

Pieces of the North

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Picture taken at June 2025 YK Guild – L. Whitford

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Next Meeting

January 8, 2026 at
7 pm meeting @ Baker Centre.

President's Message

Season's Greetings Quilters!



It has been such a flurry of activity leading up to Christmas. It's a bit of a quiet time to finish up and clean up the sewing spaces.

The year 2025 was a year for the guild to finish up some of the Block of the Month quilt tops. We have completed 7 quilts, donated one and there are three more to be longarmed then bound. This has been a productive year, with very little demand for the quilts. We still need blocks (see page 12) for January 24 - Side Kick, March 24 - Double Churn Dash, May 24 - Rick Rack Block, October 24 - Twin Sisters Block, November 24 - Hidden Wells Block, January 25 - Woven Block, March 25 - To Use Up The Pieces, April 25 - Children's Block, and May 25 - London Roads. The instructions can be found on the YK Guild web page under Resources then Newsletters.



Upcoming events to keep in mind:

- Tamara Kate will be teaching 3 classes May 28-31, 2026 at the Ski Club
- Spring Retreat June 5-7, 2026 at the Ski Club

Donna MacDonald will be passing along the information about Tamara's classes soon (see page 7). Two weekends in a row seems like a lot, but we didn't want to run activities into the summer. Our next meeting will be January 8, 7 pm at the Baker Centre.

Stay calm, keep warm and grateful that we don't live in the Yukon, and Quilt on!

Leslie Bromley



Guild Christmas Quilt Sale

Submitted by Donna MacDonald
Photo Credit Linda Whitford



Our annual Christmas Sale was held on Saturday, November 29 and what a successful sale it was!! The Executive wishes to send out a huge thank you to Linda Whitford who spearheaded the sale this year. Thanks to her and several other industrious Guild members, the Centre Ice Plaza was decked out in all of its quilty finery!! Shoppers got to experience the skills of many a talented quilter as they shopped for Christmas presents and in some cases, presents for themselves!!

We also wish to thank all of those who donated their time and worked at the sale.

And most importantly.....we want to thank all of you who kindly donated an item for the sale, those who donated cash and also the members who sold their own items from which a commission from the sale comes to the Guild. Because the sale is the biggest and only fundraiser for the Guild, all of this is critical.

This year we raised just over \$2400.00 by the time all expenses were paid.

The really cool thing is that over half our membership donated either money, quilted items and/or worked the sale. This is really, really appreciated because without the participation of its' members.....the Guild cannot function!!!! The money we raise helps to pay for our meeting space, offset costs of retreats, helps fund the out-of-town teacher classes and lots more.

Again..... thank you, thank you thank you to all who donated, volunteered and supported the Christmas Sale!!!

Your Quilt Guild Executive.

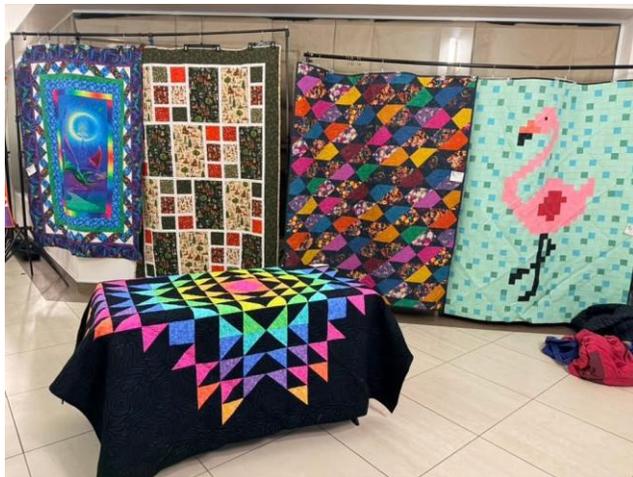


Sampling of Photos from Guild Christmas Sale

Photo Credit Linda Whitford





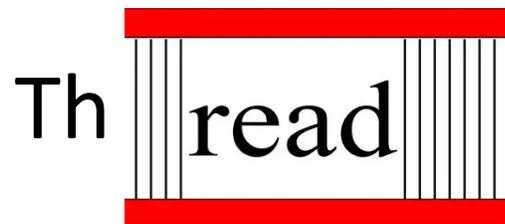


Quilt Challenge 2025/26

Submitted by Debbie Gillard

THREAD BETWEEN THE LINES

This year we are thrilled to introduce a new quilt challenge that's going to stretch our imaginations, tickle our funny bones and maybe teach us something new about language. This year's Challenge is called **"Thread Between the Lines"** and the theme is **Idioms!**



Those quirky little phrases we use every day – like *"raining cats and dogs,"* *"a stitch in time saves nine,"* or *"don't cry over spilled milk."*

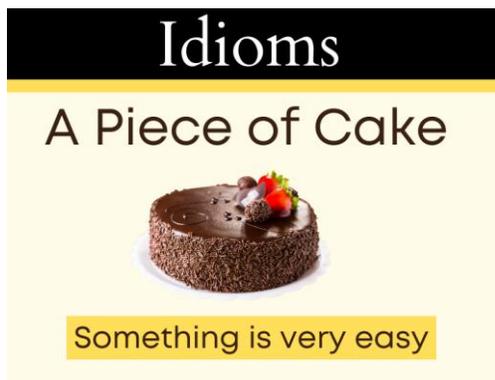
Idioms are more than just expressions, they're tiny stories, cultural snapshots, and poetic puzzles and now we're going to turn them into quilts!



- Choose an idiom – any idiom – that speaks to you. It can be humorous, heartfelt, or downright peculiar.
- Interpret it visually through fabric, colour and design. You can be literal, abstract, or somewhere in between.
- Your quilt must be no smaller than a Fat Quarter in circumference but it can be "larger than life" and should clearly reflect the idiom you've chosen.
- Quilts must be made specifically for this challenge (existing quilts may not be repurposed for the challenge).
- Submissions must be *quilted and finished – no UFO's!

We'll showcase the finished pieces at our year end meeting in June – you will be asked to present your quilt and say a few words on your chosen idiom and a short explanation of your interpretation. There will be prizes and members in attendance will vote for their favourite!

*Quilted means made of two layers of fabric filled with batting held in place with stitching.



"A STITCH IN TIME SAVES NINE"



SAVE
THE
DATE

Save the Date – For Tamara Kate!!!!

Mark the date on your calendar!!!!

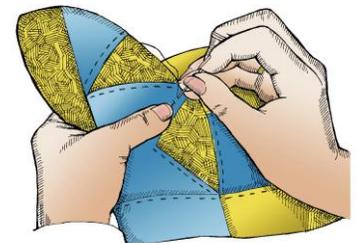
May 28 to 31, 2025 Canadian quilter and fabric designer Tamara Kate from Montreal is coming to teach for the Yellowknife Quilt Guild.

As per usual with invited instructors, she will be delivering a lecture and teaching 3 separate classes for us. Further details to be provided in the next newsletter - exact classes, costs, location and times! Stay tuned and start getting excited!!!! It's gonna be fun!!!!

Donna

Sewcial Saturday – Invitation

If anyone is interested in Sewcial Sewing on January 10, please email Leslie Bromley at lbromley2011@gmail.com so she can arrange the space if there is enough interest.



QUILTING GROUP



December Show and Tell



The Food!



The Quilts!









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

Penne with Sausage, Peppers and Broccoli

Submitted by Marta Moir

You will need:

- 1-pound Italian sausage (mild or spicy)
- 4 cups of uncooked penne pasta
- 1 bunch of broccoli cut into florets
- 2 red peppers – finely diced
- Canola oil
- ½ cup grated parmesan cheese (optional)



Directions:

1. Slice sides of sausage and remove meat from the casings.
2. Heat canola oil in a fry pan and cook sausage on medium heat. Remove from pan and set aside.
3. In a large pot, cook penne in salted water for about 8 minutes (till tender but firm)
4. After reserving approximately ½ of a cup of the pasta water, drain pasta.
5. Put the broccoli and red peppers in the fry pan on medium high heat and cook for approximately 1 minute.
6. Return sausage to same fry pan for approximately 1 minute.
7. Add the sausage, broccoli and red pepper mixture to the drained pasta, add back in the ½ cup of reserved pasta water and stir well.
8. Serve with the optional parmesan cheese sprinkled on top.

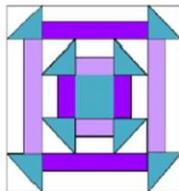
Block of the Month Update

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.

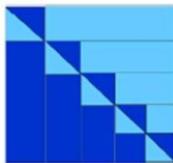
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Jan 24	Side Kick	12.5"	30 squares. 5 x 6 squares 60" x 72"	13
Mar 24	Double Churn Dash	20.5"	12 squares. 3x 4 squares 60" x 80"	10
May 24	Rick Rack Block	10.5"	42 squares 6 x 7 squares. 60" x 70"	9
Oct 24	Twin Sisters Block	10"	48 squares 6 x 8 squares 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



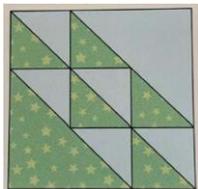
Twin Sisters
Oct 2024



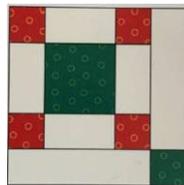
Hidden Wells
Nov 2024



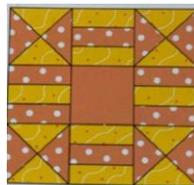
Woven Block
Jan 2025



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.

Shop News



Longarm of the North

Did you manage any quiet time to quilt over the Christmas break? Or did you find a pile of quilt tops that just need to be quilted? There are many openings for quilting at Longarm of the North in January. Come on down to the lower level of the 50/50 Mini Mall and check out our fabrics and yarns. We have some Tula Pink to complete your collection. Contact Leslie at 867-444-9937, or

lbromley2011@gmail.com to see our fabric collections, book a time on the longarm or just pop down for a chat Tuesdays and Thursdays between 11 am and 5 pm.



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.



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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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