

THUNDER BAY QUILTERS' GUILD

QUILTERS' QUILL

June 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

June 19, 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 - What to do with our summer vacations
3. Break (Breakout Rooms)
4. Show and Tell
5. Acceptance of Agenda
6. Acceptance of Minutes
7. Business Arising from Minutes
8. Executive Reports
9. Council Reports
10. New Business

- 10.1 2023/2024 Elections
 11. Door Prizes / Adjournment
- Next Meeting: **September 18, 2023**

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

This is my last report as President. Our Guild, like many others, has experienced great changes over the past three years. Covid gave us the opportunity to experience meetings in different modes, learn new ways of doing things and meet people from all over the world. I would like to thank the membership for joining in on this journey.

There have been several people on the Executive and Council, who I have had the honour of working with. Their dedication to the Guild inspired me and made me appreciate the quilting community daily.

I have gotten to know so many of you as friends for



which I am grateful. It has been an honour to serve as your President and I remain enthusiastic to continue as a proud member of the Thunder Bay Quilters Guild.

Cathy

YEAR END SOCIAL

Saturday, June 24

Join us as the Calvary Lutheran Church for our Year End Social. It will be held from 2 to 4 pm. Lynne will be there with refreshments and goodies to enjoy. Don't forget your Show and Tell. Hopefully we'll see you there.

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

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MEALS ON WHEELS PLACEMATS

We want to thank all of the members who sewed the many beautiful placemats that were donated this year, and hope that you had a chance to view the samples that were on display at the quilt show. This year over 600 placemats were distributed to a number of different local facilities and organizations, including new recipients at Faye Petersen House, Willow Place and Wesway. Look for updates to the placemat page of the guild website over the summer. As always, contact us if you want kits or need labels for placemats that you make for donation using your own materials. Remember that our recommended placemat size is 12" x 18", with the label folded in half wrong sides together and tucked under the binding on the back. Have a wonderful quilty summer!

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



TEDDY BEAR QUILTS

I have decided to give up my position as head of the Teddy Bear Committee. I have been the head of this committee for over 11 years, and I think it is time for a new perspective and new leadership.

This committee has great members who have stepped up every year to help out and I hope that someone can step in and take over. The work involved is for 3 months, from September to November and putting a few articles in the Quill. I intend to continue to be a member of the committee and will help out anyway that I can.

THANK YOU to anyone who has helped me in the past.

Peggy Skillen

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TEDDY BEAR QUILTS



COMFORT QUILTS

Hello all!

There are not enough words to express our thanks to Pat Inch for her many years of chairing the Comfort Quilt Committee. Pat has been an incredible ambassador for the quilt guild by acting as the liaison between the guild and the many organizations in our community who benefit from the amazing work and generosity of our members. She has also been instrumental in expanding the Comfort Quilt Committee to include the much-loved fidget quilts.

If you were at the quilt show, then you saw a small sample of the beautiful quilts that have been made for donation. The abundance of donations is truly amazing!

As we enter summer, and the opportunity to spend more time outdoors, we're hoping that you consider trying some new techniques or working through your stash to make some donation items. The guild website at thunderbayquilters.org has recommended quilt sizes, a list of the organizations that receive quilts, and information on how to make fidgets.

Donation quilts, fidgets or 12 1/2" quilted squares can be dropped off at Sew Flippin' Creations. If you need a label, please contact someone on the committee.

The Chair position on the committee will now be held by Iris Maxwell.

Happy summer quilting!

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

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"



SUPERIOR QUILTS 2023 CHALLENGE RUBY ANNIVERSARY

sponsored by Northcott Fabrics

We had a wonderful showing of all the challenge quilts. What a creative group of quilters! I heard more than once that the challenge wall was their favorite display. After the voting tabulation was complete the winners were as follows; 1st Place – Pat Inch, 2nd Place – Cathy Britt, 3rd Place – Margaret Brown. Congratulations to the winners and a thank you to everyone who participated in the challenge. A very big thank you to Northcott Fabrics for the generous donation of the three bolts of fabric for the challenge. We are looking forward to the next show challenge.

Ellen Lang



1st Place Winner - Pat Inch

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2nd Place Winner - Cathy Britt



3rd Place Winner - Margaret Brown

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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May 26-28 Superior Quilt Show

The 2023 Quilt Show final report – Cindy Cockell (2023 Quilt Show Coordinator) ccockell@tbaytel.net

When I took over as show coordinator 1 ½ years ago I wasn't sure we'd even be able to pull it off because of Covid restrictions. But we did it and it was great! There will be a short survey going out but if you have any suggestions or comments for the 2025 committee, please let me know.

Many thanks to all those who were part of the 2023 quilt show and to all those who attended, volunteered, shopped at the vendors, ate at the café, took classes, took part in some demos and made stuff for the Guild booth and donated or obtained door prizes for the banquet and participation prizes (to be announced at the June meeting). Thanks to all of you who shared on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. The show display went up in record time (just over 2 hours) and came down in about 20 minutes! So, kudos to the display/hanging committee.

As I walked around the show floor, I had so many people come up to me and say what a great show it was and what a great time they were having. It was wonderful to finally get to celebrate in person after waiting 4 years. I told them all that I didn't do it alone and had many people to thank for the success of the show. So well done everyone; remember 2025 planning starts in September or October.

I went over my banquet speech several times and thought I had everything, but there was 1 person that I meant to thank at the banquet that I didn't. Jackie Black was the person who went through all the old photos and Guild history after I used them for my Looking Back articles. She strung them up on the banners and made the posters. It was fun to look back....the Guild has come a long way since 1981. Thanks so much Jackie.

I spoke to a number of people from other guilds from as far away as BC and they asked about our community projects, especially the teddy bears and fidgets. Many were going to take those ideas back to their members.

Total Entries: 157 quilts, 27 challenge quilts plus a lot of comfort quilts, teddy bear quilts, fidgets and placemats around the building. We also had the demo booth with 12 amazing demos, hospitality booth, Diane Connelly showing what to do with selvages, and the sewing area.

Attendance: Friday 442, Saturday 465 and Sunday 231. Plus, at any time there were at least 50-70 additional non-paid attendance from my committee, class attendees and volunteers. We had 2-3 busloads from the cruise ship that was docked that weekend and I believe 1 busload from a senior residence.

Banquet: From what everyone has said they thoroughly enjoyed the evening. The food and service were excellent. We had lots of door prizes. We had 99 attending the banquet and 5 for the trunk show. Bobbie Gentili's (Geeky Bobbin) trunk show was great.

I presented Jackie Black and Joanne Brimmell with a gift and flowers to honor their being founding members. I didn't know at the time that they go way back to high school friends. It's nice to know we still have some members going strong after 42 years.

Tracy from the Valhalla said she's never had people phone her and tell her how impressed they were with an event, so thanks to those of you who called her. By the time you're reading this you will have received an



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email from Luci explaining that anyone who paid for a banquet ticket was eligible for a \$10 refund (or you could donate it to the quilt bee). When Luci and I met with Tracy around Christmas she gave us the 2022 price list and said it would be 20% higher for 2023. So, we went based our tickets on what would've been the new price....to our surprise we got charged the 2022 rates, so we passed on the savings to you.

Classes:

Even though the classes didn't fill up, I think everyone enjoyed them and learned something. I was in 2 and hope to have a Vortex and Moonrise ready for show & tell in Sept. Let's see if everyone can have their project done for then too. Maybe a few of you have finished for this month.

Guild Booth:

Thanks to the efforts of 29 members, we had lots of things in the booth for sale. There were also tons of books and magazines and a lot of them sold. The Guild booth made \$2,150.50.

Winners:

My plan is to be at the social on the 24th and I'll have a slide show running of all the quilts. Thanks to Cindy Connell for taking all the pics.

40th Anniversary Challenge:

- 1st Pat Inch
- 2nd Cathy Britt
- 3rd Margaret Brown

Viewers' Choice Quilt:

- 1st place – Q55 Hidden by Joyce Gilmore
- 2nd place – Q86 The Bridge by Dorothy Mills – 2-sided quilt
- 3rd place – Q41 Friendship by Jeannette Dann

Members' Choice:

- Quilt: Q86 The Bridge by Dorothy Mills
- Wall hanging W25 Friends in Italy by Karen Greaves

Quilt Show Prizes:

The committee would like to thank all those who donated prizes to the banquet or for participation prizes. We got lots and the people who won them were very excited to win. The prizes I obtained went to the banquet. But Adrienne had lots of prizes donated to her from online sponsors/shops, so we decided to use those as participation prizes and drew for them at our final show meeting. Here's the list of prize donors:

Sponsors:

Joan Hoskinson	Paid for our ad on the back of Bayview magazine.
Rob at Hi Impact Signs	Put our ad on the electronic billboard on CLE grounds for free
Northcott Fabrics	Donated 3 bolts of the fabric for the 40 th challenge.
Trend Tex Fabrics	Donated 100 bags of fabric for the banquet attendees.
Canadian Tire Arthur St	Gave us 25% off all cleaning supplies and hand sanitizer.



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Grand Prize donors:

Canadian Tire Arthur St Ninja Air Fryer
Flora Ozburn (husband) Wooden Quilt Rack

Banquet prize donors:

Ginny Strey	Yvonne Samas	Life's A Stitch
Iris Maxwell	Anonymous	Rohnda's Knitting Room
Flora Ozburn	Marg Marks	Circle of Friends Quilts Shop
Judy Murphy	Jennifer Marks	Fueled By Fabric
Fabricland	Elaine Bell	Sew Flippin' Creations
Cindy Cockell	Maureen Mauro	Clair Archer
George's Market	Rollason's Flowers	Ellen Olson
	Fix, Sew & Scissors	TBQG bought some

Tonia Heng & Sharon Melville (Wildflower Arts)
Thursday Group (Cindy Cockell, Elaine Bell, Evelyn Ponka, Fiona Lawrence, Yvonne Samas)

Participation Prize Winners and Donors:

For those of you who didn't realize it, there were prizes available to anyone who put a quilt into the show. The prizes may be picked up at the social on June 24 (2pm-4pm) at the church. Otherwise, other arrangements will have to be made with Adrienne Lopes or Cindy Cockell (depending on the prize). Here are the lucky winners:

Cathy Britt – Oliseo Iron (full size) from Little Extra Something Special
Margaret Chernosky - Thread Count Fabrics Gift Certificate \$50
Deb Maki - Emmaline Bags Gift Certificate \$50
Christine Jonasson - Bundle Barn Fabrics - Layer Cake
Kathy Sanderson - Bundle Barn Fabrics - Layer Cake
Edna Finke - Bundle Barn Fabrics - Layer Cake
Karen Boote - Bundle Barn Fabrics - FQ Bundle
Katrina O'Neill - Funky Monkey Gift Certificate \$50
Shirley Aussant - Sew Curated project bag filled with notions
Claire Archer - Dori's Sewing Studio – Retreat Bag
Judy Murphy - Oma's – 3 yrd Quilt pattern book and fabric to make one of the quilts
Margaret Brown - Ana Paula Brasil gift package containing 3 of her fabric bundles, pattern, mug & thimble
Heidi Skinn - Sharon Melville - 3 charm packs
Anne Lockwood - Troll Brothers \$40 gift certificate

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1st place – Q55 Hidden by Joyce Gilmore



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2nd place – Q86 The Bridge by Dorothy Mills – 2-sided quilt
Front



Back

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3rd place – Q41 Friendship by Jeannette Dann.

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Viewers' Choice Wall hanging/Other

- 1st place – W4 Heavenly Flock by Marlene Bosma



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Viewers' Choice Wall hanging/Other

- 2nd place – W25 Friends in Italy by Karen Greaves



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Viewers' Choice Wall hanging/Other

- 3rd place – W24 Tulips by Gayle Gowanlock

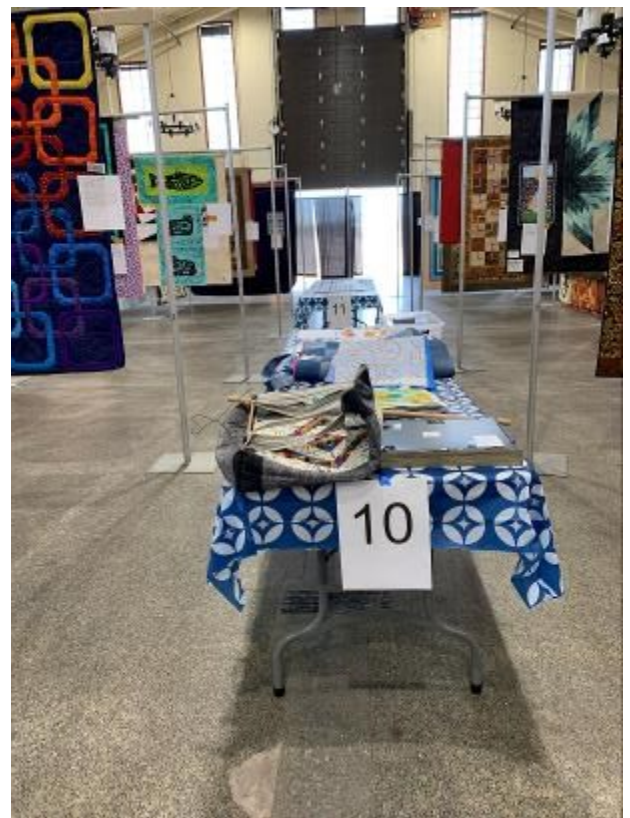


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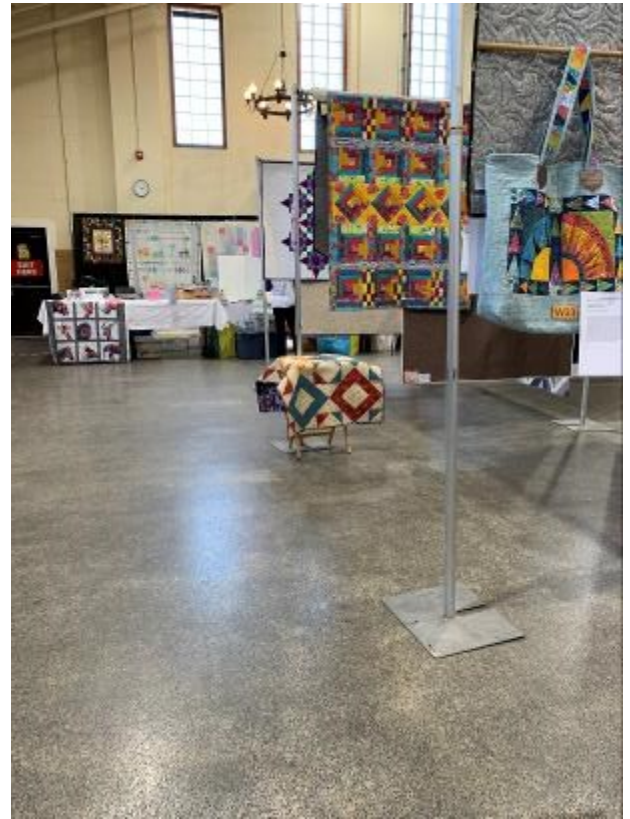
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Jackie Black and Joanne Brimmell – founding members



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We love seeing the creativity of our fellow quilters! Let us help you finish your work of art.

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