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Well Good Morning Ladies,

It is the final month of the year, and I am looking out at frost that has overcome everything. Most things are white in the gardens. December has been quite a cold month so far, great conditions for decorating your home inside. With only 3 weeks to go, we are all busy shopping and baking and wrapping. Well I am sorry to add to that list, but it's our annual Christmas Party Luncheon, at St Martin's Church, on Dec 19th, 2013. You can arrive any time after 8:30am and we must be out by 1pm. So much fun, in so little time.

We do plan on some fun and games. Also don't forget to bring your Christmas items you have made in the past. We will display them all around the room, for some festive decorating in the church hall. The luncheon is always a great spread of food and lots of laughs. Our dessert island is always festive and delicious. Also if you would like to work on a project, please feel free to bring it to the meeting and work on it.

I think last months meeting was the biggest turnout we have had. We had 52 ladies in our group. Well done to all who made it. This month lets have even more of our ladies, and we can take a group photo of everyone. The more in the picture the better, we can photocopy the picture and add everyone's names to the list on the back of the photo. Then we would all know everyone's names. I don't know about you, but right now I seem to be forgetting everyone's names, and this would help us all.

I would also like to say thank you for everyone's patience during the last couple of meetings. They have been important meetings and topics, and we got through it. Also welcome to all the new members that have joined since September. I hope you are enjoying yourselves. Our guest speakers have been excellent so far this year. We all have so much to learn.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Years!! This goes out to all members and their precious families. Create new memories, and enjoy your time over the holidays. I look forward to seeing you all at the December Luncheon.

All my best for a happy and safe Holiday Season, love Tracey



Grouse Mountain Day Quilters Guild
meets the third Thursday of the month
at St. Martin's Anglican Church
195 Windsor Road East, North Vancouver

PROGRAMS

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

RETURN OF THE POPULAR "STRIP POKER"

If you would like to participate please bring 8 width-of-fabric (44 inches) 2.5 inch strips in a Christmas themed fabric. Everyone who played last year had a great time and one lucky winner took home 64 strips of fabric! (*Trish*)

"RE-GIFTING" EXCHANGE

Gals, do you have a quilting gismo or piece of fabric that you would like to re-gift? Or any other kind of gift you received but would prefer to live without? Well wrap it up and bring it to our potluck luncheon. We will be having a **Christmas Gift Exchange**. This is not compulsory, but if you bring a gift you will receive a gift. It will be fun. Who knows what you may go home with! (*Audrey Budd*)

SHOW & TELL

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

ROUND ROBIN ROW QUILT CHALLENGE

The **second rows** you are working on are to be turned in at our January meeting. (*Connie*)

HO, HO, HO – MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL!



JANUARY RETREAT IN SEHELDT

I have booked a "quilt-to-you-wilt/retreat" at **Fibre Expressions** in Sechelt from **Monday, Jan. 27 - Wednesday, Jan. 29**. We can either shorten or lengthen the number of days.

There is very large sewing room with 9, 8 foot tables for our machines, a slightly raised platform for cutting, additional cutting tables and 2 large mats. Christine will provide an iron, ironing board and allow us to use a light box for tracing and her 2 cutting machines - an Acu-Quilt Cutter and a Studio Cutter. She has a refrigerator, microwave, 2 types of coffee makers and tea equipment.

Cost is only \$10.00 per hour for the entire workspace.

I have reserved 5 rooms (for 10 people) at the **Driftwood Inn** at discounted rates. (i.e. \$109.00 for room with 2 double beds), located 1 1/2 blocks from the quilt store. You can come for just the day, overnight or two nights, or stay somewhere else if you choose.

If you haven't been to Fibre Expressions, check out the web site **www.fibreexpressions.com**. It is a wonderful store. I will have further details and talk about the retreat at the December meeting. I will have a sign-up sheet available and will coordinate this retreat so that we do not have too many quilters on any one date. (*Gigi Hamer*)

Bonus: Free ferry rides for seniors are in effect until April!



JANUARY PROGRAM

We are all working hard to get a speaker or arrange an activity for our January meeting. Because the amended budget wasn't presented and approved until the November meeting, we were not able to make any financial commitments prior to that date.

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

This date is our **Comfort Quilt Day** and Terry Whiteman will provide us all with details. Hopefully, we will have a large turn-out of enthusiastic guild members.

MARCH PROGRAM

In an e-mail from Uganda, Pippa Moore said she is delighted to accept our invitation to present her trunk show at our March 20 general meeting. And we are really delighted she is coming. (*Gigi Hamer*)

MARCH WORKSHOP

Pippa Moore will be conducting a workshop for us on either Saturday, March 22, or possibly Friday, March 21. (*Gigi Hamer*)

MAY PROGRAM

Ionne McCaulay has accepted our invitation to present her trunk show at our May 15 general meeting. Kim Carlson has kindly volunteered to billet her. (*Mari-Lou Laishley*)

MAY WORKSHOP

Ionne McCaulay will be conducting a workshop for us on either **Friday, May 16** or **Saturday, May 17**. (*Mari-Lou Laishley*)

MEMBERSHIP

It was such a pleasure to introduce so many new members at our last meeting. The Grouse Mountain Day Quilters Guild is full! We have 65 full time members, 1 Associate and 1 Honorary Member. We have 2 on the wait list.

I wish everyone a very Blessed Christmas. May you enjoy memorable times with family and friends, and time for yourself to sit by a warm fire and stitch or read a good book!

"Piecefully" yours,
Kerry



COMFORT QUILTS

In December I would like you to consider where you would like to donate next year's Comfort Quilts. This year we have donated over 70 quilts to various groups among them Lions gate preemie and stillborn unit. Evergreen House, The Hospice, Family services, Sutherland teenage mums, Pearls Place, North Shore family support worker for pregnant teens.

If you have any other suggestions please let me know.

I have booked the hall at St Martin's for **February 20th and 21st from 9 until 4** . The church is now booked most days except Monday or Friday, so I hope this works for most people.

I look forward to seeing you at the Christmas party,
Terry



New to the Library:

We are the recipients of a gift of books from Sharon. Many thank you's and I am sure the members will enjoy them.

At the last general meeting we were asked how much we were spending on magazines.

Here is a list of what we have purchased:

- 1) **Quilters Connection** \$56.00 for 2 yr. subscription
- 2) **Quilters Newsletter** \$58.00 for 2 yr. "
- 3) **Quilting Arts** \$70.00 for 2 yr. "
- 4) **Quiltmania** \$155.00 for 2 yr. "
- 5) **Love of Quilting** \$44.97 for 2 yr. "
(Fons and Porter)

Each magazine is produced 6 times per year. **If you have any thoughts about what we should discontinue or purchase please let me know.**

Quilting Arts is not taken out very often and so perhaps this is one that has little appeal and could be discontinued, but most months we have approx. 10 magazines being signed out.

Ros

UPCOMING SHOWS

October 10 To December 29, 2013

Fibre Art Network of Western Canada presents **"Abstracted"**
La Conner Quilt and Textile Museum in La Conner, Washington.
703 South Second St, La Conner, WA
Contact: vkapusta@telus.net
Hours: Wed-Sun 11am-5pm

May 2 to 4, 2014

Victoria Quilters' Guild 2014 Quilt Show and Sale – **Adventures in Quilting** Pearkes Arena 100 Tillicum Road, Victoria, BC

May 9 & 10, 2014

Langley Quilters Guild presents **The Threads That Bind Us** George Preston Recreation Centre, 20699 42nd Avenue (208th Street and 42nd Avenue) Langley, BC

June 11 - 14, 2014

Quilt Canada 2014, St Catharines , ON Canadian Quilters' Association Registration Dates Delegate
Registration - Oct 15, 2013 Day Student Registration - Jan 15, 2014

BULLETIN BOARD

NORTH SHORE FOOD BANK

Ladies, please remember to bring non-perishables to our December Meeting!

(Tracey has kindly offered to deliver these much needed food items).

PEARL'S PLACE

Peal's Place is a shelter in Squamish for mothers, or fathers and their children in crisis. Their needs are wide and varied. Sometimes they show up in the middle of the night with nothing but the clothing on their backs and they need just about everything. Kimonos and pajamas are the most often requested item.

When they have been sorted out at the house location and they get the medical and emotional help they so badly need, they are helped to get into a new abode so that they can get on with their lives.

So you can imagine they need just about anything that you may have no more need for. This includes everything from bedding, towels, dishes, tables, etc. Please do not donate strollers or cribs or playpens that have been recalled. They simply are not allowed to use these items.

Some things you may donate are not needed right away. Some items are stored and others are put in their little shop and sold to generate funds to help with the financial aspect of the organization.

I hope this clears up any questions any members may have. I definitely KNOW that all donations are truly appreciated.

Dorie

MOJA COFFEE SALE - SATURDAY DECEMBER 21ST!

From 7.30 to 5:00 p.m. Coffee is \$10.00 per 400 gms - Cash only.

GROWTH CHART PATTERN REQUEST

I am looking for a growth chart. I am not able to find any. I could send you a picture of some I have done.

Thanks, ***Kathy Alexander***



FREE QUILT RACK AVAILABLE

I have a quilt rack that my father made and I wondered if anyone in any of the guild would be interested in it? It is finished, but just needs to be stained/painted. I live in West Vancouver if anyone wanted to pick it up.

Thanks,
Laura Neale (Ineale@shaw.ca)

MEMBERS' CHRISTMAS RECIPE BOX

Jingle Bars

Ingredients:

- ½ cup butter, at room temperature
- ½ cup white sugar
- 1 egg yolk
- 1 ¼ cups flour
- 2 tbsp. Bird's custard powder
- 1 cup dried cranberries
- 1 cup toasted flaked almonds
- ¾ cup brown sugar
- 1 ½ tbsp. corn syrup (I use maple syrup)
- ½ cup butter
- 170 gm melted white chocolate

Lightly toast the flaked almonds in the oven and set aside.

Combine the first 5 ingredients to make the base of the squares.

Press mixture into a lightly greased 15 inch cookie sheet with sides (or jelly roll pan).

Bake at 350° F for 5 minutes

Remove the base from the oven and spread the dried cranberries and the toasted almonds over the base. For the glaze, combine the brown sugar, corn syrup and butter in a pot and simmer for 5 minutes.

Pour the glaze over the dried cranberry and almond-covered base. Bake at 350° F for another 5 minutes.

Drizzle the melted white chocolate over the top and cool to set.

Cut up into small squares.

Makes about 50.

Just Nuk It Bars

2 cups oats
1 cup of "stuff"....raisins, coconut, cranberries, sunflower seeds etc.
(Any combination of the above to make up 1 cup.)
1/2 cup butter

Nuk in microwave on high for 90 seconds. Stir, then nuk again on high for 90 seconds.

Add:

1/2 cup brown sugar
1/4 cup corn syrup
Nuk for 90 seconds

Press into 9x9 pan.

Melt:

1/2 cup chocolate chips on high for 90 seconds.
4 TBSP peanut butter.
Stir peanut butter into chocolate chips.
Spread over top. Cut into squares when cool.

Enjoy!

Kerry Karam

Rachel Ray's 5 Minute Fudge

- 1 (12-ounce) bag semisweet chocolate morsels
- 9 ounces (3/4 of a 12-ounce bag) butterscotch morsels
- 1 (14-ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 (8-ounce) can walnut halves
- 1/2 cup (a couple of handfuls) currants
- 8-inch cake pan, lightly greased with softened butter
- Candied cherries, red and green, for garnish, optional

Place a heavy pot on the stove and preheat it over low heat. Add chips and milk and stir until chips are melted and milk combined. Save the empty condensed milk can. Stir in vanilla and remove fudge from heat. Add nuts and currants and stir in immediately.

Cover empty condensed milk can with plastic food wrap and center it in the greased cake pan. Spoon fudge into pan around can, making sure to re-center can if it drifts. The fudge will set up almost immediately. Garnish can only be added in the first minute or 2 the fudge is in the pan, so work quickly. Decorate your wreath with "holly" made from cut candied red and green cherries. A wreath left plain can be garnished with a pretty fabric bow when serving. Chill covered in the refrigerator and slice fudge very thin when ready to serve, a little goes a long way.

Margo Novak

'Twas the Night Before Christmas

(author unknown, quoted from "Loose Threads" Quilters' Connection Magazine December 2013)

*'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house,
The only one sleeping was a Quilter's dear spouse,
The Log Cabin stockings were almost completed,
"Just a few stitches left," our sweet quilter repeated.*

*"Then I can hang them and head off to finish
The pillows I'm making, fulfilling Mom's wish
For something quilted to put on her couch,"
as she pricked her poor finger, our quilter said, "Ouch!"*

*When from out in the kitchen there arose such a crashing,
She sprang from her work, and she dropped all her sashing.
Away to the doorway she flew like a plane,
Wondering just what was happening and who she would blame.*

*When what to her wondering eyes should appear,
But Old Mrs. Clause and her bag of quilt-gear...
With her elves bearing gifts, through the kitchen she came,
She directed and pointed and called them by name.*

*Now Elna, and Pfaff, no Bernina and Viking,
The Hoffman and Mumm should be just to her liking.
To the sewing room - there, it's just back of the hall,
Now dash away, dash away, dash away all!*

*"My Dear," said The Clause (as she liked to be called)
"There really is no need to worry at all.
Your projects will all be completed this night,
I'm terribly sorry we gave you a fright."*

*"Sit down, have some tea. It's relaxing, you'll see.
My friends and I've come a long way to help Thee."
She thought she was dreaming, our dear Quilter did,
In fact she quite feared that she near flipped her lid!*

*But the flash of the needles and twist of the thread
Soon gave her to know she had nothing to dread.
They spoke no more words, but went straight to their sewing,
How the work went so quickly she had no way of knowing.*

*The stitches, how fine! The corners, how straight!
This Claus-woman's talent was awfully great.*

*They finished the pillows, then started to quilt,
Before they all knew it, the whole things was built!*

*Now old Mrs. Claus, she knew quilters real well,
and she knew they'd need help on this night most of all.
So she said to our quilter, "Just move over dear,
I've brought my own needle - we'll get done, never fear."*

*"I told dear old Santa about what quilters do,
How they plan all these projects but have other work too.
So he taught me his magic for doing things fast,
There, that pillow is done, now this is the last."*

*They tidied up their thread snips, and picked up the scraps,
and chased our dear quilter's six cats from their laps.
As they scurried away with their thimbles still gleaming,
Dear Mrs. Clause paused, her cap ribbons streaming,*

"Merry Christmas, my dear. Now just have a ball!"



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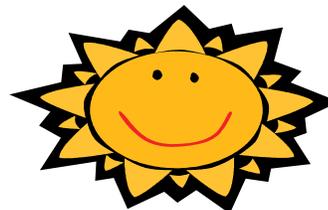
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When in the area, please drop in for a coffee.
Enjoy a Thomas Haas treat and say "Thanks" for providing our Guild with coffee every month!

REMINDERS!!!

- ✓ Name Tags
- ✓ Mugs
- ✓ Library Books
- ✓ Show and Tell



Do you know of a member who is under the weather?

If so, please call

Jan

604-985-4701

Grouse Mountain Day Quilters Guild

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 19th

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
(doors open from 8:30)

Apologies for any errors/omissions.

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