cutting mats with designs (8 of them) Qube book by Eleanor Burns, die pick, and over 70 free patterns. We bought 2 extra 6 " x 6" cutting mats. It is very easy to use. Lots of patterns to use your scraps or for making larger quilts. Please give me a call for more information.

Submitted by Maria Watson Library Chairperson

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



CHRISTMAS CHEER TEDDY BEAR COMMITTEE

We have had such beautiful weather lately that it is hard to think about Christmas but before we know it Christmas and Teddy Bear season will be here. This past year was a very different year but we were able to collect 275 Teddy Bears and quilts at the “tailgate party” in November. We gave Christmas Cheer 60 bears with stitched eyes and their quilts, and the other 215 were given to “Our Kids Count” for their Christmas party. It is hard to know what this Christmas season will be like but I am sure that we will again be giving our Teddy Bear Quilts to Christmas Cheer. I hope that everyone is working on at least one quilt for this year’s Christmas Cheer.

Our hope is to put a smile on a young child’s face on Christmas morning and I know that we have accomplished that the past few years. Since many patterns are copyright I have contacted some well know Quilter’s that have free tutorials on their websites and they are allowing me to share their patterns so that we can use them for Teddy Bear Quilts. I have made some Teddy Bear Quilts from their websites and the patterns will be included with the Quill. You can also find other patterns for Teddy Bear Quilts on their websites and the Guild website. Please make sure that your quilt covers your bear or stuffed toy.

Here are the links to 2 of the Quilters I have contacted.

<https://www.diaryofaquilter.com/free-quilting-tutorials/>

<https://conniekresin.com/>

Thank you everyone for all the bears and quilts that have been submitted over the past years.

Peggy Skillen



CHRISTMAS CHEER TEDDY BEAR COMMITTEE



COMFORT QUILTS

Greetings,

Congratulations quilters.

Despite lockdowns, working from home and depletion of our fabric stashes, the Guild collected and distributed 149 comfort quilts, 126 fidgets and 7 neonatal blankets since September. You deserve all the credit for this awesome achievement and please know how thankful the local facilities are to have benefitted from your talents.

Almost half (65) of the quilts donated were bed size and went to the children at Thunder Bay Regional Hospital, respite care at Wesway and the Lodge on Dawson Road, and rehab beds at Crossroads Center and Sister Margaret Smith. Nap, wheelchair and/or fidget quilts were taken to Southbridge Pinewood, Hogarth Riverview, Faye Peterson, and Algonquin School. Marble mazes (83) made up about two-thirds of the fidgets collected. Activity blankets and squares, muffs and taggy blankets were also very popular.

We hope to be able to share a tailgate collection sometime before September so watch for updates. Meanwhile, if you have finished quilts or would like to get labels or fidget starter materials, please let me know and we can arrange for a drop off or pickup.

Five bed quilts and three nap sized quilts were collected since the May meeting. These will be kept until others are available then the Committee will determine where they will be taken.

Thank you for your continued support and excellent work. Enjoy your summer but if you find free time to sew on a rainy day, suggested quilt sizes for comfort quilts are provided here and you are welcome to email any questions.

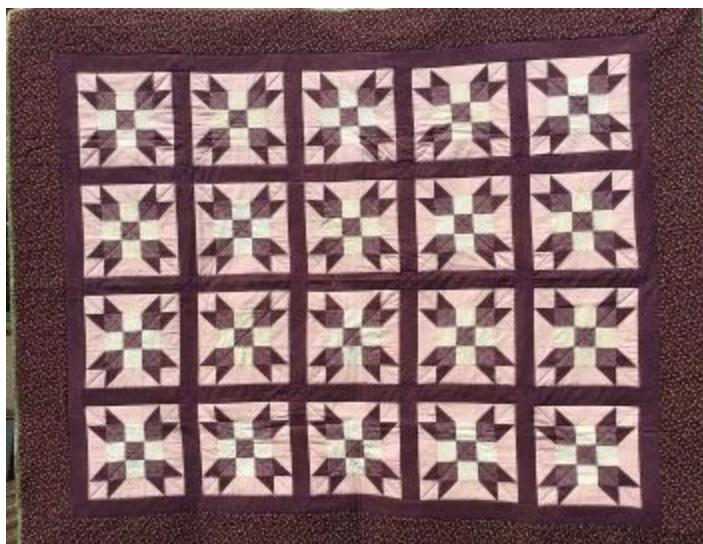
Recommended Quilt Sizes

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"

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



COMFORT QUILTS





HALL OF FAME

Please submit nominations for the Hall of Fame to the Past President, Christina Wakefield for consideration by the Committee by the end of June. Submissions must be accompanied by a written resume containing the candidate's accomplishments and reasons for the candidate's nomination. A newly selected HOF member will have her/his fees waived for the year. Candidates must qualify in at least 4 areas out of 8 from the list that follows:

1. Be on the executive for at least two (2) years
2. Take an active role on a steering committee/ chairperson on at least two (2) quilt shows.
3. Served on at least one other committee other than those covered under points 1 and 2.
4. Display work at least once a year at the Guild meetings.
5. Teach 3 workshops for the Guild within a ten-year period.
6. Assist with the Guild's "extra-curricular activities", i.e., community displays.
7. Contribute to general quilting awareness in the community.
8. Must be a member in good standing for ten (10) consecutive years

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