



QUILTING LINES

President's Message

Welcome to October and the falling of the leaves. Thanksgiving is on our minds but with a different look, all of course, due to Covid. By the time this message gets to you this too of course will have passed and it will have been a Thanksgiving like no other for many of us.

I have been spending a lot of time in my sewing room finishing off some projects that lingered over the summer months. With the boat out of the water my sewing becomes my priority. Before I would start anything new I persevered and finished the 2 Row by Row Quilts from the CQA Challenge. These quilts brought me sanity in March, April and May. Once these quilts were completed I made my star blocks from our Block of the Month Challenge presented by Deb Guscott. I enjoyed this first block and look forward to the one this month. I posted pictures of these three projects for our Blog and look forward to seeing what you have posted as well.

I am now working on the "Winter Joy" quilt that was to have been a workshop. I am quite enjoying the challenge from this Quilt. Hopefully the top will be done by November and if so will post then.

I hope all of you are doing well and also hope that your family is healthy. I hope you are getting all your outside tasks completed so that you can be creative at your machines. Until next time, social distance and sew, sew, sew!

Lee Arthurs

Block of the Month – All Stars by Deb Guscott

(reprinted from Sept. Quilting Lines)

While we're on pause with our "in person" meetings, we are inviting members to participate in a Block of the Month challenge. It will work a little differently – you will keep all your blocks and at the end of the year, take a picture of what you've completed, whether it be a pillow, table topper, wall hanging, or full size quilt.

This is how it will work:

- If you would like to incorporate your blocks into a larger star sampler project, shop your stash for coordinating fabrics. You will need as many as five, or as few as two, different fabrics for each block. Select a background fabric that could also be used as alternate setting blocks or sashing.
- Every month, we will post a block in our newsletter. We have chosen to do a different star block each month. For many of the blocks, there will be size options that will all fit together in the end.
- You choose your color scheme, and in many cases, size of block. Make it traditional, modern, scrappy, Batik...
- Make as many blocks as you like, in as many size variations as you like. A few blocks will make a runner or wall hanging. Many blocks will make a bed quilt. Each month can be a different color scheme, or you can run the same fabrics throughout the challenge to make a larger quilt. The choice is yours!

We know there are some newer quilters among us, so we'll make some of the blocks a little simpler or larger to get you started. There will be a few more challenging blocks in the months ahead for those who are up for more intricate piecing or... yikes... maybe even paper piecing.

Warning!! Stars mean HST's. If you have a favorite method or ruler, just note the finished size of the block and away you go. If you're new to HST, we won't try to reinvent the wheel here. There are a gazillion resources out there to help you out. Or... you can call a friend!

The Sept. BOM file will be sent as a separate attachment. If you don't see it check your junk mail. If you still did not receive it please email me: gbb182@gmail.com

October Block of the Month

Hello quilters! Did you try the September Star in a Star block?

This month's block is an easy one. The block is courtesy of the Seasoned Homemaker, the PDF attached with this newsletter. The block finishes 12 inches (12.5" unfinished). Next month builds on this design with a little more complexity and 3 size options.

Make as many as you like of each month's block. If you really like a particular one, you may want to make several to incorporate into a larger quilt or table runner. They will all finish 12 inches square. If you choose a smaller block size some months, there will be instructions to add optional borders around the block to create a 12 inch finished block. Happy piecing! Deb

GBQG Blog (Show & Share) by GBQG members

Please send your 'show and share(s)' to Michelle Murray:

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Submitted by: Krystyna Girdauskas

I think I've probably spent too much time on Wanda S. Hanson's blog and website 'Exuberant Color'! I wanted to sew something with hot colours that I could hang in my sewing room this winter and I think I was channeling her style. I used a selection of Free Spirit Fern and Fossil fat quarters to make the simple Shoo Fly blocks. Bring on the winter because I'm ready with this hot wall hanging to keep me company!



Submitted by: Lee Aurthers

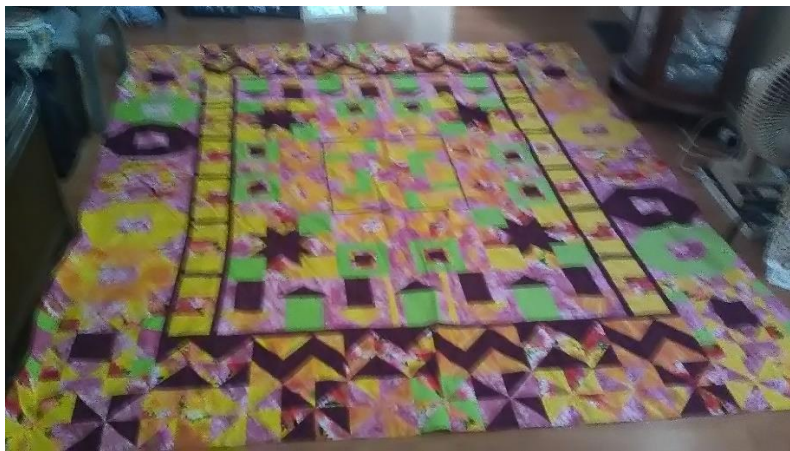
The three stars are my blocks for the first Block of the Month. My intention is to try to keep the stars in the purple tones and in the end will choose a neutral background for a more modern look to the quilt!



This was the CQA Row by Row challenge done in rows and still needs to be quilted.



This is also the CQA Row by Row Challenge but done in a round instead adjusting to make rectangular and in some cases the row is either on the sides only or top and bottom. Again it still needs to be quilted.



Submitted by: Velda Parmenter

This baby quilt "Trucks" is ready and waiting for my new great-nephew who is due in November.



The receiving blanket is self-binding and has a matching burp pad.



Submitted by: Nancy Phelps

Cottage garden quilt. Pattern by Lydia Quigley

Finally finished all those one inch squares. Loved doing the various blocks as each was different and included both piecing and appliqué. Now onto the Winter Joy quilt by Sherri Hisey.



Block of the Month:

Decided to choose a dark background and I was going to choose shades of blue for the stars, but decided on a flowered center. Really like the flying geese ruler for both this block and The Cottage Garden quilt. Looking forward to the next block, Deb.



Submitted by: Michelle Murray

Block of the Month:

When I started quilting, one of my first purchases was a fat quarter bundle of oranges, reds and yellows that I thought I would use for a fall applique wall hanging. It didn't take me long to realize the fabrics weren't quite right. Needless to say I had to buy more fabrics for my wall hanging. I've had the fat quarter bundle in my stash for some time now. This is the perfect opportunity to use them. Can't wait to see what the end result will be once all the BOM blocks are combined!



Submitted by: Linda Ross

My next door neighbour had her first baby. She is an older mom and she delivered a healthy baby girl. The baby came early and the pattern I purchased came late ... ordered in July and it arrived mid-Sept Finally got it done. Did not enjoy the applique. The foot with my new machine just does not do the job ... so off shopping again 😊



Workshops and Other Fun Things

Workshops

No upcoming workshops. We will keep you updated.

Fun Things by Nancy Phelps

Website: www.pinetreequiltersguildofmuskoka.com

If you go to the Photo Gallery on this site, you will find lots of different quilt styles. They have a sub-group of modern quilts. Also, you will find a trunk show by Bill Stearman, who we had to cancel last May. Maybe we will be able to have him at the guild this coming spring.

Library

Please keep the library books you have borrowed until guild meetings resume. The Library Challenge will continue with a possible end date of June 2021.

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