

2022 Fall Newsletter



North Bay

- 259 Worthington St West, North Bay ON
- **** 705-472-4849
- M-F 9:30 to 5:00 Sat 9:30 to
 Noon Closed Sundays
- Facebook-North Bay

Temiskaming Shores

- 12 Whitewood Ave East, New Liskeard, ON
- **** 705-647-4849
- M-F 9:30 to 5:00 Sat 9:30 to Noon - Closed Sundays
- Facebook-Temiskaming Shores

Sudbury

- 2141 LaSalle Blvd. Sudbury, ON
- **** 705-525-4449
- M-F 9:30 to 5:00 Sat 9:30 to Noon - Closed Sundays
- f Facebook-Sudbury

Message from the Gem Team

We are so excited to start the fall sewing season!

Our North Bay store opened at the beginning of August. We are thrilled to have Brad join the Gem Team. Join us for the Grand Opening Celebration – October 1!

Watch our website and Facebooks pages for fun classes and new events at all of our stores.

Fall also brings Fall Fairs! Are you thinking about what you might do for your local fall fair? The cooler weather is coming and so is our opportunity to curl up with a good book, a cup of tea and a cozy quilt!

Enjoy your fall stitching. Hope to see you in one of our stores soon!

Patchwork

A poem by Elizabeth Barrette

Friendship is quilting your life into mine:
One square for memory, one square for trust.
Cutting and piecing, we choose our design:
Friendship is quilting your life into mine.
Fragment of sky, and of rust, and pine:
Here's one for being there when it went bust.
Friendship is quilting your life into mine:
One square for memory, one square for trust.



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Special Events and Retreats



Exciting news!

JANOME

North Bay Grand Opening!

Michael Smith from Janome Canada is coming to Gem Sewing New Liskeard!

Friday, September 30 from 10 till 3 Don't miss the exciting demos he will be doing on the M7 & MC550e

Bring your questions to get answered by the expert.

Door prize - give-a-ways - fun times.

Space is limited – call to reserve your spot!

705-647-4849

Michael Smith from Janome Canada is coming to Gem Sewing North Bay Saturday, October 1 from 10 till 3 Don't miss the exciting demos he will be doing on the **NEW** continental M17 with **special instore pricing**. Bring your questions to get answered by the expert. Give-a-ways and fun times.

Weekly Class Descriptions

New Liskeard - Weekly Classes

Beginner Buddies with Jennifer

This class is intended for kids (ages 10-14) to be joined by an older "buddy" – for example a parent, grandparent, sibling, aunt, uncle, family friend, etc. This allows the child and their buddy to learn in a supported environment. The bonus is that when they leave class – they have each other to reinforce skills, promote practice and have someone to share a creative learning experience with.

* Kids are not required to have a buddy!

Mondays 4:00-5:30pm

Sept 12 - Dec 12 (excluding Oct 10 & Oct 31)

\$125.00 + tax (fabric not included)

Card Game Block Class with Mike & Gayle

You will make 12 random block patterns from a special quilt block card deck.

Tuesdays 5:00-7:00pm
Sept 13 - Dec 13
\$125.00 + tax (pattern included; fabric not included)

Appliqué Techniques Class with Diane

You will be taught seven different ways to appliqué!

Wednesdays 5:00-7:00pm

October 5-Dec 7

\$100 + tax (fabric not included)

Sit & Sew

Bring your own projects and socialize with other sewers Thursdays 5:00-7:00pm Sept 15 - Dec 22 \$80 membership fee

North Bay - Weekly Classes

Beginner Class with Brad

Class for beginner sewers age 11 and up.

Mondays 5:00-6:30pm

Sept 12 – Dec 12 (excluding Oct 10 and Oct 31)
\$125.00

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Tuesdays 5:00-7:00pm Sept 13 - Dec 13 \$125.00 + tax (pattern included; fabric not included)

Sudbury – Weekly Classes

Beginner Class with Sylvie

Sewers will be making bags, table runners, Christmas stockings and skirts.

Mondays 5:30-7:30pm Sept 12 – Dec 12

\$ 125 (fabric not included)

Card Game Block Class with Sylvie

You will make 12 random block patterns from a special quilt block card deck.

Tuesdays 5:00-7:00pm Sept 13 - Dec 6

\$125.00 + tax (pattern included; fabric not included)

100 Block Sampler Quilt with Sylvie

Make 100 blocks this year!

Wednesdays 5:30-7:30pm

Sept 14 – Apr 28

\$125/semester; \$250 full year
(pattern book included; use your stash/scraps)

Kid's Class with Sylvie

This class is for children ages 10-16
Thursdays 5:30-7:00pm
Sept 15 – Dec 15
\$125 (fabric not included)

Monthly Sew Social

A chance to chat and sew your own projects with other sewers.

Friday, Sept 23, Oct 21 and Nov 25 6:00-8:00pm \$55 for all three



Beginner

Confident beginner \rightarrow intermediate Advanced

Workshop & Weekend Class Descriptions

New Liskeard

Quilt Kick-Off for adults with Jennifer

This 14-hour **BEGINNER** quilting class will start with machine, thread, and fabric basics before moving on to the components of quilting. You will make a set of six placemats to practice and reinforce your new skills. Friday, Sept 9 6:00pm – 9:00pm Saturday, Sept 10, 9:00am – noon AND Saturday, Sept 24, 9:00am – 3:30pm \$125 + tax (binder & pattern included; fabric not included)

Colour Theory with Liz

Choosing colours and patterns that work well together is just as important as the pattern you chose to make a gorgeous quilt! Learn how to match colours and patterns to create an appealing look for your future quilts. (Interactive lecture)

Saturday, Sept 10, 11:00am-12:30pm \$15 + tax (min. 6 participants)

* suitable for all sewers of any skill level

Project Bag with Francine

Learn how to make one of "Annie's" project bags. You will make one of the four possible sizes.

Friday Oct 14, 4:00-8:00pm
\$30 + tax (pattern included; supplies not included)

Sew Far Behind with Jennifer

A time to come in and tackle those unfinished QUILTING projects – maybe you need a quiet space, maybe you just need to get out of your sewing space – or maybe you need a little help. Jennifer will be on hand to help work out any questions or trouble spots!

Saturday, Oct 15, 10:00am-3:00pm
\$20.00 - Open to all skill levels

Borders & Sashing with Liz

Learn how to properly attach borders and sashing to prevent them from becoming wavy! (Interactive lecture) Saturday Oct 29, 10:00-11:30am \$15 + tax (min. 6 participants)



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Binding Techniques with Jennifer

Learn multiple ways of binding to finish your projects.

Nov 26, 10:00am – 2:00pm

\$20 + tax (reference materials included; projects not included)



Kitchen Dressings with Diane

Each day we will be learning how to make a different kitchen dressing: oven mitts, aprons, table toppers, bowl cozies and drying mats. Pick your projects and your days! Do one, two or do all!

Nov 28-Dec 3 inclusive 11:30am-2:00pm
\$30/day (patterns included; fabric not included)

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North Bay

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Mike's Musings

Friendly reminder to get your sewing machine serviced regularly! If you are getting back to sewing after the summer, and you haven't serviced your machines this year, you should consider some TLC for your equipment. We have tried to keep our service fees as affordable as possible for everyone. We do a thorough cleaning and fresh oiling where needed. Also -

Stay tuned for our regular online Tech Talks using Facebook Live.

The next one is Monday Aug. 29/22, noon till 1:00pm Subject: Sergers

Local Quilting Guilds

Sudbury:



Sudbury and District Quilting and Stitchery Guild.

Guild season starts September 6th and meets monthly until April.
Parkside Older Adults Center (140 Durham St, Greater Sudbury)
First Tuesday of each month at 7pm.
Membership fees are \$30 per Guild year.
We do have a Guild website you are welcome to visit at SDQSG.com.

North Bay:

Northern Lights Quilters' Guild

1st Monday of every month* @ Calvin Presbyterian Church 401 1st Ave W, North Bay, ON P1B 3C5

*Unless there is a statutory holiday, then the guild meets the following Monday. Doors open at 6:30 pm, Meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

Membership Fees:

Members pay \$30/year

New Members starting in or after September of the year pay \$10 plus \$2/meeting.



Near North Quilters' Guild

3rd Tuesday of the month 9:30am – 2:30pm

Emmanuel United Church, 395 Lakeshore Drive, North Bay Membership fee: \$35

Contact: nearnorthquiltersguild@gmail.com

Temiskaming Shores:

Temískaming Treasures Quilt Guild



Who are we?

A group of quilters who meet once a month

When do we meet?

Last Thursday of the month at 7pm (Sept - June)

Where do we meet?

Usually, we meet at the Haileybury Anglican Church (in their new building in the back)

What do we do?

Our quilt guild works on community projects, learns new techniques, and chats about quilting! Is there a cost to join?

There is a \$20 annual membership fee

New members welcome!! For more information email: temiskamingtreasures@gmail.com

If you would like your quilt guild included in our newsletter email gemsewing@gmail.com

Important Dates Fall 2022

August

27/28 Quilt Kickoff (North Bay)

September

3/4 Labour Day Long Weekend9/10/24 Quilt Kickoff (New Liskeard)10 Colour Theory (New Liskeard)

October

North Bay Store Opening CELEBRATION!
 Closed for Thanksgiving Long Weekend
 Project Bag (New Liskeard)
 Sew Far Behind (New Liskeard)
 Borders & Sashing (New Liskeard)

November

5/19 Quilt Kickoff (New Liskeard)
3-6 Fall Retreat 1 (Temagami Shores Inn)
10-13 Fall Retreat 2(Temagami Shores Inn)
17-20 Fall Retreat 3(Temagami Shores Inn)
26 Binding (New Liskeard)
28-3 Kitchen Dressings (New Liskeard)

December

Sew Far Behind (New Liskeard)Closed for the holidays

Weekly Classes:

New Liskeard

Mondays: Beginner Buddies
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Wednesdays: Appliqué techniques Class

Thursdays: Sit and sew

North Bay

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Sudbury

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Thursdays: Kids' Class



Long Arm Quilting Service at Gem Sewing

Cost: calculation: quilt length x width x .025. Batting and thread included

Time: approx. 4 weeks for edgeedge quilting; approx. 4-6 weeks for custom quilting. If you need your quilt rushed there is a \$60 rush fee as it will have to be done after hours.

Tips:

- Be sure your backing is large enough we need 4-5" extra backing on every side
- Piece your backing together before you drop off
- press backing before dropping off
- press all seams very well
- bring in on hangers after pressing
- consider stitching around the outer edge of your quilt top to keep seams from opening up
- if using borders on your quilt make sure to attach them appropriately so the quilt lays flat

CONFIRMATION POLICY:

Your space in classes and retreats will be confirmed after you have registered and paid your deposit. DEPOSITS - Classes: \$20; Retreats: \$100

CANCELLATION POLICY:

Things happen! And sometimes you just can't make it to class or a retreat. The cancellation policy is there to protect students, teachers, and the store. Basically, class fees pay teacher wages or event costs.

- If you cancel your class or in-store retreat registration you will be able to transfer your registration to another event.
- If we must cancel a class or retreat, you will receive a full refund. Note: we reserve the right to cancel a class if less than three people are registered.
- Off-site events/retreats may have a different cancellation policy based on facility requirements
- There are no refunds on cut fabric.