

THUNDER BAY QUILTERS' GUILD

QUILTERS' QUILL

May 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 mail to: kavanagh@tbaytel.net Any advertising shall be quilt related with the Executive setting the fees. Advertisements must be submitted to the executive for approval, prior to publishing. Please mail to: president.tbqg@gmail.com

MEETING AGENDA

May 15, 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: **June 19, 2023**

Note: there will be a short meeting for all Quilt Show volunteers following the regular Guild meeting.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It seems incongruous that we are winding down our year while spring is blooming. I personally don't garden but appreciate all of you who do – you make the world a more beautiful place.

The Quilt Show is right around the corner. We can't thank the people enough for all the time and efforts they have put into the show. I know I speak for many of us who can't wait to see the beautiful quilts.

We are still looking for people to take over positions in the Executive. Please contact me if you are interested.

See you at the meeting,

Cathy



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.

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SEW DAYS

We had our last Sew Day for the guild year on May 6 at West Thunder Community Centre. The space, lighting and electrical was sufficient for our needs so a decision was made to change the venue to West Thunder for the next guild year. More information about dates to come in September.

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, 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

Think Spring when you view samples below of the latest beautiful creations donated to the placemat committee. Be sure also to look for our display of placemats at the quilt show and contact us if you need labels or kits.

Happy sewing!

Doris Dungan and Judy Murphy



QUILT BEE

We encourage you to continue to work on your Quilt Bee projects to keep the community donation quilts coming in over the summer. If you need batting, binding or backing, or if you are looking for a kit or a pattern, please contact Adrienne for supplies. As you finish your quilts remember that you need to add a label (which you can also get from Adrienne) before handing in your quilt.

Thank you for all of your work to bring comfort and colour to our community.

I will work on some new kits and patterns over the summer. If anyone is interested in helping out with the chairperson role (as co-chair) of the Quilt Bee please let me know. I am looking for someone or a small group of folks who would be interested in co-chairing the Quilt Bees going forward.

The photo is a recent Quilt Bee finish by Gayle Gowanlock.

Thank you!

Adrienne



COMFORT QUILTS

Greetings,

Thanks for all the amazing comfort quilts dropped off since the quilt bee. There is a wonderful variety to display during our Quilt Show. The Committee will get together after the June meeting to sort and distribute. New committee members are welcome, so please consider joining the group.

If you need labels, let us know. The label can be sewn onto the front or back of donation quilts and figit activity blankets - but not the taggy blankets, marble mazes or other smaller squares.

Donation quilts and quilted 12 1/2" squares can be dropped off at Sew Flippin Creations or contact a Committee member. All quilts and figits should be stitched enough to survive any washes. If you have questions, let us know.

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"

See you at the Show,

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

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May 26-28 Superior Quilt Show

Show times: Friday, May 26 noon-9pm, Saturday, May 27 10am-4pm, Sunday, May 28 10am-3pm
Banquet: Saturday May 27. Valhalla Inn – Scandia Rooms. Banquet at 6, trunk show around 8.

Well by the time you're reading this it will be less than 2 weeks until the quilt show. And what a show it will be! We have over 150 quilts to see, over 20 challenge quilts, 8 vendors, the café, a full slate of demos, 3 classes and of course our banquet & trunk show. As of writing we had just passed the 100 mark for the number of people coming to the banquet.... Luci and I knew that you were ready to get together in person and celebrate.

Some things to remember:

- Thursday, May 25 from 8am – 9:30 am (Cardinal Room entrance on the far right of the Coliseum):
 - Drop off your quilts and props. **NO LATE DROP OFFS.** Remember to fill out both halves of the hanging tag/claim ticket on each piece and attach the 'hanging' side to your piece (safety pin in a bottom corner). Bring the other half with you and make sure you keep it for pick-up on Sunday. I've attached the form again.
 - Drop off any books, magazines, patterns you are donating to the Guild booth. You cannot drop off any products for the booth on this day – it's too late.
- If you have a full-size quilt, please make sure your hanging sleeve can accommodate a 1"x 3" board since the bigger quilts are hung with boards, not dowel.
- Sunday, May 28 doors open for quilt pickup starting approximately 4:30. All quilts/props **MUST** be picked up by 5:30pm. Once the show closes at 3pm Sunday all doors will be locked, everyone who is not a vendor or part of take down must exit and nobody gets in until Mary-Catharine and her take-down crew give the OK that all quilts are accounted for and ready to go. At that time the doors to the Cardinal Room will open and you can pick up your quilts & props. Ellen will also have the challenge quilts ready for pickup too. Remember you **MUST** have your claim ticket to get your quilt back – that is our security monitoring to ensure all quilts are returned to their proper owner.
- Mary-Catharine & Jeannette Dann could still use some more props. Form attached if you have something.
- Mary-Catharine could also use one more man who is OK climbing ladders to help hang the quilts. Contact her if you know someone who can help.
- Please share details about the show with everyone you know. If you want a pdf version of the poster let Cindy Cockell or Adrienne Lopes know and we'll send it to you. There have been Instagram and Facebook posts created that you can share as well. The more advertising the better!
- **Classes** (Cardinal Room at the far-right corner of the Coliseum):
 - Vortex – Friday, May 26. Noon – 3pm (you may stay in the room sewing until 9pm)
 - Moonrise – Saturday, May 27. 10am-4pm
 - Y-Seams – Sunday, May 28. 10am-2pm
- **Banquet** – Valhalla Inn Scandia Rooms. 5:30 pm to approximately 9pm. Symposium at 5:30, dinner at 6:00. Trunk show will start around 8pm so if you have a trunk show only ticket you can show up after 7:30.
 - The awards will be given out at the banquet.
 - I have hit the 40 door prize mark! Thanks to all who donated a prize. We have some great ones.
 - **If you wear RED to the banquet, your name will go into a draw for a special prize.**
 - Ticket sales are now closed.
 - You will get your ticket at the door at the banquet. Luci has the master list of everyone who requested a ticket and had paid by the due date. Cindy has printed everyone's ticket with their name on it. You can put it in the door prize draw basket if you wish to win a door prize (almost a 1 in 2

May 26-28 Superior Quilt Show

chance of winning).

- It's not mandatory but I'd suggest making a label for your quilt and sewing it to the back. Paper claim tickets could rip off and this way we'll know for sure whose quilt it is.
- Bring your own shopping bag(s) to the show. In the past we've saved and used plastic grocery bags but that's not possible anymore. So, it will help to cut down on waste if you bring your own bag. The Guild booth will have a limited number of bags and the vendors will have their own.
- Bring cash for the \$5 admission and Guild booth purchases. The vendors may take credit/debit cards, but the Guild tables do not. There is an ATM on site if you need more money.
 - The café will be cash only as well.
- There is a cash bar at the banquet – your ticket only includes tea/coffee/water.

Demos: (Cathy is still confirming some so the list subject to change)

Friday, May 26

Time	Demo Title	Presenter
1:00 pm	The History of Template Quilting	Anne Lockwood
3:00 pm	Tamarack Jacket	Maureen Mauro
5:00 pm	Figit Quilts	Iris Maxwell
7:00 pm	Hand Sewing EPP – Ya right!	Cindy Connell
8:00 pm	Sashiko Stitching (\$5.00 kit fee)	Cathy Ridley

Saturday, May 27

Time	Demo Title	Presenter
11:00 am	Rug Making	Laura Cooke
1:00 pm	Exploring 12 different types of Quilting Rulers	Dori
2:30 pm	Hinge Technique for Joining Prequilted Squares	Jackie Black

Sunday, May 28

Time	Demo Title	Presenter
10:30 am	Bindings - Plain and Fancy	Doris Dungan
12:30 pm	Machine Quilting, Featherweights & More	Keith Verdenik
1:00 pm	Sashiko Stitching	Cathy Ridley

Volunteers still needed (this list is as of May 7 so check with Cathy Britt since it may have changed):

The following spots still need some volunteers, and we really need to fill them. I know some of you are waiting until you know your work schedules.

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Friday:

Noon-2	Admission	need 1
2-4pm	Hostesses/White Glove ladies	need 1 or 2
5:30-7:30pm	Hostesses/White Glove ladies	need 1
7:30-9pm	Hostesses/White Glove ladies	need 1 or 2

Sunday:

10am-noon	Guild booth merchandise sales	need 2
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Café helpers: we really need help with this one. Tonia and Sharon are generously providing the food service at no cost to the Guild, so we want to help them out and do the table cleanup. You are not making or serving the food. You just have to wipe off tables and maybe remove plates/cups if people don't do it themselves. We provide gloves and cleaning supplies.

Friday – all afternoon & evening shifts need someone: 5:30-7:30 and 7:30-9

I will thank everyone on the committee at the banquet, but some people will not be there so I'll list them here. A lot of people came together the past 1 ½ years, putting in countless hours (100s) to produce the show; not really knowing if it would happen at the start, because we were still in serious Covid times. We crossed our fingers and forged on, hoping we'd be OK. Well, we made it (or should since we're still 3 weeks out as I write this).

So, a big thanks go out to my organizing committee: me, Cindy Cockell (your show coordinator & printing), Luci Andreacchi (banquet), Cathy Ridley (demos), Adrienne Lopes (advertising & sponsorship), Laura Cooke (guest instructor & banquet guest speaker), Cathy Britt & Linda Boulter (volunteers), Katrina O'Neill (treasurer), Ellen Lang (40th Anniversary Challenge), Mary-Catharine Kennedy & Jeannette Dann (show layout & setup), Mary-Catharine (awards), the late Vicky Butt & Jeannette Dann (vendors), Maureen Mauro (hospitality booth), Sharon Melville & Tonia Heng (café), Ellen Olson (Guild booth), Susan Dygun (site protocol manager), Cindy Connell (photographer), Jennifer Quick (registration/deregistration).

Also, a big thanks to Doris Dungan for putting together all the quilt write-ups. And to Marg & Jennifer Marks who will be taking tickets at the banquet.

And of course, a big thank you to all of you who have volunteered your time as hostess/greeter, admissions table, Guild booth sales, setup/take down, café helper, doing demos and doing the registration/deregistration of all the quilts and props.

Cindy



THUNDER BAY QUILT GUILD HISTORY

Looking Back by Cindy Cockell. This month 2016-present.

This is my final article in the series. I thought this one would be short but so much has happened in the past 7 years. I hope you've enjoyed a trip down memory lane, or just learning more about the history of our Guild if you're a newer member. I've certainly enjoyed researching it and finding out things that I never knew or had forgotten about. It was sad to see how many members have passed on since 1981 but they inspired and mentored many new members along the way and the Guild continues to grow and mentor new quilters. We came from a time when the rotary cutter and special rulers were brand new tools to today's computerized sewing and quilting machines, lots of tools and specialty rulers. We've embraced technology along the way but still hold true to our roots of making wonderful quilts and enjoying the camaraderie of others.

This year we celebrate the Guild's 40th anniversary but the real 40th was in 2021 when Covid derailed our plans. So that gave us 2 more years to plan the celebration, not even knowing at the time if we'd be able to do anything in 2023. So, I'm glad Covid has faded away a bit and we're able to celebrate. Not many groups last 40+ years and are still going strong. So many Guilds folded during Covid. It's a testament to our executive and members who kept it going. Hopefully we'll all be around and get to celebrate 50 years in 2031.

I hope to see everyone at the quilt show May 26-28. Stop by the Hospitality booth in the lobby and look through the hundreds of pictures that I couldn't put in the articles. Find out more about our community charity efforts that maybe you didn't know about. Maureen Mauro will be in the booth most of the show and will be glad to chat with you. Most of all, come out and meet your fellow members in person, at the show and at the banquet and enjoy the celebration....so many of us have never really met each other.

2016 saw the start of making fidget quilts. Little did we know then how popular they would become. They are the most sought-after item of our donations. A challenge was put out to finish UFO's and there would be prizes! Members continued to offer and take quilting classes. And we continued making placemats, teddy bear quilts and comfort quilts.

In December we donated 216 teddy bear quilts at the Christmas Cheer Kickoff lunch. That was a record number to date. They look so good when they're all together!



THUNDER BAY QUILT GUILD HISTORY

2017 saw the unveiling of a new, more modern looking logo after members voted for their favorite new design in fall 2016. New name tags kits were created and members encouraged to make one to wear at meetings (kits will be at the quilt show Guild booth).



Superior Quilts 2017 (April 28-30)

It was also a quilt show year with Aila Metsa as show chairperson. Sharon Melville was our president. The Northcott Challenge that year was "Oh Canada" based on their line of fabric by the same name. It was Canada's 150th birthday. The Walleye did an article on the Guild and our challenge. This was the winning challenge quilt made by Jennette Bradshaw.

It was a memorable quilt show but not for all the best reasons. We were hit by a snow/ice storm the day of setup (Thursday). I had my RAV4 loaded with all the merchandise for the Guild booth the day before and my back hatch froze shut and we had to get it out through the one side door that would open. Several people on the setup crew couldn't get cars out of frozen garages and out of town vendors were late getting in. But in the end things worked out and by Saturday the weather improved and we had a great show.



Dorothy Mills won viewer's choice 1st place for Flights of Fancy (left). Mary-Catharine Kennedy 2nd place for Cascade (right) and Jeannette Dann 3rd place for Floral Bouquet (next page).



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Our guest instructor and banquet speaker was Mary Elizabeth Kinch who taught 2 workshops: The Joy of a Tiny Pieced Sampler and an improv workshop.



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Jan 2018 was another great quilt bee with 32 people participating. Lots of quilts got made. I did a demo on making a quilt using striped fabric – several people made these and every one turns out different because of how you cut the striped fabric into triangles and re-piece it. Lots of striped teddy quilts.



Feb 2018 also saw Ellen Lang chair the 2019 Quilt Show committee and plans began for the next show (it would be the last one until this year's). It was moved to the end of May – in part to avoid snow storms.

In Jan-Feb 2018 The Baggage Building Arts Center had a special fiber arts display and many of our members participated in that. It was a great show. We welcomed Julie Plotniko from BC to teach 3 classes: a color blending workshop, a thread painted hedgehog and free motion botanical themed workshop. She's taught a few other workshops since then.

In February Peggy Skillen did a special challenge for making teddy bear quilts: Rip, Snip, Drop & Pass. Each person was supposed to bring a meter of kid themed fabric then we got into groups and ripped and snipped the fabric in half with each pass so in the end you had 4-5 pieces of fabric of various sizes and a challenge from Peggy to make a teddy bear quilt. It was a lot of fun and we got some great teddy quilts.

November 2018 Norma Wynn held a moving sale to reduce her fabric stash and book inventory before she moved to Southern Ontario. Lots of good deals to be had and some nice batiks.... not that any of us needed any more fabric, but we gladly took some off Norma's hands.

Fall 2018 – I became your Program Chair once again and designed 2 more 3-month mystery for the Guild. We also did the ever-popular gadget night and asked members to bring their favorite or not so favorite gadget and tell us about it. We rounded out the fall with an ugly sweater mini quilt challenge, a demo of quick gifts to make for Christmas and a postcard challenge.

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2019 – In January 2019 we had a 2-day quilt bee, in part thanks to getting a TBaytel For Good grant which gave us extra money to purchase batting and supplies. In the picture are Mary-Catharine Kennedy, Christina Wakefield, Adrienne Lopes and someone from TBayTel.



Superior Quilt Show 2019 (May 24-26)

Our guest instructor and lecturer for the 2019 Quilt show was Jennifer Houlden who taught 2 workshops. A paper piece triangular log cabin variation and a bargello sun flower.



It was a sold-out dessert & fruit social at West Arthur and Jen Houlden gave a talk titled “Creating with Color – My Quilting Journey” and showed us many of her beautiful quilts.

The show winners were:

Northcott Challenge – Joyce Gilmore (no picture)

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Viewer's Choice 1st Place – Paradise in Bloom by Shirley Aussant
Member's Choice – Paradise in Bloom by Shirley Aussant



Viewer's Choice 2nd Place – Full Bloom by Suzanne Mills (left)
Viewer's Choice 3rd Place - Friendship by Jeannette Dann (right)





THUNDER BAY QUILT GUILD HISTORY

2020-2023

Well most of you have been around for the Covid times so no need to go into details. We actually picked up a lot of new out of town members the past few years. Thankfully Cathy Ridley rose to the occasion with the executive and learned to do Zoom and kept our Guild going throughout the pandemic years. Many were hesitant at first but soon found it wasn't so bad over Zoom and at least we could continue to meet. I did a quick pivot and taught classes over Zoom, which was a learning curve and I actually like teaching and taking classes over Zoom for many reasons. Love it or hate it, Zoom did allow us to keep connected and inspired. It also means not having to go out to a meeting in a snow storm!

Many of us started to work from our stash when quilt/fabric shops closed.... but did anyone really make a big dent in it? I designed another spring mystery for the Guild (Tulips runner or wall hanging) and thank goodness I packaged the entire kit at once this time because we couldn't meet the month after I gave them out.

We saw the introduction of virtual sew days, which are still going on today with a good number of people participating every 2 weeks. We made sure to make contact with members to make sure they were doing OK, especially in the early days of total lock down. Most of us have come to embrace the technology that has allowed us to take classes/lectures from all over the world with a front row seat and easy access to our sewing room without having to lug everything. We get a close-up view at show and tell.

It enabled the Program Chair & External Instructor Committee to bring in instructors and lecturers from other countries and even from within our own country. We never could've afforded to have people like Daisy Aschoug from Norway, Mister Domestic (US), Sarah Goer(US), Christina Camelli (US). Even in-country instructors were cheaper – we had Andrea Tsang Jackson (map quilts and gemology quilts), Libs Elliot (Embrace the Chaos), Tamara Kate (tiny squares apple), the Aurifilosophy lecture and many more. It gave us the opportunity to learn lots of new things through seminars like the Global Quilt Connection.

We did the sisterhood swap, a neighborhood house block swap and postcard swaps – some groups finding creative ways to exchange their blocks. Adrienne and Mary-Catharine designed 2 sew-a-longs which saw lots of participation (Ginny's was the back cover of Bayview to advertise the quilt show). Adrienne still had quilt bee kits available and we did the quilt bee but in our own homes over Zoom. But the bad part of that was no dessert table with lots of yummy stuff! We did 2 very successful Christmas Craft Share nights the past 2 Novembers.

The Teddy Bear Committee did have to brave the cold, wind and snow for 2 years and wrap teddies outside. But we did it and made a lot of little kids happy. It was nice to be back inside this year.

We still did the Northcott Challenge, "Reflections" for the 2021 quilt show that never happened. The wall hangings were hung in a special show at the Museum. The show got postponed to 2022 then we decided 2023 seemed like a better option...we were right.

This year we started seeing some return to normalcy and we started in-person sew days and in-person classes again. There have also be a number of socials to get together in person. And we finally get to have a quilt show again. YEA!

We're still in a transition period this year and who knows what the future will bring. But when I see lots of new faces the past few years, I know our Guild is strong and will survive. 2023 is the celebration of 40yrs (plus 2) and here's hoping for many more to come! Happy Belated 40th Thunder Bay Quilters' Guild!