

Pieces of the North

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Picture taken at June 2025 YK Guild – L. Whitford

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Next Meeting

February 12, 2026 at
7 pm meeting @ Baker Centre.

President's Message

Happy February Quilters!



The days are noticeably longer already!

While the weather is a poor indication, Spring is coming! I'm already feeling the difference in energy with the extra day light. I so appreciate having daylight, even if it is only 5 or 6 hours a day.

Now that we are into the new year, have you managed to develop any new quilting goals? This year I am in a group of quilters who each have written and exchanged a list of UFO's to work on. I have already finished the first one on my list. Writing down the list and sharing it with friends means more commitment to finish everything on my list. It is so easy to become distracted with new classes, patterns and fabrics.

I'm planning another Sewcial Saturday for February. Typically, it would be February 14, the Saturday following the guild meeting however, as it is Valentines Day, I'm going to schedule it for February 21. Hopefully this gives you lots of time to plan for a Sewcial Sewing day. Contact me at lbromley2011@gmail.com or text/call me at 867-444-9937 if you would like to attend.

Check the newsletter (page 2) for information on Tamara Kate's classes in May.

Appreciate the extra daylight, stay warm and quilt on!

Leslie Bromley
President

TAMARA KATE IS COMING TO YELLOWKNIFE!!!!

MAY 28-31, 2026



Tamara is a licensed fabric designer and quilter who is best known for the playful use of colour she employs in her designs and her fresh, inventive eye where quilt design is concerned. Her work has been featured in a number of international quilting magazines, she designs her own line of quilt patterns and she regularly creates original quilts for companies within the textile industry.

Tamara has been sharing her love of designing fresh, modern quilts and other needle arts with students internationally for a number of years. She equally enjoys teaching techniques and inspiring others to embrace their unique voice in creating contemporary textiles true to their personal vision.

Trunk Show and Lecture - Thursday, May 28/26

“For the Love of Colour”

Tamara will be discussing her work at a lecture which will be held Thursday, May 28. Location and time yet to be determined. This lecture will be free for all members and invited guests.

Three Exciting Class Opportunities!!!

Designing a More Modern Quilt

Fri May 29

6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

\$50.00 for members (\$90.00 for non-members)



Are you intrigued by modern quilts, but don't know how to jump in? Do you have the desire to move beyond the repetition of traditional blocks and create more original quilts? If so, this class should start all kinds of ideas and leave you feeling motivated to approach your craft in a new light! We will work only with paper because when the trepidation of cutting into precious fabrics is removed, we free ourselves to explore. We will start with looking at many of the basic principles of modern quilt design then you will be led through a variety of fun, creative exercises including simplifying shapes and layout, choosing more bold, yet harmonious colour combinations and designing based on an existing inspirational image.

Curves and Transparency

Sat May 30

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

\$100.00 for members (\$140.00 for non-members)



Playing with the illusion of transparency in quilt design adds depth and luminosity to the pieces we create. Couple this with flowing curves and the result is a dynamic, eye catching, unique quilt that speaks volumes about the maker's personality. Learn the techniques Tamara uses to plan, cut and execute this style of modern quilt (no appliqué involved) and the colour theory that helps make it shine.

EPP - Beyond the Hexie

Sun May 31

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

\$100.00 for members (\$140.00 for non-members)



Piecing by hand with shapes that would be more complicated to tackle with a sewing machine (y-seams, complex geometry and even curves) opens up many new possibilities in your quilting repertoire. Learn essential English Paper Piecing techniques, tips and tricks to tackle a variety of shapes and be well on your way to making a colourful, modern, mini geometric work of art. We will discuss shape, colour, layout and even start thinking about designing your own templates.

How can I register??

Registration will be open upon receipt of the newsletter or you may register at any time.
Spaces will be limited so don't delay...reserve your spot by paying today!!

Options are to pay by EMT to Donna at baja@ssimicro.com or in person at the next Quilt Guild meeting.

Regular cancellation policies are in effect.

If you have any questions, contact Donna!!

Quilt Challenge 2025/26

Submitted by Debbie Gillard

Thread Between the Lines... and other idioms!

If you haven't already settled on an idiom for this year's Challenge - Idioms, I'm sure you've seen and heard lots of them – there's so many to choose from. That was my first 'challenge'. But I guess that's why we call it a challenge! Said a quilting friend :-)

Another 'challenge' once the elusive idiom is chosen may be how to interpret the idiom into a quilt. I had some fun and told a couple of close friends about the challenge, swore them to secrecy, and told them one idiom I was thinking about and they both (in independent and separate conversations) had two completely different interpretations and ideas on what they thought I should do. Amazing!

So, if you've got an idiom you like but aren't sure what to quilt, try asking your besties who aren't in the challenge (and swear them to secrecy until after the challenge).

Happy Quilting!
Debbie

PS: I've decided not to go with that idiom... in case you were wondering...

PPS: While thinking about or working on the challenge you may think of an idea for a challenge ~ Please let the Board know!

PPPS: Get more info about the Challenge on the [website!](#)



Quick Tips

Submitted by Linda Whitford

Here are 5 Sewing Machine Hacks for Quilters from Stitchin' Heaven. Check out this YouTube Reel.

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/xg11SGaQZsE>

Sewcial Saturday – Invitation

If anyone is interested in Sewcial Sewing on February 21, please email Leslie Bromley at lbromley2011@gmail.com so she can arrange the space if there is enough interest.



Newsletter Submissions

Please send articles, news, favorite quilt websites, tips, recipes and other quilt related items for the newsletter to: martamoir@yahoo.ca with the subject "For the Newsletter" Deadline for submissions is the 4th Thursday of the month by 7:00 p.m.



January Show and Tell



To Linda Whitford and the photographers in my absence







January's Mystery Bag Draw Winner
Congratulations Anita Griffore

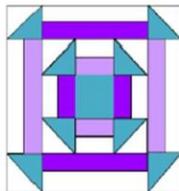
Block of the Month Update

There are still a few blocks needed in order to complete the quilt tops, so continue making blocks for the incomplete tops (see list). If quilt tops were taken to piece together and have been completed, bring the quilt top to the meeting or drop it off at the Longarm of the North before the guild meeting.

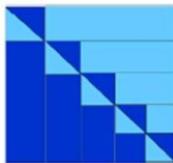
	Block Name	Block size	Number needed	Number finished
Jan 24	Side Kick	12.5"	30 squares. 5 x 6 squares 60" x 72"	13
Mar 24	Double Churn Dash	20.5"	12 squares. 3x 4 squares 60" x 80"	10
May 24	Rick Rack Block	10.5"	42 squares 6 x 7 squares. 60" x 70"	9
Oct 24	Twin Sisters Block	10"	48 squares 6 x 8 squares 57" x 66.5"	19
Nov 24	Hidden Wells Block	11"	42 squares 6 x 7 squares. 63" x 73.5"	19
Jan 25	Woven Block	10 1/2"	42 squares 6 x 7 squares. 60" x 70"	21
Mar 25	To Use Up The Pieces	12 3/4"	30 squares. 5 x 6 squares 60" x 72"	15
Apr 25	Children's Delight	10 1/2"	42 squares 6 x 7 squares. 60" x 70"	11
May 25	London Roads	9 1/2"	48 squares 6 x 8 squares 54" x 72"	4



Side Kick
Jan. 2024



Double Churn Dash
Mar 2024



Rick Rack
May 2024



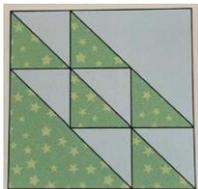
Twin Sisters
Oct 2024



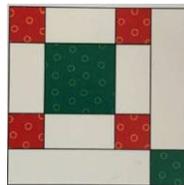
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Nov 2024



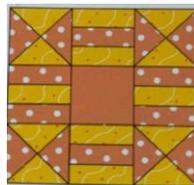
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Jan 2025



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Mar 2025



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Apr 2025



London Roads
May 2025

Refer to the monthly newsletters for construction information, block size, and recommended colour options.



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2025-26 Executive

The YK Quilters Guild 2025/2026 Executive includes:

- Leslie Bromley - President
- Amanda Pierce - Vice-President
- Donna MacDonald - Treasurer
- Ilia Daniel - Secretary
- Leslie Thomas - Member at Large



Meeting Info

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.



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