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Next Meeting

May 11, 2023 at
7 pm @ Baker Centre.

President's Remark's

To say that the next couple of months are going to be busy, is a bit of an understatement. The **May Meeting** will be primarily devoted to our visiting instructor – Libs Elliott – and her trunk show, which will be followed by a weekend of 3 separate classes.

The meeting itself will be a pared down version, with a few opening remarks; the trunk show; a refreshment break with time to socialize, check out the quilts up close, and get your tickets for the special draw; followed by shop news and the draws. Hope to see you there. I have a special “thanks for coming” item for my draw. To clarify, this does not come out of the Guild's pocket, it comes out of mine.

The following weekend will be devoted to our **Spring Retreat**. There is still room in both the classes and the retreat if you are interested.



President's Remark's continued...

The **Quilt Show** is scheduled for the weekend of June 3rd and 4th with set up on the night of the 2nd. The key issue here is volunteers. Without them, there will be no show or at the very least, we will have to limit it to one day. Please, if you can help, send an email to quiltingyk@gmail.com.

Our **AGM** will be held at 7:00 pm on Thursday, June 8th, 2023 with the regular meeting to follow. An AGM package including Minutes from 2022 AGM; current reports from the President, Treasurer, Membership Coordinator, and other members of the Executive tasked with specific responsibilities; along with supporting information for the motion to increase the membership fee, will be included.

It is at this meeting that we will also have the **Election** for those wishing to serve on the Executive as per the By-laws: "At each AGM, directors shall be elected from among the members for a 2-year term. The total number of directors, continuing or newly elected, shall be at least 3 and not more than 12." At this point in time, the Executive has 5 people, 2 of which are not continuing.

The **Garage Sale** is scheduled for June 24th at the Baker Center. This is an opportunity for members who are purging their stash of unwanted quilting supplies, to get rid of it. A small fee will be levied to those wishing to participate and a coordinator is required for the event, with a minimum of 8 sellers needed to make the event break even at a cost of \$15 each. Set up will take place at noon, with the sale open to members only at 1 and the public from 2-4. The deadline to register for this event is June 4th.

Linda

Hello Sewcial Quilters!

Quilters, there is still room available at our Sewcial Retreat May 19 - 21 at the Ski Chalet. We sew from 6 to 9 pm Friday, 9 to 9 Saturday and 9 to 5 Sunday. Meals are included, along with sewcializing and group projects. Registration is guaranteed with your \$100 payment to Donna MacDonald at baja@ssimicro.com. Contact Leslie Bromley at lbromley2011@gmail.com for more information.



Tips from The Quilted Raven Pins and Clips

Pins have a very important job in Quilting! They do all the “heavy lifting” for piecing, holding fabric together and pinning hems.

Anatomy of a Pin

Pins are made up of two sections:

- The head of pin can be plastic, glass, or metal. Round or flat.
- The shaft of pin can be made of stainless steel, brass, or nickel-plated steel. It varies in thickness from .5mm to .8mm., the most common size is .6mm.

Types of Pins

There are many different types of pins sold by a wide variety of companies. Glass head, ballpoint, silk, quilting, t-pins, curved pins, fork pins, pins for long arming are just to name a few. We will focus on the different types of Quilting Pins.

Flower Head Pin

- These pins have a flat head which make them lie flat and easier to sew with.
- They hold many layers of fabric and are usually slightly longer than normal pins.
- Some are heat resistant, always check the packaging.

Glass Head Pins

- Most widely used pins among sewers.
- Has an extra fine .5mm shaft made of nickel-plated steel.
- Great pins to use if you need a pin while pressing a project.

Magic Pins

- These pins have a comfort grip making them easy to pick up.
- The head of the pin is heat resistant.
- They come in a variety of lengths to suit your needs.

Decorative Pins

- These pins usually have a fun pin head such as camper, butterfly, hearts, or flower.
- Some designers ie Kaffe Fassett will design a specific pin head for a pin.
- These pins are fun to use, easy to grasp but are not as flexible when pinning.

Organizing Pins

- These pins come in sets with letter and numbers marked on the pin head.
- Great to use these pins when numbering blocks.

Fork Pins

- These pins are double pronged pin with sharp points.
- The work well when you are trying to achieve accurate points.
- They keep the fabric from shifting or moving.

Long Arm Pins

- These pins are specific to long arming.
- This is a longer, sharper pin to go through multiple layers. The heads are a white pear shaped making them recognizable for long arm quilting.
- These pins are used to attach a quilt to the leader.

Pins and Clips continued...

Applique Pins

- These pins are very small and are used for hand applique only.

Safety Pins

- Curved safety pins are used when basting a quilting project.
- The curve allows you to pin multiple layers.
- Comfort basting pins are curved safety pins for quilters with arthritis pain.

Alternate to Pins

There are a few items out that may be an alternate to pins but cannot always take the place of a pin.

Clips

- Clips can be used when binding quilt or clipping multiple layers.
- They come in a variety of colours and sizes.

Temporary Tape

- This is double sided tape which washes out. This tape is great for bag making.
- This tape comes in a variety of widths.

The Precision Piecing Products

- The seam align product is designed to hold the pieces of fabric together to prevent shifting while sewing.
- The glue is not permanent, and you can readjust the pieces of fabric before sewing.

Can you sew over a Pin?

This question has been debated over time. What I do know is that when you sew over a pin you risk having the following happen:

- The pin could break your needle and it may fall into your machine.
- You could bend the pin making it useless to use.
- The needle could break, and a piece could fly into your face or eyes.

Great advice from the Pin Gurus on the internet!

- Throw out rusted or bent pins and always dispose of them safely.
- Do not put pins in your mouth.
- If you drop a pin pick it up right away so you or someone else does not step on it.
- Do not sew over pins.
- Replace pins when the ends become dull and hard to use.

A large pin hole in your fabric is disappointing when you use the wrong pin. Before purchasing pins read the package to see if the pins selected work for the project they are designed for.

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)

Last Chance to register



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.

Last Chance to register



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 – May 11/23 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!!

Where Do Your Membership Dollars Go??

In case anyone was wondering, I am going to try to briefly explain where your membership dollars go. Some of this may be a bit boring but it also may give you a better idea as to how the finances run.

Our income generally comes from 2 main sources:

1. Your paid membership and,
2. Income earned from our Annual Christmas sale.



The paid membership helps to cover our fixed costs which include our monthly meeting space at the Baker Centre, bank fees, P.O. Box, Quilt Guild Website and the Canadian Quilter Association membership and insurance. These costs are roughly around \$2100.00 per year (slightly increasing each year) therefore it takes a minimum of 70 members to cover these costs. Just as an FYI: between 2012 and 2022 we have had an average of 68 members and between 2002 and 2011 we had an average of 124 members. Why has our membership dropped you might ask.....well during the period between 2002 and 2011 the local store at the time (Quilters Getaway) offered a 10% discount to anyone who had a Quilt Guild membership. In my opinion, a good portion of our "members" at that time joined simply to get the store discount and did not participate in Guild activities or functions.

The proceeds from the Christmas sale allow us to do the fun stuff such as offer prizes for Guild member challenges, do special sharing gifts projects and provide special treats at either the AGM or Christmas Socials or both. These events/projects do not bring in any income so must be funded by this additional revenue.

We also have a large variety of additional things that we try to make self-funding or self-sustaining. By self-sustaining we hope that these events operate at a breakeven point.

These things include (but are not limited to):

1. Retreats,
2. Mystery Bag and/or Book Draw, and
3. Out-of-Town Instructor Classes.



The Out-of-Town Instructor Classes are slightly different though because we have had opportunity in the past to receive funding from the Northwest Territories Arts Council. For this, we are truly grateful. However, we cannot completely rely on this funding. When we can, we endeavour to still offer these classes at a very reasonable price to our members and attempt to do so on a break-even basis. If any profit is made on these classes, the money is held in reserve for future educational opportunities.

Phew!!!! That was a lot of information!!! Should you have any questions or wish further detail on any of the above information, please do not hesitate to contact me (Donna) your Treasurer at baja@ssimicro.com. I will be more than happy to provide information to you!!!!

Donna MacDonald - Quilt Guild Treasurer

Show n' Tell from April Meeting



More Show n' Tell



More Show n' Tell





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

Needle Threading
A Rule or a Myth?
By Charlotte Babicki

For years I have been telling people to thread a hand-sewing needle this way:

- Cut a length of thread.
- Make a knot in the freshly cut end.
- Thread the needle with the other end.

Like in the picture. The eye of the needle goes on the loose end of the spooled thread.



But then I was reading a book Hazel gave me. Imagine my shock when Jinny Beyer said:

"Hold the thread taut as you pull it from the spool. ... With very sharp scissors, make a clean cut at an angle. The edge that is cut from the spool is the one that should be inserted into the eye of the needle." ...WHAT?

So, I did some research. I checked every sewing book on my shelves. None of them had a word to say about threading, until I got to Fons & Porter's Quilter's Complete Guide. They say:

"Thread a needle with the end of the thread coming off the spool. ... After the needle is threaded, measure and cut the desired length of thread."

Further research, but hands on. I switched back and forth between the 2 methods as I was quilting. I could not see or feel a difference. Is the whole thing a myth? Does it matter at all? Ever?

Send your ideas or comments to me at quiltingyk@gmail.com. We can figure this out!

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

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.



Dr Pepper Brownies

*Dr Pepper Brownies are just as fudgy and rich as a batch of traditional brownies are! The soda adds incredible flavor and moisture.
They were a big hit at April Guild meeting.*

Provided by Linda Whitford

Source: <https://kitchenfunwithmy3sons.com/dr-pepper-brownies/>

Ingredients:

1 ¼ cups all-purpose flour
1 cup sugar
2/3 cup cocoa powder
½ teaspoon baking powder
12 ounces Dr. Pepper (or 1 can)
½ cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
Dash of cinnamon

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease 9x9 baking pan.
2. Mix together all of the dry ingredients except chocolate chips. Stir in Dr Pepper until blended.
3. Now stir in chocolate chips. Pour the mixture into prepared baking pan and bake for 30-40 minutes. Serve and Enjoy!

Note: Linda added a cup of Skor Bits to the mixture before baking.



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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.

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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