

Hello and welcome to our November meeting. Well, did we have our winter last week? I sure hope not, I need winter to do my quilting.

October was a busy month for our guild as we have all been starting to think and even work on the various challenges and the Mystery Quilt. Maybe some are even finishing up the BOM quilts from last year.

October also saw an amazing workshop with Kathy Tanner from Harmony Handdyes in Tisdale. She is such a good teacher and I love how she told us that nothing is ever a mistake, it's what we do with our "oopsies" that is important. There were 11 of us that took the workshop and we even had a lady from the the Saskatoon Quilt Guild. Kathy showed us how to do discharge dyeing on black fabric using templates and stencils. Then she showed us different embellishing techniques such as foiling (I was shocked how easy that is), Shiva Patent Stiks and Tsukineko Inks. Our creative juices were flowing! I went home wishing I could just hibernate for the next year in my quilting studio and play with all my "toys" down there.

OK, did I just say PLAY? That brings me to another item on my mind. I would like to see a satellite group with our quilt guild where we get together on a Saturday for a "Play Day". This could happen once a month or once every 2 months. It would be a time to share and grow as quilt artists focusing on surface design and embellishment work. I am not sure yet how all of this will evolve but somehow it will. If you are interested in this type of thing please contact me either by phone or email.

I would really, really like to encourage each and every one of you to attend our workshops. They are incredibly low cost but highly valuable. You do not have to be a long time or expert quilter to take these workshops. I guarantee that you will learn a lot in them. It is also incredibly inspiring to be with other quilters learning something new.

The Retreat is something else that is on my mind. Mark it down (Jan. 14 (starting at 5 pm) and Jan 15. We are hoping to plan a fun and inspiring first retreat but to make it a success we need as many of you as possible to sign up for it.

Happy quilting,
Beverley

Upcoming Events

Flip Flop Wall Hanging -
Nov. 19 & 20 - Deb Haryett.
It is not too late to sign up!!

Dec. 2 mtg - Bring items for
food bank.
- Kathy Tanner & Shiva
Paint Stiks

Guild Retreat -
January 14 (eve) & 15

Don't Forget & TO DO's:

Christmas Fat 1/4 X-chg
for Nov. mtg.

President's Challenge

Fabric Challenge

Mystery Quilt

Wednesday Quilting

Pillow Case Challenge

Remember the pillow
case challenge? All the
pillowcases are being
sent to Interval House
in Saskatoon - a safe
house for women &
children.

www.intervalhouse.org
Thank you to those
who contributed.

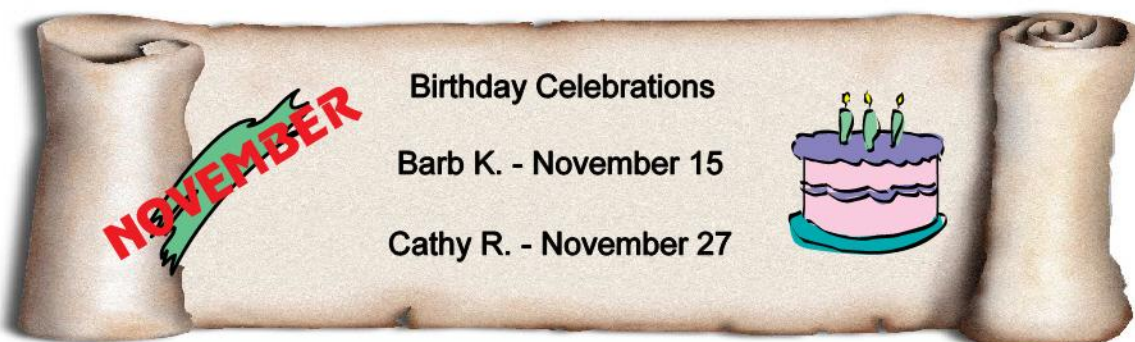
Quilting Tip

Avoid cutting your batting with your rotary cutter on the right side of your mat. The fluff from the batting goes into the micro cuts in the board and then when the board "heals up" these cuts the fluff stays in causing bumps on the back of your board. Instead, use the backside of your board.

Quilting Myth

Piecing and quilting by hand has always been prized over using a sewing machine. When the sewing machine became available the possession of one was quite a status symbol. Piecing was often done by sewing machine and a few women even machine stitched their quilting or appliqué. Considering how much harder it must have been to do this compared to using modern sewing machines it certainly wasn't out of laziness but because of a desire to use the sewing machine. These visible stitches advertised that the quilter was a proud owner of a sewing machine. Sewing the binding by machine was another way to show off machine stitching.

During the Colonial Revival around the turn of the last century hand quilting was valued more but this was a part of a movement toward going back to fine handcrafts. During the earlier years when the sewing machine was first available we do not find that most people considered hand piecing and quilting to be the superior method.



You know you are a quilt addict when: You have no qualms about driving for 2-3 hours just to see a quilt show or go to a quilt store.

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:

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