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Next Meeting

November 14, 2024 at
7 pm @ Baker Centre.

President's Letter

Time flies when you are travelling. I have been away since October 11 and the change in weather was a bit of a shock. Ah well, cooler weather makes quilting as much as possible feel guilt free!

Last month Marilyn McGurran and 10 other Quilty friends came to visit Yellowknife. It was a whirl wind experience they all enjoyed! While they were here, Marilyn arranged a Trunk Show with Erin Suliak and Donna MacDonald as well as Rebecca McAlpine. Erin and Donna showed us samples and told stories of their quilting journeys. Rebecca went through the Judging process and what the judges look for. It was a really interesting evening.

The display from the Fibre Art Network (FAN) was amazing because of the variety of projects



President's Letter (continued)

and the imagination of the artists participating. The display included art from our members Hazel, Shona and Pat Moore. Thank you, Hazel and Pat for bringing this display to our guild!

Our next meeting will be the reveal of our next Challenge! Debbie has been keeping the details rather secretively! This will make the reveal more fun!

The Christmas Quilt and More Sale is coming fast! Are you ready? Linda will be emailing the necessary forms, talking about the sale and bringing paperwork to our meeting.

If you need more dedicated time for finishing up last minute details, our next Sewcial Saturday will be November 16, lower level YK Centre, in The Loft.

I'm sure everyone who attended the Retreat at the Ski Chalet October 25 to 27 had a wonderful and productive weekend! Retreats are such an amazing time dedicated to quilting and sewcializing.

I hope to see all our members and maybe some guests at our next guild meeting - November 14 at 7 pm.

Keep calm, stay warm and quilt on!

Leslie Bromley
President



October's Mystery Bag Draw Winner:



Congratulations
Ann Wind



November 2024 Quilt Block

The Quilt Guild continues the Block of the Month series in our Sharing Gifts Program. This is our third block in support of our Sharing Gifts Program for the 2024/2025 season. If you are unfamiliar with the Sharing Gifts program, please review the policy on our website at <https://ykquiltersguild.ca/about-us-1> (the link to the Sharing Gifts Policy is at the bottom of the Supporting Sharing Gifts page).

Our block pattern for November 2024 is the **Hidden wells Block**.



I saw this block from a Facebook reel and thought this one would be easy, quick and fun to make. Watch the video on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/reel/1106535047734808>. The reel (video) was created by @whatkimberleymakes (Kimberley Hind).

Color Way: Your choice of prints/solids. Be mindful of colour value.

What you need for one block:

- Colour A – 18" x 2.5" strip
- Colour B – 18" x 2.5" strip
- Colour C – 18" x 2.5" strip
- Colour D – 18" x 2.5" strip



Note: you can use fabric scraps and/or jelly rolls.

Step 1.

- Using Colours A, and B strips, sew right-sides together along the 18" edge.
- Open and press to the darker fabric.



- Using Colour C, sew right-sides together with Colour B, along the 18" edge.
- Open and press in the same direction as above.

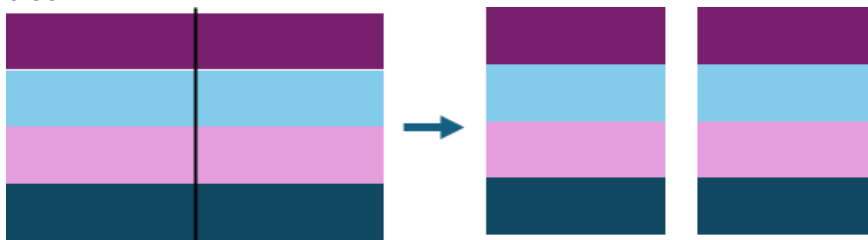


- Using Colour D, sew right-sides with Colour C along the 18" edge to form an 18" by 8.5" unit.
- Open and press in the same direction as above.



Step 2.

- Trim off an 8.5" block from the 18" by 8.5" unit to form one 8.5" by 8.5" and 9.5" (almost) by 8.5" block.



- Trim the second block to be 8.5" by 8.5".

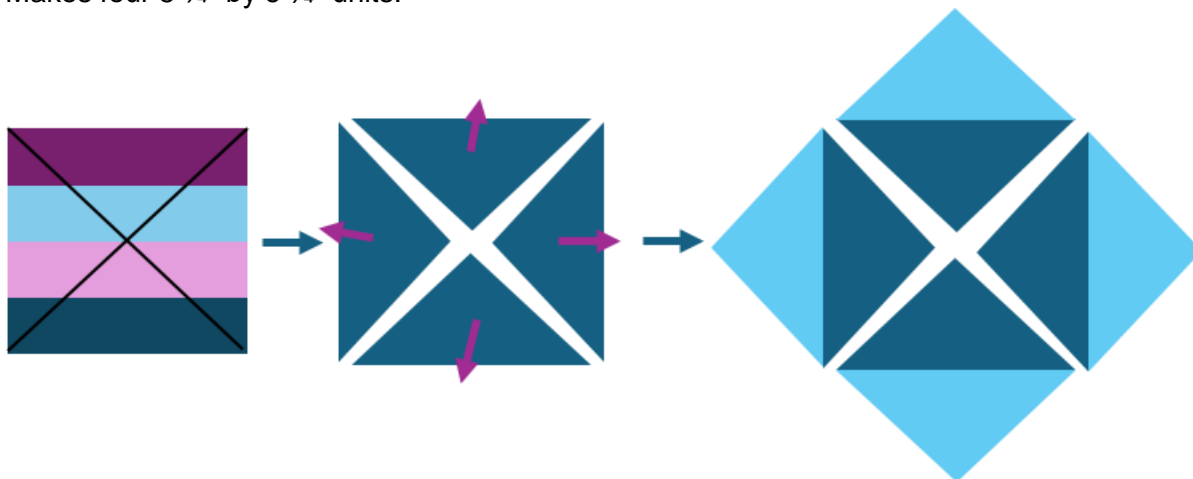
Step 3.

- Rotate the first block 90 degrees clockwise. Lay blocks right sides together and sew a 1/4" seam on all four sides of the block.



Step 4.

- Make two diagonal cuts from two corners to the opposite corners to make four triangles.
- Open triangles and press to the long seam without seams in it.
- Makes four 5 3/4" by 5 3/4" units.



Step 5.

- Arrange units in a 2 by 2 block formation with the small triangle in the center.



- Sew units together by columns then rows.
- It makes a 11" by 11" block

Thank you to everyone who was able to participate in this series of blocks to help support our Sharing Gifts program.

Bring your completed block(s) to the November meeting or the next meeting you attend. If you're unable to attend the November 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 3 pm on November 14th and I will pick it up and bring it to the meeting. If dropping off blocks, please put your name on them so I can announce who made them.

Thanks,
Leslie T.



What was your first quilt?

MY FIRST QUILT



This baby quilt was made for my nephew Adam Weger Struby in 1975. I had been reading books about quilting and found this block called Sister's Choice. Perfect for a gift to my sister Marsha.

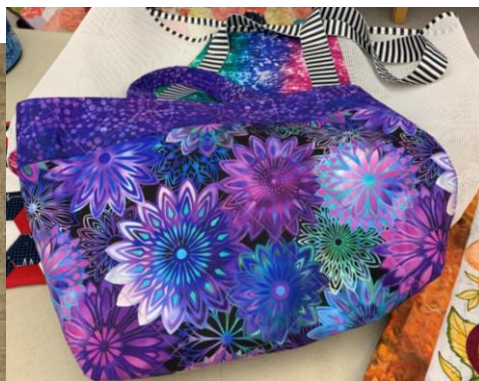
I remember the fun of picking the 3 separate prints to go in each block. I really liked the scrappy part of patchwork. This is also my first step to deciding that baby quilts should be like other quilts, only smaller – rather than appliqued pink and blue bunnies.

The quilting here was outline only. The very first quilting project I ever completed, so it was the first thing I ever quilted. I kept it flat on the floor and quilted while kneeling. (I was 28.)

Charlotte Babicki



October Meeting Show 'n Tell







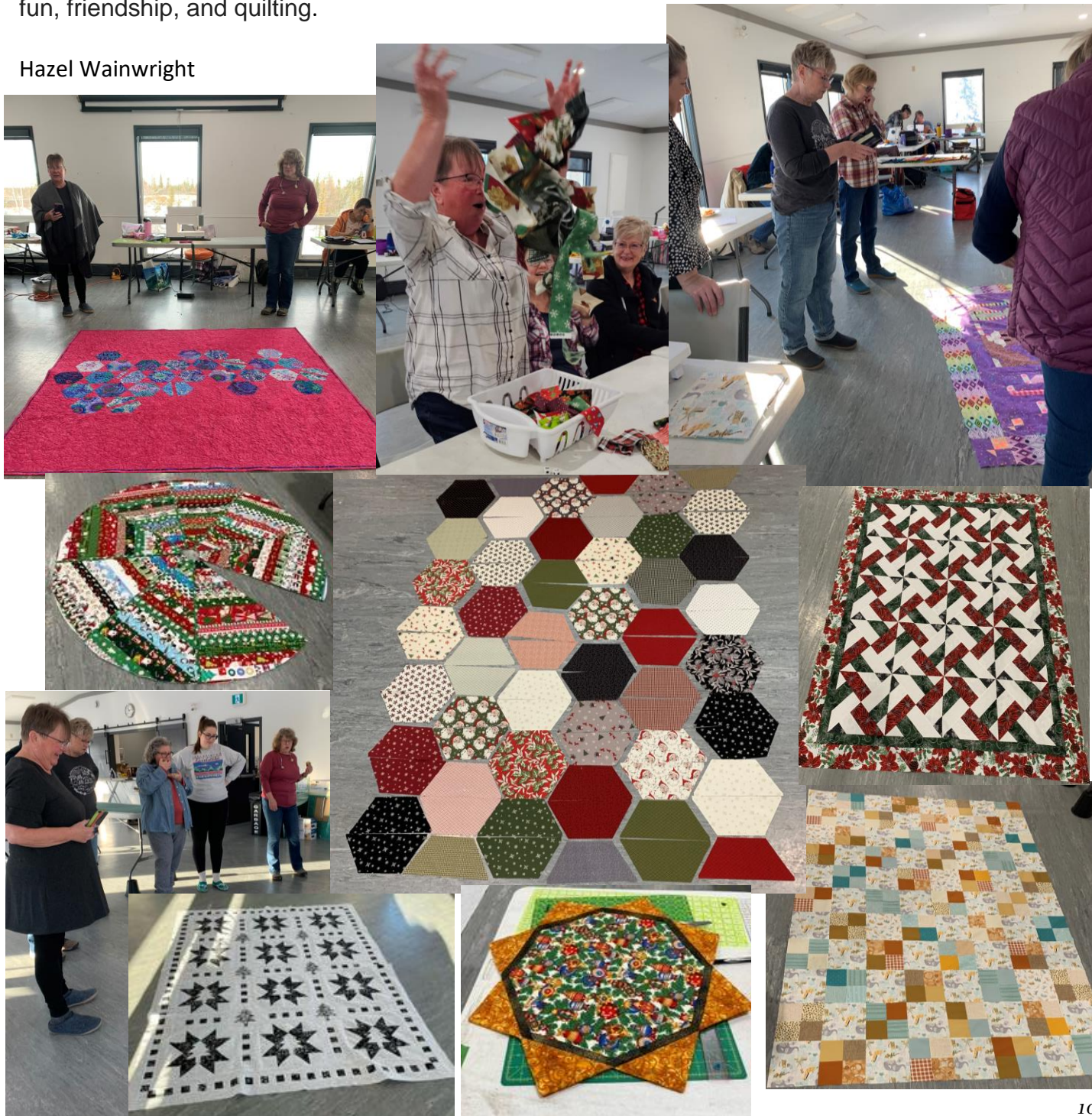
Note: Some photos of the October meeting Show n'Tell are placed in the blank spaces of this newsletter.

October Retreat

The fall guild retreat was held the last weekend of October at the Ski Club. A great facility with lots of room and natural daylight. Participants sewed and socialized Friday evening, all day Saturday and Sunday, only going home to sleep and recharge. Many thanks to everyone who attended for pitching in and helping with chores, set up and cleaned up, especially Kathryn and Sandi, who cooked dinner on Saturday night.

Many different projects were worked on, and at least six quilts were ready to be layered and quilted by the end of the weekend, so lots of inspiration. Sherry was the delighted winner of the popular strip game and already has plans to make a tree skirt with her strips. Our spring retreat dates are already set for the May long weekend so mark it on your calendar and look forward to a weekend of fun, friendship, and quilting.

Hazel Wainwright



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

Mushy Goo

This is a family recipe in which my father dubbed Mushy Goo for any meal my Dad was preparing for the family meal. I used the name for a particular dish I made frequently for my family. I use any veggies I had in the fridge or freezer, with an onion and celery.

Provided by Leslie Thomas

You will need:

1 ½ pounds of ground beef, extra lean
1 tablespoon olive oil
¼ cup water or milk
2 cans of cream of mushroom soup
3 celery stalks, chopped
1 onion, chopped
**Add any other veggies you prefer
Garlic powder, to taste
Worcestershire sauce, to taste
Cooked rice or mashed potatoes

Directions:

1. Sauté the celery and onions in a frying pan with olive oil until tender on medium high heat.
2. Add the ground beef to the frying pan and cook until no pink is visible.
3. Stir in the 2 cans of cream of mushroom soup and add ¼ cup of water or milk. Heat until bubbling.
4. Serve over cooked rice or mashed potatoes.

Hi Leslie and the Guild,
I wanted to let you know of a sale opportunity for members after the Quilt Guild Xmas sale.

The Ukrainian dance group is hosting a craft sale on Dec 7, next door to the YK Guild of Arts and Crafts sale. Tables are \$50 each.

A great opportunity for Quilt sale items that didn't sell this time, or other types of crafty work for the holiday season. I know our members are multi-talented, so I wanted to let them know.

I'd appreciate it if you could spread the word to members. I attach a digital "poster". If anyone has questions, they can contact me erin.suliak@gmail.com.



Makers and artists! Looking for a holiday craft sale?
Apply now for the

Aurora Art Studio Craft Sale

next door to the popular YK Guild of Arts and Crafts sale!

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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.

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 2024-2025

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