



President's Message

This past Saturday friends and I decided on a road trip out of town. I'll tell you, I didn't realize how badly I needed this.

We were very careful not to go where there would be crowds of people, but just being able to laugh and enjoy each other's company was so worth it.

Not to forget the exceptional bargains we came across that I'm sure we'll talk about for a very long time to come.

With the re-opening of the hall that has also been a blessing. The number of attending members have been low but for the ones that do come every week it's been enjoyable. We still wear our masks away from our tables and we still check for vaccination passports when needed.

I'm afraid this is all I've got to report for this month.

Happy Valentines Day to all, stay safe and healthy and hope to see you soon.

Your President,
Diane



Community Quilts News

Guess what a lot of Schoolhouse Quilters have been doing during the snowy, cold weather and covid concerns - **MAKING QUILTS for Community Quilts.**

I picked up 10 quilts in early December and then another 22 on Jan. 13!!! Thank all of you who made and donated these beautiful quilts. Our supply of quilts was depleted with our before Christmas deliveries to various organizations, so this is a great start to building up our supply again.

And just a suggestion about quilt sizes. Although we will try to find homes for every quilt given to us, large quilts are harder to place. The size best for seniors is about 45" x 45" - these are not bed quilts but something that can be used by someone in a wheelchair. Quilts for Lilli House are generally for young women and their children (occasionally babies and toddlers). Again, these are not bed quilts but more lap sized.

Suggested Sizes for Community Quilts

Seniors (The Views) 40" x 50" or 45" square

Adult lap (Lilli House) 45" x 60"

Children' 40" x 50"

Quilts of Valour 60" x 80"

In December, Community Quilts learned that we have been awarded a \$500 donation by the Soroptimist International of Courtenay. This was a very welcome surprise and will go towards the purchase of batting and other materials. Unfortunately, due to covid restrictions, the presentation of the cheque had to be postponed.

Also, the Pop-Up sale that Community Quilts was planning for January also has had to be postponed. With the weather and covid concerns, attendance on Thursday's hasn't been very large. Maybe better weather and booster shots will bring attendance numbers back up and we will have one then.

Batting scraps for Breast Cancer Comfort kits is still welcomed. The best batting for this is 80-20, Warm and Natural - nothing with too high a loft.

Myra

Magazine Article

There will be a short article in the upcoming **Comox Valley Collective Magazine (CVC)** on quilting and the Schoolhouse Quilt guild.

We were approached by one of their writers after the November Craft Sale, and Jan Hill, Sheila Scrase and Myra Shearer were interviewed about the guild and quilting.

On January 13 a photographer came to the guild to take some photos to accompany the article – unfortunately that was the morning that there was no power.

However, the photographer managed to take a few shots by the windows and luckily that was the day that there were 22 quilts donated to Community Quilts so we were able to display something for the photos.

The magazine is free and is available at many locations – see the CVC website to find out where you can pick one up.

[The Comox Valley Collective \(cvcollective.ca\)](http://cvcollective.ca)

Myra

What have we all been up to?

January is dull and dreary but just a bit of time in my sewing room looking through some patterns and fabric and I'm imagining something springlike.

Once I got the Xmas stuff put away it was time to get my Queen size quilt finished.

This quilt was finished in the summer but then I decided that it needed another border to fit the bed better. So I found some lovely red fabric that coordinated perfectly and a backing and then I had it machine quilted by Sandy Harysym, I love the pattern she used.

I cut strips to fit 3 sides as the top didn't need it. I used the "Quilt as You Sew" method and then added sashing on both front and back to tie the two sides together. It was a bit of hand sewing on one side and then the binding but it was totally worth it. If you are thinking of trying this, I would be happy to guide you through it.

Now I'm working on a scrappy quilt with leftover strips from the Rose Garden quilt I made last spring, the blocks are coming together nicely, and I'm still working on it.

We are having our laundry room renovated taking in a workshop room to make it big enough to make it my sewing room too. When it's done I will have a bigger laundry room and room for my sewing table and a counter top for cutting and a cupboard for storage. The best thing is that I will have a nice window for light and a wall to hang a design board.

My Presidents Challenge project is still in the planning stages so I best get going on that too.

Lol. Happy Sewing.

Sharon H.



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Member Activities

I have attached a photo of a quilt I have been working on. I am free motion quilting the whole thing so I am getting lots of practice.

After doing this quilt which had 18" blocks of 8 triangles - I think sticking to FMQ on a place-mat is the best idea. It is VERY hard to keep lines smooth on big blocks.

Maybe a class on FMQ would be a good idea. I can use all the help I can get.

Marlene



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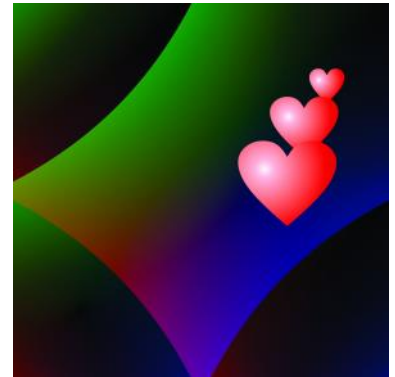
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Embroidery Machines – Getting Started

Do you have a sewing machine that also does Embroidery? Have an embroidery machine? Or have always wanted to give it a try?

There are many different brands and styles to choose from and everyone who has a machine will say that theirs is the best 😊. The best way to research a machine is to:

1. Ask yourself what you will use it for? Home business? Just for yourself? Add to quilting? Make embroidery projects?
2. See if anyone you know has one. There are guild members that have Brothers, Janomes, Memory Crafts and probably more. You can post a question on the guild Facebook page.
3. Check out BC quilters' guilds that have embroidery groups – ex. Prince George
4. Go to your local machine stores and test drive one in store – Huckleberry's (Comox), Affordable Sew & Vac (Courtenay), Island Sewing Centre (Campbell River).
5. Does the machine have items on your 'must' list? -- auto threader? Auto thread cutting? Throat width size? Accessories? Classes?

Do your research as this can be a big investment. Machines can run between \$2,000 and \$25,000

Tracy

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Newsletter Advertising:

To advertise in the newsletter please contact Hope Rychkun for rates. Submit advertising by the **15th** of the month for inclusion in the next month.

editor@schoolhousequilters.com

Newsletter Deadline:

Please submit all entries for the newsletter by the **15th** of the month for inclusion in the next month's newsletter.

Submit articles to Hope (current editor) using the email:

editor@schoolhousequilters.com

Normally our guild meets every Thursday from 9:00am to 9:00pm for quilting at the Cumberland OAP Hall.

General Meeting (September to June) on the **1st** Thursday of each month at **6:30 pm**

Executive Meeting (September to June) **3rd** Thursday of each month at 1:00pm

Our Website:

www.schoolhousequilters.com



Member Activities

Anita's Block of the Month for Charity Quilts



Barb M's Christmas Stockings for a family who had never put up stockings



More Members Show n' Share

Hello everyone from Sunny Arizona.

Even though the sun is out I'm still sewing and quilting and shopping

I recently made this Tote bag and I loved how it turned out.

I used a Jelly Roll to make it and with so many options for Jelly Rolls you can make this many times over.

I also finished my President's Challenge project however I will wait until we get home to quilt it. It was a lot a fun.



We're following our favorite Dr. Bonnie Henry rules and we're keeping safe and happy.

See you all in April.

Pat Norrad

I am sending two photos of my rendition of 'Starry Night' by Van Gogh. Please choose either for the newsletter.

Making it was a real challenge.....I used Organza and acrylic paint, along with cotton and rayon threads and I certainly gained a lot more respect for the painter!

Lois



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Our guild member Sandi Lloyd-Harasym

*** President's Challenge ***

Each participant in this year's challenge will draw 2 different crayons from a paper bag at upcoming guild sewing days or the December meeting. Using these two colours – including tones and/or shades of the colours – and a neutral colour such as white, cream, grey or black if you wish - create a quilt with a minimum size of 14" X 14" – it can be larger. **The fabrics can be solids or prints (not multi-coloured, no other colours to be introduced).**

The quilt must have a top, batting and backing and it must be bound.

Deadline for finishing the challenge quilt is the general meeting on **May 5th, 2022**.

There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prize winners. The quilts will be displayed at the May meeting and the three winners will be invited to display their quilts at the Guild quilt show in May.

Any questions contact Diane or Deb

Workshop News February 2022

Thanks to everyone who has signed the 'Are you interested' sheets for workshops planned for 2022. Sign up for the Roll Top Bag in May with Joan Johnsen is now open. Please see Clare at the hall to sign up and pay for your spot at this popular workshop.

Unfortunately, we have had to postpone the Wine Bottle Carrier workshop to March/April. We would like to give members more time to sign up for the workshop once the weather improves and people are comfortable with meeting.

Wine Bottle Carrier with Raelene Robertson

Postponed to March/April

\$30, embroidered panel (optional) \$10

This workshop is a fun and versatile project, perfect as a gift or to keep. The wine bottle carrier can be made and completed in class. Raelene has made many of these and has lots of helpful advice on how to make this popular carrier. In addition, she will show you how to personalize the project using appropriate-sized printed panels, or an embroidered panel with text. Samples and a list of possible texts are on display at the hall on sew days. Raelene will prepare the embroidered panel for an additional fee. If you are interested in one of these please let Raelene or Clare know as soon as possible, as they will have to be prepared in advance of the workshop. A supply list and list of text sayings for the panel is on the workshop page of the website.

Breast Cancer Bag Focus Day with Myra Shearer

Saturday in late February 2022, 10am – 1pm

Myra will guide us through making the Breast Cancer Bag. This bag has been provided to women undergoing breast cancer treatment by members of our Guild for over 10 years, and is distributed by the Breast Cancer Support group. Myra will have kits for us to make the project, and instructions, and she will be on hand for guidance as required.

This workshop will be on a Saturday morning in late February. You can also bring fabric to make an additional bag if you would like to. Additional details and a supply list will be available in the new year. There will not be a fee for this Focus Day as our members will be giving their time to work on these bags, however, attendees can make a small donation (\$5-\$10) towards the costs of the hall for the morning if they wish to do so.

Forward Planning for Spring!

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Colour Theory with Tracey

March 2022

Tracey trained as a graphic designer and has offered to show us how we can incorporate colour with confidence in our quilting projects. More details to follow!

Mystery Quilt with Clare and Friends

April 2022

This will be a joint effort as I prepare to teach my first workshop at our Guild. I know how popular Mystery Quilts are, so please let me know if you've done a mystery quilt you think our members would enjoy working on!

Roll Top Bag with Joan Johnsen

Saturday May 14, 2022, 10am – 4pm

Fee: \$35

Joan will host this workshop for her versatile and popular Roll Top Bag in May. There are examples of this bag brought to the hall nearly every sew day, and people still request the workshop. So, I'm very pleased that Joan is able to come and teach it again in May. Sign up is now available with Clare, and the fee for the workshop is \$35. The supply list and cutting instructions will be available shortly.

Modern Walking Foot Quilting with Melissa Marginet

Live Virtual Workshop

Saturday September 17, 2022, 10am – 4pm

We are so pleased that Melissa will be hosting a virtual online workshop for our guild in September. Additional details about her class, signing up, and a supply list will be available on the website and at the hall in the new year.

Melissa is a Canadian Quiltmaker, Author, Teacher, and Quilt Pattern Designer. She has published two books, Walking Foot Quilting Designs, and Edge-to-Edge Quilting Designs. She has a passion for teaching. Her focus is to help people gain the confidence to quilt on their home sewing machines. She has taught for Quilt Canada, the Saskatchewan Stitches Conference as well as guilds across Canada. Since June 2020 she has been teaching online throughout North America, including Virtual Quilt Festival and Road@Home.

*In **Modern Walking Foot Quilting with Melissa Marginet**, you will create samples of walking foot designs to help you understand what makes each design successful. The samples will be a great reference for helping you decide how to quilt your next quilt. The class includes information on quilting all sizes of quilts on the home sewing machine. It is based on Melissa's book, Walking Foot Quilting Designs, which is recommended for the class.*

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REGISTER FOR CLASSES most Thursdays and on meeting nights 5:30 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.

If a class is full, we'll be happy to add you to the waiting list. We often have last minute cancellations that we need to fill from the waiting list.

Information on classes, supply lists, etc. is on the guild website under Workshops.

<mailto:workshops@schoolhousequilters.com>

Please check your calendars before you register for any classes to ensure that the date of the workshop is good for you. The workshop cancellation policy is under the workshop tab on the guild website.

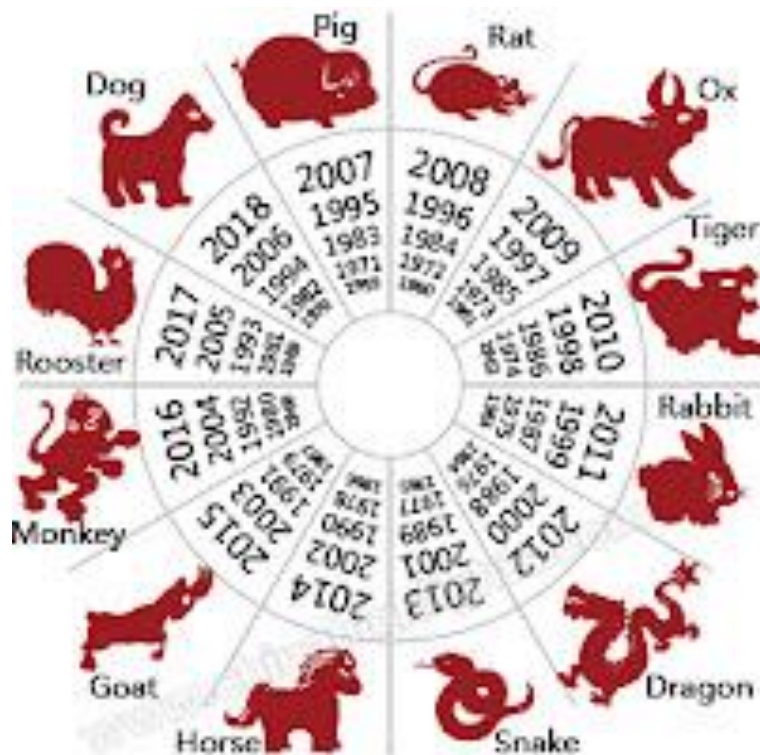
We're always open to answering questions and hearing your suggestions for workshops you'd like to have.

Clare Ireson, Raelene Robertson

Your Workshop Committee

Chinese New Year

Were you born in the year of the Tiger?



More Member Activities

Sheila has been busy



Tracy has been busy getting ready for Halloween early. Hallowe'en quilt made using end-to-end quilting technique and magnetic hoop. Inspiration from Huckleberry's



Member Activities

Wanda B. has been busy





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Huckleberry's have been doing some you-tube videos – some a demos of a new product or ruler – some are just tours of the store – for anyone who might be missing just the visual of shopping

This is link to the latest 'store tour' – it is February of course no doubt there will be a March one but not sure when

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kEIYh_SRgr0

SUNSHINE

We are looking forward to a healthy winter season. It will be so nice to see friends again at the hall and see what they have been working at for the last 20 months or so.

I have not had many cards to send out which is a good thing and hopefully means that you all have been as healthy as possible, shows you what masks and vaccines can help in the spread of various viruses, even the common cold.

Thank you so much for the donations of the cards. We are grateful for the card donations, and it makes my job easier. We have a good supply of cards for now. Don't forget to send along the info so I can send along a note of cheer.

It has come to my attention that some members are needing assistance in getting out to a meeting. Please let the executive know so we hopefully find some help for you.

Thanks, stay safe and healthy
Florence

Email me at: sunshine@schoolhousequilters.com



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Please wish everyone a Happy **February** Birthday



Gail	Chipperfield	2/3
Connie	Cullen	2/3
Betty Jane	Harding	2/10
Sandra	Longland	2/15
Heather	Deane-Clark	2/22
Claudette	Picot	2/22
Bev	Michaluk	2/23
Liz	Van Boeschoten	2/25

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Guild Member's Personal Information

If you need to contact any of our guild members, executive or committee members please go to the **Members Only** page and then to **Memberships** on our website for the most up to date list of all email, addresses 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 send an email to our webmaster using

webmaster@schoolhousequilters.com

to request one.

As a paid member you have received the login and password for this members only section.

For newsletters you do not need to login to the Members Only section.

They are available on the main page and you will also receive the file (pdf format) via email from our Secretary.

Personal Information Changes

Please notify the Membership Committee of any changes to your email, phone number or address.

The Membership Committee will then pass this information on to those who need the information to update email lists, and membership files.

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

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Word Search by Beverly Michaluk

Please bring to the March meeting

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