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Next Meeting

December 12, 2024 at
6 pm @ Baker Centre.

President's Letter

Happy December Quilters!

December can be a stressful month for anyone. So much to do and so little time to do it all. My plan is to do as much as I can without stressing myself too much. For me, getting ready for a special season/event starts shortly thereafter, while I am still inspired. Sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't, but as the Queen of Procrastination, I have learned not to beat myself up over things that I don't get done.

November was busy! Many of you brought so many items for the Christmas and More Sale! As a result, it was a huge success! Many thanks to Linda Whitford for organizing everything. To all the volunteers who helped with the intake of items, organizing tables and racks, hanging quilts, and displaying the



President's Letter (continued)

smaller items for sale. Then following the sale collecting and organizing items which weren't sold, and taking down all the stands and tables, folding tablecloths and putting it all away for next year, it couldn't happen without you, Thank You All!

The Guild has received several blocks for our donation quilts based on the block patterns provided by Leslie Thomas. We are still accepting blocks from the 2023/24 block patterns provided by Christine Hoiland. Once again, I will update the list of blocks provided, by pattern, so you can help fill in with more.

Yet again, Debbie Gillard has come up with the most amazing idea for the 2024/25 Guild Challenge. It was an exciting process of choosing the style and theme for your challenge quilt. Anyone who was unable to make it to November's meeting will have another chance to choose your style and theme from Debbie's options. It appears that more quilters have taken on this new challenge. We are all looking forward to seeing your completed project at the June 2025 meeting!

We have had a couple of weeks to recover from the sale and get ready for the December Guild meeting. The executive is making plans for a fun meeting. There will be a separate email with details of the meeting.

Merry Christmas Quilters!
Keep calm, stay warm and quilt on!

Leslie Bromley
President



November's Mystery Bag Draw Winner:



Congratulations
Anita

Christmas Quilts and More Sale 2024

Well Folks,

Yellowknife Quilters Christmas Sale 2024 is a wrap and, thanks to many of our members, it was a huge success!! As this is our one and only "fundraiser" per year, it is wonderful to see it be the success that it was. Funds raised from this sale help to support our programs offered through the year.

Centre Ice Plaza was once again our venue and perhaps with the help of Jolly Old Saint Nick being present, we had a steady flow of eager and happy customers.

The sale could not happen without the help of volunteers and therefore a HUGE thank you goes out to Linda Whitford for organizing the event. Also, to all the members who worked the sale, made items for the sale and even bought items at the sale – thank you to you all as well. You all worked very hard, and it is appreciated.

Not for the fun facts:

- 32 of our 59 members donated items or cash for the sale.

That is incredible!!!

- 10 of our members sold their own items at the sale which brought in over \$900.00 in commission for the Guild. We owe these folks an additional thank you.
- And finally – after expenses, this year's sale has resulted in us making **\$2,237.17**.

WOW!!!!

P.S. It is not too late to donate to the cause.....if you forgot!!!!



THANK YOU EVERYONE!!!!!!

December 2024 Quilt Block

The Quilt Guild continues the Block of the Month series in our Sharing Gifts Program. This is our fourth block in support of our Sharing Gifts Program for the 2024/2025 season. If you are unfamiliar with the Sharing Gifts program, please review the policy on our website at <https://ykquiltersguild.ca/about-us-1> (the link to the Sharing Gifts Policy is at the bottom of the Supporting Sharing Gifts page).

Our block pattern for December 2024 is what I am calling a **strip block** (because I don't know if it has a name and it is put together by sewing together strips). With the holiday just around the corner, I decided that having an easy block would be well received. There isn't a video for this block so I have simple instructions below.

Color Way: Choose 10 prints/solids from your fabric stash/scrap. Note you may need slightly longer fabric pieces to trim to 10 ½”.

What you need for one block:

- Colour A – 10 ½” x 1.5” strip
- Colour B – 10 ½” x 1.5” strip
- Colour C – 10 ½” x 1.5” strip
- Colour D – 10 ½” x 1.5” strip



Step 1.

- Using Colours A, and B strips, sew right-sides together along the 10 ½” edge.
- Open and press to the darker fabric.



- Using Colour C, sew right-sides together with Colour B, along the 10 ½” edge.
- Open and press in the same direction as above.



- Using Colour D, sew right-sides with Colour C along the 10 ½” edge to form a 10 ½” by 10 ½” unit.
- Open and press in the same direction as above.



- Continue sewing the remaining strips together as described above until all strips are sewn together.

Step 2.

- Square block to 10 ½" x 10 ½".

Bring your completed block(s) to the December meeting or the next meeting you attend. If you're unable to attend the December meeting, you can have a friend bring them on your behalf. You can also drop them off in the guild's basket at the Quilted Raven (top of the library shelf) no later than 3 pm on December 12th and I will pick it up and bring it to the meeting. If dropping off blocks, please put your name on them so I can announce who made them.

Thanks,
Leslie T.



QUILT CHALLENGE 2024/25

LUCK OF THE DRAWZ

The 2024/25 Quilt Challenge was revealed at the November Guild meeting, and 18 members signed on to the challenge! Quilters will have until the June 2025 meeting to complete their submissions, which will consist of making two draws. You can still participate and complete your 'draws' at upcoming Guild meetings or contact Debbie to make arrangements outside of the meetings.

Each participant made two draws. The first draw was for the "Category," and the second was for the "Randomizer" item to incorporate into your submission.

There are 4 Categories:

Traditional	Modern	Scrappy	Non-Quilt but Quilted Item
			(cannot be a 'blanket' - could be an art quilt, table runner, tea cozy, coat etc.)

The second draw was for the Randomizer item you must incorporate into your project. Randomizer items could be anything Quilty - a quilt block, a technique, a type of fabric, utilizing a quilting item, etc. There are 50 Randomizer items.

Judges will determine how well you incorporated the two together.

The Rules are:

1. You must incorporate your Category and Randomizer into your submission and reveal your challenge quilt at the June 2025 Guild Meeting.
2. Quilts must be made specifically for this challenge (existing quilts may not be repurposed for the challenge).
3. Submissions must be *quilted and finished – no UFO's!
4. Quilts must be no smaller than 32" in circumference. There is no maximum size.
5. Members at the June meeting will judge how well you did!

For those of you who don't know, this is Sunbonnet Sue and she has not YET been drawn! Wouldn't she be fun??!



Good luck with your challenges everyone!

*Quilted means made of two layers of fabric filled with batting held in place with stitching.

Thank You from Jasper

Good afternoon – I wanted to share with you today a letter and pictures that I received from the people of Jasper that have received some of the donated quilts.

Thanks again for your participation.

Wendy Aubut
Klare's Korner Quilts n More

Thank you from all of us here in Jasper! Inbox



Celsa Cestnick Oct 20



to me ▾

Hi Wendy!

To date we have distributed approximately 100 quilts to Jasper residents and families, with more quilts being given out everyday!

Every person is so touched and has told me to please express gratitude to the organizers.

I have put together a collage of quilts with their new people, I hope this card can be a display of how much this means to everyone here in Jasper.

Please share this card with other quilt guilds involved in this effort.

With Love and Gratitude,
Jasper Residents and Families <3



Wendy thank you card .pdf

*Stay tuned for more
information about the
December Guild
meeting.*



Jasper Residents Thank You For Your Kindness!!



November Guild Meeting Show 'n Tell





Note: Some photos of the November meeting Show n'Tell are placed in the blank spaces of this newsletter.

Recipe Corner



We all struggle when preparing meals for our families while we have been spending the day quilting. Your problem is solved here in our new QUILTER'S RECIPE CORNER!! Each month we will give you a quick, tasty and healthy option so you can spend more time working on your projects and not in the kitchen! If you have a recipe that you use that's quick to prepare, please send it to us at quiltingyk@gmail.com. We would love to use it in our Corner.



Crock Pot White Lasagna

While searching for a crock pot lasagna recipe, I saw this recipe and thought it would be a quick and easy recipe for you and your family.

Source: <https://www.thecountrycook.net/crock-pot-chicken-alfredo-lasagna/> by the Country Cook.

Provided by Leslie Thomas

You will need:

2 ½ cups store-bought rotisserie chicken, diced
2 cups shredded Italian cheese blend
15 oz. container ricotta cheese
2 (15 oz) jars cheese alfredo sauce
½ cup water
1 tsp Italian seasoning
1 tsp minced garlic
9-12 lasagna noodles (depending on your slow cooker size)
2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
Dried parsley (optional)

Directions:

1. In a bowl, combine Italian cheese blend with ricotta cheese. The mixture will be thick.
2. In a separate bowl, combine jars of alfredo sauce with water, Italian seasoning, and garlic.
3. Assemble the lasagna layers:
 - a. Spread ¼ of the alfredo sauce into the bottom of a slow cooker.
 - b. Arrange 3-4 lasagna noodles over the alfredo sauce (break noodles to fit).
4. Spread 1/3 of the chicken on top of the lasagna noodles.
5. Then spread 1/3 of the cheese mixture on the chicken.
6. Then repeat these same steps twice (alfredo sauce, noodles, chicken, cheese mixture.) Ensure the alfredo sauce covers the edge of the noodles.
7. Add shredded mozzarella cheese and dried parsley (optional).
8. Cover and cook on low for 2 ½ - 3 hours (or until noodles are tender).

Note: Slow cookers are not all the same, so check your lasagna after 2 ½ hours, then keep an eye on it after that point, keeping an eye on the edges so they don't get too dark.



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Newsletter Submissions

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leslie06thomas@gmail.com

With the subject "For the Newsletter"

Deadline for submissions is the 3rd Thursday of the month by 7:00 p.m.

Draws at the guild meeting

The following draws take place at each Guild meeting:

Mystery Bag
\$2 each
Members only

Door Prizes
Free
Members & Guests

Guest Policy

Guests are welcome to join us at any meeting. If a guest returns for a second or subsequent meeting, there is a \$5 charge per visit. For details, please see the full policy on the website.

Members Giveaway Table

More and more Guild members are purging their stashes and offering items to Guild Members at the meetings. We will be setting up a table in the outer hallway for any items you would like other members to treasure.

Meeting Etiquette

Please be courteous when someone has the floor and refrain from other conversations.

Executive for 2024-2025

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Cindy Taylor (Membership), Charlotte Babicki (Librarian), Debbie Gillard (Web Site), and Leslie Thomas (Newsletter) and Linda Whitford on our social media pages.



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