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**September
Meeting
Thursday Sept 8
7:30 pm
Baker Centre**

What's Going On?

Summer Challenge

Still time to whip up your Summer Challenge. Make a table runner with summer as the theme. Any shape. Any size. Bring your creation to the September meeting to share.

Finished UFO?

If you have finished a registered UFO, be sure to bring it to the September meeting. Then your name will be in the final draw. Cindy won the draw in June. You could be next. Finish those UFOs!

Mystery Draw

Alert! Our 'special' draws at each meeting are going to be Mystery Draws again. You won't know what the draw is until you win!! Be prepared.



Canada 150 Quilt?

The City has invited us to make a group quilt to celebrate Canada's 150th birthday. We'll discuss and decide at the September meeting.

Christmas Sale

Our only fund-raising event of the year is the Christmas sale, near the end of November. Each member is expected to contribute an item for the guild to sell. Get started now.

Membership

Time to renew for 2016-17. Use the form at the end of the newsletter.

Twitter

We have 16 followers on Twitter so far. Sign up and follow us. @YKQuilters

**Tour of Sewing Rooms
24 Sept, 1-4**

How do people organize their quilt rooms? How do they store their fabrics? Does everybody have a design wall?

Find these answers and more by touring the sewing rooms of some of our brave members. Maps and information will be available at the September meeting and by e-mail. This tour is for members only.

There will be a prize draw too. Watch for the entry box at each location.

**Quilt Show
7-8 October
Northern United Place**

Set up on Thursday, 6 October, evening.

Take down at 5 pm on Saturday, 8 October.

Volunteers needed for set up, take down, and hostess duties. Sherry will have sign-up sheets at the September meeting.

Information on your quilt I.D. should include credit to pattern source or inspiration, as well as your name, title of work, and other contributors.

Summer Reports

Lunch Box Challenge

Revealing the results of the Lunch Box Challenge was a highlight of our June meeting. Members brought in 2 m of fabric in the fall for a blind swap. Months later almost everyone had finished an amazing quilt top for a return surprise.



Made for Marilyn, Cindy, and Leslie.

Social Sewing Nights

Our three sewing nights in the summer were so much fun. Oh, and they were productive too. About 15 members took part each time. Machine sewing, hand work, planning, and advice were mixed with chatter and admiration.

We will continue these gatherings all year. Third Thursday of each month, between 6:30 and 9:30 pm, at the Quilted Raven. Guild members only. No cost. Just show up and have fun.

Here are some upcoming dates for your calendar:

September 15, October 20, November 17, and December 15 in 2016.

Pillowcase Emergency

A house fire this summer took all the belongings of a Yellowknife family. The grandmother asked if the guild could make pillowcases for the 3 children, and 3 of our members volunteered. Here are the happy kids, enjoying their new pillowcases.

Thank you to the volunteers. You helped these kids through a bad time.



Executive for 2016-17

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Charlene, President



Sherry, VP



Vee, Secretary



Marilyn, Treasurer



Debbie, Media



Dawn, Draw Coord.



Charlotte, Newsletter

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Membership
Meetings
Sharing Gifts
Out of Town Teachers
Photos
Library
Christmas Sale
Treats Coord.
Sewing Nights
Retreats
CQA Rep

Cindy Taylor
Deanna Black and Leslie Bromley
Karin Von Allmen
Donna McDonald
Deanna Black
Charlotte Babicki
Lesley Singer
Lillian McOuat
Hazel Wainwright
Sherry Wiseman
Shona Barbour



Thank You, Grace

Grace Whitelock has resigned from the Executive for family reasons. We want to thank her for all the work and help she provided. Hope all goes well for you.

Yellowknife Quilters Library

at The Quilted Raven, 5005 53rd St



New Books & One New Category

The June newsletter had reviews for 2 new baby quilt books. Those were Annie's *Quick & Easy Baby Quilts* and Martingale's *Welcome Baby*.

Over the summer, we added 3 more books. *Sweet Tweets* by Erin Cox is so cute, it makes me want to applique.

Quilted Skinnies for all Seasons by Margie Ullery has patterns and instructions for small projects. Some are perfect for the Christmas sale.

All in a Row compiled by Lissa Alexander has 24 row-by-row quilt designs from Moda's All-Star Designers.

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.

Our Book List is a little crowded in the Patterns category. Cindy suggested a section for **Pre-cuts**, so that is our new category for the year.

Please visit our library. Check out a book or take home a magazine. Suggestions for new books or DVDs? Let me know at: quiltingyk@gmail.com

Travel Adventures: Tent Sale at Keepsake Quilts, New Hampshire

By email from my friend Sandra, who lives near Ottawa

We had a mentor who has been to the sale 12 years in a row, and she gave us written instructions! She said to bring a chair, several tote bags, and a blanket. She said she got there at 3:30 a.m. because you want to be in the first 50 -- they let 50 in at a time and you can stay in as long as you want. The chairs and blanket are for the wait and the tote bags are for the scrap boxes (more later) and also to put stuff in while in the tent. We arrived at 4:40 a.m. and were 26th in line. We loaded up our totes in about 2 hours in the tent, examined them, returned some items, and paid. I got a few kits (Debbie got a \$200 one for \$10, but I didn't even like it), some fabric (yardage and jelly rolls and layer cakes etc.), some patterns.

Now about those scrap boxes. There are scraps from 1/2 yard up to several yards. Most are at least 1/2 yard. Everything you can fit into a zip lock bag (about a quart) is \$6.99. You have to poke (or bite) holes in the bag to let the air out. You fold and roll the fabric. The bag must be zipped shut. Debbie later measured one of her bags, about 4 1/2 yards was in it. Who could know we would have so much fun doing that? They let us start with the scrap boxes at about 7. We stopped at 7:45 to line up for entry to the tent (put our totes of scraps under a blanket) and then continued after we did the tent. At around 7:40 they had a raffle --first prize in the tent 15 minutes early, 2nd 10 minutes, 3rd 5 minutes.

Had a lot of fun and I don't feel like buying any more fabric. The store left the door open so people could use the bathroom. Very nice of them. Some people slept on the porch overnight!!

We were on the road home by 1 p.m. There were still long lines to get into the tent. Our mentor stays for the 2nd day -- the tent items are an additional 20% off then. Also she and her sisters fill about 170 scrap bags -- she sends them to other sisters especially one who does charity quilts. I hate to admit it but I had 17 scrap bags. Lots of batiks, some wool, some flannel, a little bit of 30s.



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Welcome Back Quilters!! Lots of great new fabric has arrived during the summer. Over 100 new bolts of assorted cotton, flannel and batik ready for your projects of the winter! We have two batik lines from Trend Tex "Wildlife" and several additions to "The Plains People Collection II."

Happy Quilting! Charlene & the Ravenettes



North of 60 Quilting Services

www.northof60quilting.com/

Be sure to stop in during the sewing room tour and have a look at our new pantos. We are getting ready for Christmas. (Hope you are too!)

North of 60 Quilting Services

We have options!
Let us finish your quilt
OR
learn to use the longarm
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Membership Application

Sept. 1, 2016 – Aug. 31, 2017

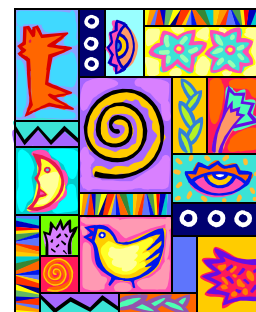
Membership is open to all NWT residents.

The annual fee is \$30, payable by cash or cheque.

Mail this form with payment to the address below

or pay at The Quilted Raven

or bring form and payment to the next guild meeting (2nd Thursday of the month, Sept to June).



The monthly newsletter will be sent to your email address.

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How would you like to support your guild?

☐ Help out at Christmas sale

☐ Help at annual show

☐ Donate to Christmas sale

☐ Bring snacks to a meeting

☐ Help with Sharing Gifts projects

☐ Take photographs

☐ Help with the book draw

☐ Help with meeting set up, take down

If you have a problem with having photos taken of you during guild activities and shared in our newsletter, on our website, or on our Facebook page, please let us know. quiltingyk@gmail.com

Payment Details: ☐ Cash

☐ Cheque