

Grouse Mountain Day Quilters

President's Message

Hello Ladies,

Can you believe it is that time again, November is upon us? I have now forgotten summer, it feels like fall. Now it's time for quilting time!! I hope everyone who came to last month's meeting, enjoyed it, I did. I learned a lot. What a great turnout from all the guild members, thank you! A great turnout helps the programs department feel that the work they are doing is well wanted and on the right track. Feedback, emails, private ballot box, let us know how you feel. We had 4 demonstration areas and we all divided up into groups. Clever patterns, and great teaching, a job well done. Now I know you all ran home to make some of these clever little items, so don't forget to bring them for show and tell.

Wow, can it rain in Vancouver! We have had some great downpours lately.

Something to do on the weekend, was visit one of the three quilt shows that was happening around the lower mainland. A few of us went to the Blue Mountain Quilt Show, and what fabulous quilts they showed. The inspiration was enormous. Quilting and rain go hand in hand. What a great excuse to stay inside, bundle up and start creating!

Speaking of Quilt Shows..... ours is coming up in just 18 months! May 2014. This is only 16 meetings away. Can you believe that? Now is the time to start thinking about what project you would like to enter in the show yourself. Think of something spectacular, outside the

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box, or try a new pattern. We could try something different like, offering one pattern to the guild and have different people use different colour fabrics, to change the look of the quilt. We could display them in the same area. Or have an area of how to make a quilt. With the different stages set up to show people how easy it is done! These are just ideas. I would like all of you to try and come up with something new to add our quilt show. Now with this in mind, we will also need volunteers to run our show. Everyone must participate and volunteer in some way or another.

Quilt till You Wilt Day is tomorrow, Oct 26th, at St Agnes Church. I am looking forward to a day of quilting with all my friends! We get a lot done with many giggles and laughs along the way. Again, bring the items for show and tell!

So enjoy the fall weather with a brisk walk, in or out of the rain, and finish up by completing those quilting and sewing projects. UFO's are great projects to finish with maybe a reward at the end of it!

Until the November meeting, happy quilting,

Love Tracey

My Thoughts: Have you ever wondered where and when a quilt guild started? Well after quite a few phone calls and conversations, I have come up with some sort of beginning to our guild.

How about 16 years ago, there was a small group of woman who wanted to join a daytime quilt guild. There wasn't one at the time, so they decided to form their own. It all started in one woman's apartment, with about a dozen women, who liked to gather, stitch and chat. Then they moved to the church, and the guild increased shortly after.

The bylaws were formed within a year, and a guild was formed. They started with no books for a library, so after a while they started to gather them. They used to teach each other in blocks of the month type workshops. Lee Feist taught the log cabin quilt. Some of these woman who have been a member since basically the beginning of it all are: Ida Abe, our guilds first president, Monica Bennett, Mary Smith, Lee Feist, Lori Brownlow, Donna Oliver, Sheri Furlong, Una Goyns, Terry Whiteman, Beryl Reeves compiled the bylaws, Lona Bush, Margaret Hill.

Now please note I am not a detective, nor a writer. I gathered the information from different women. Now please email me if you have any corrected information, or new information on how the guild was formed.

I will continue in the next newsletter, **love Tracey**

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Announcements:

Beanies for Babies

If anyone has any of these baby hats that they would like to donate to Lions Gate Hospital please bring them to the guild meetings and give them to me. I will be happy to deliver them to the hospital.

Thank you,

Laurie

MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

Here are the new members we will be welcoming at our November meeting:

Kathy Skolaude, Teddy Madden, Connie Willoner, Sandra Mayne, Margo Novak, Barb Brown, Brenda Shouldice. All the ladies were delighted to receive the "You're in!" phone call.

Help! I am looking for a helper to assist me with membership. Anyone who would like to get to know the membership better and who has some time to devote to the guild, please email me. I just received a contract for my second book, due in April, so the time I have to devote to membership is slipping away.....Thank you!

Since we have been spending some extra time on membership, I thought I would pass on to the regular members, the definition of Associate Membership, and Out-of-town Membership, just in case there have been changes in circumstances, and a shift from a full-time member is needed at this time. Our Policies and Procedures state that 20% of the total Guild membership may be Out-of-town or Associate members, with 10% being in each category. Both groups are expected to continue to participate in Guild activities, and assist with the work of the Guild by participating in designated community projects, such as the comfort quilts.

Requests for Associate or Out-of-town Memberships shall be submitted to the President or Membership Coordinator of the Guild in writing, or by e-mail. Requests must be approved by the Guild Executive. Only current members who have been members in good standing for a minimum of one year will be considered for OT & A Membership status. Associate membership may be requested by members whose personal circumstances will not allow them to make the regular required commitment to the Guild for a limited time. Out-of town memberships will only be extended to those

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members who have moved from the Lower Mainland. Associate members are required to pay the regular membership fees, but will not be permitted to serve on the executive or vote. Out-of-town members will pay a fee as determined by the Guild executive, and also, are not permitted to serve on the executive or vote.

We have spots available in both Associate and Out-of town Membership. Please contact either Kerry or Tracey if you are interested in changing your membership status.

Kerry

PROGRAMS:

SHOW & TELL – Please bring your Show & Tell items to share with us.

Remember to mention if they are one of your completed UFO'S so that Hattie can give you credit for its completion.

NOVEMBER: It is truly a pleasure to present a local Fibre Artist with an International reputation, Vivian Kapusta of Maple Ridge, B.C .as our guest speaker this month. Vivian began as a traditional quilt maker. After participating in a 'landscape - guild challenge', Vivian has never looked back. Vivian has been very active in the La Conner Quilt & Textile Museum & CQA.

THEME BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Christmas will be the theme at our December meeting. More information next month.

Thank you to all who participated in October.....I was so happy to be the lucky recipient of those special blocks.....Kim Carlson

WORKSHOPS:

HAND QUILTING WITH DIANNE STEVENSON

November 3, 2013, Saturday, 10am – 4:30pm

We are very fortunate to have the perfect person to teach you hand quilting and/or to spend the day with improving your skills. You'll be spending the day with Dianne Stevenson, a QCA Teacher of the Year, pattern designer and an incredibly fun &

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entertaining person to teach our hand quilting class. This class is a real bargain with this instructor!

Place: Capilano Library, Potlatch Room

Sign up at the October meeting.....\$25.00.for members.....\$35.00 for non-members.....Maximum 20 students.

DATE CHANGE.....SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, February 9, 2013

MACHINE QUILTING 102 – THE NEXT STEP. Lynne Fanthorpe will be returning to the North Shore to take you to the next level. This class is open to anyone who participated in Machine Quilting 101..... as long as you have been practicing and to anyone that would like to improve their skills. Sign up will be in December.

PROJECT UFO'S – Just a few months left to register your UFO's with Hattie. Bring your list of UFO's (unfinished projects), PHD'S (projects half done) & WIP'S (works in progress). Whatever you call them this is a great incentive for you to increase your quilting productivity. Registration fees: \$1.00 for a community quilt, \$2.00 for all others. Last years' results were truly amazing! Rumour has it our 'UFO finishing Queen' has registered 10 projects, so far! The total UFO's registered to date is "43".

Please remember that your quilting project must have already been startedkits that you have just taken out of the bag and played with the fabric &/or projects that you have the book or pattern & the fabrics all together for but haven't started yet.....Don't qualify as a UFO!

SIT & STITCH – We aim to have a Sit & Stitch hosted at least once a month. It's a great way to get to know other members & work on your hand projects.

A new Guild Activity to easily get involved in.....We have our room until 1:30 on Guild days so please plan to stay, bring your lunch and we'll be Sitting & Stitching and getting to know one another better. This will also be the perfect time to bring in any problem projects you have as we will have many experienced quilters' to offer their assistance. Hope to see you there!

OTHER GUILD ACTIVITIES TO GET INVOLVED IN....

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APPLIQUE GROUP – We had such a great time at Nancy Lee Chong's class that many of us would like to get together to appliqué on a regular basis. It will be similar to a sit & stitch with our focus on appliqué. A place to share ideas, get inspired & learn from one another. I'll have started a sign-up sheet at the meeting or you can contact me at 604-980-4771 or krcarlson@telus.net to express your interest or have questions or ideas. We'll start with getting together after our regular meeting on Guild Days.

As we have many members that enjoy appliquéing you might like to check out

The Appliqué Society www.Theappliquesociety.org

Kim

Fun photos from Quilt till you Wilt.

Photo 1



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Photo 2



Photography compliments **from Trish.**

LIBRARY NEWS:

Donated books from Margaret Pate,

1. **Stained Glass Made Easy**

2. **Sew a Row Quilts**

On Quilting Day, Thursday, Nov 15:

Books, Magazines and Patterns for sale.

Ros

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Bylaw Change Committee Update

I think we had a good discussion about this whole process at the October meeting and that is good. I came away with a couple of things:

- The feeling of the group is that this is a valid process and that we should carry on. The gender neutral changes that were distributed were acceptable to the group.

But in spite of all of that I also had a feeling that there was still a bit of confusion about this project and so I want to briefly reiterate the plan and the reasoning behind it:

- This came about because there was a strong feeling that the need to re-define executive term was necessary to give the guild members more flexibility in how they serve the guild. The current requirement for executive members to be off the executive for 2 full years is a tough one when we have an aging and travelling membership. The feeling was that allowing two consecutive terms or one term followed by a 1-year break and then another term would meet the needs of the guild in a better fashion.
- The acute need to make those changes in June of 2012 disappeared when we had Tracey and Kathy volunteer as President and Treasurer, so the whole thing was tabled until this year.
- If we are paying \$50 to make changes, we might as well make all the changes we think are necessary at the same time and pay \$50 once only in June 2013.
- There were just too many instances of 'she' and 'her' in the current bylaws to leave them there. It is simply the right thing to do to make them gender neutral. And to this point, that is the ONLY change that has been approved by the membership.
- We will present other changes over the course of the year for discussion and approval. Aside from gender neutrality and executive term, we have identified the following for review and possible changes:
 - Definition of member in good standing
 - How is membership obligation met
 - Other topics – as they come up

In summary, the plan is to bring small bundles of changes to the guild members over the course of this year and then in June, submit the changes in one package to the guild for formal approval and then on to the BC Society Act with one payment of \$50.

And as always, you have your membership list – you know where to find me. Comments and suggestions are welcome and the committee and I thank you for your support and patience in this project.

Sharon W.

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Kathy's front yard ghosts, they are so cute.



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NORTH SHORE FOOD BANK REMINDER

If anyone would like to bring a non-perishable food item and donate to the North Shore Food Bank, we will have a box at the November and December meetings. The box will be delivered in early January, when the shelves are empty from Christmas.

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REMINDERS

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Our next meeting: Thursday, November 15/12,
10am-1:30pm

Bakers: Sharon, Lynn, Mary J.

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SUNSHINE Lady

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who is under the weather, call



Jan

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