

## President's Challenge: BEYOND WORDS

With new words being added to the English language all the time, it seems fitting to have a quilt challenge to document some of the expressions we use and hear every day. Use your favourite idiom, malapropism or malaphor and depict it in a small quilt. Let your imagery do the talking. Size is limited to perimeter no larger than 80". Use any piecing or appliqué technique you wish and any quilting or embellishment technique is acceptable.

Bring your completed entry to the **June 26, 2025 meeting**. Include your name and expression on the back of your challenge. For every completed entry you bring to the June meeting your name will be entered in a draw.

The person guessing the most number of expressions depicted in the entries that evening will also be awarded a prize.

**Idiom** a group of words established by usage as having a meaning not deducible from those of the individual words. Examples: raining cats and dogs; all ears; a dime a dozen; like a fish out of water; the cat's pyjamas; word salad.

**Malapropism:** the mistaken use of a word in place of a similar-sounding one, often with unintentionally amusing effect. examples: "Dance a flamingo" instead of dance a flamenco; "Casting nasturtiums" instead of casting aspersions; "Listening to the blabbing brook" instead of listening to the babbling brook.

**Malaphor** is the unintentional combination of two idioms or clichés. This usually results in a unique, humorous statement that doesn't make a lot of sense. Malaphor examples. It's water under the dam. ("Water under the bridge" + "Water over the dam"); don't judge a book before it is hatched ("don't judge a book by its cover" + "don't count your chickens before they are hatched")

Search online for more examples and get cracking!