

2013 - 2014 Executive

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

Hello Ladies, and welcome to June and all the happy things that it entails. It can be warm with beautiful days and lovely evenings, with lots of sunshine and sometimes it can be hot. On the other side of the map, it can be blue, with lots of wind and rain and quite cold. It just goes to show you that you can make a quilt the same way, with one side telling the main story, and the backing fabric telling the other.

This month is our elections month and our committee is busy making phone calls to see if anyone is interested in running for some of our elected positions. We have President, Treasurer, Librarian, and Membership. All positions are of a volunteer nature. They are fun and a great way to get to know your fellow quilters. I recommend this if you are new to our guild, as this is a great way to get to know some new friends, I did.

Thank you to all the ladies who have helped guide me over my term in the last two years. It takes more than one person, the president, to run a guild, or the executive, to run the guild. It takes participation from a whole guild to partake in everyday operations to make a guild run smoothly. I have noticed this when acting as president. I feel it is important to involve the guild when making certain decisions. Think about what you want in our guild, and run for one of our positions at our next meeting.

At our meeting last month, we had 53 members attend, which I think is the most that I have ever seen attend a meeting with the GM Gals so well done on the large attendance ladies!. Also thank you to Ionne McCauley for her trunk show on Colour and Value.

This month is also our wind up month and we will be having our annual Party in June to end the Quilting Festivities until the Fall starts up again. Please bring an appetizer or a dessert which ever you feel comfortable making. It doesn't seem to matter what people bring, we always seem to have a different mixture of both appies and desserts, it all works itself out.

This is my last President's Message as your President and I must say I have come into this position a lot worried and scared and I am leaving the Presidency both relaxed and calm and I feel that I have done everything that I could possibly do. It has been both a pleasure and a knowledge session of running for a voluntary position in life. Now I can say I have done it. Thank you to everyone who I have crossed paths with, it has been my pleasure to meet you!

My wish is for all of you to have a wonderful summer, and happy stitching, in creating, or finishing up those UFO's that you said you were going to finish, come on, let's get those done!

Love Tracey

MEMBERSHIP

The bag has been sorted, receipts written and membership cards are ready. It is that time of year! I'll be passing on all the information to the new membership person serving on the executive in July.

It has been fun handing out door prizes, and welcoming so many new members to our guild. Reducing the wait list to nil, was fantastic! There were so many happy people on the other end of the phone who were delighted to know their number had come up and they were "in". I have learned a lot by serving on the executive, and I do hope that others will "give it a go". Membership is a fun place to "dip in your toe".

Back to business and membership renewal: please make your cheque payable to the **GMDQG** in the amount of **\$55.00, and post dated to August 1st, 2014.**

If you are paying cash, please bring exact change as the guild doesn't have a float. Your current membership cards are valid until Sept. 2014, so if you would rather wait until September to pick up your card and renew, that is fine as well. If anyone has had a change of circumstance, and would like to renew either as an Out of Town member, or an Associate member, please feel free to send me an email. I wrote the definitions of both in May's newsletter. We currently have spots for Out of Town, and for Associate. (And we also have 2 hopefuls starting a new wait list.)

Okay, I hate to sound like a nag, but.....I need everyone to spend a moment to check their personal information on the membership list that Tracey sent out.

If there are any changes (new addresses, new email, new phone number, or mistakes in what is there) please send me an email so that I can make the corrections. Sometimes we see what we "think" we should see, and miss the mistake.

Looking forward to our June wind-up and seeing you all there!

Piecefully yours,
Kerry

UPDATE
REGARDING SEYMOUR GUILD'S INSURANCE PREMIUM vs GMDQG'S

Just to fill the membership in on our process to renew the GMDQG insurance

Christiane volunteered in April to check into our insurance policy. For the month of April and into May there was much activity and questions about what our policy covers and the costs associated with it. During this time, insurance agents were approached with the current policy, to get quotes. These agents then sent the policy requirements "out for tender", so to speak.

Many questions followed and were followed up. The quotes ranged. Our policy holder agreed to reduce our premium, and yet maintain the coverage we currently have, because of our loyalty and the fact that we have had no claims. The executive decided this was the best way to go, after weeks of checking, and it also happened to be the most economical.

On to the question on why Seymour's policy is 1/2 the price of GMDQG's? Well, with everything, you get what you pay for. "GMDQG's requirement coverage is different than what Seymour has", is what I was told, when I spoke with the agent who wrote the Seymour Guild policy. Our coverage is different, as our needs are different, hence our premium is different.

With the extended work on "why", two more agents were involved (Seymour's insurance agent, and my own personal agent) and with another month of looking, we all can be rest assured that the coverage that has been in place for the past several years, was chosen thoroughly and wisely, and the rate we have been given is incredibly economical. We could be paying up to \$400.00 a year more!

Perhaps there could be a steering committee in place for when CQA comes forth with the proposal for a group guild insurance policy.

Piecefully yours,
Kerry

**A HUGE THANK YOU FROM YOUR GUILD EXECUTIVE
TO
OUR VOLUNTEERS**

Three gentlemen have helped us out over the last year and we greatly appreciate their assistance

Anthony Craxton for printing our membership badges

Peter Schell for IT technical assistance with the membership database

Ken Hamer for setting up and taking down our sound system EVERY meeting

THANKS, GUYS!!!

PROGRAMS

UFO CHALLENGE - Trish Vickery

Our May meeting was the last month to complete all your UFO's!
Now we get to celebrate your accomplishments and there will be PRIZES!

JUNE PROGRAM - Gigi Hamer

We are looking forward to seeing all of you at our Summer Party lunch meeting.

We will be playing strip poker again so please remember to bring **8 width-of-fabric strips, each 2.5 inches wide.**

The theme is flowers and/or stripes."

SOME "LADIES WITH BAGS"

May 15, 2014



Gail served this cake at our last Guild Executive meeting and it is delicious!

BUTTER CAKE

2 cups flour,
1 cup softened butter,
1 cup sugar,
1 tsp. almond extract,
1 tsp. Baking Powder,
1 egg

Mix butter, egg and sugar together. Add flour, baking powder, almond extract. Spread into a 9" pie pan. (You can very lightly grease the pie plate with butter. Comes out easier when cutting up.)

Cook in center of oven at 350* for 35-40. Tooth pick should come out clean and edges light golden brown. Enjoy

Gail Millhouse



Library:

My thanks to Mary, Ann and Audrey for being there to help every month. You have all been great.

I am most appreciative to Trish, Gigi and Teresa for updating library computer lists.

We have done our yearly book audit and the following books are missing,

77- Signing and dating your quilt

482- Fat quarter quickies

477- Modern baby

Please check your bookshelves- no penalty if returned.

We have recently had generous book donations from Mary Smith, Barb Craxton and Gloria Slade.

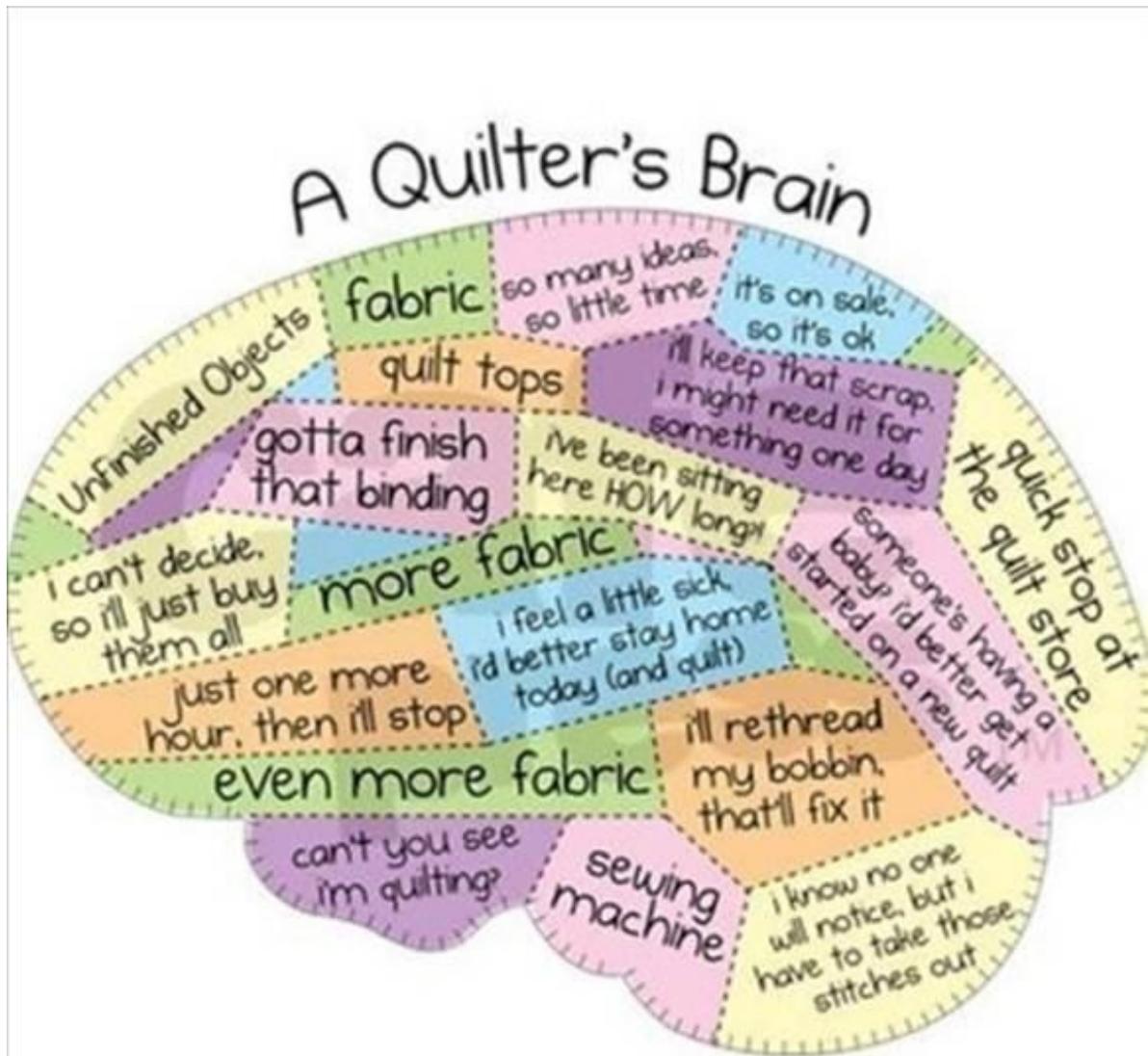
Have a wonderful summer and happy reading

Ros

You know that feeling when you've finished all your quilting projects and your studio is perfectly clean?

Me neither.





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OTHER QUILT GUILD WEBSITES

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Boundary Bay Quilters Guild www.boundarybayquiltersguild.ca (Boundary Bay)

Lions Gate Quilters Guild www.lionsgatequiltersguild.com (North Vancouver)

Campbell River Friendship Quilter's Guild www.crfriendshipquiltguild.com

*Parksville Quilt House Quilters' Guild www.parksvillequiltthousequilters.com
(Coombs)*

Victoria Quilters' Guild www.victoriaquiltersguild.org

Sunshine Coast Quilters Guild www.scquiltersguild.com (Sechelt)

Langley Quilters' Guild www.langleyquiltersguild.com.

Squamish Valley Quilters' Guild www.squamishquilters.wordpress.com

Nanaimo Quilters' Guild www.islandquilters.ca

Chilliwack Quilters' Guild www.chilliwackquiltersguild.com

Fraser Valley Modern Quilt Guild www.fvmodernquilt.com (Abbotsford)

Fraser Valley Quilters' Guild www.fvqg.org (Delta)

Vancouver Modern Quilt Guild www.vancouvermodernquiltguild.ca

Vancouver Quilters Guild www.vancouverquiltersguild.com

Whistler Valley Quilters Guild www.whistlerquilters.com

UPCOMING SHOWS

June 13 & 14, 2014

Lions Gate Quilters Guild 2014 Album of Quilts Show

Capilano University Sportsplex
2055 Purcell Way, North Vancouver

June 11 - 14, 2014

Quilt Canada 2014, St Catharines , ON Canadian Quilters' Association Registration Dates

June 21-22

Flowers, Fabric and Farms - 2014 Quadra Island Quilt and Garden Tour

Hours: 10-4

Admission: \$15 for both days - Available at the Tourist Information Booth on Quadra Island

Contact Eileen Mackay 250-285-3194 for more information

Here are 10 ways to stitch up a superb scrappy quilt

- Use a variety of fabrics, even those ugly or 'what was I thinking' fabrics.
- Mix up the prints - use florals with plaids, and everything in between.
- Make sure to use different scale prints and patterns - small, medium and large.
- Use lots of colours, in light, medium and dark tones.
- Alternatively, work within a colour palette and use up all your scraps in those specific colours (use a colour wheel to help coordinate colours).
- If you've have one fabric that is very different than the others, make sure to use it in more than one block or it will stick out like a sore thumb.
- A neutral or solid colour in the sashing or borders allows the eyes to 'rest' from the busy-ness of the coloured blocks
- Don't have quite enough fabric? Go shopping at your friend's (I'm sure she'd be glad to get rid of some of her scraps!) instead of buying new.
- If you're doing a block such as a string block or a crazy block, do not use the same fabric more than once in each block.
- Finally, if you have larger pieces of the fabrics used on the front of the quilt, make a scrappy backing too



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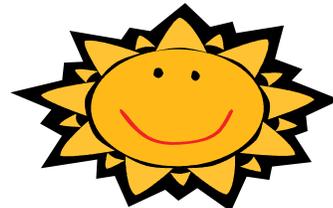
Moja takes pride in supporting our community and we are pleased to thank Moja for their generosity.

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 June 19th

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