
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 - OCT 20, 2014

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

Next Meeting - NOV 17, 2014

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I am back from my trip to Canmore to visit my son Randy and his family Yuka, Laeon and Maya. I had a wonderful trip but as usual I find the three weeks too long as I am not much of a traveller but I also find it not long enough time to spend with the Grandchildren, I really love Skype as that enables me to see and talk to the kids and see all the things they want to show me, Randy is showing Laeon age 8 how to call me so he and Maya will be able to call whenever they want and not have to wait for their parents to call.

Fall is here and that means that Christmas is just around the corner, I don't know about you but I have a lot of sewing to do before then and most of my gifts have to be sent out of town so I have to get back to a regular routine and that includes sewing at least half an hour every day. It has been proven that if you spend at least 20 minutes a day on a project you will be amazed

at how much you can get done.

I am looking forward to the meeting and all the activities there will be before the meeting and during the meeting. Our programme committee has some interesting projects coming up and I hope members will participate as it sounds like a lot of fun. I have never been involved with a mystery quilt, a block exchange, or anything like that so I am looking forward to the box exchange which starts this month so remember to come prepared to have an interesting and fun evening.

These are the times that have been set aside so that your group can select a Group Leader

6:20 – 6:30 Quilt Show

6:30 – 6:40 Library Group

6:40 – 6:50 Comfort Quilts

6:50 – 7:00 Quilt Bee

8:30 – 8:40 Placemats

8:40 – 8:50 Christmas Cheer

I would like to thank Christina and the executive for looking after any business that came up when I was away.

Sharon Melville

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We have a variety of workshops on offer this year, thank you to everyone Sign-up lists will be available at the November Guild meeting once dates have been confirmed.

Lynn Wilson has offered to lead a workshop on making an "Eye-Spy" quilt in the spring, so start collecting your fabrics with cute little characters and scenes!

Joyce Gilmore has also offered two workshops in the new year, a "Snowbirds" quilting project and a class on using colour as a tool. More details to come!

Doris Dungan will lead two workshops in January and February, a Mystery Quilt and a Machine Quilting workshop. Here are her descriptions:

Mystery Quilt Class - One 6 hour session

Pick your fabrics according to guidelines given in advance, and come work your way through a mystery quilt, one step at a time. The end product will be revealed to all at the end of the session, and everyone should be well on their way toward its completion. Instructions will be given for multiple quilt sizes.

Machine Quilting Class

- Two Monday evening sessions

Learn a variety of machine quilting techniques, from basic to more advanced, and various freehand freemotion designs. The course will also include layering tips, options for marking, resources and hints for finding, selecting and designing quilting designs, as well as a look at longarm machine quilting.

Christina

SUPERIOR QUILTS 2015 CHALLENGE

The initial response to the Quilt Show Challenge was wonderful, 52 kits are gone already! If you are interested in participating please see the advertisement in the September issue of the Quill or our website for more information about the Challenge rules, time line and sponsors. Please see Mary-Catharine at any meeting with any questions or to receive a Challenge package but remember...

- 8 remaining kits are available on a first come first serve basis
 - \$5 deposit is required to receive a kit. Cash only and exact change please!
 - The deposit will be refunded only with the return of a completed Challenge quilt
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QUILT SHOW COMMITTEE REPORT

Our Quilt Show will be held on April 24 - 26, 2015.

It is not too late to get started on that Quilt!!! We have lots of room to display them, so let's show Thunder Bay what a talented group of Quilters our Guild has. The voting will be by "Viewers Choice" for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize, so the Quilt with the most number of votes will win. We have eliminated the many categories this year, in order to make it simpler for the public to choose which one they like best.

The Quilt Challenge, with the sponsorship of Northcott Fabrics, looks like another fun event, which will not only challenge our creativity, but give you another chance to win a prize. All the details are available from Mary Catharine Kennedy.

Circle of Friends Quilt Shop is also a sponsor of our

show, with a Grand Prize of a Sewing Machine, to be drawn from the dinner tickets at the Saturday night banquet.

Registration Sheets will be out in the October Quill.

Tickets for the Banquet (held at the Airplane) will be available at the January Guild Meeting. Only 100 tickets will be printed. Tickets must be paid for in advance.

Volunteer lists will also be out in January - so please consider signing up and helping us out. Volunteers do not have to pay admission.

We hope you will circle the dates on your calendars, and come out to join the fun, and to see how many talented quilters we have in our Guild.

QUILT SHOW WORKSHOPS

The workshops are now posted on the website, including links for pictures of what you will be creating. Registration is well underway but there are still plenty of spaces left in all of them. No one has yet signed up for the "Learning Curves Runner", so if you really want this workshop, please sign up at the next meeting. If there is a low sign-up rate for this, or any of the workshops, we will switch it out for a different workshop decided via vote at a Guild meeting.

Friday April 24: Secrets of the Farmer's Wife Sampler, \$85 + book (\$50 deposit)

Saturday April 25: Learning Curves Runner, \$85 (\$50 deposit)

Sunday April 26: Pineapple Log Cabin Block, \$45 (\$20 deposit)

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Shoebox Project – Sort of like a Round Robin!

As explained at the September meeting, the Shoebox Project will start at the October Guild meeting.

Here is what you will need:

- A box/container – your choice
- A block pattern or full quilt pattern
- Your fabrics
- A finished block (if you want)
- Special instructions (if any)
- Threads to match
- A short write-up of what inspired you to select this pattern/quilt
- Your box/container clearly marked with your name/phone #

We hope that you will have great fun with this project and look forward to seeing many finished quilts

in the next two years.

Sneak Preview of what is happening at the October meeting:

Remember the fun you had twisting the night away to the sounds of Chubby Checker? You'll have the same good time creating fabulous pinwheel projects with the Twister tool. Twister's are new tools that have simplified an old technique with easy to follow instructions. With three sizes available, you can choose to use charm packs, layer cakes, and scraps for the smallest size for your quilt project. The sky is the limit for projects that you can create with the Twister tool!

Here is a link to a page full of ideas!

<http://www.pinterest.com/gaylelevra/twister-quilt-patterns/>

Norma Wynn & Luci Andreacchi

CHRISTMAS CHEER / TEDDY BEAR QUILTS COMMITTEE

Teddy Bears / Stuffed Animals with their quilts, pillowcases or bags for Christmas Cheer Fund are to be handed in at the November guild meeting. If you will be out of town for that meeting you could hand them in earlier, otherwise please keep them until then.

If you make a quilt for the toy please have them secured with a ribbon. We will have ribbon on hand at the November meeting if you don't have any at home; just let us know when you hand it in. Please do not secure the quilt with a pin, not even a safety pin.

The toy should be new or nearly new and have all of its parts and pieces.

To the Committee members: the kick-off is November 28, at 11 am, please see me at the guild meeting to talk about this. Peggy Skillen

COMFORT QUILTS

Thanks to the efforts of members over the summer months, we received 7 donated quilts in September and a quilt top that was given to the Quilt Bee Committee. The Comfort Quilt Committee will meet briefly at the October Guild meeting to chose the Chairperson and discuss the listing of recipient locations.

Comfort quilts donated by members and made during the Quilt Bees are taken to various local locations, including the hospitals, seniors facilities, care centres, Fay Peterson and more. The goal is to provide cheer to people in the facilities and share the warmth of the unique and wonderful projects created.

If you have suggestions for places that would benefit

from receiving quilts, you can tell the Comfort Quilt Committee members. Information on the facility, number of beds/users, suggested size(s) needed and a contact name/phone number are needed. donated quilts to various local facilities.

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"
Hospice/Bed.....	63" x 80"

Quilt sizes listed are guidelines based on what the Hospitals and facilities have identified. They suggested that it is better to have some extra width or length than be short.

Thanks everyone for remembering to sew on the Guild label. If you have a project on the go, see Wendy or Pat to get a label/labels.

Your Comfort Quilt Committee

KITCHEN CORNER

Guild Booth – 2015 Quilt Show

Hello members,

With our Quilt Show scheduled for April 24, 25 & 26, 2015, ideas have been discussed at the monthly Quilt Show meetings with regard to the Guild Booth.

The theme for the 2015 Show will be Kitchen Corner....and to help you along I will be posting ideas, patterns and recipes.

What comes to mind when you think Kitchen....pot holders of course, but there are so many other items that can be quilted quickly and will sell out fast!

So the first project is a pot holder and dish towel set made with matching fabrics and a cute ruffle to make it just that bit different. I am attaching a link for the pattern. I hope you enjoy.

<http://patbravodesign.blogspot.ca/2014/03/confection-kitchen-set-free-project.html>

(Copy the above link into your web browser)

The second project is a Cookie Mix in a jar. These make great gifts that are ready for the making when a craving strikes. The printable PDF file to make tags that can be attached to the front and back of the jar has also been included in the Quill. Not handy with a printer; just write out the recipe on a pretty recipe card and attach to the jar with ribbon or twine.

What you will need for the jar:

- 1 quart Mason Jar
- 1 cup plus 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup rolled oats
- 1/3 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/3 cup white sugar
- ½ cup dried cranberries
- ½ cup white chocolate chips
- ½ cup chopped pecans (nut free option: ½ cup rolled oats, rice crisp cereal or granola)

Instructions

1. Mix the flour, baking soda and salt together.
2. Layer all the ingredients in a 1 quart mason jar in the order listed.
3. Print the FREE DIY Printable PDF file {Cranberry Winter Cookies in a Jar Tags} on card stock and cut out.
4. Attach recipe tags to front and back of jar with glue dots.
5. The conversion of 350 degrees Fahrenheit to Celsius is 177 Celsius.
6. Enjoy!

Baking Directions

Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease a cookie sheet or line with parchment paper. In a medium bowl beat together ½ cup softened butter, 1 egg and 1 tsp. vanilla extract until fluffy. Add the entire jar of cookie mix stirring until blended. Drop by heaping spoonfuls onto the prepared baking sheet. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes or until edges start to brown. Cool on baking sheets, or remove to cool on wire racks. Makes 18 cookies.

SUNSET COUNTRY QUILTERS GUILD PRESENT CATHY MILLER

Sunset Country Quilters Guild is pleased to present Cathy Miller. The Singing Quilter in concert 7 pm Saturday, October 25, 2014 at The Centre, Casimir Ave. Dryden. Tickets are \$35.00 and available for purchase at www.thecentreonline.ca starting Tuesday, October 7th.

Cathy will also be offering a full day workshop. "Mock Mola" (\$40) Saturday, October 25th and half day class, "Notan" (35) on Sunday, October 26th. Class size is limited to 20 participants per class, so please register early at www.thecentreonline.ca

For information about the classes visit Cathy's website <http://singingquilter.com/>





HINTS ON BUYING BASIC QUILTING SUPPLIES

We all ask each other questions about what we use in quilting, from the kind of machine down to what kind of pins are best. Senior quilters have probably tried most of what's available, so maybe we should let the younger quilters know what we have found to be the best.

I'm well into wearing down my second Pfaff, so I guess I'd recommend that brand. However, since most of my work is basic straight stitching and quilting, I use my Juki quite a lot. It's a commercial machine that can go 1800 stitches a minute, does nothing fancy, but has a cutter that is quite useful in chain stitching. Just sew, snap! sew, snap! It also has a wonderful foot with a side guide for the fabric thus producing very accurate quarter-inch seams, as well as two quilting feet, plus more feet which I haven't used. Also important to us quilters the throat is two inches larger all around than on my Pfaff.

Thread? I prefer Gutermann's polyester thread, as I find cotton thread deteriorates and breaks. I buy thread only when there is a half-price sale, and I stock up on the 1000m.size in basic colours – black, white, beige, tan, and two shades of grey.

Pins? For me the best of the lot is the yellow flat-flower-headed ones, as I can use my ruler over them and it won't slip off. The pins are sharp and slim and long.

Scissors? I've bought from the cheap to the expensive; the cheap can't be sharpened, and I can't find anyone to sharpen my Ginghers. If I could the cost would most likely be too high. So the best I've had is a pair of Clauss ExtremEdge Titanium which were only \$15 plus the usual extra when ordering from the U.S. They can cut multiple layers of fabric, or one layer, and never slip. I once cut 32 layers of cotton at one time to test them, but haven't tested them like that since, and they don't seem to be dulling very much.

Fabric? I'm often asked how much fabric to buy. About the simplest way for me to answer that, is for you to decide how much you can afford, and how much you love it. I know I will use a lot in one year, so I used to buy a lot, and I haven't regretted buying any of it. In fact, I have some shades on hand that are just not being manufactured when I need them. I buy by instinct, but it takes awhile to learn to trust your instinct. When you do buy fabric, remember light, particularly direct sunlight, will fade the cheap stuff very quickly along the edge of the fold, so store it all where the light can't get at it as all cotton fabric fades with time. Roll the large quantities of fabric on a cardboard bolt that fabric comes on, and put it in large opaque plastic bins; use smaller stackable opaque ones for the smaller yardage. Sort your fabric into colours and label each container so you know at a glance where to find each colour. I also use a high bookcase with a heavy satin drape to keep out the light, and a chest with six drawers which mostly contains UFO's or "pieces too small to use". As much as we hate poly-cotton, we have to admit it doesn't fade. I have wall quilts made from polyester in the eighties and they've not faded, despite having hung in bright light all these years. If you buy trendy fabric, use it quickly as it may be out of style by the time you get to using it, and most of us don't like dated fabric. My favourite manufacturers of timeless fabric are Hoffman of California, Robert Kauffman, and Alexander Henry. Moda marble is high on my list, but Bali batiks top them all!

I hope that what I find works for me works for you as well. Happy quilting!

Muriel Squires



SUNSET COUNTRY QUILTERS GUILD PRESENTS

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Saturday, October 25, 2014
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Seating is limited.
Bring your own lunch!

Cathy Miller - The Singing Quilter
QUILTING WORKSHOP \$35
Sunday, October 26, 2014
8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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Friday, November 21 & Saturday, November 22
Time: Friday - 6:00 p.m. - Midnight
Saturday - 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Location: Oliver Road Community Centre

Cost: \$50.00 will reserve your sewing space and includes rolled sandwiches/veggie & fruit platters and an assortment of delicious desserts served Friday evening and a hot lunch and snacks served on Saturday.

All you need to bring is your sewing machine and your appetite. The Elves have been busy cutting and packaging a very large assortment of kits just for you.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN CATERING THE **THUNDER BAY QUILTERS GUILD**
"SUPERIOR QUILT SHOW" TO BE HELD APRIL 24, 25, 26th, 2015??

VENUE IS AT THE CANADIAN LAKEHEAD EXHIBITION, COLISEUM BUILDING

HOURS OF OPERATION:

APR 24TH - FRIDAY- NOON TO 9 P.M.

APR 25TH - SATURDAY -10 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

APR 26TH - SUNDAY- 10 A.M. TO 3 P.M.

THE FOLLOWING IS AN OUTLINE FOR THE MENU FOR 3 DAYS

- SOUPS - 1 BROTH/ 1 CREAM
- SANDWICHES - A VARIETY (PLEASE LIST)
- SALAD CHOICES
- SNACKS - COOKIES, MUFFINS, ETC.
- COFFEE/TEA/WATER
- FOR FRIDAY EVENING - SOME TYPE OF SUPPER MEAL AS WE ARE OPEN UNTIL 9 P.M.
- SOME GLUTEN FREE ITEMS
- ALL ITEMS "NUT" FREE

THERE WILL BE A COST TO YOU OF \$225.00 FOR THE SPACE PAY ABLE TO THE THUNDER BAY QUILTERS' GUILD. THIS IS THE SAME COST AS WE CHARGE OUR VENDORS FOR THE LARGEST SPACE WHICH IS 10 X 30.

PLEASE SUBMIT BY DECEMBER 31, 2014. ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS WILL BE MADE IN JANUARY 2015.

SHOULD YOU BE INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT AILA METSA, QUILT SHOW CHAIR @ ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

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