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Next Meeting

September 12, 2024 at
7 pm @ Baker Centre.

President's Letter

Welcome to September!

Where has the summer gone? It seemed just to fly by!, beautiful weather, wind, gardens, visiting family and friends, and now the cooler weather has begun.

Our first meeting of the 2024/2025 season will be September 12 at 7 pm in the Baker Centre! Hope to see you there so we can hear all about your summer adventures.

What was your first quilting project, do you still have it? Who or what event got you started quilting? As we begin a new quilting season, let's chat about how we started quilting. If you still have it, bring your first project for Show and Tell.

Over the summer I put together all the blocks we made with the quilt kit donated last fall. It

**WELCOME
BACK!**

TO A NEW QUILTING SEASON

President's Letter (continued)

has been quilted and bound ready for donation to a family formerly from Yellowknife who lost everything in the Jasper fire. There are two smaller quilts going to the children of that family as well.

Quilts donated last fall, as well as many more donated over the spring and summer, were donated to folks who lost so much as a result of the massive fire in Jasper. Linda Whitford collected 26 quilts and arranged for Buffalo Airways to ship them to Klare's Korner Quilts in Airdrie. Klare's Korner Quilts is collecting quilt donations and will distribute to those in need of a quilted hug. Thank you, Linda for initiating this project.

Linda Whitford and Marlene Nilson have been chatting about the Christmas sale. They have come up with some new ideas and will discuss them at our meeting.

Upcoming events to keep in mind are: a Sewcial Saturday, September 14 on the lower level of YK Centre in the former The Loft space, a quilting retreat in October at the Ski Club, and a trunk show and discussion about judging quilts at a juried show Wednesday, October 9 at the Baker Centre. Details will be sent in separate emails as we learn about them.

Don't forget to renew your membership in the YK Quilter's Guild!

Enjoy the rest of the nice weather! See you at the Baker Centre on Thursday, September 12 at 7 pm.

Leslie Bromley
President



June's Mystery Bag Draw Winner:



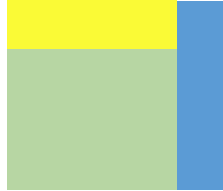
Congratulations
Ilia Daniel



September 2024 Quilt Block

The Quilt Guild is continuing the Block of the Month series in support of our Sharing Gifts Program. This is our first 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 Supporting Sharing Gifts page).

Our block pattern for September 2024 is the **Building Blocks**.



We will use the Missouri Star Quilt Company's technique to make the block. Watch the video on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hCON2UX_5ml . Block construction starts around 0:55 minutes into the video and goes to 4:15 minutes.

Color Way: your choice of colours/prints and one of the three to be a floral print.

What you need:

Colour #1 - One, 2 ½" x 7 ½"

Colour #2 - One, 2 ½" x 10"

Colour #3 – 7 ½" square

Or you can use three 10" squares

Finished block size: approximately 9 ½" square.

Thank you to everyone who was able to participate in this series of blocks to help support our Sharing Gifts program.

Bring your completed block(s) to the September meeting or the next meeting you attend. If you're unable to attend the September 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 September 12th for the 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.

Leslie T.

Reminder to renew your YK Quilters' Guild membership.

Membership fee remains at \$40. Cash, EFT and

cheque accepted.

Details provided in email sent on September 4, 2024.





A hot Tip from a member

A new technique for me over the summer was to try glue basting using Elmers School glue. I have done pin pasting and glue basting with 505 spray, but never with School glue. I have to say, basting is not my favourite step in the quilt making process, but has quickly become my favourite way to baste. No mess, no smell, much quicker than pins. There are many videos online about this, but for easy reference for quilters who have not seen or tried this technique, here is a video link that demonstrates the technique.

Hope this is helpful to the guild

Marta

[Glue Basting 101: How to Use School Glue to Baste a Quilt of ANY Size](#)





Fall Retreat 25-27 October 2024

This is an opportunity for members to have an uninterrupted weekend of sewing and socializing with quilting friends.

Where: Yellowknife Ski Club, 2nd floor. (A wonderful space with lots of windows and lots of room for 18 participants.)
When: Friday 25th October 6:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Sunday 27th October.
You just go home to sleep in your own bed at night.

Schedule

Friday: Set up anytime after 6:00p.m., sew and socialize for the evening.
Saturday: Door will be open from 8:45 a.m. until bedtime.
Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided
Sunday: Door will be open at 8:45 a.m.
Breakfast and lunch will be provided.
4:00 - 5:00p.m. Pack up and cleanup.

What to bring:

All your sewing equipment.
Projects, ideas, etc.
Extension cord and power bar.
A snack to share (meals will be healthy so snacks don't have to be)
Any personal beverage choices (there is a fridge)
Four x 2 ½" width of fabric strips of Christmas fabric for a fun game on Saturday.
You may want to bring a pillow to sit on as chairs are hard and low.

Other information:

Coffee, tea and water will be available all weekend.
Everything can be left at night as the facility will be locked.
Please do not bring mini irons as power at the ski club is limited. Irons and ironing boards will be provided.
Please let me know if you have food allergies or restrictions so we can cater accordingly.

To sign up: Contact Hazel at hazel@theatreyk.ca
Cost for the weekend is \$100, payable by cheque or e-transfer to quiltingyk@gmail.com.
Registration is complete upon payment in full.



Another Soft Toy Designer

As many of you may know from *Show and Tell* or the *Puppy Class*, I have sewn many of the patterns from the Funky Friends website, and absolutely love them. While looking for a quilt pattern, I stumbled across a couple of different toy designers, Wendi Gratz from *Shiny Happy World* and Rena Deardon from *Rustic Horseshoe*. These new finds are very different in style from each other, and from Funky Friends.

I'm going to focus on Shiny Happy World this month as I've made more of them so far. Wendi's stuffed toys have a more "cartoonish" flavour to them, and she has a line of dress-up dolls with a number of clothing and accessory patterns. She also recommends the use of weighted plastic pellets to give arms, legs, bottoms (to help them "sit" better), and sometimes ears, a bit more weight. These pellets add a bit of concentrated weight compared to the poly stuffing. I've used these before to weight animals that I've wanted to sit upright, and they provide some stability without making the toy heavy.

Wendi has created 12 dress able dolls, including some animals and even one monster! She has 25 accessory patterns for the dolls, plus one free one – a set of play clothes. These accessories include clothes, costumes, and toys and stuffies for the dolls. At this point, I've made Meep the monster and Squeak the mouse. I suspect I may have overstuffed them a bit (I tend to make my toys quite firm) as the play clothes were a bit snug on Squeak.



Squeak and her friend Door Mouse.

The PDF patterns are available immediately after purchase, so no shipping charges or waiting! Another great feature of this delivery method is that the pattern directions include a number of links to very helpful tips and videos.



L to R: *Napoleon, Nellie, Elliott, and Buddy*

In the "Other soft toys" category, there are 31 patterns, including 2 flat blanket characters – a bear and a bunny. While the pictures of the animals on the website and patterns all show them with smallish eyes, I did play around with larger eyes, and even a plastic nose for Buddy.

Another Soft Toy Designer (continued)

Most of the patterns are classified as easy or super easy, and they certainly are. Four (Dexter Dragon, Bertie Bunny, Caterpillar Phil, and Buddy the puppy) are classed as “Skill builder” but are still quite simple to sew. All the easy patterns can be sewn in a half day, including cutting time.



L to R: *Dexter, Dalton, Munch and Meep*

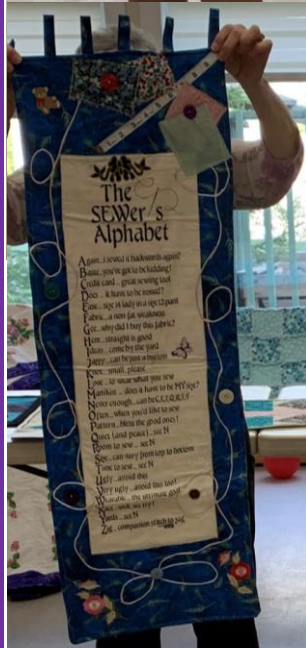
Also available through shinyhappyworld.com are a range of patterns for embroidery, felt Christmas ornaments, smaller felt stuffies, crocheted stuffies, and applique. The stuffy and doll patterns range from \$7 to \$14 (USD), and most of the crochet patterns are \$7. Applique patterns are available individually and in bundles. I haven't tried any of these yet as I'm still working my way through some bins of minky and fireside scraps! Dexter would like to thank Lillian for his lovely wings!

I'll bring some samples to the September meeting so that you can have a closer look at some of Wendi's creations.

Teresa Watson



June Meeting Show 'n Tell





Quilts for Jasper

When 1/3 of Jasper - including residential areas - went up in flames this summer, Klare's Korner Quilts n'More of Airdrie, Alberta spearheaded the campaign to collect quilts for fire victims. After so many in Alberta sent quilts to the NWT last year, it made perfect sense to return that kindness. Thanks to those that responded to the call and donated quilts to add to those we had on-hand. Altogether, we sent 26 quilts from crib to doubles in size. A special thanks to Buffalo Air Express for their kindness in delivering the bins at no cost.

The lovely note we received from Klare's said "We have received your shipment of quilts. Thanks again for your generosity. It is so exciting to see all the beautiful works rolling in to help Jasper."

Linda Whitford





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

**WE SAY A MASSIVE THANK
YOU TO TERESA WATSON
FOR HER DEDICATION AND
EFFORTS IN THE
YELLOWKNIFE QUILTERS'
EXECUTIVE.**



QUILT CHALLENGE 2023/24

The Magazine Challenge Results

Small Quilt

Prizes: 1st place
2nd place

Large Quilt

Prizes: 1st place
2nd place

Viewer's Choice

Most overall votes

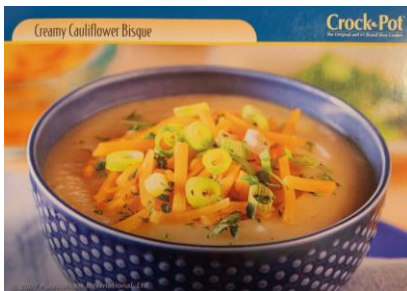
Winners



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.



Creamy Cauliflower Bisque

I didn't get fancy with the cheese and green onion garnish and was tasty all the same.

Courtesy of Crock Pot® and © 2007 Sunbeam Products

Provided by Leslie Thomas

You will need:

1 pound frozen cauliflower florets
1 pound baking potatoes, peeled and cut into 1-inch cubes
1 cup chopped yellow onion
1 rib celery, diced
2 cans (14 oz. each) fat free, reduced sodium chicken broth
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. dried thyme
 $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. garlic powder
 $\frac{1}{8}$ tsp. ground red pepper
1 cup evaporated skimmed milk
2 tbsp. butter
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt
 $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. black pepper
1 cup (4 oz.) shredded reduced-fat sharp Cheddar Cheese
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup finely chopped parsley
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup finely chopped green onion

Directions:

1. Combine cauliflower, potatoes, onion, broth, thyme, garlic powder and ground red pepper in 4- to 7-quart Crock-Pot® slow cooker. Cover; cook on LOW 8 hours, or on HIGH 4 hours.
2. Pour soup in blender in batches; process until smooth, holding lid down firmly. Return pureed batches to slow cooker. Add milk, butter, salt and black pepper; stir until blended.
3. Top individual servings with cheese, parsley and green onions.

Makes 9 servings.



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Newsletter Submissions

Please send articles, news, favorite quilt websites, tips, and other quilt related items for the newsletter to:

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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| Secretary | Ilia Daniel |
| Treasurer | Donna MacDonald |

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



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Yellowknife Quilters Guild

Membership Application Form

Sept. 1, 2024 – Aug. 31, 2025

The annual fee is **\$40**, payable by electronic fund transfer, cash, or cheque.

EFT: transfer to Yellowknife Quilters at quiltingyk@gmail.com.
If you are a new member or have a change in information from last year, please send a separate email with name, email address and phone number (optional) to quiltingyk@gmail.com.



Cash: bring to monthly meeting or mail to address below. Include membership form (or equivalent info) with payment.

Cheque: bring to monthly meeting or mail to the postal address below. Make payment to Yellowknife Quilters Guild. Include membership form (or equivalent info) with payment.

Meetings are usually held on the second Thursday of the month at the Baker Center, **starting at 7:00 pm**.

The monthly newsletter will be sent to your email address.

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