

## President's Message

To all the guild members," Happy October and welcome to fall!" I hope you are all busy and well on your way to making a lovely Halloween, 6 or 12-inch square, for our block draw. One lucky member who contributed will win these all, or we will divide into two if we receive a lot of them. It is Halloween Month for our monthly meeting. Feel free to wear your best Halloween costume as we always love a good witch, goblin, or scary character. Maybe our baking goodies will reflect this!

Last month's meeting was a lot of fun for me. I did a lot of preparation for the meeting, and feel that hopefully you all enjoyed it!

My mind is constantly whirling around trying to come up with different sessions to keep you interested. My goal is to have everyone say to themselves, Oh yeah, my monthly quilt meeting is coming up and I can't wait to see what we will be doing next! Not this scenario: Oh, what excuse can I give this month for not going, or how can I leave early? Or I will come late and catch up when I get there.

My mission might be to always change up our meetings. You will never know what happens when, but hopefully you will all accept my method of exciting entertainment. Always knowing what is coming up next is too textbook, so I feel it needs to be a little different.

Please try and arrive at the meetings at 9:45am, to help get yourself organized, and with your coffee be ready to go at 9:55 am for the 5-minute warning.

Our combined efforts of "The Executive" team are an ongoing basis. We are spending many hours coming up with different ideas to keep you interested in our Guild. We think we are updating you with many ideas for your own quilting abilities.

2012/2013

Executive Group

President: Tracey

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Newsletter: Christiane

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Treasurer: Kathy A.

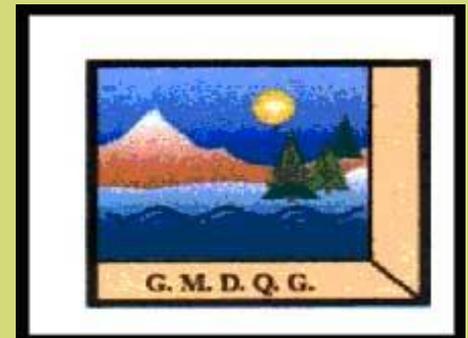
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<http://gmdqg.ca/>

**WELCOME to GMDQG**

**October 2012**

We meet on the third Thursday of the month at St Martin's church, from 10am - 1:30pm.



**President's Message** continued.

We had a spectacular show put on by our Programs Department at our last meeting in September, Kim you were outstanding. Our program lasted for one hour and I think was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Kim brought in at least 35 items to show the guild at large. Personally I thought these items were fabulous, and I will be looking forward to buying some of them, to help ease my quilting efforts!

I would like everyone to know that at our September meeting there were 45 members that attended. Our meeting lasted 1 hour and 45 minutes with a 15 minute break before the programs section started. For this session 31 people stayed. I was sure happy to see that our efforts paid off. Thank you to all who stayed to enjoy this presentation! A few people came up to me after the meeting and said they really enjoyed the meeting, how exciting it was, and it was the longest meeting I have ever stayed for! I was impressed with the feedback and hope it continues!

If anyone has an idea for a meeting, please write it down, and put it in the box on my table, during the meeting. I will pass it on to the coordinating department. No idea is too small, or dumb, as we can always add it to another course or section of the program. It could be kind of fun to see what people can come up with on a secret ballot! Start thinking now!

My favorite part of the program is our SHOW AND TELL section! I find this very inspirational and love to see what everyone else is working on. Please bring your quilts and wall hangings in to share with all of us! No project is too small or too big to show. Last month we had this section of our meeting at the beginning. A lot of people liked it this early on in the meeting.

I can't wait to see you all at the October Meeting, until we meet again, happy quilting!

**Love Tracey**

**New Newsletter submission deadline:**

Please have all submissions in by the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Thursday of the month. So, one week after our monthly meeting.

**Christiane**

**Announcements:**

Could you please bring your top three ideas for distribution of our comfort quilts? We will pass around a ballot to everyone, and have you write down the 3 best spots for our works of Art for the community. They will be tallied up by our comfort quilt team and final destinations will be voted on if necessary. I think once and for all we should finalize where these quilts should go.

A reminder that we will set up tables for you to sell your homemade craft and quilt items at our November Meeting. (No food items please, as we are not allowed to sell any more)

Also, I would like to talk a little about members stacking their chairs at the end of the meeting when they go home. A lot of our quilting members are aging and have sore ailments that do not allow them to pick up the heavy chairs. In private, I would like you to come up and tell me on a NO questions asked basis. This will give me a better idea on how many won't be put away at the end of any given meeting.

COFFEE: Everyone loves a good cup of coffee. Moja is a great tasting coffee. Our coffee girls spend time on setting up and taking down this wonderful service. Our bakers futz in the kitchen and make us yummy goodies. We need to help subsidize this service. This is a reminder that every cup of coffee you enjoy with us is 25cents, it is not free, but you are in luck that the homemade goodies are, so please bring your quarters and help pay for this service. We are not making any money, which means some of us are not paying. We are not policing this as some people pay a loonie for a couple of cups, so do not call anyone out on this if you see someone not paying, it is on the honour system.

Starting at our November Meeting and concluding at our December meeting, we will be accepting non-perishable food items for a FOOD DRIVE we are going to have! Let's make this a big effort to help stock our north shore food bank! I am letting you know this month to keep all your extra Halloween Candy and items you can contribute that would help someone with nothing. We all like a sweet treat or two, and so do the homeless! I will personally take these food items down myself in January when all the shelves are empty from Christmas! Any other suggestions please let me know, I will bring this topic up at the October Monthly Meeting.

Thank you, **Tracey**

**Out and About:**

News from Trish

I took a detour to Bellingham recently to take in this exhibition and was very glad that I did. I would suggest a roadtrip if you are interested in vintage quilts and in the history of quilting:

**AMERICAN QUILTS: THE DEMOCRATIC ART****On until October 28, 2012**

Organized especially for the Whatcom Museum, *American Quilts: the Democratic Art* is the first exhibition to tell the whole story of American quilts and quiltmakers, providing a visually compelling, in-depth study of the art, history, and cultural importance of American quilts, from their European origins to the present day. Based on Robert Shaw's definitive 2009 book "American Quilts: The Democratic Art 1780-2007," the exhibition offers a stunning array of thirty quilt masterpieces spanning the entire history of American quilting. Exploring the great visual and cultural diversity of American quilts, the show includes prime examples from a variety of regional quilting traditions as well as outstanding works by Amish, Hawaiian, American-American, and Native American quiltmakers.

Accessible to anyone who can sew, quilts and quilting have been a major form of expression for American women — as well as some men — and an important part of this country's cultural landscape since the late 1700s. The best quilts also are significant works of art.



1875!

This example of a postage stamp quilt was dated to

**Out and About:** continued**JUDY IRISH**

The last weekend of September was very good, as I got the opportunity to have a day with Judy Irish at her studio in Northern Washington. She is a phenomenal lady who is the queen of free motion quilting and thread painting. She also has the honour of quilting the samples of many of our favorite authors, including Kaffe Fassett. I had bought this experience at Stashfest in La Conner in the spring, and shared it with a new friend from Seattle. It was an amazing day, she has the largest work space I have ever seen, and also the largest stash and thread collection! It was wonderful to see her works of art up close; she loves to embellish and to work without rules, resulting in great pieces that often win her prizes. She showed us a couple of her class techniques and I loved learning thread play. One of her favorite motifs is Koi fish, perhaps because she has a pond full in her back yard. I could go on and on....if you are interested in seeing her work go to [www.wildirishrowsquilting.com](http://www.wildirishrowsquilting.com). She is donating this experience again next year at Stashfest in La Conner ( dates are 06/07 April ) All proceeds from stashfest go to the La Conner Quilt Museum.

**Trish**

## Comfort Quilt Committee



BEFORE



AFTER

Trish

**Bylaw Change Committee Update**

I was disappointed at the last meeting when no one volunteered to serve on the bylaw change committee but I know everyone is busy. However, the executive still feels that this is a worthwhile project and would like to continue with it. I am going on the assumption that the membership of the Guild feels the same way – otherwise someone would have stood up at the last meeting and voiced their concerns. But if you have concerns regarding the usefulness of this project – or any aspect of it – please let us know. We do not want to be working on something that the majority think is a waste of time – we are all busy too.

I said at the last meeting that all communication would be via this newsletter but for October you will be receiving a copy of the bylaws with some changes. The document will be emailed to those with email address and mailed to those without email. This will give you a copy to follow along with as we move through the process.

The changes in the document we are mailing are only the gender neutral changes – so we have removed all instances of 'she' or 'her' and replaced them with something more neutral. Sometimes it was easier than others and sometimes there were slight changes in the wording to make the changes. There was NO change in content or intent of the words to accommodate these changes.

Thanks for taking the time to follow along and remember – contact me if you have questions or comments. And if you have changed your mind and want to join us, feel free to talk to me or Tracey or Barbara M. We are open to having more members on the committee.

**Sharon**

## **LIBRARY REPORT:**

Library hours: 9:15-12:15

New Books:

Generous donation from Catriona.

With many thanks:

1. Mastering machine appliqué
2. Quilt labels
3. Scrap quilts
4. Every day Angels in extraordinary quilts
5. Quilts for baby
6. Log cabin notebook
7. Heritage quilts
8. Ultimate teddy bears
9. September 2012 quilt trends magazine

We have a "For Sale Table" this month.  
Sales items by donations.

- A. 12 VHS tapes on quilting
- B. Books and magazines donated by Linda D.

## **SUNSHINE REPORT:**

Get well cards to:

Mary T. and Lee F.

**ROZ**

**PROGRAMS:**

**SHOW & TELL** – The theme for October is Thanksgiving & Halloween. Please bring your regular Show & Tell items and anything you have that celebrates Thanksgiving & Halloween. Let's have a '**spooktacular**' display.

**OCTOBER:** We will have stations where your Programs & Workshops committee members will be demonstrating small projects, perfect for gift giving and some quick techniques. The format will be slightly different from last year.

**THEME BLOCK OF THE MONTH**

The guild doesn't have a monthly block of the month but we felt it might be fun to have a 'Theme Block of the Month' in those months that have special occasions.

Our first one will be OCTOBER – theme HALLOWEEN. Using Halloween colours and anything that reminds you of Halloween....candy corn, black cats, pumpkins, witches, ghosts or goblins.....anything goes. Traditional blocks in Halloween colours, foundation pieced, appliqué, use your preferred technique. To create a pumpkin block, make a snowball block and add a stem. There are also lots of ideas on the internet.

It's super easy – the only requirement is that your block must be a variation of a 6" finished. Make two 3 ½" x 3 ½" stitched together, a 6 ½" x 6 ½", 6 ½" x 12 ½" or make a 12 ½" x 12 ½" square. Or make one of each!

For each block you bring to our October meeting you will be entered in the draw to win the blocks. The more you bring....the more chances you have to win!

**WORKSHOPS:**

**QUILT TILL YOU WILT** – October 26, 2012, Friday, 10am – 4pm  
Join us for another fun, productive day working on the projects of your choice.

Place: St. Agnes Anglican Church, 530 12st Street East, North Vancouver

Last chance to sign up is at the October meeting.....\$15.00

**WORKSHOPS:** continued.

### **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 & 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.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Saturday, February 2, 2013.....MACHINE QUILTING 102 – THE NEXT STEP. Lynne Fanthorpe will be returning to the North Shore to take to the next level. This class is open to anyone who participated in Machine Quilting 101, as long as you have been practising 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 participate in to increase your quilting productivity. Last years' results were truly amazing!

**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.

### **OTHER GUILD ACTIVITIES TO GET INVOLVED IN**

**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](mailto:krcarlson@telus.net) to express your interest or have questions or ideas.

As we have many members that enjoy appliquéing you might like to check out  
The Applique Society [www.Theappliquesociety.org](http://www.Theappliquesociety.org)

**Kim**

Upcoming Events:**WHITE ROCK RETREAT**DATE CHANGE

Due to several people being unavailable on the original scheduled dates, we have changed the dates to Wednesday, November 7th, 8th, 9th and returning home on Saturday November 10th.

We will be staying at the Ocean Promenade Hotel, 15661 Marine Drive in White Rock. Reservations: 1-888-976-2326 [www.oceanpromenadehotel.com](http://www.oceanpromenadehotel.com). A variety of rooms are available – from single bedrooms to 2-bedroom suites to share with others. Book your own room and let them know you are with the Grouse Guild, as we have arranged a special room rate for you.

The cost per person to rent the Conference (sewing) room is \$ 50.00 based on 16 persons attending. See Catriona (604) 985-2193 to reserve your spot and she will collect your deposit at the October meeting.

There are many restaurants within walking distance of the hotel, or if you are planning to rent a suite, you might bring your own food. There is also a daytime lunch/coffee shop in the hotel.

Hope to see you there for a fun-filled weekend of quilting and getting to know each other a little better.

**Josie**

**From the 'Scrap Bag'**

At the last (September) meeting, I distributed the last few bags of cotton scraps that I was able to acquire.

Because of Nadine's busy pre-Christmas market sales/travel schedule, she will not be able to see the fruits of our labours until the New Year.

**This will likely be the January 2013 meeting**, so get those blocks, tops, small projects and quilts ready to hang for a new year's show & tell when we will have Nadine (the supplier of the scraps) in for a short visit to see them.

She is aware that some of the quilts that were made have now been given away as gifts and as charity donations, but there should be some projects still available to enable her to see what we do with her 'trash'.

**Linda S.**

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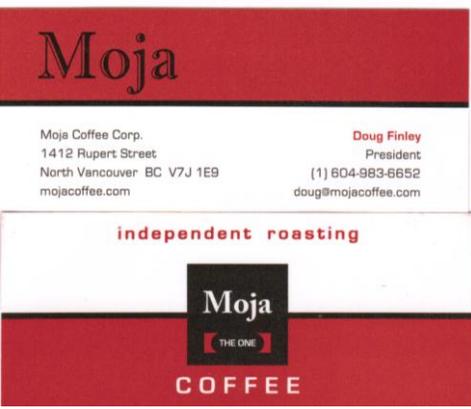
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**Moja takes pride in supporting our Community and we are very pleased to thank Moja for their generosity.**

**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
- Q Cheque book or cash for workshop sign up
- Q List of your UFO'S along with your loonie's & toonie's to sign up with Hattie
- Q Please bring your Show & Tell items
- Q Goodies if you volunteered

Bakers: Kim, Doreen, Kathy M, Hattie

## SUNSHINE Lady



Do you know of a member who is under the weather, call Jan.

**Grouse Mountain Day Quilters Guild**

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, October 18/2012, 10am-1:30pm

**NOTES**