

# **BHQG QUILT EXPO 2018 - ONCE UPON A QUILT**

*PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE*

## **FANTASY QUILT GARDEN .... QUILT ON A STICK\***

For the display at the QuiltExpo2018, these small quilts-on-sticks will be held upright in a supporting base. Clustered together or in rows, they will look like a Garden. A FANTASY QUILT GARDEN.

### **Where do I get ideas for my Fantasy Quilt?**

Our Quilt Expo theme is ONCE UPON A QUILT. This made me think of fairy tales, nursery rhymes and dreams. My sample Quilt on a Stick with a Polar Bear looking into the winter sky is Wishing on a Star. Roseline's sample was inspired by the words of a song and so she has birds and flowers.

### **What size is my Quilt on a Stick?**

The finished size of each small quilt must be 8 1/2in. wide x 11in.high, including binding.

### **Constructing my Quilt-on-a-Stick?**

Your small quilt should have a batting layer to give it stability. You may find a craft quality batting would work nicely.

Complete all your quilting stitches and bind the outside edges of your small quilt in the same way as you would for a mug rug or placemat.

(You may want to finish edges using the "pillow technique" instead of binding).

### **How do I finish my Quilt on a Stick?**

After your quilting is complete, add a sleeve that is 1 1/2in. wide and 6 in. long on the back of your small quilt, centred vertically. This sleeve is closed at the top and open on the bottom. Position the sleeve so the opening is at the bottom edge of your small quilt. It will be hand stitched on the top and on both sides. All quilts need a sleeve on the back into which a paint stick can be inserted.

### **Where do I get a paint stick?**

You will be provided with a paint stick at the guild meeting.

\*Quilt on a Stick was developed in 2012 by the folks at the Minnesota State Fair's Creative Activities.