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January 2026 Newsletter

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President's Message:

Hello and Happy New Year friends!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and you're feeling refreshed and ready to kick off the second half of our guild year.

The New Year always makes me want to start new projects, and I'm sure I'm not the only one. We have so much to look forward to this year, how could we not find motivation all over.

Keep an eye out for community quilt days coming up! Mark your calendars and enjoy a fun day with friends, while also giving back to our community.

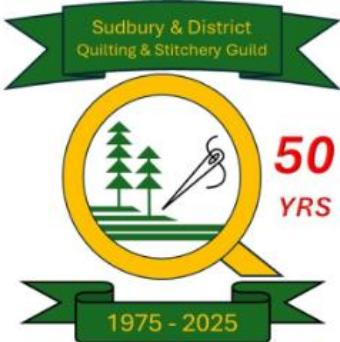
I can't wait to see the 50th anniversary challenge pieces too! What a fun way to upcycle regular items into something fun and creative.

Just a reminder, we are still waiting for someone to come forward to plan the end of the year workshop, this year is a quilting workshop so please reach out to me if you would like to take this on!

Happy stitching!

Kelsey Gunn





Happy January and welcome back to the guild

We are happy and excited to announce that we have 2 raffle items this month. The tickets are \$5.00 for 3 tickets per raffle.

We will be also having the 50/50 fabric draw. It is \$2.00 for a square. PLEASE BRING CHANGE

50th ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE:

We hope everyone is having fun and are excited to add to your 50th Challenge Project. We are all set to do some fishing for the item you will be fishing out of the box. Please do not ask me to look in the box. No, nope, not happening. Lol, I love games... You will need to use the item in some way with the project you have been working on. You do not need to use the entirety of the item.

If you wish to trade with someone, you can.

Please do not be disappointed if you did not sign up for this wonderful challenge. We do have 2 items left if you would like to sign up.

Your finished project is due for show and tell on March 3, 2026. You can also show it in April. You choose.

If you do not want your finished project, you can donate it to be used in a draw at our 50th Celebration. You could also give it to someone of your choosing.

Please share the information with your friends. Not all members check their e-mail or are on Facebook.

Sincerely,
Janet, Carol, Helene, Shanley, Kelsey, and Dianne





Community Quilts

Happy New Year everyone; I hope you all had a very nice holiday with family and friends.

We are already in the second half of our quilting year. We have 5 more Community Quilt days scheduled this season, including this Saturday, January 10th. Elaine Paxton is hosting. Please come and spend the day, it's a lot of fun.

If that's not possible, pick up a kit at a meeting and make it at home at your leisure. I very much appreciate all the quilters that put quilts together. At every meeting, our line is full of quilts, plus, many left on the table, because there's no room on the line. We have memory blocks for the Hospice, palliative pillows for Pioneer Manor, and so much more. Thank you very much everyone.

Community Quilt coordinator
Diane Gaudette



Memory Quilt Challenge:

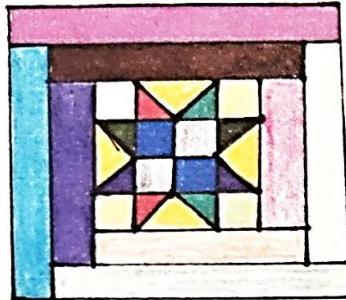
The hospice mini memory quilt challenges for January/February are:

Beach Vacation – Holiday - Travel
Winter Olympic Sports
Go Canada is another theme which will be popular I am sure.

Thank you,
Sarah Day

STARRY LOG CABIN
Community Quilt February 7, 2026
Hosted by: Diane Gaudette & Dianne Soucy
Resource: Donna Jordan

Quilt Size - 48" x 64"
 12 Blocks - Unfinished 16 1/2"



FABRIC REQUIREMENTS: (12 Blocks)

Dark Fabric (D):	Light Fabric (L):
12 - 16 1/2" x 2 1/2"	12 - 14 1/2" x 2 1/2"
12 - 10 1/2" x 2 1/2"	12 - 8 1/2" x 2 1/2"
12 - 14 1/2" x 2 1/2"	12 - 12 1/2" x 2 1/2"
12 - 12 1/2" x 2 1/2"	12 - 10 1/2" x 2 1/2"
120 - 2 1/2" x 2 1/2"	48 - 4 1/2" x 2 1/2"
	48 - 2 1/2" x 2 1/2"

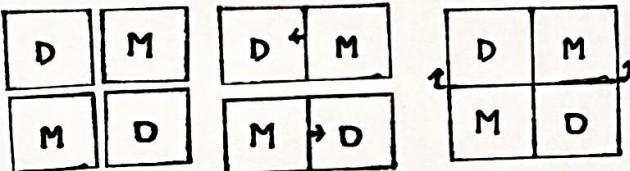
Medium Fabric (M):

24 - 2 1/2" x 2 1/2"

INSTRUCTIONS: Strip piece.

Create 12 4-patch using 2 1/2" x 2 1/2"

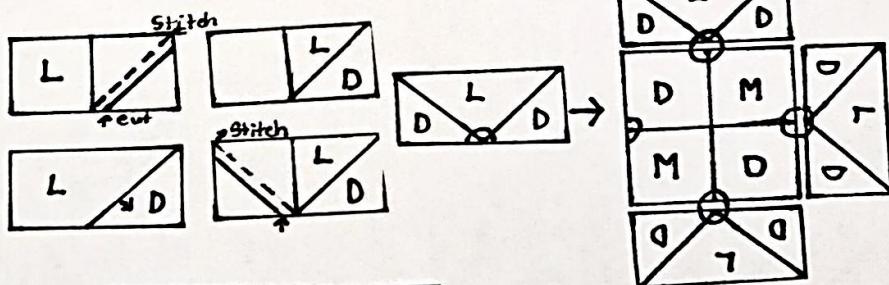
Press the seam to the dark side.



Make 48 Star Legs

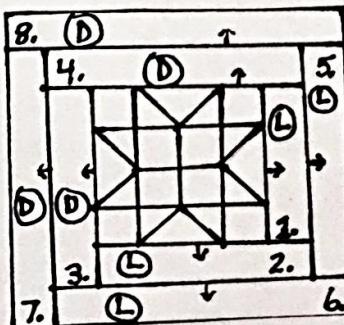
Watch the points when attaching to the 4-patch. Stitch a 2 1/2" square to the 4 1/2" x 2 1/2" rectangle. Trim 1/4" and press to dark.

Do the same to the other side of 4 1/2" rectangle.



Add the Log Cabin around the block you made with the star legs. Follow the diagram.

1. 8 1/2" L
2. 10 1/2" L
3. 10 1/2" D
4. 12 1/2" D
5. 12 1/2" L
6. 14 1/2" L
7. 14 1/2" D
8. 16 1/2" D



This quilt measures 48" x 64". You can always add borders if you wish. You can always do the borders like Donna Jordan.

This is the pattern we are using on February 7, 2026, for our Saturday Community Quilt. We will also have an additional kit (log cabin) for those people who do not want to do the Starry Log Cabin.

Diane and Dianne

ABSTRACT SNOWFLAKE JANUARY BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Due: February 3, 2026

Happy New Year Guild Members and welcome back. A special thank-you goes out to Elaine Paxton for submitting and organizing the January Block of the Month. If at any time, you have a question regarding this block please contact me (Dianne 705-525-0746). This block will be in the Newsletter, your e-mail and on the Guild's Facebook page.

Block Lottery: background is white on white or white fabric. The accent color is going to be a medium or dark blue fabric.

Community Quilt Block: use the same background color and then accent with whatever color you would like.

Material:

White on white or white fabric.

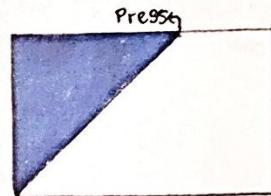
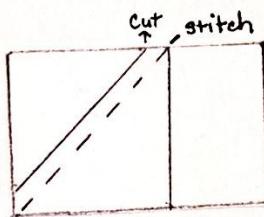
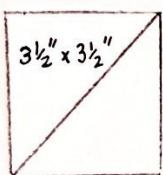
4 - $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $5\frac{1}{2}$ "

Medium to dark **blue** fabric.

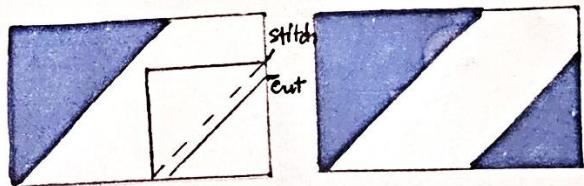
1 - $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $10\frac{1}{2}$ "

4 - $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ "

4 - $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ "



Make 4



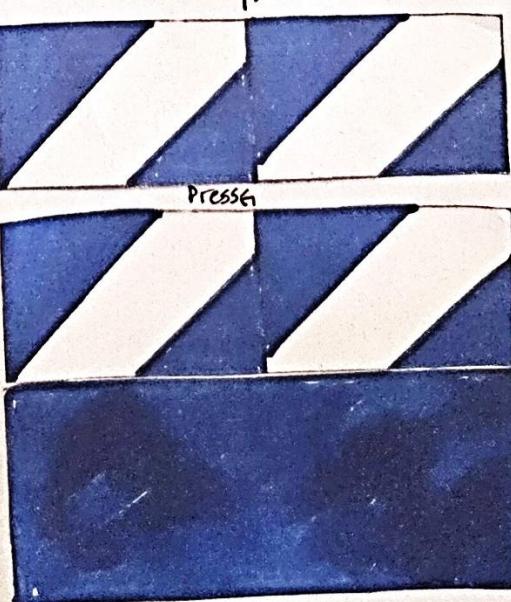
Mark a diagonal line on wrong side of $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ " blue fabric. Stitch 1 piece to the white $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $5\frac{1}{2}$ " along the drawn line. Trim $\frac{1}{4}$ " towards the corner and press towards the dark side. You will make 4.

Now attach the $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " blue squares to the corner as shown. Stitch the blocks together. Press towards the dark side.



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Press

Stitch the $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $10\frac{1}{2}$ " blue to the block as shown and press to the dark side.



4 of these blocks make 1 snowflake. Make as many as you would like.

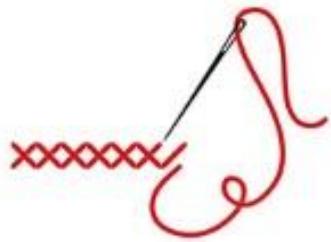
***Please make a different color with the background being white that will be used for a Community Quilt.



Block of the Month
January 2026

Community Quilt





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As I write this newsletter the rain is melting the snow. I always remember a bad cold spell in January. There is definitely climate change. My husband, who lives on the weather channel, informs me that we will have a few mild days and then get hit with the cold weather. It is really the freezing rain that scares me.

Not too much activity at the shop over Christmas. But if you are a stitchery try and stop in. Besides having many stitchery fibers that you won't find anywhere else, we still have some nice wide backings and lots of plaid material.

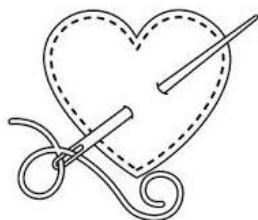
If you really look like your passport photo, chances are not well enough to travel.

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I have decided to sell my longarm machine so if anyone is interested give me a call. 705-929-3940.

Wishing you all the best in 2026!

Pat Jacobson



IN CLUB QUILT 2025-2026

Hello fellow members,

We only have 1/4 of the hand quilting to go on the in-club quilt! Come join me in finishing this beautiful quilt that members quilted. 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





Greetings ladies: Just a few quick reminders for this month.

Tuesday, January 13th will see “Quilting 101” session number four, along with “Self-Binding Placemats and Coasters” with Susan Young. This will be a demonstration only, so sewing

machines are not required.

We have started to collect the \$25 fee for the Wool Applique Workshop scheduled for Saturday, April 11th. We have the colour selections to choose from as well. Refunds will be given for cancellations up to two weeks before the workshop.

We have received a few requests for an Appliquik workshop. In order to assess the viability of such a workshop, Joan Chabot and I (Marjorie) will give a demonstration after the regular guild meeting on February 3rd. Joan will demonstrate needle-turn applique, and I will demonstrate Appliquik as a comparison. If enough interest is shown, we will talk to Carla Alexiuk about putting on an Appliquik workshop in the fall.

Thanks
Marjorie and Tracy

2025/2026 Guild Year

Date	Room C	Room B	Craft/ Library	Walls
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 10th 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

Sleep in Your Own Bed Retreat

When: March 21st and 22nd



Cost \$25 which includes supper on Saturday night

Doors open at 9:00 a.m. both days.

We can only accommodate 36 participants.

Signup sheets will be at the first week and third week meetings. Payment may be made with cash or e-transfer. If sending an e-transfer please enter your name in the notes section and send me an email.

For any questions contact

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One of my Favourite Websites: submitted by Jennifer Maddock

www.fabriccafe.com

Fabric Cafe in the U.S. has published a lot of patterns, books and videos using their "Three Yard Quilt" method. The idea behind it is that you can use one yard each of three different fabrics and produce a large lap sized quilt. The patterns are very simple and quick to put together and they make a really nice quilt. On their website they feature a few free patterns which they change every couple of months. I have used the patterns extensively in Community Quilts and, since the patterns are free, they are OK to distribute without copyright issues. They have lots of videos on YouTube as well, showing suggested colour and fabric combinations.

Enjoy!

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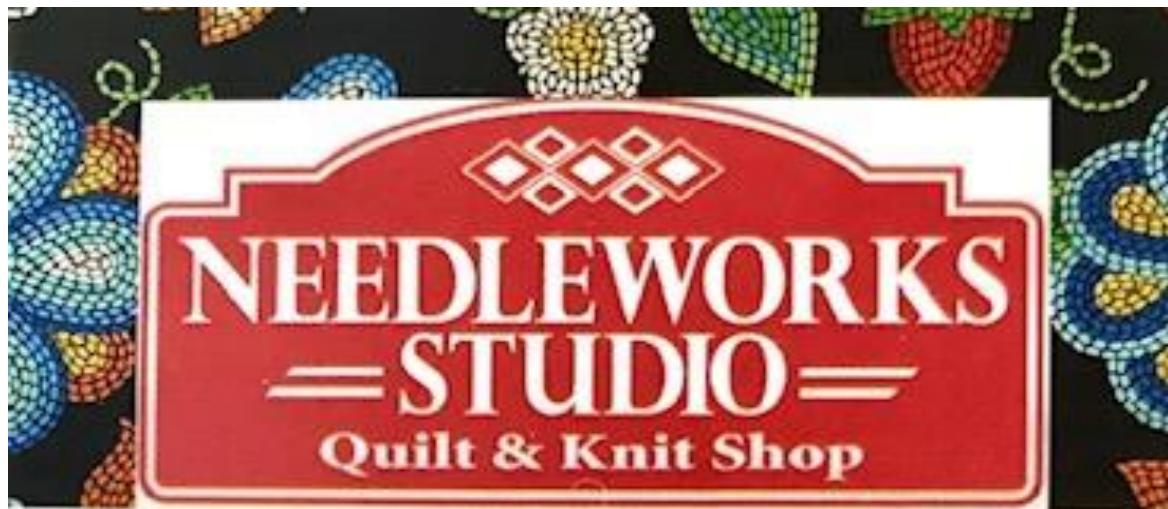
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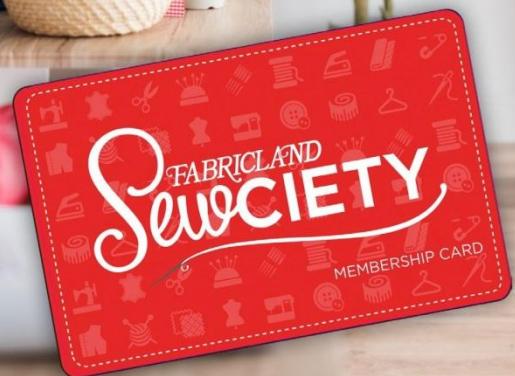
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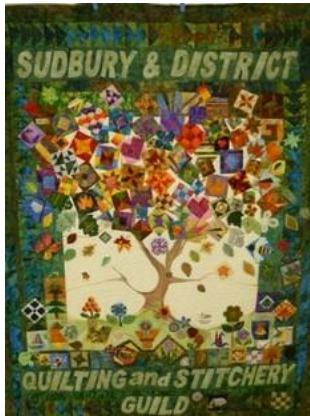
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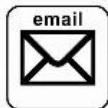
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