
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 - Feb 16, 2015

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 - March 16, 2015

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I am sitting in my favourite chair putting a binding on a quilt and looking out the window at the beautiful falling snow. It really does look like a winter wonderland. I am happy I can stay home and not have to drive today. The roads will be very slippery as the plow truck has only been down Hwy. 608 once earlier in the day. It is a great day to work on those forgotten UFOs we all have tucked in drawers, closets and on shelves, hidden away hoping the Quilt Fairy will complete them for us.

Joanne Kavanagh our Quill newsletter co-ordinator is going away, she will not be back until a few days before the March meeting. Joanne would like members to submit anything they want included in the March Quill to her before February 18. This will give Joanne enough time to set up most of the Quill before she leaves Thunder Bay as she will not have access to the

internet and anyway who wants to work on their vacation, I know I wouldn't.

Just a reminder to everyone that if you know of any member that is ill or if there has been a death to please contact Judy Wrigley our Sunshine person, a card will be sent to the member or family. She can be reached at 622-3622 or email her at pinkorchid1947@gmail.com. The next Executive meeting will be March 2, 2015 at 7:00 PM at Calvary Lutheran Church. Would all members in charge of a committee please attend or have another member on the committee attend or if that is not possible send me a report.

Hope to see everyone at the regular meeting
February 16, 2015

Sharon Melville

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

There are still spaces for the Mystery Quilt class, February meeting will be your last chance to sign up. Sunday, March 8, at the Multi-purpose room of the 55+ Centre 12:15-5:00 pm.

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.

Quilt Show Workshops

The March meeting will be your last chance to sign up in person for the Quilt Show workshops as I would like to have the registration finalized by April 1. We have already had a few people sign up via the internet, so please consider signing up and inviting friends and family to come and spend the day sewing with you! Also, our guest instructor, Johanna Masko, does not want to travel on the plane with her own cutting instruments and has requested to borrow a set of Left-

Handed fabric scissors and a rotary cutter that is set up for lefties. If you have these to loan for the Quilt Show weekend, please let me know! Christina

QUILT BEE COMMITTEE

Another wonderful and productive Quilt Bee will be held on March 21, 2015 at the Oliver Road Community Centre from 10 am - 4 pm. All guild members are invited to participate. It is a great way for people of all skill levels to participate in a fun event and it is a good way to learn new skills or a new pattern while making quilts for others to enjoy. We will have a variety of patterns and kits ready for the group to create beautiful quilts for donation. There will be some new patterns - some with a modern twist. A lunch will be provided. Although it is not necessary to sign up for the Bee, we will be asking people to put their name down on a list for the Bee so we can get an idea of the expected numbers. This will help us to have a number of kits ready and so that we can provide everyone with a good lunch. Hope to see many of you out on March 21 at the Bee. Remember that you are more than welcome to come out for an hour or two. There will be lots of cutting and pressing to be done and anyone can jump in. More info will come in the March Quill and at the March Meeting.

Adrienne Lopes and Nellie Jaremey

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT SCRAPS

They say a picture paints a thousand words. In a quilter's world, a single quilt scrap can inspire a thousand ideas. But there is a trick to scrap quilting that many quilters tend to trip up on: organizing said scraps so they are ready to go when you want to sew.

Let's face it; a plastic grocery bag overflowing with wrinkled strips isn't very inspiring! Taking the time to organize fabric scraps can make the difference between creating a stellar scrap quilt, or merely dreaming of a stellar scrap quilt that may never be stitched.

So, before you ask yourself "What can I make with fabric scraps today?" whip that scrap stash into shape with ideas from some great fabric designers/quilters.

Do you have pieces of fabric left over from a project? Do you have a method of storing these pieces for future use? Or are you like me, just throw them away so you don't have to deal with them.

I have learned to embrace my scraps and have learned a way to control them and use them effectively.

At February's meeting our theme will be scraps, how to store them, use them and enjoy the experience. Please bring and share your techniques for taming all these scraps left from your quilting projects.

Each month we like to recap our ongoing projects and would love to have you join in the fun.

Shoebox Project – sort of like a Round Robin that started at the October meeting and the U. F. O. Challenge introduced at the January meeting.

Here is a recap of both projects:

Shoebox Project – Sort of like a Round Robin!

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.

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

COLLECTING INCHES TO LETHBRIDGE

Tally sheets are located at the sign-in desk and everyone is encouraged to keep track of all their projects to help make up the distance to Lethbridge.

The distance from St. Catharines, ON to Lethbridge, AB (via Penticton, BC) is 197,441,338.6” (5015.01 km). So far our guild has recorded only 29,333” (not enough to get us out of Thunder Bay – yet). They will be collecting inches up to June 1, 2015 so it is not too late to start (and all our Quilt Show inches should count).

Thanks, Pat Inch

Check out this link at:

<http://cqacanadianquilting.blogspot.ca/2014/08/lollygagging-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

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...how about mug rugs. These sweet little mini placemats are all the rage these days, so why not make some for the Guild Booth. They can be made quickly with very little fabric (your scrap stash) and will sell out fast. A favourite quilt block – disappearing nine patch, log cabin or star and you are half way there! Make a bunch, add a tea cup or coffee mug and you have just created the perfect little gift.

I have included two links to copy into your browser, and some pictures for inspiration.....enjoy!

<http://lollyquiltz.blogspot.ca/2011/02/easy-peasy-binding-for-mug-rug.html?m=1>

<http://wildolive.blogspot.ca/2011/05/tea-time-mug-rug-with-embroidery.html>



PLACEMAT COMMITTEE

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

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”

Your Comfort Quilt Committee Chair, Pat Inch