THUNDER BAY QUILTERS' GUILD QUILTERS' QUILLE

February 2022

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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 21, 2022 @ 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 & Tell
- 4. Break (Breakout Rooms)
- 5. Acceptance of Agenda
- 6. Acceptance of Minutes
- 7. Executive Reports
- 8. Council Reports
- 9. New Business
- 10. Door Prizes / Adjournment Next Meeting: **March 21, 2022**

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Am I the only one that feels like they are in the movie *Ground Hog Day*? Thank goodness we have our quilt studios to retreat to after we see our shadows on the 30 degree below sunny days.

How many of you were inspired by Sarah Goer and want to start a 100 Day Challenge? I loved her message that you can define this challenge t to be anything you want it to be. If you are interested send me an email at president.tbq@gmail.com and maybe we can get a group together to support each other.

Stay warm, spring is almost here.

Cathy



VIRTUAL SEW DAYS

Join us for our a virtual sew day. This is for any member who is interested in sewing with in a virtual room of other quilters. There is no program, just log in - the rest is up to whatever you want to do.

Next Dates: Sunday, February 27 @ 10 am – 4 pm

Wednesday, March 9 @ 1 – 4 pm

Sunday, March 20 @ 10 am – 4 pm (this date is tentative)

Wednesday, March 30 @ 1 – 4 p

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

LIBRARY REPORT

Purchased the book "Fat Quarter Baby Quilts by Debbie Taylor". It will be in this week and can be signed out next month on first come first serve basis.

submitted by Wendy Royston and Maria Watson

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Swap Ellen Lang

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SEW DAYS

The next Sew Day is scheduled for April 2 at the Vickers Heights Community Centre. If you would like your name added to the invite list, please contact Ellen Lang at ellen_lang@tbaytel.net. As our numbers are limited to 12 not everyone will be able to attend each sew day. For your information, one table per person, masks to be worn when moving around the room but can be removed when sitting at your table and proof of vaccine is required.

Submitted by Ellen Lang

PLEASE WOULD YOU BE MY NEIGHBOUR SWAP

All the pattern and group information for this swap have been sent out. We are still looking for one more person to round up the final orange group. Contact Ellen Lang at ellen_lang@tbaytel.net if you haven't received this email or if you are interested in being in the final group.

Submitted by Ellen Lang



MEALS ON WHEELS PLACEMATS



Did you know that we have nearly 60 free placemat patterns on our guild website? A few more are in development and will be on their way to be added soon. The patterns are an assortment of easy designs that often use precuts or scraps. If you are making donation placemats with your own fabrics you may certainly use any pattern that you wish. Ours are merely provided as a convenience. We recommend that the finished placemats be 12" x 18" and include a placemat label on the back, folded with the raw edges tucked under the binding. Contact us if you require labels. Happy sewing!

Doris Dungan and Judy Murphy

QUILT BEE

Save the date - March 19 and 20, 2022 We have tentatively booked the Oliver Road Community Centre for another Quilt Bee. Final decision on an "in-person" Bee will be determined at the end of February and emails will be circulated to members to advise of the plan.

In the meantime, we are going to be pulling kits together for you to make into beautiful donation quilts. We have a lot of new fabrics and some great and simple patterns that go together quickly. Contact Adrienne alopes@tbaytel.net to arrange to get a kit.







The TBQG will be presenting
Aurifilosophy – a virtual lecture
with Krista Hennebury of
Poppyprint on Saturday, March 5,
2022, at 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. The
lecture will be on the origin,
history, production and uses of all
Aurifil thread weights with
photographic samples of projects

and specific threads stitched out onto quilt sandwiches for comparison. This is a free lecture open to all TBQG members!!!

To read more about her lecture, please visit

poppyprintcreates.com/blogspot.com



Program 2021 / 2022

FEBRUARY 2022 UPDATE



We hope you all enjoyed Sarah's lecture a few weeks ago and are inspired to start your own 100 day project. This month we're going to take a look at using fabrics other than quilting cotton in quilts. Let's be honest, it's not a new idea, quilts have always been made with scraps, leftovers and whatever was available. Quilting stores carry lots of fabrics that aren't quilting cotton let's have fun experimenting with them.

Contact us with any questions at program.tbqg@gmail.com

Adrienne Lopes and Mary Catharine Kennedy

Thinking of Taking over Program?

Hopefully we answered most of your questions last month but we're happy to chat with anyone contemplating taking on Program. It's been a fun ride and we hope whoever takes over enjoys it just as much!

What's Planned for March?

Working with Wedges

We'll share some tips and tricks for working with wedges. Even if you don't have a specialty ruler you can get started playing with this shape in your quilts.

If you're thinking of trying your hand at piecing with old shirts Johanna Masko has some great inspiration on her Instagram feed.—jmaskoquilts Her tutorial on how she breaks down a shirt into usable fabric is quite helpful.





Wondering what to do with those old sheets from the 70s & 80s? Turn them into quilting gold. Jeni Baker of incolororder.com has a wonderful post full of inspiration, tips and tricks for sewing with vintage sheets.



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.

COMFORT QUILTS

Greetings,

We received a few comfort quilt donations since the January meeting, a lovely Thank You note from Pioneer Ridge, and a suggestion to support the Salvation Army Journey to Life program by providing some bed quilts. The Committee will meet sometime in March to discuss and decide on distribution of the quilts.

Currently we have a listing of facilities within the community and Iris recently contacted them to update our information. There was lots of positive feedback from the groups and identified needs for their clients. Most in demand are bed sized quilts and fidgets.

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"

Hopefully Guild members will be able to have a quilt bee to work on these and other projects and in the interim, our website has examples and hints for making small fidget quilts. The small projects can be marble mazes, taggy blankets, muffs or activity squares and do not need to have a comfort quilt label. They do need to be sturdy and machine washable. They should be safe for a small child to be suitable for seniors with memory loss. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Also, you may have some UFOs at home that you could give a new life. Several lovely quilt tops were donated at the teddy bear collection and are being either saved for the bee or sandwiched and quilted. A number of the donations were not bed sized but were enlarged with borders to be quilted. Consider adding additional sections or borders to make the bed sized, if possible. It is fun to reconfigure and be creative. Here are a couple of those projects below.

Have fun quilting,

Pat Inch, Florence Poster, Iris Maxwell, Carol Richards and Jeannette Dann





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