

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.

mail to: kavanagh@tbaytel.net

MEETING AGENDA

October 17, 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
 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: **November 21, 2022**

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We hosted our first Social on Saturday, and it was great to see our members – especially the members who have joined us in the last few years. Our next Social is going to be held in December.

Our membership drive is going strong – thanks to everyone who has renewed or joined us for the first time. I want to encourage each and every one of you to get involved in our Guild. There are several committees and initiatives that you can join in on. If you have any questions about any of them, you can reach out to those who speak about it at the meeting or write about it in the Quill. Join in – it makes the experience richer for everyone!

As we finish up our fall table runners and turkey dinners, it will soon be time to turn to Christmas. If we start now, we may get everything done in



time. There are lots of things to inspire you like Cindy's Nutcracker class and the Christmas Craft Share. Let's get started.

Cathy

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 306-940-4057

Deb Maki debmaki@shaw.com 807-629-8217



Does a member need a Sunshine card?

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

secretary.tbqg@gmail.com

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CHRISTMAS CHEER TEDDY BEAR COMMITTEE

Now that we are into October that means that November isn't far behind and that means Teddy Bear season is coming fast. On November 19 from 1-3 pm we will be collecting Quilts and Quilts with Stuffed animals at Calvary Lutheran Church located on the corner of Donald and Edward Streets. This year you will be handing your quilts etc. at the door to a member of the committee.

If you are looking for some quick small quilt patterns check the website <https://thunderbayquilters.org>. There are a few that can be put together quite quickly.

We will also be collecting Comfort Quilts, Fidget Quilts and Placemats at this time. There will placemat kits available for pick up too.

Don't forget to send me pictures of your finished Teddy Bear Quilts so I can continue to post them in the Quill.

Thank you to everyone who contributes to this worthy cause.

Peggy Skillen

pegskillen@tbaytel.net



CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHARE

We will once again be gathering for a Christmas Craft Share (virtually) on **Sunday, November 20**. If you would like to register for this event, please send an email to president.tbqg@gmail.com. There is no fee involved but pre-registration is required.

We are looking for members who would like to present a short demo on a favourite Christmas craft that they do every year or maybe a new one for us to try. Please contact Cathy Ridley or Cindy Cockell if you are interested.

Cathy and Cindy

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: **Tuesday, October 18. 1 – 4 pm**
 Sunday, October 30. 10 am – 4 pm
 Tuesday, November 8. 1 – 4 pm
 Sunday, November 13. 10 am – 4 pm
 Tuesday, November 29. 1 – 4 pm
 Sunday, December 11. 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

The next in-person sew day Saturday, November 26. To register for the November 26 Sew Day email Ellen Lang 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

By now you should have received your partner emails. Cathy Ridley will be having a postcard demonstration via zoom and the date and time will be announced at the Guild meeting. Just a reminder that all postcards should be mailed by Friday, November 25 for in town mailing and Friday, November 18 for out-of-town mailing.

Ellen Lang





GUILD WORKSHOPS

We have 4 internal workshops planned and more in the works. It will be a great year to learn from your fellow guild members. Registration is open for all of the following workshops. More details will follow on the January and February workshops in the November and December Quill.

Notify Adrienne at vp.tbqg@gmail.com to register. Please include the workshop name/date in your email. An email will be sent back to you to confirm your registration. For all workshops the registration fee is \$40. Registration is payable by e-transfer to tbayqg@outlook.com. These workshops will be held at Vickers Heights Community Centre.

Workshops

- Sunday, November 6 - 10am -4pm - Walking Foot Quilting by Cindy Cockell (see attached description)
- Sunday, November 20 - 10am -4pm - Nutcracker Wall Hanging by Cindy Cockell (see attached description)
- Saturday, January 7 - 12noon -4pm - Back to Basics - Half Square Triangles and Flying Geese by Adrienne Lopes
- Saturday, February 25 - 1pm -4pm - Inserting a Zipper into a Bag by Peggy Skillen

Adrienne Lopes

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. 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

Alopes@tbaytel.net

GUILD WORKSHOPS

Walking Foot Quilting Class with Cindy Cockell ccockell@tbaytel.net

Sunday, November 6 from 10am – 4pm

Register by email to vp.tbqg@gmail.com

Class Fee \$40 paid in advance by e-transfer to tbayqg@outlook.com

Vickers Heights Community Center (it's about 5-10 minutes from the airport so not too far and is all on one level with lots of parking and room in the hall). Turn right at the lights at the mill – click the link below for a map.

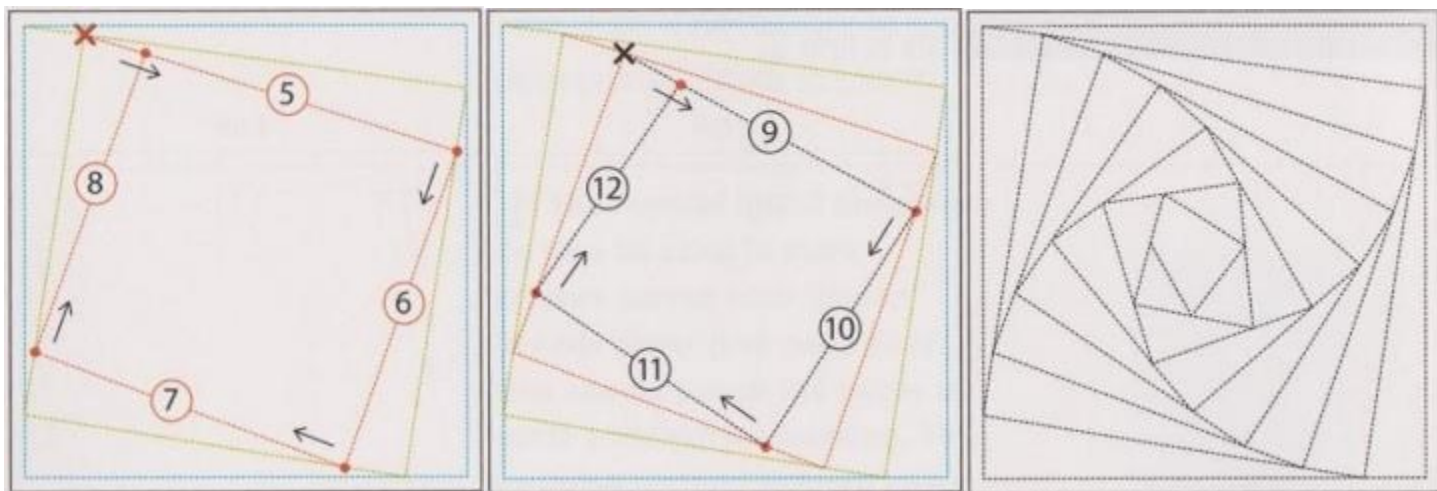
[Vickers Heights Community Centre - Roadmap \(tbaytel.net\)](#)

Do you have quilt tops just piling up waiting to be quilted? In this class you'll learn how to easily quilt your quilt using your walking foot. Anyone can do this and it doesn't require the practice and hand/foot/speed coordination that free motion quilting does. It is suitable for all skill levels. We start with some simple patterns to start with and work up to some more difficult ones.

I'll show you about 12 different stitch patterns that you can adapt to blocks, borders or an all over quilt pattern. You will need a walking foot attachment for your machine (or some Pfaff's have the even feed system which is fine).

We will not be quilting a quilt in this class. I ask you to bring sample sandwiches to practice on, so no pressure on getting it perfect. You can use up scraps of batting and leftover fabrics for this, but it is best if the top fabric is not too busy or a strong print on the top; use up uglies on the back. I always use muslin or solids. You'll get more info in the supply list.

You can also bring a quilt top for a discussion period about how you could quilt it. Some examples of more advanced patterns you will learn. They are easier than they look. Contact Cindy Cockell if you have any questions about the class. But contact Adrienne Lopes vp.tbqg@gmail.com to register for the class.



GUILD WORKSHOPS

Nutcracker class with Cindy Cockell
ccockell@tbaytel.net

Sunday, November 20 from 10am – 4pm

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Who doesn't love a nutcracker? This handsome guy looks great on a door or wall for Christmas. He would make a great Christmas gift for someone. The face (eye section) is simple paper piecing and the rest is traditional piecing. Even if you've never done paper piecing you should be able to do the face.

Embellish him as you like. I will have beads and some other embellishments available.

It measures 17" x 34".

Contact Cindy Cockell if you have any questions about the class. But contact Adrienne Lopes vp.tbqg@gmail.com to register for the class.

MEALS ON WHEELS PLACEMATS

Do you have an orphan block or two lying around? Why not make one into a placemat? Make up your own design (12" x 18"), or use the Orphan Block pattern on the guild's placemat web page. Placemats are also a great opportunity to practice your quilting or a new technique.

Again, this year, we are coordinating with the teddy bear drop off in November to provide an opportunity for you to donate placemats that you have made and/or pick up kits to make some more. You are always also welcome to use your own fabrics and patterns to make placemats that will be donated to Meals on Wheels and other recipients. Just contact us for labels to put on the back. We hope also to have a placemat bee later in the guild year. Stay tuned!

Doris Dungan and Judy Murphy



LIBRARY REPORT

Our next Library Night will be Tuesday, October 18 at Calvary Lutheran Church from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. As we do each year, the library committee has purged the older books to make way for new ones. These will be on display and available for purchase for \$2.50 each. Please let us know if you would like a book purchased and added to the library.

Submitted by Wendy Royston and Maria Watson

COMFORT QUILTS

Greetings,

Welcome to Fall, my favourite time of year. Perhaps I will finish my fall leaf quilt this year - or just a few squares.

You can bring any comfort quilts, figits or 12 ½ - inch quilted squares to the Teddy Bear collection in November or drop them off at Sew Flippin Creations. Quilts of any size are welcome and will be cherished within the facilities locally. Jackie Black could use a few more squares to finish up bed- sized quilts using the hinge method. Bed-sized and figit quilts were identified as most needed but all are welcomed. Comfort quilt labels are to be sewn onto the donations on either the back or front. Let me know if you need any labels.

Starter materials are also available to make figit quilts and we are hoping to have a Bee early in the new year to share ideas.

Committee members meet about three times each year to sort, photograph and distribute the donated quilts. Please consider joining the Committee and see how much our work is appreciated. Our listing of facilities is continuously being updated. New places can be suggested at anytime by providing contact information and background on their needs. Locations are prioritized by the Committee with focus on benefit for multiple users such as at hospice, treatment facilities or respite homes.

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"



COMFORT QUILTS





Superior Quilts Quilt Show 2023 Update

Cindy Cockell Superior Quilts 2023 Chairperson ccockell@tbaytel.net

Well, the committee is hard at work organizing the quilt show for next May. I hope you're just as busy making quilts! Only 7 months until show time and it will go by fast. It is NOT a judged show so anyone can enter a quilt (up to 3). The attendees get to vote for their favorites. I will be speaking at the meeting this month so if there are any questions about the Quilt Show or who can enter and how then please ask. We also still looking for volunteers for a few of the key show committees – Guild Booth and Registration.

We'll also need lots of volunteers during the show so if you can't be on the organizing committee, never fear, there's still plenty for you to do. Cathy Britt and Linda Boulter will be asking for volunteers for show workers in the new year closer to show time. Here are some updates on a few of the organizing sub-committees.

Vendors: Vicky Butt and Jeannette Dann have been busy contacting potential vendors. At least 10 invites have gone out so far and we have 5 confirmed at time of writing. Oma's, Rhonda's Knitting Room, Sew Flippin Creations, Dori's Sewing and Fix Sew & Scissors. So we look forward to a great merchant mall – we're hoping to get 10 vendors. We'll also have a display from Quilt Canada and the Quilts of Valor.

If any of our Guild members are willing to billet someone from out of town (vendor or a member) would you let us know. It would help defer some of their costs. You can let Cindy Cockell know ccockell@tbaytel.net and I'll pass it on to Vicky and Jeannette.

Social: Luci Andreacchi & Sharon Melville are organizing this. We will be having a banquet and trunk show to celebrate our 40th anniversary. Lots of door prizes. Tentatively we have the Scandia Room booked at the Valhalla. Tickets will go on sale in January. We're still waiting for them to confirm menus for next year.

Quilt Challenge: (Ellen Lang): Well for the first time, all the FQs kits sold out quickly! There are only 6 kits left of Fat Eighths so contact Ellen if you want one of these. So 35 FQ kits were sold.... we hope to see at least 35 entries in the show. There will be some great prizes to be won. Again, it's voted on by the attendees, not a judge. Ellen has the details of the challenge elsewhere in the Quill.

Guild Booth: We still need a few people to help with setting up/taking down the booth but right now I need a person to chair that committee and sit on the show committee. I'm will to help but I don't want to chair it since I'm doing the overall show. I've organized this for the past several shows and can pass on all my info and you can use my grids to setup the booth. This committee collects the items made by members at the May meeting then prices them, then on the Thursday during the show setup, the Guild booth is setup. After the show closes on Sunday the booth is taken down and products left are given back to the makers. This is a great money maker for the Guild and you get some great products are really good prices.

Don't forget to make items for the Guild booth. I know we always get some great things! Some of the good sellers at past shows were fabric boxes, zippered totes, microwave cozies, potholders. Any small gifty kind of item is great. Just don't make those wrap around cup cozies, they don't sell anymore. We will also take quilting books, patterns, magazines in good condition. They were a big seller too.

Registration/Deregistration of the quilts. This happens on Thursday morning – we need about 4 more people to help with the intake of the quilts for the show. Then on Sunday after the show closes, the group gives the quilts back to the owners. The quilts are controlled by a registration label with the makers info on the back so we know who they belong to. So this committee has to ensure the info is correct and attached to the quilt, then make sure the rightful owner picks it up. This applies to any display items people lend us. I have 2 volunteers so far but I'd like someone to also act as the chair of that committee and attend our meetings.

Guest Quilter/Instructor: Laura Cooke is arranging this for this show it will be Geeky Bobbin from Toronto (Bobbie Gentili). She is a modern quilter who does wonderful work and you can check it out at the here [the geeky bobbin – fun fabric creations for the little geek in all of us](#). She'll be teaching 3 courses plus a trunk show at the banquet.

Superior Quilts Quilt Show 2023 Update

Registration for courses will begin in January. The 3 courses we have settled on are: Vortex and Moonrise for a full day each and Y-seams for a half day. Full write-ups will be in the next Quill.

Thanks, Cindy Cockell



THE MOONRISE QUILT

9b



A quilt pattern by The Geeky Bobbin

40" x 42" WALL HANGING

60" X 63" THROW

No special rulers needed!

Includes tips for curved piecing



VORTEX
QUILT PATTERN
BY GEEKY BOBBIN

SUPERIOR QUILTS 2023 CHALLENGE

RUBY ANNIVERSARY



In 2021 the Thunder Bay Quilters' Guild celebrated our 40th 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 – 1985-1990

By Cindy Cockell ccockell@tbaytel.net

The mid 1980's saw the Guild hold several quilt shows/displays. There were lots of workshops & demos offered as members were eager to learn about all things quilting. Both local and out of town instructors gave courses. Some examples were: color and dyeing (Marilyn Walker), stained glass & beginners (Bea King), shadow quilting (Bea King and Betty Cottenden), quilt design (Judith Finkl), quilting shortcuts & using triangles (Jackie Black), Hardanger Embroidery (Caroline Bociurko), EPP, sashiko, silk painting.

1985

Feb – small quilt show in Keskus -I ran across some pictures but then couldn't find them again to include them. One writeup said the display was in the windows of Kresge's so maybe both places.

The Bi-Centennial Quilt was being displayed in more places and appeared in the Sept 1984 issue of Canada Quilts. The main panels are Mt. McKay, Old Fort William and Kakabeka Falls. There were offers to buy it but it was not for sale. It was presented to the City in October 1987. It hung there until renovations were done. Then records show it went to the Thunder Bay Historical Museum. I'm going to see if I can find out what happened to it. This is what it looked like. I'm not sure who made it so if anyone has info, please let me know – 15 quilters were involved.



May – a committee was formed to start a newsletter and in Sept 1985 the first issue of The Quill came out. Those first few years saw only a few issues per year. The first ones appeared to be on a typewriter then later a computer. Joanne Kavanagh became our editor in 1996 and remains so to this day. For those who have never met her, here is a picture from one of the shows in the 80s.

THUNDER BAY QUILT GUILD HISTORY

Sept – Jackie Black did a slide show presentation from the Houston Quilt Show's Radiant Star Fashion Show. Quilted clothing was quite popular then.

Nov – Fanny's Fabrics opened and offered to carry whatever quilting suppliers the members wanted. Lakehead Fabrics was also offering Guild members a discount around this time.

1986 saw the Guild start planning for their first official big quilt show to be held at the NEC (now CLE). Bea King and Elenore Kellenbeck were chosen to hosted it but I don't know if it happened. 5 members attended the quilt conference in Banff and brought back ideas and showed slides of the show. In April the Guild was invited to be part of the first Mayor's Luncheon for the Arts and a few members attended.

June saw a discussion about offering a 2nd morning Guild and in September a group started meeting in the mornings – mainly for older members and young moms. You could be a member of both Guilds. I don't know how long that morning group lasted by I think 86-87 for sure.

Sept – discussion about holding a quilt show at the Art Gallery in Jan 1987. There were 3 judges. A Grandmother's Flower Garden quilt by Bea King was raffled with the proceeds going to the Gallery. 3 classes were offered as well as a slide show and reception. People's choice winners were Janet Rice-Bredin and Mary Cottenden. Janet's quilt, at the right, got over 2,000 votes so the show was obviously well attended. She was the Guild president for 85-86. Janet told everyone how she prices quilts for sale: \$15-\$20 sq ft based on her calculation of materials used, tools purchased and I assume time but no mention of that, so a queen size would be \$1,000 in 1986.



May – another quilt display at the Heritage

1987 – another quilt show was being planned for April 1987 to be held at the Airplane. There was some debate about what to charge and they settled on \$1. It was called Quilted Treasures. The display categories were: Bed quilt, wall hanging, miscellaneous. There was also a display of antique quilts and Christmas Corner. This first big show pretty much broke even (loss of \$17). Winners were: Doreen Everitt (quilt), Stella Leiterman (wall hanging), Doreen Green (piano cover). There was a list of over 100 people wanting to learn how to quilt after the show.

1988 – First issue of The Quill appeared in September following by a 2nd issue in December. They made aprons with a hex log cabin top in the purples of the Guild logo. Jackie Black made 30! Bea King gave a talk after her trip to Quilt Canada in Calgary. Jackie Black and Janet Rice-Bredin had quilts chosen for the Canadian Contemporary Quilt Show in St. Catherine's.

1989 – 3rd issue of the Quill came out in fall. Jackie Black showed slides from Quilt Canada 89 in Vancouver. Bea King, Kris Perron & Pat Lane proposed that our Guild should put in a proposal to host Quilt Canada in 1992 (we know how that went and more about it next month). In those days Guilds across the country were asked to make door prizes for Quilt Canada and our guild made a lot of hot pads and sent it to Quilt Canada 1990 in Waterloo.



THUNDER BAY QUILT GUILD HISTORY

1990 – start planning for our local quilt show in 1990. They decided to have a merchant mall and Guild booth with members donating items for sale that included quilting supplies. There were 6 demos at this show. Members were also asked to each bake a dozen muffins and donate them to the show café. Guild pins for the original purple logo were ordered. They also started a campaign against the City to fight the Hawkers & Peddlers \$500 license for out of city vendors (they continued to fight this for years as did Artisans Northwest). FYI – even Murillo and Kakabeka was considered out of town. This eventually got partially overturned but not for many years after. Winners of the show: Fernada Oles (quilt – Dresden plate), Muriel Squires (wall hanging – stacked blocks), Stella Leiterman (misc – Nativity scene). In Sept 1990 the Guild's proposal to host Quilt Canada 1992 was accepted and members were invited to design the logo for the show.

Next month: 1991-1992 (Quilt Canada comes to Thunder Bay)