

# QUILTING LINES

# **President's Message**

Hope that everyone is staying safe and healthy. The beautiful warm weather of the last few days has enabled us all to finish the outside work and has given us a bit of a reprieve from the cold weather we experienced at the end of October. Not looking forward to what is to come.

I have had some very exciting changes in my life and it has kept me very busy. I have now started working at Midland Home Hardware in the past month and today we opened up in the new location. I have been given the challenge of looking after the Home Expressions section in the new store. Lots of buying and staging of the area, I am really loving this challenge! Hope to see you all in the new location.

I have however also found time for sewing in between this new commitment. I have completed the top for the Winter Joy Quilt. This was to be a workshop but Covid put an end to that. This was beyond challenging at times and the appliqué kept me on my toes. I am however very happy with the completed top and have included a couple of pictures of it for the blog. I also managed to complete a workshop from last year on landscapes and this too exceeded my expectations. Pictures of the original photo and my take on the photo are included in the blog as well. Now time to focus on Christmas projects on my days off!

I truly miss seeing you all in person. Covid has dealt us all a terrible blow. I hope you are all sewing and Quilting up a storm. I look forward to seeing all your accomplishments in our blog. The one thing I have not tackled this month is the Block of the month but it is on my list of what's next projects. Thanks once again to Deb Guscott for taking on this challenge.

I hope you are sharing what you have been working on in our blog as this is a way for us to stay connected. Until December, Happy Sewing!

Lee Arthurs

## Block of the Month by Deb Guscott

#### November Block of the Month – Entwined Star

We all need some quilty distractions as we head into what could be a long winter. I hope you're all enjoying our star blocks this year. They can be used in smaller projects, or combined into a star sampler at the end of our guild year.

As promised, this month's block takes last month's Twin Star to the next level. The pattern is by Wendy Russell of <a href="www.patchworksquare.com">www.patchworksquare.com</a>. Instructions are included for 3 block sizes — 12", 9", and 6". If you're making a star sampler, you may want to mix in some stars of different sizes. For a traditional setting, just add strips of your background fabric around the smaller blocks to size up to a finished 12".

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: Sue Hopkinson

My engagement calendar, which has been very unengaging this year, reminded me that this weekend would have been our workshop with Sherri Hisey. How is everyone doing on their Winter Joy Quilt? I made one of the center blocks but was very disappointed in my colours. I was working from fabrics on hand, as I couldn't find quite the right fabric for the whole quilt. Working with browns doesn't say Winter Joy. More like Winter Slush. ©



Looking at it here, 3 blocks with deep red Oak Leaves might make a nice runner.

Anyway, I put aside my thoughts of Winter Joy (UFO) and promptly misplaced my pattern. Must have been the sewing room gremlins. I did find it this week. It looks like her instructions for the border just duplicate previous steps to make the center blocks. The borders are definitely going to be time consuming. I know you all had a huge amount of background fabric, which she uses for the solid borders. If you can estimate that you would have enough, I always prefer to cut those borders on the straight of the grain rather than selvage to selvage. There is less give in the straight grain, and the borders are stable. Avoids what wowing we sometimes see on quilts when they are hanging.

I loved the Triangulations papers. They made sewing the HST very easy. I had bought some extra paper, and this is where I am going with them instead. It is a scrappy bears paw, and the block is 6" so I can use the pre printed papers. Most definitely a winter project to keep me busy.



It would be great to see what you have done so far. Please stay safe and healthy over the coming months.

#### Submitted by: Catherine Proulx

Winter Joy: This is what I have so far!



I didn't use blue either. I had the white fabric and a couple of gray fabrics so that is what I went with. Mine will be a snow day with no sun!

I also didn't use the ruler for the flying geese, I couldn't figure the ruler out and I got impatient. I am going to watch a youtube video in the future.

## Submitted by: Sharon Harbottle

Winter Joy: I decided to do mine in purples and greys with white. I am pleased with the colours I chose. I am still working on one of the blocks so have not put them together yet however should have the 6 centre ones done in the next couple of weeks (working on a quilt for my mother-in-law for Christmas at the same time so I keep switching which one I work on lol).

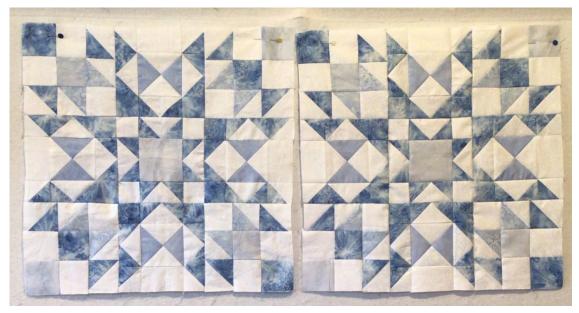
I will send pictures of it together but in the mean time, here are individual blocks so you can see the colours.



#### Submitted by: Nancy Phelps

Winter Joy: I'm working away on mine and have almost 4 center squares done. I like the result, but my seam ripper is my best friend as I seem to regularly attach wrong pieces together.

Reading ahead, I think there's an error in the pattern on page 9. For the half square triangles, it calls for 9inch wide strips of fabric. I think it should be 6.5 inches as on page 3. See what you think.



Block Of the Month: Used brighter colours in this one. Like the way it stands out.



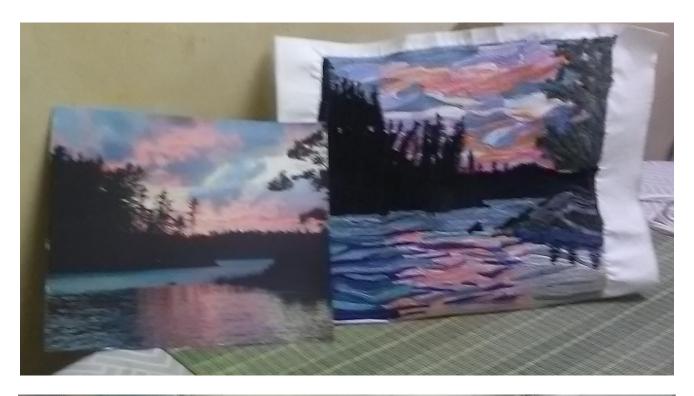
#### Submitted by: Lee Aurthers

Winter Joy: Mine is completed just needs to be quilted. Have attached a few pictures as it is hard to get a good shot of the whole thing. I am very pleased! I worked on it pretty steady as I knew once I started to work a month ago my time would be limited. Still sewing just not as often as I would like.





The last 2 pictures are the landscape picture finally completed. A lot of thread painting on this one! Now to figure out how to frame!





#### Submitted by: Jan Dzoch

Winter Joy: Here's what I have done, just picked up some blue batik for my snowflakes. I had prepared all the parts separately. All the fabric came from my scraps and stash.



#### Submitted by: Michelle Murray

Block Of the Month: I debated on leaving the center of this block white or changing it to a yellow. Not knowing what the remainder of the blocks will be and how they will all fit together makes for an interesting project! I decided to leave it white for now after getting a sneak peak of this months BOM. ③



## Submitted by: Krystyna Girdauskas

This month I have a couple of quilts for show and tell. The first quilt is a scrap quilt. The background was strip pieced from beiges, creams and light grey scraps, the flowers were cut from leftover pieces of other projects and appliquéd. It will be a nice wall hanging for when we start longing for spring!



## Submitted by: Velda Parmenter

Winter Joy: I have all of the small blocks done. Just starting to put them together. Like Sharon, I have another quilt I'm making for a Christmas gift, so I'm putting this one aside for a bit.



# **Workshops and Other Fun Things**

## Workshops

No upcoming workshops.

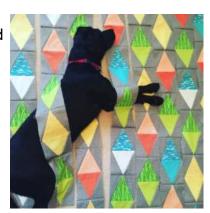
#### Fun Things



Do you have a furry or feathered friend who helps you sew?
Send in their picture and name and they will be featured in our Christmas newsletter.

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subject: my sewing helper



#### Thanks to Sharon Harbottle for her additions to our quilting vocabulary!

Proquiltinate: To put off doing all other tasks in favour of quilting.

Fabricologist: One who has perfected the art of stashing fabric; an expert accumulator of cloth intended for

future use

Squishy: Envelopes filled with swap fabric or gifts sent through the mail

**Thought for the Day:** A pattern is only a suggestion

WHIMM: Works hidden in my mind

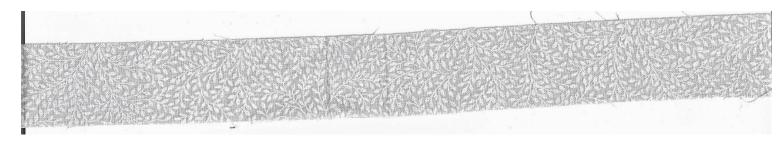
#### Weird Things Quilter's Do

- See quilt patterns in bathroom tiles, carpet designs, gardens ... basically everywhere!
- Walk around the house with one shoe. Our other shoe is next to the foot controller, so we can be comfortable sewing.
- Carry spools of thread, needles, and snips in your purse. You never know when you'll need them!



## **Special Request from Margita Wallgren**

I am just finishing a quilt and I am missing a small piece of fabric, about half a foot. I need 7 pieces  $5'' \times 2.5''$ . I have bought the fabric at JoAnne's in USA. The product code is 16659021 and it is a Calico Fabric vines on light grey, white vine on light grey bottom. I am enclosing a scan.



Maybe someone has a piece? Thanks and stay safe .... Margita

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# 2022 Quilt Show Challenge by Michelle Murray

Remember when we were going to have a quilt show in 2021, but had to move it to 2022 due to Covid? Well there is one bonus that comes out of it: An extra year to work on your Quilt Show Challenge!! (Great for those who have been procrastinating instead of proquiltinating!)

Theme for 2022 Quilt Show Challenge is: Once Upon a Time.

It's amazing what you can fit into this category. Don't think of it as a being limited to your typical fairy tale. Think outside the box. After all, Quilters are creative! I'm looking forward seeing what everyone comes up with. And I mean EVERYONE because the entire guild is going to participate! Right?!? Haha Oh wait, Annie and I aren't eligible to enter this challenge. But, we can make something and have it in the show, just not the challenge. (That was a subtle nudge to Annie as I'm still procrastinating on this one. (3)

For those of you who need a refresher of the challenge rules, you can find them on our website:

https://gbqg.ca/gbqg-quilt-show/2022-quilt-show-challenge/

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