

# THUNDER BAY QUILTERS' GUILD

# QUILTERS' QUILL

January 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](mailto:kavanagh@tbaytel.net)

## MEETING AGENDA

January 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 - February 17, 2020

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The New Year is always a great time to evaluate your quilting/sewing/hobby habits and decide if there is something you want to change, or a new direction you want to grow. Did you make New Year's resolutions or set some goals about quilting? Mine was to actually take the time to set up my studio in my new house. What was yours? To not buy any new fabric this year? To purchase only for specific projects? Maybe it was to finish off some UFOs? Or to finally try a new technique? Or to visit as many quilt shows as you can get to? The possibilities are endless! Best of luck in accomplishing your quilting goals in 2020!

Christina



## QUILT SHOW 2021

The Quilt Show planning meeting will be Wednesday January 29, 2020 at 7pm in the smaller room off the kitchen at the church. Anyone interested in helping to plan the 2021 Quilt Show is welcome to attend, there are plenty of jobs to go around as well as shadowing opportunities to learn for the 2023 show.

### 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.



#### 2019/2020 EXECUTIVE

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#### 2019/2020 COMMITTEES

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



## VP'S REPORT

### Update to the workshops

All being held at Calvary Lutheran Church unless otherwise notified

Time will be from 9-4pm bring a packed lunch

You will be contacted either by the instructor or myself on updates and class requirements

Feb 15/20	Jeanette Dann	Purse
March 28/20	Maria Bel	Box Bag
April 4/20	Peggy Skillen	Bag with a zipper
May 2/20	Cathy Ridley	Postcards
May 9/20	Jeanette Dann	2 fabric bargello

All classes have a maximum number. If you are interested either see me prior to the Guild meeting by the fireplace to sign up or email me.

The cost is 35.00 and it can be e-transferred to Ginny Strey, our treasurer.

First come first served !

Email: [Vickyb@tbaytel.net](mailto:Vickyb@tbaytel.net)

“ Happy New Year and we started the year off with 2 fabric Bargello taught to guild ladies by Jeanette Dann  
It was a fabulous day thanks Jeanette look for pictures on our Facebook page”

Vicky

Sew Flippin' Creations has had lots of requests on learning how to Quilt.

Katrina has invited us to use her facility and her machines and asked the Guild to provide instructors. It gives us a chance to get more visibility as a guild and possibly encouraging growth to our membership. The participants will do a basic followed by being taught 3 blocks (runner) and finishing on her long arm. What an opportunity for our Guild!

For further information you can contact me.

## PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and happy sewing over the next year.

It is also time to start thinking seriously about running for Executive positions coming up in June. We will need a President, Vice- President, and Programme Chair for the June Election. These positions are critical for the continuation of our Guild, which is hopefully what we all want. When I have approached members about running for office, I have heard members say “I just want to sit back and enjoy the meeting”. What we all have to remember is, we can't all sit back or we will not have a Guild meeting to attend, I know I enjoy attending the meetings. Please think seriously about running for office and don't be afraid to ask questions of the Executive. Everyone who has been on the Executive have doubts about doing the job, I know I did, but we all get through it with a little help from Past and Present Executive Members.

Sharon



# PROGRAM

## January Program

This month we welcome a quilter of the month, Diane Connelly. Diane has been making projects with selvages and will show us some examples and explain what she does. If you've made a selvage project feel free to bring it along for a show & tell. The picture shows selvages used as the background for the birds - I can't remember what quilt show this was in.

If you have selvages you want to donate to Diane she'll happily take them. The selvage should have at least 1/2" of the fabric besides the selvage. Those with pretty color dots or names of fabric lines are great. If anything has any Cotton & Steele selvages they are the best since they sometimes exceed 1" and often have cute sayings and pictures on them.



## February Program

Carol Richards passed on some info about a Quilt Canada challenge that just ended. There is a slide show of the quilts; all the same pattern but many different color arrangements. We'll have a discussion on color and value along with the slide show.

## Spring 2020 Mystery

I have another mystery in mind but I'm not sure if I have time to get kits ready for the January meeting. Stay tuned.

Cindy Cockell

Here's an interesting video. It's a bit too long (about 21 minutes) to show for program so I thought you could include it in the Quill for everyone. It's a discussion on the quality of fabric and the differences between quilt shop fabrics and other stores that carry fabric.

<https://www.quiltaddictsanonymous.com/2020/01/whats-the-difference-quilt-shop-vs-chain-store-fabric-free-beginner-quilting-videos-3/>



## LIBRARY REPORT

Eight rulers have been added to the Library for circulation. They are:

- Non-slip Pineapple Trim Tool Mini (4", 5", 6") or the Regular (6", 8", 10") size
- Quick Curve Ruler (Regular Size and Mini) with Runner Pattern
- Tucker Trimmer
- Wing Clipper
- Add-A-Quarter Inch Plus Ruler (12" long and a 6" mini)

The ruler is signed out just like a library book. We need a membership card, and signed out for one month. The theme for the books on display for January will be Valentine, Children Quilts, and books on Rulers and strip books (2.5 inches)

Submitted by Maria Watson, Chairperson for the Library.

## SEW DAYS

Sew days will continue this year with few changes and 6 tentative dates. The cost has risen to \$10 but still includes lunch.

And we are looking for members for the committee to make food and assist with set up/take down.

Dates: January 25, February 29, March 21, May 23 and will run 10 - 4.

Sign up list will be available at next meeting for the Jan 25 sew day.

Laura

## MENDING HEARTS

The MENDING HEARTS project supported by the John Rafferty Memorial Fund will create unique handcrafted quilted hearts to build awareness and community support for the Elizabeth Fry Society. In the New Year, you can make a unique quilted heart at a number of sewing sessions to be hosted around the community. The project is intended to build empathy, understanding and express support and caring for women and girls in the justice system, particularly those who are, or may be, criminalized. Once made hearts are collected to be sown in the community-shared and left for community members to find and reflect on those who need our support. When you find one of these mended hearts you can share on social media in the Facebook group Mendedheartsefry and show you care.

[https://www.facebook.com/Mendedheartsefry-109595923845801/?modal=admin\\_todo\\_tour](https://www.facebook.com/Mendedheartsefry-109595923845801/?modal=admin_todo_tour).

A number of community sessions invite people to sew hearts or pick up materials to complete hearts will be held beginning in January and early February. Hearts left around Thunder Bay around Valentines/Family Day in Feb.

Quilters/sewers are invited to help make small quilt as you go blocks to be cut into hearts by participants or donate supplies.

Contact Pam Cain 964-2323 [johnraffertymemorial@gmail.com](mailto:johnraffertymemorial@gmail.com)



## QUILT BEE COMMITTEE

### The Big Quilt Bee - February 1 & 2, 2020

Thank you so much to everyone who has indicated that they plan to attend the upcoming Quilt Bee. The organizing committee is looking forward to a fabulous and productive weekend. If you plan to attend and have not told Adrienne yet, please email Adrienne at [alopes@tbaytel.net](mailto:alopes@tbaytel.net) to confirm your attendance, the days/time you plan to attend and any allergies. This will allow the committee to plan the 3 meals and the room layout. Thanks for understanding.

We are planning for a **nut free** event due to allergies. Please consider this if you are bringing snacks or dessert to share. Dinner will include beef on a bun and we will have vegetarian soup available as well.

Here are the details about the bee:  
Saturday, February 1, 2020 - 10 am - 9 pm  
Sunday, February 2, 2020 - 10 am - 4 pm  
Oliver Road Community Centre

We will have the following available for you to work on at the bee:

1. Quilt Kits
2. String Quilts - quilt as you go, hinge method. These will be assembled by teams to keep them coordinated and to expedite finishing.
3. Machine Quilting - quilt tops of various sizes
4. Quilts ready for binding

Help with general tasks is always welcome and encouraged. This year we will have a white board at the entrance where people can volunteer to help. We need help with non-Quilting tasks too. There will be a lot of work for people who don't want to sew. It is very much appreciated and makes the weekend more enjoyable for everyone.

If anyone plans to machine quilt a charity quilt and would like to baste a quilt in advance to work on it at the bee, please email Adrienne [alopes@tbaytel.net](mailto:alopes@tbaytel.net) in advance of the meeting to arrange to have a top, batting and backing provided to you. That allows you to do your basting at home and be ready to start quilting at the bee.

If you are attending the bee, please plan to bring the following:

- Name tag
- Indoor shoes - we would like to minimize mud and water in the main hall and will encourage everyone to leave outdoor shoes at the entrance. Coats can be hung in the coat room. We will make sure there are a few chairs at the entrance to help with putting shoes on and off.
- Covered coffee/tea mug and water bottle
- **Nut free** dessert to share - please indicate any other allergens or provide a list of ingredients (thanks)

If you are bringing a sewing machine please bring the following:



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- Extension cord/power bar
- Thread, needles, notions, quilting aids (machine quilting feet, walking foot, marking tools, stencils)
- Basting pins or spray if required
- Rulers for cutting and trimming blocks/strips

We will have 4 cutting boards. We will also have 4 irons and 4 full size ironing boards.

If you are coming to the Bee on Saturday afternoon or evening, please note the main door of the hall will be locked for our security. We will have the main doors open and will answer the door. Please bring my cell phone number with you and call Adrienne in advance to open the door. ([251-1185](tel:251-1185))

A reminder email will be sent prior to the bee.

Let's make some fantastic quilts!

Adrienne

## WORKSHOPS BY VISITING INSTRUCTORS

A small team of guild members have been working to coordinate visiting instructors to teach workshops and offer trunk shows. Following the tremendous success of the Libs Elliott workshop registration we investigated other potential instructors and have booked Andrea Tsang Jackson of 3rd Story Workshop for October 24/25, 2020. More information on the selected workshops will follow over the coming months and sign ups for the October workshops will be at the March or April meeting. Details will be provided in the Quill.

If you are interested in the Libs Elliott workshops that have sold out, we are maintaining a waiting list. Please see Cathy Ridley at the meeting or email her to be added to the list. Trunk show tickets for Libs Elliott will be available at the meeting.

Adrienne, Cathy, Laura and Mary Catharine

## LIBS ELLIOT WORKSHOPS & TRUNK SHOW

What a wonderful response to our spring workshops! The Libs Elliott Workshops have sold out. Please contact Cathy Ridley if you would like to be put on a wait list for either class. Trunk show tickets will be available at the meetings. Please see Mary Catharine or Cathy Ridley at a meeting to purchase trunk show tickets. More information is available on the guild website.



# CLASSES SOLD OUT



Thunder Bay Quilters Guild Presents

## LIBS ELLIOTT APRIL 18 2020

Trunk Show and Lecture  
Doors Open 6:30pm Show 7:30pm  
Tickets \$10

OLIVER ROAD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Visit [thunderbayquilters.org](http://thunderbayquilters.org) for more information



## CHEERFUL QUILTERS NEEDED

Wednesday afternoons at Pinewood Seniors Residence will be Demonstration Days. The seniors asked if some quilters would be willing to come and sew at the facility for a couple of hours once a month or two. Last year some of us took quilts for a SHOW AND TELL and apparently the participants were so inspired, they would like to see how the quilts are made and talk with some quilters again. The program is flexible and mostly for the residents to see works in progress along with some finished products that they can admire and talk about with the quilters.

Placemats, baby quilts or figits are some suggestions but anything goes. It would be advisable to plan and precut to avoid taking sharp cutters that might be hazardous. The residents are very inquisitive and some are hard of hearing so it helps to have a group of people scheduled for the visits.

If you can spare a couple of hours, please sign-up or email me. I will keep a listing and hopefully we can fill in all the dates. It was interesting and good fun. Let's pay it forward. Pinewood has the recreation room and schedules activities for the residents typically for 1 to 2 hours in the afternoons on weekdays. **Starting in January 2020**, Suzanne is putting Thunder Bay Quilters in **their program for 2:15 on the Wednesday following Guild Meetings** but they are flexible and will go with our availability. Their program is made up a month in advance so any changes would need to be made early.

I will be away in January and February so I am hoping to fill those dates before I go. Thanks for your interest and help. Have fun!

Pat Inch



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## SHOW AND TELL DECEMBER





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## NORMA'S QUILT PRESENTATION

The following photos show the presentation of the quilt the guild members signed to wish Norma well as she moves to Southern Ontario.





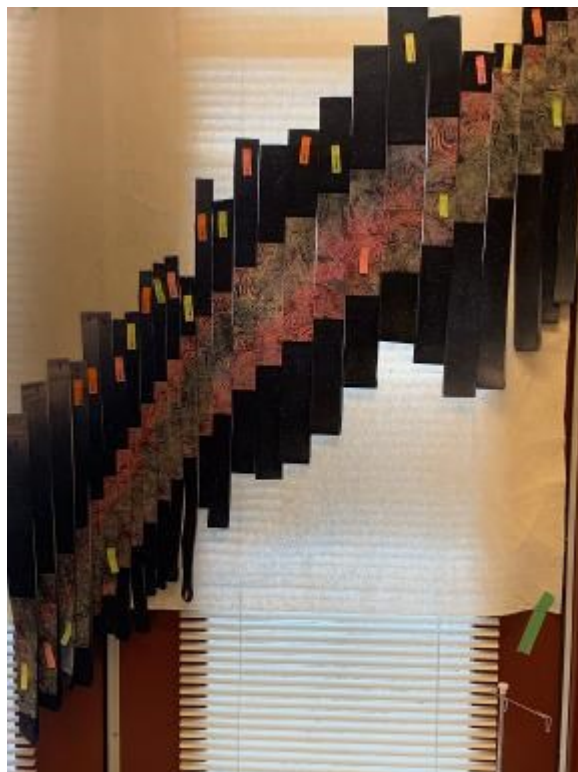
## NORMA'S QUILT PRESENTATION





## JANUARY BARGELLO WORKSHOP

Jeannette taught a spectacular two colour Bargello workshop on Saturday. Here's some photos for the Quill and website.





## JANUARY BARGELLO WORKSHOP





CHRISTMAS CHEER TEDDY BEAR COMMITTEE



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## COMFORT QUILTS

Happy New Year.

In December we enjoyed an awesome potluck and lots of Show& Tell. Four comfort quilts were collected and will be kept for distribution after the Quilt Bee and February meeting. If you find yourself with free time, try a Figit quilt. Figit quilts are small textured touchy/feely blankets or squares that are washable and safe for children and seniors. They are wonderful items to amuse and occupy time.

If you are making any quilt(s) for donation, the recommended sizes are given here. Also, see Kelly Schmid or Peggy Skillen for a Quilt Guild Label. The label is to be sewn onto the quilt; typically on the back bottom right side. We will be challenging members to make bed quilts for long-term care facilities as there is a big need for these. Other quilts are always welcomed too. No label goes onto the Neo Natal.

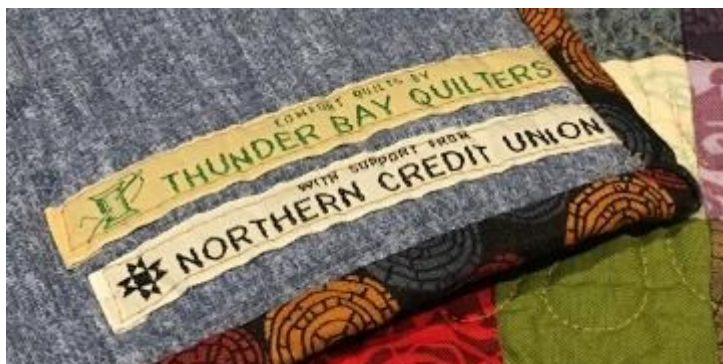
### Recommended Quilt Sizes

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"

Jackie Black is piecing together larger quilts using the quilted 12 ½ inch blocks. Please keep bringing them in. Blocks can be any pattern but we are requesting that colours be kept neutral so they can be used by male and female residents. 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. Come find Jackie or me if you have questions.

I will be away with family until late February. Kelly Schmid and Peggy Skillen are available if you have any questions. Kelly will be collecting the quilts until I return as Florence will likely miss both meetings too. Thanks to all the Comfort Quilt Committee for helping out.

Pat Inch, Florence Poster and the Elves





## 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.

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**Quilt Retreat** – February 21-22 (Friday/Saturday) – call shop for details.

## **Shop Local!**

**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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**STELLAIRE** — Embroidery / Quilting and  
Sewing Machine with Disney Designs

