



President's Message

Hello everyone,

Finally some encouraging news from Dr. Bonnie. We will be holding our business meeting at **6:30 pm on March 3rd.**

We will continue following the same protocol.

On Thursdays everyone still wears their masks when entering the building.

You may remove your masks at your table(if you wish to do so), and when having lunch. When walking around the hall masks must be worn.

We will continue checking the passports as usual and we have sanitizers around the hall for everyone's use.

If any of you have any concerns, please feel free to talk to an executive member.

We are looking forward to our March meeting and having a good visit with all of you.

Your President,

Diane

ELECTIONS

Guild members, elections are just a few months away (June meeting, really who's counting)!

At our business meeting on March 3rd, we will need to form a nominating committee as all executive positions are coming up this year.

In order to have a successful guild we will need to fill these positions, so please give it some thought.

Your President,
Diane



Community Quilts News - March 2022

Community Quilters have been making and donating lots of quilts. This is the time of year where we build up our stockpiles in anticipation of less quilts being made for us as the weather improves and garden and traveling beckon. What we need more of:

Ages 8-12 (Girls and Boys)

What we could use is more quilts for adolescent boys and girls, ages about 8-12 for Lilli House. These would be lap sized quilts and could have sports, music or computer themes or just bright "boy" or "girl" colours.

Quilts of Valour

We could also use some quilts for men. Both backing and batting are available if you decide to make a Quilt of Valour. Quilts of Valour have a size requirement for their quilts - please check with Nerissa Thomas (Quilterthomas@gmail) for details. And there are sizes and free patterns on the Quilts of Valour website (quiltsofvalour.ca).

There is a new roll of batting in the storage room at the hall that is available for Community Quilt projects. Jean Lewis also has a roll of batting at her home in East Courtenay. If you are not ready or able to get to the hall for batting, let her know what size you need and you could pick it up from her home (jean@lewis.bc.ca).

Community Quilts also has a lot of fabric that has been donated to us and is stored at my house in Royston, 10 minutes from the hall. There are lots of pieces big enough for batting as well as many other sizes and a variety of colours. If you would like to go "shopping" for fabric to be used in a project for Community Quilts, please let me know and we can arrange a time (myra.shearer@telus.net).

We have been given several very nice flimsies (quilt tops) that need to be quilted. Batting and backing can be supplied, just let me know if you would be interested in quilting these. As well, we have some UFO's in various stages - you could use your imagination and complete these.

Pop-up Sale

The Library Committee and Community Quilts will be holding a sale on **March 3**, from morning until the meeting. We are both selling items that have been donated to us and for many reasons we cannot use. The money raised by the sale will go back into the library and Community Quilts. There will be lots of bargains in both books and fabric, at very reasonable prices.

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Suggested Sizes for Community Quilts

These are **suggested** sizes, not required sizes. We don't reject any quilt because of size, but some sizes are just more suitable for some of the organizations that receive our quilts. **And we are very grateful for any quilts we receive!**

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"

International Quilting Day at The Views

When I delivered 10 quilts to The Views recently, Kelley Romeril, the Director of Lifestyle & Community Living was very excited to tell me that residents of the Views will be celebrating International Quilting Day on March 19th.

She has a few activities planned such as making paper "quilts", watching a video on the history of quilting and displaying some of the quilts we have provided as well as talking about our Guild.

Kelley is not a quilter (yet!), but her Grandmother is and at the age of 93, she is still making quilts for the family. Kelley is always so grateful to receive the senior's quilts that we donate and always makes sure she is the one to meet me when I deliver them.

Thanks to all of you who so generously donate, not only senior's quilts, but to the many organizations we support with our "quilted hugs"

Nerissa

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Hello from the Library Shelves,

How is everyone doing with their President's Challenge?

Well if you need a little inspiration come on over to the Library. It is endless with the possibilities.

I have noticed many of you using our Best Resource, and I do hope everyone is getting an opportunity to come in and browse the shelves on Thursday from 9 to 9!

Along with Community Quilts the Library will have a table of books out for sale. All day and during the evening.

Happy Sewing & Reading

Anne



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Refreshment Committee



Tea and coffee will be available at our March meeting. Don't forget your **MUG**. If you wish to bring some goodies - please do - but could you please have them already cut and plated. There will be tongs available for serving and there will be a station for you to sanitize your hands. Masks are to be worn.

Peggy

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Workshop News

Here is the current information about our selection of Workshops coming in the next few months. Full descriptions of the workshops are on the Workshops page of the Guild website. I hope you will be able to join us!

I will be back in the hall on March 3 to sign up members and collect fees, and on our Thursday sew days after that.

You can also let me know if you want to join one of the workshops using the workshops@Schoolhousequilters.com link from the Workshops page on the guild website.

Saturday March 5, 10am - 1pm. Breast Cancer Comfort Bags with Myra

There are some places available at this workshop. Please email Workshops that you want to attend.

Saturday April 2, 10am - 4pm. Colour Theory for Quilters with Tracey

Fee: \$30. Kit: \$10.

Tracey's introduction to her workshop: Choosing colours that work well together is one of the pillars of design. After this class you will know how to build a pallet of colours and why they work well or why they clash or seem abrasive.

Many quilters have an instinctive understanding of colour. Quilters have it a bit easier, in that, we pick a fabric we love and select colours within that fabric for matching colours. While that is a good way to get your quilt fabrics to match, wouldn't you like to know why certain colours work better than others.

In this class we will explore the colour wheel, the combinations of colours, an easier way to select colours and how certain colours make us feel.

Bring your scrap basket, scissors, some glue and your curiosity about colour and you will have a book of colour theory pages to refer to when you build a pallet of quilt fabrics for your next project.

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I am a trained graphic designer. Through this career I became fascinated by colour and how it works, it's emotional qualities and how it works in advertising. I look forward to bringing my knowledge to you to help you build a better quilt and understand the colours that surround us.

Bring to Class:

Scissors

Glue

Scrap Basket

Binder to place your pages (optional)

Pen and Pencil

Please email Workshops if you want to attend this workshop.

Saturday May 14, 10am - 4pm. Roll Top Bag with Joan

Fee: \$35

The sign up list is open! Email Workshops if you want to attend this popular workshop.

Clare Ireson

Workshop Committee

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2021's extreme weather is being reflected in a creative way by a Regina quilting guild

A group of quilters in Regina are using fabric to record the weather and they challenged themselves to make something unique. It's called a temperature quilt and, with one of the warmest years on record, the results are striking. The temperature quilts record the daily high and low for a month or a year.

To watch video go to: <https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/2001237571786>

Thanks Peggy for sharing

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:

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Creative Threads Conspiracy

Creative Threads Conspiracy is an event including a group of workshops held on Denman Island for the last 8 years. Due to Covid it has been on hold for the last 2 years but is planning to make a comeback this fall.

We are reaching out to teachers who have taught for us in the past and we are also looking for new blood. At this time the Community Hall does not allow anyone inside if they are not fully vaccinated, so that would preclude your participation for now.

Please let me know if you are interested, available and able to participate in an event in the third weekend of September 2022. This will be the 16th to the 18th.

We have teachers for basketry, dyeing, embroidery, knitting, book-binding, sewing projects, but need someone able to teach intermediate & advanced quilting as well as needle felting and rug hooking.

Please let me know if you have any interest in teaching or participating Danni Crenna: dannicrenna07@gmail.com Or phone at 350 335 0198

Submitted by Joy

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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

What has everyone been up to...

Trudy Thorne

Wonder of wonders!

A Christmas hanging ready in February.



Jean M.

Working on President's Challenge



What is everyone doing???

Colleen Love

These 2 quilts were made from a layer cake that I won at Huckleberry's at one of their demonstration days. My husband went shopping for me and purchased the 2 sashing fabrics. I have given them to Myra for Community Quilts.



Heather H.

I have been making "A Place for Everything 2.0", a pattern by Annie. I learned a lot, but not in a hurry to do another one. Lol!



Wow our quilters have been busy...

Wanda

I finally finished the Hunter's Star quilt for a dear friend.

I'm looking forward to starting the President's Challenge soon! Diane was kind enough to come by with the bag o' crayons.



Anita

Kaffe Fasset prints in a pattern from Bundle of Fun book. Haven't decided if I will border it.



More quilting projects...

More from **Anita**

Need one for a friend, other for community quilts



More from **Claudette**

I made this one for a neighbour



Wow everyone has been so busy...

Beverly M. has just become a Great Grand Mother

Here is the baby quilt that I made for my great grandson. On the backside I have navy blue Solar fleece and I embroidered his name and all birth details on it .



Claudette

This is a Kaffe Fassett project that I have been working on for a year.

It will have vertical and horizontal black sashing and the squares « broken dishes » will be in different order with cornerstones.

It is taking ages as I have made several baby quilts.

Made for Sébastien of Victoria who was born in December and weighed 8 and half pounds



Wow everyone has been so busy...

I had a juried competition with my Camera Club. The subject was communication in these times. I had four willing quilt members to help me out . The highest score in the competition was 10 and she gave me a nine. Her comments were how that she liked the white table and white background it felt very sterilized and yet cold. How it shows how connected and yet how disconnected we are from each other. As we sit together we are not communicating easier to communicate using our phones.

This is exactly the message I was sending out so I am so glad That she got the correct story I was trying to Communicate.

I'm very pleased and want to thank the wonderful ladies who participated.

Bev Michaluk



Wow everyone has been so busy...

Nerissa has been busy...

I have really enjoyed spending time in my sewing room this winter.

This is a t-shirt quilt that I made for my girlfriend's son for Christmas. He is a music teacher, but is also a fan of "Heavy Metal" music and plays in a HM band. This was a real education in that genre for me!



Our new Great Granddaughter arrived in December and, of course, that meant making some baby quilts!



This was a kit from Keepsake Quilting and the second one like this I've made.

As many of you know, I enjoy making scrap quilts. This was fun to make and the backing is a soft pink pinwale corduroy.



Wow everyone has been so busy...

Karen R.

The idea for my Snippet Scroll came from the Summer 2021 Quilting Arts magazine and I decided that I would make mine a keepsake of family and garden photos.

I have a total of 60 photos with 30 on each side and used an iron-on Pellon as a light batting.

My husband encouraged me to go to Windsor Plywood for the dowels and knobs and then we had a woodworking friend use some of our own maple to make the disks and assemble it. I called it **"Scrolling Thru the Garden"**.



Wow everyone has been so busy...

Judy F. Block of the Month quilt, I did add four more blocks to make it square.

It was machine quilted by Judy Briosi.



Myra Shearer

This is what I've been working on this month - a String Twist quilt. I have some extra blocks that I used in the backing. This is a great pattern to use up scraps!





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 - or check our website as it is posted on the Newsletter page
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All their videos are on their YouTube channel

Most people may already know this – but just in case

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

I am so glad to see more quilters coming out each week for sew days. It seems as if all our precautions have paid off as I have not heard of any members that have been very ill.

I hope that everyone's making progress with the President's challenge project. Picking the colours and fabric has sure been a challenge.

Please do not forget to call or email me if you have heard of anyone that needs some sunshine.

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 stopping 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

Please wish everyone a Happy **March** Birthday



Carol	Erskine	3-4
Florence	Labrecque	3-4
Susan	Tutt	3-8
Hope	Rychkun	3-9
Myra	Shearer	3-9
Pat	MacEachern	3-13
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If your committee does not as yet have one or you are organizing a special event please send an email to our webmaster using

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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 April meeting

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