

THUNDER BAY QUILTERS' GUILD

QUILTERS' QUILL

April 2020

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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

Postponed

April 20, 2020 @ 7:00 pm

1. Welcome
2. Programme
3. Break
4. Acceptance of Agenda
5. Acceptance of Minutes
6. Business arising from minutes
7. Executive Committee Reports
8. New Business
9. Show and Tell
10. Door Prizes / Adjournment

Next Meeting - May 18, 2020

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello All, Happy Easter! Life sure has changed a lot and very quickly since last month! As you have probably guessed, Guild meetings are cancelled for the foreseeable future. We will keep you posted with the Quill and emails about what we are planning.

There are many groups asking for us to sew masks and gowns and caps, and many of you have answered with an amazing amount of sewing! The groups that I have sent to you in the last week have been vetted and are not for profit. As with all our charity quilting, you are under no obligation to sew anything, I'm only forwarding you the information in case you have been wondering where and how to donate. If you hear of other organizations that you think the guild should know about, please send their contact details on to me.



If you or anyone in your household is sick, do not send out any of the sewing you have been working on until you have cleared your quarantine and have washed everything.
I hope you are all well and able to get out in the sunshine a bit to see the world greening up! Keep the pictures of all your wonderful projects coming on the Facebook page!

Christina



THUNDER BAY QUILTERS' GUILD MERCHANDISE



Guild merchandise will be for sale at each of the meetings this year.

Pins cost \$5.00

Name tag kits cost \$5.00

Guild bags cost \$20.00 If you want to purchase any of these items, please see

Marg Marks.



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Comfort Quilts:	Pat Inch, Florence Poster
Guest Speaker / Teachers:	Vicky Butt
Hall of Fame:	Sharon Melville
Library:	Maria Watson, Barb Gainer
Quilt Show:	Ellen Lang
Quilt Bee:	Adrienne Lopes
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Donation Placemats:	Doris Dungan, Judy Murphy
Teddy Bear Quilts	Peggy Skillen
Sew Days	Laura Cooke



CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

The following are changes to our constitution that the Executive Committee would like to make. They will be posted in the Quill three times and we will vote on them at the April meeting. You will have an opportunity to ask questions about any of the changes during the February, March and April meetings.

- **Change #1**
 - Change - Section 10. Clean up the wording to say the following :
 - The executive committee shall set the annual membership fee for the following year, by the end of the current fiscal year.
- **Change #2**
 - Change wording in the Bylaw section 2.
 - The Executive Committee will consist of elected members only:
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Program Chair(s) (1 vote)
- **Change #3 :**
 - Add - Sections and Numbering
 - Section 2.1 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES
 - 2.1.1 President
 - 2.1.2 Vice President
 - 2.1.3 Secretary
 - 2.1.4 Treasurer
 - 2.1.5 Program Chair(s)
 - Add/Change
 - Section 2.2 The following report to the executive:
 - 2.2.1 Past President [will be moved from 2.1 to 2.2]
 - 2.2.2 Committee Chairs
 - 2.2.3 Newsletter Editor
 - 2.2.4 Webmaster
- **Change #4:**
 - Add : **Guest Quilter Committee to list of Standing Committees**
 - Change - Vice-President (Roles and Responsibilities) to the following :
 - The **Vice President** will preside at meetings in the absence of the President; liaise with the Program Chair(s) and be responsible for coordinating the workshops and retreats. internal workshops.
 - Add - the following to the Roles and Responsibilities of the **Guest Quilter Committee**
 - The Guest Quilter Committee will be responsible for coordinating workshops and retreats with external instructors.

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

- **Change #5 :**
 - Add : **Code of Conduct** to the Constitution as follows:
 - 1. Members are expected to behave with respect towards the organization, fellow members and committees. This includes discussions in public or on social media.
 - 2. Coarse or abusive language will not be tolerated at any time.
 - 3. If a member feels there is a just cause for a complaint, it should be brought to the attention of the executive.
- **Change #6:** Sew days as a Standing Committee
 - Add : Sew Days to Standing Committees under 3.1.9 with the following roles and responsibilities:
 - Sew Days Committee will be responsible for coordinating Sew Days.
- **Change #7 :**
 - Numbering/ Formatting of the Constitution - Standing Committees shown below
 - 3.1.1 Nominating Committee
 - 3.1.2 Quilt Bee Committee
 - 3.1.3 Quilt Show Committee
 - 3.1.4 Library Committee
 - 3.1.5 Comfort Quilt Committee
 - 3.1.6 Placemat Committee
 - 3.1.7 Hall of Fame Committee
 - 3.1.8 Christmas Cheer/Teddy Bear Committee
 - 3.1.9 Sew Days Committee
 - 3.1.10 Guest Quilter Committee



PROGRAM

Well as everyone will say, I hope you are all safe and well and not getting too bored at home....this is why we've built up the stash all these years! Or go onto the internet and watch the many 'how to' videos to get some inspiration. Maybe practice your FMQ or walking foot quilting. Or try a new technique.

I'm one of those who can work from anywhere as long as I have my computer, phone and an internet connection so I'm still working but it's much harder from home when all that fabric is around you and your sewing machine keeps calling to you. Sometimes it wins. LOL.

The April program was going to be Anne Lockwood demonstrating her AccuQuilt cutting system. The has been postponed until fall. I honestly don't think we'll be back by May so I have nothing scheduled. If by some miracle we are able to meet then I'll send something in the May Quill.

Maybe the next program should be everyone telling what they accomplished quilting wise while they were stuck at home. Did you use up your stash? Did you finish all your UFO's? Did you clean out your sewing/craft room? I know I did a reorganization and purge and found a few things I'd forgotten about. Unfortunately that didn't include my box with all my bias tape makers or my Add a Quarter ruler. I'm sure they're hiding together somewhere but I thought they would've shown up as soon as I replaced them.

Spring 2020 Mystery:

Just a reminder that if you finish your tulip mystery and send me a pic before May 18 (meeting date) then I will still do the draw for a 'finished mystery' prize. It doesn't have to be made from the kit. I've seen a few finished ones already and if you have extra tulips you didn't use then make a placemat or two. I've sent a picture of mine - notice I put buttons in the borders to match the tulip colors. When I had finished quilting it I just thought it needed something more. I did walking foot echo quilting on the whole piece. There's 2nd close-up picture. I'm still working on the table runner version.

After May 18, I'll pass all the pics on to Cathy for the website. I have quite a few great prizes left that I'd bought for the remainder of the year so I'll use a few for the mystery and give some to the UFO challenge.

If anyone has leftover tulips because you made all 7 but decided just to make 5 tulips for your wall-hanging/runner, then keep them until we meet again. They can be donated to the placemat committee and be made into MOW donations. Even better if you make the entire tulip block. Or use them to make a donation placemat yourself. I'm making placemats with mine and will share a picture in May. I know at least 1 other person has made placemats.



Quilt Show

I won't be in charge of the Guild Booth next year but I just want to remind you to start making stuff for the booth for the May 2021 show. Great way to use up some of that fabric you may have found while cleaning up your sewing room.

Have you seen Jamie Wallen's "Longarm TV" ... longarmtv.com It is free and although he uses a longarm, it can be applied to sit down as well.

Cindy Cockell

MEALS ON WHEELS PLACEMATS

Now that most of us have lots of quality time to spend with our stashes, it's a great opportunity to use some of our scraps, practice our machine quilting, try some new patterns and techniques, and make some things to be shared with the less fortunate. Thanks to our Webmaster, Cathy Ridley, a new group of our placemat patterns is now available on the guild's website, along with an index showing a thumbnail picture of each of them. Many of them are based on various sizes of precuts (2 ½", 5" or 10" squares, or 2 ½" strips) and most are quite simple to construct.

Here are some notes about a few of the patterns:

Fly High and Low uses "fake binding", so it is quick-turned and then quilted, with no binding.

Braid As You Go is a chance to try an easy quilt-as-you-go technique – no quilting required! It uses 2 ½" strips, as do Topsy Turvy, Rail Fence, Where's the Cabin and Jelly Roll Race.

If you have lots of 2 ½" squares, check out Building Bricks, Mostly Squares, 9-Patch Star and On Point patterns.

Use up some of your 5" charm squares with Disappearing Nine-Patch, Doubled Crossed, Charm Wave, or Diamond in the Centre.

Of course, you may also have one or more kits that you picked up from us at a meeting, and this would be a good time to finish them up as well. We also look forward to seeing what other patterns you find and designs that you make. Hopefully, when the guild is able to meet again we will have a wonderful assortment of beautiful placemats to donate to Meals on Wheels. If you have questions about any of our patterns, don't hesitate to contact Doris (dorisd@tbaytel.net)

Happy sewing, and stay well!

Doris Dungan and Judy Murphy





LIBRARY REPORT

A Library Helper is needed starting immediately.

This helper will order Library books, help members to sign out books an hour before and at the break of the meeting and help with the inventory of books.

Inventory of the Library Books will be done after the April Meeting, possibly Sat. May 2nd.

Five helpers will be needed. Please sign-up in the Library at the break.

Submitted by Maria Watson, Chairperson

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I know most members will have had a very quiet Easter. For those of us who attend Church, having to attend online is a very different experience. We are having to do things we never thought about in the past but maybe this will be the start of seeing and doing things differently going into the future. Spring is slowly coming which is wonderful and something we can all look forward to. Seeing the grass appear as the snow melts is wonderful, so far it has been a slow melt so there hasn't been much flooding. I have seen a lot more animals and birds especially the rabbits who are starting to change colour, chipmunks, deer and you can always tell the skunks are awake by the smell even if you haven't seen one.

I am making face masks and scrub hats which I know a lot of our members are making as well. They are really needed by our Health Care Facilities, other companies and family and friends. Please remember we still need a President, Vice President and Program Chair for the next two years so our Guild can continue to do the programmes that enable us to give Quilts etc. to the Community. If you have any questions please contact myself or anyone on the Executive. I know I sound like a broken record but we can't function without these positions being filled.

Stay safe everyone and I look forward to seeing everyone once we are allowed to meet again.

Sharon

QUILT BEE COMMITTEE

Have you been sewing? Sometimes during these times it is very rewarding to work on creative projects. If you have any kits from past Quilt Bees or other charity quilt kits, I encourage you to consider finishing them off. I will be working on a few of them over the next few weeks to get them ready for our next in person meeting. I also plan to make a few slabs of scraps and quilt as you go 12.5 inch blocks to do something creative and quick with my scraps. These will be great distractions.

I will not be distributing any kits, batting or backing until we are back to face to face meetings. Work with what you have on hand and be creative! It will be beautiful and loved by the recipients.

Adrienne

VP'S REPORT

At this time all workshops have been postponed and will be rescheduled as soon as possible! All the instructors are on standby!

I am sure our members are doing lots of quilting!

I hope everyone has got the Challenge for doing the scrub caps for the Regional!

Stay safe and Quilt on!

Vicky

WORKSHOPS BY VISITING INSTRUCTORS

Andrea Tsang Jackson of 3rd Story Workshop will be here [October 24/25](#), 2020. We are planning on her Gemology workshop and her Map workshop. Both are shown on her website if you'd like to check it out. <https://3rdstoryworkshop.com/> More information on the selected workshops and registration is provided on the attached poster. Separate emails will be sent this month to promote these workshops and to highlight the registration process. Registration will happen by email at the end of April. We have rescheduled Libs Elliott workshops to January 15/16, 2021. We are still maintaining a waiting list for the workshops. Please email Cathy Ridley cr Ridley@tbaytel.net to be added to the list. Trunk show tickets for Libs Elliott will be available at the next in person meeting.

Adrienne, Cathy, Laura and Mary Catharine

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Andrea Tsang Jackson - 3rd Story Workshop

We are happy to announce that Andrea Tsang Jackson of 3rd Story Workshop will be in Thunder Bay on October 24 and 25, 2020 to teach two fantastic workshops and present a trunk show on Saturday evening.

Due to the cancellation of the April Meeting, we will be doing the workshop registration through email at the end of April. Details will follow in a specific email to the guild.

We are offering the following workshops. More information can be found on the guild website thunderbayquilters.org

Gemology Workshop

Saturday, October 24, 2020

9am - 4pm at Oliver Road Community Centre

Andrea will teach a teardrop gem pattern from her Gemology Book. This class will cover paper piecing and the effect of colour, value and transparency.

Workshop Fees

\$80 per participant for TBQG member

\$100 for non-TBQG members

Gemology Book Required = \$38 (available to purchase at the class)

Templates required if you already own the book for \$2 fee (pay at the class).

Light lunch provided.



Quilted Maps Workshop

Sunday, October 25, 2020

9am - 4pm at Oliver Road Community Centre

Using a map of Lake Superior, Andrea will guide the workshop participants through her applique and quilting methodology to create her map quilts. She will show you how to adapt this technique to other maps.

Workshop Fees

\$90 per participant for TBQG member

\$110 for non-TBQG members

Plus Map Pattern Fee = \$10 (pay at registration)

Light lunch provided.

Workshop participants will be given one trunk show ticket with their registration for one or two workshops.



THUNDER BAY QUILTERS GUILD PRESENTS

October 24 & 25 2020

ANDREA TSANG JACKSON OF 3RD STORY WORKSHOP

Classes

Sat 9am **Gemology**

Sun 9am **Quilted Maps**

Oliver Road Community Centre

Trunk Show

Sat 7:30pm **Trunk Show**

location tbd

visit thunderbayquilters.org for
more information



CLASSES SOLD OUT



Thunder Bay Quilters Guild Presents

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Tickets \$10

OLIVER ROAD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Visit *thunderbayquilters.org* for more information

CHRISTMAS CHEER TEDDY BEAR COMMITTEE

HAPPY SPRING.

The snow is almost gone around the city and Tulips and Hyacinths are popping up in our gardens. Spring is in the air. Spring means spring cleaning so if you have decided to clean your craft room please remember that we can always use any excess ribbon that you have laying around and want to get rid of. Our teddy bears have to be wrapped up snugly and we have found that every year we use a lot of ribbon and we will take any that you are willing to part with.

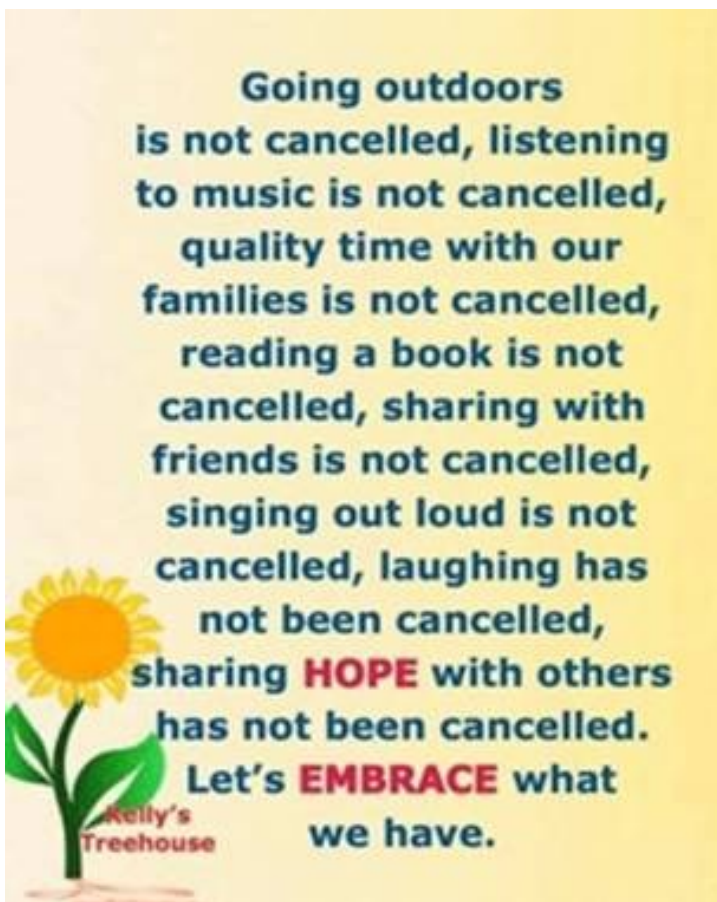
I have found a new pattern and will have Joanne add it to the attachments that she sends out with the Quill. I have worked it up to be just the right size for a Teddy Bear Quilt. It would also make a good I-spy quilt.

Thank you. Stay Safe.

Peggy Skillen



CHRISTMAS CHEER TEDDY BEAR COMMITTEE



COMFORT QUILTS

Hi Friends,

Although we weren't able to meet in March, I'm sure everyone has one or two projects in the works that they can enjoy finishing. I've actually found long lost shoe boxes and bins containing time capsules from early Patchwork days and Scrap Quilt Clubs. Hopefully now I will complete some of them and we can share a chuckle when we meet again. I have also been using up some scraps to make Taggy squares. I thought it might be fun for some of the seniors required to stay in their rooms and will be trying them out. These are small similar to Fidget quilts and have ribbons sewn into the seams. Photo of my four is included.



The Comfort Quilt Committee members did not meet yet and will wait to distribute quilts received since November. I have made several calls and am taking time now to review the recommended sizes and needs within our community. If you have heard of somewhere that would benefit from receiving comfort quilts, please provide contact information and some background on the needs and numbers.

If you are making any quilt(s) for donation, the recommended sizes are given here. You will note that I have included a size for Dignity Quilts. Some facilities have asked for them to be used when a resident passes and is taken out of the home. One of the

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"



Funeral Homes recommended 6 by 7 feet although the size can be flexible. Comfort Quilts are not made by members when a specific request is received; however, we are mindful of the community needs.

If you have been super busy and desperately need labels, I could drop some in your mailbox or wait for now since we are not able to access the locations at this time to drop off donations. The label is to be sewn onto the quilt – typically on the back bottom right side. No label goes onto the Neo Natal.

Why not try out some new patterns and make some quilted 12 ½ inch blocks. Jackie Black pieces these together to make larger quilts using the blocks. Blocks can be any pattern. Neutral colours that can be used by male and female residents are preferred but anything goes as long as cotton fabrics are used. Remember to sandwich larger (about 14 inch backing and batting) and leave them untrimmed. It is a wonderful way to try out a pattern you find in a magazine or on-line.

It goes without saying but we will mention it anyway – Take care of yourselves and find something joyful in every day.

Pat Inch and Florence Poster (on behalf of the Committee)

COMFORT QUILTS



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Wildflower Arts Quilt Shop



LONGARM QUILTING SERVICES

Quilting is 3 cents a square inch
(calculated by length x width x .03 = charge to quilt)

Edge to edge pantographs only.

There is **NO CHARGE** for thread, batting (off-white Hobbs 80/20) or the pattern. If we do not have the pattern you would like we will get one you do like at no charge to you.

2020 Quilt Retreats – May 22-23, July 24-25,
November 6-7 (Friday/Saturday) – call shop for details.

Shop Local!

Due to Covid-19, our store is closed. Come and visit us at Wildflower Arts Quilt Shop. We are located at 1899 Hwy 608, South Gillies, Ontario P0T 2V0. We can help you choose fabric or give you ideas for your projects. We offer retreats throughout the year and if you wanted to have a private retreat (does not have to specifically be quilting themed) with just you and your friends we can help you arrange that as well.

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