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November 2025 Newsletter

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President's Message:

Happy November friends!

As we turn toward the holiday season, let's keep our spirits bright!

This time of the year is always busy with preparation and shopping for the upcoming Christmas season. I like to remind myself to slow down and enjoy a nice cup of tea and relax every so often to give myself a break from all the hustle and bustle.

I hope you all have a chance to do the same, and get some nice fall quilting and stitching projects out of hiding too.

Remember to check the website for our next Community quilt day, and some exciting upcoming programs to take part in.

And don't forget to bring your change for the 50th anniversary raffles, they'll be drawn on the third Tuesday of this month! (November 18)

I hope you all get to enjoy the next few weeks of fall weather before the snow really flies!

Kelsey Gunn



Cathy Harnish Wins again !!!

1st place ribbon for her Tula Pink Butterfly Quilt at the recent Saskatoon Show

Traditional Pieced,
Moveable Machine Quilted Large category





at the recent Saskatoon Show







Community Quilts

November is already here. We had our first Community Quilt day of the month on November 1st. The day was led by Gisele McVittie and Chantal Fleury. We had a very good turnout. Thanks to all the ladies who showed up. It was a lot of fun.

Thank you Gisele and Chantal.

Our next Community Quilt day is on November 22. You can work on any project you want or help sew together all those orphan blocks we received 2 weeks ago. All quilts sewed together will go to Community Quilts. It should be interesting to see what we can create.

Diane Gaudette Community Quilt coordinator

Community Quilt Block





Block of the month

Thank you to everyone who has participated in the Block of the Month. Congratulations to Claudia Gobeil who won a lovely stack of blocks for a future project. Dot Manchuk has very generously offered to put the Mosaic blocks together for a Community Quilt. Sandra Castonguay has also generously offered to quilt the Mosaic Quilt. It truly does take a village to make a quilt at times. Thank you too all the members who took the time to make all these blocks.

The November Block of the Month will have you making 4 flying geese at a time and doing some snow balling. Lol. Just in time for you know what!

Please have fun with The Ohio Star Block.

Dianne Soucy

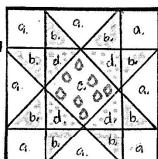
Block of the month The Ohio Star



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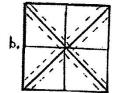
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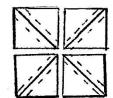
Resource: Youtube – Erica Ardnt Due: December 2, 2025



Materials:

- a. 1-71/4" x 71/4" (background white on white)
- a. 4-31/2" x 31/2" (background white on white)
- b. 1-734" x 734" (star points)
- c. 1-6/2X6/2 (center) 0
- d. 4-31/2" x31/2" (snowball) **



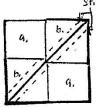


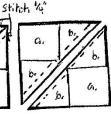
4 Flying Geese At A Time:

b. Mark wrong side of fabric diagonally on both sides.
 Cut the block intersecting the diagonal lines.

Lay 2 (b) blocks diagonally on (a) 7 % x 7 % (background) Stitch 1/4" from the drawn diagonal line.

Cut on the diagonal line and then press to the dark side.

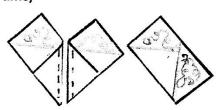




Take the 2 pressed pieces and add the 2 remaining squares with the lines as shown Stitch ¼" on both sides of the line and then cut on the line.

Press and square to 3 1/2" x 6 1/2" (Flying Geese - 4 at a time)





SNOWBALL

Draw a line diagonally on the d. 3 1/2" squares.

Place the d. 3 1/2" squares one at a time on each corner of the c. center block.

Stitch to the right of the diagonal line, cut ¼" from the sewn line towards the corner and press to the dark side.



When stitching the blocks together, press the seams so that they nestle. Watch not to loose your points.

If you have time, please make a second bock that will be used for Community Quilts (you pick the pretty color) I went with blue.

Do not square the block. 12 1/2" Block



IN CLUB QUILT 2025-2026

Hello fellow members,

We have 2/3 of the hand quilting done on the in-club quilt! Come join me in finishing this beautiful quilt that members quilted for 52 hours and counting... Only 15 minutes to qualify for a ballot! And stay as long as you like. No need to have any experience as we can teach you how.

The in-club quilt will be set up during the two meetings on Tuesdays and on our Community Quilt Saturdays.

Bring your favorite thimble, your reader's glasses, and come join me at the quilting bee circle!

Happy hand quilting!

Louise Gosselin
In Club Quilt Coordinator



Let's continue to inspire each other!

I have wanted to share my love for scrappy and some of the free content I see on YouTube for a while. This one is a disappearing 16 patch. Use 5 inch square stash, or as I might try cutting a layer cake for control scrappy.

Video by Lori Dickman.

https://youtu.be/sOZLECK9bLc?si=U4B4sb8bWBITKFto

Sarah Day



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Open Wednesday 1-3 or by chance or appointment

A diet is the penalty we pay for exceeding the feed limit; A warning with the holidays coming up.

As I write this newsletter it is very sunny out but the forecast for tomorrow is snow. It's that time of year. If you're looking for a gift for a stitcher, come and check us out. We have many different patterns, kits, threads and fibers.

We have quilts for sale, from baby size to queen size. Many lap size to cuddle with on a cold winter night.

The main difficulty with a liar is the necessity to have a good memory.

We have some pieced tops that you can have finished or do it yourself. We also have quilt kits to get or give. Too many committees waste hours and save minutes.

We have a few Christmas decorations.

My great grandsons love their soft cloth books. We have some panels and a few finished books for sale. People wouldn't worry about what people think of them if they knew how seldom they do. I also have mini aprons for the junior cook or gardener to help out Mom.

Most of us get experience when we are looking for something else.

Found a box of fat quarters that somehow got missed when we went to Quilts on the Rocks. The design is fluid fabric so we are putting them on special 10 for \$25. Nice gift for a friend.

We do have some wide backings and a lot of plaid fabric; some really nice lace and different trims.

I try to stay open Wednesday from 10-3; Subject to Doctors appointments.

Check to be sure; other times by chance or appointment - 705-929-3940.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Pat



SO FAR.....

As this article comes together for the Newsletter, we are quickly approaching the first half of our guild year being completed! How did that go so fast? November's workshops are happening in the next couple of weeks, and before we know it we will break for Christmas.

We are thrilled how many participants there have been for program so far.

- 1. Flange Binding 11
- 2. Applique 20
- 3. Crumb Quilting 7
- 4. Needle Punch Embroidery 9

The last 2 classes; YoYo Christmas Ornament has 7 signed up, and the Macrame Christmas Ornament has 16.

The next classes start on January 13, 2026 with the Self Binding Placemats, make sure you sign up soon so you don't miss out.

The Quilting 101 has been going great, with 11 participants learning the basics, and they will complete a table runner when were finished.

The Revised program schedule has been included in this newsletter, so you can make sure you aren't missing anything.

Come and sign up for a class
Any questions? please see Marjorie and Tracy





2025/2026 Guild Year

Date	Room C	Room B	Craft/ Library	Walls
Tuesday, November 11/25	Quilting 101 – Class 3 Marjorie	YoYo Christmas Ornament Sharon Bourque		Yes
Tuesday November 18/25		Macrame Christmas Ornament Juliet McDonald		Yes
Tuesday, January 13/26	Quilting 101 -Class 4 Marjorie	Self-Binding Placemats Susan Young		Yes
Tuesday, February 10/26	Quilting 101 – Class 5 Marjorie	Preparing Quilts for Exhibition Cathy Harnish		Yes
Tuesday, March 10/26	Quilting 101 – Class 6 Marjorie	Positive/Negative Applique bag Class 1 – March 10 th Class 2 – March 24th Joan Chabot		no
Saturday April 11/26	Wool Embroidery Applique – 9 am – 4pm Marjorie Location: Elm West Recreation Centre			no
Tuesday, April 14/26	Paper Piecing - Tracy			Yes

The Program this year for Guild begins TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025 and running the SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH (except December) and finishing on Tuesday, April 14, 2026. The sessions will be held in Kinsman room B or in the craft room/library at the Parkside from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. You may arrive at 6pm for setup and we must be out by 9pm. There are 2 scheduled Saturday sessions, indicated in green. We hope you all find classes you would like to participate in and look forward to a great guild year.

Marjorie and Tracy







Thanks for the trunk show Marjorie © Beautiful work!



Evelyn Yade and her beautiful hand work











YoYo Christmas Trees A Festive Project!

Tuesday, November 11, 2025 - 6:30 p.m.

Looking for a fun and festive project to kick off the holiday season? Join **Sharon Bourque** as she shares creative ideas and inspiration for making **YoYo Christmas Trees**.

Whether you'd like to roll up your sleeves and start your own tree that evening, or simply come to watch and gather inspiration, this session is sure to spark your creativity. Bring your supplies if you'd like to sew along or just come ready to enjoy a relaxed evening to put you in the Christmas spirit.

Sign up with Tracy Gunn so you can receive the supply list/resource & inspiration sheet via email.



MACRAME SNOWFLAKE ORNAMENT

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

Macramé is an old textile craft that uses simple knotting techniques. It is also an easy craft to pick up. There are 5 basic knots. It is the combinations of these basic knots that can create elaborate &

ornamental knotting forms, and this makes the macramé appear more intricate & lacier.

The macramé snowflake pattern is very simple, and the snowflake is easy to make. The snowflakes (shown below) require only 3 basic knots. If you can tie a knot, you can macramé.

Yarn/cording, a central plastic ring & a macramé board will be provided to make one macramé snowflake. Please join me in creating a simple, yet quick snowflake ornament.

Juliet McDonald



Quilts on the Rocks -2027

Joan and I are looking forward to working with this wonderful group to bring to you and the community another amazing quilt and stitchery show. Our first priority is to search out and secure a venue for 2027.

There are still a couple of openings on the committee if you would like to join us.

Yours in quilting and stitchery, Marlene McCulligh

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Cathy Carr, ccrr@isys.ca

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- Stitchery Display: Sylvie Thibodeau, sylvie-sly@sympatico.ca



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The kits are going fast!

If you would like to participate, Please Contact:
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"50 Years of Change" Quilt Block Challenge 2026 International Plowing Match and Rural Expo

You are invited to design a quilt block based on the IPM Theme, "50 Years of Change".

Quilt block challenge kits include: two 10" squares, one 6" square. Individual fabrics may be added to the Quilt block, but must include the supplied fabrics. Blocks are to be 12 ½" unfinished.

Background colour is to be white or white on white, no cream or shimmer.

Submitted blocks will be made into quilts and accessories that will be on display in the Quilt Tent.

1st Prize: \$75 2nd Prize: \$50 3rd Prize: \$25

Mail or deliver by Feb 15, 2026, to:

Michelle Phillippi, 166 Bruce Rd 15, RR1 Cargill, ON N0G 1J0 For delivery arrangements or more info email: quilts2026ipm@gmail.com

Supplied fabrics generously donated by Northcott Silk Inc.

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Canadian on line retailers for Punch Needle supplies: Submitted by Sharon Bourque

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https://www.upyurquilt.ca/shop/Punch-Needle.htm

https://wool-tyme.com/products/morgan-lap-stand?variant=47056150462718

https://punchneedlerughooking.ca/products/10-no-slip-hoop

https://www.theknitcafetoronto.com/collections/rug-hooking-and-punch-needle-

supplies/products/no-slip-hoops

The cat (or dog) paws Christmas stocking A free pattern available:

Patternsforpirates.com

Submitted by Jennifer Maddock



- Rendesvous Craft Sale - Nov 21 & 22 at Penage Lake Road Community Centre. (Friday...4 pm to 9 pm...Sat. 10 am to 4 pm) Ask Val for vendor info.





For more information: Please contact Colette May colettemay@hotmail.ca





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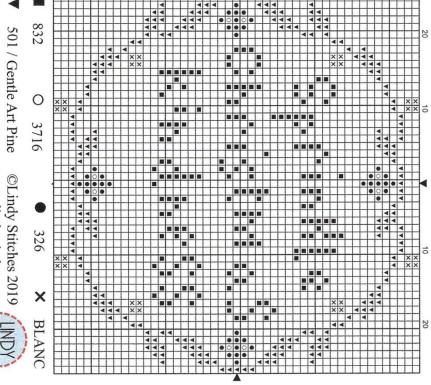
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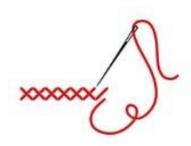
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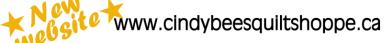
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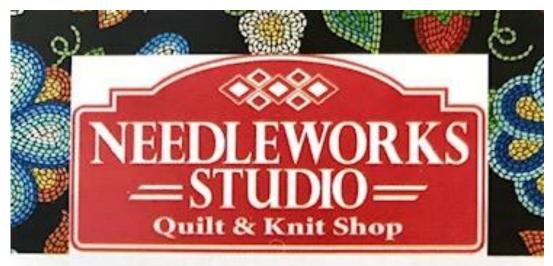


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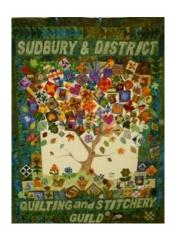
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