

THUNDER BAY QUILTERS' GUILD

QUILTERS' QUILL

May 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

May 16, 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: **June 20, 2022**

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I am seeing everyone posting pictures of their flowers slowly creeping up through the mud, so I think it is safe to officially say we have spring. Time to change the quilts and get out the flower material.

We are still looking for a person to run program next year. This is an exciting position that can be done by one or even better, a team. Reach out to Adrienne, Mary Catharine or myself if you are interested.

We are gearing up for the 40th Anniversary Picnic to be held in Waverly Park on **Saturday, June 25**. Mark your calendars. There will be more information at the meeting.

Cathy



VIRTUAL SEW DAYS

Our last virtual sew day for 2021/2022 will be **Wednesday, May 11 from 1 to 4 pm.**

As spring comes it appears that people's schedules are getting busy. I would like to thank Doris and Laura who helped with the hosting of these days and to all the members who joined in. We will definitely be continuing with these in September again.

Cathy

TBQG CONSTITUTION

Attached to the email with the Quilters Quill is the proposed draft of the TBQG Constitution. As per the Constitution, the document has been reviewed and proposed changes are indicated. I would ask the membership to review the document and if you have any questions to please contact me at president.tbqg@gmail.com. There will be a vote at the June 2022 meeting to accept the draft. Thank you to the working group who reviewed and recommended changes.

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Superior Quilts 2023 – May 26-28, 2023

Next meeting is Wed. June 8 at 7pm via Zoom. We'll have more show details in the June Quill.

Well, it's just over a year away but the quilt show committee is starting to plan for our show next year. The new show coordinator is Cindy Cockell. So, start planning the quilts you will be putting in the show...12 months goes by fast. This isn't a juried show so don't be afraid to put in your quilt, even if you're new to quilting. The public is impressed with all our work.

I got the committee together last week to see who was still willing to serve and almost everyone was still able...yea! There are a few committees chair positions that need to be filled. We will call for volunteers to work on the committees starting next fall. The committees that still need a chair or another person to help the chair:

- **Printing** – Cindy originally was going to do this but if someone else could that would be great. This involves creating the floor plan handout and any other handouts or signs for the show. You don't actually print them; a local print company will do that. We have templates from prior shows but the info obviously changes.
- **Display** – Mary-Catharine with Jeanette Dann's help. But if someone would like to join with the plan of taking over for the 2025 show that would be great.
- **Vendors** – Vicky Butt will chair but she could use a hand. This committee develops the list of potential vendors, sends out invitations and handles the responses. At the show you make sure the vendors know where to setup and make sure they have what they need. This committee needs to start working fairly soon. If anyone knows of a new regional quilt shop then send the info to Vicky.
- **Guild Booth** – Cindy has done this the past few years but we need someone to take this over. I am willing to let the committee use my setup grids if they like. I will also walk you through everything I did in the past. I also put patterns/ideas in the Quill each month as suggestions for quick things for people to make for sale. I usually coordinated everything but had 4-5 people help me about a month before the show when we priced the products. You do not have to store the products except for the week or two prior to the show. The Thursday of show week is when the booth gets setup. Then this committee does the take down on Sunday. You must keep a before and after inventory. The majority of work for this committee is in the few weeks leading up to the show until the end of the show. Remember, we need all of you to consider making some small things to sell at the booth. In the past we've had placemat sets, microwave bowl cozies, pot holders, pin cushions, bibs, kids' toys, zippered pouches, to name a few. We also collect quilting related books, patterns and magazines to sell, so start looking through yours to see if there's any you haven't used or looked at for years. Some new quilter might love it.
- **Registration/Deregistration** – this is usually a committee of 4-5 people. You take in the quilts on Thursday morning, put the tags on and hand them over to Display. Sunday night you get the quilts and give them back to their owners.
- **New Chatelaines?** – we had a good discussion about this since the idea had been proposed to replace the purple ones with the new logo colors. But due to possible health regulations we decided it may be time to dispense with this idea and have all workers wear a name badge with a lanyard made of the new colors. We're still discussing this but there may be a special sew day to make these. Each volunteer would get one and no sharing. So, watch for upcoming news.

This is the rest of the show committee:



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- Treasurer – Katrina and a helper
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- Display – Mary-Catharine with Jeanette Dann's help
- Guest Quilter – Laura Cooke – the original plan was for Geeky Bobbin so that's being confirmed
- Social – Luci Andreacchi is now chairing it with Sharon Melville's help since Cindy stepped down
- Advertising & Sponsorship – Adrienne Lopes with Laura Cooke's assistance
- Quilt Challenge – Ellen Lang. The fabric bundles will be available in fall. She will again approach Northcott to sponsor it.
- Volunteers – Cathy Britt and Linda Boulter
- Hospitality Booth – Maureen Mauro
- Demos – Cathy Ridley
- Awards – Mary- Catharine will again make the awards. She was wondering if anyone has a button maker or access to one (like used for making campaign buttons). This would be easier than ordering the center button section from Japan.
- Site Management/Protocols – Susan Dygun. This is a new committee. With covid and all new health regulations we felt it was a necessary addition.

The Café for the show – Tonia Heng has volunteered to do the café. For those who haven't seen her post on Facebook then here it is. We thank her for her generous offer.

Greetings All,

My name is Tonia and I am a guild member. I wanted to let you know that I will be running the cafe at the quilt show in 2023. I have over 15 years' experience hosting cafes for not-for-profit organizations and having the proceeds from the cafes be donated back to the organization, in this case the guild. Closer to the event I will be asking for people to volunteer to help me out serving at the cafe. I am looking for ideas as to what you as members would like to see provided for food. The cafe will be open for lunch and dinner and will have things like muffins and scones for the am, in case someone needs something first thing in the morning.

I am looking for any and all suggestions so please feel free to contact me with any ideas you might have. I did post to the TBQG 2022 Facebook page, so you can post responses there or send me messages privately to tatianam@ameritech.net. Please put "Quilt Show" in the subject line.

In Service,
Tonia Heng

QUILT BEE

Although the Quilt Bee weekend has passed for this year, we continue to encourage our members to complete charity quilts for donation in our community throughout the year. If you are looking for materials, kits, patterns or tops to be finished with batting and backing, let Adrienne know. We still have several options for you to work on with fun and new patterns. Quilting charity quilts can be a great way to practice your machine quilting before tackling your own projects.

Remember that there is no timeline to finish your tops or quilts. If you want to hand in your quilt top to be quilted by others, please contact Adrienne. Finished quilts can be given to Pat Inch and others on the Comfort Quilt Committee or they can be dropped off at Sew Flippin' Creations. Remember to add the guild label to the quilt.

We still have many kits available if you are looking to quilt a donation quilt top over the summer. Please contact Adrienne to get a kit if you need one.

Adrienne
alopes@tbaytel.net

MEALS ON WHEELS PLACEMATS

Do you have any orphan blocks floating around your sewing room? Consider making them into placemats using the Orphan Block pattern on the guild placemat page. Or, get creative and use them in your own unique 12" x 18" placemat designs. Remember that if you make placemats with your own fabric you can contact us to get labels to tuck under the binding before finishing. A few recent creations are pictured below, some of which have been made using our patterns and kits.

Doris Dungan and Judy Murphy

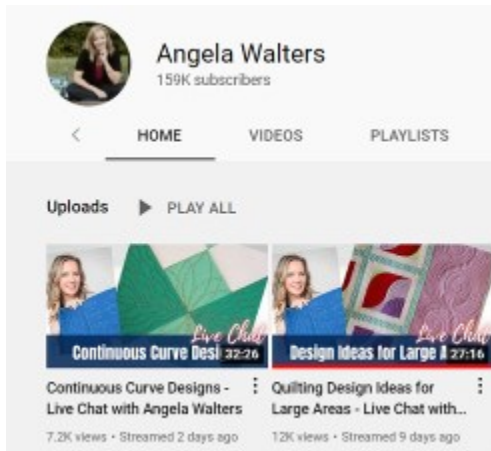


Program 2021 / 2022

MAY 2022 UPDATE

As we approach the end of the quilt along, we thought it was a good time to address finishing quilts. We know that a lot of us struggle with how to quilt our quilts. Last year's lecture with Christina Cameli was an eye-opening adventure into the options that we have available to us but some of the quilting ideas may seem daunting. We are always trying to improve our quilting and know that many of you are also looking to make improvements. This month we will explore ideas and options to improve your quilting. We share things that have worked for us and talk about a variety of resources that you can lean on as you work toward better quilting and finishing projects.

Here's a few resources that we have found helpful and hope you will check out these links. Remember that you can also use the 100 Day Challenge concept presented by Sarah Goer to improve your quilting by practicing for just 15 minutes per day!

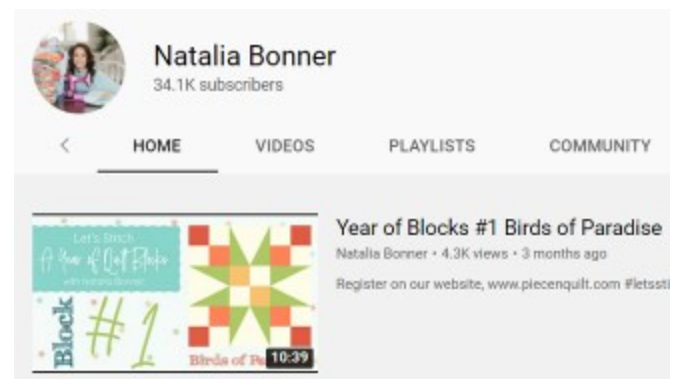


Angela Walters has provided an abundance of excellent resources FOR FREE on her You Tube Channel and she continues to provide new content on a regular basis, including live chats where she addresses questions and great tips. Here's a link to her Free Motion Quilting Challenge from a few years ago but check out her channel for all the content.

[Free-Motion Challenge Quilting Along Week 1: Getting Started - YouTube](#)

Natalia Boner offers numerous free motion quilting tutorials that will help you with unique blocks and settings with ideas for filling different spaces with free motion quilting. Her videos are short and she also provides good instruction FOR FREE on her You Tube Channel. Check it out.

[Natalia Bonner - YouTube](#)



QAL Update

It's time to submit photos of your finished quilt tops and quilts made with blocks from this years Quilt-A-Long. If you'd like to be eligible for a prize at the June meeting send your photo/s to program.tbqg@gmail.com by June 10th. We can't wait to see your creations!



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MAY 2022 UPDATE

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.

Program.tbqg@gmail.com

[Adrienne Lopes and Mary Catharine Kennedy](#)

Joanna Dermenjian our April Speaker

We had a little mix up about speaker dates and didn't have the opportunity to provide you with information about our April speaker. We hope you all enjoyed her presentation on Canadian Red Cross Quilts. If you'd like to explore her work some more she can be found at sutureandselvedge.com

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

Good evening,

A huge thanks for all the comfort quilts and fidgets received. The Committee will meet late this month or early June to sort and distribute within the community. If you are still working on finishing comfort quilts, you have time to drop them off at Sew Flippin Creations or contact a Committee member. We can provide you guild labels, if needed. We will also try to answer any questions you may have.

An abundance of materials to make fidget quilts have been collected and will hopefully be able to hold an in-person bee. No dates decided yet but keep let us know if you are interested.

Several wonderful activity fidget quilts have been dropped off.

There are some very creative members and these quilts will provide entertainment for many. Starter kits and materials are available.

Jackie Black is still collecting quilted 12 1/2-inch squares. If you have orphan blocks or want to try out a block, they can be sandwiched with a neutral (beige, black, red, blue, etc.) backing and cotton or cotton/poly batting and quilted. A great way to practice your stitching! Leave the quilted blocks untrimmed. Jackie has been able to make a few bed quilts using the donated squares. Bed-sized quilts and fidgets are the most requested items, however, there is a need for all sizes.

Let us know if you would like to join us on the Committee!

Happy quilting,

Pat Inch, Florence Poster, Iris Maxwell, Jeannette Dann, Carol Richards and Katrina O'Neill

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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