

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

MEETING AGENDA - Dec 8, 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 - January 19, 2015

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It is hard to believe that Christmas is just around the corner and that we will be having a potluck on Monday but I guess we have to accept the fact with the snow and ice around and the cold temperatures. I am looking forward to Christmas this year as my Son and family are coming and I will see my Grandchildren again and also I am looking forward to attending Meghann's wedding on Dec. 21, it has been a long time since I attended a wedding so it should be fun particularly as we have been with her from the planning stage to selecting her dress and helping her to make things for her tables. It has been a pleasure to do this for her.

The quilt show will be on our minds after Christmas and hopefully everyone is working on their quilts for the show as well as the challenge. A lot of planning and hard work goes into getting ready for the show, we have a lot of enthusiastic members who make it possible but

we can always use more members to help at the show so please sign up for shifts when the sign-up sheets come out and if you donate your time you do not have to pay the entrance fee.

Christina is getting dates and times worked out for the workshops being offered and I encourage you to sign up for them.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sharon Melville

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Doris Dungan's Classes have been booked. The cost of \$35 is required to register, please see Christina at the Guild meeting.

Mondays, January 26 at Calvary Lutheran and February 9, 2015 at Superior CVI, 6:30-9:30pm

Machine Quilting Class – Doris Dungan

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.

Sunday, March 8, at the Multi-purpose room of the 55+ Centre 12:15-5pm.

Mystery Quilt Class - Doris Dungan

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.

Peggy Skillen's Iron Caddy class will be booked in the New Year. You will have the option of purchasing the pattern, which comes with the reflective fabric, or

using a free pattern from the internet and purchasing the fabric yourself. Christina

SUPERIOR QUILTS 2015 CHALLENGE

As of the November meeting all kits are with a quilter. The Quilt Show Committee is very excited to see what you make over the next few months. I've heard that some of you are already finished your quilt – Congratulations!

I'll begin collecting your finished Challenge Quilts from the January meeting onward. All Challenge Quilts must be handed in by the April general meeting to go on display but if you have it completed sooner feel free to hand it in and get your deposit back. Happy Quilting!

Mary Catharine Kennedy

QUILT SHOW WORKSHOPS

Friday, April 24, 2015 – Full-Day Workshop “**Secrets of the Farmer’s Wife**” (each participant must have a copy of the book “Farmer’s Wife Sampler Quilt”, by Laurie Aaron Hird, for this class, available for order from Guild, \$20-\$30)



****NEW** Saturday, April 25, 2015** - Full-Day Workshop “**Houses: Machine Paper Foundation Piecing**” (requires the purchase of Johanna Masko’s “Houses” pattern, available from the guild)



Sunday, April 26, 2015 – Half-Day Workshop “**Pineapple Log Cabin**”



Full-Day Workshops **\$85** (\$50 deposit or full fee required to sign up)

Half-Day Workshop **\$45** (\$20 deposit or full fee required to sign up)

Weekend entrance into the Quilt Show is included in class

fee.

Class Size Limits = 8-15 people

Sign-up is first-come-first-served and has begun already! Full fee required by February 2015 meeting. Any spots left will be open to the public in February.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT U.F.O. CHALLENGE

Challenge: To finish those quilt projects hidden in your sewing room!!!

There are many names for those unfinished quilt projects we all have stashed in our closets, under the bed or in drawers or bags... WIPs (works in progress), UFOs (unfinished objects), NFUFO (nearly finished UFOs), BBUFO (barely begun UFOs), PIPS (projects in process), WISPs (works in slow progress), WIVPs (works in very slow progress), PIGs (projects in grocery sacks). We started them because we liked them but for one reason or another we put them aside to finish at another time. Wouldn't it be nice to see those quilt projects completed instead of hiding them away for a few more years? We have a challenge for you!!!

Here are the rules. They are simple. The UFO Challenge wants to gently help you complete 10 projects in 2015 and a chance to win prizes too! How easy is that. Write down the names of those 10 unfinished projects on a list numbered 1 through 10. Make 2 copies of the list and hand one copy in when members of the Executive collect the lists at the January meeting. Each time you bring in a completed quilt (quilted and binding attached) it will be marked off your list and your name will be entered in a draw for some great prizes. The first member to finish all ten UFO projects will receive the “Grand Prize”. Think how proud you'll be standing up at Show and Tell when you tell everyone “I finally finished this quilt”. The applause alone will make it worth the work. And remember, if you don't want the quilt when you are finished with it, you can always think about donating it as a comfort quilt.

Norma Wynn & Luci Andreacchi

CHRISTMAS CHEER / TEDDY BEAR QUILTS COMMITTEE

I would like to thank all the ladies who contributed to the Christmas Cheer Teddy Bears. The Christmas Cheer kick-off was Friday November 28 and we are very proud to say that we brought in 140 stuffed animals (16,511 inches) to give to them for the less fortunate in our community. That is 31 more than were contributed

last year. Way to go everyone! They were displayed on three long tables and we received many compliments from those in attendance.

Christmas is fast approaching and there will be many sales going on, so if you see any stuffed animals in your travels why not pick up one or two and start your quilt for next year. We are especially looking for stuffed toys or dolls that do not have beaded eyes. It was mentioned in passing that these cannot be given to anyone under 3 years of age. Don't stop buying a toy but keep your eyes open for stitched eyes.

Thank you, Peggy

PLACEMAT COMMITTEE

Thanks to everyone who donated placemats at the November meeting! Thirty-five placemats were dropped off at Meals on Wheels for distribution. If you'd like to take a look at everyone's beautiful work check out the link below for photos at your leisure or the back of the donation quilt area at the meeting.
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/thunderbayquiltersguild/>

COMFORT QUILTS

Greetings,

Seventeen Comfort Quilts were received at the October meeting, primarily from members who were headed south for the Winter. Big thanks to Jackie and Della for their contributions.

Six Comfort Quilts were received in November along with 2 receiving blankets. Some of the donated quilts did not have labels. Please see Pat or Wendy to get labels if you are working on some projects as this will help us out.

The Comfort Quilt Committee members met on October 27th to review the listing of places that quilts had been donated since records were kept for 1995. The Guild has a huge legacy in the community with 40 to 200 quilts donated each year (not including the Christmas Cheer Teddy Bear Quilts)

Quilts were taken to Faye Peterson House and provided to Precious Bundles. The Committee members are currently collecting information for some of the locations to update the sizes and types of quilts needed. We also are looking into a special project with the Alzheimer's groups in Thunder Bay and hope to have a prototype ready in time for the Quilt Bee so those interested can help create unique pieces that would be appreciated for those with special needs.

In the interim, recommended quilt sizes are provided

below and thanks everyone for remembering to sew on the Guild label.

Your Comfort Quilt Committee Chair, Pat Inch

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"

COLLECTING INCHES TO LETHBRIDGE

Greetings, contrary to what I had thought at the October meeting - we have been advised that they are continuing the collection of inches for project completed for show and share (see the announcement below) so Tally Sheets will be provided at our meetings for members to record the inches (outside dimensions – or height plus width twice).

I will collect the sheets and report. If you brought show and tell in September and/or October – please estimate the inches and record. We will add in for the Comfort Quilts and placemats so no need to record for those.

I have tallied 26,140 inches thus far (16,511 from the Teddy Bear Quilts). So if you have brought in show and tell, please write down the inches on the sheets – including missed items from September and October.

Thanks, Pat Inch

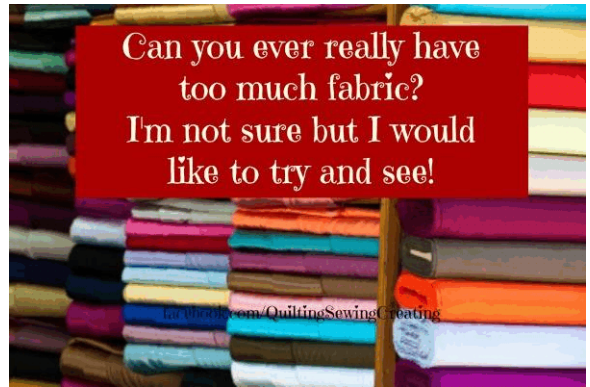
Quilt guilds have begun emailing diratlarge@canadianquilter.com with their group's inches so we're on our way to the University of Lethbridge to join fellow quilters at Quilt Canada 2015. This will be a quilter's road trip and we will visit quilt shops and guilds along the way. Check out this link at <http://cqacanadianquilting.blogspot.ca/2014/08/lollygag-ging-along-way-to-lethbridge.html> for all the details and start measuring the perimeter of your 'show and share' items for your meeting!

KITCHEN CORNER

Guild Booth – 2015 Quilt Show

This month I want to share this sweet pattern for the Cookie Plate Crumb Catcher. Simple and easy this will be a favourite in anyone's kitchen. Make one for yourself and several to donate to the Guild Booth....copy the link into your browser for the tutorial:

<http://thecraftyquilter.com/2013/10/christmas-once-a-month-cookie-plate-crumb-catcher/>



Can you ever really have
too much fabric?
I'm not sure but I would
like to try and see!



Cookie Plate
Crumb Catcher

The Crafty Quilter



CIRCLE OF FRIENDS QUILT SHOPPE

218 Tupper Street
Thunder Bay, Ontario
807.344.2625

Friendly, professional and personal service
served up in a charming hundred year old house
GATHER.LEARN.SHARE.QUILT.

Friday, December 5 marks the
TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS SPECIALS

Stop in for special savings during our Twelve Days of Christmas Sale

- Day 1-Dec. 5 – Fat Quarter Friday – 10 for \$22.00 or \$2.50 each
- Day 2-Dec. 6– Buy one Pattern at regular price and get one for 50% off
- Day 3-Dec. 9 – 20% off all books
- Day 4-Dec. 10 – 20% off all regular priced fabrics
- Day 5-Dec. 11 – 20% off all kits
- Day 6-Dec. 12 – Fat Quarter Friday – 10 for \$22.00 or \$2.50 each
- Day 7-Dec. 13 – Pick a Candy Cane – 20% - 50% off any one item
- Day 8-Dec. 16 – 20% off all notions
- Day 9-Dec. 17 – 20% off all rulers
- Day 10 –Dec. 18 – 20% all pre-cuts (jelly rolls, charm packs, layer cakes, mini charms)
- Day 11-Dec. 19 – All sale fabrics \$10.00/metre
- Day 12-Dec. 20 – 30% off all Christmas Fabric

We also have gift certificates available – be sure and get one for that special quilter on your list.