

THUNDER BAY QUILTERS' GUILD

QUILTERS' QUILL

September 2024

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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 email to: president.tbqg@gmail.com

MEETING AGENDA

September 16, 2024

7:00 pm @ Calvary Church

1. Welcome
2. Acceptance of Minutes and Agenda
3. Program introducing guild website and select committees
4. Break
5. Business Meeting
6. Show and Tell
7. Closing

Next Meeting – **October 21, 2024**

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Welcome to the 2024-2025 Guild year. We are excited to kick off another year together filled with creativity, education, camaraderie, encouragement and beautiful quilts. Whether you are a seasoned quilter or just putting your toe into the quilting ocean (yes it can feel like an ocean at times) we welcome you to the Guild and we look forward to seeing the unique projects that you will bring to life this year.

As we begin this year, take a moment to encourage one another so that we maintain a positive atmosphere where everyone feels supported. We are all here to celebrate each other's work and to grow together through the sharing of our passion for quilting. Let's make this year a very enjoyable and positive experience for all of us.



I look forward to seeing everyone at the September meeting!

Adrienne Lopes

HONOURING OUR MEMBERS

At the September Meeting the executive will present a proposal to develop a Legacy Quilt for participation by all guild members, retiring the updating of the Memory Quilt. This will be presented for consideration with the intent of confirming the path forward at the October Meeting.

Adrienne



CQA REPORT

The CQA has a number of events happening in the next few months. They are expanding their webinar series and are offering a savings discount on the first four. If a member purchases the package before September 18, they will get a 10% discount.

The first presentation is on Sept. 18, with the remaining ones being over Zoom in October, November and December. Don't miss out on this fantastic learning opportunity! The fabrics for the Trendtex challenge are available for purchase starting September 16th. The topic this year is Blooming. See the CQA website for more details.

Submitted by Carol Richards

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TBQG 2024-2025 Planner

September

3 - Newsletter Submissions Due
16 - Guild Meeting @ Church
28-29 Global Quilt Connection

October

1 - Executive Meeting
5 - In Person Sew Day @ WTCC
8 - Newsletter Submissions Due
21 - Guild Meeting @ Church
25-27 Retreat @ CRRC

November

4 - Executive Meeting
5 - Newsletter Submissions Due
18 - Guild Meeting @ Church
23 - In Person Sew Day @ WTCC

December

2 - Executive Meeting
3 - Newsletter Submissions Due
9 - Guild Meeting VIRTUAL
14 - Winter Social @ Church

January

6 - Executive & Council coordination meeting
7 - Newsletter Submissions Due
17-18 Retreat @ CRRC
20 - Guild Meeting VIRTUAL

February

1 - In Person Sew Day @ WTCC
3 - Executive Meeting
4 - Newsletter Submissions Due
8 - Winter Social @ Church
17 - Guild Meeting VIRTUAL

March

1 - In Person Sew Day @ WTCC
3 - Executive Meeting
4 - Newsletter Submissions Due
17 - Guild Meeting VIRTUAL

April

5 - In Person Sew Day @ WTCC
7 - Executive Meeting
8 - Newsletter Submissions Due
21 - Guild Meeting @ Church

May

5 - Executive Meeting
6 - Newsletter Submissions Due
10 - In Person Sew Day @ WTCC
19 - Guild Meeting @ Church
22 - Quilt Show Drop Off
23-25 - Quilt Show

June

2 - Executive Meeting
3 - Newsletter Submissions Due
16 - Guild Meeting @ Church

Notes

CRRC = Current River Rec Centre
WTCC = West Thunder Community Centre
ORCC = Oliver Road Community Centre
Church = Calvary Church

Meetings start at 7pm

Reports and Advertising due to Executive 2 days before Executive Meeting date.
Newsletter submissions due to Editor 2 weeks before meeting.
Executive Meeting dates subject to change.



VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The TBQG is interested in hearing from our Guild Members about workshops they would like us to provide throughout the Guild year. The TBQG is committed to providing Internal Workshops for our Guild Members and instructed by Guild Members. The TBQG needs your ongoing support and input. Each year the Executive canvases the Membership with a more formal Annual Survey and continues to request ongoing feedback throughout the year. We are listening to our Membership. Please forward any suggestions or ideas for future workshops, to: vp.tbqg@gmail.com **Internal Registration will remain at \$40.00 + Pattern, unless otherwise posted. Dependent on Expenses. Minimum numbers are needed to host workshops.** **PAYMENT FOR ALL WORKSHOPS ARE TO BE SENT ONLY TO: Tbayqg@outlook.com**

Important: Members interested in teaching a TBQG Workshop please contact: Ellen Olson vp.tbqg@gmail.com for more information. Please include a workshop photo and a brief description of the project.

In 2023/24, several Workshops both online and internal were cancelled due to low Registration numbers. Organizing workshops involves the collaboration of several partners, a considerable amount of preparation, a commitment of personal time, financial commitment & reporting in prebooking of workshop space, prior to Registration.

Commencing with the 2024 Guild Registration, the approach to presenting workshops has been changed:

- A list of Potential Workshops along with the instructors, will be advertised for “Registration of Interest” in advance prior to financially committing to a boardroom. **No payment is required at this time.**
- Once “Registration of Interest” reaches an established Breakeven (total costs covered) an email will be sent to confirm the Workshop and dates. Priority will be given to those who have signed up & **Payment must be made at this time.**
- The workshop will be Advertised to the General Membership **1 week after confirmation emails have gone out to those previously showing interest,** providing there are spaces available.
- **TBOG Cancellation Rules will apply upon your Registration Payment.**

Cancellation Policy Internal/External Workshops: We make a commitment to you by offering our workshops and you make a commitment to us when you register for a workshop.

Registration fees are not Refundable: If there is a waitlist and the spot can be filled or Registrant can find someone to take their spot.

- No Shows are not entitled to a Refund.
- Cancellation of Workshop by Instructor or Guild, the member will receive a refund



TBQG MEMBERS ONLY QUILT RETREAT

Friday, October 25 - 6:30 - 7:30 pm (drop-off only, no quilting)
Saturday, October 26 - 9am - 9 pm - Sunday, January 27 - 9 am - 3 pm

Join us for the **TBQG Retreat** at the Current River Community Centre:

- Your own table with ironing stations set up
- Food available to purchase, with coffee and tea included
- **Optional** - a dinner on Saturday evening
- **Cost to members: Retreat \$35 for the weekend + Dinner \$25**
- 'share' table will be set up with snacks for everyone to enjoy
- Time to work on your own project!
- We have added "Free Stuff" a "help yourself" table - Members can bring a limited amount of quilting or sewing notions/100% quilting cotton fabric, Quilting patterns, that they no longer want to use. Items must be in good condition and must be picked up at the end of the retreat if they have not found a new home. ***Absolutely NO Books or Magazines***

Registration will open September 17th, 2024

To Register: send email to Cathy Ridley cridley@tbaytel.net

You must be a Registered member of the TBQG Guild and the Non-refundable Retreat Registration fee of \$35.00 must be paid at this time. Please indicate whether you will join us for dinner on Saturday.

Dinner fee of \$25.00 must be received **no later than October 14/24**.

Cancellation for dinner will be non-refundable after this date. **Payments are to be made to:**
tbqg@outlook.com

Cancellation Policy

We make a commitment to you by offering this Retreat and you make a commitment to us when you register for one. If you must cancel your registration, please let us know immediately so that we can attempt to fill your spot. Registration fees are not refundable unless the Guild is able to find someone from the waitlist who can take the spot. If there is no waitlist, registrants are encouraged to find a replacement for their spot. No Shows are not entitled to a refund.

If the Retreat will need to be cancelled by the Guild, all registrants will receive a full refund of fees paid.

Register by October 13, 2024 so that we can confirm numbers. **If you would like to register for the Retreat Weekend or if you have any questions, please email Ellen Olson** vp.tbqg@gmail.com

TBQG MEMBERS ONLY QUILT RETREAT

The fee for the weekend allows you to come and go as you need throughout the weekend.

Dinner has been confirmed for Saturday Night as a 5:30 pm Buffet with baked chicken, pasta and meatballs, potatoes, vegetable, salad.

Special treats for dessert will be placed on the sharing table. Cost of the dinner is \$25 including taxes and gratuity. We require a minimum number of participants for dinner and request that you confirm that you will be participating in dinner by paying the \$25 fee and advising Ellen Olson vp.tbqg@gmail.com.

Food will be available for purchase during the lunch hours (approximately 11:30-1:00) from the kitchen at the Current River Rec Centre.

We look forward to a great weekend of quilting.

TBQG Member's Retreat Weekend

October 25, 26, 27, 2024
Current River Rec. Centre

JOIN US!

Sleep at Home

Bring your own projects, UFO's and New Ideas

Drop Off Friday 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Quilting Saturday 9 am - 9 pm

Quilting Sunday 9 am - 3 pm

Cutting and Ironing Stations available

Table for each Quilter - 4ft table space
with space for side table 16" x 22"

Food will be available for purchase.

Questions vp.tbqg@gmail.com

Register cridley@tbaytel.net

Registration
Opens
Sept 17, 2024
\$35 fee

Saturday Night
Dinner Buffet

Baked Chicken
Meatballs & Pasta
Vegetables
Salad

\$25 Per Person

Come and Go
as you like
throughout the
weekend!

TBQG WORKSHOPS 2024-25

The following workshops are ready to be scheduled. Pre-Registration of Interest (no payment required) sign-up for all Internal Workshops will be required in advance. Once the required minimum number of registrants for a workshop are met to breakeven, the workshop will be scheduled, the interested registrants will be given priority sign-up and Registration fee must be paid at this time. You commit to us, and we will commit to you! More Workshop will be coming soon!

IMPORTANT! If you have a workshop idea and/or would like to teach, we would love to hear from you! Please send photo and write-up to Ellen Olson, vp.tbqg@gmail.com

CURVED PIECING PROJECT

Join Doris in this one-day class, you will learn to perfect your curved piecing skills while creating this modern lap-sized quilt (60" x 72"). Use black and grey fabrics to depict vinyl LPs sliding out of their covers or change the colours to simply make a quilt with an interesting modern design!

Instructor: Doris Dungan Pattern required: n/c

Date and Location: TBD



QUILTED COAT/JACKET

Join Maureen to create a beautiful, quilted coat/jacket. She will advise you on fabric requirements and preparation, pattern layout options and provide guidance throughout the process to successfully complete a quilted coat or jacket. This project requires intermediate sewing knowledge in reading patterns, pattern layout and cutting. Maureen will assist with proper pattern sizing and adjustments to fit your body. Each completed coat/jacket will be unique to your choices and bring you great pleasure when you wear it.

We bet you can't make just one!

Instructor: Maureen Mauro Pattern Required

Dates and location: TBD





QUILT BEE

The Quilt Bee committee is looking for a new chairperson to organize the quilt bee events and kits. Adrienne would be happy to work with any member who might be interested to co-chair the committee this year and will remain involved over the coming years. Chairing the committee includes organizing the Quilt Bee and coordinating the kits and fabrics, choosing patterns and promoting making comfort quilts within the guild to support the community donations we make. It is a very rewarding position and is a great way to extend your creativity. If you are interested in this role, please reach out to Adrienne by email president.tbqg@gmail.com

In the meantime, if you are looking for kits to make comfort quilts, backing or batting to complete quilts you have on the go for donation to the comfort quilt campaign, please email Adrienne to make arrangements for supplies.

Adrienne

PROGRAM

Welcome to another Quilt Guild year and another year of Program offerings. As a committee we try to provide our members with snippets on a quilting related topic which might be a technique, tool, design or the insight from a knowledgeable member. You never know what you might get, and that's the fun of it! Whether a particular Program topic resonates with you, or not, we hope that you will find all of them interesting.

For September, Program will be about our Guild - all about the various committees you can join and spots where more volunteers are desperately needed. We all love quilting, and whether you're a beginner or an expert, the love of quilting is all you need to be eligible to volunteer on a committee. Currently, the Program Committee is made of three people, but there's room for more and we're always looking for Program ideas.

See me at the meeting on September 16, 2024, for more information about the Program Committee or if you have a Program idea, you'd like us to present.

Iris Maxwell

IN PERSON SEW DAYS

Welcome back to a new guild year of In Person Sew Days.

Our IPSD will remain at the smaller room on the west side of the West Thunder Community Centre (same location as the last year's sew days) for six IP Sew Days this year; Oct 5, Nov 23, Feb 1, Mar 1, April 5 and May 10. The cost of the sew day will stay the same as last year at \$13 per sew day. Cancellation refunds will only be given if we can fill your spot. Payment by e-Transfer only.

The Sew Days will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be one person per table. No lunch will be provided but there will be a treat table so bring some goodies to share. There will be a table with risers for cutting but each person needs to bring their own cutting mat and rulers. Two ironing stations will be provided.

To register for the October 5, 2024, IP Sew Day email Ellen Lang ellen_lang@tbaytel.net. The first 12 emails will be accepted and any more will be put on a waiting list and will be the first contacts for the next sew day.

Ellen Lang & Judy Wrigley

MEALS ON WHEELS PLACEMATS

Welcome to a new guild year! Once again, we are making placemats to donate throughout the community. As in recent years, our main collection will be at the November meeting for distribution in December.

Recommended size is 12 ½" x 18 ½", with a placemat label (available from Doris or Judy at meetings or by prior arrangement) folded wrong sides together and tucked under the binding on the back before completion.

We plan to have kits available at in-person guild events and to host a placemat bee later in the guild year.

Check out the placemat page on the guild's website for new additions to our extensive collection of patterns as well as an updated pattern index with a summary of cutting information. Use your own fabric or a kit and take this opportunity to spread cheer in the community while practicing your quilting skills!

Doris Dungan and Judy Murphy



LIBRARY REPORT

The Library will be open on the night of the in-person meetings from 6:15 pm to 7:00 pm and during the break.

At the social the Library is open from 2:00 pm to 2:45 pm. With your membership you are entitled to take out 3 books each month.

The display of books on the table will have a theme: e.g. Halloween, Christmas, Baby and Kid Quilts and other topics. More new books have been added in the month of June.

The volunteer sign-up sheet will be in the Library Monday, Sept. 16th, please sign up to help.

submitted by Maria Watson

You can look at the list of TBQG Library books, using the link below!

[TBQG Library List-2023](http://thunderbayquilters.org/)



TEDDY BEAR QUILTS

Make a
Teddy Bear
Quilt!



Christmas 2024

Thunder Bay
Quilters Guild

Drop off in November

I hope everyone had a more productive teddy bear quilt making summer than I did. I had great plans to make 12 over the summer....I got done. Where did the summer go? I didn't get any pics over the summer, so I guess everyone else was busy too.

Just a reminder that the teddy bear quilts are due at the November meeting. The committee will be set up in the room beside the kitchen and start taking in quilts at 5:30pm or 6pm. More details in the November newsletter once I confirm the times. If you cannot make the November meeting and can't find someone else to take the quilt for you then contact me and I'll make arrangements to pick it up.

There's no new pattern this month but if you need an idea then look back at the Quilt attachments from April-June. I might put a new one in the October newsletter.

Please remove the price tags from your stuffy or doll. If you have one that has a year indicator, please remove that as well. Just loosely wrap the quilt around the stuffy/doll. The committee will double check for price tickets and then tie the quilt onto the stuffy tightly.

If you're still looking for a stuffy, there should be Christmas ones in stores by November. Or watch for dolls too. The Guild still has about a dozen Lorax stuffies left and I think they're spoken for, but I can't remember who contacted me about them, so if it was you then let me know.

Don't forget to email me a picture of your quilt so you are entered into a draw plus I want to create a slide show of all the quilts for the December meeting. We don't have time to take pictures for you in November.

Thanks, Cindy Cockell
2024 Teddy Bear Chairperson
ccockell@tbaytel.net

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help wrap up the teddy bears, stuffies and dolls at the November meeting - starting around 5:30 or 6:00. I need about 15 people. Please email Cindy Cockell if you can help. ccockell@tbaytel.net

SWAP COMMITTEE

Holiday Ornament Swap

TBQG 2024

You are invited to make two cloth ornaments, one to swap with another member and the second to donate to the guild booth at the Quilt Show. If you don't have your own Winter-themed idea for a light-weight decoration, we suggest the Cloth Ornament included here. Additional ideas will be shared with those who participate in this swap.

By Sep 30: email the Swap Committee at swap.tbqg@gmail.com to sign up for this Holiday Ornament Swap. The name of recipients will be announced by October 10.

Holiday Ornament Swap participants will give their decoration to their recipient at the December Social, Sat Dec 14 from 2-4pm. At that event Kellyann will collect the participants' second ornament for the Quilt Show guild booth.

Swap Committee members: Anne Lockwood, Kellyann Babey, and Michelle Gale

Holiday Cloth Ornament

Anne Lockwood from the 2022 Craft Share

Materials:

- 2 pieces of cloth 10" square - your choice of colours (I found that a print and a plain fabric work well.
- A needle and thread in a color that matches the fabric.
- A button or jingle bell with a shank (a button with holes will work).
- A piece of ribbon or cord to make a loop to hang the ornament.



Instructions:

- Step 1: From the two pieces of cloth, cut two circles either 8 or 9 inches in diameter.
- Step 2: Place the circles Right Sides Together, and sew a ¼ inch seam around the outside, leaving a gap of about two inches for turning.
- Step 3: Clip the seam to make the circle lie smoother when turned and then turn right side out. Be careful not to cut the stitch line.
- Step 4: Press the circle you have just made flat and fold in the opening. You can stitch the opening by hand if you desire.
- Step 5: Find the area that was the opening to turn and lay it down at the bottom of the circle. If you have used a solid fabric, lay the solid fabric facing up.
- Step 6: Fold the top and bottom of the circle to the middle and using the needle and thread, sew the two



SWAP COMMITTEE

edges together for about a quarter inch.

- Step 7: Then fold the two sides into the middle and sew these together and sew to the top and bottom.
- Step 8: Fold each of the four openings back over itself, making a square. You can sew the folded section to the back, but this is not necessary.
- Step 9: Sew the button/bell to the centre front of the ornament and attach the ribbon/cord to one of the corners at the back to make the hanger. I found that four strands of metallic thread twisted together and sewn through the top of one corner leaving a 3–4-inch loop and knotted works well.

Step by step images found at:

<https://bethannwilliams.com/index.php/2016/06/24/folded-fabric-ornaments-to-sew-tutorial-part-2/> and
<https://cornersofmylife.blogspot.com/2015/11/folded-fabric-ornament.html>

Videos found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VwvNU1pGd-Y> and
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o94vITNtlmQ>

HST ACTIVITY FOR TEDDY BEAR QUILTS KITS

Thank you TBQG members!

We appreciate everyone's generosity in providing 1/2 square triangles (HSTs) or full squares for the TBQG Social in June. While socializing you assembled 8 (or 9) Teddy Bear Quilt tops, and most kits went home with volunteers. Thank you to Katrina of Sew Flippin' Creations (battings) and to Anne Lockwood, Peggy Skillen, and Wendy Royston (backings) for the donations.

Please bring these completed Teddy Bear Quilts (or completed tops) to the Sept meeting for Sew and Tell. You will then take these home again until the Nov donation date. Remember to send a photo of your finished Teddy Bear Quilt to Cindy Cockell at ccockell@tbaytel.net

The unused leftover squares from the social were assembled into four additional kit tops. Thank you to Wendy Royston, Pam Miller, and Dorothy Mills for volunteering to complete these kit tops. We appreciate that Wendy figured out that the leftover (not squares) fabric would be better utilized in placemats donated to our community.

Swap Committee: Anne, Kellyann, and Michelle

SUPERIOR QUILTS 2025 SHOW – MAY 23 - 25

Chairperson: Cindy Cockell email: ccockell@tbaytel.net

Welcome back to Guild for 2024-25. This spring will be our biannual quilt show so start making or finishing those quilts! In the coming months there will be a lot more information about the show. This fall the committee gets down to the real work of putting all the pieces together...but we need all of you to make quilts, and to volunteer to help during the show.

There's not much to report since June since not much happened for the show over the summer other than setting a preliminary budget and getting the challenge ready. The show will be at the CLE Coliseum again. We did decide to close the show an hour earlier on Friday night. The banquet is tentatively at the Valhalla again, but we won't have the prices or menu options until January. We are not bringing in an external teacher this time; we have ideas to expand the demos (in the Cardinal Room) and do something else at the banquet. More about this at a later date.

Challenge: "North of Superior's Natural Beauty" – Laurie-Lyn Lorenowich

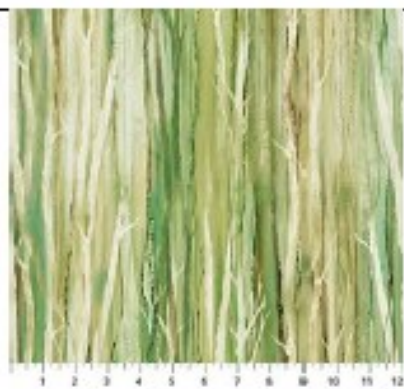
The committee picked the challenge fabrics, which Northcott generously donated once again. Laurie-Lyn has all the kits cut. They will be available for sale at all in person meetings in the library, starting in September until they are sold. **The FQ pkg is \$10 (38 available) and the F8 pkg is \$5 (8 available) – paid by cash at the meeting.** However, if you live out of town or can't make the meeting then please contact Laurie-Lyn Lorenowich to make arrangements. The quilts won't be due until next April.

****see the page in this Quill that describes the challenge and rules ****

The proceeds of the sales fund the prizes. We will award cash prizes and ribbons to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place viewers' choice votes. There will also be some random participation draws.

New this year.... we want you to provide an artist's statement to say why you made the quilt you did, your inspiration, etc. The story behind the quilt is always interesting to read. Just remember not to put your name on it since submissions are anonymous.

These are the 3 Northcott fabrics.....start putting on your thinking caps.



Cedarcrest Falls
DP26910-74



Naturescapes 25501-36



Surfaces - 25044-66



SUPERIOR QUILTS 2025 SHOW – MAY 23 - 25

Advertising/Social Media – Ana-Paula Brasil

Ana-Paula Brasil is our advertising chair for the show, so she'll be coordinating the ads and social media which you'll start to see in the next little while. Please share Instagram and Facebook posts since the more people who see it the better for the show. There seemed to be some confusion about the Facebook Fan Page that Ana-Paula created for the show earlier this summer. It was taken down temporarily. She will be talking about it at the October meeting and explaining what a Fan Page is – we will be using it to promote the show. She walked me, Adrienne and Marina through what it is at a social media meeting, and we're onboard with it.

Guild Booth – Cindy Cockell

In June's Quill I included lots of patterns for ideas of things to make for the Guild's booth at the show. But please feel free to make whatever you think might sell. All proceeds from the booth help fund Guild activities and offset some of the costs of putting on the show. If you didn't get the patterns in June, then send me an email and I'll send them to you. I know quite a few people didn't get the attachments in June for some reason. I'll be sending more in the coming months. Hold on to the things you make. I'll let you know when we'll take them for pricing.

Demos – Cathy Ridley & Ellen Olson

If you find some interesting technique or small project and would be willing to do a demo, then let one of these ladies know. They'll be looking for about 10-12 people to do demos during the show.

As always, if you have any questions about the show, or have any requests or suggestions then please send them to me. We have lots of new ideas that we are considering for this show but welcome others.

Cindy Cockell



North of Superior's Natural Beauty

Challenge Rules and Submission Details

Thunder Bay Quilters Guild members are invited to design and sew a wall quilt embracing the theme of North of Superior's Natural Beauty. Spotlight the amazing natural wonders all around us including, but not limited to, birds, animals, plants, water, landscapes, sunsets, and forests, limiting the presence of manmade structures. Your quilt could be a sunrise over the sleeping giant, a bouquet of flowers, a garden scape, a forest scene, or farm animals. The possibilities are endless. Have fun with it. Let's celebrate North of Superior' natural beauty.

Challenge fabrics are available for purchase at all Guild live functions by cash only. 3 FQs \$10, 3 F8s \$5 (one pkg. per person). Out-of-town members can e-transfer the guild the pkg fee plus \$5 postage. Contact Laurie for more information.

Challenge rules:

1. Each TBQG member is eligible to enter one quilt for the NoSNB Challenge.
2. Quilts must have 3 layers held together with quilting or tying and have a finished edge. Hanging sleeves or pockets are NOT required. Quilted items (apparel, sculptures, bags, etc.) are not eligible and will be removed from consideration and returned to the maker prior to the show.
3. Quilts must be no larger than 120" all around (i.e. 30"x30"). Please attach any identifying labels to the back only.
4. Quilts should embrace, reference, or be inspired by the challenge theme of North of Superior's Natural Beauty spotlighting the amazing natural wonders we call home as outlined above. Quilts should limit the presence of manmade structures to a maximum of 10% of the visible quilt top (structures, housewares, vehicles, machinery, etc.)
5. Quilts will utilize the 3 feature fabrics and, optionally, up to 3 additional fabrics of the quilter's choice (not including binding). Feature fabrics must make up a minimum of 50% of the visible quilt top. Items not meeting the Challenge criteria will be removed from consideration and returned to the maker prior to the show.

Submission details:

Makers will submit their quilt in person no later than the **April 2025 regular in-person TBQG meeting** with attached hanging ticket. Entrants will also submit a **brief** Artist's Statement (in space provided on the entry form) explaining the inspiration behind the creation of their submittal. Pin to the back of your submission.

For **out-of-town** submissions or for those not able to attend the April in-person meeting, the deadline for providing the **size** of your challenge quilt and your Artist's statement to Laurie is the date of the April meeting. Drop-off for **out-of-town** quilts will be the date of the Quilt Show registration. Your quilt can be mailed, complete with attached hanging ticket and Artist's statement, to Laurie if you are not attending the 2025 Quilt Show or if you would like to submit your quilt prior to the Quilt Show registration date. TBQG will not cover the cost of postage. TBQG is not liable for lost or stolen quilts. PLEASE MAIL BEFORE APRIL 31, 2025.

Earlier submissions can be dropped off or mailed to Laurie Lorenowich's house at:

- 346 Sillesdale Crescent, Thunder Bay, ON P7C 1S8. Please call 626-0537 prior to dropping off your quilt to ensure someone is home to receive your quilt.

Quilts must be picked up at time of deregistration after the TBQG 2025 Quilt Show. Please make arrangements for pickup after the show if you are not able to pick up your quilt in-person. Submissions will not be stored or returned by mail after the Quilt Show unless you are out-of-town and have made prior, prepaid arrangements.

Voting is open to all guild members and the general public attending the show on Friday and Saturday. All voting is anonymous. One vote per person. There will be ribbons awarded at the Saturday evening banquet for first, second and third place vote getters. There will also be a few random participation prizes awarded. Vote counting will be observed by Quilt Show officials.

COMFORT QUILTS

The Comfort Quilt Committee met on the afternoon of June 27, 2024. We distributed the following to Bethami Nursing Home: 12 fidgets (9 individual, 3 activity); 7 bed quilts, 12 lap/nap quilts and 19 wheelchair quilts. The staff at Bethami were thrilled to receive these beautiful quilts and asked us to thank the Guild members who created them. Please take a look at the pictures of the lovely quilts our members have made.

Recommended Quilt Sizes

Wheel Chair	36" x 45"
Bed	65" x 80"
Dignity	72" x 84"

The Committee also discussed plans for the upcoming year, which will be firmed up during the fall. Stay tuned!

Glenna Knutson, Chair
Comfort Quilt Committee



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SEW what about....Organic Cotton

Organic is the only type of agriculture with a set of principles that put nature first. Just as there are health benefits to eating certified organic foods, there are also far-reaching health benefits when we consider using organic cotton for our quilting projects.

“Organic production is a holistic system designed to optimize the productivity and fitness of diverse communities within the agroecosystem, including soil organisms, plants, livestock and people. The principal goal of organic production is to develop operations that are sustainable and harmonious with the environment”.

Conventionally farmed cotton is one of the most chemically dependent crops using up to 25 different pesticides and fertilizers, several of which are toxic to humans or are known carcinogens.

Organic Cotton is grown without the use of toxic synthetic pesticides, herbicides or fertilizers. Instead, organic production uses farming techniques that focus on soil and plant health, including crop rotation, companion planning, local plant varieties and beneficial insects.

Synthetic, nitrogen-based fertilizers used in conventional cotton dramatically increase its environmental footprint. Excess nitrogen escapes into the atmosphere, streams and groundwater, contaminating the water supply and contributing to the highest-impact greenhouse gas.

Organic cotton uses less energy, releases less greenhouse gas, does not contaminate groundwater, and, due to improved soil quality, uses significantly less water.

Conventional cotton farming can pose serious health risks to the farmers and farming communities, particularly in areas where proper use guidelines may not be followed. In addition, the finishing process for conventional cottons can involve numerous toxic chemicals, exposing mill workers to health risks as well.

Conventional cotton products can cause skin irritations and other health effects due to residues of pesticides and chemical agents, particularly formaldehyde, that are part of the finishing process.

In contrast, the GOTS (The Global Organic Textile Standard) certified organic cotton is produced using no toxic chemicals throughout the entire production process, ensuring a healthier working environment for farmers and mill workers, and a healthier, higher-quality product for the end user.

Additionally, the GOTS certification signifies that the product is fair-trade, ensuring that it was produced under safe, healthy and equitable conditions.

These days, organic fabric is much easier to find, and the choices are wonderful, varied and include quilting cotton, double gauze and flannels. Here are some current companies that offer the above organic fabrics - Cloud9 Fabrics Inc., Felicity Fabrics, Make + Believe Fabrics, Paintbrush Studio, Robert Kaufman, The Craft Cotton Company and Windham.

Next time you are planning a new quilt or sewing project and are in the market for fabric, do yourself and the environment a favour and try an organic alternative.



Circle of Friends Quilt Shoppe

Circle of Friends Quilt Shoppe is pleased to offer the following Quilting classes for the Fall 2024 session – instructor: Cindy Cockell

****all samples on display at Circle of Friends Quilt Shoppe**

**** register by email: landreacchi@tbaytel.net**

by phone at 807-344-2625

in-person at Circle of Friends Quilt Shoppe

Checkerboard Snowman Table Topper – pieced and applique

Using the latest Christmas collection of Nancy Halvorsen's "Star of Wonder, Star of Light" this delightful little project will feature an appliqued Snowman scene surrounded by a checkerboard border and further enhanced with some simple embroidery stitches, buttons and beads.

Skill level: All

Saturday, October 12, 2024

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Cost: \$35.00

Kits will be available for purchase

Paper Pieced Snowflake Table Runner/Wall Hanging

Continue to build your foundation piecing skills with Snowflakes. Make one or many, and build them into a table topper, wall hanging or a quilt. Just two fabrics needed to create some frosty fun!

Skill level: Intermediate (basic paper piecing experience required)

Friday, October 18, 2024

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$70.00

Little Town Table Runner or Wall Hanging – pieced and applique with embellishments

Come join the fun as we create colourful and whimsical little houses in this scrap friendly class. You will be provided with ideas for many different shapes and sizes as you go to town and make your very own one-of-a-kind little town. Go Big or Go small, it's all up to you!

Skill level: All

Saturday, November 9, 2024

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$70.00

The Nutcracker Wall Hanging – pieced (eyes are paper pieced)

Inspired by the beautiful ballet production "The Nutcracker", this creation may not magically transform into a handsome Prince, but I'm sure this wall hanging will become a treasured addition as you celebrate the Christmas Season. Basic piecing make this project quick, easy and enjoyable as you curate the colours of his outfit and add traditional touches to make your Nutcracker unique.

Skill level: All

Saturday, November 23, 2024

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$70.00

Chick-A-Dee Wall Hanging/Pillow/Table Runner – pieced and applique

"One must maintain a little bit of summer, even in the winter." It's the little things in life that give us great joy and this little black capped bird will add to your happiness whether it is flying in your garden or sitting in your living room as a pillow, on your table as a topper or hanging in a favorite spot on a wall.

Skill level: All

Friday, November 29, 2024

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$70.00

Mini Iron Carrying Case with Zipper

If you have a mini iron this carrying case is a must have. No iron, no problem. Make the case and use it for thread or small quilting supplies.

Skill level: All

Saturday, November 30, 2024

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$70.00