

Pieces of the North

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Picture taken at June 2025 YK Guild – L. Whitford

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Next Meeting

September 11, 2025 at
7 pm @ Baker Centre.

President's Message

Hello Quilters!

It has been a wonderful summer to be out and about enjoying the beauty of the north outdoors. You may have been camping, hiking, walking, gardening or just sitting on your deck enjoying the day/evening. There have definitely been cool or cloudy or even rainy days we could spend indoors with our fabric and sewing machines. However you spent your summer, it is beginning to cool off now while the days shorten and the evenings lengthen. Time to get back to some

serious quilting time!

Over the summer Donna and I moved the Quilt Guild Library from the Quilted Raven to Longarm of the North. I have made a point of looking at one or two books while I eat my lunch. I had never spent any time looking at these books previous to having them so close. I have made it to the 'F' part of the library and I am surprised at the ideas, quilts, methods and information I have seen so far. The book I am fascinated with is 50 Star blocks. There is a star block for each of the 50 States and foundation paper piecing patterns for each one! Come on by, Tuesdays and Thursdays between 11 am and 5 pm and check out these informative books.

September 20 is National Jelly Roll Day (at least Stitchin Heaven in Texas thinks so). Do you have a jelly roll project in mind? I have just finished a table runner with a jelly roll and the pattern used all the strips! Membership fees are due again. The price is \$40 and can be paid by e-transfer to quiltingyk@gmail.com. The form is at the last page of the Newsletter. Don't forget to mention who is paying their membership fees. Membership allows you to attend the October Retreat. Hazel is including information on page 3.

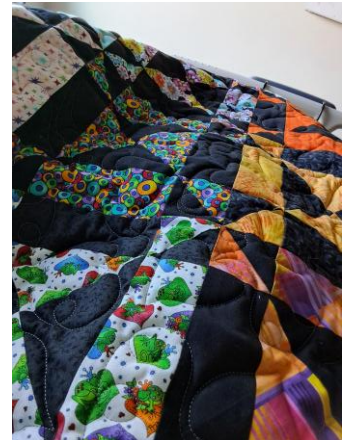
Our next Guild meeting is September 11, 7 pm at the Baker Centre. Hope to see you there!

Stay calm, stay cool and quilt on!
Leslie Bromley
President

Thank You!

Thank you all so much for the quilt I got when I was in hospital. Thanks to everyone who contributed a block, to whoever pieced them all together, to the quilter, to the binder (that was Dawn), and to Linda the label-maker. The quilt was much admired and cheered me every day.

Charlotte Babicki



Finished is Better than Perfect

Linda Whitford

My quilting goal this summer was to:

- 1) pull out tops that needed quilting and get them done
- 2) finish Valley Blossoms.

I made some progress on #1 and now have a stack of binding to do. That left me with Valley Blossoms, a Quiltworx pattern I started at a retreat at Quiltworx in Montana, in March 2022. I finished piecing the pieces, including the inside appliqué in February of '23. Over the next couple of

cruises, I finished turning the appliqué pieces for the outside edges. By Spring '25 I was ready to start stitching. Now, if you have ever placed an appliqué piece, you know that the use of a light box is critical. However, that only works if your fabric is a light colour, not midnight blue. So, I carefully cut out a template and started placing and gluing the pieces.... until I discovered I was missing pieces!

My response to that little bombshell was to wrap the pieces around a foam roller and cover them with a clear plastic bag and hope that I could locate the bag. No such luck, so this month I prayed to the quilting gods, took a few deep breaths and unwrapped the 8 pieces that made up the 4 corners. Using the templates I had cut out, I started placing and stitching down the pieces using silk thread, a 70/10 sharp needle and a teeny tiny blanket stitch, creating the missing pieces as I went. Note to self - do not toss anything out till a project is completed and be grateful when you have leftover fabrics. It is now complete and ready for the custom complementary work of a long armer. Is it perfect - No! Is it finished - Yes! Am I happy with the results - Yes! Will it look lovely on a bed in its' forever home - Yes! And there you have it.... the Yes's have it.

SAVE
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DATE

Fall Retreat 17-19 October 2025

This is an opportunity for members to have an uninterrupted weekend of sewing and socializing with quilting friends.

Where: Yellowknife Ski Club, 2nd floor.
A wonderful space with lots of windows and lots of room for 18 participants.

When: Friday 17th October 6:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Sunday 19th October.
You just go home to sleep in your own bed at night.

Schedule: Friday: Set up anytime after 6:00p.m., sew and socialize for the evening.

Saturday: Door will be open from 8:45 a.m. until bedtime.
Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided

Sunday: Door will be open at 8:45 a.m.
Breakfast and lunch will be provided.
4:00 - 5:00p.m. Pack up and cleanup

What to bring:
All your sewing equipment. Projects, ideas etc.
Extension cord and power bar.
A snack to share (meals will be healthy so snacks don't have to be)
Any personal beverage choices (there is a fridge)
Four strips 2 1/2" x width of fabric in Christmas fabric for a fun game on Saturday.
You may want to bring a pillow to sit on as chairs are hard and low.

Other information:
Coffee, tea and water will be available all weekend.
Everything can be left at night as the facility will be locked.
Please do not bring mini-irons as power at the ski club is limited. Irons and ironing boards will be provided.
Please let me know if you have food allergies or restrictions so we can cater accordingly.

To sign up: Contact Hazel at hazel@theatreyk.ca
Cost for the weekend is \$100, payable by cheque or e-transfer to quiltingyk@gmail.com.
Registration is complete upon payment in full.



3 Questions to Ask BEFORE STARTING YOUR NEXT QUILT



Do I love this pattern
or am I chasing a trend?



Does this quilt fit the
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right now?



Am I okay with it turning
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3 Questions to Ask Before Starting Your Next Quilt

Christen@ISeeStarsQuilting

Before I jump into a brand-new quilt, I've learned to slow down just a bit and ask myself three simple but *super* powerful questions.

They've saved me from more than one burnout project and helped me fall in love with what I'm sewing *while* I'm sewing it.

Here they are, just for you:

- Do I *love* this pattern or am I chasing a trend?
- Does this quilt fit the season of life I'm in right now?
- Am I okay with it turning out imperfectly?

Let's unpack those together

❖ Do I *love* this pattern or am I chasing a trend?

There's no shame in loving what's popular, but make sure your heart is in it too. Just because it's the quilt everyone is making on Instagram doesn't mean it's the quilt *you* need right now.

Clarity Step: Ask yourself: Will I *still* love this quilt in 6 weeks when I'm halfway through it and my thread keeps breaking?

Choose patterns that make your soul sparkle not just ones that are popular.

❖ Does this quilt fit the season of life I'm in right now?

Are you in a slow, quiet season where detailed piecing sounds dreamy? Or a busy kids-fun-but-chaos season where a chunky block and chain-piecing is more your speed?

Clarity Step: Think about how much time and patience you have for a quilt right now and choose one that fits.

There's no "right" quilt but there *is* a right one for your right now. Pick something that feels fun, not overwhelming. Quilting should fill your cup, not drain it

❖ Am I okay with it turning out imperfectly?

Because let's be real... it probably will. Mine do!

There will be wonky seams. Maybe a border that waves at you. Maybe a thread nest or two.

But also? There will be joy. Growth. A quilt that tells a story.

Some moments in life make mistakes while quilting hard to accept. That's ok. And you're going to have some patterns that need more precision. The trick is knowing what's true in your quilty life for right now.

Clarity Step: Can you say “yes” to sewing with joy instead of stress? That’s the sign it’s the quilt for you right now.

Release the pressure. Add the glitter. Sew anyway

So next time you're tempted to start “just one more quilt” ... run it through the checklist. Not to gatekeep your creativity, but to protect it. To honor your time.

And to make sure the next quilt you start brings you joy from the first cut to the final stitch.

You’ve got this, friend

Now go make something magical.

xo - christen



Pfaff Powerquilter 16.0

This is a sit-down mid-arm straight-stitch quilting machine with a 36” table. No stitch regulator. Bobbin winder included.

Ideal for a confident free-motion quilter who wants more throat space for maneuvering large quilts. 16” throat space (from needle to base) and about 8” in height.

Purchased in 2014. Serviced May 2025.

Asking \$2500.

Contact Cindy Taylor at cindys9own@gmail.com or 867-444-7970



June's Mystery Bag Draw Winner



Congratulations Linda
Whitford

Luck of the Drawz Challenge & June Show and Tell

Luck of the Drawz Winners



Show and Tell





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



Rhubarb Crisp

This dessert recipe is from Kathryn Paddock (we had it at a retreat).
Submitted by Linda Whitford

You will need:

Rhubarb mix

4 c. Rhubarb
1 c. sugar
¼ c. flour
½ tsp. cinnamon

Topping

1 c. flour
½ c. rolled oats
1 c. brown sugar
½ c. butter

Directions:

1. In a large mixing bowl, mix rhubarb mix ingredients together.
2. Place in 8 x 8 pan and pour ½ cup water over top.
3. In a mixing bowl, mix topping ingredients together
4. Sprinkle over Rhubarb mix.
5. Bake at 375° for 35 mins.

Newsletter Submissions



Please send articles, news, favorite quilt websites, tips, and other quilt related items for the newsletter to: martamoir@yahoo.ca with the subject "For the Newsletter" Deadline for submissions is the 4th Thursday of the month by 7:00 p.m.

2025-26 Executive

The YK Quilters Guild 2025/2026 Executive includes:

- Leslie Bromley - President
- Amanda Pierce - Vice-President
- Donna MacDonald - Treasurer
- Ilia Daniel - Secretary
- Leslie Thomas - Member at Large

Block of the Month Update

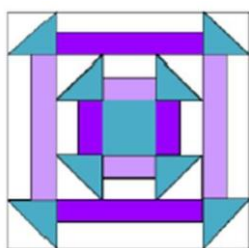
There are still a few blocks needed in order to complete the quilt tops, so continue making blocks for the incomplete tops (see list below). If quilt tops were taken to piece together and have been completed, bring the quilt top to the meeting or drop it off at the Longarm of the North before the guild meeting.

	Block Name	Block size	Number needed	Number finished	
Oct 23	Beginners Square Star	14"	20 squares 54" x 67.5"	23	TOP COMPLETED
Dec 23	Turn Style Block	13"	25 squares. 62.5" x 62.5"	25	TOP COMPLETED
Jan 24	Side Kick	12.5"	30 squares. 5 x 6 squares 60" x 72"	13	
Feb 24	Easy Hourglass	6.25"	120 squares 57.5" x 69"	120	TOP COMPLETED
Mar 24	Double Churn Dash	20.5"	12 squares. 3x 4 squares 60" x 80"	9	
Apr 24	Two Step Quilt Block	9"	48 squares. 51" x 68"	48	TOP COMPLETED
May 24	Rick Rack Block	10.5"	42 squares 6 x 7 squares. 60" x 70"	8	
Sep 24	Building Blocks	9.5"	48 squares 54" x 72"	48	TOP COMPLETED
Oct 24	Twin Sisters Block	10"	48 squares 6 x 8 squares 57" x 66.5"	16	
Nov 24	Hidden Wells Block	11"	42 squares 6 x 7 squares. 63" x 73.5"	19	
Dec 24	Strip Block	10 1/2"	42 squares 60" x 70"	42	TOP COMPLETED
Jan 25	Woven Block	10 1/2"	42 squares 6 x 7 squares. 60" x 70"	21	
Feb 25	Double X, No. 1	12.5"	30 squares. 5 x 6 squares 60" x 72"	25	
Mar 25	To Use Up The Pieces	12 3/4"	30 squares. 5 x 6 squares 60" x 72"	16	

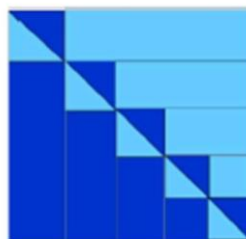
Apr 25	Children's Delight	10 1/2"	42 squares 6 x 7 squares. 60" x 70"	11	
May 25	London Roads	9 1/2"	48 squares 6 x 8 squares 54" x 72"	4	



Side Kick
Jan. 2024



Double Churn Dash
Mar 2024



Rick Rack
May 2024



Twin Sisters
Oct 2024



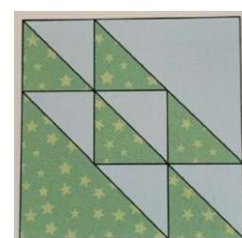
Hidden Wells
Nov 2024



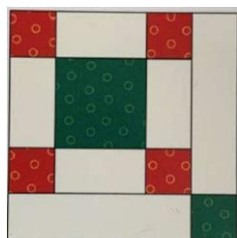
Woven Block
Jan 2025



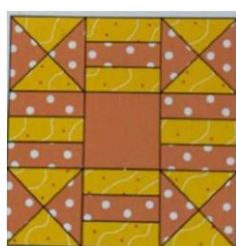
Double X No. 1
Feb 2025



To Use Up the Pieces
Mar 2025



Children's Delight
Apr 2025



London Roads
May 2025

Refer to the monthly newsletters for construction information, block size, and recommended colour options.



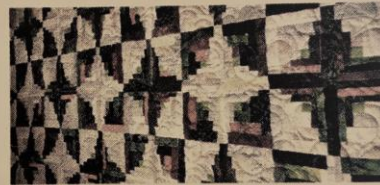
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Draws at the guild meeting

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.



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Members for Sale Items FREE

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



Yellowknife Quilters Guild

Membership Application Form
Sept. 1, 2025 – Aug. 31, 2026



The annual fee is **\$40**, payable by electronic fund transfer, cash, or cheque.

EFT: Transfer to Yellowknife Quilters at quiltingyk@gmail.com.

If you are a new member or have a change in information from last year, please send a separate email with name, email address and phone number (optional) to quiltingyk@gmail.com.

Cash: Bring to the monthly meeting or mail to the postal address below.
Include your membership form (or equivalent info) with the payment.

Cheque: Make payment to Yellowknife Quilters Guild.
Bring to the monthly meeting or mail to the postal address below.
Include your membership form (or equivalent info) with the payment.

Meetings are usually held on the second Thursday of the month at the Baker Center, **starting at 7:00 pm**.

The monthly newsletter will be sent to your email address.

Name: _____

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