

# **President's Message**

Christmas Pot Luck will be right after the December meeting. Starting at (12:00 noon) the meeting will be short, then the Pot Luck Dinner with a cake for dessert.

Bring a tool or ruler or anything you can't live without when you are quilting, a trick or how you apply a method. For me it's this little hummingbird needle threader.

This year how about a bake sale for dessert. Bring your cookies, cakes, squares, etc., on plates, tins, boxes for yourself or to take home to freeze for Christmas time.

Package in small, medium, or large sized for variety please put a price on it and if gluten free please mark that as well.

**Policies**; state, above all — the camaraderie of others who share a love of quilting and enjoy sharing and learning about quilting from others.

Welcome skill levers, from absolute beginners to prize-winning Experts, and a broad diversity of quilting interests, traditional, modern, art quilts, bed quilts and all types of quilted objects.

With our membership numbers so low this year, we the executive have chosen to revamp the Guild Back to Basics and having Fun —our new motto for the guild. I hope you ladies are ready to participate in this. So every 4th Thursday we will be sewing new blocks and making guilts out of them.

So read on about our BEE Day.

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## **BEE DAY**

Come join the fun of a quilting bee day. This will be at the guild hall every 4th Thursday of the month. The first was held on November 24th with pattern and fabric supplied by the guild for this project.

Each 4th Thursday a new pattern will be supplied at the guild for you. You can make a block with supplied fabric and then use your own fabric to build a block, perhaps two, one for you and one for the Community Quilts quilt.

Hopefully some of us can do sashing, binding, quilting so that we can present a completed quilt. Patterns will only be supplied on the day at the hall since the intent is to do this together.

Come have some fun, get to know fellow guild members better, perhaps learn a new skill or enhance one.

If you have any questions contact Debbi, Peggy or Janis.

Your presi-Debbie



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## Do You Need a Ride to Guild?

If you need a ride please contact Carol Metner (info on membership list) to arrange a ride. As we go into winter weather some of us might not come to guild because of driving conditions or prefer to not drive at night.

Please contact Carol and she will arrange rides.



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# November Show n Tell















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# **More Show & Tell**













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# President's Challenge

This year ladies, you don't have to stress about colours (ha ha).

My Challenge is for you to dig into your drawers or closets and pull out a ruler that you have had and been wanting to use for years, (**but never used**). Now is the Time.

Finished size 40x40 or four placemats.

When you sign up you have to have the name of the ruler and the ruler you are using.

**Cost**: \$5.00 for each entry

- register with Theresa Pinke
  - 5 bucks 5 bucks 5 bucks", for each entry, due at time of registration.
  - using a ruler you have not as yet used. Either already own or purchased.
  - bring the ruler to registration so it can be listed with your registration.
  - and must be used in your piece of work entry,
  - minimum of 40" square or bigger, or, 4 placemats.
  - the only other limit is your imagination.

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# **Membership News**

Thank you for all your renewals and if you haven't paid for this year please do so at the hall on Thursday as soon as possible.

We will be sending out a new password to the "Members only" part of the website to our members at the end of December.

If you have any questions or changes about the membership roster please direct them to Sharon Hansen or Pat McEwen on the membership committee.

If you have a friend who is interested in the guild please contact us and there's always somebody who is happy to welcome them for a tour on Thursday's.

# **Membership Form**

Thank you Sharon Hansen & Pat McEwen Membership Committee



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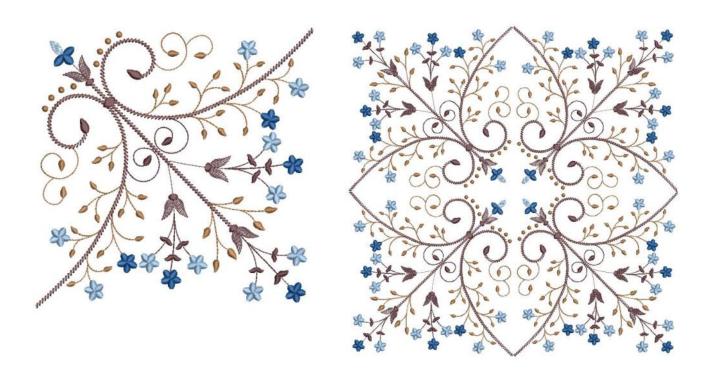
# **Guild Members have been busy...**

### Pat Norrad

I've been working on an Embroidery Design to use on a quilt I'll be making for my Aunt and Uncle. They are in their 80's. This block design is made in 4 quarter sections each measuring 7  $\frac{1}{2}$ " square.

When all four quarters are joined you get the appearance of Hearts, the Heart Blocks will be  $3 \times 3$  to form the center of the quilt and then I'll add borders. The last Border will be scalloped and will also have embroidery on them.

I enjoy digitizing and I'm always learning new features and methods. This project will keep me busy all Winter; along with other quilts I'm working on.



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### Lois's Book Review

Machine Embroidered Seascapes Alison Holt Search Press Ltd 2014 Guild Library #629



Welcome back to quilting after a hot, dry summer. Here is a book which will cool you down.

At first glance, the pictures in Machine Embroidered Seascapes seem involved and intricate, but once you look again, these scenes really are composed of straight and zigzag stitches on fabric. Another 'plus' are the sizes of the pieces... they are all about the same size as each photo... small.

Beginning with 'Materials & equipment', the book goes on to 'Inspiration' (photos and sketches). Holt includes observations which may pass us by, such as dry sand having a different feel and color palette to wet sand, or pebbles being shiny when wet. Contrast between North Atlantic water and Mediterranean water, due to ligh and atmosphere, is clearly shown in photos on pages 16 and 17. Angry vs placid!

Composition and planning are important for a successful piece. The author paints or color washes background material thus providing some color in addition to machine stitches. Detailed information on transferring designs to fabric are provided through photos and explanations.

For those quilters reluctant to tamper with their bobbin tension, fear no longer. A good tip on page 30 is given to get your bobbin back to its starting position. From using small stitches in the distance to larger ones in the foreground, resulting in perspective, or loosening bobbin tension so the thread is visible on the surface, resulting in 'choppy water', this book is a goldmine of information.

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Skies are part of ocean scenes and a project is devoted to creating a sunset (pages 52—55). In this case, the painted background is only partially stitched.

The last technique used is intriguing. Paper & Stitch is the title of this chapter. Various types of paper are stitched on the background fabric then cut and scratched to produced foaming waves. Again, a project, 'Restless waves', take you through the steps when reproducing this scene.

The final three projects 'Pebble Beach', Crashing Wave' and 'Splash' are wonderfully illustrated, again step by step. 'Crashing Wave' and 'Splash' are wonderfully illustrated, again step by step. 'Crashing Wave', when completed (page 87) gives a feeling of being right there, feeling the spray, while 'Splash' leaves foam in your hair.

This is an interesting book and of course, not for all quilters. However, with stunning photos and excellent instructions, it is worth a look, even if you are a traditionalist... perhaps you will try a wave or two.

Lois Warner

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# **Christmas Potluck 2022**

The hall will open at 10:00am for potluck setup No sewing (except hand sewing) till after the potluck/meeting. If you would like to help with the setup please arrive by 10 and see Debbie.

Christmas pot luck and the guild general meeting will be December 1st, at noon.

Bring dishes for the main meal, as dessert will be provided by the guild.

Instead of bringing potluck desserts, we are requesting items for a bake sale to boost the guilds general funds.

Please have items pre-wrapped and labeled for ease of sale. If you have jarred preserves or pickles feel free to donate them as well for the sale.

During the Christmas pot luck, there will be a 10" Fabric square, dice (left right center) game. To participate bring 3, 10" cotton squares. They can be any solid colours except black and white.

Theresa

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# Community Quilts

Lately it has been brought to my attention that there is a lot of incorrect information circulating about Community Quilts in the guild. Unfortunately no one has come to me with questions or concerns, but I will try to address some of the rumours that I have heard.

Community Quilts does NOT give batting to non guild members.

During the covid shutdown, we purchased our own batting and stored it at a Community Quilt member's house. When a guild member needed batting, she would either deliver it to them or have it available at her house. She still has a bit of that batting left and it will be eventually stored at the hall.

I have an unopened roll of batting in my basement. It is there simply because there is not the space in the storage room at the hall.

We do not "critique" or turn down ANY quilts that are given to us. We find homes for every quilt we are given.

We receive donations of quilts and fabric from non guild members, which we gratefully accept. If some of the fabric given to us to use is not suitable for community quilts projects, we sell it at a pop-up sale, put it on the free table or donate it to the Hospital Thrift store.

All the money we make from a raffle goes to specific purchases. In order to have a raffle, a provincial gaming licence must be obtained. There are specific rules and regulations that must be followed. All the money goes into a separate gaming account, set up by the Guild treasurer. The raffle money must be spent within a year and can only be spent on items that were listed on the licence (in Community Quilts recent raffles, the funds are to be spent on supplies used in the making of quilts and breast cancer kits). An accounting report must be submitted to the province within 90 days of the raffle taking place.

Community Quilts accounting data is submitted yearly to the Executive with our year-end report.

Community Quilts did make some money at the recent Craft Sale, as we did last year. Many members gave me items to sell, under my name, not Community Quilts, and the money made from is given to the treasurer who puts it into the Community Quilts account. And 10% of the profit was given to the guild.

I have also heard that we donate to too many groups and make too many quilts. We don't just give quilts to any group that asks. We have specific organizations that we have made commitments to and have turned down requests from other groups. The reason we are donating as many quilts as we do, is that we are given so many quilts.

The majority of the things we donate are made by members using their own supplies (fabric, batting and backing). Only occasionally is guild batting used - certainly not for every guilt we donate.

We do not expect or ask for quilt donations from members, but are extremely grateful when we are given quilts. The reason that Community Quilts spent so much money last year is that after funding ourselves for several years (our usual source of funding was from

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Quilt Shows, which had been cancelled during covid) our usual contributors were tapped out. We continued donating quilts during covid, using our own materials and money.

We are not a traditional committee. We do not have members - we have women who handle the distribution of quilts to various organizations. We do not have meetings - the group that meets in Comox on alternative Tuesdays are a group of friends, some of who make quilts for Community Quilts.

If anyone has any additional questions or concerns about Community Quilts, please contact me by email or phone (available on guild member list), or at the hall on Thursday's.

I can also answer any questions at the January business meeting. If you would prefer to remain anonymous, just pop a question in the Community Quilt's basket in the storage room and I will try to answer it at the January business meeting.

Myra

# 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"

**Senior Quilts** – are a smaller size because they are easier to use with a wheelchair, and are given to women and men.

Transition Society (Lilli House) – mostly young women with children of all ages.

Quilts of Valour – please check with quiltsofvalour.ca website for suggestions

### Batting

Now that Guild Activities are picking up at our Regular Thursdays in Cumberland – batting & fabrics that I had at my house have been returned to Cumberland Hall.

No one has approached me for batting for some time now, so it's time to get back to our 'normal' procedures. If you are still uncomfortable going to our Sew Days – just contact one of the Community Quilt Team to assist you. I was happy to cut batting and provide tables in my basement for sandwiching all those lovely quilts while we were required to keep our distance from each other

see you at a 'sew day' Jean

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### **CAMP HOMEWOOD RETREAT**

**Sign-up now for February 22nd- 26th, 2023.** This will be a *four* day retreat which provides us with lots of valued time for sewing and socializing. **Please note this retreat will run from 11am Wednesday to 11am Sunday.** Sign up will start at the **December** business meeting.

The cost per individual for the *four* days will range from \$352 to \$445 depending on the room you choose. **Please note there has been a 10% increase on daily rates.** The starting range of \$352. includes the three non-updated private rooms in the guesthouse, as well as bunk style dorm rooms in the main lodge which sleep up to 7. However on average there are usually anywhere from 2 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. The cost of these rooms per person will depend on how many are 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 plentiful, with lots of selections at each meal . . . 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. In the past we have seen a number of quilters who have attended retreat for the first time, and we continue to see more of them becoming regulars. If you wish to sign-up or for further information please con-

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tact 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.

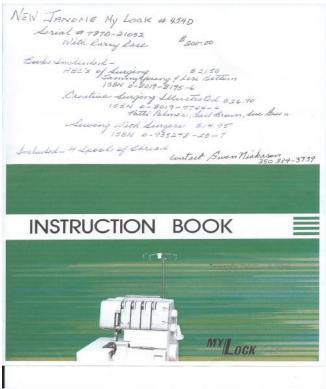
A \$50 deposit is required upon registration with the balance due the beginning of February. We look forward to seeing all of our regulars as well as some first timers for the upcoming retreats. For those of you that plan ahead the fall retreat is booked for October 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023.

Beverly Luck Terry Vadeboncoeur Janis Davis

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# **Workshop News**

The guild has hosted 2 well received workshops this fall. The first saw 18 members in a zoom workshop "Modern Quilting With Your Walking Foot" by Melissa Marginet, a teacher living in Manitoba. She was very skillful in the content as well as adept at dealing with issues of presenting via Zoom technology. Personally, I was very impressed with the workshop format. Many members shared their positive impressions with other members the following Thursday. This is prompting the consideration of offering the same workshop again, to others or hosting another one from Melissa's list of classes. Please chat with someone who took the workshop (see me or Clare for names) or check out Melissa's website (melissamarginet.ca) Do NOT let the zoom format scare you!

In November, Joan Johnsen, hosted her Roll top Bag workshop. This was the 4<sup>th</sup> time that she has taught this to our members. Little known fact--- She has taught this over 10 times!!!

Two members were able to finish their bag by 3:30 and hopefully you will see more completed bags at our next show and tell.

Suggestions for future workshop are trickling in BUT we NEED more!

There will be sheets available to sign up your interests or ideas at The Christmas potluck luncheon.

## Suggestions.

Stack and Whack New York Beauty Blocks Curved piecing

Thread Painting Sew Together Bag Needle Punch Felting

Ferns and Feathers

Raelene Robertson, on behalf of the Workshop Committee.

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# Quilt and Craft Sale 2022

On November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> we held our annual Schoolhouse Quilters Quilt and Craft Sale. This year we had twenty-five participants, a record number! The variety of items was quite impressive making it a great show for those who visited us at the Courtenay Lawn Bowling Club. The Community Quilts group also ran a very successful raffle; the proceeds going to buying batting and supplies for their endeavors.

Many thanks to all those who participated and helped with set up, take down, and taking a shift or two at the sale. What a great team effort!









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# Celebrating Quilts - A journey through the years

The first meeting for those interested in helping put on next June's event, was held on September 29. We were very pleased with the turnout – and with the enthusiasm shown by everyone.

At the Oct. 27 meeting we decided on what to call the event. After a few good suggestions (and all were very similar) it was decided to call the June event **Celebrating Quilts – a journey through the years.** 

All the committee head positions have been filled, now we just need lots of volunteers to help them. There isn't much that can be done until early next year. The next meeting will be in January 2023.

### **Committee Heads**

Co-chairs	Carol Metner	Myra Shearer
Secretary	Beth Ritchie	
Set up / take down	Judy Morrison	
Liaison with CVEX – frames	Judy Morrison	
Quilt Registration – paper- work	Rosanne Tinckler	
Quilt intake & return	Sandi MacDonnell	Sandra Longland
Gift Basket Raffles	Sharon Hansen	Theresa Pinke
Volunteers	Clare Ireson	
Guild Boutique	Jan Hill	Anne McCullough
Demonstrations / displays	Tina Manders	Gayle Hampton
Guild Notification	Hope Ryckun	
Vendors	Patti Kemp	
Liaison with Cumberland Village	Diane Cave	
Treasurer	Colleen Love	
Photographer	Barb Messer	
Awards	Raelene Robertson	
Tea Room	Kathy Rankin	Michelle Lampron

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### Do Your Christmas Shopping Early

- Gnomes/Santa patterns available.
- Gift Certificates available.
- Sewing machines always on sale.
- A few December classes are still available to take - register by phone or in person.

Get to know us through our monthly Newsletter by linking through our website. We appreciate your continued support. We wish you a very

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!





# BIB n' TUCKER QUILTING

# **December Specials**

(closed Dec 23-26)

## All Christmas PRINTS

30-50% off min 1/2m

All BATIKS(incl wide width)

20% - 30% off 2m or more(same

bolt) 1/2 m min cuts

**Inventory Clearance starts Dec 27** 

1006 Craigflower Road Victoria ,BC V9A2Y1

250-386-6512 (Tues - Thurs 11-3, Sat 12-4)

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## Membership Dues 2022-2023

Time once again to submit your membership dues. We are so lucky to have the hall every Thursday from 9 to 9, not many guilds do.

Membership dues are \$60 and please fill in a NEW form with current information and submit with your payment.

Membership form can be found on the first page of our website, just scroll down, click on the link and print the form.

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Looking forward to seeing everyone at the guild.



### **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

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# **Meeting Refreshment Goodies**



This revised schedule takes us into the two meetings in December and June that are "pot Luck".

Please remember to bring your own mug. Fee is by donation and recommended at \$5.00 for year ( or 0.50 per cup ).

New schedule for goodies donations for refreshment table at our monthly meeting is as follows:

### LAST NAMES STARTING WITH

SEPT	A, B, C	
OCT	D, E, F	
NOV	G, H, I	
DEC	<b>ALL - POTLUCK DINNER</b>	
JAN	J, K	
FEB	L, Mc and Mac	
MAR	M	
APR	N, O, P, Q, R, S	
MAY	T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z	
JUNE	<b>ALL - POTLUCK DINNER</b>	

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## **Quilts of Valour HUG Blocks**

If anyone is looking for block ideas for QOV perhaps you could consider making "Hug Blocks" for Quilts of Valour Canada. Block patterns are free on their website (www.quiltsofvalourcanada.ca). Once the blocks are finished, they can be made into quilt tops  $(55" \times 70"$  is the requested size) either by a volunteer guild member, or myself. QOVC will provide the batting, backing and long-arming and the quilt(s) are presented locally.

Thanks for considering this.

Nerissa

Thanks to Peggy Hawkins for making this QOV which was presented on October 18, 2022.



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## What to do if:

- 1. You didn't receive the current newsletter
  - contact editor@schoolhousequilters.com
  - or check our website as it is posted on the Newsletter page
- You don't know the new website Members Only Password
  - contact Membership
- **3.**Any changes to your membership information such as phone number, home address or email
  - contact Membership

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STORE HOURS Monday- Friday 10am-5pm Saturday 10am-4:30pm Sunday 12-4pm Closed Holidays

1930 Ryan Road East, Comox BC 250-339-4059 or1-877-339-4059 huckleberrys@shaw.ca

Have you seen the wonderful online demos that Huckleberry's staff have been doing? If you missed them check them out here.

# 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

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# **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.

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

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** 

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# Please wish everyone a Happy December Birthday



Rita	Gouthro	12-9
Linda	Mathers	12-6
Terry	Duval	12-11
Shirley	Woodbeck	12-15
Anita	Jones-Gould	12-17
Theresa	Pinke	12-17
Jane	Kerr	12-17
Barbara	Kenney	12-18
Patti	Kemp	12-20
Judy	Flynn	12-20
Marjorie	Arnold	12-27

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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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# **Executive & Committees 2022—2023**

President Debbie Maxwell Treasurer Peggy Hawkins

Vice-President Therese Pinke Secretary Marlene Hooper

Past President Diane Cave

Community Quilts Coordinator—Myra Shearer

Comox Valley Transition Society Sandy Schille
Breast Cancer Myra Shearer

N. Island Health Newborns Coby Sherstone

Seniors Heather Hodge & Joan Gurney
Teddies & Toddlers Gladi Lyall & Carreen Webber

Pregnancy Care Centre Nerissa Thomas

Quilts of Valour Nerissa Thomas

Hall Open & Close Carol Metner, Judy Morrison & their teams

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Word Search Puzzle Bev Michaluk

Workshops Clare Ireson, Raelene Roberts

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### **Word Search**

Word Search is in a separate file sent with this newsletter. The reason is that lots of guild members had trouble reading it when inserted here.

Word Search is done by Beverly Michaluk

The current word search is to be brought to the January

2023 meeting.

Have fun.