

# 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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## MEETING AGENDA

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

## ATTENTION ALL QUILTERS

December 9 is our Christmas dinner, doors open at 5 and dinner is at 6. This is a potluck so whatever shows up is what we are having. Please label your food so those of us with food concerns can enjoy the dinner without fear of becoming ill.

Please remember the less fortunate and bring a food donation these will be donated to the Shelter House, with all the cutbacks of the various charities it is so badly needed. Leave your food donations on your table and the table with the most food stuffs will win a surprise. The shelter house is usually short of coffee, sugar, tea, butter, juice boxes etc; just a few suggestions. The last time I went to drop off the food there was a very large scruffy man stood by my car. I was a little nervous. He didn't say anything just stood there. When the last bag was unloaded him simply stated, "no juice? Too bad would have been nice, can't remember the last time I had juice." That this man couldn't remember the

last time he had juice just resonated with me.

Thank you in advance.

Meghann

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

December is here. Christmas can mean so many things for so many people. For me there is nothing as wonderful as Christmas past. It was such a magical time of year. I grew up in Winnipeg, and every year Nana and Grandma would take me downtown to see Santa and the window displays in Eaton's and Hudson Bay. They were wonderful! Every window had a theme and there were animated characters busily going about their work. One year they even had a real person as a part of the window dressings and they winked at me, I remember squealing in delight. I would repeat that same tradition with my three children. We would make a day of it. We would take the bus downtown. They couldn't sit still; they would be wiggling around in their seats just waiting. Watching their eyes light up in amazement was all the Christmas present I would need. Next I would take them to sit on Santa's knee. I would listen very carefully to hear what they would like for Christmas. Next we would go have lunch in Eaton's; that was a real treat for them. Now you drive down Portage Avenue and Eaton's is gone. Progress.

I wanted my children to understand the real meaning of Christmas. Nana and Grandma had passed away by the time I had children, along with a lot of my other relatives, so it was up to me. I took this challenge on with great enthusiasm. We attended midnight mass and the tradition in our house was that one gift had to be homemade. Starting in September I would decide what that year's homemade gift would be. I would buy the wool or material and begin and under the tree there would be a gift for everyone made by me. I don't do that anymore, I am too busy I hear myself saying. Progress?

Christmas past was a time spent with family and

friends. Every year the children and I would make a Christmas ornament to hang on the tree and to give to the grandparents. Christmas baking started at the beginning of December and every week the children and I would bake two or three different cookies. We would pack these up and take them to all the people we would visit. I don't bake anymore, no one eats it and it is too expensive to send it away, but I do receive a homemade gift from my grandchildren. Progress?

Next year for my wedding everyone is coming home, all three children, their spouses and my three grandchildren, plus my two added children (Jari's children) will also be in attendance. I have already started planning. I would love to have someone dress like Santa and come to the wedding, the wedding is being decorated like Christmas wonderland, baking will start in November, and I have yet to decide what the homemade gift will be, but I'm leaning towards Christmas pillowcases. There will not be the magical windows of Eaton's, life sized Santa's will have to do. Skating at the Marina can be a new tradition, what's a better Christmas present than brand new skates? This will be the first Christmas in 10 years where all my children will be under one roof for Christmas morning and that will be my Christmas present and a wonderful new husband to boot, now that is progress!

Have A Merry Christmas!

Meghann

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

As this is the last Quill before Christmas I and my Family wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. This month has gone very quickly, we now have 24 days until Christmas which we all know will fly. I have spent the weekend with my Daughter Tonia and Son-in-law Mike as they are celebrating the American Thanksgiving in South Gillies. In their thirteen years of marriage and living in Waukesha, Wisconsin they have always come here every year except one so they have always missed the Black Friday sales which they say is no loss. Tonia has always come home for Christmas, she has only missed one Christmas in all her 44 years and that was when she first went to the USA in 2000 and could not come home until all the paperwork was processed. Her Father and I have always appreciated the effort she has always made to be home it sure made our holidays wonderful.

I want to remind all Members who wish to attend the Modern Quilt Workshop on January 25, 2014 from

10-4 at Superior High School that they must register and pay the \$35.00 fee at the next Guild meeting.

Wishing everyone Health and Happiness

Sharon

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### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

As I will not be able to attend the December meeting I am submitting my report as part of the Quill this month. The November year to date Balance Sheet and Income Statement are attached to this newsletter. If you have any questions please email me and I will get the answer for you. At the January meeting I will be bringing forward a motion to accept the proposed budget for the 2013 - 2014 year which is attached to the Quill this month. Merry Christmas to all and have a safe New Year!

Ellen

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### **PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

Merry Quiltmas Everyone!

We are looking forward to a wonderful Potluck celebration with you all. I know last months program was a bit longer than normal but we were really excited to share these great tips and tricks with you as well as a crash course in making Slabs for our "Slabra-cadabra" Quilt along Project! I hope you all learned something new. This month's slab colour suggestion was BLUE! – Bring them along for our magical show and tell. Program will be short and sweet this month to allow for our gustatory entertainments! Please remember to bring a handmade ornament for our Ornament Exchange Tree. Fat Quarter 50/50 is Christmas themed – and we will be adding in the Fat Quarters from last month to this months winnings as well (Louise thinks she may have put both halves of her tickets in the jar by mistake so we may have pulled her number and as she was our previous months winner she would have told us to draw again) so we will have a double Fat Quarter winner this month. Louise and I would like to wish each and everyone of you safe and wonderful holiday season and we will see you in January, maybe a few pounds heavier but certainly full of happiness from all the food, fun and family!

Louise & Sheila

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### **CHRISTMAS CHEER TEDDY BEAR QUILTS**

I would like to thank all the ladies who donated bears and dolls, and who made quilts and pillowcases, for all your beautiful work and talent. The Christmas Cheer Fund kick off was on November 29<sup>th</sup> and we delivered 109 teddy bears and dolls to the kick off. The

Quilters Guild was given some publicity from media coverage this year. I was interviewed by both CBC radio and TBT news. Everyone at the kick off commented on all the beautiful quilts and we made sure that they also saw that some of the bears had pillowcases attached to them when they didn't see a quilt.

I would also like to thank the ladies on my committee for all their hard work and maybe we can all do it again next year.

Peggy

### INCH BY INCH TALLY

We made excellent progress in November.

Description	Total Inches (sum of outside measurements)
Comfort Quilts (11)	2706
Placemats	4800
Show and Tell/ Others	6156
Teddy Bear Quilts	9047
<b>NOVEMBER TOTAL</b>	<b>22709</b>
<b>Overall total</b>	<b>48945</b>

Please remember to measure your projects around the outside edge or top + side x 2. Report your total in inches during Show and Tell or provide the tally to Pat Inch during the meeting. Note: I'm trying to keep track of who is participating so don't forget to introduce yourself. Let's try to get everyone counting inches. So far: 48,945 inches = 1.24 kilometres = 0.77 miles!

Pat Inch

### ASK PATTY

- Q. Is anyone still collecting scraps for fill?
- A. Diane Chase has a supply but could use more fill and fleece to make pet beds if you bring it to the Cat & Dog Bed Workshop December 7th at the 55 Plus Centre, 10:00 - 4:00 (as announced at the November meeting). Hopefully many were able to attend the workshop. Otherwise, why not make a bed and donate to Kitty Care, the Humane Society or other local animal shelter. Cat beds should be about pillow case size and dog beds a little larger (3' x 3'). Fleece makes a cozy top cover for the pets.

If you have more questions, please contact Diane at [kwchase@tbaytel.net](mailto:kwchase@tbaytel.net) or 683-0819.

Pat Inch

### WANTED A MEMBER TO FILL THE VACANT GUILD HISTORIAN POSITION!

We now have Book 1 filled with 30 years of very interesting history, and have begun our second chapter in Book 2. Our history books reside in our guild library, and both books have new covers and anxiously await a new historian to guide our ongoing history.

If you are a person who enjoys meeting people, sharing pictures, and like scrap booking, then this position could fill your needs. It would also be an interesting position for a new quilter, come on now don't be shy, since you would not only learn our beginnings as a guild, but you would enjoy the adventure as we continue along with all our endeavours. For more information please contact our president Meghann Choquette at 285-5104, or myself, former historian Betty Whittingham at 767-4688.

### HELP! DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY PHOTO OF OUR 2013 QUILT SHOW?

- sunflower café
- demo areas
- quilt displays
- Cheryl Arkison (of her) and/or workshop
- guild booth
- hospice quilt display

Please email me at [moebet@tbaytel.net](mailto:moebet@tbaytel.net) or phone me at 767-4688 if you can assist. Betty Whittingham

### QUILTER NEEDED

Looking for a talented quilter to create two 3.5' x 6' panels and a matching oval table topper! These need to be completed by mid-April 2014. Price is negotiable.

Please contact Suanne Howes at 683-1593 or [suannehowes@gmail.com](mailto:suannehowes@gmail.com) for more details.