

THUNDER BAY QUILTERS' GUILD

QUILTERS' QUILL

December 2023

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"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 mail to: kavanagh@tbaytel.net Any advertising shall be quilt related with the Executive setting the fees. **Advertisements must be submitted** to the executive for approval, prior to publishing. Please mail to: president.tbqg@gmail.com

MEETING AGENDA

December 11, 2023 @ 7:00 pm
(zoom will open at 6:00 pm)

To be held over Zoom – link will be sent in the email with this Quill

6:30 pm – Demo – a short demo/discussion

1. Welcome
 2. Virtual Presentation - Jane Haworth
 3. Business Meeting
 4. Committee Reports
 5. Other Opportunities
 6. New Business
 7. Reminders
 8. Closing
- Next Meeting – **January 15, 2024** on Zoom

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Among all the cookies and turkey try to make some time for quilting this Christmas. This is a time that many of us have made things for others. Consider doing something for yourself with your quilting as you relax in the delight of others. Is there something you'd like to learn or something you want to make? Are you simply yearning to get back to your sewing machine? Give yourself the gift of some time with your quilting this Christmas and enjoy it! Keep it simple. It can be a hectic time but if you keep your quilting simple you can fit it in and give back to yourself.

Wishing you, your friends, and your families the best of this season and if you celebrate Christmas, I wish you all a Merry Christmas. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Christmas Social.

Adrienne Lopes



SEASONAL SOCIAL

A reminder to join us on **Saturday, December 16** for a Seasonal Social at the Calvary Church from 2 to 4 pm. There will be light refreshments, the Library will be open for the first hour, and we will do Show and Tell (at around 2:45). Don't forget to bring the post card you received in the Swap. Comfort Quilts and Placemats will also be collected.



Guild merchandise will be available at each meeting this year or by contacting Marg Marks at mjmarks@tbaytel.net



Do you know a member in need of a little Sunshine? Please submit requests for Sunshine Cards (e.g., illness, injury, death in the family) to :

secretary.tbqg@gmail.com

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2023 - 2024 TBQG

Calendar of Events

September

18 - 7pm Monthly Meeting
@ Church

19 - 8am Email Registration
Pink Cosmos Workshop

19 - 1-4pm Virtual Sew Day

23 & 24 - Global Quilt
Connection

October

1 - 10 - 4 Virtual Sew Day

14 - In Person Sew Day
@ WTCC

15 - Finishing Bee
@ Oliver Road CC

16 - 7pm Monthly Meeting
@ Church

22 - 1-4pm Virtual Sew Day

31 - 10-4 Virtual Sew Day

November

12 - 10-4 Virtual Sew Day

18 - In Person Sew Day
@ WTCC

18 - Virtual Workshop
Pink Cosmos

20 - 7pm Monthly Meeting
@ Church

21 - 1-4pm Virtual Sew Day

26 - Virtual Craft Share

December

3 - 10-4 Virtual Sew Day

11 - 7pm Monthly Meeting
VIRTUAL

Jane Haworth Lecture

12 - 1-4pm Virtual Sew Day

16 - Christmas Social
@ Church

17 - Christmas Placemat &
Table Runner Workshop

January

13 - Herringbone Quilt
Workshop

15 - 7pm Monthly Meeting
VIRTUAL

20 - In Person Sew Day
@ WTCC

26-28 - Retreat @ CRRC

February

12 - 7pm Virtual Lecture
Improv Pattern Scraps

19 - 7pm Monthly Meeting
VIRTUAL

24 - Virtual Workshop
Flight Path

Pending - Social Event

March

5 - 7pm Virtual Lecture
Managing Stash/Scraps

9 - In Person Sew Day
@ WTCC

18 - 7pm Monthly Meeting
VIRTUAL

April

TBD - Ruby Dress
Workshop

13-14 Quilt Bee
@ Oliver Road CC

15 - 7pm Monthly Meeting
@ Church

May

4 - In Person Sew Day
@ WTCC

20 - 7pm Monthly Meeting
@ Church

June

17 - 7pm Monthly Meeting
VIRTUAL

Special Guest Lecturer

22 - Summer Social
@ Church

Notes

Registration Required for Guild Events including Retreat,
Virtual and In Person Workshops, In Person Sew Days

WTCC = West Thunder Community Centre
Church = Calvary Lutheran Church
Oliver Road CC = Oliver Road Community Centre
CRRC = Current River Recreation Centre

Monthly Meetings start at 7:00pm
Virtual Meetings will open at 6pm with Demo at 6:30
In Person Meetings Church and Library Open at 6:20
For details about other events see Newsletter.

PROGRAM

This month we are very pleased to have Jane Haworth as our guest speaker during the December virtual meeting on Dec. 11th. Jane is an award-winning professional quilter who makes raw edge collage quilts that are inspired by nature. She also makes pet portraits which are absolutely stunning. She recently taught a Cosmos workshop for our guild, so watch future Show and Tell for pictures of the finished product.

So, prepare to be amazed and inspired during the guest speaker presentation this month!

Iris

MEALS ON WHEELS PLACEMATS

In November we collected 105 beautiful placemats. Great job, fellow quilters! These, along with nearly 400 others previously donated will be distributed in December to Meals on Wheels clients, and to residents of Jasper Place, Sister Leila Greco apartments, Willow Place and P.R. Cook apartments. Now we can start to get ready for next year! Placemat kits as well as labels to be added to placemats you make with your own materials will be available at the social on December 16. Happy holidays!

Doris Dungan and Judy Murphy



IN PERSON SEW DAYS

The next In Person Sew Day is Saturday, January 20, 2024, at the West Thunder Community Centre. The Sew Day will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be one person per table. No lunch will be provided but there will be a treat table so bring some goodies to share. Two ironing stations will be provided and a cutting table if space permits. Cost for the day is \$13 with payment by e-transfer only to tbayqg@outlook.com. Cancellation refunds will only be given if we can fill your spot. To register for the **January 20, 2024** IP Sew Day email Ellen Lang at ellen_lang@tbaytel.net. The first 12 emails will be accepted and any more will be put on a waiting list and will be the first contacts for the next sew day.

Ellen Lang & Judy Wrigley

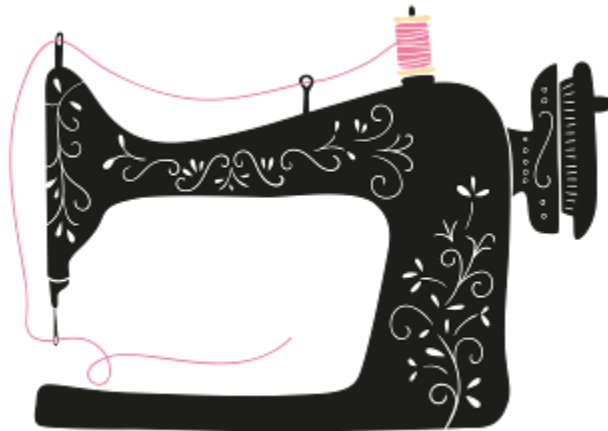
VIRTUAL SEW DAYS

We will once again be gathering for virtual sew days. For members who are interested in joining one of these days, there is no program, just log on - the rest is up to decide what you want to do.

Next Dates: **Sunday, January 7 - 10 am to 4 pm**
 Tuesday, January 16 – 1 to 4 pm
 Tuesday, February 6 – 1 to 4 pm
 Sunday, February 18 – 10 am to 4 pm
 Tuesday, February 27 – 1 to 4 pm

Please send an email to cridley@tbaytel.net to register. A zoom link will be sent out a few days before the date.

We hope you can join us.
Doris and Cathy



TEDDY BEAR QUILTS

Another successful year for teddy bear quilt collection! Thanks to all the hard work and generosity of our members, we donated 208 bundles of cuteness to various charitable organizations in our communities. The recipients differ from year to year, but include Christmas Cheer Fund, Our Kids Count, and George Jeffrey Childrens' Centre, to name a few. Thanks to the volunteers who helped in any way, from making, to tying, to counting and distributing. Keep making and see you next year!

Carol Richards, on behalf of the T/B committee

ROUND ROBIN 2023-2024 TBQG

The Swap committee has cancelled the Round Robin Quilt Swap due to insufficient interest. Maybe we will try to run it at some other time. This is a busy season for everyone and perhaps it was too much to think about and prepare for at this time of year. We will have an alternate plan to present to everyone at the January meeting. To those who signed up, thank you for wanting to do the Round Robin.

Season's Greetings from Cathy, Laura, Kellyann and Anne



Another virtual workshop opportunity for members of the TBQG: Flight Plan Quilt Workshop (Virtual) with Shannon Fraser

Saturday, February 24, 2024 @ 10 am

Fee - \$100 – includes pattern.

Registration opens Tuesday, December 12.

There will be more information at the December meeting.

LIBRARY REPORT

The Library will be open at the Dec. 16th social from 2:00 pm to 2:45 pm. for returns and signing out of books. The AccuQuilt Go Cutter is available to sign out also.

Please let me know ahead so that I can bring to the Social or you may pick it up at my home as that is where it is stored. And if anyone wants to take out, once Xmas rush, is over just email me at mccwatson@tbaytel.net and we can arrange a time for you to pick up. The Library will be open at the church on the Tuesday after the virtual meetings in January, February, March from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from
Barb Gainer, Anne Lockwood, Wendy Royston and Maria Watson

You can look at the list of TBQG Library books, using the link below!

[TBQG Library List-2023](#)



QUILT BEE

Reminder that there will be no comfort quilt drop off at the meeting this month. Any comfort quilts that you have completed can be dropped off In person at the December Social.

If you took a quilt to finish at the finishing bee, or if you need a quilt to finish or a kit to start please email Adrienne at alopes@tbaytel.net to request some supplies. We will have some at the December Social but letting Adrienne know in advance that you are interested in working on a comfort quilt would be appreciated.

In the new year, we will begin preparing for the Quilt Bee in April.

Adrienne

alopes@tbaytel.net

TBQG MEMBER'S RETREAT WEEKEND

**January
26, 27, 28
2024**

EVENT DETAILS

- ✓ Sleep at Home
- ✓ Drop off and Set Up Friday Night - Quilt Sat/Sun
- ✓ Table for each quilter - 4 ft table space with space for side table 16" x 22"
- ✓ Food available for purchase
- ✓ Cutting and Ironing Stations available for your use
- ✓ Bring your own projects, UFO's, WIP and new ideas.
- ✓ Fees and Food to be confirmed. Registration in December.

**Stay Tuned...
Details and Registration
in December**

SPACES AVAILABLE - THUNDER BAY QUILT GUILD WORKSHOPS

To register or for more information please contact [Ellen Olson, vp.tbqg@gmail.com](mailto:Ellen.Olson, vp.tbqg@gmail.com) Registration is now open and Workshops are \$40.00 + Pattern, unless otherwise posted. Minimum numbers are needed to host the workshops. **PAYMENT IS TO BE SENT ONLY TO:** Tbayqg@outlook.com

Christmas Placemat & or Table Runner Photo Workshop - Limited spaces available

[Sunday, December 17th, 2023](#)

10:00am - 4:00pm

Ana Paula Brasil is an international artist and designer with a background in fine arts. She has travelled the world teaching textile art and her passion for teaching is contagious. Ana Paula will share her knowledge, high energy and creativity with us in this 2023 Christmas Workshop.



Purchase of pattern will be required for this workshop and can be purchased for \$7 (Pattern purchase to be paid to tbqg with Registration). In this one day workshop, you will have the amazing opportunity to create a stunning Christmas table setting to host your family and friends.

Ana Paula will guide you through two different techniques, appliqué as well as foundation paper piecing. Using foundation blocks will enable you to adapt the project to your table size as well as to the number of place settings. During this workshop you will make a table runner, placemats, cloth napkins with mitred corners, cutlery mittens as well as charger plate covers! This is a workshop you won't want to miss!

Herringbone (Braided) Quilt - Limited Spaces Available

[Saturday, January 13th, 2024](#)

10:00am - 4:00pm

Doris Dungan will teach you how to make a no-waste herringbone (or braid) quilt using a clever construction technique. This is a fat-quarter-friendly project that uses 11 fat quarters for a throw size, or 14-15 for a twin bed size! There are no leftover triangles from this project making it the perfect opportunity to use up some quarters laying around in your craft room! Grab a coordinating selection from your fat quarter stash and join us for this amazing workshop.



THUNDER BAY QUILT GUILD WORKSHOPS

Ruby Dress (or top) Workshop

[April 2024](#)

Date and time TBD

Do you have 2-3 meters of treasured quilting cotton that you'd like to make into a fun dress just in time for summer? Join Adrienne in making a simple dress to show off your love of fun fabrics. The pattern will need to be purchased and printed in advance from <https://shop.made-by-rae.com/products/ruby-dress-top>. We will have one - 1 hr session a week before the workshop to review fabric and pattern sizing. The workshop will cover assembly and adjustments. Adrienne will also show you how to add a pocket and a lining to the dress.



Important Reminder: Members interested in teaching a TBQG Workshop please contact: Ellen Olson vp.tbqg@gmail.com for more information. Please include workshop photo and brief description of project.

TBQG – SAVE THE DATES - Members Only Quilt Retreat

January 26th (drop-off only) 27th & 28th, 2024

(..... please watch for more Detailed Information in DECEMBER)

COMFORT QUILTS

Now that the Guild will be having their monthly meetings virtually, the comfort quilt collections will be happening at in-person events. The first such collection will be at the upcoming social on December 16th.

Dates for future collections will be posted in the Quill.

Iris Maxwell

Recommended Quilt Sizes

Wheel Chair	36" x 45"
Bed	65" x 80"
Dignity	72" x 84"



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Circle of Friends Quilt Shoppe is pleased to offer INTRODUCTION TO QUILTING. This is an 18 hour class designed for anyone interested in learning to quilt. Basic techniques in fabric selection, cutting, piecing, and binding will be taught as well as differences in batting, thread and backing fabrics.

A variety of blocks based on four patch & variations, nine patch, log cabin, rail fence and star blocks will have you making a set of placemats complete with binding and walking foot quilting.

While designed for those with no quilting experience, this introduction class works well for those who are looking for tips and techniques to enhance their skills and increase their accuracy in piecing.

The Introduction to Quilting will be followed with Skill Building Sessions that will strengthen your quilting skills as you continue your journey into the wonderful world of quilting.

For further information and to register please contact:

Luci Andreacchi – landreacchi@tbaytel.net

or Cindy Cockell – ccockell@tbaytel.net

Skill Level: *Beginner*

Dates: Saturday February 3 – 10am-1pm
 Saturday, February 10 & 17 – 10am-4pm
 Saturday, March 2 – 10am-1pm

Cost: \$200.00

A special discount of 20% will apply to all supplies purchased at Circle of Friends Quilt Shoppe for those registered in class

Requirements:

Class Supply List available upon registration

***Instructional Booklet (cost to be determined & payable to Cindy) will be distributed at first class*