

QUILTERS' QUILL

"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 call Joanne Kavanagh 345-2269.

E-mail: kavanagh@tbaytel.net

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Well fall has arrived, with its beautiful palette of colours. If anyone has taken a drive in the country lately you know exactly what I mean. I think God made the maple tree just for me because like puppies and babies it always manages to make me smile. Someday on my long list of things to do, my quilters bucket list as it were; I would love to spend the day collecting various leaves and pressing them. Then on a cold winter day, when all there is to see is white, take those leaves out of hiding and use them for inspiration in a falling leaves quilt of my own design.

Thanksgiving has always been one of my favourite holidays. If we could give thanks everyday the way we do on Thanksgiving, can you imagine what a wonderful world it would be, Thank you Louie Armstrong. Well, on that note I hope you and your family had a wonderful Thanksgiving. I will be spending mine with wonderful friends, in Hutchinson. Just remember ladies what happens on the bus stays on the bus.

Sincerely your president, Meghann Choquette

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

On Your Mark, Get Set..... SEW!!

We hope you all enjoyed our quilter's workout session in September with Caroline Henry. She certainly had some wonderful ideas to keep us limber and pain free while we spend many hours at our sewing machines doing what we all love to do! It is nice to know that some of those exercises are "Fat Quarter Friendly"!

This month for our program we thought we would touch on a much debated issue for quilters....

STENCILS. To mark or not to mark – that is the question and many quilters struggle over what to do or what works best for them.

I know, for me, I LOVE them and I would like to share some great tips with you about how to make a stencil to fit any size space you have on your quilt. Whether it's resizing stencils you have already purchased or combining motifs from magazines and books, the more versatile you can make this tool the more useful it will be for you! Join us for another fun program that we hope will help you make a "**Marked**" improvement of your stencilling skills!

Louise and I are also very excited to see your red rainbow strips this month and we will have a quick "**strip show**" at the beginning of program. See you soon.

Louise & Sheila

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hope everyone enjoyed the short fall the leaves turned wonderful colours and lasted about a week. This fall has gone so fast that I am having a difficult time keeping up with everything that has to be done.

I have been trying to contact Joyce regarding the Colour theory class to obtain times that she has available so far she has not replied, she may be away as her husband retired the end of September.

Please remember to resign for the intermediate class and pick a day and Date that you would like to attend.

Most of us have difficulty putting a label on our quilts I have found a web site that you can go to and pick a label and type any information on it you would like and download it to a fabric sheet. Go to WWW.junetailor.com click "Creativity Centre" on the left side of your screen, then click on "Interactive Tools". Click on "Quilt Labels". Scroll and click on

desired label design to select. Click in the centre of the label and type your message and quilt information. The typeface and colour is preprogrammed for your convenience. You can print two labels to a page. Let sit for at least 30 minutes after printing then iron to set. Hope this information is helpful.

Sharon

LIBRARY REPORT

This past weekend a group of quilter's travelled to Hutchinson, Minnesota, home of Lynette Jensen and Thimbleberries. The fall colours inspired, the Harvest Brunch and Trunk Show hosted by Lynette brought together hundred's of quilters each attending because of a shared love of fabric and quilting.

At this brunch, Lynette announced her plans for retirement. It was both a sad and happy occasion. Sadness, to think that the Thimbleberries Studio in Hutchinson will close it's doors soon, and happiness because Lynette has left us a legacy. Her books, patterns and fabrics have been a mainstay in the quilting community for more than 25 years. I'm sure that if we all look in our fabric stashes, more than likely, we all find some Thimbleberries fabric.

The very good news is that she will continue to publish new patterns and books. I know that we have many of her previous books in the Guild library and I invite you to come and discover these treasures, take them home and create some magic with Thimbleberries books.

I look forward to adding her future publications to our library, and hope that you too, will enjoy reading and creating new quilts with Lynette's books for many years to come.

As always I thank the Library Committee for their assistance each month in helping to serve the membership.

The Library Committee

Ellen Lang, Wendy Royston, Sharon Melville, Luci Andreacchi

COMFORT QUILTS BEE COMMITTEE – OCT 2012

We will have available at the October meeting, (at break), a variety of "Kits" for you to take home and work on. Please let myself or Linda know if you need any help with the kits, or if you have any suggestions. We look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks, Aila and Linda

QUILT SHOW 2013 COOKBOOK

Hi ladies, time to dig out those favourite recipes and the ones everyone asks for after the pot luck suppers. We are going to produce a cook book to be sold at the 2013 Quilt Show. The last time we did this was for our 20th anniversary in 2001! Hard to believe it was that long ago.

All recipes must be in by the January 2013 meeting but the sooner the better. Start with your recipe for what you bring to the June potluck! Indicate a suitable category for the recipe if it isn't obvious. Last time we had 200 recipes so we're looking for that number again. You may submit more than one.

It will help if you submit them via email so we don't have to re-type them. But if that's not possible then neatly print them and give them to one of us at a meeting. Submit to:

Cindy Cockell ccockell@tbaytel.net

or Marg Marks mjmarks@tbaytel.net

Thanks, Cindy and Marg

PLACEMATS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

We had 44 placemats turned in at the Sept meeting with another 5 turned in by community quilters. Fifteen placemats went to Meals on Wheels.

I have over 50 placemat pairs for the Empty Bowls event on Oct 21. Many thanks to all our quilters for their efforts.

Nelly Reedhead, 473-5646
Chairperson Empty Bowls Committee

ANIMAL BEDS

I am trying to contact the Humane Society about the animal beds. Hopefully I will hear back soon as I have several beds ready to drop off. If it turns out that they don't want them, could I offer them to KittyKare (local cat charity) and New Hope Dog Rescue (local dog charity). At this time, I do not want any more stuffing but I could use some heavier fabric, ie. Denim, heavy cotton, etc. (not upholstery fabric). Thank you.

Diane Chase

CLASSIFIEDS (BUY/SELL/TRADE)

Three-line non-business quilt-related classified ads can be placed in the Quill for \$2.50. Each additional line costs \$1.00 Please pay Aila Metsa in advance.

THUNDER BAY QUILT GUILD PROFILE

JULIE CULLEN

My Life As A Quilter – by Julie Cullen

I was born and raised an only child in Ottawa, Ontario. After graduating from university, I became a high school English teacher. I moved to Thunder Bay when I was twenty-four years old and loved the city right from the beginning.

It was when I was only six years old and came down with the measles that I made my first attempt at knitting. I have continued knitting things throughout my adult life for family and friends. At a young age, and for many years I also made shell jewellery.

I had never really sewed and in fact my mother had to finish sewing my grade eight project. It was not until I had children of my own that I decided to sew an outfit for my daughters. I received valuable help from my neighbour, Doreen Everett and she was the one who encouraged me to take up quilting, but I didn't do much.

Years passed and I wanted to make a quilt for my own bed. I saw an ad in the newspaper for quilt lessons and went to attend the class. Unfortunately, the teacher announced that the class had been changed to making lingerie. Next morning at school, I mentioned what had happened and one of the teachers, Susan Robinson the Home Economics teacher, kindly offered to teach me how to quilt. I brought one block to school every morning and I completed the quilt for my bed. My friend, Jackie Black, also gave me a lot of encouragement to continue quilting and I did go on to make a few things.

Some years later, my life was completely changed for the worse when my daughter was killed in a car accident. I tried everything I knew to get through the pain. Nothing worked; even my music couldn't do it. Finally, I took up quilting again and it helped so much because I had to concentrate on what I was doing or I would sew up my fingers. I cut up all of her cotton clothes to make quilts for her siblings. After that project, I grew to love quilting and became a believer.

Subsequently, I joined the guild and got involved. I was secretary for Quilt Canada when it was hosted by Thunder Bay and I worked in the quilt shows. I made kits for comfort quilts and delivered comfort quilts for the guild for nearly twenty years. Touched by the goodness of people I felt I had received more than I had given. I do enjoy quilt bees, workshops, meetings and the camaraderie of the guild members.

My taste in quilts is simple and traditional. My preference is for soft colours, comfort and not too much stitching. Exactness is very important to me. Over the years, I have made many bed quilts and enjoy making wall hangings and small projects for relaxation. I usually finish one project before I start another and I always give my quilts a name. One of my greatest achievements is I have taught my husband how to sandwich a quilt! He takes great pride in it. A particular project I love is making quilted Christmas stockings for everyone in my extended family and it is nice to see them hanging on each family's mantle-piece when I go to visit at Christmas.

I save my leftovers and as I grow older, my goal is to use them all up!

Submitted Bobbie Dafoe

Quilt me a Rainbow



Suggested Dimensions:

Each assembled coloured strips needs to be 14 ½ inches wide by approximately 65 inches in length
This will allow for trimming and squaring up in order to finish to a hospice size quilt of 63 x 80.

Hope you are all having fun collecting and sewing these beautiful rainbow strips!

Louise Blake & Sheila Meloche

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We're offering **TWO Blocks of the Month** this fall. There is still time to join - Primitive Gathering's **HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS** is a 12 month BOM starting at the end of October and Nancy Halverson's **HOLIDAY FAVORITES** will be offered as a 10 month BOM starting at the end of November

Come in or call the shop to discuss your participation in a BOM program or to inquire about our great selection of classes and clubs.

We have a great selection of new Fall and Christmas fabric, books, patterns and lots of new Moda pre-cuts. Come and visit, browse and get inspired.

We look forward to seeing you and sharing in your quilting adventures

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