



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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May 2016

Presidents Message

I always encourage members to offer feedback to any executive member so that we may be proactive in our efforts to improve upon the present.

To this end, you should have received, via email, a very simple survey addressing a couple of recent concerns (i.e. meeting content, priority of events and starting time). We would encourage you to complete and return by mail or hand deliver the survey at the May meeting. We would like to have a good sample of opinions that represent the entire membership.

For those members not receiving email, on May 5, we shall have a paper copy of the survey to complete by meeting's end. We hope to use this information to plan for our regular Thursday's meeting agenda so that better use of our time is made next year. There is space to write in comments. Please elaborate on your opinions if numbers or yes/no responses do not convey what you need to say.

I still have a few more days to complete my President's challenge entry. I know many have had their project finished for some time! I have heard that this will be the **first time** some members have ever done a challenge. I have tried some new techniques (**never** used before)

on my challenge and love that this gave me a timely opportunity and challenged me to experiment on this small project! We have 4 prizes--- two viewer's choice, one random draw, and a surprise category.

On a final note, I have just held my wallet class to a dedicated and patient group of students. I always learn something from my students as I did today. (I want to try sewing a curved seam on a flap and cutting the final curved edge and clipping those curves after I sew the seam--highly specific and cryptic info to you, I know.)

I was reminded that there is always more than one way (translation---my way) to accomplish the end result. I learned that I must encourage more questions so pending problems might be averted. I learned that I love the wonderful coconut cookies that Eva can make.

That's it for this month's ramblings.
Raelene

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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:

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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

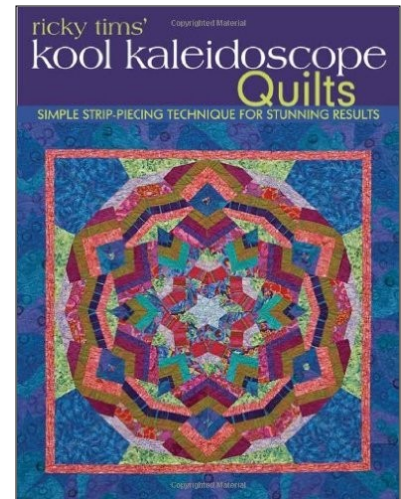
kool kaleidoscope Quilts

Ricky Tims Simple strip piecing techniques for stunning results

C+T Publishing 2010

Quilt Guild library #593

The name "Ricky Tims" is very familiar to quilters, especially those who have made one of his convergence quilts. He is also an accomplished musician, but says that he found 'fame and joy' in quilting. As with Alison Glass of the February book report, he too encourages quilters to take risks with their own work to get to "the next level" of personal achievement. Ricky has certainly tried many different types of quilts in his career, but this book is specifically on making kaleidoscope quilts using strip piecing. If you thought this quilt would be too difficult to attempt, look at pages 6 and 7 - only 15 steps and your quilt top is finished!



Well, perhaps not that easy! First is the key concept "Choose the fabrics that you like, and let it happen". Selecting appropriate fabrics for the strata (cut into wedges to form the centre), border and binding is important. Although the finished quilt may be a surprise, you want it to reflect your color ideas and be pleasing to your eye.

Creating the strata and creating your pattern come next. Complete directions as well as information about enlarging or reducing your kool kaleidoscope follows. The student's quilt on page 59 is a good example of how the pattern has been both reduced and enlarged to create a 43" x 59" quilt.

Using your templates, the strata is now cut and the pieces are placed on a design wall. Out pops the centre of the kaleidoscope! Butts and wedges (fillers to com-

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plete the empty spaces left by the centre's angles) are cut and put in place to complete the centre. A good section on assembling the wedges follows (those are the angled pieces cut from your strata which have been sewn together). Finally, the borders are added, the quilt is quilted and bound, then hung up to be admired.

The Gallery of quilts is a wealth of information. Twenty six quilts made by Ricky's students are shown. "Each quilt is accompanied by remarks from it's maker, followed by a brief comment from me (Ricky Tims), stating what I found especially notable about that particular quilt". There is also a detail of each quilt to enable you to identify the wedge as the basis for the design. Notice how each wedge design is different, depending on how the quilter divided up her wedge into templates - the result - each quilt is unique. This is an interesting concept for the construction of this sort of quilt. With good, clear instructions from a master quilter, think about trying it!

Lois Warner

Presidents' Challenge 2016 "Out of the box"

If you have a Presidents' Challenge quilt, please bring it 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 it this early, it would be great if you could get someone else to bring yours in. Please pin the box sample that you received to the front of your quilt.

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. We will have a special "show & tell" for these challenges.

Margaret Yells



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 available which sleep up to 3 and have their own washroom, including shower/tub. These 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

May 5, 2016

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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.

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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.

WORKSHOP NEWS

Thanks to all of you who support the workshop program by taking classes!! Remember, we are always open to hearing your suggestions!

To that end, we'll have our suggestion container, our rose bouquet pens and slips of paper at the next meeting so you can give us even more great ideas. And, you can always email one of us if you think of something you'd like to learn in the meantime!

Our last class for this year, Raelene's Wallet Class, took place on April 23rd. It was a great day of precision cutting and sewing. Raelene is offering a follow-up in the afternoon on May 5th, a Thursday sewing day and also our meeting day.

Here's the much requested recipe from last weekend. This is a really quick and easy recipe, is gluten free, fat free, dairy free.....unfortunately not sugar free!

WORKSHOP HAYSTACKS – Makes about 12 large Haystacks

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line a cookie sheet with parchment paper.

Measure the following ingredients into a large bowl:

180 ml sugar
370 ml UNSWEETENED coconut, any length – do not use sweetened
2 large egg whites (60 ml)
5 ml vanilla extract
a couple of pinches of salt

Using your hands, mix well, completely combining the ingredients.

Form 'haystacks', each about 20 -25 ml of mixture, place on cookie sheet about 1 ½" apart.

Bake until golden brown. In a convection oven this takes about 10 minutes, in the oven in the hall, it took 15 minutes.....just keep an eye on them.

Store in an airtight container for up to 3 days. But they usually don't last that long!

Workshop Committee

Jackie Greening, Eva Hansen & Lynda Reid

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This includes items to be addressed under Members' Announcements.

My email address is secretary@schoolhousequilters.com

Patti (Secretary)

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'**

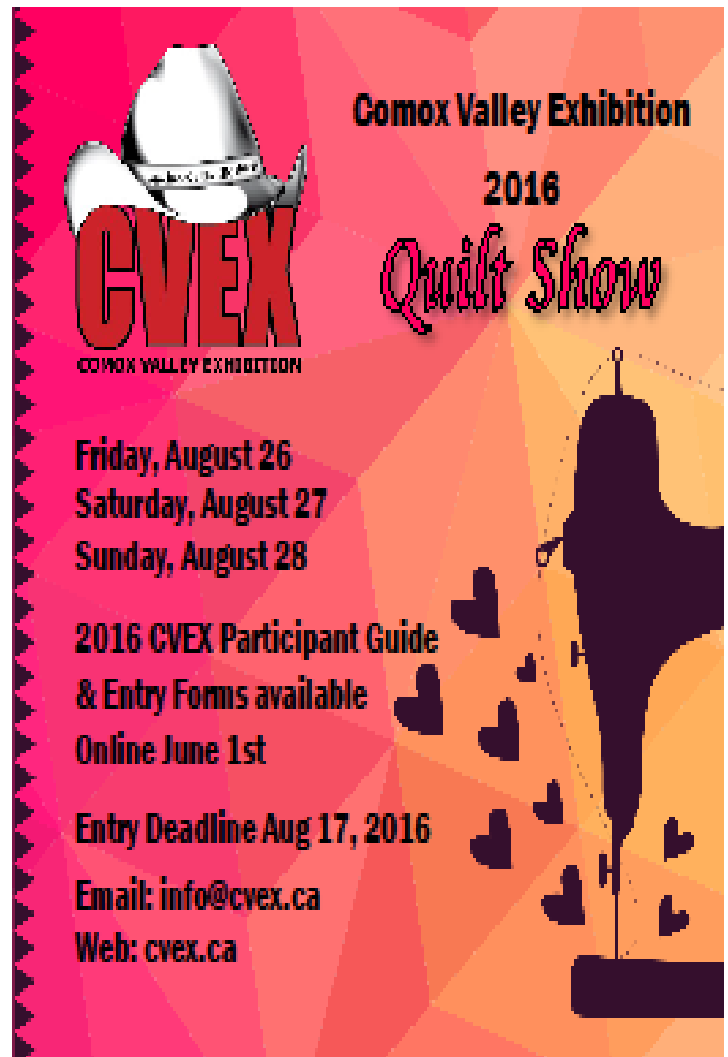
The time draws near. Have you thought about your quilt entries yet? Please do.

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.

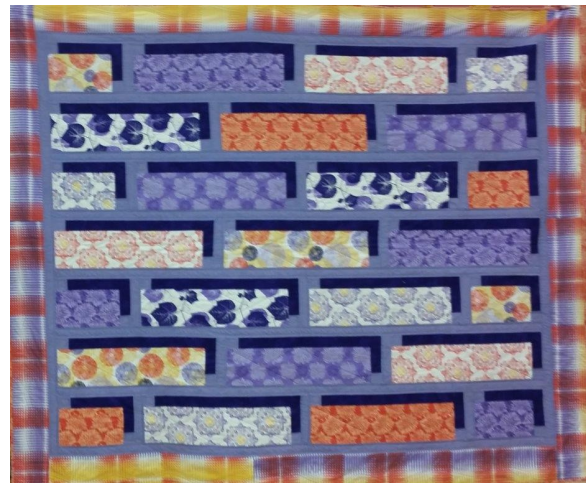
The only other qualification is that the entry must reflect the CVEx Theme and have been made in the 12 months preceding the 2016 show.

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

Thank you.
Judy Morrison, Margaret Yells



April Show n' Tell



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June James

Our lifetime member June James passed March 22nd . at Casa Loma.

She would have been 93 this coming June 28th.

She was one of the original quilt group that formed our Guild.

June loved English paper piecing , the colour blue and Sunbonnet Sue.

She enjoyed coming to visit with us and always had something in her little kit that someone needed .

We miss our June but have wonderful memories of her zest for life.



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 May Birthdays

Webber	Carreen	5/1
Clark	Paulette	5/3
Olson	Melanie	5/13
Johnsen	Joan	5/16
McEwen	Mary-Jean	5/17
Manders	Tina	5/20
Morris	Renie	5/25
Levirs	Brenda	5/30
Hill	Jan	5/31



Guild Member Personal Information

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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.

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Trudy Thorne

(phone number on membership list)

Or email:

sunshine@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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Word Search Puzzle Bring to **June** Meeting

List of Fabric Names
Beverly Michaluk

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

Aba	Angora	Baize	Benaras
Braid	Buckram	Camlet	Chino
Coir	Dobby	Drill	Gazar
Himroo	Jute	Leno	Moire
Nomex	Plush	Qiviut	Rep
Saye	Stuff	Tais	Ticking