

# 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.

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

It is my understanding we have reached our goal for hospice quilts, how wonderful is that? We had an executive meeting last Monday and we have decided that we would like to change how we nominate for the Hall of Fame. We would like nominations from our membership and then the committee will decide who meets the criteria and out of the nominations whom is best suited for that year. In order to put this into place, we took a look at the constitution. When we took a look at our constitution, we realized our constitution needs some updating. So we thought maybe we should set up a small committee that could update the constitution. So now there are two new exciting committees we would like to set up. We can only do this with the help of our membership, so if anyone is interested in participating in either of these committees please let me know. If you have any questions please feel free to ask.

Look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Meghann Choquette  
Your President

## MISSING QUILT TOP

I was talking to Luci the other day and the subject of my missing quilt top that I donated at last year's quilt bee came up and she said that I should email you to put another message in the quill just in case someone found it and doesn't realize that it is missing.

I am enclosing a picture of it too.



Thanks [Peggy Skillen, grams105@hotmail.com](mailto:Peggy_Skillen@grams105@hotmail.com)

## QUILT BEE

The Quilt Bee Committee had a meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup>, and a few suggestions came out of it, which we thought we needed to pass on to the Membership.

## HOW THE QUILT BEE WORKS

The idea behind the Guild's Quilt Bee is to set a time and place where members can get together and create some quilt tops for the purpose of donating what we have made to the Senior's Homes, Hospital, Hospice centre and the Neonatal unit, and at the same time having a great time socializing with the other members

of the Guild and getting to know each other. The great success of last year's Bee at the Prince Arthur was that it brought out a record number of members, and showed what beautiful quilts can be created when we work together. And the side benefit is that we had a lot of fun.

This year's Quilt Bee will not be on as a grand a scale, however, we hope to have a date, place and time by the January 21<sup>st</sup> Guild meeting date.

We have on hand supplies and equipment, such as Cutting Mats, Irons, Ironing Boards, Rotary Cutters and Blades, Extension Cords, Batting, Fabric, and a number of Kits. The Kits we have are all "pre-cut" according to the pattern, and in most instances the backing, batting, and binding are all included.

The only thing you need to bring is your sewing machine, neutral threads (as some machines are fussy), rulers and whatever supplies of your own you wish to use, such as your own rotary cutter and ruler. You may also want to bring along a lunch or a snack depending on how long you intend on staying. Your own closed travel mug will also be helpful in preventing spills. We will also be supplying some snacks, and of course Coffee and Tea.

This year, we hope to get some of these kits made up into at least quilt tops. The pre-cutting saves time in that it allows us to get to the sewing much faster. We have tried to keep the patterns on the less complicated side, so we can hone in on those ¼ inch seams, and piecing skills. There will be members from the Bee Committee on hand to help anyone that may be unsure or runs into any problems.

If you, on the other hand, want to be a team leader, and have your own idea of a quilt top you want to make, go for it. We have fabric you can pick out and take to the Bee, and I am sure there will be members who are willing to be part of that project.

A reminder, you do not have to quilt the quilt top yourself, if you do not wish to do so. There have been some members who have thought they have to pay themselves to have the quilt tops quilted. This is not so. There are a number of Guild members who are very generous in donating their time to do just that. Also, don't worry about getting a quilt top pieced together. If you can't finish it, no matter what stage you are at, just bring it back, and we will get someone to finish it up. We appreciate any time you put in with getting these quilts done.

We will have a sign up sheet at the January and

February meetings. We would just like to get an idea of how many members may be dropping in during the day so we know how much coffee, tea, and snacks to make.

We hope to see you there!!

Linda Santorelli & Aila Metsa

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### **PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

Happy New Year Everybody! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. Good food, good Friends and lots of get together to spread the joy around. I know I ate more plum pudding and sterling sauce than any person has a right to! Gonna need some long walks to work that pudding off! I hope you ladies kept stripping over the nice balmy weather we had during December because stripping in this much colder January might be a little tricky ☺. We will just have to join a polar bear strip club or something like that because Louise and I are so excited every month to watch these rainbows come to life and we can just visualize how wonderful all these bright cheery rainbow quilts will be. This month's Program is Appliqué – new techniques for great results. I just know you are going to love these wonderful new tips and tricks for getting the most amazing appliqué results with very little frustration. Trust me its going to be GREAT and I can't wait to share it with you. Get out your Calendars ladies too and Join us for a **MAKE IT - DONATE IT** event. A great Saturday afternoon of sewing, eating snacks, chatting and having fun on February 9<sup>th</sup> at Superior CVI from 12-5pm. Join us and get some wonderful ideas for projects for items to sell at our guild booth! Happy January Everybody.

*Louise & Sheila*

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### **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

I hope everyone is keeping warm during this cold spell but I it really was time as it is already the 17<sup>th</sup> of January and we have not had any really cold weather so far this winter. We now have a full class of 15 people registered for the Cheryl Arkison workshop based on her Sunday Morning quilt book. It will be a wonderful workshop to take with an up and coming Canadian Quilter. We still do not have enough people signed up for the Intermediate class that was to start Jan. 14, 2013 or January 30, 2013. I must apologise for not contacting the members who did sign up to tell them it was cancelled as time got away from me after being ill for a couple of weeks. It is very difficult to plan classes if members do not participate, if you have any suggestions for other workshops we could plan please

contact me or put a note in the Suggestion box that is on the counter where the coffee is served. We would like to see more members participate in classes as we now have over 160 member. We are going to need a lot of help from members for the Superior Quilt Show, there will be volunteer sign-up sheets near the sign in sheets in the foyer. We will need extra members to help safe guard the smaller quilts area as we do not have cabinets this year.

Sharon

**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.

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# THUNDER BAY QUILT GUILD PROFILE

## SHEILA MELOCHE

Sheila was born and raised in Sudbury Ontario. She is the oldest of 4 children. She came to Thunder Bay to attend Lakehead University where she earned her Honours Bachelor of Arts with a Major in English Literature and a Minor in the Classics.

Sheila's love of all things crafty comes from her dad who taught his oldest daughter not only how to knit (he made all her mitts as a child) but also how to work on cars and take apart and repair small appliances. Broken vacuum cleaners are not safe in her house!! Neither of her sisters or her Mother can sew a stitch and while she tries to convert them they live too far away to be influenced by her enthusiasm for quilting. She must settle for cajoling and converting her closest Thunder Bay friends and family to her fabric obsessions. This mission is almost accomplished and these friends / family know who they are! (Right Rosie, Louise and Jennifer?)

Sheila first dipped her toes into the quilting waters in September of 2007 with a beginner's class at Patchworks where she made the Elizabeth Sampler quilt. It was the beginning of an obsession from there. She has dabbled in many things from Calligraphy to folk art and tole painting and is addicted to shopping at Michaels and even worked at several craft stores both here and in Sudbury. Her close friends at a craft store she worked at in 1996 by the name of Punchcrafters even made her silk flower bridal bouquets (she still has them) and her beaded headpiece as their gift to her. When she found quilting, however, it finally just fit. While she still enjoys doing other crafts from time to time like stamping and scrap booking with friends quilting is her one true love.

It may seem odd to some but Sheila loves every single step in the quilt making process, from the piecing to the quilting to the binding and right down to making a "label of love" its all fabulous to her. She believes that with the right planning and proper techniques (some of which she is still learning herself) that any quilt can be quilted on a *home sewing machine*. She is most happy when taking a class or learning a new trick or technique that can speed up the process of making more and more quilts!!

There is not a quilter around who would ever admit to having too much fabric and Sheila is no exception. Thankfully this obsession has a 2 fold benefit. Sheila and her husband Michael and their three children Tyler, Drew and Abbey live in an older home in Mariday Park and it comes equipped with lath and plaster walls. Sheila's ever growing stash must find many creative hiding places in their small 900 square foot home - the upside is fabric makes for great insulation!! Even when she raid the stash to make her quilted creations she has a hard time parting with the scraps so there is still plenty of wall warming to go around.

Sheila has photos of almost every quilted project she has ever created and keeps them stored safely on a back up drive on her computer. She has been known to revisit these treasures for hours at a time and even shares them on Facebook with her friends and family back home. Her Guild Name tag is actually a digital photo key tag with some of her most favourite and fun quilted blocks right there for all to see and enjoy! Great conversation piece and kinda quirky just like her!

Aside from being addicted to Mary Ellen's Best Press (Lavender - of course) she tries to only pre-wash fabric she is wary of. Those pieces that look like the colour might run or she can't vouch for the quality of the piece. While this may not be the best practice - she is hoping to learn to wait before jumping to cut up all that wonderful fabric - but she feels that if she buys precuts like jelly rolls and charm packs etc, these little wonders were not pre-washed and can no longer be washed before using so it must be ok to just cut it all up right??

Sheila joined the guild in September of 2009 and was so happy to find a group of ladies who share her passion and love for this never dying art form. She jumped right in with both feet right from the get go and took over as the coffee and tea Lady and did that for 2009, 2010 and 2011. She has handed off this mantle to a lovely new coffee and tea crew and is now serving on the Guild Executive as the Co-Program Chair with her great friend Louise Blake. She served on the Quilt show committee for the 2011 and upcoming 2013 quilt shows and loves to share her demo ideas and new ideas with anybody who wants to know what she is up to.

Submitted by Bobbie Dafoe