

# THUNDER BAY QUILTERS' GUILD

# QUILTERS' QUILL

September 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.

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## MEETING AGENDA

**September 19, 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*

*\*\*NEW-6:30 pm – Demo – a short demo/discussion about a topic our members have asked about.*

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 17, 2022**

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Welcome Back! We are so excited to begin another exciting year. The Executive and Council have been working together to organize a blended year, bringing you the best of online and in person opportunities. We are pleased to be offering you many of the events you look forward to including Show and Tell, Teddy Bear Quilts, Placemats and Sew Days. We are thrilled to be once again providing access to our Library on monthly Library Nights. There are also some Socials to be held throughout the year to give you an opportunity to gather, show, tell and catch up. And to make the year even more exciting, there are more lectures from external quilters planned and a couple of Swaps and a yard sale.

It's easy to become a member – information can be found on the Guild's website at [www.thunderbayquilters.org](http://www.thunderbayquilters.org).

I encourage you to all get involved. Our Guild is strong because of our members' passion and



commitment.

It is an honour to once again be serving as President of the TBQG and I hope to connect with many of you throughout the year – in person or online.

Thanks again to the Executive for their energy and enthusiasm. Welcome to Jennifer who has been working hard to plan an exciting program for you.

Cathy

## SHOW & TELL

Submission cut-off will continue to be one week before each Guild meeting; email your first and last name with the picture(s) to [secretary.tbqg@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.tbqg@gmail.com)

Electronic Show & Tell information: A slideshow of all the entries will be put together and you will be able to speak to your work. Photos give the viewing members a chance to see the finer details more clearly. The order of all participants will be emailed before the meeting so you will know when to unmute yourself to speak. The Show & Tell portion of the meeting will be hosted, and you will be called on when it's your turn to present. If you have any questions about Show & Tell please do not hesitate to contact me! I'm open to new ideas and any constructive feedback.

Kellyann



Does a member need a Sunshine card?

Send any information (i.e. injury, illness, death in the family) to:

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## CHRISTMAS CHEER TEDDY BEAR COMMITTEE

Any member that was on the committee last year should have received an email from me about this year's participation.

The plan is to have the assembly of the bears and quilts in the church this year in November so that we will be out of the weather. Guild members will be dropping theirs off at the door for us to assemble.

We are open to having new members join us. This committee meets only once in November in person and we may have a few zoom meetings before that. This is the perfect committee to join if you would like to help because after November we are finished for another year.

Last year the Guild purchased stuffed animals for our committee so bring your quilt or pillowcase and we will wrap a stuffed animal in it. If you have already purchased a stuffed animal then bring it along with your quilt.

There will be more information at the meeting.

Thank you.

Peggy Skillen

[pegskillen@tbaytel.net](mailto:pegskillen@tbaytel.net)



## CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHARE

We will once again be gathering for a Christmas Craft Share (virtually) on **Sunday, November 20**. 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 myself or Cindy Cockell.

Cathy

## NEWCOMER SOCIAL

This year we are excited to offer our members opportunities to gather in person. There are four (4) Socials planned throughout the year with our first on



Saturday, October 8 from 2 to 3:30 pm.

We have members who have joined in the past couple of years who have never met any of their new friends in person – we are hoping they will come out meet us. Thanks to our coffee ladies are ready to provide refreshments. There will be opportunities to pick up comfort quilt and placemat kits, a pack of challenge material and our Guild merchandise. Don't forget to bring your Show and Tell! This social is for us – I look forward to seeing you there.

## 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: **Sunday, September 25. 10 am – 4 pm**

**Wednesday, October 5. 1 – 4 pm**

**Wednesday, October 19. 1 – 4 pm**

**Sunday, October 30. 10 am – 4 pm**

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

## SEWING ROOM SALE

TBQG is hosting our first garage sale. Gather together all of your excess fabric, threads, kits, books or any other craft materials that are taking up precious space in your sewing room and rent a table. If you need to top up your stash or just refill that space you emptied, come on out and see what treasures are available. Tables will be \$10 each payable to the Thunder Bay Quilters Guild.

When: Saturday, November 5 from 1pm to 3pm

Where: Vickers Heights Community Center

To book your table, please contact:

Jennifer Quick [jqui0124@yahoo.com](mailto:jqui0124@yahoo.com) 306-940-4057

Deb Maki [debmaki@shaw.com](mailto:debmaki@shaw.com) 807-629-8217



## SEW DAYS

The Sew Day Committee has secured the Vickers Heights Community Centre for five in-person Sew Days this Guild year. The first two Sew Days are Saturday, October 15 and Saturday November 26, 2022. The Sew Days will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost per person is \$11.00. There will be one person per table. No lunch will be provided and there will not be a treat table. There will be a table with risers for cutting but each person needs to bring their own cutting mat and rulers. Two ironing stations will be provided. There will be hand sanitizer available at the door and all surfaces will be wiped down before the Sew Day starts. The mask mandate has been lifted so it is up to each individual to decide if they want to wear one.

To register for the **October** Sew Day email Ellen Lang [ellen\\_lang@tbaytel.net](mailto:ellen_lang@tbaytel.net). The first 14 emails will be accepted and any more will be put on a waiting list and will be the first contacts for the next sew day.

Ellen Lang



## MAKERS' CHOICE POSTCARD SWAP

Our Christmas postcard swap was so popular last fall so we decided to have another postcard swap this fall but there will be a slight change to this swap. This year the maker will choose what they want to put on their postcard. You can put whatever you want on your postcard i.e., birds, flowers, trees, geometric design. It doesn't need to be a Christmas/Winter theme but if that's what you want to do then go ahead.... you are in charge! The rules will run the same as the last postcard challenge. You will make one postcard finished size no smaller than 4" x 6" with Timtex or Peltex as the base. Partner names will be secret until you receive your postcard. Timelines are as follows: registration by September 30, partner information received by October 7, postcards in mail by November 25 (out of town postcards mailed by Nov 18). Questions about this swap can be directed to any member of the swap committee: Ellen Lang, Laura Cooke, Cathy Ridley and Anne Lockwood. If you are will in participating, please send an email to [ellen\\_lang@tbaytel.net](mailto:ellen_lang@tbaytel.net) by September 30.

Ellen Lang







## GUILD WORKSHOPS

We are planning for a great year of in person guild workshops and I hope you will consider learning alongside your fellow guild members. Take advantage of the learning opportunities planned for this year. Here's a sneak peek at what's in the works. Dates and locations are being finalized. Information will be sent to members by email once confirmed.

- Walking Foot Workshop late October/early November - Cindy will teach us how to quilt our own quilts on our domestic machines using our walking foot.
- Free Motion Quilting Workshop - Early January - Adrienne will teach an introductory class on free motion quilting.
- Binding Techniques - in the new year Doris will offer a workshop on various binding options. It will be a great lesson to help you finish your quilts for the show.
- Zipper Bag Class - in February Peggy will teach us how to add a zipper to a bag.
- Other workshops in the works include a beginner friendly pattern-based workshop, postcards workshop, and a back to basics Half Square Triangle workshop.

If you have any other suggestions or if you are interested in teaching a workshop, please let me know.

Adrienne Lopes

[VP.TBQG@gmail.com](mailto:VP.TBQG@gmail.com)

## QUILT BEE

The Quilt Bee committee is responsible for planning events and distributing materials for the creation of charity quilts for distribution in our community. This year we are planning to host the quilt bee in person in March 2023, pending health unit guidelines. The Bee is a great event that allows guild members to get together over a weekend to create all or part of a charity quilt. It's a fun time to learn from each other and to get to know our fellow members while giving back to our community.

Part of our work as a committee is to gather donated fabric and create quilt kits for our members to work on, either at the bee or at home throughout the year. If you are looking for a good way to hone your quilt making skills, a kit is a very good way to try something new. We update our kits and patterns regularly.

If you would like to work on a charity quilt, please contact Adrienne [alopes@tbaytel.net](mailto:alopes@tbaytel.net). We always have fresh kits to start sewing, or if you would like to machine quilt a whole quilt we have small (baby and wheelchair size), medium (lap size) and hospice bed quilts to be quilted. Sometimes we even have quilts that just need binding. You are welcome to contribute your talents to any or all steps in the completion process.

If you have partial or fully completed quilts from previous years please contact Adrienne to arrange a drop off and to mark your name off the list.

As a final note, if you are interested in becoming the Quilt Bee coordinator or co-chairing this committee, please let Adrienne or anyone on the Executive know.

Thanks!

Adrienne Lopes

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## MEALS ON WHEELS PLACEMATS

Welcome to our new guild year! Again, we will be making and contributing placemats to Meals on Wheels and other facilities in the area, sharing our work to bring a spot of cheer into the lives of others.

For those who are not familiar with this initiative, let me direct you to the placemat page of the guild website: [https://thunderbayquilters.org/?page\\_id=7849](https://thunderbayquilters.org/?page_id=7849), which can also be accessed from the menu on the right-hand side of our home page. There you will find over 60 free patterns for placemats. You may use these or any pattern to make placemats to donate. If you do so using your own materials, we recommend 12" x 18" as the size. We also supply labels made specifically to be attached to our donated placemats. To attach, fold the label in half, wrong sides together, and place the raw edges underneath the binding before completion. Contact Doris ([dorisd@tbaytel.net](mailto:dorisd@tbaytel.net), 625-6350) if you would like some labels.

We also offer complete placemat kits for you to sew at home. This year Katrina has kindly offered to help with our kit distribution through her shop, Sew Flippin' Creations on May Street. Thanks, Katrina!

If you know of any facility or organization that would benefit by receiving our placemats or would like to reach out to places in town on our behalf, please contact us.

Happy quilting!

Doris Dungan and Judy Murphy



## LIBRARY REPORT

The library will be open on the **third Tuesday** of the month at Calvary Lutheran Church from **6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p. m.** on the following dates:

- September 20
- October 18
- November 15
- January 17
- February 21
- March 21
- April 18

We will have the AccuQuilt Go Cutter available for demo as well as Show and Tell. Helpers are needed to assist in the signing out of books, to put the library books out on the tables and then returned to the shelf. A member is needed to collect money from the sale of magazines or books. "Many hands make the load light".

Submitted by Wendy Royston and Maria Watson



## COMFORT QUILTS

Greetings,

Hopefully everyone enjoyed their summer and outdoor activities. I managed to complete a couple of projects and start a few more. If you have finished a comfort quilt, figit or some quilted 12 ½ inch squares, please let me know and a drop off can be arranged or these items can be left with Katrina at Sew Flippin Creations.

Comfort quilts are made by Guild members from kits provided for the Quilt Bee or donated fabrics. The quilts and figits are collected and distributed within the

community to hospitals, seniors' homes, transition and treatment centres. Committee members collect the donations, meet to sort and discuss distribution then deliver to the many facilities. Typically, the Guild collects and provides over 200 comfort quilts each year through the generosity of members. Comfort Quilts are frequently washed so they need to be securely sewn and quilted. Labels are sewn onto the quilts except the small figits. Please let me know if you need labels.

Figit quilts are small projects that entertain and calm seniors and individuals with anxiety. They can be made in a variety of sizes and can be simple marble maze squares or taggy blankets or activity lap quilts. Some examples and hints are available on the website and many excellent YouTube videos exist. If you have questions or would like a starter kit, let me know.

Thanks to Jackie Black numerous bed-sized quilts have been made using the hinge method and the 12 ½ inch quilted squares collected. If you have orphan blocks or extra squares from making a quilt, these can be used to make a quilted square. Please use cotton or cotton/poly batting and a neutral (plain colours or light patterns) backing for making the squares. Your backing and batting should start off slightly larger to allow some shrinkage when quilting. Making squares is a fun way to try out various patterns and practice some quilting techniques.

Bed-sized quilts and figits have been identified as the most needed items however there is need for all sizes for different facilities. Suggested sizes are provided for guidance. The Committee has a listing of facilities and is always interested in added more, where needed. A key objective is to provide to places where the quilts benefit multiple users. If you know of any suggested places, provide a contact and some background information on the facility.

Please consider joining the Comfort Quilt Committee this year. It is rewarding to see how much the donations are appreciated at the facilities. There are typically three or four meeting of members to sort, photograph and distribute the donations.

Thanks,

Pat Inch 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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## Superior Quilts 2023 – May 26-28, 2023 (Coliseum @ the C.L.E.)

**Chairperson: Cindy Cockell** [ccockell@tbaytel.net](mailto:ccockell@tbaytel.net)

I hope everyone is working on their quilts for the quilt show in May. I had grand plans of having at least one done this summer but that hasn't happened but still plenty of time, right? It will be upon us faster than I'd like to think. Remember, your Intent to Submit Forms are due early in the new year so get busy finishing (or starting) quilts to display.

For those of you new to the Guild since our last show in 2019, the show is NOT juried. Anyone and everyone who is a member is encouraged to submit a quilt (or up to 3). The people attending the show love the quilts and most don't know if it's not perfect. More experienced quilters won't care either; we've all be a beginner at some point and know what it's like when you're starting out. So don't worry if you're a beginner and don't think your quilt is good enough...it is, and we'd love to see it. Especially this show where we haven't had a chance for Show & Tell in person for what seems like forever! I also encourage everyone to think about entering the Quilt Show Challenge. We will have wonderful prizes.

Your Quilt Show Committee has been really busy over the summer. We'll have lots more info in October and the months to come. There are a few perks coming for this show to celebrate 40+ years since we didn't get a chance to do our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration last year but I'm keeping those secret for now. But here's some news so far.

- **Guest Quilter** - Geeky Bobbin [the geeky bobbin – fun fabric creations for the little geek in all of us](#). Click on the link to go to her site and see what she does. Bobbie Gentili will be our guest speaker at the banquet/social. She will also be offering a few classes. We are still deciding on the specific classes but Laura should know the classes and cost by October. So watch for an email about registration.
- **Banquet/Social** - Luci is looking into the Valhalla Inn and Airline and we'll have more details in October
- **Quilt Show Challenge** – Ellen put this info in a separate submission. Northcott Fabrics once again generously donated 3 bolts of fabric. This is the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration so the theme color is ruby. We are working on a way to pick up the kits in person.
- **Vendors** – We should have a full house for vendors (hoping for 10). Vicky and Jeannette have been in contact with lots of shops and we should have a better idea of who is coming in the next 2 months.
- **Demos** – Cathy Ridley will be asking people if they'd like to do a short demo at the show. If you'd like to do one then contact her with your idea. Once again, we aren't going to charge for the demo itself. The only charge would be for a kit if there is one for the demo.
- **Café** – Tonia Heng (Guild member) will be providing the food and beverages at the show.
- **Guild Booth** – I have 1 person volunteer to help organize the booth but we need a few more people for this committee. This committee sets up the products for sale in the Guild Booth on the Thursday before the show, prices the products, keeps track of inventory and sales, then dismantles the booth after the show closes. So please let me know if you are interested. I (Cindy) have done it for many years and I can give you some help and lend you display units if need be.
- **Registration/Deregistration** – I have nobody for this committee yet but it isn't a critical committee at this time. As long as we have it by March. We need about 4-6 people so if a group of friends wanted to do it or you just want to volunteer on your own it would be great. This group takes in the quilts on Thursday morning then gives them back Sunday night.

If you have any questions about the show or volunteer opportunities, please feel free to email me at [ccockell@tbaytel.net](mailto:ccockell@tbaytel.net).

Thanks, Cindy Cockell



## SUPERIOR QUILTS 2023 CHALLENGE

# RUBY ANNIVERSARY



In 2021 the Thunder Bay Quilters' Guild celebrated our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary which is considered our 'ruby' anniversary. For the 2023 Superior Quilt challenge the committee has decided to celebrate this achievement. Guess what colour the fabric is!

Once again Northcott Fabrics has graciously provided 3 bolts of fabric for our challenge. Each bolt has been divided into fat quarters and fat eighths and are now available for purchase.

There is a limited amount of fat quarters and fat eighths available. It will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. **Fat quarters can be purchased for \$10 and fat eighths for \$5.** Payment for the challenge fabric will be **cash only**. The fabric bundles will be available for purchase at any library night, Vickers Heights sew days and any social that the Guild has. For out of town members please contact Ellen Lang for mailing options.

More details to follow but here are some highlights:

1. Create a wall hanging or quilt that can be hung. The quilt must be quilted & bound.
2. Maximum dimensions 36" x 36".
3. Must use all 3 challenge fabrics provided in the front of the quilt, not including the binding.
4. The 3 challenge fabrics must be prominent in the quilt.
5. Participants are encouraged to create an original design.
6. Only use 3 additional fabrics to create your original design.

Deadline for submission is April 17, 2023.

Looking forward to seeing your creations



## THUNDER BAY QUILT GUILD HISTORY

### Looking Back.... a retrospective of the Thunder Bay Quilters' Guild – 1981 to present

By Cindy Cockell [ccockell@tbaytel.net](mailto:ccockell@tbaytel.net)

As many of you know, 2021 was the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Thunder Bay Quilters' Guild. But due to covid, we could not celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> at our quilt show that year. So, throughout this year I will be writing about the history of the Guild, showcasing a few years each month. There will also be a Power Point of the Guild history at the show. The quilt show in May 2023 will also be a celebration of 40+ years. Where possible I will include pictures from the era. If anyone has anything to contribute, please let me know.

I'd like to thank our quilting fore-mothers for founding the Guild and starting on this celebration of quilts and quilting and the friendships we all share because of it. From our humble beginnings of these first few ladies with no technology we've grown to a Guild of about 150 members with the world of quilting available at a click of the keyboard. We've come a long way in 40yrs. And we continue to grow and evolve with new ideas and tools for quilting.

#### How it started (this month 1981-1984):

Back in the early 1980's there were a few people quilting in the area but nothing organized. A few ladies met and decided to try to see if there were like-minded people. I believe Jackie Black posted a notice asking if anyone was interested in quilting and that started the ball rolling. I remember working at Fabricland around this time and was always in awe of the quilters when they came in – I was a garment sewer and quilting was foreign to me at the time. Their fabric had to be ripped and they put so many colors and patterns together. Their fabric choices were nothing like we have today!

March 1981 – Elenore Kehlenbeck chaired a get together of the interested ladies at the National Exhibition Center (now CLE). By April 1981 the Thunder Bay Quilters' Guild was formed by 12 members and an executive was elected in June. The first executive was:

|                  |                                 |
|------------------|---------------------------------|
| President:       | Beatrice King                   |
| Vice Presidents: | Elenore Kehlenbeck & Sue Beevor |
| Secretary:       | Deloraine Papich                |
| Treasurere:      | Pat Angus                       |

For the first few years the meetings were held at various locations like Ogden School, Algonquin School, Vance Chapman School, St. Dominic's Church, NEC, and potluck meetings at Helen Knights' house. Right from the start the focus was on sharing ideas on quilting, celebrating all things quilting, helping other and friendship.

Membership fees were set at \$10/year and \$5 for seniors. You were fined 25 cents for not wearing your name tag (that practice continued for many years). By the end of June 1981 there were 32 members.



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The Guild started to draft a Constitution and began forming the ideas of what the Guild should be. They held a contest to design a logo and Jo Baarocher was the winner. Her design was based on the various colors of amethyst in the area. This continued to be our logo until fairly recently.



January to June of 1982 saw various members give presentations. Sue Beevor and Jackie Black (quick cutting methods). A new tool was now available, the rotary cutter – can you imagine quilting without it these days. Rulers were also just coming out; before that templates were often used. Elenore Kehlenbeck demoed various ways to make a log cabin block, Jackie Black demoed Seminole piecing. There was a landscape workshop at Quetico. They also did a display of antique quilts in April at the NEC (now CLE).

By 1982 there were some new products available at Fabricland: rotary cutters and colored quilting thread. The group designed a formal name tag. The Guild joined the Ontario Arts Council for 1 year. By the end of June 1982 there were 57 members, including 1 male. They had \$500 in the bank and it had earned \$40 in interest for the year (too bad we don't get returns like that today).

In September 1983, Helen Knights had 2 quilters visiting from New Zealand so the Guild members got a treat to see quilting from other places. This year also saw lots of members try crazy quilting and learn the embroidery stitches that went along with it.

In June 1983 the Guild had a display at Benny Birch's Birthday Party in the Mallard Room of the Heritage Building (for those who don't remember, the party was on the grounds where Waldorf and the 2 big condos now sit beside the Heritage). Bea King donated a crib quilt which was raffled for \$68 and proceeds donated to Benny Birch. The AGM was held at Helen Knights' house.

In September 1983 the first beginners quilting workshop was held. In October 1983 the Bicentennial Quilt Contest committee was formed and the Guild decided to make a quilt. The quilt won 2<sup>nd</sup> place and the \$400 prize. Part of the money was used to buy a protective case so it could be hung at the Community Auditorium. The quilt also travelled to the York Quilters show and the Ontario Agriculture Center.

By 1984 the Guild had 63 members. Ann Bird was an out-of-town quilter who gave a workshop. Jackie Black taught a beginner's course, Pat Angus taught Quilt In A Day. In May of that year the library was started with \$300 and members could borrow 1 book a month. Their June windup meeting was at St. Joseph's Heritage and included wine!

**Next month: 1985-1990.**