

Pieces of the North

Yellowknife Quilters Newsletter
Website: www.ykquiltersguild.ca

February 2023
Issue 186

Quilt Art by Hazel Wainwright

Inside This Issue

- ❖ President's message 1 - 2
- ❖ Quilting Tips from TQR 2 - 3
- ❖ Quilt Canada 3
- ❖ Libs Elliott Classes 4 - 5
- ❖ Show n' Tell 6 - 7
- ❖ For Sale 8
- ❖ Recipe Corner 9
- ❖ Shop News 10 - 11
- ❖ 2022-23 Executive 11

Next Meeting

February 9, 2023 at
7 pm @ Baker Centre.

President's Message

I never quite know what to say in these messages..... there are no end of things I could ramble on about, but it's best I stick to those that are relevant to the Guild. First things first, thanks to those members who came out to the January Meeting. There was an interesting and informative presentation on batting by the Quilted Raven and an excellent show and tell. Thanks to Charlene for getting some of the photos up on our FB Page.

One of those Show and Tell presentations was unique. Christine Hoiland described to us the way she used clear bins, her iPhone, a Sprocket printer and a notebook – to keep track of her stash especially the kits. She photographs the contents of each bin, prints two pictures of each item – posting one picture on the outside of the bin and the other in a notebook, noting the name of the kit, size, etc and which bin it is in. When she wants to make something, she looks in the book, selects a kit and knows exactly which bin to find it in. It left



President's Message continued...

me thinking of ways that I can use that process in my own sewing room.

Did I mention the delicious treats?

Attendees were also the first to learn about the important dates on the calendar.

February/March: Indoor Garage Sale –

No date has been set – again, another one of those things that is dependent on Member interest. In this case, members would be able to have a table to help “declutter” their sewing spaces to members of the Guild and the Public.

May 11th: Monthly Meeting and Trunk Show with out of town Instructor Libs Elliott.

May 12-14th: Out of Town Instructor [Libs Elliott](#) is coming to town. Donna will have information on types of classes and registration. First come first serve – Members get first priority and preferential pricing.

May 19-21st: Retreat Weekend at the YK Ski Club – Space is limited First come first serve – Members get first priority and preferential pricing.

June 3rd: Possible Quilt Show – depending on your interest and participation. Be prepared to discuss this at the February Meeting.

June 8th: Annual General Meeting – Are you interested in sitting on the Executive? Now is the time to ask questions about roles and responsibilities. If there is business you wish to put on this agenda, the time is now to bring it to the attention of the Executive Committee.

November 25th: Annual Christmas Sale – Date and Location have been booked.

Hope to see you all in February!

Linda



Quilting Tips from The Quilted Raven

Using the wrong type of needles in your sewing machine can be frustrating. It can lead to needle or thread breakage, fabric puckering, holes in fabric, or skipped stitches.

Here is an overview on types of needles that will help when sewing your projects.

Brands of Needles

There are many companies that manufacture needles. Schmetz, Organ, Singer, Superior Threads, Janome, Bernina are just a few companies producing needles. Schmetz is the most common name in needles, they do state that their needles are compatible with most sewing machines. Make sure you check your Sewing Machine Manual to ensure you are using the correct Brand of needles for your machine.

Needle Size

Needles come in sizes from 60/8 up to 120/19. What do those numbers mean?

The number on the left is the European size of needle and the number on the right is the American Size. The larger the number the larger the needle, a lower number indicates a finer needle. A smaller size needle pierces your fabric easily. A needle that is larger may leave holes in your fabric.

Ensure you pair your needle with your thread. 50wt thread is paired with an 80/12 needle. Your quilt store should carry a Quick Reference Table with information on which needle size to use with different fabric types and threads.

Needle Types

There are a variety of needle types to be used with different fabric and project in mind. Ensure you choose the right needle for your project.

Quilting Tips from The Quilted Raven (continued)

There are over 12 different needle types for sewing. Here are a some of the most common for Quilting projects.

Universal: Most common needle. Needle tip slightly rounded. They don't bend or break easily.

Top Stitching: Extra sharp point, great for piecing. The large eye allows thick topstitching thread to be used.

Quilting: These needles are designed to go through several layers of fabric. An extra sharp point helps to eliminate skipped stitches.

Microtex (Sharp): this needle has a slim acute point. Great to use with fabrics with higher thread count like Batiks.

Jeans: these needles feature a medium ballpoint and reinforced blade. The needle works best in extra thick woven fabrics.

Needle "Rule" Book

Here are a few tips to remember when sewing.

- Change your needle every 4-8 hours or after every project.
- Get to know needle types. Ask your Quilt store or check out websites.
- Know your thread weight and use appropriate needle size.
- Store needles that have only been used a short time in a tomato or strawberry pin cushion. It will sharpen your needle at the same time.
- Check your manual to see what kind of needles your machine uses.
- A "popping" or "ticking" sound while quilting may be an indication of a dull needle.
- Never sew over pins! A needle may break and lodge in your machine or fly into your face.
- Dull needles result in poor or skipped stitches.... change your needle.

Drop by the Quilted Raven if you would like more information about needles!

Happy Sewing and don't forget to change your needle!

Kathy Yurris
The Quilted Raven.



Canadian Quilters Association's

Quilt Canada Conference

Enjoy the East Coast hospitality when Quilt Canada goes to Halifax in June 2023.

See details in the link provided.

<https://canadianquilter.com/quilt-canada-2023/>

LIBS ELLIOT IS COMING TO YELLOWKNIFE!!!!

MAY 11-14, 2023



Elizabeth (Libs) Elliott is a textile artist and designer exploring the intersection of technology and traditional craft by using generative design to build handmade quilts. A deep appreciation for craftsmanship, design history and future-focused applications are all reflected in her work. She studied Material Art & Design at OCAD University and received a B.A. in Cultural Studies at Trent University. Her commissions include work for individuals and corporate clients such as Absolut Vodka. She has exhibited her work and done speaking engagements internationally. She designs fabric collections for Andover Fabrics, Inc. Her work has been covered by press such as Gizmodo.com, DesignMilk and Casa Vogue Brazil. She lives and works in Toronto, Canada.

Trunk Show and Lecture - Thursday, May 11/23

Libs will be discussing her work at a lecture which will be held at the Baker Centre during our regular monthly meeting - 7:00 pm. This lecture will be free for all members and invited guests.

Three Exciting Class Opportunities!!!

EPP - English Paper Piecing

Fri May 12

6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

\$47.50 for members (\$77.50 for non-members)



In this evening class, we are going to slow things down and learn the basics of English Paper Piecing. Libs will teach us techniques to make this hand sewing technique fun. Always wanted to make fun hexagons - then this class is for you. A kit purchase for \$20.00 will provide you with most of the essentials required. All you need to provide will be sharp scissors, your choice of fabrics and a sense of adventure.



Y - Seams Not Cry Seams

Sat May 13

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

\$47.50 for members (\$77.50 for non-members)

In this workshop, you will learn all about how to tackle y-seams, from making hexagon blocks to piecing blocks together using y-seam methods. We will trouble-shoot common issues. The project that will be worked on will measure approx. 19"x19" so perfect for a cushion cover or mini quilt, but the sky is the limit for making a larger quilt once you become comfortable with this new technique. Fabric cutting instructions will be provided once you have registered so you will be able to come to the class and get sewing right away.



Bloem Quilt

Sat May 13 - 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

and Sun May 14 - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

\$142.50 for members (\$172.50 for non-members)

The way this pattern was designed, possibilities bloom before your very eyes as you rotate the pieces to see a wide variety of final design options. It's like a colourful kaleidoscope. Two layouts are provided in the pattern - Bloem 1 & Bloem 2 - that result in 6 different design options. The quilt can be made in two sizes: 48"x48" or 64"x64". Instruction regarding pattern purchase will be given once you have registered. Check out #bloemquilt on Instagram for colour inspiration!!!

How can I register??

Registration will be open upon receipt of the newsletter, or you may register at our next meeting - Feb 9/23. 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 Guild meeting.

Regular cancellation policies are in effect.

If you have any questions, contact Donna!!

Show N' Tell from January Meeting





Check out all the Show 'n Tell items on our [Yellowknife Quilters Guild Facebook page](#).



Additional Show N' Tell

After the December Sale, I was approached by friends to make a queen-sized quilt for a mutual friend. I picked a simple pattern with the BQ2 (A pattern by Denise Bowles for Maple Island Quilts) and we collaborated on the colours. The timeline was tight, but 32.5 hours of work and a speedy turn around by my friend Marilyn Moran, saw the delivery of said quilt on New Year's Day. The happy recipient gave me permission to show it to you here.

Those of you that have made this pattern will note a variation in the quilt. We were tight on the poppy fabric and there was no room for error. On the last cut, the ruler slipped, taking with it my seam allowance. Trying to piece a strip in did not do it for me. A quick math calculation and two pinwheels solved the problem. You should know that the ruler has since been sprayed with "Grippy" no slip coating!



Linda

FOR SALE

FOR SALE

Brand New Bernina B435 Sewing Machine- Jumbo bobbin with 70% more capacity; adjustable presser foot pressure; semi-auto needle thread; 7 inches to right of needle; free arm; extension table; large selection of decorative stitches and letters; start-stop button; speed control; 900 stitches per minute. Comes with 8 presser feet, including Quarter Inch with guide. A beautifully built machine!



**Price: \$2,000 obo
867-446-7127**

Newsletter Submissions

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

leslie06thomas@gmail.com

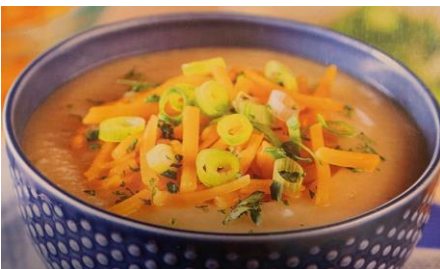
With the subject "For the Newsletter"

Deadline for submissions is the 3rd Thursday of the month by 9:00 p.m.

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 YKQuilters@outlook.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 it was tasty all the same.

Courtesy of Crock Pot® and © 2007 Sunbeam Products

Ingredients:

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

Longarm of the North



Longarm of the North

Offering quilting lessons, select fabrics,
exclusive yarn, and more!

Open Tuesday- Friday 11-5pm and Saturday 12-5pm

Center 50 Mall, downtown Yellowknife, NT



The Quilted Raven

www.thequiltedraven.com

Email: thequiltedraven@northwestel.net

5005 53rd Street
1-867-920-0303

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.

Draws

The following draws take place at each Guild meeting:

Mystery Bag
\$2 each
Members only

Door Prizes
Free
Members &
Guests

Thank you for
coming
Members &
Guests

North of 60 Quilting Services

North of 60 Quilting Services

Get those quilts finished
with beautiful
edge to edge designs!



Anita Griffore

867 446-2677

anitgrif@gmail.com

Executive for 2022-2023

quiltingyk@gmail.com

President	Linda Whitford
Vice President	Kathryn Paddock
Secretary	Teresa Watson
Treasurer	Donna MacDonald
Member at Large	Leslie Bromley

With Help From

Cindy Taylor (Membership), Debbie Gillard (Web Site), and Leslie Thomas (Newsletter) and Charlene on our social media pages.



@YKQuilters



Yellowknife Quilters Guild

www.ykquiltersguild.ca

ADVERTISING RATES:

Members for Sale Items FREE

Businesses	\$35 full page
	\$20 half page
	\$10 quarter page
	(or equivalent)



Canadian Quilters' Association
canadienne de la courtepoin