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Next Meeting

June 8, 2023 at
7 pm @ Baker Centre.

President's Message

How did it get to be June already? Not sure, but it is and with it comes our last meeting until the 2nd Thursday of September.

It has been a busy couple of weeks. The classes with Libs Elliott went extremely well with many positive comments from the participants, not only about the classes, but the facility.

Yours truly took the Bloem Quilt Class and am happy to report that it is no longer a UFO, but a finished top that just needs quilting.

This past weekend, the Ski Club facility was also the venue for our Spring Quilt Retreat. Seventeen members came together and worked on their own projects, the make'n take item, and on Sunday morning, Sharing Gifts projects. Plans are already underway for the Fall Event.

To all on June 18, 2023

HAPPY
Father's
Day
♥

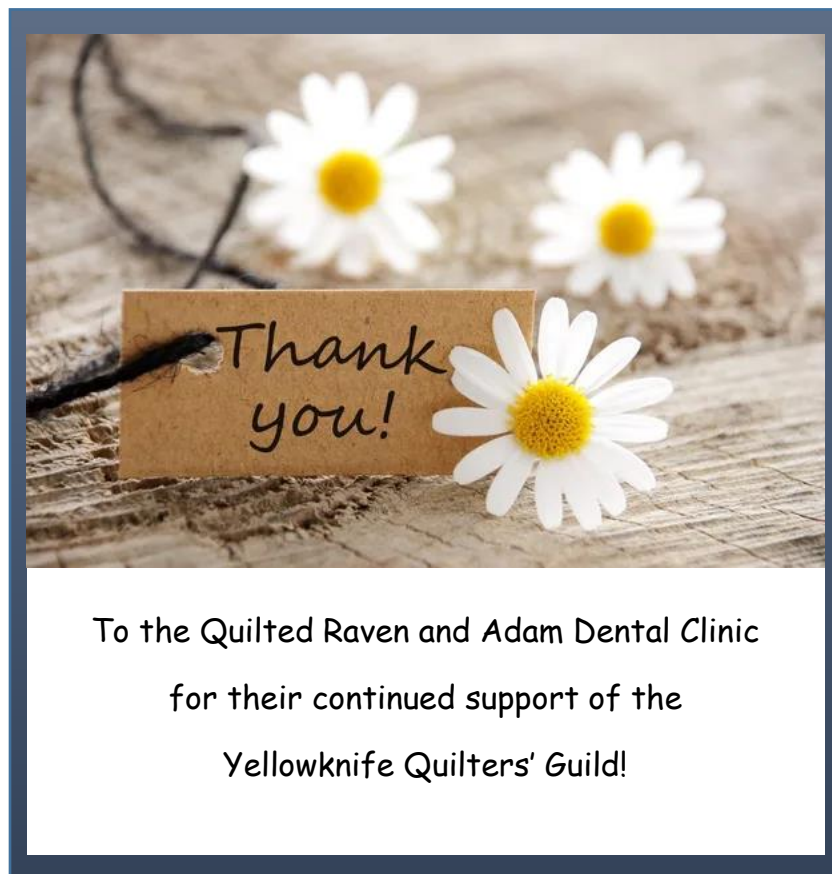
President's message continued...

Thank you to everyone who helped with these events. It is a lot of work, but well worth the effort. June will be my last meeting as President. You have already received your AGM information. This will take place before we start the regular meeting. Please, if you have any questions for the Treasurer, do not hesitate to get in touch with her before the meeting. I'm looking forward to seeing your Show 'n Tell, and I've got something special as my last President's "thank you for coming" gift.

I want to say thank you to the Executive Committee for their dedication and commitment to the Guild; and to the Members for their support.

Linda

PS: Stay tuned for tales of my quilting adventures.





The
Quilted Raven

Tips from The Quilted Raven Bag Making Basics

If you have talked to me in the past 6 months about quilting, you know my passion is making bags! My interest started a while ago. I took the retreat bag class at the Quilted Raven from Linda, and it piqued my interest. When Charlene and I were at Market in Houston last October, Annie from “By Annie” hosted a presentation that sold me on bag making. In the past few months, I have been experimenting with different products; canvas, vinyl, faux leather, zippers and a variety of interfacings. A thank you to Deb and Christine who have been my “test students” for all the new bags and pouch patterns I try out.

Bag making supplies

If you look at your quilting supplies, you will find that you may already have most of the supplies needed for bag making. The past newsletter articles I have written will come in handy when looking at stabilizer, needles, pins and clips.

Here are a few things you will need.

Pattern:

- Start with a basic pattern that meets your sewing level.
- Look for a pattern with minimal bag hardware for your first bag.

Sewing machine:

- Most machines can make a basic bag.
- The key is to go slow and watch the number of layers you are sewing at one time.

Sewing machine feet:

- Use a walking foot if you have one. Most basic bags do not require this.
- A zipper foot is a must; most machines come with one. If you have not tried one, take your zipper foot out and experiment with it.
- Teflon foot - this foot is used for sewing with clear vinyl. If you do not have one you can improvise with tissue paper or cover the bottom of your regular foot with masking tape.

Fabric:

- 100% Cotton can be used for bag making, although this does not wear as well in larger bags.
- By Annie, Two Aunties and Atkinson Designs all use 100% cotton fabric for their bag patterns.
- Other fabrics include faux leather, vinyl, canvas, waxed canvas, cork, tweed and leather.
- Think before you discard any jacket and consider turning it into a bag!

Interfacing:

- The most common interfacing used in bag making is Pellon SPF 101.
- At times you may want to use lighter or heavier interfacing. We carry all kinds at The Quilted Raven, including Decovil which is a heavier weight interfacing.

Bag Making Basics continued...

Glue:

- Glue, glue sticks or double-sided tape allows you to position your zippers, binding or bag pieces before sewing making it easier to sew pieces together.
- A glue stick like the bohin glue stick, disappears when drying and dries quickly.
- Fabric glue like unique stitch fast drying adhesive comes in a tube and can be used for many applications.
- By Annie, Dritz and Unique all make a double-sided tape. This tape is temporary and comes in widths of 1/8" up to 1/2". It is great for attaching zippers.

Zippers:

- Look for nylon zippers.
- They range in size from #3 up to #15. The most commonly used zipper is a #5.
- Zippers can be purchased by the yard with or without a zipper pull or they can be purchased in a specific length including the zipper pull.

Hardware:

- There is a variety of hardware on the market, and it can be intimidating.
- D-rings, magnetic clasps, clasps, locks, snaps, buckles, frames, feet and gromets are just a few!
- Review your pattern and get only what you need to start. You want to avoid purchasing in bulk for items you may never use.

Misc. Items:

- Strapping or webbing are useful for handles. Many bag patterns will give you instructions how to make your own.
- Mesh and fold over elastic are great supplies to have on hand to add pockets on the inside or outside of a bag. There are several bag patterns where the mesh is the main fabric - great for laundry or to use at the beach.

Thread:

- All-purpose polyester thread is recommended if you are a serious bag maker, especially if using faux leather.
- By Annie, Two Aunties and Atkinson Designs all use 100% cotton thread for their bag patterns.

Garage Sale

**Anyone interested in a table at the
Garage Sale must sign up and pay the
fee by June 9th.**

Bag Making Basics continued...

Tips when making bags

- As in quilting, you want to ensure you read the pattern through before starting your project.
- Look for videos online for what you are making. You will be surprised at what is out there!
- Look in the tools that came with your machine for a "Hump Jumper". This tool helps you go over several layers of fabric.
- A steam iron is a must to manipulate and shape your bags.
- Clips, clips and more clips!!!! Clips instead of pins secure your pieces together. It is useful to have many on hand, so you can clip your entire piece without stopping. Pins will leave a mark in some of the fabrics, so you want to avoid them.
- Go slow around curves over many layers; this will prevent needles breaking.
- Use a 90/14 sharp needle to sew.
- Don't be afraid to try a zipper. Watch a video on zipper installation before you start. You will be surprised how easy it is.
- Ensure the glue you use washes out and does not leave a mark. Look for fabric glue.

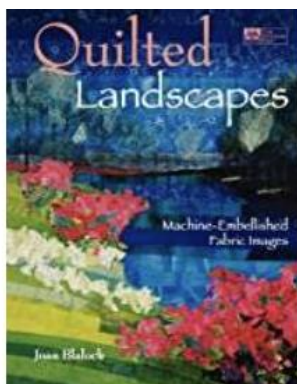
Once you have made a few different bags or pouches, you will see that many of the techniques and steps are the same. A bag may differ in shape or size but after learning the beginning bag making steps you will be able to venture out and try a variety of fabrics and styles!

Kathy Yurris
The Quilted Raven

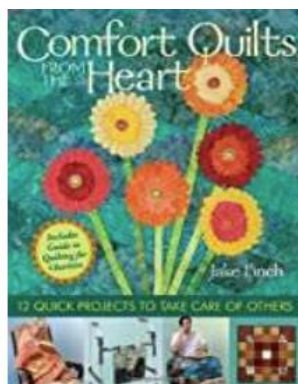
PLEA FROM THE LIBRARY

Do you recognize any of these 3 quilting books? They should be in our guild library but are currently missing. Maybe you borrowed it and forgot to return it? Please bring it back either to the basket at the library or to the June meeting. OR if you still need it, send an email and ask for an extension -- quiltngyk@gmail.com.

Thank you from Charlotte, Cindy, and Donna!



Blalock, Joan
Quilted Landscapes



Finch, Jake
Comfort Quilts from the Heart



Hughes, Joyce
Creating Art Quilts with Panels

LIBS ELLIOTT CLASSES IN YELLOWKNIFE!!!!

MAY 11-14, 2023

Fun was had by all that attended the Libs Elliott classes May 11-14. The weekend with this wonderful quilt artist kicked off at our usual monthly meeting with a great lecture and opportunity to see some of her quilt art. Libs very generously offered a couple of door prizes for the lecture.

The fun continued over the weekend at the Yellowknife Ski Club as Libs offered 3 different classes for us - EPP (English Paper Piecing), Y-Seams - Not Cry Seams and Bloem. Thank you to all of the wonderful students who attended these classes. You all worked hard and learned some new skills too that hopefully you will incorporate into future works. It was so wonderful to see everyone enjoying themselves so much. See below for some pictures of the fun weekend.

I especially want to thank the Northwest Territories Arts Council. Without the financial assistance from grants, we receive from them, we wouldn't be able to offer these out of town instructor opportunities at the reasonable price that we do. This year's grant helped to keep our class fees down and allowed us the opportunity to provide class participants with some of the materials required for the class.





2023 Quilt Show

Our theme for this year's quilt show will be....

Quilting - More Than Quilts

In this year's show let us highlight all the different beautiful items that we create. Some people think quilting and the Yellowknife Quilter's Guild is just about making quilts to lay under in bed or on the couch on cold winter nights. We want to show that we do more than just bed quilts so let us also show off all the other amazing items we create.

We will have sections for:

- Bed quilts, varied sizes
- Wall hangings/Art quilts
- Bags, such as travel cases, pouches, purses, etc.
- Home décor items such as table runners, jelly roll rugs, etc.

So, go through your items, finish up some of those UFO's, or create something totally new to display (possibly sell) at the June Quilt Show. Put your finished items that are quilted (have three layers joined by stitching) in the show and proudly display your hard work. Let us show the public all the wonderful things we, as quilters, can make!

The show will run from June 3-4, 2023, at the Centre Ice Plaza.
Set up will be the evening of June 2nd.



We are still looking for volunteers to help with the show.

What does a volunteer need to do, you ask?

- Volunteers for the set up - we help set up quilt stands and hang items, set up tables and layout items, suggest where items should be placed for best viewing, etc.
- Volunteers for monitoring during the show - We walk around the display area making sure no items go missing. Talk with the attendees of the show and answer questions they have and promote the guild. There could be many quilters out there that don't know what goes on in our meetings, or the benefits of joining the guild.
- Volunteers for Mall openings/closing - as the mall is open earlier and later than our show times, we will need some quilters to sit with our items to ensure nothing goes missing. If we have few volunteers for each night/morning, it will not be so lonely. 😊
- Volunteers for Show take-down - volunteers will help in taking down quilts, collapsing quilt stands, gathering items off the tables and collapsing tables etc.

If you can spare an hour or two during the sale weekend, please contact the Executive via the guild's email quiltingyk@gmail.com and let them know when you can be of assistance. The more volunteers we have the smoother things can run.

Thank you,
Christine Hoiland

Libs Elliott's Trunk Show at May Meeting



Sewcial Retreat



May 19 to 21 at the Ski Chalet



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

Thank you for
coming
Members & Guests

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.



Stuffed Cabbage Soup

Ready in 30 minutes

Source: [The Recipe Critic - Stuffed Cabbage Soup](#)

Ingredients:

- 1 pound ground beef
- ½ tsp Kosher salt
- ¼ tsp course ground black pepper
- 1 yellow onion chopped
- 4 Tbsp butter divided
- ½ head of cabbage cut into 8 wedges and sliced thickly
- 1 can chopped tomatoes 8 oz – not drained
- 28 ounces crushed tomatoes
- 3 cups beef broth
- 1 Tbsp Italian seasoning
- 2 cups rice cooked

Directions:

1. In a large pot over medium high heat add the ground beef and cook and crumble. Drain and set aside on a plate. Add two tablespoons butter and onion and sauté until tender. Remove and set aside with ground beef.
2. Add in 2 tablespoons butter and cabbage and cook until the cabbage is tender and starts to wilt. Add the ground beef and onion back to the pan.
3. Add in the crushed tomatoes, beef stock and chopped tomatoes, and Italian seasoning and let simmer for 15-20 minutes.
4. Add in rice before serving and salt and pepper to taste.



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

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With the subject "For the Newsletter"

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

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 2022-2023

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	\$20 half page
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