

THUNDER BAY QUILTERS' GUILD

QUILTERS' QUILL

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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

January 16, 2023 @ 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. 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
11. Door Prizes / Adjournment

Next Meeting: **February 20, 2023**

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy New Year! This is a time of resolutions. Last year I resolved to use my nice material and I am proud to say I did. It was delicious to cut into that fabric I had been saving. May try to continue this year. This year I am going to try to get back to some of my UFO's but I won't commit to how many. Did you make any resolutions?

Pantone's colour of the year is Viva Magenta – I might just have to incorporate this into some of my quilts. May try some in the upcoming Pixelation quilt workshop with Tamara Kate.

The Quilt Show Committee is hard at work to bring you the Superior Quilt Show 2023. Now is a good time to start thinking about what quilts you are going to show and, how you want to be involved. There will be lots of information at the upcoming meetings.

New year, new beginnings!

Cathy



FAVOURITE & USELESS TOOLS

Do you have a favorite or useless tool? I invite everyone to send a photo of their favorite gadget, ruler, or useless item, and at a future meeting during the Program portion tell everyone why you love or dislike it. New stuff is out there, and some people may not be aware of it. Favorite gadgets could include a second photo of a project you used the tool to make. Useless gadgets include something you bought and found that it wasn't all it was cracked up to be.

Please send Gadget photos along with your first and last name to secretary.tbqg@gmail.com

Putting your name into the pictures' filenames helps me keep them organized! Kellyann



Does a member need a Sunshine card?

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

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SEW DAYS

We have booked three dates for in person sew days. All Saturdays - February 4, April 1 and May 6, 2023. They will all be held at the Vickers Heights Community Centre.

The next in-person sew day Saturday, February 4, 2023, is full, with a waiting list. If you would like to have your name on a list for the future sew days, please send Ellen Lang an email and your name is be put on a list. 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.

To register for the **February** Sew Day email Ellen Lang ellen_lang@tbaytel.net. Once all the spots have been taken, a waiting list will be started and will be the first contacts for the next sew day.

Ellen Lang

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. Join us for some lovely conversations, helpful advice if you need it and even some tips. Please send an email to president.tbqg@gmail.com to register. A zoom link will be sent out a few days before the date.

- Tuesday, January 17 at 1 to 4 pm
- Sunday, January 29 at 10 am to 4 pm
- Tuesday, February 7 at 1 to 4 pm
- Sunday, February 19 at 10 am to 4 pm
- Tuesday, February 28 at 1 to 4 pm

MEALS ON WHEELS PLACEMATS

Happy New Year! We are delighted to report that in December we distributed over 600 placemats made and donated by our members. Thanks to all who contributed. The recipients were the clients and residents of Meals on Wheels, Faye Petersen House, Wesway, Jasper Place, PR Cook Apartments, Sister Leila Greco Apartments and Willow Place. We will continue to have kits available at live events such as the library nights, socials, and bees. If you wish to make placemats using your own fabrics, remember that there are lots of free and easy patterns on the guild's website for our standard size of 12 x 18". Labels for the placemats are available by contacting us.

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. If you are interested, please let us know. Minimum numbers are needed to host the classes.

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.

The Bargello quilt uses two fabrics, a multi-valued ombre with a dark to light to dark gradation across the width plus a coordinating small scale print for the inset.

Fabric Requirements:

Ombre: 2 metres

Inset: 2 metres

Backing: 3 yards (not needed for class)



GUILD WORKSHOPS

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!



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.

SUPERIOR QUILTS 2023 CHALLENGE RUBY ANNIVERSARY

I hope everyone is working on their challenge quilts. A few reminders about the challenge:

1. You must use all 3 challenge fabrics on the front of your quilt.
2. Quilt must be quilted and bound.
3. Limit of 3 additional fabrics on the front of your quilt not including your binding.
4. Maximum size is 36-inch square.
5. We will collect the challenge quilts in April time and place to be announced.
6. The quilts will be pinned to ribbons on the display wall. No need for hanging sleeves.
7. Label your quilt on the back only – not on the front.

Ellen Lang

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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

Happy New Year

We hope that everyone enjoyed making Fidget quilts at Vickers on Saturday. If you weren't able to participate and would like some starter materials, let us know. The website has been recently updated to include some additional information and examples to help with ideas. Remember that they need to be washable and safe for the users. If you enjoy playing with the textures and adornments, they will be cherished by the recipients. Someone recently shared a photo of their grandfather enjoying his quilt and the favoured item was the Jean pocket surprise (a piece of cord that he could take out and put inside that was attached in the seam).

Finished comfort quilts, including fidgets and quilted squares, can be dropped off on Library nights or at Sew Flippin' Creations. Thank you so much for your generosity.

The Committee is looking for new members interested in helping with the sorting, photographing and distribution of donated quilts and fidgets. Please contact Pat Inch or Iris Maxwell if you are interested. The Committee will meet soon to distribute many of the quilts received. A few will be reserved to be displayed at the Quilt Show.

Pat Inch and Iris Maxwell 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"

TEDDY BEAR QUILTS

Scotty Dog Teddy Bear Quilt

The pattern for this quilt is attached to the email with the Zoom meeting link.



LIBRARY REPORT

The Library will be open to the Guild members at Calvary Lutheran Church on Tuesday, January 17/23 from 6 pm to 7:30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

Please bring books to return and sign out new ones. We will be selling the older library books that have been purged.

submitted by Wendy Royston and Maria Watson



Superior Quilts Quilt Show 2023 Update

Cindy Cockell Superior Quilts 2023 Chairperson ccockell@tbaytel.net

Hi everyone, I hope you're busy working on those quilts to display in our show which is coming up really fast! Any quilt made since the last show (May 2019) is eligible for entry. Mary-Catharine and I will be talking about the show at the meeting this month. So, if you have questions, please ask them then. The excitement is building!

Quilt drop off is Thursday May 25 – times to be announced

Quilt pickup is Sunday May 28 about an hour after the show closes, but the exact time will be announced closer to show time

ALL entries MUST HAVE a hanging sleeve. We'll be giving you details on how to make a temporary one and minimum size. Or, for bed quilts you can fold over one edge and pin it to make a sleeve. The hanging committee doesn't have time to make a sleeve for you.

We'd like all entries to have a description that includes at the very least: your name and description of the quilt. You can also include the quilt's name. If you got the pattern from a book/magazine/pattern, then you should give credit to the designer. Likewise, you should indicate if you quilted it or had it professionally quilted. You can also say whether it was quilted on a domestic machine, midarm or long arm. Just don't go over a single page in your write-up. We'd prefer if you submit it via email (either as an attachment or in the body of the email) and someone on the show committee will make sure they all follow the same format/font but we don't want to have to type it all if we can avoid it.

Sewing Room Purge!!! It's the new year and time to clean out that sewing room and make room for new stuff. I know some of you are doing the online challenges. If you have any books, magazines, patterns that are quilt related that you know you won't use then consider donating them to the Guild Booth. Last time we also took in knitting books too since many of our members are knitters. These are dropped off the Thursday morning along with your quilts – we don't want them ahead of time.

Volunteer Opportunities

Don't forget to make stuff to donate to the Guild booth for our sale. Many of the items in our Christmas Craft Share would be ideal. Fabric baskets and zippered pouches were really popular last time. So are potholders and sets of placemats. How about baby bibs or soft toys. Pincushions. Wheelchair caddies. Nylon scrubbers. Anything you make as a gift could be for sale at the booth. Just no cup wrappers...they've been done to death and didn't sell last time. This is a good way for the Guild to make money to fund some of our charity efforts. I haven't sent out pattern suggestions this time because the last 2 shows most people made their own ideas anyway.

NOTE: if you are making microwave bowl cozies then please label them if you have used the real Wrap N Zap batting in them. There were safety concerns brought up at our committee meeting that if other batting is used; they could catch fire and we'd don't want to be sued. So, if you've used other batting the label on those will say 'not recommended for use inside the microwave'.

This is also your chance to volunteer for your Guild, and it gets you into the show free on your volunteer day! Cathy Britt and Linda Boulter will be calling for volunteers and have the sign-up sheets in a month or two. But start thinking about it now. Generally, we like to setup 2-hour shifts. If you want a detailed job description, I can provide it, just contact me (or Linda or Cathy). Here's the positions you have a chance to volunteer for:

Demos

Cathy Ridley cridley@tbaytel.net is looking for 9-10 people to do a short demo during the show – roughly 30-45 minutes. This can be a new tool/ruler or a technique or project. We are not charging to watch the demos. The only charge will be if the demo person wants to offer a kit, then there is a kit charge. Contact Cathy if you would like to do a demo. If you want to offer a handout, then let Cathy know and the Guild can print them for



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you. These are great and people love them. I know we often see about 20 people watching. We ask our vendors to do demos too. It would be nice to have some different people doing demos this time. We need to know before April and what you will be demoing because if it requires special products then we let the vendors know to stock them.

Show working volunteers: contact Cathy Britt: c-britt50@hotmail.com

- **Admissions** – these volunteers are at the front door and take the admission fee, stamp the person's hand and give out the show brochure. The Treasurer will periodically pickup money, so you don't have too much in the booth. We need about 25 in total over the 3 days.
- **Guild Booth sales** – these volunteers watch the booth and process the sales of merchandise and periodically tidy up the booth. And you get to see all the wonderful stuff we have first-hand. The Treasurer will periodically pickup money, so you don't have too much in the booth. We need about 25 over the 3 days.
- Hostess** - these volunteers are the 'white glove' ladies who walk among the quilts just making sure nobody touches them and answer questions. Because the hostess' wear gloves, they can touch the quilts to show people the backs. We need about 40 over the 3 days

Show organizing volunteers:

Guild Booth committee – we need a few more people (3-4) to help price the products, do the opening inventory count, setup the booth, do the closing inventory count then dismantle the booth. This committee doesn't really have to meet until April. The donated products are due at the April meeting (or we'll work out a drop off date since we aren't meeting in person, so maybe the library night the day after Guild). Ellen Olsen is the chair of this committee so you can contact her uellieo@gmail.com or me if you wish to volunteer

Registration/De-registration committee – we need 4 or 5 more people to help with registering quilts on the Thursday morning which is taking in the quilts, making sure they have a sleeve and a claim ticket. Then the same group hands them back on Sunday night once the proper claim tickets are presented. So, this committee doesn't really have to meet until May just to organize themselves and make sure everyone knows what to do, then the job is a few hours on the Thursday and Sunday. Jennifer Quick is the chair of this committee. So please contact her jqui0124@yahoo.com or me if you wish to volunteer.

The Vendors: The following have confirmed so far but there may be 1 or 2 others. Fueled By Fabric, Dori's Sewing Studio (Sioux Lookout), Oma's Fabrics (Grunthal, MB), Rohnda's Knitting Room & Wool Shop, Sew Flippin' Creations, Fix, Sew & Scissors, Circle of Friends Quilt Shoppe
Vicky, Adrienne and Laura are also working on an online vendor list with show specials for us.

The Social

Thanks to everyone who answered our survey. Luci is still finalizing plans at time of writing, so we'll let you know asap but the plan is for a banquet. We plan a great 40th celebration so hope you can attend. The Geeky Bobbin trunk show, and door prizes are included in the ticket price.

For those who couldn't decide because of not knowing the date, it has been publicized, it's Saturday, May 27. It also said in the survey that regardless of which option we went with that we would still sell tickets to attend the trunk show only (after the banquet).

Entering Quilts

Mary-Catharine and Jeannette will have the Intent To Show forms out in the near future. Anyone can enter a quilt into the show as long as they are a member in good standing as of the beginning of this year. Don't worry if you're a new or inexperienced quilter....put your quilt in and show it off! There are no judges. Mary-Catharine will explain how to attach a hanging sleeve to your quilts at the Jan meeting. You can list up to 3 quilts to display and the committee tries to include all of them. Remember, they don't have to be big quilts; enter a wall hanging or a bag or clothing.

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Awards for quilts:

There is a Viewer's Choice ballot so the general public can vote on their favorite. There is also a Member's Choice ballot for TBQG members only since our members may take into account techniques and quilting when choosing their favorite; things the general public might not think about.

This year there will be 2 categories: bed quilts and others.

The top vote getters in each category will win a lovely ribbon designed by Mary-Catharine. One person will win a rosette from CQA and be eligible to have their quilt on display at the next Quilt Canada and have their picture on the CQA website and maybe the magazine.

We also decided to do some random draw prizes for anyone who enters a quilt....so you have a chance to win no matter what. So please enter your quilts.

Classes:

All 3 classes require patterns that must be purchased (unless you have it already). We will let you know more on sign up. Bobbie said pre-class prep is a minimum. You can see pics of the projects at this site or go to her Teaching page for Y-Seams info.

PDF Patterns – the geeky bobbin

Cathy and Laura will be sending out the registration email details soon. All classes are in the Cardinal Room which is at the end of the Coliseum Building.

Friday, May 26 1pm-4pm (note: Bobbie is flying in Friday morning. On the off-chance her flight is late arriving, we may push the start time to later and will notify people if that happens. You just never know with airlines these days).

Vortex – you will not complete the quilt in this 3 hour class but you will learn the technique so that you can complete it on your own. Because we have the classroom until 9pm you may also stay after class and continue to sew.

Saturday, May 27 10am - 4pm

Moonrise – she may have kits available. Laura will let us know. Her website shows other color options.

Sunday, May 28 10am - 1pm

Y-Seams – this 3 hour class will teach you not to be afraid of doing blocks that require these seams and teach you some tricks to make them turn out better. (2nd picture below)



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Looking Back....a retrospective of the Thunder Bay Quilters' Guild

This month 1993-1999. A little longer this month since I didn't get to put one in the December Quill.

By Cindy Cockell ccockell@tbaytel.net

Well Quilt Canada was over, and it was quite the success. The Guild was awarded \$17,000 for their efforts. \$10,000 was placed in a GIC to fund future education and bringing in outside teachers. \$400 bought a camera so the photographer could take pictures at each meeting and at special events. The rest went to other places who assisted the Guild in the show.

1993 was the first year the 10-year pins were given out. There was a Black & White + 3 colors challenge that saw 28 entries. The winners were Carol Forneri, June Schneider and Joyce McKinnon. There was a 3-day display of quilts in Eaton's in June and displays at the Great Rendezvous Festival at the Old Fort and at the CLE. It also saw rotary cutters becoming more the norm for quilters and the October program was a video on how to properly use them. November 1993 was the first discussion of holding a formal Quilt Bee for making charity quilts.

1994 saw a quilt show April 8-10 in Keskus. There was a Spring Garden challenge that saw 75 entries. Winners were Diana VanKannel, Anne Agombar and Betty Whittingham. Our Guild membership had grown to 124 members. This was also the year the Guild started a mentor program where knowledgeable members on the mentor list could be called on to help members with problems/questions. The mentor program continued until a few years ago. There wasn't much of an internet in these days where one could search for help. Jackie Black's quilt won top prize in the CQA Challenge at Quilt Canada that year. Jackie Black also taught at Quilt Canada 1994 as well as other places.

1994-95 saw another challenge with a Winter theme this time. The quilts were hung at LU in the VIP Lounge as part of the celebration for the Nordic Games 1995. Winners were Joyce McKinnon, Judy Forslund and Lee Ross. Diana VanKannel (Patchworks donated the challenge fabric). The Loon Quilt was also on display with the challenge quilts. 1995 saw more publicity for members: Joyce McKinnon was featured in Quilters

Newsletter Magazine for her strip pieced landscape quilt and Bea King submitted an article about our donation quilts. Joyce McKinnon and Helen Knights gave talks on quilted clothing....it was getting popular back then and who can forget Helen's coats made from the plastic bags she got from stores on her world travels! There was a Quilt Show held at the Oliver Road Rec Center. Those were also the years when you actually made interest on GIC's and the interest was spent buying library books for the Guild library...if only that were true now. Julie Cullen was our Donation Quilt Chair and she delivered 54 quilts that year. Guild members also made and donated 44 turbans to the Cancer Center. By the end of 1995 there were 158 members.



1995 Quilt Show at the Oliver Road Rec Center

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Helen Knights and her jackets. The one on the right is made of plastic shopping bags.

September 1995 the Guild voted to use the Quilt Canada Loon Quilt as our official logo for future quilt shows. There was a contest to name the quilt show and "Superior Quilts" won; "Superior By Design" was 2nd. We kept that show name until recently.

1995-1996 saw the first Round Robin challenge. It ran for 4 months. Each person created the center square then 3 others added to it over the next 3 months (usually borders).

Lee Ross Miniature Grandmother's Flower Garden (at right) – Lee was president 1995-1996

1996 – another Quilt Show year proposed for that May, this time in Northwood High School as well as displays at the Art Gallery. There were also demos at the Murillo Fair and a display during the CLE. The Quilt Show Challenge fabric was donated by Patchworks with the theme "Pieces of the Past" – 3 fabrics given out, but you could add up to 5 more with the max circumference being 150". The show got postponed to 1997 due to lack of volunteers and few entries. We got a truckload of 2x4's donated and there was thought of building our own frames for the Quilt Shows (Northwood HS built a sample), but as always it turned out to be a lack of storage space – we were already running out of space at the meeting venue and the Guild moved to the bigger Central Evangelical Church.



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1996 also saw the start of the Hall of Fame. The Loon Quilt was appraised for insurance purposes. We made quilts with kids at the Children's Festival in July. Lots of classes were being taught Monet's Garden (Janet Rice Bredin), Paper Foundation Piecing (Muriel Squires), Creating your own marbled fabric (Pat Lane), Quilted Vest (Joyce McKinnon). The Bi-Centennial Quilt was presented to the Thunder Bay Museum. The Art Gallery hosted the Rodman Quilt Show in June with a reception and finger food, so the meeting was held there that month. Carol Bernharson showed members how to do crazy quilting and members were asked to bring scraps of fabric, lace, ribbons, etc. to the April meeting. The Round Robin Challenge quilts were also displayed – 9 groups of 4 participated. In spring 1996 the Guild held a Mad Hatter's Tea Party – how many of you are old enough to remember the Red Hat Ladies? Julie Cullen gave out 40 donation quilts.

This year was also the start of the President's Challenge where the outgoing president was given a quilt challenge by the rest of the executive and had until the following June to finish it. I believe I was the last one to finish one and Norma Wynn who followed me didn't complete hers and axed the idea for future presidents...so all those who came after us have her to thank.



May 1996 – Joyce McKinnon's Terry Fox quilt

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Late 1990's – not much info in the old history books nor old Quills for info for a few years.

1997 – Superior Quilts Quilt Show April 24-27 at the Thunder Bay Historical Museum. There were 149 quilts on display plus a few other displays. There were a few mini workshops and demos during the show. The Viewer's Choice winner was Mary Ann Currie (she always had spectacular applique quilts), 2nd was Judy Forslund and 3rd Joyce McKinnon. The show was a big success and had a profit of \$1,148; the Guild voted to donate \$1500 to the Museum for their new track lighting system (hopefully it would benefit our future shows too). Julie Cullen gave out 61 donation quilts this year.



May 1997 – Quilt Bee at the 55 Plus to make Chemo Hats for the Cancer Center

1998 – Joyce McKinnon's Chippewa Cedar quilt won first place in Vancouver. A Block of The Month program was started. The Constitution got a big revision. 10-year pins were given to: Julie Cullen, Susan Dynes, Annie Gacuk, Marion Holah, Judy Forslund, Kristine Huitsing, Marlene McRobb and Marilyn Parker. Julie Cullen and Marion Holah were also inducted into the HOF. Janet Rice Bredin, who now lived in Parry Sound, won the Award of Excellence and \$2,000 for her entry into Canadian Contemporary Quilts 1998. The touring show came to Thunder Bay Art Gallery in 1999. June 1998 – Avis Cadell gave a presentation on her travels and experiences in quilting as well as a few workshops on color and design. June 1998 Nelly Reedhead gave a presentation to the Guild and asked that we help Meals on Wheels by making placemats like guilds in other cities. The practice was adopted and is still going strong today thanks to Doris and Judy! The year ended with a handmade ornament raffle at the December meeting; 104 ornaments were raffled, raising \$246 which was donated to Faye Peterson Transition House.

The end of 1998 and early 1999 was planning for the Superior Quilts 1999 April 23-25 at the Museum. It looks like this was the first show ever advertised on the internet. The challenge was Seasons: members could choose 1 or more seasons to feature in their quilt, but it had to include a shade of green fabric and have embellishments. The Quilt Show was again a success with 146 quilts displayed plus antique quilts other displays. There were lots of demos at the show.

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1999 Challenge winners: 1st Alva Llewellyn, 2nd Mickey Nykanen, 3rd Elaine Bell (being displayed by her mom, Yvonne Samas)

The year (and century) ended with a discussion about a Millennium Challenge (black & white); the challenge blocks were donated and became the Memorial Quilt displayed at the quilt shows with the names of deceased members embroidered in the borders. Check it out at the show.

Next month....2000-2005, the start of the new century and celebration of 20 years.