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May Meeting
Thursday May 10
AGM
Challenge Results
Baker Centre
7:30 pm

What's Going On?

May is the AGM

Have you volunteered yet to help run the guild next year? It's OK. You should come to the Annual General Meeting anyway.

Challenge Quilts in May Too

Our beautiful or clever or shocking challenge quilts are due at the May meeting. Bring yours in by 7:15, so you can hang it up. Rules for labels and voting are on page 4.

Spring Sale

Some of our members will be selling at the Guild of Arts & Crafts Spring Sale. Check it out! St Pats School. Preview 7-9 on Friday 11 May. Sale 10 am – 1 pm, Saturday 12 May.

Modern Quilt Classes – Also in MAY!

Maria Shell will be here to teach classes on 17 to 21 May. One of them is full, but you can sign up for the waiting list. See details on page 2.

AND Trunk Show

Don't miss Maria Shell's trunk show on Saturday, 19 May, at 7:30 pm. It's at the Guild of Arts & Crafts, 113 Kam Lake Rd.

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Guest Policy

Guests are welcome at any meeting. If a guest returns for other meetings, there is a \$5 charge each time. For details, please read [the full policy](#).



SOCIAL SEWING NIGHT IS
CANCELLED UNTIL SEPTEMBER!

April Meeting Highlights



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Modern Quilt Classes with Maria Shell

MAKING PRINTS OUT OF SOLIDS

Thurs and Fri May 17 & 18/18 - 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Sat May 19/18 - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

\$190.00 for members - \$220.00 for non-members



THIS CLASS IS FULL - TO BE PLACED ON WAIT LIST
CONTACT DONNA

Using solid colored quilters' cottons, students will learn how to stitch an assortment of pieced prints including stripes, chevrons, polka dots, and pointy shapes. While learning these new techniques students will also be given information about selecting a color palette, improvisational piecing techniques, and ideas for taking these techniques and creating original quilts. Fabrics other than solids may be used.

Riffing on Tradition

Sun and Mon - May 20 & 21/18 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

\$190.00 for members - \$220.00 for non-members



ONLY 6 SPOTS LEFT!! - DONT DELAY - REGISTER TODAY

Using the traditional quilt block as a foundation for our art, we will explore new territory in making contemporary quilts. We will take simple traditional quilt blocks and blow them up, repeat them, distort them, and in the end create fabulous new compositions.

REGISTRATION

REGISTER BY CONTACTING ME VIA EMAIL.

PLEASE NOTE: YOU ARE NOT FULLY REGISTERED UNTIL PAYMENT HAS BEEN RECEIVED.

CONTACT DONNA at BAJA@SSIMICRO.COM

More April Highlights



Pia won the book.



Leslie T won the Mystery Bag: Aurifil thread set, automatic needle threader, 50 pack hand sewing needles, Magnetic needle/pin case, and thimble.

MORE NEWS

Humboldt Update

Quilts for Humboldt are both out for quilting. Binding will go on this coming week and we will have them for the guild meeting on the 10th and then they will go in the mail on the 11th. A huge thanks to everyone who supported this initiative and those who contributed. – Linda

Sharing Gifts Update

Avens has asked for 6 lap quilts, like the one Kathy showed us in March. Still waiting for a response from the Mary Murphy Home.

Tip of the Hat to Kathy

While on holidays last month, I used Kathy's great tip from February. I took the floppy baggage label from my suitcase and converted it to a handy, sticky holder for thread clippings. Thank you, Kathy, for that excellent tip.

For Sale:

Bernina 153 Quilters Edition. \$1200.00

Very well cared for Swiss made machine. Comes complete with plexiglass table and a jillion bobbins. 1/4 inch foot as well. If interested contact Donna at baja@ssimicro.com

Quilt Challenge Finale

The quilt challenge comes to its conclusion at the May meeting. Bring your challenge quilt(s) and possibly win a prize! Entries are to be put on display at the beginning of the meeting, and judging will take place during the break.

Challenge Rules/Limitations

- You can join both challenges or pick only one, it's your choice. If you decide to join both, you have to have a separate entry quilt for each one.
- Items must be completed for the May 2018 meeting. This means, quilted and bound. (non-completed items will not be eligible for the prize draws)
- The size of your finished item must be no smaller than 94 inches in perimeter.(sample; a 12" x 35" would be the smallest allowable size)
- No "recycled" quilts please. If you are joining a challenge you are to make a quilted item for the specific challenge; do not enter a quilt that you've previously made.

Voting

Guild members will vote on the challenge entries. One prize will be awarded for each Challenge Option and one random draw for all those who participated.

Guild Choice: Guild members will be given four (4) voting tickets at the beginning of the meeting. They will use these to vote for their top two picks in each Challenge (Quilt Your Name and Scrappy Challenge). Tickets are to be placed in the envelopes* attached to each challenge entry. The top Guild Choice in each challenge will be awarded a prize.

In the event of a tie, the tying entries will be pulled by random draw to determine the winner.

A member may only win one Guild Choice. If one member wins both challenges, the second Guild Choice in Challenge 2 – Scrappy Quilt, will be named the winner of Challenge 2.

Random draw: Each guild member who participated in the challenge(s) will have their name entered for a random draw. (only one entry per person) If the winner of this random draw was the winner of a Guild Choice, they will forfeit the win and another name will be drawn.

*ENVELOPES: if you didn't get your envelope(s) at the April meeting, they will be available at the May meeting for you. Fill out the envelope and pin it to the front of your item

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Guild Members & Friends –

Our 2017-2018 quilt year is coming to an end and it is bittersweet for me as my term as President is ending after two years! I have enjoyed and have been proud to be the President of our Guild, and I am confident we are on the right path to continue to grow and provide great activities for members.

This past year, our membership continues to be strong and has increased by over a dozen members. We participated in the City of Yellowknife's Community Showcase in the Fall. The monthly surveys from members helped us a lot, and we now have many great ideas to lead us into next year and beyond. Social Sewing Evening is going strong and continues to grow and be a lot of fun for our members. Many members took part in our Song Challenge; it was a lot of fun guessing the songs honoured by the quilts. Our two Quilt Challenges this month are gearing up to be a great evening. We were commissioned by the City of Yellowknife to make a quilt for the Canada 150 celebrations. Our members produced a fantastic quilt that was presented to the public at the July 1st Canada Day celebrations by the Premier of the Northwest Territories and the Mayor of the City of Yellowknife. The quilt is now hanging in the foyer of City Hall.

Our meetings featured lectures both from our talented, local members and from some outside the Guild. We also brought in two out-of-town teachers for classes on hand embroidery and modern quilting.

Our annual Christmas Sale was very successful. We hit our target with quilt donations and members sales, and now that our 'Square' is up and running, payment was easy. We also purchased YKQG souvenir glasses for gifts for teachers, and member presentations.

Reflecting on my last two years, I can't thank the YKQG executive, guild members and volunteers enough. It is our members who make our guild and our activities so enjoyable. Without your support, that wouldn't be possible!

Another great year is in the books. I look forward to next year and being an active member in the best quilt guild in Canada!

Charlene Adam

QUILTER'S RECIPE CORNER

EASIEST DINNER EVER!

3 lbs. chicken breasts (boned or unboned - your choice, I cut mine in half)

Block of Cream Cheese

1 can black beans, drained

1 can corn, drained

1 can tomatoes with the green peppers or similar



Put the chicken in a crockpot. Put cream cheese block on top. Empty can of beans and corn on top, then the can of tomatoes.

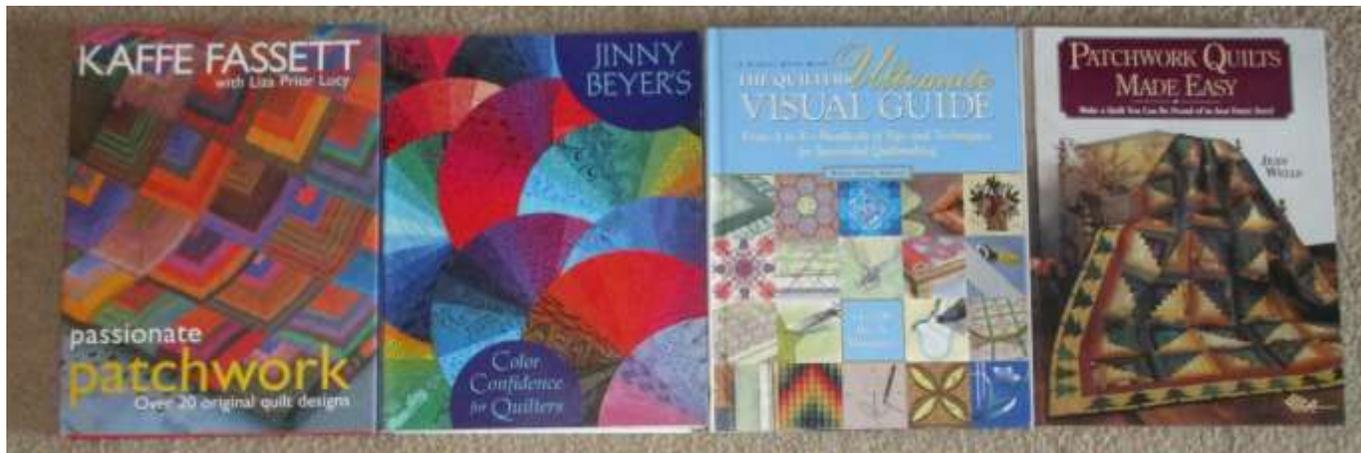
Cover and cook on low heat 6-8 hours.

Turn off crockpot. Take chicken breasts out and shred if desired. Return to pot if shredding, and let sit for about 30 min before eating.

Serve with rice and salad. You can also chop up avocado to put on top.

Yellowknife Quilters Library

at The Quilted Raven, 5005 53rd St



4 Donations!

Thank you to Caroline Dennill for her donation of beautiful quilting books.

Passionate Patchwork, by Kaffe Fassett, Taunton Press.

What a beautiful book to look through! However, I'm not keen on the instructions. It calls for templates that do not include seam allowance, yet there is no mention of seams in the instructions either. Maybe you have to be a sophisticated quilter to use the patterns. But the pictures are gorgeous.

Shelved under F Rating: ★★★

Color Confidence for Quilters by Jinny Beyers, Quilt Digest Press.

Remember when Caroline gave us a talk about colours? This might be where she started. It's a thorough and interesting study of colours with exercises too.

Shelved under B Rating: ★★★★★

The Quilters Ultimate Visual Guide by Ellen Pahl, Rodale Press.

This is a basics book with lots of illustrations. Very helpful with explanations of unfamiliar terminology. It does not include any patterns. (And I'm not happy about the lack of apostrophe in the title.)

Shelved under P Rating: ★★★

Patchwork Quilts Made Easy by Jean Wells, C&T Publishing

Even though this book was published in 1994, it is an excellent introduction to traditional quilt making. The approach is gentle and complete. The only lack is half-square triangles.

Shelved under W Rating: ★★★★★

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