

THUNDER BAY QUILTERS' GUILD

QUILTERS' QUILL

December 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

December 12, 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. **Guest Quilter – Tamara Kate "A Peek into the World of Fabric Design"**
3. Break (Breakout Rooms)
4. Show and Tell
5. Acceptance of Agenda
6. Acceptance of Minutes
7. Business Arising from Minutes
8. Executive Reports
9. Council Reports
10. New Business
10. Door Prizes / Adjournment

Next Meeting: **January 16, 2023**

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As we count our blessings at this time of year, I think of our Guild. The friendship, the creativity, and the passion. I definitely feel blessed to be a part of it.

We hope you can join us for our Holiday Social on Saturday, December 17 at Calvary Church from 2 to 4 pm. Don't forget your Show and Tell.

As you have all been very good this year, we are pleased to gift you with a presentation by guest quilter, **Tamara Kate**. We will get the meeting started right at 7 pm so make sure you log on in time.

See you there,

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

HOLIDAY SOCIAL - DECEMBER 17

Join us from 2 to 4 pm at Calvary Church for an afternoon of socializing. Thanks to Lynne who will be there with refreshments for all. Don't forget your Show and Tell.



Does a member need a Sunshine card?

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

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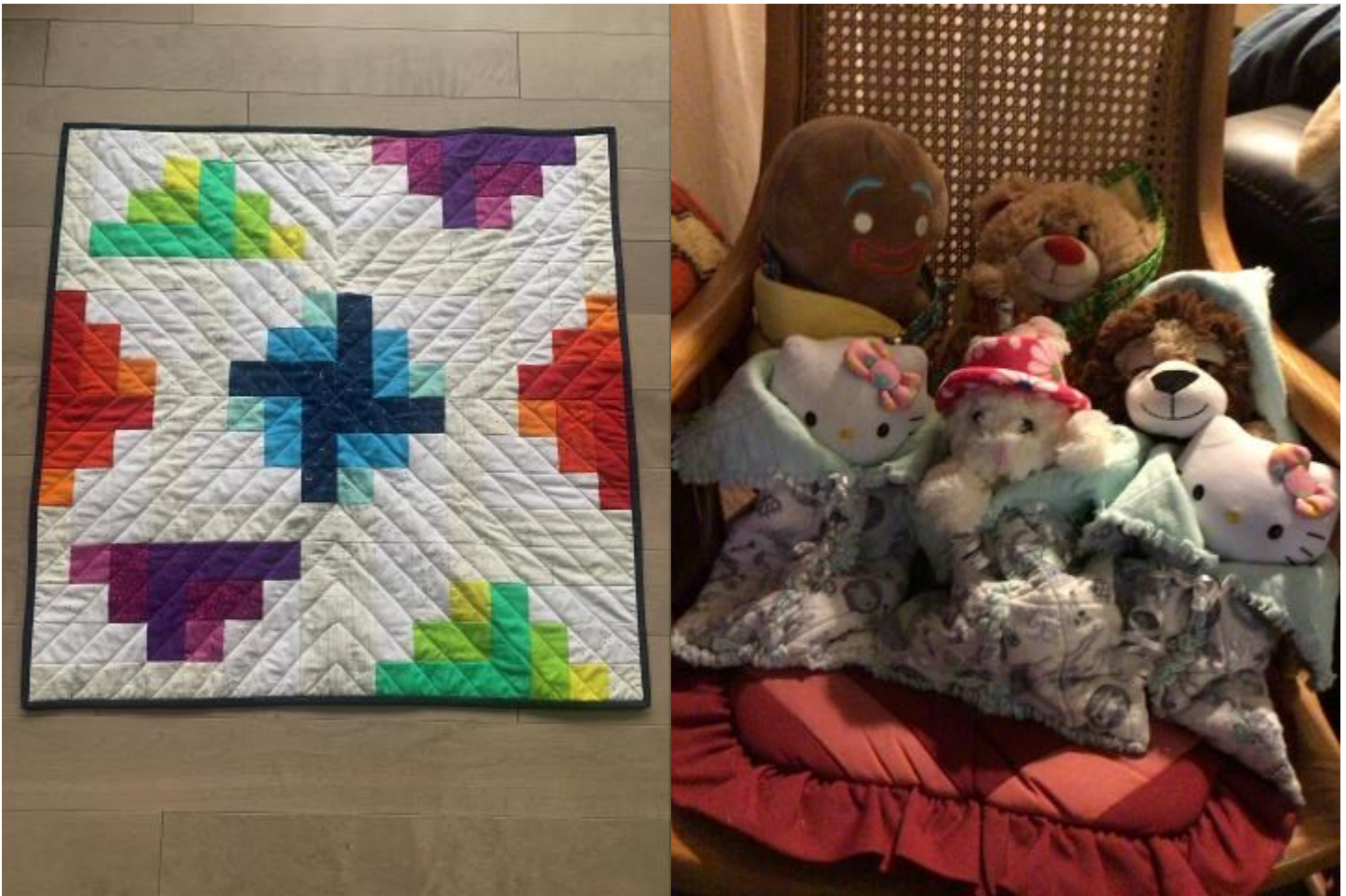
TEDDY BEAR QUILTS

At the last meeting I mentioned that 173 was the final count, so now I am going to adjust that to 196 since we received 23 more after the meeting. Thanks to all who contributed to this worthy cause.

There seems to be a misconception among the members of the Guild, and I would like to try and clear that up. Apparently, some of the members have mentioned that we had Teddy Bear quilts in storage, so they did not bring one this year. What we have in storage is stuffed animals that the Guild purchased during the pandemic because it was felt that many members didn't get out to shop. I have mentioned many times that the members do not have to bring a stuffed animal but just bring a small quilt and the committee will put a stuffed animal with it.

When we have the Teddy Bear drop-off at the Church in November members of the Committee take the bags home that day and they are distributed to the Community agencies within a few days; so, 196 "Teddy Bears" with quilts went out this year. Everything is technically gone in November, and we start fresh again the following November.

Peggy Skillen
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TEDDY BEAR QUILTS



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.

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

Thanks to all who contributed beautiful placemats this past month! We collected 148 on “Teddy Bear Day”. Our thanks go to Pat Inch for overseeing the placemat collection and the distribution of our kits at that event. Another 56 were received throughout the month. We plan to donate these, along with nearly 300 previously collected placemats, to various organizations before the end of the year. Currently, we are in contact with Meals on Wheels, Jasper Place and Wesway to determine their needs. Please contact us if you have other recipients to suggest. Happy holidays!

Doris Dungan and Judy Murphy



QUILT BEE

Mark your calendars and plan to participate in the Bee! The Quilt Bee is booked for March 18/19, 2023, in person at Oliver Road Community Centre. We will be getting together as a Quilt Bee Planning Committee in January and will share more details at the January and February meetings.

Adrienne Lopes

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QUILT BEE



GUILD WORKSHOPS

We are happy to offer a wide variety of workshops for our members through the winter months. Hopefully you will find something that interests you. I encourage you to take advantage of these learning opportunities. All are planned for Vickers Heights Community Centre. Fees are \$40 for 6 hour classes and \$30 for 3 hour classes.

To register or for more information please contact Adrienne vp.tbqg@gmail.com Registration is open for all of these classes.

Back to Basics - Half Square Triangles and Flying Geese

[Saturday, January 7, 2023](#)

10am - 4pm

Join Adrienne to learn key skills for quilting success. Beginners and experienced quilters are welcome. We will cover fabric prep, a chain piecing, few HST assembly techniques and flying geese tips and tricks.



Two Fabric Bargello

[Sunday, February 12, 2023](#)

10am - 4pm

Back by popular demand! Jeannette will be teaching this amazing assembly method which produces a beautiful quilt from only two fabrics. Using an ombré fabric as one of these fabrics allows the flow of the bargello to be highlighted. Join Jeannette to learn and have some fun with your creativity.

Inserting a Zipper into a Tote Bag

[Saturday, February 25, 2023](#)

1pm - 4pm

Peggy will be showing class participants how to insert a zipper into any tote bag. Add some security to your totes and add some flair at the same time. You will bring a tote to this class (along with the supplies to add the zip). If you need to make a tote in advance we can help you to find an appropriate pattern.

The Joy of Finishing - A toolkit of bindings and binding alternatives

[Sunday, March 12, 2023](#)

1pm - 4pm

No doubt you have a favourite method of binding your quilts. However, sometimes you may have a different type of project that needs something special – or something simple! Or perhaps you would just like to expand your binding repertoire. This class will cover basics of hand and machine bindings, offer tips, tricks and alternatives, and include information on binding scallops, non-right-angle corners and circles. From there, we will go on to bindings with faux-flange, two colour reversible bindings, faux binding, techniques for facings and more. After you take this class, you can go on to apply the information as you finish your quilt show entries and other UFOs!



GUILD WORKSHOPS

Free Motion Quilting Introduction

[Saturday, April 8, 2023](#)

10am - 4pm

Adrienne will be teaching class participants the fundamentals of free motion quilting as an alternative to finishing your quilts. The class is a great introduction or refresher for people who have some limited experience with free motion quilting.

LIBRARY REPORT

The Library night in November was a success as members wandered in at different times to return books and sign out new ones. Anne Lockwood demonstrated the AccuQuilt and members responded positively.

NO Library night in December and the next Library night is January 17, 2023. Merry Christmas to all from Wendy Royston and Maria Watson. Stay healthy and see you in the New Year.



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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 members for their generosity. We collected 14 lap/nap, 2 fidget activity, and 4 bed size quilts at the Teddy Bear collection. Jackie Black collected many quilted 12 1/2" quilted squares too. The Committee plans to get together soon to spread cheer by distributing these comfort quilts and others collected before the holidays.

Please mark your calendar for January 14th! This date has been booked at Vickers for a fidget bee 10:00-4:00. Come out for the day or a couple of hours and have fun making these awesome small projects. Bring your sewing machine and lunch and/ or snacks. Coffee and tea will be available so bring your favourite mug too. This will be a wonderful opportunity to learn from others and share joy in the new year. Lots of materials and embellishments will be available or bring some of your own. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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"

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





Superior Quilts Quilt Show 2023 Update

Cindy Cockell Superior Quilts 2023 Chairperson ccockell@tbaytel.net

Save The Dates: Quilt Show is May 26-28. Banquet is Saturday night, May 27.

Quilt show setup and quilt drop off is May 25.

New, for this year only: Usually the submission for quilts allows for any quilt made in the previous 2 years from the show date, because our show has always been every two years. But we haven't had a show since May 2019. So the rule for the 2023 show is that any quilt made since May 1, 2019 (the past 4 years) will be eligible for submission. So, we hope to get lots of quilts. The Intent To Show forms will be available early in the new year.

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](#) 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.

Superior Quilts Quilt Show 2023 Update



Vortex

9b



A quilt pattern by The Geeky Bobbin

QUEEN/DOUBLE

TWIN/THROW

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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