
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 - Jan 19, 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 - February 16, 2015

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy New Year everyone I hope everyone is keeping warm. I had a wonderful Christmas with both my children home with their families, it was wonderful to have the grandchildren here as they had not been here for Christmas for a few years it made Christmas all the more enjoyable. We went to the Trampoline Park with friends what a wonderful place to go, the kids and some adults had a wonderful time on the trampolines and the rest of us sat on couches that are provided watching the kids and visiting. I did not know we had such a wonderful activity in Thunder Bay it was a great place to meet so the adults could visit and the children were kept occupied as there were about 30 of us.

At this time of year when it is so cold it is the perfect time to reorganize our sewing rooms and go through our fabric stash and UFO's. You can then participate in our new programme, you make a list of 10

UFO's you would like to finish in the coming year write them on a recipe card then give that card to Ellen and when you complete one you bring it to show and tell and it will be marked off your list and the first person to complete all 10 will receive the incentive gift. I know for sure I am participating as I have a lot more UFO's than 10 and I am hoping this is the incentive I need to get a lot of them done this year. If you find you have fabric you really don't think you will use it can always be donated to the Guild and the Quilt Bee committee will put it to good use.

The Quilt Show is only four months away I know members are getting their projects done to enter the show as well as the Challenge quilts. We will need lots of volunteers to help make this a successful show please add your name when the sign-up sheets are put out.

Thank you for your support and I look forward to seeing each of you at the meeting.

Sharon Melville

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This is your last chance to sign up for Doris' Machine Quilting Class. There are a very few spaces left, so come and see Christina with your \$35! Also come and see me if you have signed up and did not receive the supply list email, I will have a few printed out.

There are still some spaces left in the Mystery Quilt workshop as well. Mystery Quilt Class, Sunday March 8, Multi-Purpose Rm at 55+ Centre, 12:15 - 5pm.

Christina

QUILT SHOW WORKSHOPS

There are still spaces available for all the Quilt Show Workshops. I will be opening up registration to the general public after the January Meeting, so if you were thinking of signing up, please do so as soon as

possible to secure your place. I have already had interest from a number of non-members. If you have a nonmember friend who would like to sign up, registration forms will be available on the Guild's website on the Quilt Show Workshops page.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Happy New Year and welcome back to the January meeting of the Thunder Bay Quilters' Guild. We have two ongoing projects:

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

Program for January is by request from one of our members who asked for information on THREADS and NEEDLES. Remember that it is the needle that is the business end of the whole stitching process and that good quality thread will make all the difference in the piecing process....stay tuned for the rest of the program.

Norma Wynn & Luci Andreacchi

LIBRARY REPORT

The Guild library will re-open at the January 19th meeting.

Over the next few months we will be colour coding the books to enable you to find topics that interest you. Please help your volunteers by returning books to the table with the new "RETURN BOOKS HERE SIGN". Thanks for your help.

Please let us know of any books you would like to see in the library. New books are published regularly and we are not aware of all the new publications.

Marg Marks

PLACEMAT COMMITTEE

Thanks to everyone who donated placemats at the December meeting! Eleven 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/>

CHRISTMAS CHEER / TEDDY BEAR QUILTS COMMITTEE

Ladies! It is not too soon to be thinking about teddy bears and quilts for next Christmas for the Christmas Cheer Fund. Some thoughts to keep in mind--they are gifts from Santa, so no tags or labels on them. No price

tags, no specific year printed on them, no pins attaching bears and quilts together. We will tie them together with ribbon. The need is greatest for bears for children aged 0-3 years, so no button eyes for this age group, just the stitched-on eyes. Older aged children can have bears with button eyes. If you are making a quilt, please make it large enough to cover the bear. You can also make a full-size pillow case for the child. Patterns for pillowcases are available from the committee. We would then wrap a pillowcase and bear together. All quilts need not use a difficult pattern-it can be quite simple. You can use a cheater panel, or a full piece of children's fabric that is too nice to cut up! Don't over-think it! And..... while everyone loves a teddy bear, you can provide plush from other members of the animal kingdom too! Some quilts over the past years have been paired with dolls as well. Thanks again to all who provided a wonderful Christmas gift for a needy child this year!

Peggy

COMFORT QUILTS

Greetings,

With all the holiday planning and projects, one comfort quilt was donated in December. The quilts brought in are being saved for background display during the Quilt Show unless we get many more brought in over the next couple of months.

The Comfort Quilt Committee members discussed the challenge of making a positive difference in our community and decided that we would like to support the Teen Challenge; a home to help male youths and provide beneficial life skills. The facility has 14 twin beds and one queen bed (for the care-givers). The young men stay with the program for one year. Their mission statement is, "Develop and nurture the transformation of restored individuals into useful, productive, law-abiding citizens by creating a framework that challenges them to reach their fullest potential in all areas of life".

We also are still 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. If you have any unfinished projects suitable for the Teen Challenge (twin size is about 63"

by 81" – the same as for the Hospice Beds), please consider completing one and having it ready for display at the Quilt Show. Other locations will continue to receive quilts as well and if you have suggestions, please let us know.

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

Thanks to everyone for measuring their show & share projects for the collection. We added another 3193 inches in December.

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 January 2nd posting mentions that they have just left Dryden as they lollygag along.

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 still ~~thanks to Pat~~ Inch

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!

REPORT ON DOG BEDS

In the past week 27 dog beds were put together and delivered. The Thunder Bay and District Humane Society received 14 beds and Northern Light Dog Rescue received 13 beds. Both of these groups would love to receive beds on an ongoing basis. I will check again to see if other agencies that assist in animal care are interested in receiving animal beds. We used the balance of the donations from the last workshop to complete this project.

We would like to continue with this project, perhaps

in the spring and again next fall. Since we have now done two workshops, we have a good plan for the next ones.

First, we would collect the batting or stuffing either right before we do the workshop or on the day of the workshop. We would ask that all the batting or stuffing be cut into strips or pieces before it is donated. All cotton or poly/cotton, fibrefill, any quilt batting, warm and natural batting, or fabric of this type are very welcome. Bags of fibrefill can be donated as is. All thin strips from sergers are also great to add to the beds. Old pillows are also very easy to cover and make great beds.

Any medium to heavy weight fabric makes good bed covers. We would collect this fabric just before the workshop and make up the beds so that they are ready to stuff and sew on the day of the workshop. Some upholstery fabric will work also if it is not too stiff.

We would continue to use pillowcases also as they make great beds for smaller animals.

All fleece is very welcome. Large pieces can make bed covers that small dogs and cats love and small pieces or ends of fleece can be used for stuffing. Flannelette is also great for beds and stuffing.

If you don't know if the size of a piece of fabric should be used for a bed or for stuffing, don't cut it. We can sometimes put two pieces together to make cut colourful beds.

Thanks to Maddy Chase, Lynne Lark, Diane Polansky and Shirley Symington.

I will inform the members at the March meeting about the next dog bed workshop. It will not interfere with the Quilt Show at the end of April.

Submitted by Diane Chase

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!

This month brings a link for a Kitchen Aide Mixer Cover and a quick and easy dish/glass mat.

Kitchenaid Mixer Cover Tutorial

<http://mariaelkins.com/2011/12/tutorial-kitchenaid-cover/>

You will need:

- Jelly roll or 16 strips of fabric, each 2-1/2" wide by 16" long
- Two pieces of coordinating fabric for sides, each 16" by 10"
- 3/4 yard of backing fabric
- One piece of batting, 34" by 16"
- Two pieces of batting, 16" by 10"
- Strip of fabric for binding, 2-1/4" wide by 60" long
- Thread

Measure your Kitchenaid

I have a 5 quart Artisan mixer which is about 14" high, 14" front to back, and 9" wide (with the bowl in place), so this cover is sized for my mixer. If you have one of the larger mixers, you will need to adjust your pattern accordingly.



Quick & Easy Quilted Dish Mat

This project is so simple, here we go.....

What you will need:

- Fabric Scraps
- an old (or new) hand towel or dish towel
- Coordinating thread
- Rotary Cutter/Scissors & Ruler



And here is the link to the tutorial:
<http://sewplcity.com/2011/02/tutorial-quick-easy-quilted-dish-mat/>



Our Empty Bowls group have been offered exhibition space, at no cost, to show our quilts and potters will be showing and selling pottery. We are having mugs with hugs combining pottery mugs without handles with quilted cozies. Add some hot chocolate and we hope to raise some funds to feed the hungry. A can collection will also help our efforts. It seems that this is becoming a year long fundraiser, but I am only responsible for the quilters, and someone much younger and full of ideas and energy is providing the drive.

Thanks, Nelly

Quilting Committee Empty Bowls



QUILT SHOW APRIL 24, 25, 26, 2015

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE QUILT SHOW AS FOLLOWS:

Sign up sheets at January 19th meeting

ADMISSION DESK

- Collect admission fees - \$5. for day pass - \$10 for 3 day pass
- Stamp hand of visitor for day pass only
- 3 day pass requires coloured wrist band
- Check off Volunteers as they arrive from Volunteer list
- Hand out Quilt Show Brochure & Voting Ballots
- Periodically turn excess cash over to Treasurer (2 counting money)

GUILD BOOTH

- Sell Guild merchandise
- Receipts to be made out for each sale
- Periodically turn excess cash over to Treasurer (2 counting money)
- No new merchandise to be accepted at Guild Booth for sale. All merchandise to be priced prior to show
- sign up for Demos

GREETER & HOSTESS

These individuals are the "Protectors of the Quilts"

- Main duty is to answer questions about the Quilts and Voting
- Each quilt will have a write up
- Wear chatelaines and white gloves
- Make sure no one touches the quilts
- Ensure no pictures are taken of quilts with "no photography" attached to them
- Monitor quilt show area for theft
- May need to spell a Vend or who needs a break

REGISTERING & DE-REGISTERING QUILTS

- record quilts as they come in - give out receipt
- give back quilts with proper receipt

THIS YEAR OUR VOLUNTEERS WILL NOT HAVE TO PAY ANY ADMISSION!!!

BANQUET TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE FOR \$40 STARTING JANUARY 19TH. THE TICKETS MUST BE PAID FOR IN ADVANCE.

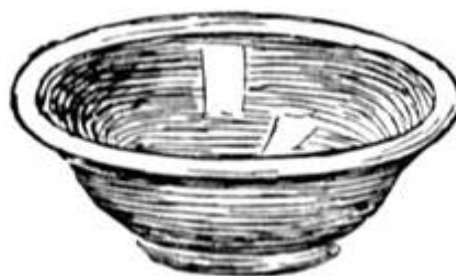
GUILD MERCHANDISE: THIS YEAR WE ARE GOING TO TRY TO CO-ORDINATE OUR MERCHANDISE ON A "KITCHEN THEME"

POTTERY & QUILT Exhibition

January 17th - February 22nd, 2015



Fill a Bowl



Fill a Need

Baggage Building Arts Centre

Located in Marina Park
Open Tuesday-Friday
11am-5pm
Saturday & Sunday
12pm-4pm
Closed Monday

free admission
a non-perishable food donation
is appreciated,
food collection boxes
available on site

*Artists & Caring Citizens
working together
to fight hunger
in our community*

*Empty Bowls Caring Hearts
is a year round
fundraising effort*

Pottery & Quilting
free activities
See artists in action
January 25th
12pm-4pm

Join us at WinterFest
February 16th
"Mugs with Hugs" plus
Quilting & Pottery
demonstrations
12pm-4pm