

THUNDER BAY QUILTERS' GUILD

QUILTERS' QUILL

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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

September 20, 2021 @ 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 – Introduction of Executive
2. Program
3. Break (Breakout Rooms)
4. Acceptance of Agenda
5. Acceptance of Minutes
6. Business Arising from Minutes
7. Executive Reports
8. Council Reports
9. New Business
10. Door Prizes / Adjournment

Next Meeting: **October 18, 2021** featuring
guest speaker [Trudy Cleveland](#)

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Welcome Back! We are so excited to begin another exciting year. The Executive and Council have been working together to plan a year that will feed your creative soul.

Many of the events you look forward to are returning including Show and Tell, Teddy Bear Quilts, Placemats and Virtual Sew Days. Other events are all ready to go and just waiting for the green light including visits to the Library and Sew Days. And to make the year even more exciting, there are more lectures from external quilters planned and a couple of Swaps.

It's easy to become a member – information can be found on the Guild's website at www.thunderbayquilters.org.

I encourage you to all get involved. I see my role of President as being successful if there is at least one thing for every member to participate in each year. If



you don't see something, let me know.

Thanks again to the Executive for their energy and enthusiasm. Welcome to Katrina and Kellyann.

Remember, we may be apart, but we are all joined through stitching.

Cathy

CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHARE

We will once again be gathering for a Christmas Craft Share (virtually) on **Sunday, November 28**. I encourage everyone to start thinking of something you might have to share. Also, if there is any one (or two) people who would be willing to help organize this event, please contact me.

Cathy

ARE YOU READY FOR ANOTHER SWAP?

Last year we had a friendship block swap that was very popular and many of you asked if we could do another one. Stay tuned as details are presently be worked on and a new swap will be announced at the September Guild zoom meeting.

Ellen

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VIRTUAL SEW DAYS

We will once again be gathering for virtual sew days. For member who is interested in joining one of these days, there is no program, just log on - the rest is up to whatever you want to do.

Next Dates: **Wednesday, September 22. 1 – 4 pm**

Sunday, October 3. 10 am – 4 pm

Wednesday, October 13. 1 – 4 pm

Sunday, October 24. 10 am – 4 pm

Please send an email to president.tbqg@gmail.com to register. A zoom link will be sent out a few days before the date.

SEW DAYS

At this time we are not sure if the space at the Calvary Lutheran Church is available and are looking at other options. If we can find a space then Sew Days will run the same as last year with a small group, masks required when walking between tables and no communal meal. If you think you might be interested in coming to in person sew day then email me at ellen_lang@tbaytel.net to place your name on the sew day list.

Ellen

NORTHCOTT CHALLENGE

The Grand National Fibre Art and Thunder Bay Quilters' Guild Northcott Challenge Exhibit will be closing on September 25, 2021 so don't miss your chance to see the wonderful example of what you can do with a few pieces of material! Once again thank you to Northcott Fabrics for donating the fabric that we used in our challenge.

Ellen

LIBRARY REPORT

The Library has purchased the AccuQuilt Ready, Set, GO! Ultimate Fabric Cutting System, Item 55700, 8" Block which includes 8 dies, 2½ inch strip cutter, GO! Qube Book by Eleanor Burns.

Feel free to view it on line at accuquilt.com. The GO Cutter will not be assigned out at this time. We need to train the members and then they may take the equipment out. On sew day we will demo the cutter and then people can use with our supervision. It is not difficult. The most important thing to remember is 6 layers only for cotton, and less for flannel, and other heavier fabrics.

When Calvary Lutheran church opens to the public, we will be asking if our Library can be open one afternoon a month to pickup and return books. If and when the church opens for meetings, I will need some helpers one hour before the meeting starts.

Wendy Royston has agreed to help me co-chair the Library for the year 2021-2022. Welcome!

Submitted by Maria Watson

MEALS ON WHEELS PLACEMATS

Welcome to a new guild year! We continue to seek outlets in addition to Meals on Wheels for the many beautiful placemats our members create. This year we hope to host a placemat bee, and plan to assemble kits for distribution when we have the opportunity. Remember that the dedicated placemat page of the guild website has many easy and varied patterns you can use if you wish to make placemats using your own materials. Recommended size is 12" x 18". Labels and additional information are available by contacting Doris (dorisd@tbaytel.net).

Doris Dungan and Judy Murphy



REFELCTIONS @ THUNDER BAY MUSEUM

Don't miss this chance to see what our members created with their challenge fabrics donated by Northcott Fabrics. Plus you get the added bonus of seeing the Grand National Crossroads exhibit which consists of 48 fibre art pieces from across Canada. Open any day from 11am to 5pm. Exhibit ends on September 25.



'Superior Reflections' by Terri Viera

Reflections

Only from July 26 to September 25

Members of the Thunder Bay Quilters' Guild were tasked with creating a quilt that answers the question: "What does 'reflections' mean to you?"

Artists were challenged to create an original quilt using a maximum of six fabrics: up to three of their own choosing and three fabrics common to every piece, donated by Northcott Fabrics.

For more information please visit:
http://thunderbayquilters.org/?page_id=7566



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





Program 2021 / 2022

SEPTEMBER 2021 UPDATE

Welcome Back! We have another fun year of guild program planned for everyone. Hopefully there will be something for everyone this year. To start off the year, we are introducing the Quilt Along. It will follow a similar format to last year with patterns being released each month after the meetings. There's info about the quilt along on the following page - hopefully you will join in the fun and create your own to share with the group at the end of the year.

Based on the comments we had last year, we have chosen a few guest speakers as program enhancements throughout the year. We are looking forward to hearing from Trudy Cleveland in October and Mathew Boudreaux (Mister Domestic) as our December Special Guest!

Rather than hosting office hours this year, we decided to answer questions by email and we can always set up a zoom call with anyone who needs some clarification, discussion or extra help with program or the quilt along.

We are looking forward to a great year!

Program.tbqg@gmail.com

Adrienne Lopes and Mary Catharine Kennedy

RECIPES!

We hope you enjoyed some new recipes last year. Let us know if you've made any of them. We'd like to hear what you have made! Recipes will be provided each month with the email after the meeting.

September Program

An Introduction to the Quilt Along

This month we will introduce ourselves, the year of programming we have planned and the quilt along. We hope you will join in the fun!

What's Planned for October?

Trudy Cleveland

Presenting

"Shoot your Quilt"

Quilt Photography

Quilt-a-Long

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

Patterns for this quilt will be provided each month to members by email after the meeting.

This quilt along is beginner friendly. You can choose to make the quilt as shown but you have some choices. Corner blocks can be applique, pieced, one of each, or just insert a large square of a feature fabric—maybe that large print you’ve loved but didn’t want to cut up. This is the perfect way to showcase it.

We encourage you to join in the fun!

Pick your fabrics and post your choices on Facebook or send us an email. We’d love to see your plans.

Final Quilt Size is planned to be 58 x 58 inches.

SAMPLE QUILTS FOR THE 2021/2022 QAL



Mary-Catharine's Sample Quilt

This multicolour quilt was created with a collection of scrap fabrics that were chosen based on a colour pallet of pink, green and yellow. Kona snow was chosen for the background.

Mary Catharine chose to make the applique blocks for the corner stone blocks.



Adrienne's Sample Quilt

This sample quilt was created with a selection of fat quarters chosen to match a specific focus fabric (sunflowers). The background is Essex Linen in Charcoal

Adrienne chose to make the pieced blocks for the corner stone blocks. .

QUILT BEE

As we look forward to a new guild year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who continues to make charity quilts for the guild to donate to our various recipients across the city. This year we will try to make it easy for you to get kits, provide new pattern ideas and inspiration, and to encourage everyone to participate and learn from each other.

The Quilt Bee Committee is a larger group who plans and organizes the Quilt Bee each year. Our quilt bees are longer duration events during which we gather and work specifically on charity quilts with the support of other guild members. It has been a great event over the years. Although we missed having a formal quilt bee event last year, we hope to have an in-person quilt bee this year in the winter. Stay tuned for more details as facilities open and we understand more about what we can manage as a team.

In the meantime, I'd like to encourage anyone who is interested in practicing their piecing or machine quilting, to contact Adrienne Lopes (alopes@tbaytel.net) to obtain a kit. Kits can be made up of pre-cut fabrics (like 5-inch squares) and a pattern with instructions to make a quilt to suit the recommended guild sizes. The following photo shows an example of what you could expect in a kit that is set up to make a Diamond Square quilt.

You will receive all fabric required and the instructions to make the quilt top. We can work together to determine what size you would like to make and what colours you might like to work with.

We have started making quilt kits using the new Accuquilt. It will take some time to set up a kit stash but as they are ready, they will be offered. This machine will allow us to make different kits with unconventional shapes. For example, this red and white kit is being prepared and will be ready soon.

I'm looking forward to planning new quilts with these blocks. It's going to be fun!

If you are interested in practicing your machine quilting, a good place to practice is on a charity quilt. Adrienne has batting and backing fabrics available and many quilt tops or panels that can be used to practice your machine quilting. Many are lap size – please don't be concerned that they are large. Reach out to Adrienne to discuss sizes and options. So many of our quilt tops are sitting waiting to be quilted so they can be enjoyed by the community.

As plans become possible for the Quilt Bee, Adrienne will reconvene the Quilt Bee Committee to plan the event. If you are interested in volunteering on this committee, please let Adrienne know. Thank you!

Adrienne Lopes (alopes@tbaytel.net)

Quilt Bee Chair



STRIP TUBE RULER COMFORT QUILT

Here's the picture of the comfort quilt I finished over the summer. My oldest UFO. It was from the bee at the Prince Arthur many years ago. I had showed people how to use the strip tube ruler to make these blocks (I think we have the book in the library). Pat asked me to send it for the Quill and website. Sharon Melville quilted it, about 6 of use worked on these from the scraps of previous bees. I believe we made 6 in all and this was the last one to get finished. I put the binding on last week and yeah, it's done.

Cindy Cockell



CHRISTMAS CHEER TEDDY BEAR COMMITTEE

It has been a very different time these past 9 months with businesses opening slowly and trying to get back to some kind of normal.

It has meant a lot of time was being spent at home and I hope that during this time some Teddy Bear Quilts have been under your sewing machine needle.

This year because there was no donation from the hockey game or the firemen the Guild has purchased stuffed animals for the Committee. Instead of handing out the stuffed animals we are asking the members to bring a finished quilt to the Kick-off. I will show the stuffies at the meeting so that you have an idea how big these are but we are also asking that the quilt be at least 30 to 36 inches so that it will be easy to wrap the stuffed animal.

The Kick-off is November 20 so you have a couple of months to finish your quilt. There is always the option of adding another border if your quilt isn't big enough.

Last year Christmas Cheer wanted only 60 Bears and quilts so we reached out to "Our Kids Count" and they gave the rest out at their Christmas party. We received a beautiful thank you letter from them so we know that they were really appreciated. This year we are reaching out again to other agencies to spread Cheer around.

Thank you to everyone who takes part in this endeavour.

Happy Sewing

Peggy Skillen

pegskillen@tbaytel.net



CHRISTMAS CHEER TEDDY BEAR COMMITTEE



COMFORT QUILTS

Greetings,

Hopefully everyone enjoyed the summer break. Some quilters were very busy as we collected 15 bed-sized quilts, 64 nap and wheelchair sized quilts and 34 amazing fidgets (4 lap-sized activity, 14 marble mazes, and 14 taggy). Our plan is to distribute these this month and start the new year.

The Comfort Quilt Committee is interested in welcoming new members and adding more facilities to our listing so please consider joining and participating. Committee members collect quilts made and donated by Guild members, check them to ensure that Guild labels are attached, discuss which local facilities are in need, and distribute the quilts within our community. Labels should be sewn onto the donated quilts either front or back.

Last year we were able to have some tailgate collections and distributed 149 comfort quilts and 126 fidgets. Hopefully there will be opportunities for quilt bees this year. We would like to support a fidget making bee and share materials so consider participating, if you are able.

More photos are being added to the file of fidgets and comfort quilts so please check the website. There has been lots of creativity in making fidgets, including using spare blocks and combining taggy and marble. The feedback received from the hospital and senior homes is that they appreciate the variety because their clients are interested in different items. Just a reminder, they need to be washable and hold together without loose items coming off. If it safe for a toddler, it should be good for the seniors as well.

Thank you for all the donations. If anyone needs labels or has a question, please email Florence Poster or me and we will try to arrange for labels and/or provide the answers.

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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