

THUNDER BAY QUILTERS' GUILD

QUILTERS' QUILL

March 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

March 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: **April 18, 2022**

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We have just finished the last Threadplay Pouch workshop with Krista Hennebury. Over 40 members signed up for these workshops. Krista exclaimed that she has never had two workshops sell out with any other Guild, "you must have engaged members." I confirmed that we indeed do have engaged members!

There were only a few members who are interested in starting a 100-day project, but we are committed. So, March 21 is our kickoff (in celebration of a much-awaited Spring). There is still time to join in. The project is yours to develop but we are here to support. Let me know if you are interested.

Spring is just around the corner – definitely time to change up the fabric palettes. Enjoy.

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: **Wednesday, March 30 @ 1 – 4 p**

Sunday, April 10 @ 10 am to 4 pm

Wednesday, April 20 @ 1 – 4 pm

Sunday, May 1 @ 10 am to 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.

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LIBRARY REPORT

Here is the list of books that the members can reserve and pick up at my home. Reserve by Tues. March 22nd, pickup from my home on Wed. March 23rd between 1 and 4 pm from mailbox or in person.

Free- Motion Machine Quilting 1-2-3- by Lori Kennedy
More Reversible Quilts by Sharon Pederson
Step-by-step Free Motion Quilting by Christina Cameli
Step-by-step Texture Quilting by Christina Cameli
A Paper-Pieced Garden (27 Mix-and-Match Blocks Plus Unique Quilts) by Maaïke Bakker and Françoise Maarse
Guide to Machine Quilting by Diane Gaudynski
Successful Scrap Quilts from Simple Rectangles by Judy Turner and Margaret Rolfe
Modern Quilt Bible by Elizabeth Betts
Gemology Transforming Fabrics into Facets by Andrea Tsang Jackson
Simple Strategies for Scrap Quilts by Lynn Roddy Brown
New Patchwork & Quilting basics by Jo Avery
Tried and True, Renewed! (14 Timeless Quilts for the Modern Home) by Leisure Arts, Inc.
Small Pieces, Spectacular Quilts (Patterns Inspired sky Antique Quilts) by Mary Elizabeth Kinch and Biz Storms
Celtic Geometric Quilts by Camille Remme

New Books added to Library:

Fat Quarter Baby (20 Crib Quilts for Bundles of Joy!) It's Sew Emma Patterns
Sew Healthy & Happy; Smart Ergonomics, Stretches & More for Makers by Rose Parr
Color Works (the crafter's guide to colour) by Deb Menz
Color Magic for Quilters by Ann Seely & Joyce Stewart
Contemporary Classics in Plaids & Stripes by Becky Goldsmith & Linda Jenkins
Merry Christmas Quilts (Quilts Made Easy) from Oxmoor House
Just Spooling Around (Whimsicals by Terri Degenkolb
Color and Cloth (the Quiltmaker's Ultimate Workbook by Mary Coyne Penders
A Field Guide to Fabric Design by Kimberly Light
More Lap Quilting (New Techniques & Designs for Machine Piecing & Applique) with Georgia Bonesteel
Variations in Chenille by Nannette Holmberg's
Webb Colors (A hexadecimal lift-the-flap book) by John C. Vanden-Heuvel Sr.

submitted by Maria Watson

QUILT BEE

As I write this newsletter contribution, we are actively preparing to host a virtual quilt bee during the weekend of March 19 and 20. The Quilt Bee Committee has been hard at work, planning games and demos, cutting quilt kits and distributing them to the guild members so that we can all work together, from the comfort of our sewing rooms, to create beautiful charity quilts for our community. We are looking forward to a fun and productive weekend. Communication about the Bee will have been sent to members separately. A report about the weekend activities will be provided at the March meeting, right after the Bee.

We hope that you will be participating in the Quilt Bee. If you are not able to participate, consider working on a kit throughout the year. It is a great way to enhance your skills and practice your quilting.

Thank you in advance for your participation and enthusiasm.

The Quilt Bee Committee.



External Quilt Committee presents...



Using Rulers on your Domestic Machine

Join us on Saturday, April 2nd @ 7pm for another fun lecture! This month, we will learn how to use a domestic machine to create professional looking quilting. Kathleen of *Kathleen Quilts* shares how to get perfect straight lines while in Free Motion mode on your sewing machine. This allows you to easily stitch-in-the-ditch, creating geometric quilting designs.

Program 2021 / 2022

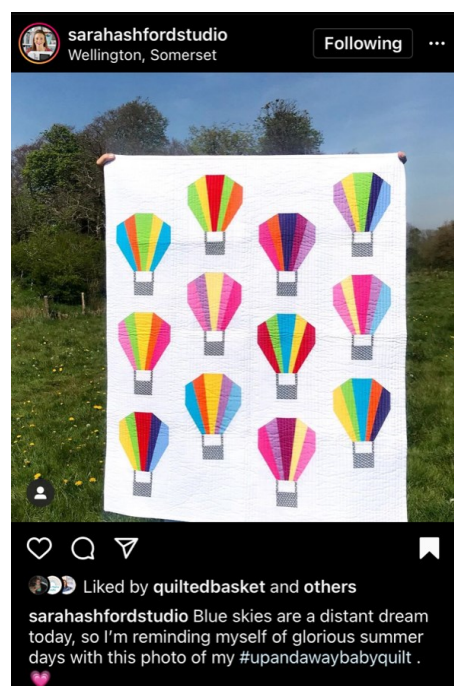
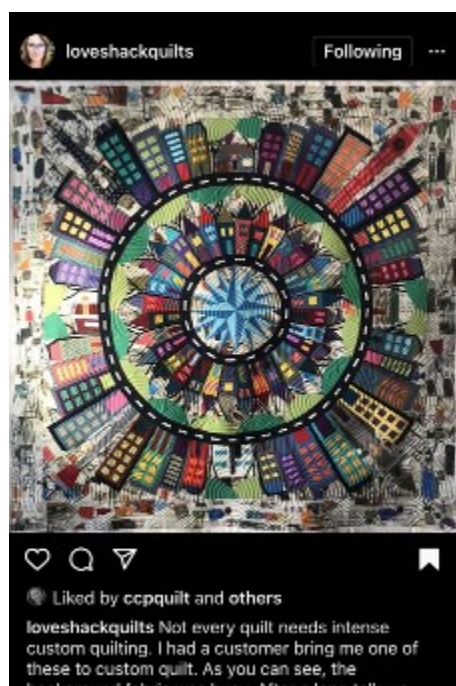
MARCH 2022 UPDATE

This month we explore a very different shape in quilts—the wedge. Wedges have been used in quilting for many years. The Dresden plate is a historical quilt pattern made up of wedges. Triangles are the ultimate wedge but can be difficult to manage. In our program we show many different examples of how wedges can be incorporated into your quilts to add a little something different.

Look through your rulers and quilting books and you will likely find either a wedge ruler or a quilting template that will be a good starting point to explore this shape.

There are so many examples of wedges being incorporated in quilting.

Here's a few from Instagram that we've found to inspire you.



What is planned for April?

In April we will be giving you some tips to boost your confidence in machine quilting your own quilts. You can do it!

We give you a bit of encouragement.

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MARCH 2022 UPDATE



The program video offers some tips on working with wedges. These YouTube videos also provide some help for working with wedges.

Cutting Wedges with a 10 Degree Wedge Ruler

<https://youtu.be/jzZa7aiZumM> and <https://youtu.be/kc4iaacD2No>

Adding the Centre Circle to a wedge block by Christina Cameli <https://youtu.be/XmAkithLAvU>

An alternative wedge pattern made without templates or specialty rulers by Angela Walters

<https://youtu.be/1SBD5JICGhc>

Quilt Along and Patterns

We hope you are still enjoying the Quilt Along and we are looking forward to seeing all of the completed tops in June!

Remember that we are available 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. If you are not getting your quilt along emails, kindly let us know and we will do our best to rectify. Some people have been having them go to their junk or spam folders. Others are not getting them. We appreciate your patience and hope that you understand that we are doing our best to get you the information in a timely manner. The files will also be uploaded to Facebook to allow you to get them if you are not getting the emails.

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Adrienne Lopes and Mary Catharine Kennedy

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. .

CHRISTMAS CHEER TEDDY BEAR COMMITTEE

This is a great time of year to keep your eyes open for stuffed animals for your quilts. Wal-Mart and Dollarama both have quite a few really nice ones for Easter that could also be used for giving at Christmas. There are ones with stitched eyes and some with button eyes to choose from.

If you have already made quilts for Christmas, please send me a picture so I can post it in the Quill. I have very few pictures left to share.

Peggy Skillen

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CHRISTMAS CHEER TEDDY BEAR COMMITTEE



LOVE Heart Quilt for Teddy Bears or lap quilts

The designer of this pattern has given the Guild permission to use this to make teddy bear or comfort quilts. It finishes as 33" x 33" but if you cut each of the background strips 6" longer then it will be a wheelchair size. It goes together really fast and uses 3 1/2" strips. I made mine scrappy with various pinks, whites and off whites. You could also make each strip from scraps, e.g. Make the strips for the heart out of your scraps then cut 3 1/2" x size needed.

There is only 1 problem with the pattern; the fabric requirements on the first page are wrong. I've contacted the designer and told her but she has yet to correct it. So just use the sizes on the 2nd page and it works out fine. The pattern is a free download from her site but it is included with the Quill.

Cindy Cockell



COMFORT QUILTS

Greetings,

Thanks for your donations. Several lap, bed and fidget quilts have been received since our February meeting. These will be distributed along with the quilts dropped off in January and new ones from the collection. Committee members plan to meet after the curbside collection and will report next month on the facilities that benefited from your generosity. If you are interested in helping with comfort quilt distributions, new members are always welcome.

Since our meeting I have been enjoying my 50 day challenge making fidget quilts. Hopefully others will enjoy making one or two as well. Kits of starter materials can be provided if you are interested. Let us know. Also, If you would like some guidance on how to make a fidget quilt, the site listed below shows what another Guild has been making for Senior Homes in their area.

<https://youtu.be/EzKhq-vyXbs>

Our Guild Comfort Quilt labels are put onto lap Fidget activity quilts. No label is needed for the smaller individual squares.

Have fun,

Pat Inch on behalf of the Committee (Florence Poster, Iris Maxwell, Jeannette Dann, Carol Richards)

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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