

April 2016

Monthly newsletter of the Comox Valley Schoolhouse Quilters Guild • Box 1507 Comox, BC V9M 8A2

Presidents Message

Hello Members.

It is good to be back! I did manage to take my sewing machine with me while away and sewed everything from a new bag and wallets to hemming two pairs of new pants for a friend. It always surprises me how little basic sewing knowledge the average person has. Have you met a person who cannot even sew on a button?

I purchased fabric, notions and wandered dreamily at the Fabric Depot in Portland for about 3 hours. If you have never been, try not to miss it if passing by! I arrived home just in time to attend the February retreat at Homewood. I love that I do not have to cook and can just do what you want, when you want, while there. It was nice to go for a daily walk around the neighbourhood – to burn a few calories! Meeting new and old friends to share knowledge, see fabric and projects, and in general, get inspired is what I love about a retreat.

Your executive recently met with the OAP executive. We are working to secure a written agreement concerning the hall rental for the future. Also, as mentioned at the March general meeting, we are planning for next year's executive. Because we are planning to have 2-3 of the executive turnover each year, Carol Erskine will become Past President. We will be needing another president to work with me and a new treasurer. Being a treasurer requires a certain skill set---one that I sorely lack. If you have talents in this area, please consider serving in this capacity for the guild.

We all have served on executive and committees throughout our lives for various groups. We <u>have</u> done our part. Yet, I am calling on you to consider joining the team to organize the guild. We have a HUGE team when you add in all the committees and their members!

We shall know shortly what committees need new heads or members within that committee.

We need turnover and the **inspiration** that new members can inject.

We ALL have something to offer. WE NEED YOU!

Raelene

From the Editor's Desk

2015—2016 Executive & Committees

Presidents:	Raelene Robertson and Carol Erskine	Newsletter Advertising:	
Past Presidents:	Anne McCullough & Mary-Lou Morden	To advertise in the newsletter please con- tact Joan Johnsen for rates. Submit adver- tising by the 15th of the month for inclu- sion in the next month.	
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Lilli House	Verna Power	Please submit all entries for the news- letter by the 20th of the month for inclu- sion in the next month's newsletter.	
Breast Cancer & Teddies & Toddlers	Gladi Lyall		
Placemats	Sharon Latham	Submit articles to Hope (current editor) using the email:	
St Joe's Babies	Joy Whitehouse		
Seniors & Fire Quilts	Nerissa Thomas & Verna Power	editor@schoolhousequilters.com	
Pregnancy Care Centre	Nerissa Thomas	Guild Meetings	
HAW 2016:	Mary Lou Morden	Our guild meets every Thursday	
In-House Draw:	Brenda Levirs	from 9:00am to 9:00pm for quilting at	
Library:	Anne Mamers	the Cumberland OAP Hall.	
Membership:	Carreen Webber and Carol Metner	General Meeting (September to	
Newsletter:	Hope Rychkun	June) on the 1st Thursday of each	
Newsletter Advertising:	Joan Johnsen	month at 7:00pm	
Programs:	Anne McCullough and Margaret Yells	Executive Meeting (September to June) 3rd Thursday of each month at 1:00pm	
CQA Representative	Marcy Horswill		
Refreshments:	Rosanne Tinckler & the Kitchen Cops	No mostings in July on August just	
Retreats:	Terry Vadeboncoeur, Beverly Luck, Sharron W.	 No meetings in July or August, just wonderful sewing days Our Website: www.schoolhousequilters.com 	
Sunshine:	Trudy Thorne		
Venue:	 Charles Dickens Nautical Days 	Memberships	
Website:	Hope Rychkun	Don't forget to renew your	
		membership. You need to be a	
Workshops:	Jackie Greening, Eva Hansen & Lynda Reid	paid member to enjoy the bene-fits of the guild	
Word Puzzle:	Bev Michaluk		

"PRESERVING THE PAST" HANDS ACROSS THE WATER TIMBERLANE QUILTERS' GUILD POWELL RIVER

AN INVITATION

WHERE?

AT THE ITALIAN HALL 5866 LUND HWY POWELL RIVER, B. C.

WHEN?

SUNDAY OCTOBER 2, 2016

We have chosen Sunday because of the revised ferry schedule which makes a Saturday date difficult. A catered lunch will be served.

PROGRAM:

Our theme for this event is 'PRESERVING THE PAST'

We are planning a fun afternoon for you: It will include a merchants mall, a white elephant table, a guest speaker, gifts and a number of draws.

We also want to challenge you to make a quilt which expresses our challenge theme 'PRESERVING THE PAST'. The quilt should be a minimum of 20" to a maximum of 40" inches. Use colour and fabrics you love. Then embellish it as you wish. A prize will be awarded to the viewer's choice.

Included in this package are the instructions for a challenge block. The blocks will be divided up and will become draws. The number of draws is dependent upon the number of blocks.

RSVP

We need to know the number of quilters from your guild who plan to attend by May 15, 2016. There will be a charge of \$15.00 per person. A final number of names along with cheques should be mailed to:

Please contact Mary Lou Morden by the May meeting to indicate your desire to attend and to pay her the \$15.00 fee.

For information on the challenge and block please visit our website to download the instructions in pdf format.

Book Review

25 Ways to Sew Jelly Rolls Layer Cakes and Charm Packs Brioni Greenberg David & Charles Publishing 3013 Guild library #599

Our library has copies of books by Pan and Nicky Lintott which focus on using 'jellyrolls', but this book takes things a step further. The 25 projects given, use mini charm squares ($2 \ 1/2'' \ x \ 2 \ 1/2''$) up to layer cakes ($10'' \ x \ 10''$) and beyond - have you ever used a dessert roll ($5'' \ x \ width \ of \ fabric$)? The projects vary from full size quilts to a bag, and almost anything imaginable inbetween.



The "How to use this book" lists the projects and requirements for each project. Although there is a discussion concerning 'precuts', you don't have to go out and purchase a package - cut your own. Pages are full of diagrams concerning cutting up squares and rectangles to make your required charm squares, jelly rolls etc.

Each project lists the materials needed and then deals with preparing and cutting fabrics (do not prewash purchased precuts as this may distort their shape and size). Quilt assembly is shown with hand drawn diagrams and 'tips' are highlighted. The 'tips' are good advice for making almost any quilt, and are well worth a look. Although quilting information is not given, you can get a good idea of how the item has been quilted from the closeup photo which accompanies each project.

Full size templates and foundation patterns are included where needed. The book (Continued on page 5)

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ends with a section titled "Materials and techniques". Here cutting strips, templates and fussy cutting are dealt with. Machine piecing, English paper piecing, paper foundation piecing and applique are well covered with instructions, drawings and photographs. Lastly, the usual section on layering a quilt sandwich, quilting and binding is given.

If you have some precuts which you couldn't resist, and now don't know what to do with, take a look at this book. The quilts and projects are varied, interesting and cover abilities from beginner to advanced quilter. Perhaps there is an idea for everyone.

Lois Warner













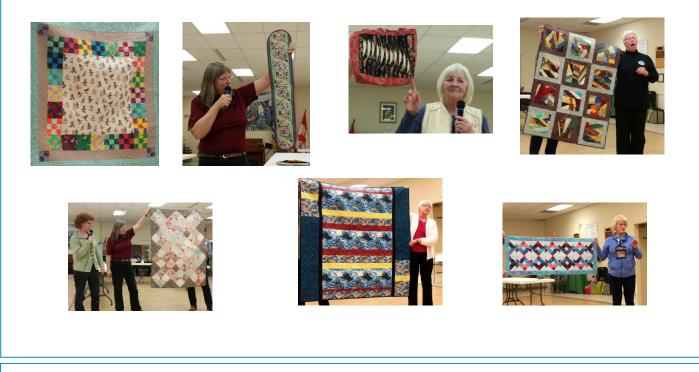
Presidents' Challenge 2016 "Out of the box"

We introduced a new opportunity for guild members called the President's Challenge. It is aptly named "Out of the Box". Should you choose to participate, you will draw an envelope. Inside you will find a piece of cardboard from a box (e.g. Cereal box, cracker box, etc.). Your challenge will be to make a quilted project using the colors found on your cardboard sample. It may take you out of your color comfort zone.

Projects for these challenge tend to be smaller items (e.g. Bags, wall hangings, placemats etc.) rather than full size quilts. Get creative in what you decide to make. Ponder, mull over, ruminate, muse, and contemplate till inspiration hits.

At the May meeting, entries are received and voting for viewer's choice will occur. Three categories will be awarded – Viewer's choice, Best use of color, and Most Creative and judged by a panel of 3. You <u>must</u> attach your cardboard sample to your project.

Should you be away or wish to enter at a later date, please contact one of the president's to arrange getting your cardboard color sample and instructions.



CAMP HOMEWOOD RETREAT October 19 thru 23rd 2016

So excited to advise all of you that our next Camp Homewood retreat has been scheduled for *four* days, providing us with one additional day of sewing and socializing. It will run from Wednesday through Sunday, October 19th – 23rd, 2016. Sign up for the October retreat will be at the **June** business meeting with a \$50. deposit due upon registration. If you do not feel you can attend for a full four days please do not let that deter you from registering as it may be a possibility for some of you to attend for three days only.

Depending on sign-up numbers we may also have the option of opening up the guesthouse for more private rooms. For further details concerning the guesthouse please speak to one of the retreat coordinators listed below. We do not have the exact cost at this time as the fees are re-evaluated yearly for the fall/spring retreats. We have been advised that the cost will most likely only increase by a couple of dollars. With the current cost structure the cost per individual for the *four* days would range from \$215. to \$267., depending on the room you choose. The starting range of \$215 is a bunk style dorm room which sleeps up to 7, however on average there are usually anywhere from 3 - 5 in these rooms. Individuals in these rooms have shared bathroom/shower facilities. There is a separate handicapped washroom available to any that may require ease of access to toilet or shower. There are also newer rooms are either \$250 with 3 sharing the room or \$267 with only 2 sharing. All prices include 3 meals a day along with snacks in the evening consisting of cookies/ squares, fruit, coffee, tea, and hot chocolate. The meals at Camp Homewood are excellent . . . and you will never walk away hungry!

If you have never been to a retreat at Camp Homewood we urge you to give it a try. It is a lot of fun and a great way to get to know your fellow quilters. Most quilters who have attended previous retreats become regulars. If you wish to sign-up or for further information please contact one of the retreat coordinators listed below.

Our contact details can be located on the guild website under "retreats" or by viewing the membership list.

We look forward to seeing some new members as well as all of our regulars at one of the upcoming retreats.

Beverly Luck

Terry Vadeboncoeur

Sharron Woodland

Spring Program Plans

April 7, 2016 Ionne McCauley, a popular Vancouver Island Fiber Artist and Quilting Teacher, will present a trunk show of her work. Her talk will be based on the theme "Ideas, where they come from and how to run with them". Many of us have enjoyed and benefited from taking Ionne's workshops.

lonne lives near Qualicum Beach surrounded by fruit trees, sheep and dogs.

May 5, 2016 Challenge Quilts Why do people make challenge quilts?

Our members are encouraged to bring in samples of challenge quilts that they have made in the past.

Presidents' Challenge 2016 "Out of the Box": Our Guild members will present the quilts that they have made for the "Presidents Challenge". 49 people are participating in this challenge and I'm sure we will see some amazing results.

Viewer's Choice: Our members will view the President's Challenge quilts and each member will submit their choice for the winning quilt. Prizes will be awarded for First, Second and Third place.

Participation Draw: A draw will be made from the names of all people who submit a completed quilt. A participation prize will be given.

Huckleberry's Fabrics will be our Guest merchant at the May meeting.

- If you have a President's challenge quilt, please bring them in between 5 and 6 p.m. on May 5th so that we have time to display them and our members have time to admire them before the meeting starts. If you are unable to bring them this early, it would be great if you could get someone else to bring yours in.
- **June 2, 2016 Our meeting and potluck dinner** will be held on the evening of June 2nd. The potluck will start at 6:30. The election of our executive will take place during the business meeting. Further information will be available in the May newsletter.

APRIL 2016 WORKSHOP NEWS

Your workshop committee has been so happy with the turnout for guild classes in the 2015/16 quilting year!

We tried hard to schedule classes that you really wanted to take and you rewarded us by signing up so that every class this year was able to run! We're so pleased! **Thank you everyone!!!**

We're working on plans for the upcoming year's classes and will start surveying at the next meeting so we can firm up some teachers before the summer starts.

Janis's Davis' Sea Star quilt class on March 12th was full and as usual, everyone enjoyed spending a day with Janis learning a new pattern. We're looking forward to upcoming show and tell sessions to see the results. Thanks Janis, for another great class!

Coming up soon.....

April 23, 2016 – Wallet - Raelene Robertson - \$30.00

This popular class is being repeated again this year since we've had so many ask for it since they couldn't come the first two times it was offered!

As you all know, Raelene has lots of tips and tricks that she shares when she does a class.

Workshop Committee Jackie Greening, Eva Hansen, Lynda Reid

Comox Valley Exhibition(CVEx) 2016 August 26, 27 and 28

Hello, Ladies, are you ready for this year's Fall Fair or, at the very least, thinking about which quilts you will be entering in the Show. Please do. You have been great supporters of the Event in the Past and the Quilt Show is now one of the major attractions at CVEx.

On that note, the theme for this years' CVEx is 'Machines Thru the Ages'. As always, there will be a category, sponsored by Fabricland in the Quilt Show for a quilt depicting the theme. Please think of something to enter in this particular Challenge.

Thank you. Judy M. Morrison CVEx Quilt Show

"Reminder to Members

Got something you would like to raise at an upcoming meeting? Please let me know by email no later than the day before the meeting so that we can allocate our time more efficiently in the business portion of our meetings.

This includes items to be addressed under Members' Announcements.

My email address is secretary@schoolhousequilters.com

Patti (Secretary)

2016

ilt Show



2016 CVEX Participant Guide & Entry Forms available **Online June 1st**

Entry Deadline Aug 17, 2016

Email: info@cvex.ca Web: cvex.ca

Save the Dates! Plan your Entries! Volunteer Commitment?

Thank you Judy Morrison

Refreshment Rota

Each month has been allocated letters of the alphabet. If your last name begins with one of the letters for that month, then that is the month that you are responsible for bringing a snack to the business meeting in the evening.

Having said that, if you just feel like baking or bringing something to any business meeting, regardless if it is your "turn" or not, you are more than welcome to do so!

Month	Surnames beginning with:	
September	A, B	
October	C, D, E	
November	F, G	
December	H, I. J.	
January	Κ	
February	L	
March	Μ	
April	N,O,P,Q, R	
May	S	
June	T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z	

Happy April Birthdays

Helene	4-1
Lynda	4-4
Margaret	4-5
Trudy	4-11
Nell	4-12
Terry	4-12
Gail	4-12
Beth	4-14
Colleen	4-22
Marilyn	4-28
Sandra	4-30
	Lynda Margaret Trudy Nell Terry Gail Beth Colleen Marilyn

The Kitchen Cops

Guild Member Personal Information

If you need to contact any of our guild members, executive or committee members please go to the **Members Only** page (click the link on the left) and then to **Memberships** on our website www.schoolhousequilters.com for the most up to date list of all email, address and phone numbers of current guild members. Remember you will need to be a paid member to get the userid and password to enter this area.

To protect the privacy of our guild members personal phone numbers or email addresses will not be published in the newsletter unless specifically requested by the committee member. Most committees have a guild email address that is redirected to their personal address. If your committee does not as yet have one or you are organizing a special event please email webmaster@schoolhousequilters.com and request one.

As a paid member you have received the login and password for this section. If you do not have access to a computer or printer please see Hope to request a paper copy of our newsletter. If paper copies of newsletters are not picked up 3 months in a row your name will be taken off the paper copy list. If you will be away, please arrange for another guild member to pick up your paper copy.

SUNSHINE

If anyone knows a guild member who has been ill or has illness or a death in their family or who just needs to be cheered, please call:

Trudy Thorne (phone number on membership list)

Or email: sunshinc@schoolhousequilters.com so that a card may be sent

Guild Member Personal Information Changes Please notify the Membership Committee of any changes to your email, phone number or address.

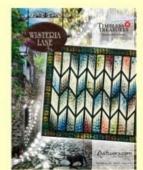
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Keep your information up to date in order to receive email regarding guild events.

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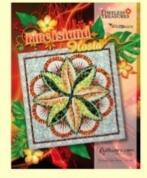
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Amazon Star Level: Intermediate and above



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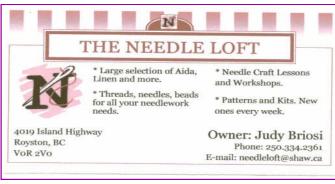








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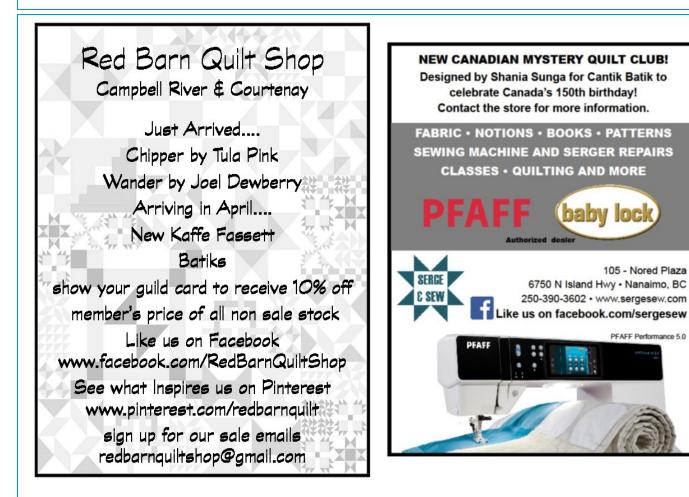
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Word Search Puzzle Bring to May Meeting

Names of Quilt Block Patterns Beverly Michaluk



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Bluebird Dogwood Leap Frog Rose Spool Windmill Brick Pile Fan Linton Salem Union Workbox