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Next Meeting

March 9, 2023 at
7 pm @ Baker Centre.

President's Message

If the temperature in my Jeep can be believed this morning, it is truly unfair -40! They have to be kidding. I think we got way too comfortable with the milder temperatures earlier this winter.

Thanks to everyone who came out to the February meeting. It was a great turnout – complemented with very tasty treats; great show n' tell; a session on needles; shop news; updates on upcoming events; and excellent learning opportunities.

Dates to remember:

May 11, 2023 – Monthly meeting and trunk show with Libs Elliott

May 12-14, 2023 – Out of town instructor – Libs Elliott

May 19-21, 2023 – Spring quilt retreat – We don't care about the weather – we'll be inside quilting with our peeps and doing what we do best!



Source: [Luck-o-the-irish-table-runner-quilt-pattern](#) by QuiltingDaily

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President's Message continued...

June 3, 2023 – Quilt Show - This was discussed at the meeting, with the suggestion we set up on the Friday and run the show Saturday and part of Sunday. Another variation was to allow items to be purchased if the maker wants to sell. Further discussion is warranted on this. It is a quilt show, not a sale like we have in December. Please, if you have any thoughts on the matter. If you have any thoughts on the matter, please get in touch with the Executive by sending a note to quiltingyk@gmail.com

June 8, 2023 – Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers Are you interested in sitting on the Executive? Here is your opportunity! Responsibilities for the Executive Committee can be found online in our [Bylaws](#).

November 25, 2023 – Annual Christmas Sale

That's about all for now!

Linda

PS - If you follow Terry Rowland, you will recall her binding tutorial. Here is another of her great ideas on a binding board.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WJ8jpZ8luoc>



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/>



Tips from The Quilted Raven

Interfacing and stabilizers

Stabilizers and interfacings are used in many sewing, craft, bag, and quilting projects. They are sometimes very similar looking but they have different uses. Using a stabilizer or interfacing will help reduce the stretching of your fabric and skipped stitches. It is important that you use the correct product for your quilting or sewing projects. Ensure you test the stabilizer or interfacing prior to using and follow manufacturer's directions. If you are using fusible products, ensure a pressing mat is used when ironing.

There are many brands of stabilizers and interfacings. Pellon, Sulky, Stitch and Sew, Quilter Select are just a few. Some companies are now making their own brands as well, Kimberbell and Emmaline Bags are two examples.

Pellon does colour code the tops of their bolts. Stabilizers are yellow, Interfacing is orange, Embroidery is blue.

Stabilizer

Stabilizers provide strength to fabrics when you are machine stitching applique. It is essential when you are doing machine embroidery. The stiff material provides structure and is not permanent to your project. There are different weights of stabilizers, the more stitches in the design-the heavier the stabilizer.

Types of Stabilizers:

- **Tear Away** - This is the most common type. This feels like a heavy paper that can be easily torn off after you have completed stitching. Tear away stabilizer can be fusible or non-fusible.

Tips from The Quilted Raven (continued)

- **Cut Away** - This is most “stable” of the three and is recommended for knits and stretchy fabrics. After the stitching is completed, use scissors to cut the stabilizer approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ ” from the design.
- **Wash Away or Water Soluble** - if you do not want any stabilizer left on, this is the one to use! Tear off as much as you can and then follow manufacturer’s directions to remove.
- **Heat Away** - This stabilizer can be removed with the heat of an iron. We do not carry this at the Quilted Raven.

Interfacing

Interfacing provides support for the fabric, this feels more like a light fabric and adds stiffness and body, it remains in the project or garment. Interfacing has many uses: in bag linings, t-shirt quilts, clothing, buttonholes to name a few. Interfacing can be fusible or non-fusible and it comes in many different weights.

Types of Interfacing:

- **Sew In** - This can sewn on to other fabric. The results have a more natural shape, usually used in clothing. This is a great product for fabric that cannot be ironed.
- **Woven** - This looks most like fabric and is a heavier weight. It has a selvage and grainline so can be trickier to use. This product is used with sheers and silks
- **Non-Woven** - This type of interfacing is made of fibers that are bonded, it does not have a grainline, and it almost feels more like paper than fabric. You can cut out pieces in any direction. It is best to use in bags.
- **Knit** - This type is used with stretchy/knit fabrics. It stretches with the fabric. A pattern may call specifically for this interfacing.

Products used in bags, purses and handbags

- **ShapeFlex** (SF101 Shapeflex) - This is an all-purpose, woven, fusible interfacing. It reinforces fabrics and adds light support. You do not need to preshrink prior to using.
- **Decoville** - This is a tear resistant interfacing. It feels like leather or vinyl. Ideal for purses or handbags.
- **Foam Stabilizers**-There are several types of foam stabilizers available. This product is a thicker foam type product used in bags or craft projects and can be easily quilted. [By Annie’s Soft & Stable](#), [Bosal’s In-R-Form](#)(fusible), or [Pellon’s Flex Foam](#) are three types. The Quilted Raven carries all three brands.

A quote from Pellon: “You chose only the best fabrics for the outside-why not do the same for the inside?”

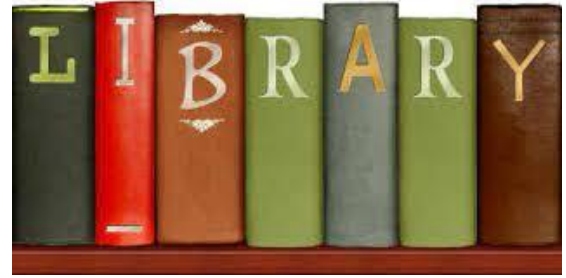
The Quilted Raven carries over 22 types of Interfacing and Stabilizers. If you are looking for something we do not have, just ask. We are always looking for new products and suggestions and we will try and order it in.

Links to some free patterns from Pellon:

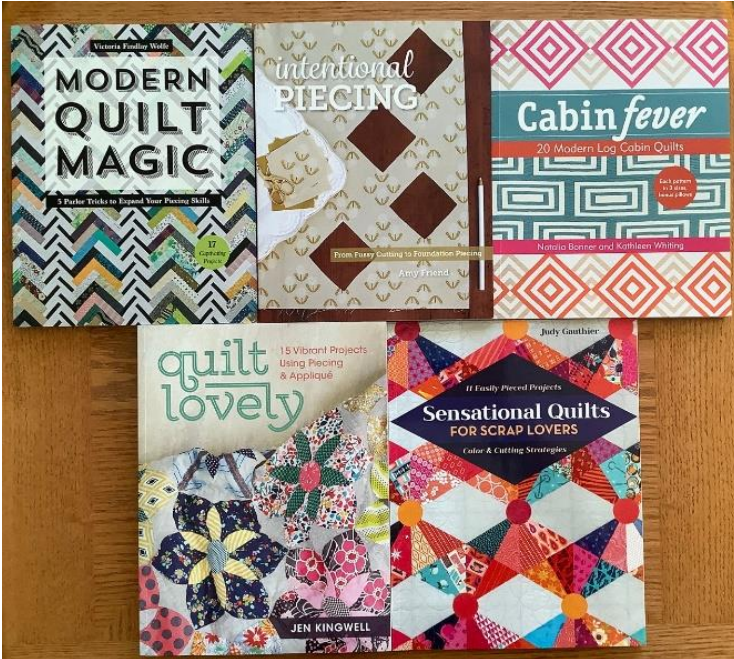
Fabric Easter Basket:<https://www.pellonprojects.com/projects/fabric-easter-basket/>

Reversible Fabric Storage Bin:<https://www.pellonprojects.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/ReversibleFabricStorageBin.pdf>

News from the



Here are some of the “new” quilting books that were recently donated to our Guild library.



Check out the Guild library to find your next project, learn a new technique, or feast your eyes on some pretty pictures. It's located at the back of the Quilted Raven classroom (and thank Charlene for donating the space, if you see her). You can view the list of all books on the Guild website: www.ykquiltersguild.ca. It's easy to sign out a book – find instructions at the library or on the web site.

As you may know, we recently removed many older books from the library. We are also welcoming donations of newer quilting books published since 2000. If you think you have a book or two to donate, contact the librarians through quiltingyk@gmail.com and we can tell you more about donating.

Tip for Quilters

Remedying "Blunt Tips" when quilting points: Have you ever quilted a point only to have it end up as a "flat" stitch across the point? Well, it's a common problem with an easy remedy. It is caused by the needle not picking up the bobbin thread on the point. What we often do is drop the needle down to turn direction presuming that the needle has automatically stitched the point stitch only to find it hasn't actually connected with the bobbin thread and ends up as a flat stitch on the point. So, all that needs doing is to make sure the needle is on its way up before changing direction. When the needle is in the "down" position, the position we often have it when stopping and sewing in piecing, this isn't a problem, but when turning on a point it can be a cause of major frustration. I still forget at times. Janet S.

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!!!

*Classes are filling fast.
Don't delay...register today*



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)



*Classes are filling fast.
Don't delay...register today*

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 is now open. You may register at our next meeting - March 9/23 or by contacting Donna at baja@ssimicro.com. Spaces will be limited so don't delay...reserve your spot by paying today!! Options are to pay by EMT to Donna at 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 February Meeting





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



FOR SALE



PFAFF Passport 3.0 for sale
\$650.00 has been serviced.

Contact Kathy at 444-9777

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.

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Slow Cooker Chili

Provided by Leslie Thomas

Ingredients:

2 pounds of ground beef
1 large onion, chopped
1 tablespoon each cumin, chili powder, paprika, dried oregano, dried tarragon and black pepper.
1 tablespoon garlic powder
1 large can stewed or diced tomatoes with liquid in can
1 large can tomato sauce
1 jar Classico Tomato & Basil pasta sauce
2 to 3 cans of either red or white kidney bean, a mixed beans, or black beans
1 can sliced water chestnut
2 tablespoons brown sugar
1 red pepper, 1" cubes
1 can of herb & spices tomato paste

Directions:

1. In medium skillet cook onion, about 2-3 minutes. Add ground beef. Cook until brown. Drain fat.
2. Add spices to beef mixture.
3. Drain and rinse the canned beans.
4. While beef is cooking, add the rest of the ingredients to a 6-quart slow cooker.
5. Once beef mixture is cooked add to slow cooker. Stir to mix.
6. Set slow cooker on low for 6 hours.

Enjoy!

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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

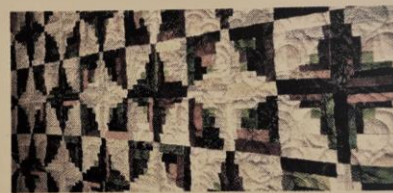
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Members for Sale Items FREE

Businesses	\$35 full page
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