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Well Hello Ladies,

It's hard to believe that we are into February already, and it's started out to be a chilly one. But it's a good thing, because with that goes comfort food and beautiful quilts to keep us warm.

February is our comfort quilts month, and we need to make as many comfort quilts to give back to our surrounding community. So many people are in need of our charming quilts. Please arrange to stay at least one of the two, if not both days and have a lot of fun with 68 of your fellow quilters. It is group entertainment, with decades of valuable knowledge, so you will learn something, the laughs are great and we have wonderful coffee and snacks. Please bring your lunch as this is an all day affair.

Thank you last month to the programs and workshops for arranging our guest speaker Lorna Moffat. She was a very interesting speaker with an awesome Scottish accent. She has a different way of quilting and incorporating her fabrics, from silks to velvets and satins and ribbons. She can also tell a great story of her travels around the world. She was very informative and was able to answer all questions that were asked her way, a very kind lady.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our comfort quilts meeting on February 20th, 2014, until then, happy quilting.

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



REMEMBERING BERYL REES

Thanks to those members who donated to Osteoporosis Canada at last month's meeting in memory of Beryl Rees, one of our founding members.

A donation of \$75.00 was made on the Guild's behalf.

Joy Brown

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

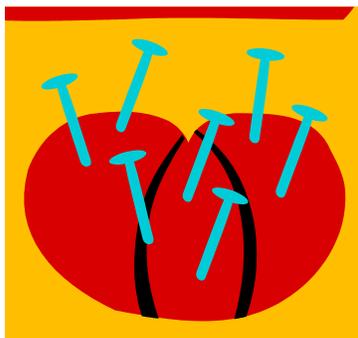
Since September 2012, we have welcomed almost 20 new members to the Grouse Mountain Day Quilters Guild. At the moment we have 1 hopeful on the wait list (added in December 2013), after having filled full-time membership spots, which completely cleared the "old" wait list.

If you know of anyone who would like to be added to our wait list, please have them send me an email.

A big thank you to Anthony Craxton for printing all the new name tags.

Piecefully yours,

Kerry



PROGRAMS and WORKSHOPS

ROUND ROBIN ROW QUILT CHALLENGE – *Connie Willoner*

The next row is due at the February Meeting. We have a very creative and talented group of quilters doing this challenge. I am sure people will be surprised when they receive their completed rows.

SHOW & TELL

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

Please also bring your finished product if you participated in Linda Schell's "**Swish Bag Challenge**"!

FEBRUARY 20 PROGRAM & FEBRUARY 21 WORKSHOP

We will be focusing on Comfort Quilts 2 days in a row. Thanks to Terry for organizing this.

MARCH 20 PROGRAM – *Gigi Hamer*

Pippa Moore will be presenting her trunk show, **An African Adventure**, at our March 20th general meeting.

It will include both the African-inspired quilts she has made and some information about the work she does in Uganda teaching sewing and quilting to women there.

She will bring a selection of African fabrics and prints, as well as some patterns which use these fabrics, and other African items and you will be able to purchase these after the trunk show.

She will also bring a selection of some of the items made by the women who work with her in Uganda (the Bitengye Designers).

Would one of you please volunteer to billet her for 2 nights? She will be out on her own all day Friday so doesn't need entertaining or dinner on that date.

Thanks.

MARCH 22 WORKSHOP – AFRICAN SUNSHINE –
Gigi Hamer

Pippa Moore will be conducting an African Sunshine workshop for us Saturday, **March 22** in the **Potlatch Room in the Capilano Library from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.**

The cost will be **\$50.00** per person and is to be paid at the February meeting. There will also be a sign up sheet.

Copies of the Supply List and colour photographs will be available at the February meeting.

You may want to view her African Sunshine quilt on her website before the meeting.

(see pp. 8-9 for Class Details and Quilt photo)

APRIL 17 PROGRAM – *Trish Vickery*

Krista Hennebury will be presenting her trunk show at our April 17 general meeting.

MAY 15 PROGRAM – *Mari-Lou Laishley*

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.

MAY 16 WORKSHOP – *Mari-Lou Laishley*

Ionne McCaulay will be conducting a workshop for us on Friday, May 16.

RETREATS

JANUARY IN SEHELDT – *Marsha Unheim*

All of the nine attendees at this Fibre Expressions retreat gave a resounding YES to the idea of returning to this wonderful shop for another session of quilting for one day or many days or just to shop.

After a short ferry ride to Langdale, you can drive to Sechelt (not very far) or, as a walk-on, take a bus from the ferry to the shop and back. For overnight stays the Driftwood Inn was a short walk away with reasonable rates and free parking.

Christine Richardson and her daughter, Stephanie, went the full nine yards (meters) to welcome us and provided us with a large, airy, brightly lit and well appointed sewing space. 8 foot tables (one per person), 3 irons and boards, elevated cutting table and large cutting mat, coffee, kettle, fridge and microwave were provided. When we arrived they presented us with some delightful gifts related to quilting.

They both were very helpful in giving advice when requested. The atmosphere was one of calm and support, quiet at times and chatty at others.

As a new member to the Guild it was my first retreat. I picked up ideas about the process of quilting as well as other little hints just listening to the chatter. One hint was to “always remember when you give away a quilt, it is no longer yours. So if, in the future, you see the quilt being used as a duster or some such thing, let it go.” For me, making child quilts, it was good advice.

Many thanks to Gigi for organizing. It was a **REal reTREAT**.

WHITE ROCK RETREAT

Clean & oil that machine – come join in the fun !

Friday, April 5th to Monday, April 8th, 2014.

The venue is the Ocean Promenade Hotel, 15661 Marine Drive in White Rock.
Reservations: **1-888-976-2326 www.oceanpromenadehotel.com.**

Let them know you are with the Grouse Guild when you make your reservations.
The hotel is located directly across from the beach and seawall for scenic walks
and shopping excursions along the street.

The cost for us to rent the conference/sewing room is **\$ 50.00** per person, based on
16 attending. Accommodations range from double bedrooms to fully equipped two
bedroom suites. Bring your own food – or eat out at the many local restaurants.
There is also a daytime coffee/snack bar in the hotel.

This is a great time to start new projects or finish those remaining UFOs. Get better
acquainted with other members, share ideas and quilt!

You may also book for the day and make it your very own 'quilt till you wilt.' – for
only **\$ 20.00** per day.

For more information call Catriona at 604-985-2193.

If you plan to attend, please bring the deposit of \$ 50.00 to the February meeting.
Catriona will accept cheques or cash.

Plan on having a wonderful weekend with good company.

We especially would like to see new members join us.

Josie



Library:

We have one new book. It is "**Silk Unraveled**" by our featured February speaker Lorna Moffat.

Remember to return books and magazines!

Ros

COMFORT QUILTS

Just a reminder in case you forgot this is our work party session for the comfort quilts that we donate to the community in the next few months.

Please remember to bring everything that you need, scissors, rotary cutters, rulers, needles, cutting boards, sewing machines for those sewing bindings piecing or machine quilting.

Coffee and baking will be provided but please bring your own lunch.

The hall will be open from 9 until 4 on both days. Stay as long as you like, or take your project home.

We look forward to seeing you soon,

Terry

CANADIAN QUILT TALK

Have you heard of **Canadian Quilt Talk** (available on iTunes) - Canada's own quilting podcast by [Brandy Lynn Maslowski](#)?

If not, check out her weekly show, and her new YouTube videos "52 Weeks of Fibre Art"! Brandy interviews some fascinating people on her podcast, and offers great tutorials on her YouTube channel.

(Posted from "Loose Threads" News from Quilter's Connection February 2014)



AFRICAN SUNSHINE WORKSHOP MARCH 22

Class Description

Learn how to paper-piece points and machine piece curves using the infallible 3-pin method, while making this stunning wall-hanging based on the traditional New York Beauty block.

Set in the original design illustrated, they shine forth no matter what colours you use. A class for skilled beginners (you know how to sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, and how important precision and pressing are to your success).

Experience in paper-piecing is helpful but not essential.

Supply List

Fabric

Bring 4 ½” strips of fabric cut across the WOF (width of fabric) of at least 16 different fabrics. Bring several extra for variety and for extra centres and arcs. About half lights and half darks. Medium value fabrics are OK as long as there is another fabric in your selection with which it contrasts. You want those points to show up once you piece them!

Black or other solid fabric for the border - 0.4 metres (not needed at workshop)

Batting, backing fabric and fabric for the binding (not needed at workshop)

The more variety there is in the value and scale of your fabrics, the more exciting the wall hanging will be.

Other Supplies

- medium gray thread for machine stitching
- 1 yard freezer paper
- pins, fabric and paper scissors, seam ripper, and other basic sewing supplies
- Add-a-Quarter ruler (optional, but very helpful)
- rotary cutter, ruler and mat
- small design wall (about 1 metre square)

Notes

Patterns for the arcs will be given to you in class.

Classroom ideally will have 5 ironing spots, or as many as can be set up in the workshop space.

In class you will learn how to piece the points, then add the arcs and background fabrics to make the block that is the basis for this quilt.

At most, you will probably complete two or three blocks. And lots of people only finish one block. This is quite alright.

Last words from Pippa Moore

The block looks complicated, but really isn't. There are no prizes for speed-sewers, and lots of accolades for slow and steady stitching. As long as you can sew a ¼” seam allowance, you'll be able to manage the rest.

UPCOMING SHOWS

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

May 17 - 19, 2014

Comox Valley Schoolhouse Quilters' Guild is celebrating 30 years with a Quilt Show Saturday and Sunday 10:00 - 5:00 pm. Monday 10:00 - 4:00 pm. Held at the Cumberland Cultural Centre, 2674 Dunsmuir (back door), Cumberland, BC.

Admission is \$5.00. Join us for a Quilt Show, Quilt Raffle, Raffle Baskets, Guild Boutique, Merchant Mall and Cupcake Tea Room. For more information contact Marcy Horswill at horswill@telus.net or Nerissa at 250-941-1809

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

PLEASE NOTE: Online registration closes at midnight Eastern Time, Thursday May 1



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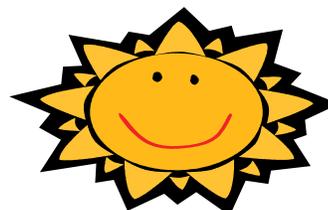
Moja is a wonderful place to grab a cup of coffee. It is located at the corner of Rupert Street and Harbour Ave (east of Canadian Tire)

Moja takes pride in supporting our community and we are 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!!!

- ✓ 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, February 20th

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

Apologies for any errors/omissions.

Contact Margo for changes at 604-986-3415 or margojnovak@gmail.com