

# Pieces of the North

## Yellowknife Quilters Newsletter

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Picture taken at June 2025 YK Guild – L. Whitford

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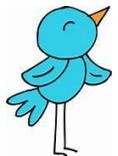
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### Next Meeting

March 12, 2026 at  
7 pm meeting @ Baker Centre.

### President's Message

Happy Spring Quilters!



Spring is really on its way! Walking home from work in daylight, more sunlight every day and chatter about starting plants indoors. Amazing signs that keep us thinking

positively about the end of snow. I'm also finding piecing in natural daylight so much easier on the eyes.

Thoughts of learning about Designing a More Modern Quilt, Curves and Transparency and EPP Beyond the Hexi at the Tamara Kate classes May 29 - 31 at the Ski Club, are keeping me looking forward to Spring. Donna MacDonald is providing information about Tamara's classes. They are filling up, so don't wait too long.

There are plans afoot for a retreat June 5 - 7 at the Ski Club. Details will be shared in the April newsletter. Last retreat we had an opportunity to work all day Friday, then have most of the retreaters come in the evening. Those who came for the day session split the cost of the room rental which was paid separately. It worked so well that we plan to do it again in June.

I'm hosting a Sewcial Saturday March 14 in YK Centre. The plan is to work on the Side Kick block of our Sharing Gifts program. I'm bringing fabric donated to the guild for the colour part of the block. Please bring 4 white squares that measure 5" square for the background. These blocks will probably be quick so bring background for 2 or 3 squares. Feel free to bring 2 each of 3 different colours of 5" squares from your own stash for each block. The instructions can be found at <https://ykquiltersguild.ca/resources>. I will bring copies of the instructions as well. I will send details separately and if you are interested you can contact me at [lbromley2011@gmail.com](mailto:lbromley2011@gmail.com) or 867-444-9937.

March is going to be a busy month! Linda Whitford is planning an Angel Bundles workshop on March 21 and Teresa Watson has a Teddy Bear workshop planned for March 29. Details will be announced soon.

How are you coming along with your quilt for the 'Thread Between the Lines...and Other Idioms!' for our 25/26 Challenge Quilt? Or are you one of the procrastinating quilters who whip it up at the last minute? It must be quilted and bound to qualify for the prizes.

The AGM is coming up in June. Two positions are open for election. We would welcome new executive members and especially younger quilters. Keep this in mind and think about joining a welcoming group of quilters looking to keep quilting growing.

See everyone at the next meeting at the Baker Centre March 12 at 7 pm.

Stay warm, enjoy the sunshine and keep quilting!

Leslie Bromley  
President

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## Ode to My Wife the Quilter, a Poem

Submitted by Linda Whitford



She learned to quilt on Monday  
Her stitches all were very fine.  
She forgot to thaw out dinner,  
So, we went out to dine.

She quilted miniatures on Tuesday,  
She says they are a must.  
They were really quite lovely,  
But she forgot to dust.

On Wednesday it was a sampler,  
She says stripling's fun.  
What highlights! What shadows!  
But the laundry wasn't done.

Her patches were on Thursday-  
Green, yellow, blue and red.  
I guess she was really engrossed  
She never made the bed.

It was wall hanging on Friday,  
In colors, she adores.  
It never bothered her at all,  
The crumbs on the floors.

I found a maid on Saturday,  
My week is now complete.  
My wife can quilt the hours away,  
The house will still be neat.

Well, it's already Sunday,  
I think I'm about to wilt.  
I cursed, I raved, I ranted,  
The MAID has learned to QUILT!  
Author unknown

## **TAMARA KATE IS COMING TO YELLOWKNIFE!!!!**

**MAY 28-31, 2026**



Tamara is a licensed fabric designer and quilter who is best known for the playful use of colour she employs in her designs and her fresh, inventive eye where quilt design is concerned. Her work has been featured in a number of international quilting magazines, she designs her own line of quilt patterns and she regularly creates original quilts for companies within the textile industry.

Tamara has been sharing her love of designing fresh, modern quilts and other needle arts with students internationally for a number of years. She equally enjoys teaching techniques and inspiring others to embrace their unique voice in creating contemporary textiles true to their personal vision.

### **Trunk Show and Lecture - Thursday, May 28/26**

**“For the Love of Colour”**

**Tamara will be discussing her work at a lecture which will be held Thursday, May 28. Location and time yet to be determined. This lecture will be free for all members and invited guests.**

### **Three Exciting Class Opportunities!!!**

#### **Designing a More Modern Quilt**

**Fri May 29**

**6:30 pm - 9:30 pm**

**\$50.00 for members (\$90.00 for non-members)**



Are you intrigued by modern quilts, but don't know how to jump in? Do you have the desire to move beyond the repetition of traditional blocks and create more original quilts? If so, this class should start all kinds of ideas and leave you feeling motivated to approach your craft in a new light! We will work only with paper because when the trepidation of cutting into precious fabrics is removed, we free ourselves to explore. We will start with looking at many of the basic principles of modern quilt design then you will be led through a variety of fun, creative exercises including simplifying shapes and layout, choosing more bold, yet harmonious colour combinations and designing based on an existing inspirational image.

## Curves and Transparency

Sat May 30

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

\$100.00 for members (\$140.00 for non-members)



Playing with the illusion of transparency in quilt design adds depth and luminosity to the pieces we create. Couple this with flowing curves and the result is a dynamic, eye catching, unique quilt that speaks volumes about the maker's personality. Learn the techniques Tamara uses to plan, cut and execute this style of modern quilt (no appliqué involved) and the colour theory that helps make it shine.

## EPP - Beyond the Hexie

Sun May 31

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

\$100.00 for members (\$140.00 for non-members)



Piecing by hand with shapes that would be more complicated to tackle with a sewing machine (y-seams, complex geometry and even curves) opens up many new possibilities in your quilting repertoire. Learn essential English Paper Piecing techniques, tips and tricks to tackle a variety of shapes and be well on your way to making a colourful, modern, mini geometric work of art. We will discuss shape, colour, layout and even start thinking about designing your own templates.

## How can I register??

Spaces will be limited so don't delay! The classes are filling up.....don't miss out your spot!! Sign up now!!!

Options are to pay by EMT to quiltingyk@gmail.com or in person at the next Quilt Guild meeting.

Regular cancellation policies are in effect.

If you have any questions, contact Donna!!

# Quilt Challenge 2025/26

Submitted by Debbie Gillard

## Thread Between the Lines... IDIOMS ...AROUND THE WORLD

Have you decided to accept this year's Quilt Challenge - Idioms?

I was telling a friend about our challenge and the discussion started to flow around how English idioms translate to different languages and vice versa. She has traveled quite a bit and is intrigued with different languages and cultures. We talked about idioms in other cultures and then how idioms translate from culture to culture and language to language and whether they are the same or do some get lost in translation? The answer of course, is they do – and they don't.

If you haven't started the challenge and still don't have an idea, maybe an idiom from another language or culture may spark your creativity!

Or maybe your challenge could explore an idiom from two or more perspectives... the world is your oyster...!

Information regarding the challenge can be found on the [website](#).

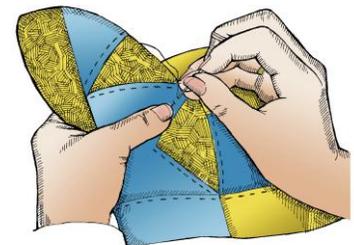
Happy Quilting!

Debbie

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## Sewcial Saturday - Invitation

The next Sewcial Sewing is on March 14 at YK Centre please email Leslie Bromley at [lbromley2011@gmail.com](mailto:lbromley2011@gmail.com) if you are interested and can assist with making the Side Kick block of our Sharing Gifts program.



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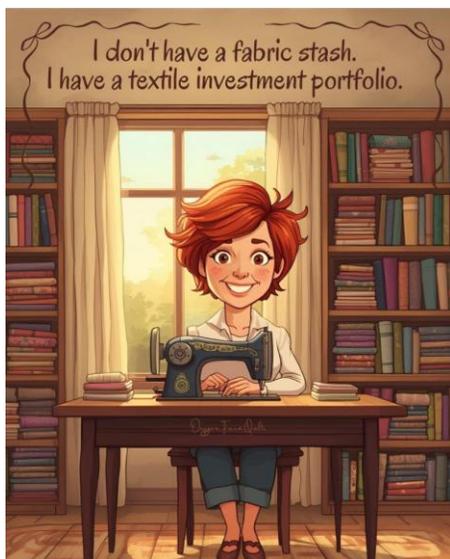


## Newsletter Submissions

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

# February Show and Tell







February's Mystery Bag Draw  
Winner  
Congratulations  
Teresa Watson

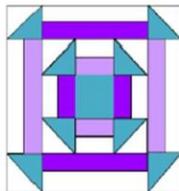
## Block of the Month Update

There are still a few blocks needed in order to complete the quilt tops, so continue making blocks for the incomplete tops (see list). 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.

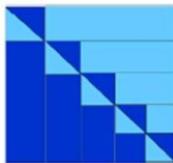
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Jan 24	Side Kick	12.5"	30 squares. 5 x 6 squares 60" x 72"	13
Mar 24	Double Churn Dash	20.5"	12 squares. 3x 4 squares 60" x 80"	10
May 24	Rick Rack Block	10.5"	42 squares 6 x 7 squares. 60" x 70"	9
Oct 24	Twin Sisters Block	10"	48 squares 6 x 8 squares 57" x 66.5"	19
Nov 24	Hidden Wells Block	11"	42 squares 6 x 7 squares. 63" x 73.5"	19
Jan 25	Woven Block	10 1/2"	42 squares 6 x 7 squares. 60" x 70"	21
Mar 25	To Use Up The Pieces	12 3/4"	30 squares. 5 x 6 squares 60" x 72"	15
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



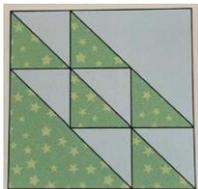
Twin Sisters  
Oct 2024



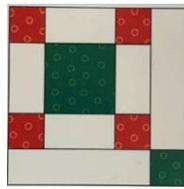
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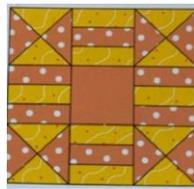
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Apr 2025



London Roads  
May 2025

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

## Shop News



### Shop News for Longarm of the North

Drop in to Longarm of the North to check out the Guild library. Over 200 books on every quilting topic and some you may not have been expecting.

We have a large selection of Ancient Arts wool in sock weight up to worsted and DK. A good variety of colours is available as well as knitting and crocheting accessories.

There are lots of fabrics to choose from. We carry some Tula Pink, solids from Moda and Free Spirit. There is a small selection of Native Florals and Tucson Designs.

Drop in Tuesdays and Thursday from 11 am to 5 pm to browse, check out the library and the longarm or just chat.

Leslie Bromley

SAVE  
THE  
DATE

### Retreat June 5 - 7 at the Ski Club



Don't let the weather dictate your plans. You can stay inside and quilt 'til spring - and beyond!



## The Quilted Raven

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## 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



## Meeting Info

### 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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\$10 quarter page

(or equivalent)



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