

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 email or call Joanne Kavanagh 345-2269.

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MEETING AGENDA - Feb. 15, 2016

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 21, 2016

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As I am writing this we are having a nasty snow storm. A week ago my propane tank was filled and the tank was cleaned off, I just looked out the door and there is about 18 inches of snow on it again. We may not have got much snow in December and most of January but Mother Nature is sure making up for it now. This is a great time to get back to sewing and quilting some of those UFO's we have hanging around. I know if I hibernate for maybe five years I might get mine done. I have to confess that I am really bad at starting projects and then not finishing them. They get put aside as I usually have a project on the go that has a dead line whether it is for a customer or a charity they come first.

We are updating the Memorial Quilt if you know of any of our members who have passed away would you please let me or someone on the executive know, right now I have Helen Knights, Vera McKercher and Jean Tozer to be added.

Quite a while ago someone had the idea to have a social column in the quill something like the Community Clipboard on the local TV station. We could include things like deaths, weddings, special trips, accomplishments, things we might not be aware of

2015/2016 COMMITTEES

Donation Quilts:	Patricia Inch
Guest Speaker / Teachers:	Christina Wakefield
Hall of Fame:	Meghann Pulkkinen
Library:	Margaret Marks
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Quilt Bee:	Adrienne Lopes, Nelly Jaremey
Webmaster:	Cathy Ridley
Donation Placemats	Mary Catharine Kennedy
Teddy Bear Quilts	Peggy Skillen

otherwise. It could also include a good quilt shop someone has found or about a workshop someone has attended or a workshop out of town that they think members would be interested in attending etc. If you would be interested in volunteering to look after this please contact someone on the executive and we can have a discussion. This is all new so you would be setting the column up and the name of the column would have to be selected.

We have had a number of complaints about members who have requested a paper copy of the Quill not getting their Quill at the meeting. Marg is putting the names of the members on each Quill, if you would like a paper copy please put a request in.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

Sharon

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Workshops

Iron Caddy Workshop with Peggy Skillen,
Saturday April 2, 9-4, Superior CVI.

English Paper Piecing workshop with Cathy Ridley
and Karen Boote, Sunday April 3, 12-4, Superior CVI.

All workshops \$35, \$40 for non-members if there is
room. See Christina to register.

As always, if you are looking for a workshop on a
certain topic, let me know and I will find someone to
teach it!

Possibilities Group: Please remember that there is no
October meeting. The school has an event on and
does not want outside people in the building, so do
not show up! The meetings are Nov 24, Jan 26, Feb
23, Mar 29, Apr 26, May 31, meeting at 7pm in Rm
2001, Superior C.V.I. Christina

QUILT SHOW MERCHANDISE FOR THE GUILD BOOTH

Hi everyone. I am chairperson for the Guild Booth
for the 2017 show. I'm hoping we can have a great
variety of fun products for quilters and non-quilters.
We have roughly 14 months to get some items made. I
thought it would be fun to provide you with a pattern or
two each month and ask that you make one and donate
it. If you really like it make a few and make one for
yourself. Most will be quick and easy to make. My
idea is to make most of these out of your scraps! I know
you all have some. I have lots and we took out all the
tiny bits and pieces from the quilt bee bins that are not
really usable for the quilts. So each month I will try to

make up about 10-20 kits for one of the projects
depending how much time I have. Feel free to use up
your scraps too. To be fair to everyone, please don't
take more than one kit, or at least wait until everyone
has had a chance to take one. The kits will not always
contain batting.

So this month I will give you 2 patterns since I
missed the deadline last month. Each month I will have
samples made so you can see the finished product and
feel free to ask me about any of them. All the patterns I
am giving you are either free downloads or links or I
will have designed it. If you find something you think
will make a good seller then give me a copy or send me
the link to ccockell@tbaytel.net. At the moment I don't
have a lot of storage space in my house so if you make
items, please hold on to them until at least next fall.

The first pattern is for a leaf pot holder. I was told
somebody made these last year and they sold right
away. They are really nice. Remember, leaves can be
almost any colour, especially if you want to them to
match your décor. When you make potholders we
suggest using Thinsulbright or some other thermal
protective batting so they are heat resistant. If you do
this please attach a note indicating it so we can let the
customers know. Otherwise put at least a double
batting.

The second pattern is for a thread catcher from
AngiesBitsAndPieces. Copy/paste the following link
into your browser.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fbOfINoEYLc>

Watch the video. It's very detailed. By the way,
Angie does beautiful English Paper Piecing so check out
her links to that. If this link doesn't work then Google
"collapsible thread catcher". You hit the right one if it's
made with a ring from a Pringles can.

Chairperson Cindy Cockell

JUNE ELECTIONS

We have elections coming up as we always do in
June. We require a President, Vice-President and
Programme. Now President is someone who likes to
oversee all the committees and plan executive meetings,
Vice-President organizes and searches out people and
ideas for our various classes and Programme shares
exciting new ideas, techniques and people who inspire,
such as; the outer space quilter that Louise and Sheila
found for us. Please seek out an executive if you
yourself would like to run or if you have any
suggestions.

Sincerely Meghann

QUILT BEE

We are looking forward to a great Quilt Bee on March 5 at the Oliver Road Community Centre. The Quilt Bee committee has been busy getting kits ready for you to pick out and sew during the Bee. We have new patterns and beautiful colour combinations. Come out for the day and help us to create beautiful quilts for our community. The Bee will be held from 10 am - 4 pm. If you are able to come out to join us, please sign up at the February meeting so we can have an idea of the numbers to expect. It will help with the room setup. Lunch will be provided. If you can bring a dessert to share, please do. It will be enjoyed!

If you can't make it for the whole Bee, you are welcome to join us for part of the day. We always need help with pressing, trimming and more pressing. If you can't bring your sewing machine, there will be tasks to help with (like pressing) and we encourage you to join us.

If you are coming to the Bee please plan to bring your sewing machine, sewing notions, thread, and a covered coffee mug. You may need your rotary cutter and ruler to trim half square triangles or other blocks.

We are also working out the details for a Quilt Finishing Bee to be held on April 9 at the church. More information will follow at the February Meeting.

Thank you to everyone who helped to prepare kits and cut fabric either at home or at the Cutting Bee held on February 6. Your efforts have made it easy to create beautiful kits and will provide the opportunity to make unique quilts during the Bee. Hope to see you on March 5 at the Bee.

Thank you Adrienne

COMFORT QUILTS & CHALLENGE SQUARES

In January there were 23 - 12 ½ inch squares turned in along with 1 neo-natal and 4 comfort quilts. Florence Poster has kindly agreed to collect squares and any comfort quilts turned in at the meeting.

All members are challenged to submit at least one square to have your name entered for our surprise draw. We'd like to see every member participate in this challenge. The requirements are; neutral (beige, white, red, plain) backing fabric, cotton or cotton/poly batting, quilt square top, sandwiched and quilted to measure 12 ½ inches (so start with a backing and batting larger and don't trim). Squares will be trimmed just prior to putting together using the hinge method. Any pattern square is welcome so have some fun making one or

more. We have received some lovely examples with appliqued flowers and a variety of wonderful patterns. The squares will be used to put together larger quilts for beds at some of the 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 to 65" x 80"

If you have suggestions for recipient locations, please provide the Comfort Quilt Committee a contact and location information (so the size and needs can be determined). The focus should be on sites where the quilts will remain and be used multiple times. Thanks for your support.

Pat (on behalf of the Committee)

FIDGIT QUILTS

I will have a sign-up sheet for anyone interested in participating in a Fidgit quilt bee in the spring. This is a fun new way to clear out all those old large buttons, zippers, ribbon, scraps of textured material, little stuffies, old pockets, all those things you hung on to thinking you could make use of sometime in the future, now is your chance. Anything safe enough for a two year old can be used to create a one of a kind Fidgit quilt. Use your imagination and the sky is the limit. Nothing smaller than a placemat and nothing larger than a crib quilt are the sizes. You start with a piece of material and go from there. We only have four signed up and we need a few more to make this happen. The sign-up sheet for the Fidgit bee will be on the same table as the sign-up sheet for the guild meeting.

Hope to see you there. Meghann

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Greetings from the Program Committee

We hope that you have been enjoying the meetings and hopefully taking away some positive experiences and lots of new and interesting information.

We will continue to bring members up to date on all things quilty. We are working hard to keep the Program portion of the meeting short, fun and informative. Got ideas – tell us! Got suggestions – we would love to hear them! Would you like to be a QUILTER OF THE

MONTH – come and see us and pick a month!

Remember that we will be having a UFO/MAGAZINE/BOOK Auction in the New Year. Monies raised from this auction will as usual go towards purchasing new books for the Library. Magazines need to be bundled and tied and if you are donating a UFO project please make sure that all of the parts are included, especially the pattern/instructions. Thanks, we appreciate all of your involvement and donations.

This month Norma will bring us up to date on “The Slow Stitching Movement” Founded by Mark Lipinski, his mission is to tell quilters to stop and slow down. Easier said than done, right? Quilting, like everything else in life, is about finding a balance that works for you. We promise, no yoga poses required!

U.F.O. CHALLENGE...continued

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 2015/2016 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 to the Program Committee. 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”. There will also be auxiliary prizes for everyone else who finishes their 10 UFO projects. 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.

Each month the Program Committee will introduce blocks that can be made with all of those popular fabric precuts. We have included a list of specialty cuts, their sizing, a short description and common uses.

PRECUTS – Specialty cuts, also called pre-cut items, are fabrics cut into specific sizes and typically packaged by collection. There are many different sizes of specialty cuts, and they are based on the most common cuts used by quilters. Besides regular yardage, which is sold by the metre, the most well-known specialty cuts include:

Mini Charm Packs – 2.5” x 2.5” and are the newest precuts from Moda. They are also known as Moda Candy! Mini Charm Packs are great for small projects, easy reference or just for collecting.

Charm Packs – 5” x 5” - Charm packs are one of the smallest and least expensive specialty cut. Their popularity stems from the fact that they are affordable, easy to use, and the size is very common in quilting. Charm Packs typically include one square of every fabric within a collection so the number of pieces included varies. The size of charm packs may also vary slightly by manufacturer. For instance, RJR Fabrics cuts their Charm Packs to 5.5” x 5.5”.

Commonly used for: One-patch blocks, four-patch blocks, corner triangles, flying geese blocks.

Jelly Rolls – 2.5” x 42” strips - Manufactured by Moda Fabrics, Jelly Rolls are different prints from a single collection rolled together and cut length-wise into 2.5” x 42” strips. They are available by collection and have become very popular over the past few years. Jelly Rolls typically include 40 strips of fabric but occasionally can vary.

Similar to:

- Bali Pops by Hoffman Fabric - 2.5" x 42" strips
- Twice the Charms by RJR Fabrics - 5.5" x 21" strips
- Stone Strips by Northcott Fabrics - 2.5" x 42" strips
- Rolie Polies by Riley Blake Designs - 2.5" x 42" strips
- Roll Ups by Robert Kaufman Fabrics - 2.5" x 42" strips
- Tonga Treat Strips by Timeless Treasures - 2.5" x 42" strips
- Layer Cakes - 10” x 10” - Manufactured by Moda Fabrics, Layer Cakes are similar to a Charm Pack in its square shape but at a larger size. They are available by collection and typically include

42 pieces of fabric, though the number may vary by collection. Commonly used for: Squares, half-square triangles, quarter-square triangles, strips and circles

Similar to:

- 10" Stackers by Riley Blake Designs
- 10 inch Squares by Robert Kaufman Fabrics
- Tonga Treat Squares by Timeless Treasures

Fat Eighth Bundles – 9" x 21" rectangles

Manufactured by Moda Fabrics, Fat Eighths measure 9" x 21", rather than the typical one-eighth yard cut of 4.5" x 42".

Fat Quarter Bundles – 18" x 21" rectangles

Fat Quarters are the first and most common specialty cut on the market. The term Fat Quarter refers to a quarter-yard of fabric cut into a rectangle. Most collections will have Fat Quarter Bundles that contain every print. Also, some collections will have a variety of Fat Quarter Bundles that contain a selection of coordinating prints.

Norma Wynn & Luci Andreacchi

FOR SALE

ORIGINAL INSPIRA QUILTING FRAME AND QUILTER'S CRUISE CONTROL

The frame can be set up at either 5' or 10' and was used with a Pfaff Grand Quilter Hobby 1200 with 9" throat, but would be compatible with a Viking Mega Quilter or Janome 1600P. The frame has a pantograph shelf with a laser pointer.

Included with the frame is:

- a lot of 5' and 10' Leaders
- Golden Thread's "Pretty Simple Pantographs
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