



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

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Schoolhouse Quilters' Guild
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June 2016

Presidents Message

Hi Everyone

Thanks to everyone who attended the May 5th meeting, helped set up/take down the displays, arranged for the coffee and goodies, organized the Draws, completed the "President's Challenge" and shared their accomplishments during Show and Tell. The camaraderie, the laughter, the inquisitiveness about projects, and the busy conversations created a great atmosphere.

Both the program and workshop committees are to be complimented for their hard work all year. We see the results of their efforts but really don't see the amount of background work that has taken place.

Thank you to the library committee for their efforts to keep our library up dated and for their money raising efforts that support the library.

The sunshine group has been active and their efforts to let members know we support them is greatly appreciated.

The experience of being able to sell our work through the venue committee is very rewarding. The work behind the scenes to organise the applications for the event, set up the daily

schedules and transport the materials for the booth to and from the events requires dedicated people. Thank you to this committee for overseeing this important aspect.

The community quilts group also works continuously over the year getting quilts and other projects to several organizations for their distribution. Your presentation at one of our meetings helps us realize the scope of this endeavour. Thank you for all your efforts and, also, to those who donated items.

To the newsletter, advertising and website group thank you for keeping us informed on the guild's activities. Organising the information each month with a deadline that can't be missed, is a huge responsibility. Collecting advertising money keeps the bills paid. It is through the efforts of this group that all our members are kept up to date with our activities.

It's always fun to win something, so thank you to the ladies who organise the "in-house", "word puzzle", and "show and tell" draws. The prizes are always appreciated.

Each year the guild helps CVEx by setting up a quilt show for them. Thank you to all our members that help with the organization, the volunteering and/or showing of their work. CVEx is an important community event and it's

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2015—2016 Executive & Committees

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From the Editor's Desk

Newsletter Advertising:

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

forjj1@shaw.ca

Newsletter Deadline:

Please submit all entries for the newsletter by the **20th** of the month for inclusion in the next month's newsletter.

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

editor@schoolhousequilters.com

Guild Meetings

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 7:00pm

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

No meetings in July or August, just wonderful sewing days...

Our Website:

www.schoolhousequilters.com

Memberships

Don't forget to renew your membership. You need to be a paid member to enjoy the benefits of the guild...

great to see our organization represented.

Thank you to our kitchen cops. A cup of tea or coffee and a goodie, of course, is always nice. The routine of preparation and clean up is always attended to so quickly and quietly that sometimes, we forget it takes time and effort.

Several of our members eagerly look forward to the guild sponsored retreats. Thank you to the ladies who take care of all the organization so everyone can relax and enjoy both the sewing and the mingling with friends.

Hands Across the Water keeps us in touch with other quilt groups. Thanks to our representative who keeps us informed and connected to this event.

Our membership team has done a great job tracking our membership and keeping the information well organized. The Thursday checklist gives us important facts that may be used when decisions have to be made.

To my fellow executive members, thank you for all the work you have put in to keep our guild active and working together. It's the "behind the scene" work that benefits the whole guild.

If I have forgotten any group or individual, please accept my apology. Everyone in our guild is important. As in any large group, as individuals we may not agree with everything, but we do agree, that quilting, and the guild are special to us. Because of this, we pull together, share the load, and support the guild. We help each other, in all kinds of big and small ways. We are The Comox Valley Schoolhouse Quilters' Guild.

As you can see it takes many hands to keep our guild running. As positions on committees and executive become open please give serious consideration to volunteering. It is important, and the members will be there to support you.

Enjoy the summer

Carol



Quilts for Fort Mac.

The Fort Mac Fire Department has around 200 members. As of May 22nd, 17 male members and 3 female members of that department had lost their homes and everything in them to the wildfires. Remember that these folks were at the front line actively fighting the fires while their own families had to pack up and get out as best they could without them.

Jenn H. is an E.M.T. with the Calgary Health Authority. Her Mom, Chris, is a friend of mine and also a member of the Dalemead Quilt Guild in Alberta.

Jenn's usual rotation is 8 days on/4 days off. For the next three months her days off will be spent in Fort MacMurray helping with the rebuilding of that city after its recent ravages by fire. Jenn will be a front line worker..

During the floods in Calgary and High River a few years ago, Jenn was instrumental in delivering quilts to those first responders, fire fighters, police and E.M.T.'s who lost everything then. She is going to do the same in Fort Mac.

One family had their four children farmed out between four separate families during that time. Their teenage son spent 7 months sleeping on the sofa of a friend's house. The only thing he had of his own was the quilt he had been given.

Chris is coordinating quilt delivery efforts with the Fire Chief in Calgary and with Jenn.as well as with her daughter.

One of the biggest fears about donating is that quilts (amongst other things) will be warehoused and never get to those who need them. Another is that agencies will be overwhelmed by donations, or that unsuitable items (worn out, dirty, "crap", or whatever, will be sent.

During the Katrina crisis in New Orleans, many, many boxes of "stuff" were sent direct to the city. No one person or agency was designated to receive them, so they were just piled up where ever there was space. A Red Cross Relief worker (from Alberta) said that it was heart-breaking to see mountains of donations having to be trashed and bulldozed away as vermin, snakes and mold took hold in amongst the boxes.

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Sending quilts to Chris and Jenn, will guarantee that they will be given to those who need them.

Should anyone in the Guild wish to donate a quilt, please talk to me and I will gladly send them on from here.

Carreen Webber

2017 QUILT SHOW

Our Quilt Show is scheduled for May 20, 21 & 22, 2017 in conjunction with Empire Days in Cumberland. Setup will be on Friday May 19th. It will be held, as before, using the two floors of the building that we are in every Thursday.

Thanks to the ladies who have already offered to volunteer. There will be LOTS of opportunities for everyone to be a part of the action. It's a lot of work, but also lots of fun! The Committee will begin meetings in September & we will keep everyone posted.

Over the summer, please consider how you would like to help out and, of course, we will need lots of entries, so give some thought to you what you would like to show.

If you have any questions, please contact Nerissa Thomas or Verna Power.

SURVEY RESULTS

Hello Quilters,

Thanks to all of you who responded to the short survey regarding our business meetings.

We would like to share the results and plans:

1. Program was rated the most important.
This means we definitely need volunteers to help plan programs – Margaret Yells and Ann McCullough will have finished serving their two year term.
2. Show and Tell was rated second, but was not enough to bring members to meetings on its own.
3. Business was rated necessary, but keep it short and relevant. We will be using the newsletter more to share executive and committee news.
4. Refreshment lineup could be improved with better flow to decrease time spent waiting in line.
5. The majority of members preferred an earlier start to the meeting. Starting September on a trial basis, the business meeting will start at 6:30 PM.

If you have additional comments and suggestions to help improve our guild, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Patti K.

"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)

CAMP HOMEWOOD RETREAT – Sign up NOW

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. The cost per individual for the *four* days would range from \$227. to \$267., depending on the room you choose. The starting range of \$227. is a bunk style dorm room which sleeps up to 7, however on average there are usually anywhere from 3 to 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 available which sleep up to 3 and have their own washroom, including shower/tub. These rooms are either \$254. 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

Nautical Days July 30- Aug 1 2016

The Schoolhouse Quilters' Guild will be represented at Nautical Days this year.

We have quite a number of you who have indicated that you will be participating by supplying articles for sale and working a shift at the booth.

This venue is always well attended so if you have not yet registered be sure to talk to myself, Shirley or Sandra Forsayeth by next week.

All those participating in the sale are expected to work for at least one shift, and I have heard from some other guild members who are also willing to volunteer.

Please see me at the next meeting to set up your times and volunteer.

If you do not have your tags and inventory sheets you should pick those up next week as well.

Please feel free to email me or call me with questions.

Florence Labrecque. Froghollow@shaw.ca. [250 335 3134](tel:2503353134)

WORKSHOP NEWS

Thanks everyone, for your great suggestions for next year's workshops!

We are currently discussing classes and dates with teachers and as soon as we have some definite news, we'll let you know so you can decide which classes you'd like to take.

Happy summer quilting,

Your Workshop Committee

Jackie Greening, Eva Hansen, Lynda Reid

Program News

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.

Potluck Dinner Thursday, June 2 2016

Items to bring:

- Food item. We have limited kitchen access, so please bring your food item ready to eat and please provide serving utensils.
- Those with names ending in T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z please bring desserts as per the schedule. If others wish to bring dessert, we can use a few more.
- A plate, cutlery, mug and placemat to put them on
- Show and Tell (last one for the until September)
- Any library books that are due.
- **Please bring a fat quarter of good fabric that we will be using for a game. You will take a different fat quarter home.**

Agenda for Thursday

- 4:30 p.m. Sewing machines & supplies put away
- 5:00 p.m. Tables will be set up for the meal
- 5 – 6 p.m. Social time including group table games
- 6:00 p.m. Short business meeting
- Dinner to follow the short business meeting
- "Show & Tell" after dinner

If you have any questions, please contact:

Raelene Robertson, Carol Erskine or Margaret Yells

Community Quilts

Many thanks to all the ladies that have been sewing & donating quilts. Also, to our long-arm quilters & binding sewers. We couldn't do it without you, and the recipients are always so grateful.

Also, a HUGE thanks to Fabricland/Red Barn for their donation of bolts of fabric for backings. They also recently donated boxes of books & patterns for the Guild library. Please support the merchants who support us.



COMMUNITY QUILTS: PLACEMAT'S FOR MEALS ON WHEELS

It's that time of year again...almost the end of the meeting season. So it is time to get your placemats done for Meals on Wheels. Bring your placemats to the **June Business Meeting/ Party** and your name will be entered into the **draw for a prize**. We will give the placemats to the Meals on Wheels coordinator in the fall...probably the October meeting.

For those new to the guild, we have been supplying placemats for the "Meals on Wheels" program for many years & they have been received with great anticipation by that program. We have supplied several hundred in the last few years and when MOW do not need all we have, the placemats are saved for the Christmas Hamper program or for Lilli House or the "Soro-tipaks".

The optimum size is 12" x 17" or somewhere in that range. Batting is available from the community quilts committee, so if you need some, just ask. We also have a stash of fabric to make up the placemats, especially for backings and a ton of Christmas fabric.

There are patterns available if you need one and there should be one pattern on the website that makes up lovely placemats from 4 fat quarters and is a very easy pattern. The pattern is available on our website under Community Quilts in pdf format to print or save.

If you have any questions, I'm available at the number or e-mail address on our mailing list or just ask any community quilts member.

Sharon Latham

**Comox Valley Exhibition (CVEx)
Quilt Show
August 26, 27 and 28, 2016
Theme 'Machines Thru the Ages'**

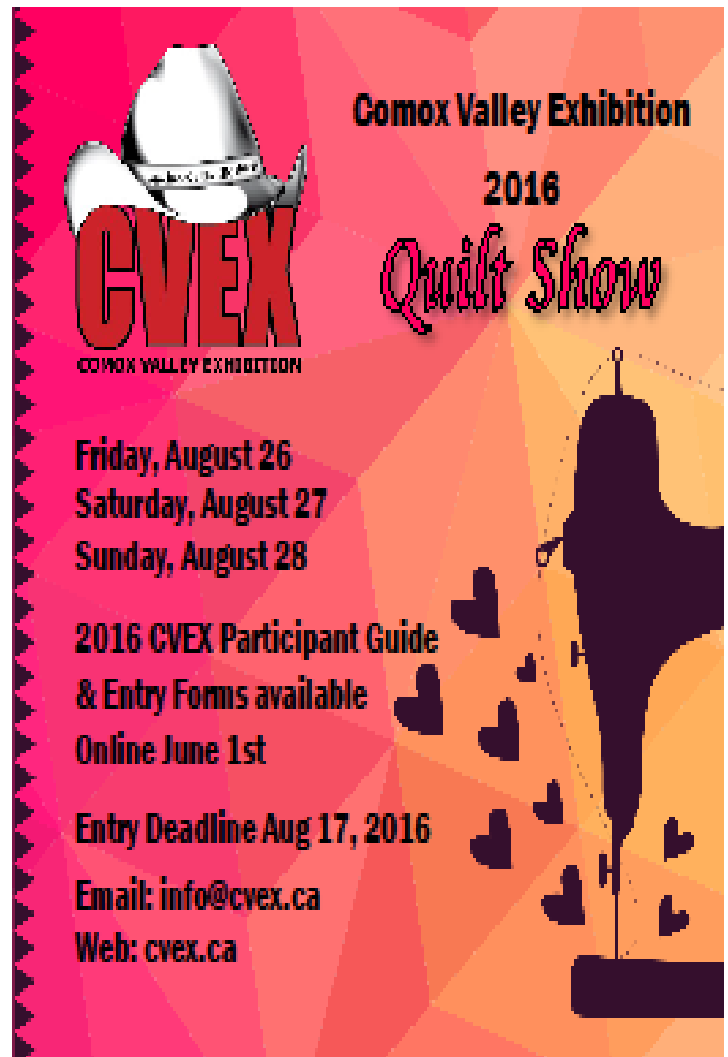
The time draws near. Have you thought about your quilt entries yet? Please do.

We would like to emphasize the Challenge Quilt Category. As in previous years Fabricland is sponsoring the category and will award a \$50 gift certificate to the winner. The challenge quilt can be up to 120" in perimeter size and open to any quilted item, be it traditional, fibre art or a wearable.

The only other qualification is that the entry must reflect the CVEx Theme and have been made in the 12 months preceding the 2016 show.

Again, we look forward to another successful Quilt Show at CVEx 2016 with your help.

Thank you.
Judy Morrison, Margaret Yells



CVEx 2016

Quilts, Quilts, Quilts

Have you filled out your registration forms?

(available at the hall on Thursdays & on our website)

Have you signed up as a volunteer?

(Volunteer sheets available at OAP on guild Thursdays)

For more information contact Judy Morrison

For Volunteer information contact Margaret Yells

Registration information contact Hope Rychkun

May Show n' Tell



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Tamale Skillet Supper

(why it is called this since it isn't done in a skillet.....?)

1 pound ground beef ½ cup chopped onion ½ cup chopped green pepper
1 x 14 ounce can kidney beans, drained
1 x 14 ounce can Mexican style stewed tomatoes Cooking Spray
1 x 16 ounce tube prepared polenta, cut into ¼ inch slices **
1 cup grated cheese (real, soy or whatever)
 chopped fresh cilantro or parsley, optional

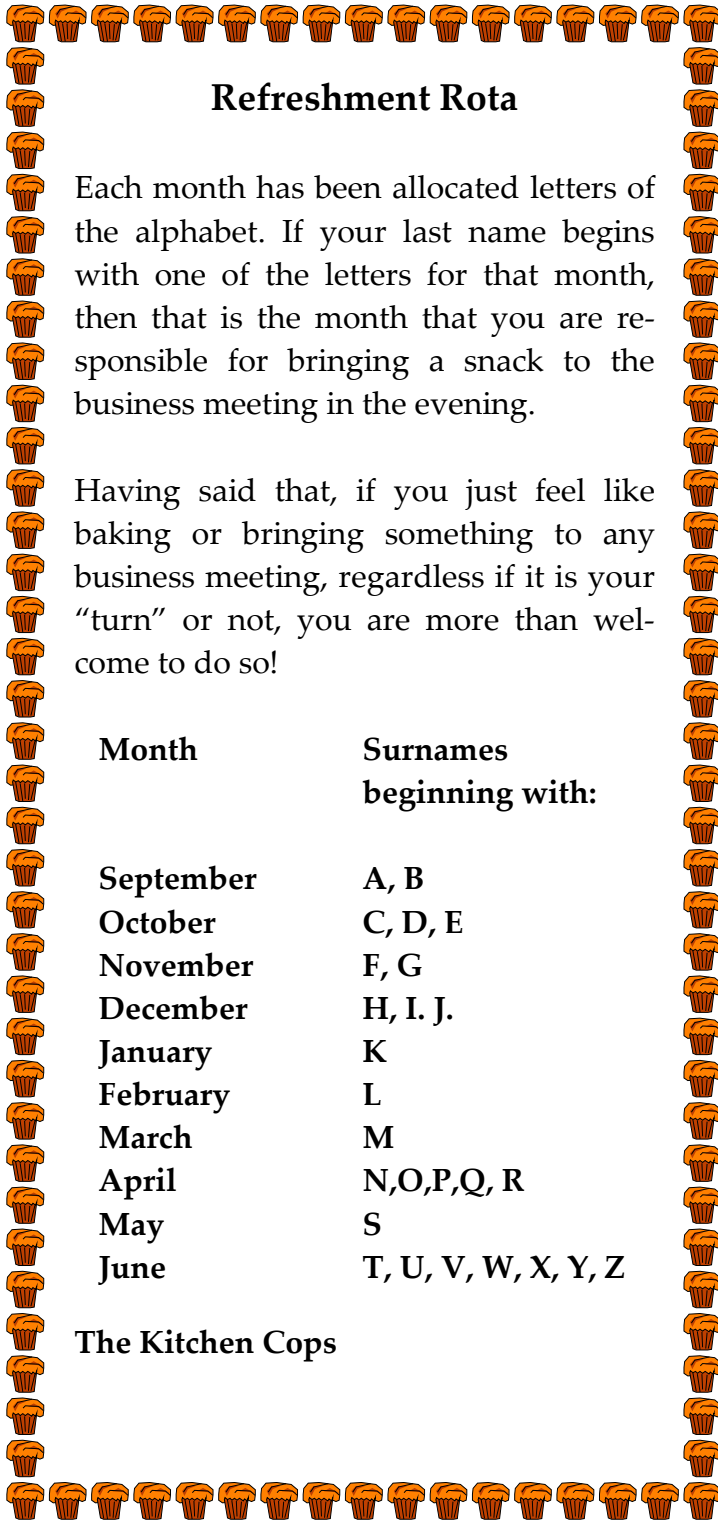
1. In large skillet over medium heat, combine ground beef, onion and green pepper; cook until the beef is browned, breaking it up with a spoon.
2. Drain well. Stir in the beans and tomatoes. Cook, stirring occasionally. until the mixture is thickened, about another ten minutes.
3. Preheat oven to 375 F. and coat a 1 ½ quart baking dish with cooking spray.
4. Line the bottom and sides of the dish with polenta slices, leaving enough to cover the top.
5. Spoon in the beef mixture, top with remaining polenta slices and then the grated cheese.

Bake for 25 mins or until lightly browned and bubbly.

Let stand for 10 minutes before serving. Sprinkle with cilantro or parsley if desired.

** Prepared polenta can be found in produce or pasta department of supermarket.

Carreen



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	K
February	L
March	M
April	N, O, P, Q, R
May	S
June	T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z

The Kitchen Cops

Happy June Birthdays

Hampton	Gayle	6/4
McEwen	Pat	6/5
Messer	Barbara	6/8
Schut	Jessie	6/13
Marinaccio	Heather	6/15
Scrase	Sheila	6/16
Luck	Beverly	6/20
Hansen	Eva	6/26
Robertson	Raelene	6/28

Happy July Birthdays

Tinckler	Rosanne	7/5
Willems	Vicki	7/7
Corman	Lorraine	7/11
Kruselnicki	Karen	7/13
Boyle	June	7/14
Whitehouse	Joy	7/15
Bearpark	Val	7/16
UnRuh	Diana	7/19
Cave	Diane	7/22
Anita	Wood	7/22
McLeod	Johanne	7/24
Lobban	Gayle	7/27
Flaman	Laura	7/29
Greening	Jackie	7/31

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 & Sandy McDonnel
(phone number on membership list)

Or email:

sunshine@schoolhousequilters.com

so that a card may be sent

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.

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k n i p h o f i a s y n a l a
l d a l u d n a v a l u m l s
a i t n a c s e d a r t u u e
e a l b o d n i f a u e i a n
l n i c o r y d a l i s n a s
l t a c i n o r e v o o a s a
i h t d p s i n o h s w r t a
h u r i h i b i s c u s e e d
c s i r i e a b l i c t g r u
a n s o e s p h b l i o a s s

Achillea
Corydalis
Gaura
Lavandula
Sedum

Asters
Corydalis
Geranium
Liatris
Tradescantia

Astilbe
Daylily
Hibiscus
Nepeta
Veronica

Coneflowers
Dianthus
Kniphofia
Phlox