

President's Message

Hello Ladies,

It is almost spring! And if you didn't have to go outside on Tuesday the 6th, the sunshine was amazing. Frigid and cold wind, shattered the illusion of spring's arrival, but I am certain it is just around the corner. We have some wonderful programs coming up, as well as putting the finishing touches on our comfort quilts. I have not heard back from anyone re the topics I put in our last newsletter. I will be talking about them again at the meeting, and the executive will be going over suggestions etc at our meeting in April. So if you have a comment, please let me know. Your voice is important and I do read my emails regularly and look forward to hearing from you. See you at the meeting.

Barbara Milgrom

Thank you to our **Mad March** bakers:

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Chris Robertson &
Donna Oliver**

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**WELCOME everyone
To March Quilting
2012**



PROGRAMS:

- 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

There are still a few openings. Please sign up with Judy at the **March** meeting.

More quilts to view - these are really interesting quilts. Copy and paste the link below into your browser.

<http://www.themarysue.com/large-hadron-collider-quilt/> **Barbara Milgrom**

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

Thank you to everyone who was able to participate in our "Comfort Quilt Days". We had a good turn out on both days and people took work home as well. Thank you as well to the committee members who worked very hard on both days. I had fun and hope you did as well.

I expect that we will have quilts returned over the next couple of months so we will do a "Show and Tell" in April and a count at that time. If your quilt is not done, turn it in when it is ready and we will keep it for next year.

Also, someone dropped a basket containing some notions, fabric bits, and batting on my porch. I don't know who it was and I'm not sure what to do with it. I would appreciate the donor contacting me. It is a very nice basket.

Thank you

Dorothy Sanders

The Art of Fashion returns to Deep Cove, North Vancouver, April 1, 2012.

What better way to celebrate spring than to enjoy the colourful art wear and accessories presented by some of Vancouver's finest artists. Dresses and coats, jackets, vests, sweaters, shawls and hats, bags, and don't forget the jewelry; these are a few of the wonderful things that will be on display at the Art of Fashion show and sale.

Sponsored by FibreEssence and the committee for Wearable Arts Vancouver, the event will be a fundraiser for the Seymour Art Gallery. The Art of fashion will take place at the Seymour as well as at Artemis Studio Gallery, and Cove Creek Gallery, all located on Gallant Avenue, North Van. The event will run from 2:00 to 4:30pm on the Sunday afternoon – and don't worry, if it rains we will have some umbrellas for people to move between the 3 locations. But, it never rains in Vancouver, does it?

There will be a parade of fashions between 2:30 and 3:30, in the Artemis Studio space, and afternoon tea, for \$5, will be available at the Seymour. All items on exhibit will be for sale, with a portion of the proceeds from sales benefiting the Seymour.

Don't miss this Grand Spring Event. Fashion, food, and fun will all be on display the afternoon of April 1, in Deep Cove – no fooling!

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

We are staying at the Ocean Promenade Hotel, 15661 Marine Drive in White Rock. Reservations: 1-888-976-2326 www.oceanpromenadehotel.com If you have not already reserved your accommodations, please do so now. When booking let them know you are with the Grouse Guild, as we have arranged a special room rate for you.

Wineberry Fabrics are once again providing us with discounts and prizes. Be sure to wear your nametag when you enter the store - this is their signal to offer you a grab bag and a discount.

As Catriona is away please call Josie (604) 291-1153 if you have any questions regarding the retreat.

Hope to see you there for a fun-filled weekend of quilting.

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.

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.

Pearls House

I have been in touch with the person in charge of this establishment. Pearls House is a shelter for women that need to escape from very unfavorable situations within their homes.

The House will shelter them and keep them safe along with their children for about one week. Then they are transitioned to Pearl's Place Transition House where they can remain, until they are safely able to go on with their life.

This is all carried out through the Howe Sound Women's Centre that looks after the Squamish Corridor. They do get funding from the Ministry of Public Safety. However, as we all know, any government funding is either very thin or nonexistent.

After talking to Dewsa Beed, I found that they need to operate a second hand store to raise funds to cover their expenses. This means that not only could they use the Christmas gifts we collected for those children for Christmas and birthdays, they also could also use any good articles that could be sold in their second hand store.

To me this is a win, win situation. We would be able to give comfort to those more unfortunate and have a very desirable destination for those gifts not delivered last year.

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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To give away – a queen-sized, triple rod, and ratchet quilt frame. Please contact Cheryl Furlong at cherfur@hotmail.com

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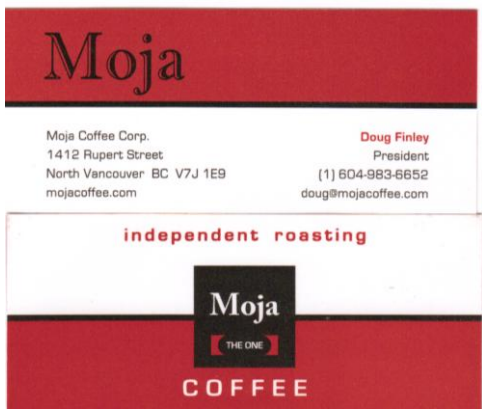
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REMINDERS

- 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, March 15th, 2012
10am-1:30pm