January's quilt block, "Animal Tracks" represents the Wildlife Survey project going on at Cedar Creek. The fabrics were inspired by the weather; on the tracking day it was a crisp winter day with the sun shining on the snow making everything brilliant and blue. Our guide Kirsten led us to the interior of Cedar Creek where tracks were plentiful. There she taught us the process of deciphering animal tracks. We viewed the nail prints and gates, comparing them to guidebooks. We used our fingers to feel the impressions left by the various critters. My personal highlight was feeling the actual pad imprint left by a coyote. The one brown toenail in the block represents fisher scat that we found, measured, collected and dissected with great excitement. Overall, we viewed tracks from pheasant, skunk, coyote, fisher, shew and various other rodents. It was a good day.