

THUNDER BAY QUILTERS' GUILD

QUILTERS' QUILL

March 2023

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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

March 20, 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. Guest Speaker: Laura Brown
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: **April 17, 2023**

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

National Quilting Day – March 18 – don't forget to display your quilt(s) with pride for everyone to enjoy. We are also recognizing this day with our Quilt Bee. Thanks to Adrienne and the committee for all of their work on this.

We have a wonderful guest speaker for our meeting, Laura Brown, who is a quilter and an artist in residence at the North House Folk School in Grand Marais. She will be featured in the meeting 7:00 pm so remember to sign on early.

As mentioned at the last meeting, we are looking for members to fill the roles of Secretary, Treasurer (two-year terms) and President (one-year term). Let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks to everyone who came out to the Social. Lynne did a great job providing us with coffee, tea, and goodies. Also, a big thanks to Katrina, Sew



Flippin' Creations, for her generous donation of prizes for Quilting Bingo!
See everyone at the meeting.

Cathy

SUPERIOR QUILTS 2023 CHALLENGE RUBY ANNIVERSARY

Sponsored by Northcott

It's one month away! I'm hoping to see a beautiful wall of quilts to celebrate our ruby anniversary. There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes of \$125, \$100 and \$75 for the most votes plus 5 more participation prizes that will be drawn at the banquet. The drop off date for the challenge quilts will be during library night on April 18 at the Calvary Lutheran Church from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. 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 or backing
4. Maximum size is 36-inch square
5. We will collect the challenge quilts in April 18 library night from 6:00 -7:30 pm. Pickup will be after the quilt show on [Sunday, May 28, 2023](#) at 4:30 pm in the Cardinal Room.
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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EASTER GOODIES

Links to a couple of great little projects for anyone with little ones at Easter. Ctrl + Click will take you to the tutorial and this is a picture of the treat bags. 2 different versions of the tutorial for the bunnies. The 2nd one has different sizes. They're so cute.

[Adorable EASTER BUNNY TREAT BAG Tutorial! Easy, fast, & Fun! 3 1/2" wide, 2 1/2" deep and 7" tall. - YouTube](#)

[Wondering what Easter projects to sew? - YouTube](#)



Adorable EASTER BUNNY TREAT BAG Tutorial! Easy, fast, & Fun! 3 1/2" wide, 2 1/2" deep and 7" tall.

Drawstring Carrot Pouches

[How to Sew an EASY Carrot Drawstring Pouch for Easter Egg Hunts, Decoration, Easter Basket Filler - YouTube](#)

Cindy



SEW DAYS

Our next Sew Day, Saturday, April 1 is full and there is a waiting list. The last Sew Day for this year will be on Saturday, May 6, 2023, at the Vickers Heights Community Centre. If you are interested in adding your name to the list for the May 6 Sew Day, please send me an email at ellen_lang@tbaytel.net.

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, March 21 at 1 to 4 pm
- Sunday, April 2 at 10 am to 4 pm
- Tuesday, April 11 at 1 to 4 pm
- Sunday, April 23 at 10 am to 4 pm
- Tuesday, May 2 at 1 to 4 pm
- Sunday, May 14 at 10 am to 4 pm – Mother's Day – might be a nice way to spend it together quilting
- Tuesday, May 23
- Sunday, June 4

These dates are subject to change as we get closer to the date and if the weather is fine ☺

MEALS ON WHEELS PLACEMATS

An updated placemat pattern index (complete with fabric cutting size information) and some additional new patterns will be appearing on the Guild's placemat page shortly. In the meantime, we continue to offer kits at our bees and social events for members to take home and complete, as well as labels to be attached to placemats that are made with your own fabrics. Our recommended size is 12 ½" x 18 ½". Happy sewing!

Doris Dungan and Judy Murphy





QUILT BEE

The quilt bee will likely be underway or just about to begin as you are reading the Quill this month. We hope you are planning to participate but if you are unable to take part, consider contacting Adrienne to obtain a kit to work on at your own pace at home.

We have received a very generous donation of high-quality quilting cotton from our member Sharon Melville. Thank you, Sharon! It will make beautiful kits and quilts for years to come.

We will have photos and information on the Bee in the April Quill as a follow up to what is shaping up to be a fun and productive weekend. Thank you to all organizers, food preparers, dessert providers and quilters.

Adrienne Lopes

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PROGRAM

We are happy to invite a special guest to present at our March Meeting. Laura Brown <https://www.laurabrownart.com/> is a quilter and an artist in residence at the North House Folk School in Grand Marais. She will be sharing her design philosophy in a lecture titled "you have everything you need" and will share some insight into her residency. The lecture will start at 7pm. We are looking forward to hearing about her approach and her current experiences with her residency just down the road from us.

Adrienne Lopes

MID-WINTER SOCIAL

HOLD THE DATE – Saturday, March 11 at 2 to 4 pm. We are just waiting on confirmation but are hoping to hold our next social in March. This is an opportunity to share a cup of coffee or tea (thanks to Lynne), share some show and tell, and catch up with our friends. We are also hoping to have advertising (posters and bookmarks) available for you to pick up and start to spread throughout the city.

I will hopefully be able to confirm this date at the meeting. We hope to see you there!

Executive

LIBRARY REPORT

Library Night is Tuesday, March 21 at Calvary Lutheran Church from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Please come, peruse the Library, sign out new books and return any that you might have. We have no volunteers for this evening, so if you can help out, please let us know. "Many hands make the load light."

We have two Library Nights left with the last one being April 18. Please return all books in April. You will not be able to take out books that night.

Has anyone a book suggestion for the Committee to purchase for the Library. If so, please provide Name, Author, and ISBN# and we will try to purchase before the last meeting in June.

submitted by Wendy Royston and Maria Watson

GUILD WORKSHOPS

We've had an overwhelming response to the Jelly Roll Rug Workshop and are full. If others are interested in taking it next year, please let me know.

There are still a few spots in the April 8th full day workshop for Free Motion Quilting. We are moving the workshop to the Mary JL Black Library to try a new venue for workshops. The room is bright and welcoming! Let Adrienne know if you are interested or if you have any questions about the class. It is a fun way to finish your quilts. The workshop will provide an introduction to free motion quilting and give the participants confidence to develop their own free motion quilting pattern library. The class is suitable for beginners and folks who would like to improve or add variety to their quilting options.

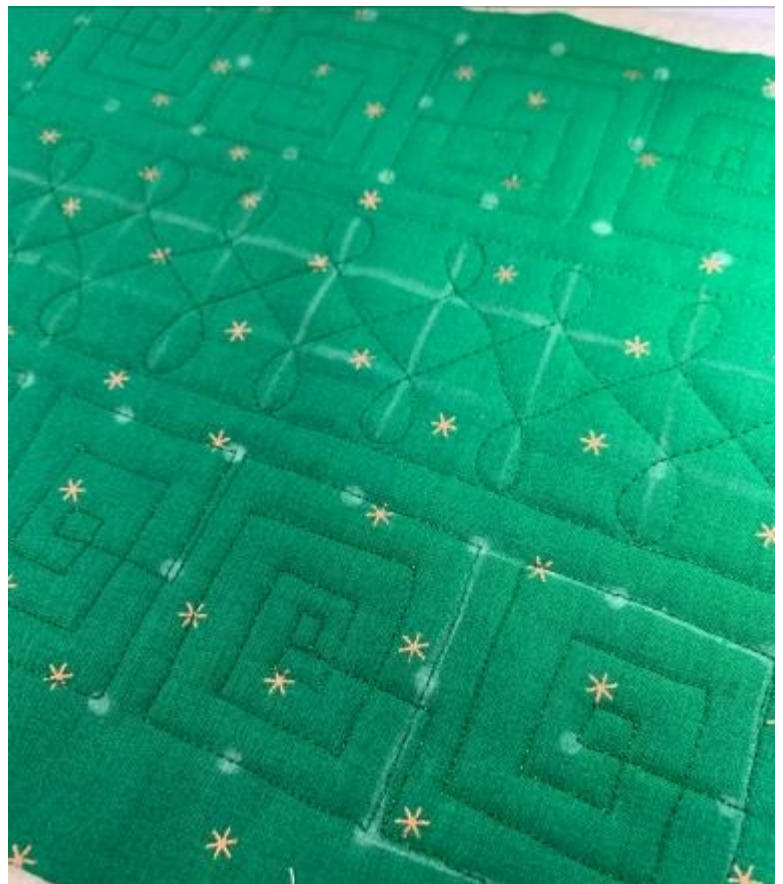
To register or for more information please contact Adrienne vp.tbqq@gmail.com Registration is open for all of these classes. If you are interested, please let us know. Minimum numbers are needed to host the classes.

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.



TEDDY BEAR QUILTS

I know it is only March but if anyone is making Teddy Bear Quilts please send me pictures so that I can put them in the Quill.

Thank you,
Peggy Skillen
pegskillen@tbaytel.net



COMFORT QUILTS

Greetings,

The Comfort Quilt Committee distributed 130 comfort quilts thanks to the wonderful efforts of our Guild members.

31 bed quilts, 32 nap quilts, 17 wheelchair quilts and 50 figits were taken to local facilities - including two new listings (C-Way and Three Cs). Both are integration places for men transitioning from treatment facilities.

Hopefully we will see you at the Quilt Bee. We will have supplies for making more figits and some samples for ideas. Figits continue to be the most requested items. They go to facilities for use in their programs and to comfort seniors. Both Individual and activity figits are appreciated. Comfort quilt labels only go on the activity blankets (more than 4 squares) not the smaller individual ones.

The Committee prioritizes facilities to provide the donated bed quilts where they would benefit multiple users, where possible, such as the Hospice and treatment residences. The figits are provided to senior homes, the Regional Hospital, and other facilities where they may go to individuals to reduce anxiety or be used in Programs and washed. The facilities determine how best to use these donations.

A summary of the places and types of Comfort Quilts will be prepared for the display at the Quilt Show. If anyone has questions, please let us know and we are happy to provide more information. New members and suggestions are always welcomed.

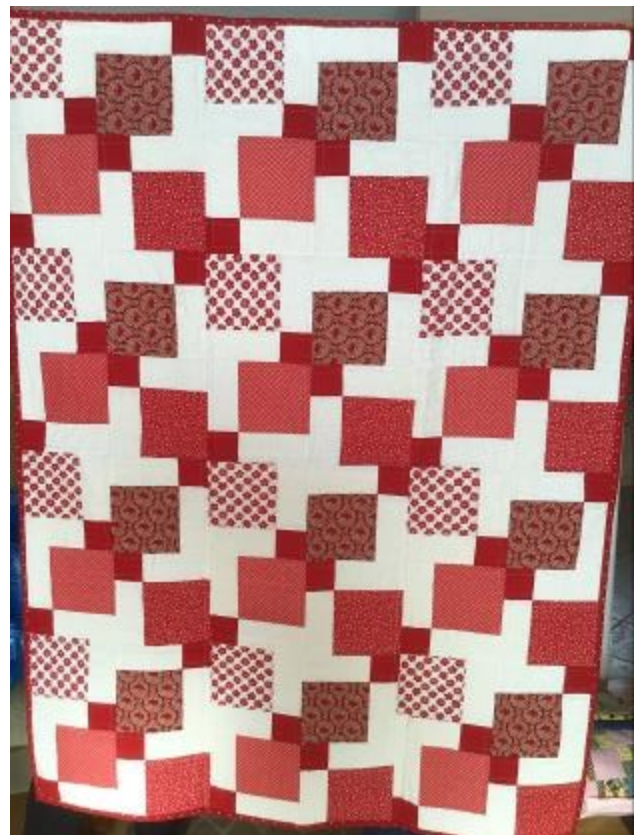
Pat Inch, Iris Maxwell, Jeannette Dann, Carol Richards and Katrina O'Neill

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



FIGITS





Superior Quilts Quilt Show 2023 Update

Quilt Show – May 26-28, 2023. Chairperson: Cindy Cockell ccockell@tbaytel.net

The February Quill had lots of details so I won't repeat them here. I've just included some reminders. The quilt show is coming together nicely and we have a great weekend of events planned. So plan to stay the whole weekend and enjoy the fun, learn something new and enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow quilters.

Sorry, I missed a question in the chat last month about the price of admission:

- admission to the show is \$5 per day
- but you get in free on the day you volunteer...the perk of volunteering.
- you also get free admission for the day of any Geeky Bobbin class you attend.

Note: all payments for banquet or trunk show tickets and for classes to be made electronically via e-transfer to the Guild account: tbayqg@outlook.com or drop off a cheque to Katrina at her shop (Sew Flippin' Creations on May St across from the old Royal Edward Hotel).

Intent To Show submissions:

Only 2 weeks left to go to send in your Intent To Show forms for your quilts being in the show – deadline is March 30. Don't forget to send in your detailed write-ups as well. So even if your quilt isn't finished you'll have to figure out the final size to submit to the display committee. We award 1st, 2nd, 3rd place ribbons to the top vote getters in each of the 2 categories plus there will be random prize draws from all entries.....so please enter your quilt! If you can't email the submissions they may be dropped off at any library or social night in March.

Intent to Show forms get emailed to Mary-Catharine: marycatharinekennedy@gmail.com

Detailed write-ups get emailed to Doris Dungan: ddungan@tbaytel.net

40th Anniversary (Ruby) Challenge Quilt Submissions:

These are due at the April library night – April 18. Please give them to Ellen Lang. If you can't make that night then please contact her prior to that to make other arrangements. Ellen_lang@tbaytel.net

This time the challenge quilts will be given back at the same time as the regular show quilts on May 28. There are 3 prizes for top vote getters and 5 random draws from all entries so lots of prizes to be won!

Classes:

Now is the time to sign up for the Geeky Bobbin classes if you're still thinking about it. Contact Laura Cooke to register: rl.cooke@hotmail.com. As of April 1st, registration will be open to non-Guild members and we do have some waiting for spots. We found out that you can make the Artic Vortex tree skirt/table topper in the Vortex class if you like it better; you just need a different pattern. So let Laura know which Vortex if you register for that class so we know what patterns to order.

Banquet:

Banquet and trunk show only tickets are still available. Email **Luci Andreacchi**: landreacchi@tbaytel.net to request a ticket. Banquet is \$65 for members, \$75 for non-members. Trunk show only is \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members. Geeky Bobbin will give the talk and quilt display at the trunk show.

A full banquet ticket includes the banquet, trunk show and chance to win some great prizes (I'm hoping to have 40). Trunk show only includes the trunk show and a coupon for coffee/tea. After the trunk show we'll draw for some additional prizes from all tickets. The banquet buffet features Cordon Bleu and BBQ Pork, 6 salads, asparagus, roasted potatoes, fruit tray, dessert, coffee/tea and buns. Cash Bar. If you have serious allergies or dietary need please indicate that to Luci in the email. The Valhalla will work with us where possible to ensure a safe meal for everyone.



Superior Quilts Quilt Show 2023 Update

The deadline to purchase banquet tickets is April 30th. Deadline to purchase trunk show only tickets is May 10th. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Door prizes and quilt show random draw prizes:

I'm trying to get 40 door prizes for the banquet/trunk show and we also need prizes for the random draws for entries in the quilt show. We've already approached the vendors in our show and some online vendors as sponsors. If you can provide a prize or you belong to a small group that could put together a prize or know a business who might be willing to donate to this cause please let Cindy Cockell know. ccockell@tbaytel.net. Note: the prizes don't have to be quilt related e.g. A bottle of wine (or as Angela Walters calls it her quilting juice); a gift card/certificate to a local place. A request letter will be sent to all members that can be used when requesting prizes so the donor knows it is a legitimate request from the TBQG.

Advertising: The Facebook and Instagram posts are now live....please share to get the word out. Posters and Bookmarks will be available for pickup at any library or social night. Share them with friends or co-workers. You can also contact Cindy or Adrienne if you need advertising: ccockell@tbaytel.net or alopes@tbaytel.net. Watch for Bayview magazine spring issue and check the back cover for our show....many thanks to Joan Hoskinson for sponsoring it again!

Volunteers: Please email Cathy Britt if you can cover a shift. c-britt50@hotmail.com

We need volunteers to cover shifts in the admission desk, Guild booth, hostess (white glove ladies who walk around the quilt displays), registration/deregistration, and for light cleanup in the café area.

Mary-Catharine can also use help on the Thursday for the quilt setup, especially if you have a husband or son who's good at climbing ladders to help hang the quilts. Then this crew also takes the quilts down after 3pm on Sunday. She provides lunch for the setup crew. Contact Mary-Catharine marycatharinekenedy@gmail.com

Ellen Olson also needs a few more people to help price products then setup the Guild booth on the Thursday. Contact: oellieo@gmail.com

Vendor update: We have 9 great vendors coming to the show! Lots of great stuff to see besides the quilts, demos and café! Circle of Friends Quilt Shoppe; Fueled By Fabric; Dori's Sewing Studio (Sioux Lookout); Gail's Stitches (Red Lake); Sew Flippin' Creations; Fix, Sew and Scissors; Rohnda's Knitting Room; Oma's (Grunthal, MB); Ana Paula Brasil. As well as a display by Quilts of Valor and Canadian Quilters' Association (CQA).

Café: Many thanks to Tonia Heng and Sharon Melville who will be hosting our café throughout the show so you'll have some light meals, goodies and beverages to snack on while you're at the show. Or sit and have a chat with fellow quilters and get to know them since many of us have never met in person yet.

Guild Booth

Keep making items for the Guild booth. We'll be announcing when the drop off date will be but most likely the April and May library nights.

Demos – Cathy Ridley: president.tbqg@gmail.com

- There will be 10 demos throughout the 3 days and I think Cathy has filled the spots. These are generally 30-45 minutes.
- The demo list & times will be in the May Quill (or April if we know by then). Demos are free to attend and they're a great way to learn a new technique or see new tools demoed by some of the vendors.

THUNDER BAY QUILT GUILD HISTORY

Looking Back by Cindy Cockell. This month 2006-2010.

In researching info for this month, I realized we missed another milestone in 2021 – Joanne has been our newsletter editor since 1996 so 2021 would've been her 25th year as editor...thanks Joanne!

Another thing I missed last month. December 2005 was the first time the Guild participated in Christmas Cheer. That first year we donated just over a dozen teddy bears with quilts and the numbers just kept growing every year after that – now we're up over 200 most years.



25th Anniversary!

2006 saw the Guild celebration 25 years....my time flies. It was also another quilt show year. In April 2006 the Quilt Show was again held at the CLE. The quilts were in the Dove building and the café, vendors and classes were in the Heritage building.

Folk Artisan, Nellie Holmes was our guest speaker at the banquet and instructor. Here's a much younger Luci Andreacchi introducing Nellie Holmes at the banquet.



THUNDER BAY QUILT GUILD HISTORY

This was the first time that Northcott sponsored the show's challenge. I approached them explaining it was our 25th anniversary and the Guild colors were shades of purple (for amethyst) and asked if they would donate some fabric for the challenge. Our goal was to feature the 12 top vote getters in a 2006 calendar and the rest got honorable mention on the back page. I thought I kept a copy of the calendar but can't seem to find it but if I do, I'll put a picture in a future column. To our delight Northcott donated 3 bolts and have sponsored our challenge ever since. After we cut all the challenge quilt kits, we had some fabric left and we decided to retire the old show aprons that had been worn by the volunteers for many years (thank goodness), and we held a bee to make the purple chatelaines the show volunteers have been wearing since. It was a fun day and I showed people how to embellish with yarns and some simple beading.

We also honored our founding members, many of whom attended the banquet. Jackie Black and Jo Anne Brimmell are the only 2 who are still members of the Guild.



As usual during these years, the Guild was always busy at the quilt bees make quilts for our various charitable causes. I led a few groups in trying to use up all the scraps from the previous and current bee...I know we made at least 6 full size bed quilts using the flip and sew method at one bee. Then we did a bee at the Prince Arthur Hotel where a bunch of us made Roman shade quilts using the strip tube ruler (I believe we may have the ruler and book in the library) - I think we did 5 or 6 quilts that time too. Then some ladies did string

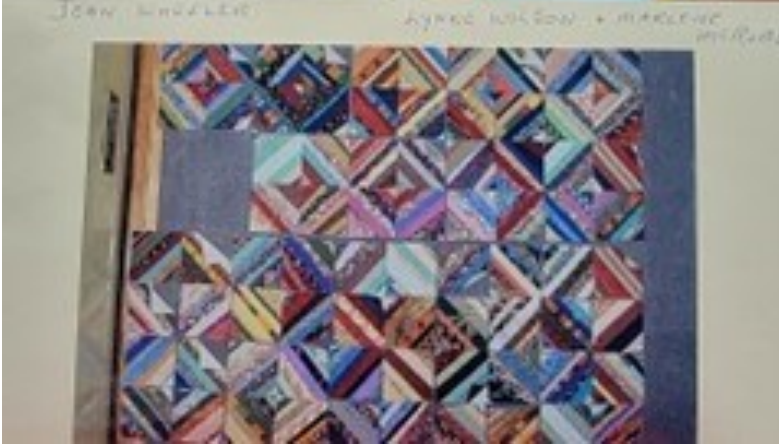
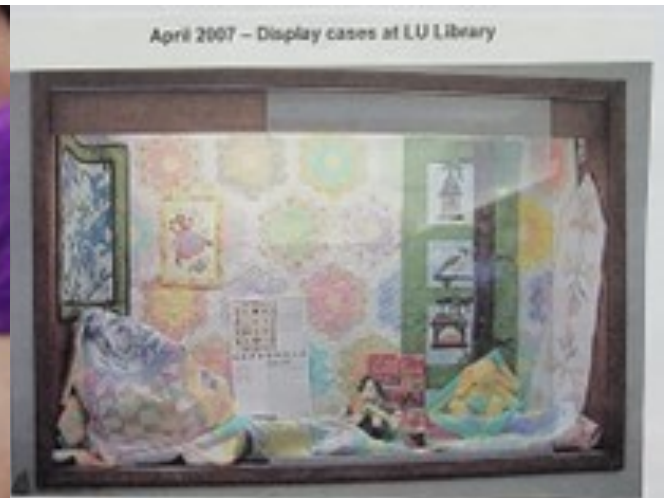
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pieced quilts. At the last bee we again made flip and sew panels and put them together using Jackie Black's hinge method. And yet there's still a big bin of scraps....I think they multiply!



Above is Helen Kitching hard at work on a flip and sew quilt (2007 bee). Below are Joan Wheeler, Lynne Wilson and Marlene McRobb hard at work on a string quilt. We also did more displays in the community back then. On the right was a display case we setup in the LU Library.

THUNDER BAY QUILT GUILD HISTORY



Carol Bernhardson (president 2000 - 2001) rallying the troops at the first quilting bee for Empty Bowls in March 2006.

THUNDER BAY QUILT GUILD HISTORY

In 2007 we did an ugly fabric swap. Each person could add 1 more ugly and 1 nice fabric to the swap fabric and make a placemat. These were given to Meals on Wheels. Ugly was in the eye of the beholder because some of the fabrics were pretty nice. Here are some of them from show and tell.

March 2007 – Ugly Fabric placemat challenge. Participants swapped FQs of ugly fabric, added 1 more ugly and 1 nice fabric of their own. Placemats were donated to Meals on Wheels



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The 2008 bee saw lots of Stack The Deck quilts like this one. Norma Wynn and Jocelyn McKinnon are working on one.



Next month – 2011 probably to present.