

2011 is the year we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Greater Moncton Quilt Guild! We have compiled some trivia regarding 25th celebrations, as well as some interesting tidbits of information about what was going on around the world in 1986.....

The earliest known references to silver (25th Wedding Anniversary) appear to originate in Middle Europe (Germanic Region) and involved the spouse giving his wife a silver garland when they had been married for 25 years.

The gemstone for the 25th anniversary is Silver, as is the color. The flower representing 25 years is the Iris.

1986 was a common year starting on Wednesday.

It was designated the International Year of Peace by the United Nations.

It was the year that....

Desmond Tutu becomes the first black Anglican Church bishop in South Africa.

The Space Shuttle Challenger disintegrates 73 seconds after launching, killing the crew of 7.

Pixar Animation Studios is opened.

The Chernobyl nuclear plant explodes creating the world's worst nuclear disaster.

The Montreal Canadiens win the Stanley Cup.

Prince Andrew marries Sarah Ferguson.

"Top Gun" is top grossing film of the year.

The Oprah Winfrey Show premiered.

Singer stops making sewing machines and announces plans to spin off its sewing machine operations to a separate firm and concentrate on aerospace.

The father of the Canadian healthcare system, Tommy Douglas dies at the age of 81.

The Phantom of the Opera opened in London.

Nintendo video games debuted in North America with "The Legend of Zelda".

Pop Secret Microwave Popcorn is introduced by General Mills.

loaf of bread cost approximately 60 cents.

The GMQG's 25 STARS OF QUILTING ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE

The challenge committee has decided to allow everyone to explore their own talents and perhaps learn a few new ones as they complete this challenge quilt.

You will not be given patterns or sizes. You will be given a graphed layout of the finished piece. You will decide the size of the challenge piece by determining the size of each of the graph squares. This will also determine the size of your star blocks. The layout consists of 3 star sizes: the large center star, 20 small stars and 4 corner stars as well as 2 borders.

Everyone's quilt or wall hanging, will be different although they will follow the same layout.

Where to begin?

1. Pick your graph size.

Choose your center star pattern and draft it to the required size. Some suggestions are a feathered star or a compass star. If you cannot find a pattern the correct size, and need help re-drafting a pattern, ask a friend or send a request out via our newsletter and meet a new friend.

2. After your center block is finished then design a border to go with it and bring the size of the center square to the correct size for your small stars.

3. Once again choose star patterns and redraft if necessary for the 20 surrounding stars. They can be the same or imagine them twinkling with each a different design.

4. Choose and draft the patterns for the 4 corner stars.

5. Design a border to complete the panel attached to the small star strips.

6. Join each section together.

Places to find star patterns:

- 1. Books, try our library. You'll find instructions on drafting as well as patterns for stars.**
- 2. The internet. I found if you typed in "star quilt patterns" or "free quilt patterns" lots of sites came up. I'm sure you all have your favorite sites for patterns.**
- 3. You can design your own star and name it.**

Oh yes we have one other rule. I'm giving each of you a piece of silver fabric tissue. What would an anniversary celebration be with out the sparkle? This must be used in at least one of the stars. You may not paint or hide it. For those of you who haven't used this before, it must be backed with an iron-on stabilizer. Use a low heat and pressing cloth!

Each month we'll do an update of what you should be working on. The goal is to have everything pieced by September, 2010. This would give you a year to quilt it for inclusion in a possible 25 anniversary quilt show.

Above all remember you're doing this to celebrate 25 years of creativity and friendship.
A STAR FOR EVERY YEAR

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* Each square can represent any size
- for example if we make each square be 3 inches the entire size would be 54" Square.
- Center STAR - 24"
- Small STARS - 6"
- CORNER STARS 12"

