

President's Message

FEBRUARY ALREADY! I cannot quite believe it. And while Europe freezes in and unusually cold winter, we are blessed with the signs of spring. Every time I see pictures of ice covered cars in places like Geneva I thank my lucky stars that Vancouver is my home. And this month is heart month as well. A timely reminder to look after ourselves before we look after the people we love. An article in the paper put it best – in an emergency, we are told to put on our oxygen masks first, before helping the people around us. Sometimes it is these “selfish things” that are the most important in our lives. Looking forward to seeing you all on the 16th, and staying later to finish off those comfort quilts.

Barbara Milgrom

PS: Please read, and think about the issues I am writing about later on in the newsletter. Thank you.

2011/2012 Executive

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WELCOME everyone
To February Quilting
2012



PROGRAMS:

FEBRUARY – If it's February, it must be "Comfort Quilt Month". Please come out & join your fellow guild members' for a fun day of quiltership (new word for quilters' fellowship) & giving back to our community. Check out Dorothy's message for what you need to bring on the 16th.

- SHOW & TELL - please mention if you've registered with Hattie so that she can check it off the UFO list and place you in the draw.

MARCH – We are delighted to welcome our very own Anna Smith.

As some of you know Anna spends many months traveling the world working on luxury cruise ships. One of many of her job perks is great shopping in the ships ports of call! We are very fortunate to have Anna present a trunk show & lecture of what she is doing & where she is visiting & what she's buying when she's not here at our meetings.

APRIL – Val Smith – Trunk Show & English Paper Piecing Demo. Val will bring the hexigons. You just need your hand sewing kit, needle, thread & scissors to get yourself started english paper piecing.....by hand.

For more info on Val go to www.FVQG.org click on links and scroll down to Val Smith Weblink....Enjoy!

MAY – Ivan Sayer - For those of you who have experienced Ivan you'll know what I am talking about and if you've not you are in for a truly delightful, insightful morning. Ivan is a costume (meaning all we have worn through the centuries not just theatre) & fabric historian. You are in for a real treat!

WORKSHOPS:

BEGINNERS MACHINE QUILTING – With Lynne Fanthorpe

Date: Wednesday, March 28, 2012 Time: 10am – 4pm

Place: Capilano Library, Edgemont Village, Potlatch Room

Cost: \$30.00

Sign up with Judy at the February & March meetings

QUILT TILL YOU WILT – Thank you to all who participated in our January QTYW day. It sounded like everyone had a great time. These days are so successful & enjoyable look to the future for more.

LIBRARY REPORT – FEBRUARY, 2012

We have **10** NEW BOOKS in the library this month:

- No. 126 – **Little Lone Star Quilts** by Lorraine Olsen
- No. 140 – **Jump-Start Your Quilting** by Jeanne Stauffer
- No. 141 – **Flower Festival** by Kim Schaefer
- No. 144 – **Prairie-Point Pizzazz** by Karen Stevert
- No. 146 – **The ABCs of Words on Quilts** by Elizabeth Scott
- No. 147 – **Viva Venezia** by Christine Porter
- No. 148 – **Log Cabins Today** by Jeanne Stauffer
- No. 150 – **Quilting for Busy Boomers** by Jeanne Stauffer & Sandra Hatch
- No. 153 – **More Elm Creek Quilts** by Jennifer Chiaverini
- No. 160 – **Serendipity Quilts** by Susan Carlson

Happy Quilting!

Gigi Hamer

LIBRARY REPORT – JANUARY, 2012

Happy New Year! We have **7** new books this month. The first book was bought for the library and the others were brought in by Laurie Cunningham who received them from a friend.

I am hoping to have more new books by the January meeting which I will list in the February, 2012 library report.

NEW BOOKS in the library this month:

- No. 173 – **Freddy & Gwen Collaborate Again** by Gwen Marston & Freddy Moran
- No. 196 – **The Country Songbird Quilt** by Cheryl Benner & Rachel Pellman
- No. 184 – **The Original Log Cabin Jacket & Vest Book** by Barbara Doriss
- No. 179 – **Quilting by Machine** by Singer
- No. 177 – **Investments** by Diana Leone
- No. 174 – **Landscapes & Illusions** by Joen Wolfrom
- No. 173 – **Patchwork, Quilting & Applique** by Linda Seward

We also have a number of new magazines.

Gigi Hamer

COMFORT QUILT REPORT – February, 2012

We are holding our next Comfort Quilt Workshop on **February 10**, at St Martin's Church. The session will run from 9:30-4:30. We will also have the use of the hall on the afternoon of **February 16** after our meeting.

The Comfort Quilt committee will be bringing the following to the church:

1. Hand sewing projects for those who wish to sew and visit. The hand sewing projects are quilts that require bindings and labels to be sewn on.
2. Completed tops and backs that need layering prior to either tying or machine quilting (straight stitching lines).
3. Kits that need to be sewn together.
4. Batting, safety pins, masking tape, odds and end of thread for tying and hand sewing.
5. Irons and ironing boards that belong to the guild.
6. Laurie Cunningham and her "kitchen team" will bring coffee and tea.

We need guild members to bring:

1. Baking for coffee breaks
2. Sewing machines for sewing on bindings, sewing tops from kits and to do machine quilting.
3. Basic hand-sewing supplies for those who prefer to do handwork.
4. Your own projects to work on.
5. Your own lunch.

Finally, the committee consisting of Laurie Cunningham, Mona Morrison, Donna Oliver, Ann Stelzl and Dorothy Sanders, will be resigning at the end of June. The Guild will need someone or a small group to take over this task.

Thank you,

Dorothy Sanders

WHITE ROCK RETREAT
Friday, March 30th to Monday, April 2nd

Catriona still has a few vacancies left for our White Rock Retreat.

We will be staying at the Ocean Promenade Hotel, 15661 Marine Drive in White Rock. Reservations: 1-888-976-2326. Each attendee is responsible to book their room. Accommodation is available from single rooms to suites to share with others. The hotel is located directly across from the beach and sea wall. Their website is: www.oceanpromenadehotel.com

Catriona will take deposits (cash or cheque) of \$ 50.00 at our February Guild meeting. This fee covers the cost of the large Conference room we use for sewing. Please make your cheques payable to Catriona Johnson. You may also contact her at (604) 985 – 2193 for more information.

We welcome all – regular attendees and new members who would like to get to know other members a little better. Hope to see you there.

Ten Years of Beaded Quilts–Thom Atkins

January 11 - March 25, 2012

I was very fortunate and just happened upon this exhibit at the quilt museum when we visited La Conner in January. (I also noticed a new quilt shop in the town!) The artist was a man called Thom Atkins and he is a true artist who has apparently worked in many artistic mediums. He was introduced to beads in the 70's; he has come back to them in the last seven years, using the Art Quilt as a canvas. He is currently using his love of color, organic motifs, flowers and landscape to create vivid bead encrusted works of art. His quilts are displayed on the second floor and they are absolutely beautiful, some of the nicest work I have ever seen. I would urge every member of our guild to think about taking a day trip to take in this display (and the quilt shop) it is approximately 2 hours from North Vancouver as long as the border is quick. If you cannot get there, at least look it up online: www.laconnerquilts.com/exhibits/thom-atkins.

The other thing I noticed was a "stashfest" festival to be presented by the Quilt Museum on the weekend of March 31/ April 01. I was assured that the fabrics would be unusual and rare....it may be worth gathering some girlfriends and making a day of it. For more information on this visit www.stashfest.com.

Trish Vickery

ONGOING:

PROJECT UFO'S – Bring your finished registered UFO to show & tell, let Hattie know this was one of your UFO's, then she'll put you in for the draw! Deadline for finishing your quilt is at the June meeting. Hattie will be available at the meetings if you need to check on what you've registered.

SIT & STITCH – A great & easy way to get to know your fellow quilters', plus get some quality quilting time in. You pick a day/date & time that works for you. At our meeting an invitation is extended to all our guild members giving the date, time & place of the hostess (don't worry the whole guild won't show up). It's a nice courtesy for members tell you they plan on attending. It's up to you if you'd like to provide coffee, tea & goodies. If the timing falls over the lunch hour it's up to the individual to bring their lunch. Basically you provide the venue for a wonderful day of stitching and getting to know our guild members!

Hosting a Sit & Stitch goes towards your mandatory 6 Guild Volunteer Hours.

Thank you to all who completed our short survey at the December meeting. Your comments & suggestion are all being looked at. Wow, we have many members who have been quilting a good number of years, some started before rotary cutters & strip piecing was invented. Can you image cutting a whole quilt out with scissors? ! We also have some relatively new quilters. Two areas in which there was great interest were in learning both hand & machine quilting.

Our January meeting guest speaker **Lynne Fanthorpe** was inspiring, uplifting and encouraging. Please see **WORKSHOPS** for information on the **Beginners Machine Quilting** workshop taught by Lynne.

I know we have some beautiful hand quilters in our guild. If there is a guild member who would be interested in sharing their knowledge & expertise in hand quilting, please contact **me** krcarlson@telus.net or speak to one of the P&W committee members, **Glenda, Ellie, Hattie, Jan or Judy.**

NEW: Online Virtual Marketplace – open to the public**A New On-Line Shopping Experience for ALL Canadian Quilters!**

You're invited to visit the new **Virtual Marketplace**, created by CQA/ACC to celebrate Quilt Canada 2012.

Beginning April 1st, the Virtual Marketplace will offer special deals and discounts from Quilt Canada Sponsors, Merchant Mall vendors and CQA Member Quilt Shops.

Check out the site to search for the deal that's just right for you and the Coupon you'll need to complete your purchase in-store or on-line. Not a CQA member? No problem, the site is open to everyone!

Let's go shopping!

<http://www.canadianquilter.com/shopping/marketplace-information-search.php>

Thank you so much for your assistance in passing the message along.

Jackie

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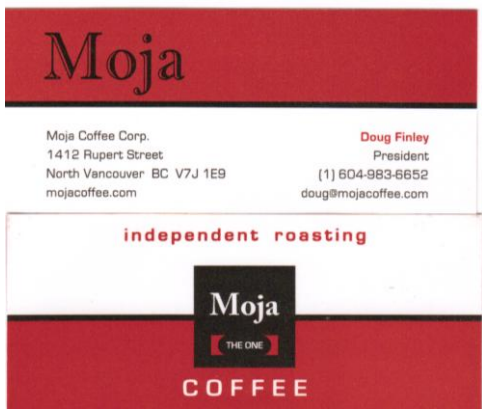
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When in the area, please drop in for a coffee. Enjoy a Thomas Haas treat and say thanks for providing our guild with coffee every month.

- ## REMINDERS
- Q Name tags
 - Q Mugs
 - Q Change for coffee
 - Q Library books

SUNSHINE



Do you know of a member who is under the weather, call Roz Jansen 604.985.5197

Grouse Mountain Day Quilters Guild

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 16th, 2012
10am-1:30pm

Topics to Think About before the Meeting

The Executive discussed the following topics. Please think about them, and we will discuss them at the February meeting. I will allocate a fixed time for discussion, 20 minutes max.

- 1) Changes to the required time between taking on executive positions, from 2 years to 1 year.
 - Maximum 2 terms in a row, different positions.
 - Reasoning behind this was: difficulty every May in getting people to volunteer for the executive, and that there were some positions that seem to flow naturally one into the other.

This would require a special resolution, and is presented here **just** for discussion, with changes to be made, if any, later on this year or at the AGM in September.

- 2) Along the same lines – i.e. Executive Positions, please give serious thought to volunteering for one of them come May. The positions that will be changing are: President, Treasurer, Library, and Membership. The Comfort Quilt Ladies and the Coffee Ladies are also finishing their terms.

- 3) After much discussion, the executive thought that the bus trip to La Connor in October would be the best way of spending quilt show money and would open the trip to the Seymour guild if we did not fill the 42 spots on the bus. We decided against the cutting machine