

Hello and welcome to 2011. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas season filled with good times shared with family and friends. I also hope that all of you were able to take some time to do some quilting.

Now we are in January, wonderful January. I know a lot of people find this month cold and dark but I love it because it offers me a slower time of year. The fall months and December are always so busy and January offers me a month reprieve. It is a month where I always hope and plan to hibernate in my quilting room and enjoy the days quilting. Ah.....and then reality hits! January passes me by and I still have not realized much quilting time and then I long for next year's January. Oh well, one can dream about all the quilting one would like to do.

At our January meeting, instead of a demo, we will be having a discussion night. As quilters, we always seem to have some questions about different tricks, tips and techniques. For example, there seems to be the questions "To steam or not to steam", "To starch or not to starch". So please, any of those questions that you have, please ask them at our meeting. EVERY question is a good one. Now, if you have cool tips and techniques you would like to share, please bring them and share them with us at our meeting. Another idea is to bring some of your rulers, cutters or any other gadget that has been very helpful to you and show what it does.

I am really looking forward to our first ever retreat on January 14 & 15. We had 17 sign up but quite a few of you have to register yet, so please do that at our meeting so that I can finalize numbers for the meals, help with setting up, that sort of thing. Bring your own projects to work on and we will fill our time with sharing, quilting and building relationships. Remember, you don't have to sleep over to be part of this. Just indicate on your registration form if you will be sleeping over or not.

Thank you all for being a part of such a wonderful group.
Beverley

Upcoming Events:

- Jan. 14 & 15 - Guild Retreat.
- Feb. 11 & 12 - Thread Art with Bernice
- Apr. 8 & 9 - Sunburst table runner with Irene

Things to be Working On

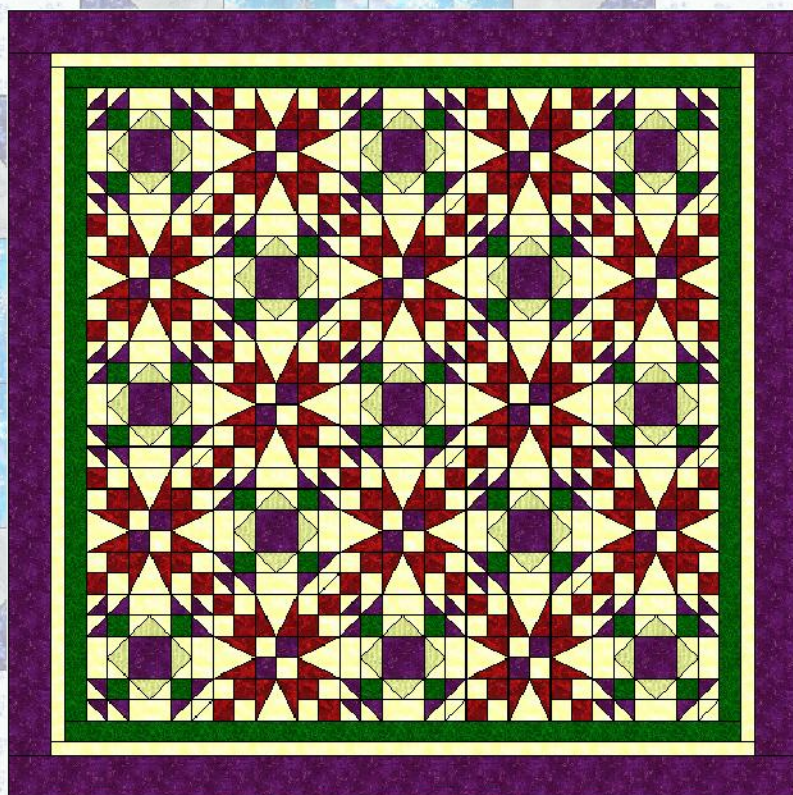
- Box top challenge
- Fabric challenge



Mystery Quilt

Don't Forget:

- Wednesday quilting from 9-4. \$2.00/quilter
- Reid Thompson Public library holds our guild quilting books and they can be taken out any time. A copy of the CQA magazine is also there.
- CQA magazine to be brought to the mtg. to be passed around.



Secondary Designs:

Look closely at this quilt. It consists of 2 different blocks but when put side by side the blocks seem to interconnect and form their own secondary designs. Play with blocks designs that you like and see what you come up with. Don't forget the colour and colour value will make a difference with this type of quilt.

Birthday Celebrations

JANUARY

Frances - Jan. 3
Marianne - Jan. 18
Monique - Jan. 25
Barb W. - Jan. 28



Quilt shops that support our Guild:

- Haus of Stitches - Humboldt - check them out for a learn to quilt class
- Prairie Chicks Quilting and Scrapbooking - Hague
- Creative House - Saskatoon

Executive:

Past-President - Maxine Nelson
President - Beverley Harding
Treasurer - Colleen Hushagen
Secretary - Marianne Pappenfoot