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Honour our Heroes



Lest We Forget

Next Meeting

November 9, 2023 at
7 pm @ Baker Centre.

President's Message

Hello Quilters,

As much as I have had a wonderful time visiting and spoiling my granddaughters, I couldn't wait to get home and reconnect with the quilting community. Grandbabies, sewing chores for our daughter and visiting while travelling towards home have not offered any quilting time.

However, there was lots of quilting and sewcializing at the retreat on October 27 - 29 at the Yellowknife Ski Chalet.

November is the Christmas Quilt Sale. It will be held November 25th in the Centre Ice Plaza. Linda Whitford has included an information page.

Thank you to the members who participated in the kitted quilting projects from the September meeting. A group of us will be getting together to finish the tops, then finish them for sharing.

Thank you to Retreaters who are working on the kit from the Block of the Month quilt donated by Cheryl Hepperle of the former Cheryl's Quilting Quarters.

Leslie Bromley

CHRISTMAS SALE INFORMATION and POLICY

It's that time again!!

Our Christmas Sale (and our biggest source of fundraising for the Guild) will take place on November 25th at Centre Ice Plaza. A poster has been emailed separately. Please, please, circulate it around to your families, friends, co-workers, etc and ask them to share it as well.

The Sale Policy has clearly outlined the parameters for the event. To ensure another successful sale, we will need as many donated items as possible; plus, consignment orders! As noted in the Policy, members may sell up to 30 items provided they have donated an item for the Sale or made a monetary donation of \$30. The preference is that members donate so that we have lots of items for sale.

Like any successful event – we are dependent on volunteers.

Volunteers are needed for:

- 1) Pricing donated items;
- 2) Assisting with set up and intake of consignment items (Friday from 4-8);
- 3) Working the sale on the Saturday – 2 hour stints. We will be open for business from 9-3; and of course
- 4) Tearing down the sale and checking out the unsold consignment items following the conclusion of the sale.

Cards, labels, consignment and volunteer sheets will be available at the next meeting, but electronic copies of the consignment sheet will also be sent out via email for those of you (like me) prefer to use the computer to complete them.

If you have any questions or are in a position to volunteer on those days, please send me a note:
lqw@northwestel.net

Thanks,

Linda

CHRISTMAS SALE POLICY

[Approved 27 Feb 2018]

DEFINITIONS

- **Quilted** means the item should have 3 layers, joined by stitching.
- **Members** means members of Yellowknife Quilters.

AUTHORITY

- Prices for donated items are set by a committee of members.
- The Executive appoints the coordinator of the sale.
- The coordinator may authorize an occasional exception to the guidelines below.

POLICY

- **Each** member is asked to donate one quilted item for the sale. If you cannot donate an item, a monetary donation of \$30 is also appreciated.
- Donated and consignment items must be priced in multiples of \$5.

CONSIGNMENT ITEMS

- Members may sell their own quilted items provided they have donated an item for
- the sale or made a monetary donation of \$30.
- All paperwork must be completed for these items before the sale.
- Yellowknife Quilters will take a 15% commission on consignment items.
- Consignment items are limited to 30 per member.

QUILT CHALLENGE 2023/24

....is a Magazine Challenge!

Members wanting to participate in the Challenge are asked to bring a **NON-QUILTING** magazine to the **November** Guild meeting.

The magazines will be mixed up and placed into a box. Participants will be invited to select a magazine without looking.

Once all participants have a magazine, a number will be drawn from a hat. Participants will turn to that page number in their magazine and use that page for inspiration. It could be a word, phrase, colour, image etc. (on that page!) that sparks your inspiration – you decide!

The Rules Are:

1. You **must use the magazine page for inspiration** AND must **present the magazine** and **give a brief statement** regarding its inspiration when you **reveal your challenge quilt** at the **June 2024 Guild Meeting**.
2. Quilts must be made specifically for this challenge (existing quilts may not be repurposed for the challenge).
3. Submissions must be ***quilted** and finished – no UFO's!
4. Quilts must be no smaller than 64" in circumference. There is no maximum size.
5. Members at the June meeting will vote for each of the following three categories:

Categories: Members are eligible to win in one of the following categories:

<u>Small Quilt</u>	<u>Large Quilt</u>	<u>Viewer's Choice</u>
64" to 139" circumference (eg. no smaller than 13" x 19" and no bigger than 29.5" x 40")	140" circumference or larger (eg. 30" x 40" or larger)	Most overall votes
Prizes: 1 st place \$75 2 nd place \$50	Prizes: 1 st place \$75 2 nd place \$50	Prize: \$100

Supporting Sharing Gifts

What are Sharing Gifts? This is the name for projects the Yellowknife Quilters do as a group to support people or organizations that could benefit from some warmth and sharing. Visit our website for more information on the Sharing Gifts Policy: <https://ykquiltersguild.ca/about-us-1> (a link to the Sharing Gifts Policy is at the bottom of Supporting Sharing Gifts page).

In addition to our current projects, I will post a block pattern, color way and instructions on how to complete the block in the monthly newsletters. This will run from the November 2023 newsletter and continue through to the May 2024 newsletter. You are invited to make a block(s) using your fabric stash and bring the completed block to the following meeting or the next month's meeting. These blocks will then be used for future Sharing Gifts projects.

As we are trying to put together many quilts this year due to those affected by the wildfires, the executive may decide to use some of these blocks to meet the requirements for this year's project. Those that are not used will be kept and used for future projects.

Thank you to Harold Andrejek who suggested doing this at the October meeting and the other members who supported his suggestion.

Christine Hoiland

November 2023 Quilt Block starts
on the next page.

The guild has received a donation from Grace Lutheran Church in Eganville, Ontario, of quilts and more which were dropped off by Michelle Cox. *(Thank you, Michelle, for transporting the items.)*

The donated items were made by Church Quilting Group, Fairfield's Senior Home. Listed are: 8 tied quilts, 18 pairs socks, 2 hat & mitt sets, 33 pairs of mittens, 3 adult hats, and 5 pairs of large socks.



Thanks to everyone for their work on the sharing gift quilts!

We currently have 19 completed and 3 more in the final stages. These will be going to those who lost their homes in Behchoko in May.

There is only one kit remaining – it is more advanced and could be done with as small group. Teresa still has some fireside and flannel to piece more backings for any additional quilts.

Teresa Watson



Note: The guild is still accepting donations of lap sized quilts for the fire victim in Behchoko, Enterprise, Paradise Gardens, Patterson Road and DKFN.

November 2023 Quilt Block

Our block pattern for November 2023 is the Beginners Square Star Block.



To support the layout of the blocks in a quilt, I ask that you make two blocks this month (more if you like).

We will be using the Missouri Star Quilt Company's technique to make the block. You can watch the video on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DqSW2HBSSes> Block construction starts around 2:26 minutes into the video and goes to 16:40 minutes of the video.

Color Way: cream/beige, fall colors (orange, brown, burnt yellow, green, etc.)

What you need:

11 x 5" squares in cream/beige colors (referred to as background in the video)

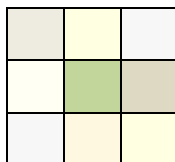
11 x 5" squares in fall colors

Make a block using the cream/beige colors as the background, then a second block using the fall colors as the background.

Use a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Your stitch line should fall just inside the $\frac{1}{4}$ " line on ruler when measuring the seam allowance.

Step 1.

Lay out 8 cream/beige squares (background) and 1 fall color square (star) in the 9-patch shape - the fall color square goes in the centre of the 9-patch.



Step 2.

Take two of your fall color squares and sub cut into $8 \times 2 \frac{1}{2}$ " squares.

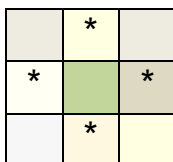


These will be used for the star points. These can be the same color as the centre square or different – your choice.

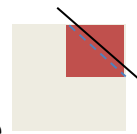
Step 3.

Mark the diagonal through each 2 ½" square.  Draw the diagonal line or press the square diagonally. This will be your sewing line.

Sew the 2 ½" squares to the 5" squares marked with an *.



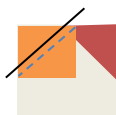
Place in the top corner and sew down, then trim off the



corner ¼" from



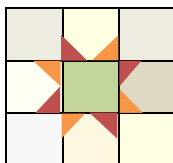
Sew a square to the opposite side,



trim and press open



Once all 4 squares are done, add them back into the 9-patch and sew your 9 squares together. Your block should measure 14" x 14".



Now, use the remaining squares to make another block using the fall colors as the background and the beige/cream squares for the star.

I hope you enjoyed making these blocks. Bring them to the November (or December) meeting and show them off! If you're unable to attend the 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 November 8th for the November meeting and I will pick up and bring to the meeting. If dropping off blocks, please put your name on them so I can announce who made them.

Thank you
Christine

October Meeting Show 'n Tell



Show 'n Tell continued...



News articles about Sharing Gifts

Cabin Radio

<https://cabinradio.ca/158557/news/arts/hundreds-of-quilts-donated-across-nwt-as-groups-expand-their-work/>

CBC

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/north/warmth-quilts-northerners-1.7011543>

Yellowknife Quilter's Garage Sale on Oct 21 at the Baker Centre.

The Quilter's Garage Sale has been cancelled.

This event may be planned in the future.

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 quiltngyk@gmail.com. We would love to use it in our Corner.

Rhubarb Butter Tarts

Provided by Linda Whitford

Ingredients:

18 tart shells, homemade or commercial
1 ½ cups, rhubarb, cut into ½" (1.3 cm) pieces
¾ cup brown sugar, lightly packed
½ cup corn syrup
¼ cup melted butter
1 egg, slightly beaten
1 tsp. vanilla
½ tsp. salt
2 tbsp. rolled oats

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 425°F (220°C).
2. Divide rhubarb evenly among tart shells.
3. Combine sugar, syrup, butter, egg, vanilla, salt and oats. Thoroughly beat the sugar mixture before spooning the sugar mixture over rhubarb, filling each tart 2/3 full.
4. Bake for 12-15 minutes. Cool on wire rack.



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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 2023-2024

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



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