

THUNDER BAY QUILTERS' GUILD

QUILTERS' QUILL

June 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.

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MEETING AGENDA

Zoom Meeting June 15, 2020

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 - September 21, 2020

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello All! This will be my last message to you as your president. I have had a wonderful time being your president over the last 4 years, and as your vice-president for two years before that. I have loved keeping our guild moving forward and promoting us to the community. Working with all of you and getting to know you has been very rewarding. It will be a bit sad to move out of this position, but I am very excited to help the next executive bring their ideas to life.

We have had a strange last half of our guild year, but our Zoom chat groups and the Quill have been a great way to keep in touch. It did throw a wrench in making changes to the Constitution, but we were able to have one discussion at our last guild meeting in February, and two Zoom meetings to discuss the changes to get



our three readings in. We have probably had more votes on the changes on the online survey than we would have gotten in person, so thank you to everyone who voted, and the vote is still open until Monday. I will be sending the final tally out with Joanne later next week, so keep an eye out for that email.

Monday Night Guild Meeting

Monday night we will actually get to have one final Guild meeting via Zoom! The meeting will be at 7pm on Monday June 15th. Even if you don't have a device with a camera and microphone, as long as your device can connect to the internet, you can still click into the meeting and see and hear everyone else. I will have everyone muted, so if you would like to ask a question, you will have to click on the "chat" button and type in your question. The "chat" button is in the button ribbon on your zoom app, or in the "... " section of your button ribbon on a mobile app. You can click on the link below to join in.

Topic: June TBQG Meeting

Time: Jun 15, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74676397797?pwd=V3l0ZXoxUnpiVUxMRDIBQnNlaXE0UT09>

Meeting ID: 746 7639 7797

Password: 138892

Christina

MONDAY NIGHT VIRTUAL MEETINGS

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Monday night Zoom Meetings over the past few months. They were a great way to stay connected to fellow guild members and to get to know one another. I know we all came away with good inspiration and delicious recipe ideas. It was wonderful to connect with everyone through the meetings. Many of you became familiar with the Zoom meeting technology just for these meetings and learned something new. Thank you for taking time to figure it out. It can be a great way to communicate and share with a group.

We will take a break from these meetings over the summer to enjoy the weather and some sewing time!

A special thank you goes out to the weekly hosts of the meetings - Cathy Ridley, Laura Cooke, Anne Lockwood, Iris Maxwell, Mary Catharine Kennedy and Adrienne Lopes.

Adrienne

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Guest Speaker / Teachers:	Vicky Butt
Hall of Fame:	Sharon Melville
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Donation Placemats:	Doris Dungan, Judy Murphy
Teddy Bear Quilts	Peggy Skillen
Sew Days	Laura Cooke

THUNDER BAY QUILT GUILD HISTORY HISTORY OF MEMORY QUILT

The “Memory Quilt” was a millennium project, guild members were challenged to make quilt blocks with this theme. For two years the blocks were in waiting to be put together, this was done by Gillian Steedman. It was decided it would be a “Memorial Quilt” in honour of the guild’s deceased members. Deloraine Papich researched the names and Alicyn Papich, her daughter, wrote their names in permanent ink on the quilt top and Deloraine bound it. We proudly display this quilt at our Quilt Shows.

Members Listed on Memory Quilt as of 2018

Gladys Nummikoski, Beatrice King, Susan Wolframe, Rosemary Cano, Irene Korpela, Elsie Ostrum, Alberta Webster, Dorothy Seabrooke, Faye Marincow, Grace Rodgers, Jean Peat, Frances Wilson, Irene Kartanson, Connie Archer, Shirley Bleakney, Deloraine Papich, Lois Fraser, Ann Agombar, Mae Carlson, Mary Cottonden, Mildred Morton, Margaret Bliss, Shirley Lindfors, Carol Bernhardsen-Rose, Carolyn Bociuski, Helen Knights, Verna McKercher, Jean Tozer, Marilyn Pylypiw, Elizabeth Searles, Marjorie Hosegood, Alva Llewellyn

If anyone knows of any additional information about our Memory Quilt please do not hesitate to share.

Jeannette Dann, Historian

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VP'S REPORT

I hope everyone is continuing to get all your UFO's done!

I wanted to Thank Susan Dygun for coming up with the idea of making scrub hats for different departments at the Regional. I believe our last count was around 100. Thanks to those who participated. All the departments were very happy and grateful for the gesture! See attached pictures This will be my last report as your VP.

I enjoyed my position and was pleased to have so many attend the workshops I set up.

There are 4 workshops that were postponed due to Covid; 1.two fabric Bargello Jeanette 2.box bag Maria 3.zippered bag Peggy 4.postcard class Cathy Hopefully they will be rescheduled once we get back to the new normal.

If they aren't rescheduled you can see Ginny for a refund.

Enjoying the contact with the Guild through the Zoom meetings!

Have a great summer and hopefully see everyone in September!

Respectively submitted

Vicky Butt



MEALS ON WHEELS PLACEMATS

Two hundred and twenty one placemats were collected for Meals on Wheels at the first six meetings of the current guild year. I know there are lots more that we will be seeing when we are finally able to meet again as a group!

If you are busy making placemats from your own fabrics, you may be in need of some labels. Contact Doris (dorisd@tbaytel.net) if you want to make arrangements to get a supply.

Remember that many patterns that we have developed are available on the guild website, along with an index showing an image of each finished project.

Happy sewing, stay well, and enjoy the beautiful summer weather as it comes our way!

Doris Dungan and Judy Murphy

QUILT BEE COMMITTEE

Do you have a kit from past Quilt Bees or other charity quilt kits to finish? Use some time this summer to work on them. I encourage you to finish them off. I will be working on a few over the summer. I have some panels that will make great wheelchair quilts and I plan to practice free motion quilting on them. It's the best way to try new motifs.

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. Enjoy your summer!

Adrienne



Here's the photos of the panels I will be working on for wheelchair quilts.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Hey Quilting Friends!

Hope all of you and your families are keeping safe and healthy.

Here we are at the end of another year. I've been busy quilting as I'm sure many of you have been just to pass the time away.

By the way I have only one more year left on my term as Treasurer for the Guild. If anyone has been thinking about the Treasurer position and how much it actually entails please feel free to contact me and we can talk about it. When we are able to meet in person again, maybe you would like to help me for part of the year to see if this is something you can do! It's a pretty easy job, but some bookkeeping background or similar experience would definitely be a help. Think about it!

Have a wonderful summer can't wait to see everyone in September (or whenever it is deemed safe to meet again)

Ginny Strey

PROGRAM

My thanks to everyone who was a program demonstrator the past 2 years. Unfortunately a few of the programs planned for this spring didn't happen but I'll pass on the info to the new chairperson for next year. My thanks also to Ron for his video work, it makes it so much easier to present things. I hope everyone learned at least one new thing this year and finds time to try out some of the ideas shared.

As my final act for program I've given you a pattern for precuts - mini charm packs or regular 5" charm packs. This was one of the challenges I gave to myself during the stay at home orders. It was hard to sit in my home office every day with my sewing machine so close. I wanted to do something different and I don't normally do lots of pieces nor use precuts. So the challenge was to use a mini charm pack and use all the pieces in 1 project with no scraps. I then did it again with the new Art To Heart Holly Jolly charm pack. Luci has both the samples in her shop if you want to see them. The mini took about 3 hours and the bigger one about 5 hours. The bigger one would make a nice teddy quilt since it finishes at 32". You can also use up lots of your scraps and make this quilt any size.

I hope everyone stays healthy and has taken this time to work on UFO's or try new things. I know I have, although there's still UFO's to finish and the scrap bin just keeps getting fuller and my stash doesn't seem to be getting smaller....I think it's multiplying. Hopefully we meet again in person in the fall and everyone has lots of show & tell.

Spring Mystery

Thanks to everyone for participating in the mysteries that I did the past 2 years. I have lots of fun designing them and I know from people's comments that they really enjoyed doing them. I had 10 people send me pictures of their finished projects. I did a draw for 3 prizes: Fiona Lawrence won a project bag, Evelyn Ponka won a rotary cutter and Maria Watson won the tote bag. I'll be sending the pictures to Cathy for the website.

Cindy



Maria Watson



Peggy Skillen placemat

PROGRAM



Evelyn Ponka



Laura Cooke



Cathy Ridley



Anne Lockwood



Fiona Lawrence



PROGRAM



Janny Judson



Peggy Skillen



Kelly Schmid



Barb Mason

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy during these changing times. Good weather has finally arrived and has allowed us to enjoy being outside if the black flies or mosquitos don't chase us in. I hope everyone has a good summer even with all our limitations.

This will be my last post as Past-President. I have been a member of the Guild for 10 years in September and I have been on the Executive for eight of those years. During this time I have learned a lot about how the Guild functions and how important it is to have members who contribute so much of their time and energy to making quilts that we can give away to the Community. Thank you to all the members for your support over the years. If you are a new member and want to learn more about how the Guild functions being on the Executive is a great way to do this.

We have a list of the Founding Members of the Thunder Bay Quilters Guild but some I do not have any information about them, if anyone does I would appreciate any information available about these members: Jo Baarschers, Lois Fraser, Elenore Kehlenbeck, Joan Kelley and Kris Wadson.

Thanks a lot for all your help.

Sharon

Superior Quilts 2021 Challenge

REFLECTIONS

TBQG members contact Ellen Lang to
join and arrange contactless pick-up




What does 'reflections' mean to you? Could it be our unique aurora borealis with its blue and green colours shimmering across the night sky? Possibly you see a reflection in a mirror or pond. We are looking forward to seeing your creations!

Once again Northcott Fabrics has graciously provided 3 bolts of fabric for our challenge. Each bolt has been divided into fat quarters and fat eighths and are now available for purchase.

There is a limited amount of fat quarters and fat eighths available. It will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. **Fat quarters can be purchased for \$10 and fat eighths for \$5.** Payment for the challenge fabric will be **cash or etransfer only to Ellen Lang.** Contact Ellen Lang at 623-2307 or by email at ellen_lang@tbaytel.net if you are interested to arrange payment and coordinate pickup/delivery. If a guild meeting is possible in June there will be fabric for purchase at that time for cash only.

More details to follow but here are some highlights:

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1. Create a wall hanging or quilt that can be hung. The quilt must be quilted & bound.
 2. Maximum dimensions 36" x 36".
 3. Must use all 3 challenge fabrics provided in the front of the quilt, not including the binding.
 4. The 3 challenge fabrics must be prominent in the quilt.
 5. Participants are encouraged to create an original design.
 6. Only use 3 additional fabrics to create your original design.
 7. Deadline for submission is April 19, 2021.

LIBRARY REPORT

Nine new books were added to the Library plus 8 rulers. The rulers were purchased with Alva Llewellyn Auction Money made from the sale of her donated books.. Alva's fund is now depleted. The Annual Inventory of books has been postponed for this year due to COVID-19.

Norma Wynn donated her collection of Quilting books to the Library; some were catalogued and the others were offered to the members via Silent Auction as per Norma's request.

Over the summer please ponder volunteering in the Library!

In September we need one person to help Chair the Library Committee. Also, 2 helpers a month are needed to supervise the signing out of Library books to members, to set up before a meeting and to help close the Library after the meeting. Please consider helping and sign up will be at the September meeting.

If we become a virtual meeting we might want to consider curb side pickup and drop of on the night of the virtual meeting.

Submitted by Maria Watson,

CHRISTMAS CHEER TEDDY BEAR COMMITTEE

I know it is hard to think about Christmas when we have beautiful weather outside but before we know it Christmas and Teddy Bear season will be here. Last year we gave Christmas Cheer 382 bears and quilts etc. I know that it will be hard to beat that total but I hope that everyone is working on at least one quilt or pillowcase for November.

Our hope is to put a smile on a young child's face on Christmas morning and I know that we accomplished that the past few years. I am going to have Joanne include some of the patterns that I have put out each month so that if you missed one of them or all of them then they will be there to download again. Most of them are very easy to make, just a few half square triangles and squares. Please make sure that your quilt covers your bear or stuffed toy.

Thank you everyone for all the bears and quilts that have been submitted over the past few years.

Peggy Skillen



CHRISTMAS CHEER TEDDY BEAR COMMITTEE



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COMFORT QUILTS AND KEEP SMILING

Greetings,

Some businesses are reopening but we are not yet able to collect comfort quilts and distribute them within our community. Hopefully there will be an opportunity soon or at least a date that we can work towards. I will continue to check over the summer and let you know when information is available.

Although we haven't been able to meet since February, the numbers for this year are outstanding. We collected over 100 comfort quilts in 2019/20 and the number of bed-sized quilts has been impressive. I don't have an exact breakdown on sizes but will meet with Committee members over the summer and sort out the distribution – and get some new photos. From my records, 60 squares were collected and I look forward to seeing what Jackie puts together. Also, at least 12 neonatal blankets were donated and taken to the Regional Hospital. Figit quilts were taken to Pioneer Ridge. We have not taken other Comfort Quilts since November due to the shutdowns.

We recognize that there are many quilters with comfort quilts finished this year. I managed to finish one from a Quilt Bee attended several years ago....we won't discuss how many years. There is no doubt in my mind that the Guild members would have equaled our total of 160 comfort quilts donated and distributed in 2018/19 if not for self isolation.

Please continue making quilt for donation, the recommended sizes are given here. If you have any questions, please email or call me and I will do my best. We are continuing our efforts to collect bed-sized Comfort Quilts that will go to the long-term care places.

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"



We are mindful of the community needs and always looking to review and add new locations. Our listing is being updated and we can provide it to Cathy for the website.

If you desperately need labels, I could drop some in your mailbox or arrange to leave some in my mailbox for pickup. The label is to be sewn onto the quilt – typically on

the back bottom right side. No label goes onto the Neo Natal.

Take care of yourselves and find something joyful in every day. Just a little aside note, I made some placemats out of orphan blocks and started giving them to my elderly church friends that can't go out to meet friends for coffee. I think of them as mini comfort quilts and I am enjoying the smaller projects.

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

COMFORT QUILTS



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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



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2020 Quilt Retreat – November 6 - 7
(Friday/Saturday) – call shop for details.

Shop Local!

Open by appointment only. 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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