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**May Meeting**  
**Thurs. May 11**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**Baker Centre**  
**7:30 pm**

**What's Going On?**

**Annual General Meeting**

May is the time for our AGM. No big issues this year unless you bring them up. Join us.

**Canada 150**

At the May meeting, you can get a peek at our finished Canada 150 quilt. Great job, Debbie and Christine! And thanks to everyone who helped.

**Classes in May**

Have you signed up yet for the Jenny Bowker classes? See the details on page 3 and sign up with Donna.

**Spring Sale**

Our Spring Sale is on May 13, with a preview the night before. Details on page 4. We have agreed to supply goodies. Make some and bring them to the set-up if you'd like.

**Song Challenge**

Don't forget to finish your song challenge masterpiece. We want to see it at the June meeting! See the details on page 4.

**Comfort Pillows News**

Mickey has delivered 60 comfort pillows to the hospital on our behalf. Tote bags are still needed. Choose your own pattern for the bag.

**Quilts at the Museum**

From March 15 to August 31, the Prince of Wales museum is showing quilts from Inuvik's challenge last summer. Very interesting work, including some from our members.

**SOCIAL SEWING NIGHT**

**Our next evening sew will be May 18, 6:30-9:30 at The Quilted Raven. It's a chance to sew, cut, arrange, check out the library, or just visit. We have lots of fun! Please note, this evening is for Members only!**



*We visited the Al Hajjy family to give them our welcoming quilt and pillowcases. It was very nice to meet them, and the desserts were wonderful.*

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**MYSTERY QUILTER!**

*You have 5 hints! Guess the right Guild Member and you may win a prize!!*

- Born in Canada's far East, and now living in Canada's far North
- In my workplace, I am known as someone who loves to quilt, but they also know I loves to talk!
- Whenever I can, I hum.
- Although I've sewn for all of my adult life, I only became a quilter 6 years ago.
- I am self-described as "Queen of the table-runners"!

*Who is it? Think of an answer before the meeting and enter the prize draw.*



# *President's Report*

Dear Guild Members & Friends –

2016-2017 was such a fantastic year for the Yellowknife Quilt Guild and I know both myself and the Guild Executive are proud of all we accomplished. As we look towards the end of the “quilt” year, I wanted to highlight some of the great activities the Guild has participated in with help from all the members and volunteers.

The year started off with our "Sewing Room Visits". We visited the homes of 3 of our members to see how they organized their sewing rooms. Another successful Quilt Show took place in the fall where we unveiled our new quilt show sign. Over 150 people visited the show with over 40 quilts on display. The Christmas Sale was also a huge hit! We brought in two Out-of-Town teachers: Ana Buzzolini from Calgary and Jenny Bowker from Australia. Many members participated in making the quilt and pillow cases for a local Syrian family in our "Sharing Gifts" program, as well as over 60 breast cancer pillows for the hospital.

Organizing the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Spaghetti dinner was a lot of work, but enjoyed by everyone, especially the gift exchange game! We hope this continues to be an Annual Event. We recruited speakers for our Lecture Series. Our members showed us many techniques, and a local physiotherapist told us to sit properly at our machines and to take a stretch break when we have a full day of sewing. The launch of the monthly “Social Sewing Evening” was extremely successful. Several new books were added to our library. The City of Yellowknife commissioned the Guild to make a quilt for Canada 150, which we are all proud to participate in. We can't wait to see it hanging for the celebration. The web site was upgraded and improved, and it turned out beautifully for our small guild. In May we'll be having another quilt sale, and we are moving into the 21st century by being able to accept credit cards now, thanks to the 'Square'.

We've achieved a lot over the last year, and I want to thank all the members of the Executive and Guild for making this year a great one! We look forward to next year.

Enjoy our Northern summer!

## **JENNY BOWKER CLASSES**

### **Shimmering Triangles**

**Sat, May 13 and Sun, May 14, 2017**

**9:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**\$190.00 for members (\$220.00 for non-members)**



In this class you learn a quick and easy way to make half-square triangles. Then we select one of several blocks that shimmer and make a lot of them. Next - we audition layouts. There are so many ways these beautiful blocks can be used and all give a lovely flicker of light like water flowing over pebbles. It is super cool!!!

### **Quilting with a Starter**

**Mon, May 15 and Tue, May 16, 2017**

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

**\$95.00 for members (\$125.00 for non-members)**



From a simple 'quilt' top with a small piece of a large-scale print, a toning colour, and a lot of plain cream or white, you can make an inspirational piece for learning free motion quilting. This class bridges the gap between scribbling on cheap cream fabric and starting free motion quilting on a precious quilt. It uses ideas from an existing fabric to develop quilting patterns that complement your quilt. It is fun, and simple. You will also learn some easy quilting patterns to use as filler stitching between your main designs.

**Register by contacting Donna at [baja@ssimicro.com](mailto:baja@ssimicro.com)**

**Classes held at the Quilted Raven.  
If you have any questions....please contact Donna.**

# SONG CHALLENGE



1. Choose a Song – any Genre – children’s, country, pop, rock, whatever you’d like!
2. Make a Quilt that is inspired by your Song.
3. The perimeter of the Quilt should be no smaller than a table runner and no larger than a lap quilt – but it can be any shape.
4. The quilt top must be finished to enter (does not have to be quilted).
5. Bring your quilt to the June Guild Meeting and tell us about it.
6. You could win a prize!
7. Have fun!

## SPRING SALE

### The Details

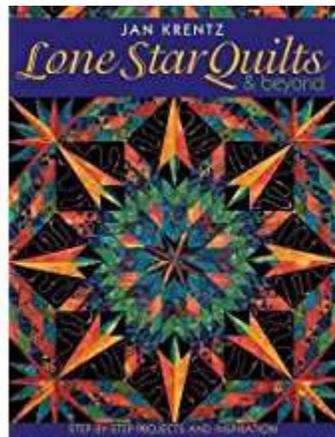
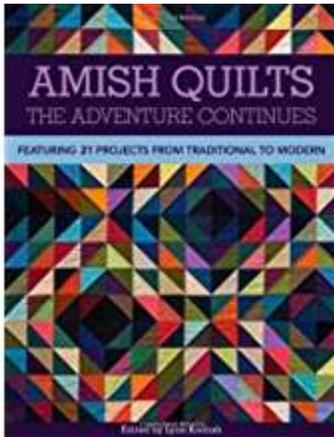
**Preview**      **Friday, May 12**      **7-9 pm**  
**Sale**          **Saturday, May 13**      **10 am – noon**  
**Where?**      **St Pats High School Rock Atrium (same as Christmas sale)**  
**Our Coordinator is Hazel Wainwright.**

This is a chance for our members to sell their own work. Sellers are expected to set up and take down. The guild stands and sale props will be available for your use. We will be able to accept VISA and Mastercard credit cards as well as cash. Because use of credit costs a fee, the guild percentage has been increased to 15%.

E-mail Hazel ([hazel@theatrek.ca](mailto:hazel@theatrek.ca)) if you wish to take part. She will give you a sale package of price tags, sales forms, etc. and answer any questions.

# Yellowknife Quilters Library

at The Quilted Raven, 5005 53<sup>rd</sup> St



## Two Pretty Books

*Amish Quilts* by Lynn Koolish, C & T Publishing.

The subtitle is 'Featuring 21 Projects from Traditional to Modern.' That sells the book short. It has some wonderful photos supported by explanations and personal stories from the quilters. I like the way they explain the colours used too, but I'm not sure about black quilting thread.

Shelved under K Rating: ★★★★★

*Lone Star Quilts & beyond* by Jan Krentz, C & T Publishing.

In the days before paper piecing with Judy Niemeyer, spectacular quilts with points could still be made. This book tells you how. It covers fabric, layout, and design as well as construction. There's a beautiful gallery in the middle too.

Shelved under K Rating: ★★★★★

Please visit our library. Check out a book or take home a magazine. Books are stored alphabetically by author name. Looking for a particular type of quilting? Check the Book List, blue binder in the basket. The list is also on our website.

Any suggestions? Let us know at the guild email address or at a monthly meeting.

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### CANADA 150 Fabric & Patterns

July 1 is not that far away! We have patterns, fabric, kits available to get your celebrations going! More available in store!



Happy Quilting! Charlene & the Ravenettes

### North of 60 Quilting Services

[www.northof60quilting.com/](http://www.northof60quilting.com/)

Our spring sale was a huge success. Thanks to all who took advantage. Remember we have wide backs in stock. Call Anita to go and see them.

We are heading to Edmonton in June to take longarm classes with Angela Walters. We are looking forward to doing some custom quilting in the near future.

### *North of 60 Quilting Services*

We have options!  
Let us finish your quilt  
OR  
learn to use the longarm  
and finish it YOURSELF



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