

THUNDER BAY QUILTERS' GUILD

QUILTERS' QUILL

November 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

November 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

***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: **December 12, 2022**, with a special guest

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Tis the season to start really getting into the gift giving (and making) turmoil. Depending on when you are reading this Quill, the Christmas Craft Share will be held on **Sunday, November 20 at 7 pm** and will feature so many great ideas for this year's holidays. If there is still time, send an email to president.tbqg@gmail.com to register and receive your booklet of patterns with bonus recipes. Thanks to all the members for their time in presenting.

At the December meeting we will once again be featuring a guest quilter – our gift to you.

It's winter out there. Time for snow tires, warm mitts and hats and our special winter quilts. Making the best of our winter climate. We have an external quilter workshop in January and many other Guild member workshops planned – lots to see us through this winter.

See you at the meeting.

Cathy



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

LIBRARY REPORT

Good attendance for Library Hour last month and demo of AccuQuilt. Library Hour is Tues. November 22nd from 6 to 7:30 pm at Calvary Lutheran Church. Please attend to return your books and sign out new ones and observe the AccuQuilt demo by Anne Lockwood. No Library hour in December.

Submitted by Wendy Royston and Maria Watson



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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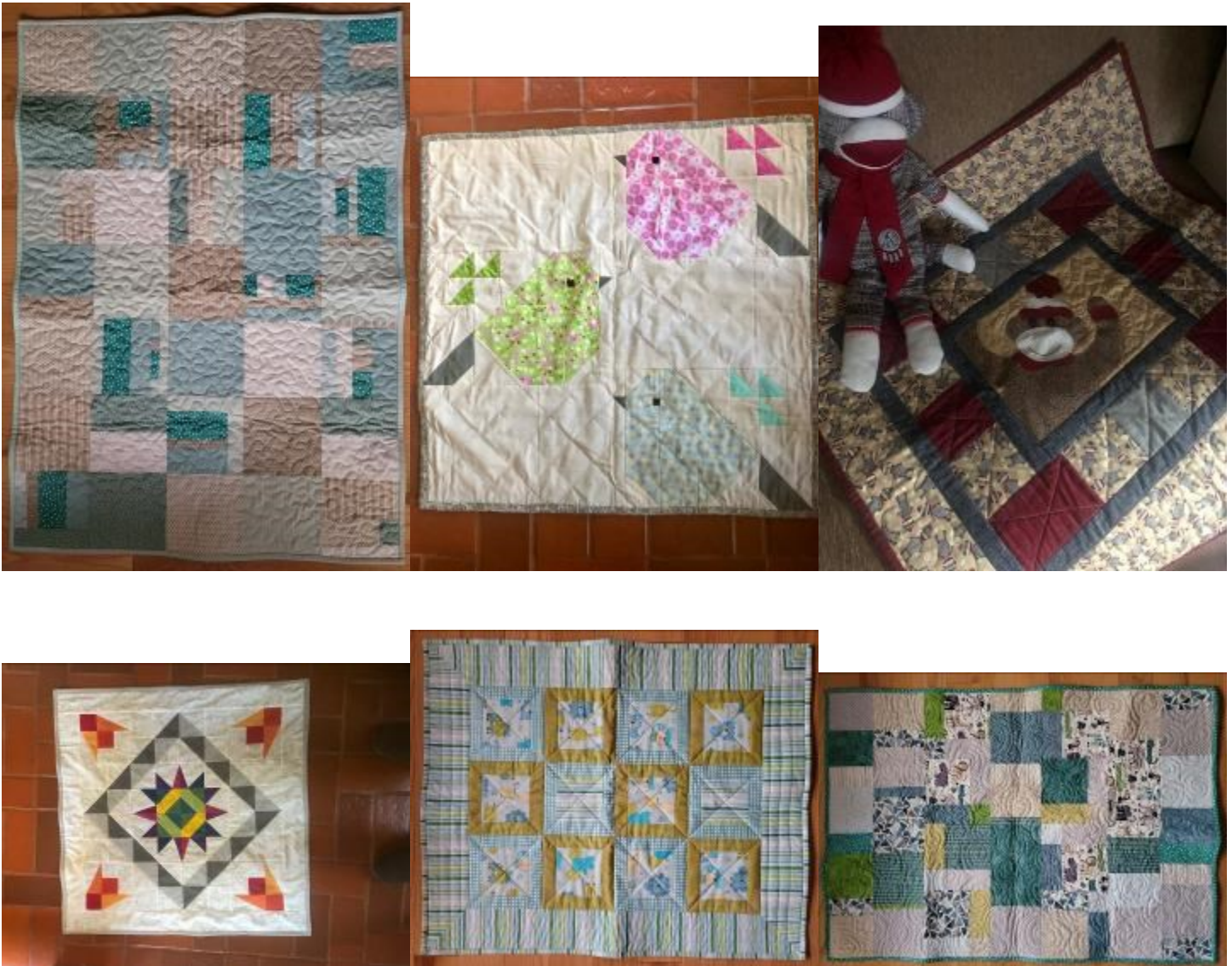
CHRISTMAS CHEER TEDDY BEAR COMMITTEE

November 19, is the big day for drop off of your Stuffed animal with a Quilt or a Quilt that needs a stuffed animal.

- If you are bringing multiple Quilts and stuffed animals then you can wrap the stuffed animal in the quilt but do not tie it up, the committee will do that.
- Make sure all labels are removed from the Stuffed animal.
- DO NOT put a label on your quilt, these are often from Santa.
- Drop off is 1-3pm at Calvary Lutheran Church on the corner of Donald and Edward. Drive around the corner to the parking lot. Someone will meet you at the door. Only the committee will be in the Church.
- Please let Carol Richards or me know if you cannot make it that day and we can make arrangements for pick up before November 19.
- Please wear a mask.
- We will also be collecting Comfort Quilts and Placemats.

Thank you to everyone who participates in this great community event.

Peggy Skillen
pegskillen@tbaytel.net



VIRTUAL SEW DAYS

We will once again be gathering for virtual sew days. For any 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, November 29. 1 – 4 pm**

Sunday, December 11. 10 am – 4 pm

Stay tuned for some **Pop Up Sew Days** throughout December. These will be arranged when we can to give people the opportunity to finish up their projects.

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

MEALS ON WHEELS PLACEMATS



We thank Pat Inch for her assistance in collecting completed placemats and distributing placemat kits and labels at the recent teddy bear quilt collection event. Once again, this year we will be forwarding our donated placemats to Meals on Wheels and Jasper Place, and we continue to seek new outlets as well. Look for some new patterns to appear on the guild's placemat page soon. One of the latest, "Baseball Season", is pictured below.

Doris Dungan and Judy Murphy

SEW DAYS

Saturday, November 26 is the next sew day and all the spots are filled. Every sew day there are a few last-minute cancellations, so if you are interested attending send Ellen Lang an email at ellen_lang@tbaytel.net and I will add you to the waiting list. The next sew day is [Saturday February 4, 2023](#).

Thanks,

Ellen Lang

MAKERS' CHOICE POSTCARD SWAP

There are 30 participants in this swap. Just a reminder that out-of-town postcards should be mailed by Friday, November 18 and in town by Friday, November 25. Looking forward to seeing all the postcards!

Ellen Lang



QUILT BEE

The Quilt Bee committee needs your help to complete tops and finish quilts to keep a steady stream of quilts heading out into the community. We have 6 smaller (crib, wheel chair, small lap size) quilts ready for basting and quilting. We've paired tops with batting and backing so they are ready for one final press and then machine quilting. Let Adrienne know if any of these beauties are of interest for you to practice machine quilting. Did you take Cindy's walking foot class? Consider taking one of these small quilts to practice.

Alternatively, if you'd like a kit to work on in your spare time let me know.

Thanks!

Adrienne Lopes

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GUILD WORKSHOPS

Here we go! Guild workshops have started with great success again this year. I've heard good reviews of Cindy's walking foot quilting workshop held earlier in November. Thank you to Cindy for sharing her talents with more of us. Workshops like this help us to gain confidence with our quilting and encourage us to try new things.

There are still a few spots in Cindy's Nutcracker Workshop being held November 20. Let Adrienne know if you are interested in signing up. There is some preparation work so late signups will be difficult.

The next workshop will be Back to Basics - Half Square Triangles (HST) and Flying Geese. I will be teaching this one. I plan to review fundamental techniques including:

- fabric prep
- cutting strips
- piecing and the quarter inch seam allowance
- HST two at a time method
- HST eight at a time method
- HST tips and tricks
- flying geese piecing
- flying geese tips and tricks

This workshop is appropriate for all levels and will focus on these fundamentals. Beginners are encouraged to participate. The class size will be limited.

Date: Saturday, January 7, 2023

10am - 4pm at Vickers Heights
Community Centre

Cost for members \$40.

Registration is open. Contact
Adrienne vp.tbqg@gmail.com
to register.

Registration is also open for
Peggy's workshop on inserting a
zipper into a bag.

Date: Saturday, February 25, 2023

1pm - 4pm at Vickers Heights
Community Centre

Registration is open. Contact
Adrienne vp.tbqg@gmail.com
to register.

We are working on a few more
workshops and setting dates for Free
Motion Quilting, 2 Fabric Bargello
and a pattern class. More
information will follow in the
coming months.

Adrienne Lopes
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TBQG External Quilt Committee presents....



PIXELATION WORKSHOP

When: Saturday, January 21st, 2023

Time : 9:30am-4pm

Fee : \$80

Registration opens: November 22, 2022



The 'Big & Juicy Quilt' is made up of many little squares. Create this quilt while learning how to use an image as a jumping off point for quilt making with this pixelation method. This hands on class will lead you through choosing images that translate well, transforming them with pixelation and choosing fabrics for execution... with lots of useful tips along the way.

COMFORT QUILTS

Greetings,

Thanks to all who have contributed comfort quilts, fidgets and quilted squares. The Committee plans to meet this month to sort, photograph and distribute quilts before the holidays. If you would like to join us, please contact Pat or Iris.

We are also considering dates in January or February for a Fidget Quilt Bee. Please let us know if you are interested in participating and preferred timing. A date will be set based on your suggestions.

Recommended sizes for comfort quilts are shown in the table. The sizes are guidelines and quilts of all sizes are appreciated. Suggestions for facilities are also welcome with priority given where the donations benefit multiple users.

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"

Hope that you have fun and enjoy making the comfort quilts and will participate in making fidgets,

Pat Inch and Iris Maxwell on behalf of the Comfort Quilt Committee



COMFORT QUILTS





Superior Quilts Quilt Show 2023 Update

Cindy Cockell Superior Quilts 2023 Chairperson ccockell@tbaytel.net

Here's what's happening with the 2023 Quilt Show since the October meeting:

Guest Quilter/Instructor: We are excited to get 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](http://thegeekybobbin.com) or go to GeekyBobbin.com. She'll be teaching 3 courses plus a trunk show at the banquet.

The 3 courses are Vortex and Moonrise for the full days and Y-seams for the half day on Sunday. Registration for courses will begin in January. Full write-ups and prices will be in the December Quill.

Vendors: We have commitments from 6 vendors so far. Vicky and Jeannette are still working to get a few more.

1. Fueled by Fabric
2. Oma's Fabrics
3. Dori's Sewing Studio
4. Rohnda's Knitting Room & Wool Shop
5. Sew Flippin' Creations
6. Fix Sew & Scissors

Guild Booth: We still need a chair for this sub-committee. But more importantly, we need you to keep making little projects for sale at the booth. The proceeds help fund the Guild's activities throughout the year. The Christmas Craft Share might give you some ideas of things you could make. I'll periodically send out some ideas too. Microwave bowl cozies sold well (Fabricland has Wrap and Zap on sale for \$18 right now). Zippered pouches, fabric baskets, pin cushions, aprons, placemat sets, bags...basically anything you'd like to get. Just no mug wrappers. Also, go through your old quilting books, patterns and magazines and put them aside for the booth. They may be old to you but we have lots of new quilts who might love them. We sold lots of books last time.

Quilt Show Challenge: Start working on those projects. Ellen told me all the kits have been sold and she has \$370 to spend on prizes....so lots to be won.

Demos: Cathy Ridley needs about 10 people to do a demo at the show. If you have some technique to share or a simple project then let her know. We aren't charging for demos this time unless there is a kit you can buy. Some of the demos in the past have been EPP, hand applique with felt, neat tools, hand quilting, etc.

Registration/Deregistration: We still need a few people for this committee.

Remember, the Intent To Show forms to submit your quilts will be going out early in the new year so get those quilts finished or at least decide what you will put in the show. You can list 3 quilts but we sometimes take more if space allows. Don't worry if you haven't volunteered for anything on the organizing committee. There are plenty of jobs to do at the quilt show: You can sell merchandise in the Guild booth, sit at the admission table, be a 'white glove' lady and wander through the quilts answering questions and showing people the quilts, help hang the quilts, just to name a few. Linda Boulter and Cathy Britt will have sign up sheets for these jobs in the spring.

Just a little over 6 months until show time!

Superior Quilts Quilt Show 2023 Update



Vortex

9b



fat quarter friendly

A quilt pattern by The Geeky Bobbin

QUEEN/DOUBLE

TWIN/THROW

CRIB

No Y-seams!

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

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 – 1991-1992

By Cindy Cockell ccockell@tbaytel.net

Our Guild was barely 10 yrs old when it bid on and won the honor to host Quilt Canada in June 1992. That was quite the undertaking for our small Guild. We had about 65 members at the time and unlike many of the other hosts in bigger cities, we were geographically isolated from other Guilds. So, bravo to those ladies for all their hard work. The idea was spearheaded by Bea King after Quilt Canada 1988 in Calgary and later Kryss Perron, Pat Lane and Sandra Metelnick after Quilt Canada in Waterloo in 1990. Pat Lane became chairperson for Quilt Canada in Thunder Bay, June 2-7, 1992. Now the work began. By the end of it all, 102 people had volunteered thousands of hours of their time over the course of 2 years.

The contest to design the show logo was won by Virginia Antoniak and Janet Rice-Bredin made the loon quilt. It is a stunning quilt in person, so make sure you check it out at the show in May. *“The Loon, with its outstretched wing, welcomed all to the Land of the Sleeping Giant. The great Nanabijou, in his magnificent splendor, surrounded by stately great pines, lies sleeping in the harbor overlooking the city of Thunder Bay. Ontario’s provincial bird, with its haunting call, will make you vow to return to the quiet shores and pristine lakes of Northwestern Ontario again and again.”*

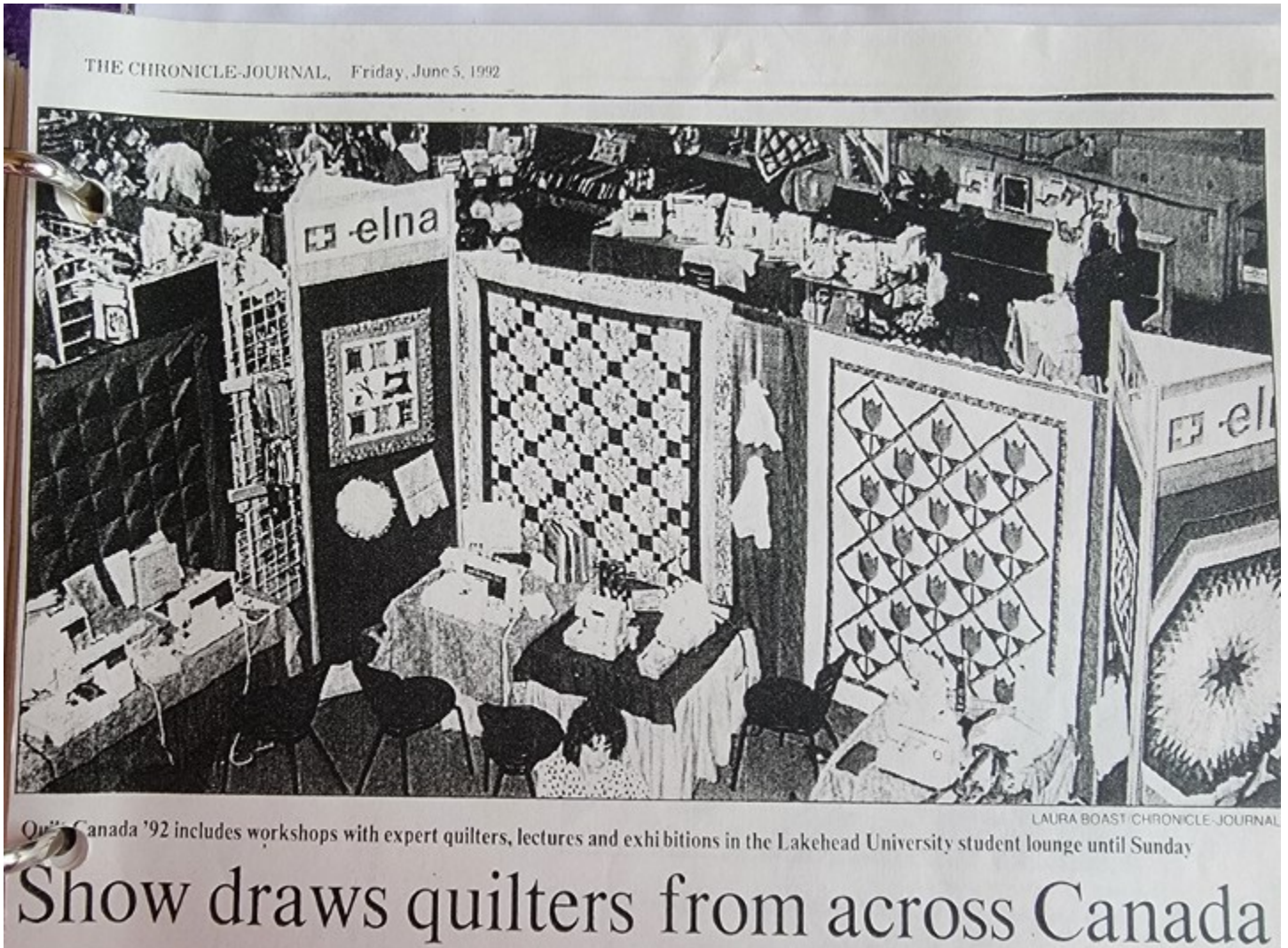


At the 1992 show the logo was on a lot of merchandise: 200 pins, 144 mugs, 2400 notecards and 190 sweatshirts were sold. Cathy and I even found a plate with the logo on it while going through some stuff last month and there are a few pins left (just line drawings, no full colors ones in those days).



THUNDER BAY QUILT GUILD HISTORY

For those of you who have never been to Quilt Canada, it is a huge event. Quilters from all over attend, the quilt show itself has hundreds of quilts and in 1992 it had 16 vendors. Plus, there are lots of classes. It takes a few days to take it all in. The cost for the 1992 conference was \$400 for non-members and \$350 for CQA members – that's all inclusive so it was a great deal.



The conference was mainly held at Lakehead University and on-campus residence housed out of town attendees and teachers. The banquet was at Old Fort William – it looked like quite the feast. All attendees got a piece of amethyst as part of their welcome. There was also a welcome BBQ and a Multicultural Buffet. Eleanor Burns (Quilt In A Day fame) was the guest speaker. LU was also the site of the TrendTex Challenge Quilts and their silent auction. There was also a Show and Share event where our local members showcased their talents by showing over 60 various items including clothing, wall hangings and quilts.

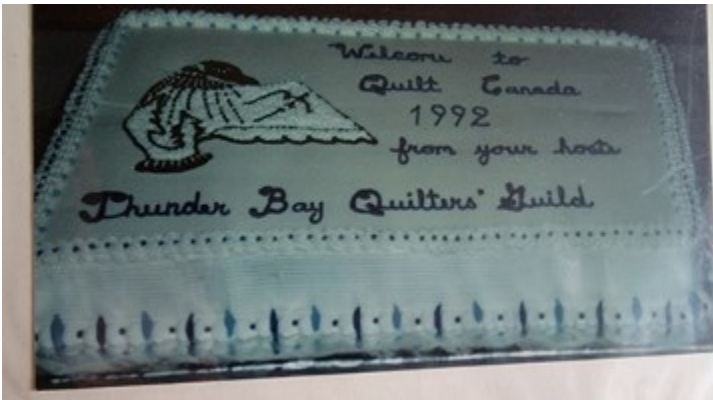
Jackie Black organized and made all arrangements for the teachers for the event; 34 from all over Canada. In total over 80 classes were offered! A few of our members/locals also taught classes: Maurice Black, Paul Dudar, Janet Rice-Bredin, Anne Agombar, Joan Black, Bea King and Sandra Metelnick. There were classes in becoming a judge, painting on silk, design inspiration & creativity, color wheel, African quilts, quilted

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clothing, traditional blocks, landscapes, applique, crazy quilting, machine quilting, labelling quilts, photographing quilts, using a serger for quilts, to name but a few.

Thunder Bay Art Gallery hosted the juried show from May 15-June 14 called "The Great Canadian Rendezvous Quilt Show". In total 94 quilts were submitted and 45 accepted into the show. There were another 31 quilts made by instructors at the show. It also included a display by Alice Olsen Williams, an aboriginal quilter. Sadly, none of our Guild members won one of the top 3 juried prizes; however, the Guild's own Sandra Metelnick received the most viewers' choice votes.

The estimated show gross was \$102,395 and the Guild received a profit for the show of \$17,000 and made donations to the Art Gallery and Thunder Bay Museum for their help. \$10K was put into a GIC with the intent of slowly drawing money out of it to help offset some costs of bringing in out of town instructors. There is still a bit of money left.





THUNDER BAY QUILT GUILD HISTORY

Our Guild got high praise and lots of good comments on a job well done. It also helped boost the interest in quilting in the region and the years that followed saw a few quilt shops open up in town and lots of new members in the Guild. By the end of the year the Guild had 96 members and meetings moved to Balmoral Evangelical Church.

Next month: 1993-1994

YouTube links

Oct 11, 2022

Creative Habits interview: A candid talk about creative ruts with Tara Faughnan, Libs Elliott, Heidi Parkes and Carolyn Friedlander.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Ag6Ztuh8dY>

Suggested by Maureen Mauro

Store Closing Sale - 30% off Everything!

Wildflower Arts Quilt Shop is closing and you can benefit from it. On Friday, November 25th we will be having a closing shop sale for one day only! Everything in the shop will be on sale. We have backings, batiks, holiday, notions, books, pre-cuts and more.



The store will be open from 10-6 and is located at 1899
Highway 608, South Gillies P0T 2V0