

THUNDER BAY QUILTERS' GUILD

QUILTERS' QUILL

April 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

April 17, 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: Sharon Tindall
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: **May 15, 2023**

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

April showers (or snow) brings May flowers. We must have hope or get out our prettiest floral fabric.

Everyone is busy with all focus on our upcoming show. The Committee members are working hard on final preparations and our members are busy finishing their quilts and putting on the correct hanging sleeves. It's getting exciting!

We have another guest speaker for our meeting – [Sharon Tindall](#). Sharon is an advocate and educator of African American history, expressed through quilt code. We will begin right at 7 pm.

See you 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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QUILT SHOW DONATIONS & IDEAS FOR TBQG QUILT SHOW BOOTH

Hello TBQG members,

I am aware that are Members are excited & actively working on Donations for our upcoming Quilt Show. The Executive & the Quilt Show Committee has been working very hard behind the scenes to ensure the Quilt Show 2023 is very successful. I would like to take this opportunity to ***Thank All the Members*** for their generosity, time, & talent creating crafts &/or products for the Guild Booth. Donation sales assist the TBQG with offsetting the costs to put on such an event for our community.

Target market for Quilt Booth Sales is the General Public & the Craft Community at large.

I have compiled some information to share with members and have established some drop-off dates for Donations only (**Excluding the Drop-Off only available May 25th at the CLE - BOOKS/MAGAZINES due to storage limitations**):

DROP OFF Dates:* Please add these dates to your Calendar. Times are fixed & no donations will be accepted outside of Hours Listed. No Donations can be accepted at the Guild Booth during the Quilt Show. If you need to have an alternate drop-off date, please contact: **Ellen Olson by email: oellieo@gmail.com**

- Thunder Bay 55+ Centre, River Street Location Only. Craft Room 1
Saturday, April 15/23 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Calvary Lutheran Church, Donald Street & Edward, Thunder Bay
Tuesday, April 18/23 6:00 p.m. - 7:20 p.m.
- Thunder Bay 55+ Centre, River Street Location Only. Craft Room 1
Saturday, April 22/23. 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Thunder Bay 55+ Centre, River Street Location Only. Craft Room 1
Saturday, May 13/23 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

* PLEASE NOTE THE THUNDER BAY 55+ CENTRE ON RIVER ST. HAS ABSOLUTELY NO INVOLVEMENT IN THE COLLECTING/RECEIVING OF DONATIONS FOR OUR QUILT SHOW. DO NOT DROP OFF OR LEAVE ANY DONATIONS OUTSIDE OF THE LOCATION & DATES LISTED ABOVE. I WILL ADVISE THE RECEPTION TO DIRECT YOU TO PROPER LOCATION IN CASE FOR SOME REASON THE ROOM HAS CHANGED. DONATIONS WILL ONLY BE RECEIVED DURING THE TIMES INDICATED ABOVE.



QUILT SHOW DONATIONS & IDEAS FOR TBQG QUILT SHOW BOOTH

DONATION IDEAS - QUICK & EASY IDEAS TO HELP YOU BUST & REDUCE YOUR STASH AND LINKS TO WHERE YOU CAN FIND THEM.

Please use a large zip lock bag/ or 1 see through bag for your donation & separate donation by category (coasters, mug rugs, etc.): Include in the bag the name of item (coasters, mug rugs etc.) the total number of items for each name/category, if you are donating more than one type of item & suggested fair \$/item.

Include in Bag: 1 card in the Large Bag is required listing your donation(s), # items/category, your name and email address. This will be of tremendous support to help the team code the items & help in establishing a fair pricing system.
(all items not sold will be returned to the maker).

<https://weallsew.com> (Bernina website, however, there are some great quick patterns

- Projects - Pouches, Bags etc.

<https://www.allpeoplequilt.com/quilt-patterns>

- utensil roll; pillows; bags; pin cushions; fast/easy gifts; potholders; hand warmers; scrunchies; mug rugs; Buntings (all seasons, celebrations etc.,)
- casserole carriers; coasters & a whole lot more

<https://sewcanshe.com/2012-08-welcome-to-she-sews-sew-can-she-blog-html/>

- Click on Blog/Tutorials ... She has an endless supply of great free pattern ideas that can be sewn up fast... even though you can't print for free, her tutorials are detailed, very well done and easy to follow. (The site offers the option to print out the patterns for a very small fee and after all she did design it & some bundle ups)

***NEW - CHECK IT OUT - SO CUTE & USEFUL TO ANY AVID READER - VERY FAST
IDEA I DISCOVERED THIS MORNING;*** Scrap buster for sure and I think would be a great seller at the Booth:

- FABRIC BOOKMARK -

<https://quilterscandy.com/fabric-book-marks> (I love this idea and I have not run across this in any of my other craft searches)

Another popular item: Google or search for free patterns: wine bottle bags; bottle or gift bags - just too much out there to be specific.

I listed sites that have easy, fast items to make. Sew On ----- & see you on drop off days. Please email me if you have any further questions.

Ellen
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GROCERY BAG PATTERN

This pattern requires 1/2 m of fabric.

Cut a rectangle 15 1/2 inches by Width of Fabric.

Then cut a 3 3/4-inch strip by WOF for handles. Remove selvages from both strips.

From the large strip cut a 1-inch strip from one of the shorter ends.

To make the handles cut the 3 3/4-inch strip in half at the fold.

Turn the long edges in 1/4 inch on both sides and press. And fold each handle in half and press. Sew along each edge about 1/8 inch from the edge.

Fold the 15 1/2 by WOF in half and press. Turn the top raw edges over 1/4 inch and press and then fold the edges over another 1 1/4 inches and press to make the top edge of the bag.

Insert the handles under the folded top edge of the bag up to the fold and sew along the top edge 1/4 inch from the fold and then along the folded edge near the fold, catching the handles in each seam. Fold the handles up and sew again along previous two seam lines.

Fold in the short edges of the 1x15 inch strip and sew a seam. The fold the strip in half and press. Unfold and fold each long side into the centre and press and fold again in half. Sew an eighth of an inch in along the open side to make the tie.

With the right sides of the bag facing, sew the left side of the bag using a 1/4 or 1/2 - inch seam. Reinforce at the top and bottom. Then insert the tie in the centre of the right-hand seam with just the centre fold showing on the wrong side. Sew the right seam as you did the left.

At this point box the bottom of the bag about two inches up from the bottom. Turn the bag right side out, fold in three and roll towards the ties and secure.

Anne Lockwood



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.

- 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

Thanks go to all who donated completed placemats at the Bee and who picked up kits to take home and assemble. We also continue to encourage you to visit the guild website for pattern ideas, and to contact us if you require labels for placemats you make using your own materials. Remember that placemats are great quick projects for practicing your quilting and binding skills! Check out the pictures below to see some of the newest creations received.

Doris Dungan and Judy Murphy



QUILT BEE

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Quilt Bee on March 18 and 19. It was a fantastic weekend, and we had more participants than we have had in a long time at 50 on Saturday and slightly less on Sunday. We sewed, ate, learned from each other and ate some more. Many quilts were finished over the weekend and many of the kits were taken to be finished at home. In the spirit of the weekend, some of our members who couldn't attend participated at home by making quilts for our community. The generosity of our quilt community is very impressive.

Congratulations to the organizing committee for making the weekend an enjoyable experience for everyone. A lot of planning and preparation goes into making it a productive weekend. Thank you to Wendy Royston for all of the early prep work to help us to be ready for the weekend. Thank you also to Cindy Cockell and Luci Andreacchi for organizing and making the food for the weekend. Everyone enjoyed the soup and chilli made by Laura Cooke, Kathy Sanderson, Luci Andreacchi, Jeannette Dann and Cathy Ridley - thank you all for keeping us full and fuelled up for the weekend. To those who helped out at the bee in the kitchen, with clean up and set up - Thank you.

If you have completed your quilt or if you have taken it as far as you'd like, please contact Adrienne by email (alopes@tbaytel.net) to arrange pick up or drop off to get the quilts out into our community. If you need batting, backing, binding to finish your quilt please let Adrienne know. Additionally, if you are looking for a kit to work on, Adrienne can set you up with a fun and colourful kit.

Thank you on behalf of the organizers. We are looking forward to seeing your quilts and doing this again next year.

Adrienne Lopes
Wendy Royston
Cathy Ridley
Laura Cooke

Luci Andreacchi
Carol Richards
Cindy Cockell
Nellie Jaremey

Mary-Catharine Kennedy
Leona Stolz
Anne Lockwood
Jeannette Dann



QUILT BEE



Marlene Bosma quilting



Adrienne and Judy sorting fabric



Susan and Deb wonky log cabin



VP REPORT

I am starting to plan guild workshops for next year and I am gathering ideas. So far, I have the following ideas and suggestions:

- Half Square Triangle workshop with a pattern
- Bag pattern similar to those designed by Sewing Illustration (storage case, makeup bag)
- Cindy's large bag pattern with ruler pocket
- Jelly Roll Rug was so popular we might convince Laura to offer it again
- Quilt backing options and techniques
- Intermediate free motion quilting

If you are interested in teaching a workshop, please let me know. We provide our instructors with an honorarium for their teaching time.

Additionally, if you have workshop ideas that you would be interested in, please let me know. In past years we have offered pattern classes (pick a quilt pattern and have a workshop for that pattern) - that is another option if there is interest.

I'd be happy to brainstorm some ideas if you'd like to discuss. It has been great to have in person workshops this year. There is always something to learn.

Adrienne
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PROGRAM

The TBQG had planned a very comprehensive Program 2022-23. When I stepped in to volunteer to be Program Chair, there was not much of the 2023 Program - June left to complete. I am hoping for continued success with co-ordinating a Program for 2023-24 that engages all members to actively participate. My goal is to reach out to Members and engage in short projects members would like to see and some new Program ideas not tried before. My May Program will be brief, and I am open to new ideas.

Ellen Olson

LIBRARY REPORT

April 18 is the last Library night and all books that are signed out are to be returned that night. Members will **not** be able to sign out new books that night.

Purged books and magazines will be free to Members on April 18 as they will all be going to the Quilt Show after that.

submitted by Wendy Royston and Maria Watson

TEDDY BEAR QUILTS

This past month the Guild received a beautiful gift of three large bags of stuffed animals from one of our members. So, I am encouraging you to continue to make small quilts so we can wrap these beautiful little stuffies in November so that they can be distributed to Christmas Cheer and other agencies. Thank you, Tonia, for your generosity, I'm sure they will be loved.



This was just a few of them to give you an idea of the assortment that were in the bags.

Peggy Skillen

pegskillen@tbaytel.net



TEDDY BEAR QUILTS



COMFORT QUILTS

Greetings,

Thank you for the comfort quilts and fidgets. We will be hanging onto these to display at the Quilt Show then will gather to distribute at the end of June. If you are interested in helping, please let us know. Also, if anyone needs a label, please let me know or come out on Library night.

We have a surplus of fidget materials so will not be accepting more except for fleece and washable ribbon. Please let us know if you need starter materials, marbles, Velcro, or a kit. Some of the extra materials were donated to the crafts program at the Underground Gym.

We received two thank you notes from Pinewood and the Seaway program on Kingsway. Recently I observed firsthand that the residents at Hogarth Riverview really appreciate having use of the quilts. One senior informed me she would like to have a small lap quilt - just covering to her knees - to use in the summer when she goes outside in her wheelchair - preferably in pink and white. I'll work on it after the show.

Suggested quilt sizes are listed as a guideline and all sizes are welcomed.

Thanks,

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



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Superior Quilts Quilt Show 2023 Update

As you are reading this, there are 6 weeks left until the quilt show (May 26-28) are you getting excited yet? I am. It's shaping up to be a great show and the committee has been hard at work. I've seen a few quilts and items for the Guild booth, and they look great. I know there are over 120 quilts entered so far. I still have 1 wall hanging to finish quilting and must get to it soon. Hopefully everyone has finished their 40th anniversary challenge and we see lots of those too.

We still need a few volunteers to fill out some spots as I've indicated below. The quilt show can't happen without everyone's help so please try to volunteer even if for a short time. But I also know some of you have to wait until you know work/life schedules closer to the show time, so Cathy Britt will continue to take volunteers up until a few days before the show.

Don't forget to share the Instagram and Facebook posts. The more advertising the better! If you saw the Bayview magazine that came out a few weeks ago you'll see that we got the back page sponsorship again which is awesome. Watch for more advertising in the coming weeks. If you need posters or bookmarks, please contact Adrienne Lopes to see if there are any left.

For all the new members who may not have been to our shows in the past...make sure you keep this weekend open for 3 days of quilting fun and activities.

The weekend entails:

- There are 10 demo's spread over the 3 days so you can sit and learn a new technique for free (list will be in the May Quill).
- We have 3 classes scheduled so think about signing up for one – a confident beginner could probably do any of them. There is still space in all so contact Laura Cooke if you are interested.
- The banquet and trunk show will be a lot of fun and I'm almost up to 30 door prizes now (my goal is 40).
- The Guild booth has lots of products for sale including quilting magazines, books, patterns at extremely low prices so check them out if you need some resources.
- The Guild Hospitality booth will have some history and info about the Guild...so stop by and chat with Maureen Mauro.
- And don't forget we have 9 awesome vendors plus 2 vendor display booths to visit.
- If space permits, we also set up a sewing area where donation quilts will be made and you might get a quilting question answered.
- There's so much to see and do and lots of places to shop. And if you need a break don't forget to check out the café provided by Tonia Heng and Sharon Melville. They'll have light meals, snacks, and beverages.

Important dates:

April 18 (library) – Challenge quilts are due. Give them to Ellen Lang or contact her if you can't make this night. Ellen_lang@tbaytel.net

If you haven't done so already, this is also the final date to submit a detailed write-up for your quilt show entry. Please email to Doris Dungan: ddungan@tbaytel.net or drop off at library night.

April 21 - Class sign-ups due. We'd like to know how many people we have in each class early enough to do a bulk order of the patterns. As of April 1, classes were open to anyone so if you have a friend who wants to come but isn't a Guild member then they are welcome to sign up. Contact Laura Cooke at rl.cooke@hotmail.com

April 30 – last date to purchase a full banquet ticket \$65. Contact Luci Andreacchi to request a ticket landreacchi@tbaytel.net. But pay the Guild for the ticket tbayqg@outlook.com or drop off a cheque to



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Katrina's store, Sew Flippin' Creations, on May St if you don't e-transfer. Note: non-members are welcome as well for \$75.

May 10 – last date to purchase a trunk show only ticket \$10. Contact Luci and pay the Guild as per above. Note: non-members are welcome as well for \$20.

Mid-May – Zoom meeting for all volunteers

Drop off dates for items you are donating to the Guild booth:

Ellen Olson sent out a very detailed email about the Guild booth, so I won't repeat it all here. Just remember, NO Guild booth items will be accepted for drop off at the show, except for magazines, books, patterns which are dropped off Thursday, May 25 during the quilt drop off time. Contact Ellen Olson if you have questions or can't make one of these times: oellieo@gmail.com

Thank you to all those who have contributed to the Guild booth. All money raised goes back into funding the great work of the Guild. It should be a fantastic booth....I already know what many of you are making and we received a huge donation of quilting books and magazines from Sharon Melville.

Sat, April 15	10:30am-noon	Thunder Bay 55+ Centre on River Street. Craft Room 1
Tue, April 18	6pm-7:20pm (library night)	at Calvary Lutheran Church, Donald & Edward Streets
Sat, April 22	10:30am-noon	Thunder Bay 55+ Centre on River Street. Craft Room 1
Sat, May 13	10:30am-noon	Thunder Bay 55+ Centre on River Street. Craft Room 1

Classes:

The external quilt committee puts in a lot of time to search out new instructors with different ideas to bring to the Guild. This will be the first in-person classes by an outside instructor since the start of the pandemic.

There is still space left in all 3 classes. Details are on the Guild website. A confident beginner should be able to do any of them. If you want to take a class, now is the time to sign up. We are doing a bulk order for the patterns later in the month so have to know numbers soon. Contact Laura Cooke rl.cooke@hotmail.com.

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

Thanks to all who have volunteered already. We still have a few spots that need at least 1 more person. Bonus – you get free admission for the day you volunteer. As of Apr 1 these spots were still open.

Greeters/hostess/white glove ladies:

Friday:	Noon-2pm	need 3 or 4
	2pm-4pm	need 1
	4pm-5:30pm	need 1 or 2
	5:30pm-7pm	need 4 or 5
	7:30pm-9pm	need 4 or 5

Saturday:	10am-noon	need 1
	2pm-4pm	need 1

Sunday:	10am-noon	need 3
	Noon-1:30pm	need 2
	1:30pm-3pm	need 1 or 2



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Guild Booth (selling)

Sunday:	10am-noon	need 1
	Noon-1:30pm	need 2
	1:30pm-3pm	need 2

Admission desk

Sunday:	10am-noon	need 1
	Noon-1:30pm	need 2
	1:30pm-3pm	need 1

Café area tidying (not serving food, mainly clearing and wiping off tables)

Friday:	Noon-2pm	need 1
	2pm-4pm	need 1 or 2
Saturday:	Noon-2pm	need 1
	2pm-4pm	need 1 or 2
Sunday:	Noon-1:30pm	need 1
	1:30pm – 3pm	need 1 or 2

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. I'm up to roughly 30 right now.

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; 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.

Props for the Show:

The show display committee always does a great job displaying the quilts. But what makes it look even better are some props. We often have people lend us old sewing machines, old wooden ironing boards, old washboards, quilting racks, etc. If you think you have something that could help out then please fill out the Intent To Show for Props form attached in this month's email and send it to Mary-Catharine asap or email her if you have questions: marycatharinekenedy@gmail.com

Coming in the May Quill.... Next month I'll put the details of when/where to drop off your quilts and the list of demo's. The hanging/claim tickets to attach to your show entries will also be in the May Quill.

THUNDER BAY QUILT GUILD HISTORY

Looking Back by Cindy Cockell. This month 2011-2015.

2011 was another quilt show year – our 30th Anniversary already. Quilts were in the Dove Building and the vendors in the Heritage building. This one was special. We decided to honour our oldest member, Helen Knights with a display of some of her works of art. We debated whether to wait until she was 100 but that wasn't until 2012 (and not a show year) so we celebrated 99+. When I first approached Helen and asked her if we could feature some of her quilts and have her do a meet and greet for a few hours one of the days she said OK but someone had to come to her place to get the quilts and then put them back after the show....no problem, her house was a treasure trove of creativity to choose from. She'd quilted for years, travelled the world and was always trying new things in many art forms. For those who remember Helen, you'll know she was full of life even at 99 and she stayed at the show all 3 days, from opening to closing, talking to people; the only time she took a break was when her stepdaughter took her to lunch. Sadly, she passed away just a few months before her 103rd birthday and we lost a talented lady who was an active Guild member until near the end. May we all be that lucky and creative!



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Her famous plastic shopping bag coats using bags from around the world. She made several.



THUNDER BAY QUILT GUILD HISTORY



Paulette Eccleston was the guest speaker at our banquet – seen here with some of her scrap quilts.



First place winner in the quilt category was Joanne DeJong for her stack and whack quilt. The picture doesn't really do it justice...it was spectacular.



And first place in the Quilt Show Challenge was Leona Stolz. Those are prairie points around the outside.

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2012 – lots of teddy bear quilts being made and donated to Christmas Cheer.

The **2013** Quilt Show saw Cheryl Arkinson (Sunday Morning Quilts) as our guest instructor and presenter at the banquet (in the yellow sweater). For many of us it was our first introduction to improv quilting. The 2nd picture shows Christina Wakefield testing out her blocks.



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Some of Cheryl's scrap quilts presented during her trunk show.



Some 2013 show winners – we had a lot more categories in those days (at least 6)

1st place for quilts was Shirley Assaunt



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1st place Seasonal – Elaine Bell

1st Place Hand Quilting – Evelyn Ponka



The year **2014** saw the official formation of the Placemat Committee. That first year the Guild donated 242 placemats to Meals on Wheels....and we've never stopped, although now we supply a few more places. Lynne Wilson taught an Eye-Spy quilt class. The Guild booth for the 2015 show had a theme of 'kitchen items' so members were encouraged to make things like potholders, jars of cookie mix with a fancy lid. The Twister ruler was just out, and Norma Wynne taught a class using it.

In October many members participated in a Shoe Box Quilt Round Robin that lasted a few months where each participant provided fabric, pattern etc. in a shoe box and it got passed among other members of the group to produce the final quilt top that went back to the shoe box owner. The end of the year saw a challenge going out to members to list their UFOs with the intent on trying to finish as many as possible by June 2015. The first person to complete 10 got a prize but the real prize was finished quilt tops!

2015 was another quilt show year. The show that year only had a single category for voting. The guest instructor and trunk show presenter that year was Johanna Masko. She worked mainly in folk art and primitive styles. One of her classes was the wonky houses.

The theme for that year's challenge was Be Happy using the Northcott fabric to the right.

Unfortunately, I don't have any pictures of the 2015 show or the winners.

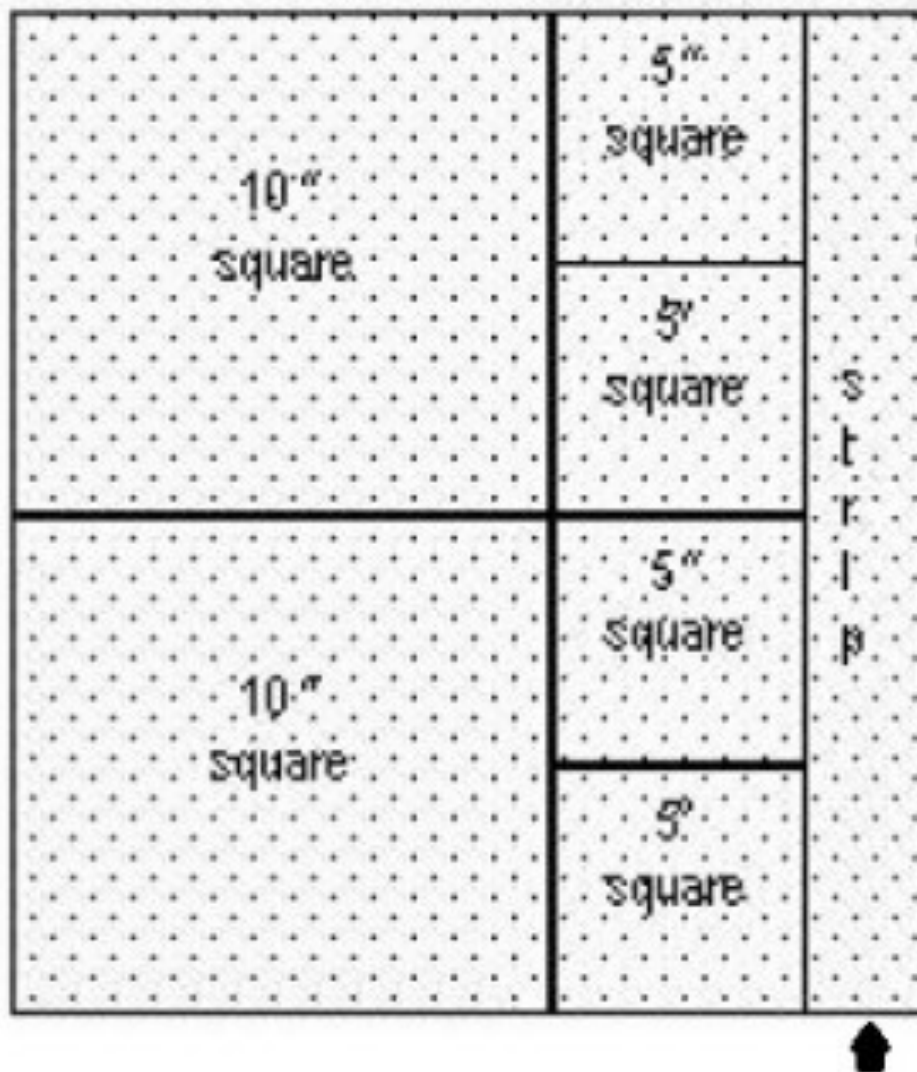


THUNDER BAY QUILT GUILD HISTORY

2015 also saw the start of the short-lived Possibilities group – we went for a few years. A bunch of us got together at Superior High School once a month and discussed quilting and possibilities. Many times, Alva would show us some new ruler or technique, and everyone shared favorite websites and brought show and tell.

We ended the year with a donation of just over 150 teddy bears and quilts to Christmas Cheer.

I saw a suggestion in a 2015 Quill for members who wanted to donate fabric to the quilt bee committee (or cut up FQ's for their own use). If you cut a FQ like the chart below the strip on the right should be 2 ½" with a teeny bit trimmed off the sides of the FQ. Since many of our bee projects use these sizes, it works out great and saves the bee committee some work. Note: a FQ should be 22"x18".



Next time 2016 to the present.