

2014 - 2015 Executive

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<http://gmdqg.ca>

Hello Ladies,

I hope that you all had a wonderful summer, enjoying your vacations and summer activities. Hopefully you had some quilting time too!

We are starting our new quilting year a little differently this time. As you know, we normally hold our AGM in September, but this year it will be conducted prior to our October general meeting. Our treasurer, Susan Carle will be on vacation until the end of the month so, will be presenting a budget in October. You will all get a copy of the statement and proposed budget with the notice of the AGM so that you can study it before the meeting.

I have some wonderful news to share with you! The Follett family has presented the guild with \$600 again this year in the name of Judy Follett. Please read a copy of Brian's letter on the following page. How very generous this family has been to our guild over the past eleven years!

For our newer members, Judy Follett was a member of the GMDQG, who sadly lost a courageous battle with cancer eleven years ago. After Judy's passing, her family has been donating \$600 annually to the Judy Follett Education Fund. A letter of thanks will be sent on behalf of the guild membership.

Looking forward to seeing you at our September meeting. Please remember to bring quilts for "show and tell" your coffee mug and lunch.

Regards,
Joy Brown

Quilting with a Friend
will keep you in Stitches!

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

LETTER FROM BRIAN FOLLETT

Dear Barb,

Re: Grouse Mountain Day Quilters / Judy Follett Education Fund

Thank you very much for your recent update and the summary of the use of the funds that were donated in Judy's name last year. And, we congratulate the Guild members for stepping up so willingly to support the sewing program in Africa. What a wonderful initiative and such a worthy cause.

Rita and I will be leaving soon for travel out of the country, for the next couple of months. I wanted to get this year's donation to the Education Fund to you and into the Guild's hands before we left. I trust you will be able to forward it into the appropriate hands.

Please accept the attached cheque for \$600 in Judy's name, on behalf of Mark, Brent and I as this year's, 2014/2015, donation to the Grouse Mountain Day Quilters Education Fund.

Mark, Brent and I are pleased to be able to continue this commitment to the Guild and its members. It is one of the very special and personal ways we are able to honour Judy's memory. This small, but very important "ritual" brings back memories of the conversation we had with Judy, now eleven years ago, and the promise we made to her. It offers us a way, not only, to celebrate Judy's life but also, to thank the Guild and its members, and quilting, for all that it meant to her.

Please pass this cheque on to the appropriate chairperson so that the Program Committee can continue to enhance the Guild's program. We know Judy would have been an enthusiastic supporter and a very keen participant in any of those opportunities.

Regards and continued best wishes to the Guild and its members.

Brian Follett
1691 Brentwood Street
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE REGARDING "SEED MONEY"

I feel that there should be an explanation of the monies the Guild has in Term Deposits, which we often refer to as "seed money", for the sake of our newer members.

When it was originally decided to hold our first quilt show the Guild had very little money, certainly nowhere near enough to sponsor a show. We therefore needed to raise cash quickly and we achieved this by having a 50/50 at our regular meetings. During our Christmas meeting that year, we also held a silent auction for cakes, costume jewelry and other items donated by the members. The auction raised approximately \$240/250.

This humble beginning started the ball rolling but we quickly realized that this was not going to cover the screens or any publicity etc. even though the church allowed us to pay rent after the show.

Cheri Furlong, who was the show organizer, paid for the screen rentals on her credit card and made the decision to delay submission of receipts until after the show. Can you image, this was our first show and we had no clue if it would be a success or, even if we would cover our costs! In the end the quilt show was a huge success for our Guild. We were able to cover all of costs with a surplus to invite a teacher for a two-day workshop.

Following the show the Guild decided that \$3.500 (I believe) should be placed into two term deposits in order for future quilt shows to be planned without the need to delay payments to suppliers. The balance of income from the quilt show was used over the next few years to invite teachers, hold workshops, increase the allowance for our library and pay for the materials for a library bookcase to be made by Murray Budd.

I need to stress that, not one cent of the monies in the term deposits originated from membership subscriptions or any other Guild funds. The original money was raised solely for the purpose of funding a quilt show. Having organized two of our four shows, I therefore recommend that we keep the seed money. I understand that at present we have no plans for another show and, that nobody has come forward to plan another one, but, this is not to say that in the future a member will not step forward and volunteer their time to allow the guild to showcase our work.

If the seed monies were removed from the term deposit and used as general funds, there is no way we could ever fund another quilt show from our Guild account. I think that would be very sad.

Joy Brown

MEMBERSHIP

We ended the 2013/14 period with 64 members.

Tracy Falvell resigned at the end of March and was not replaced. Kim Carlson and Debbie Mackay are not returning and Kerry Karram has changed status to associate. Dorie Smith has returned to full time for a total of 62 members.

New members Susan Taylor and Tracy Lemoine will be attending the meeting in September, so please take time to say hello and welcome them to our guild.

Lori Brownlow will be taking dues and handing out membership cards this month on behalf of Kathy McColeman, who is unable to attend.

*Lori ,
For Kathy McColeman*



Library:

Just a reminder to bring the books and magazines that you have been enjoying over the summer months back to the Sept. meeting.

The library is missing the book "**Fat Quarter Quickies**" by Kathy Brown.

A quick look for it would be much appreciated!

Judy

PROGRAMS and WORKSHOPS

ROUND ROBIN ROW QUILT CHALLENGE – Connie Willoner

Please bring your round robin row quilt to the September meeting in a plain bag, or pillowcase, with no name on it. Prizes will be awarded in 3 different categories. The quilts will be displayed anonymously for a viewers' choice vote. After the judging the owners' names will be revealed.

MODERN QUILT CHALLENGE – Trish Vickery

Please bring your modern quilting challenge project to the September meeting in a plain bag with no name on it. The challenges will be hung anonymously so that we can have a viewers' choice vote. There will also be a "modern" judging plus two random draws for prizes. There should be about 20 items. After the judging the owners' names will be revealed.

SHOW & TELL

Last year our programs and workshops committee assumed responsibility for show & tell displays but we have now been advised that show & tell is not the responsibility of our department. The ropes and clothes pegs will now be stored in the library and Joy will ask for volunteers at each meeting to put up the ropes and hold up and hang the quilts. Thanks, Joy, for lightening our load! We will still be happy to help out.

FUTURE PROGRAMS and WORKSHOPS

Our committee will be meeting early this fall to brainstorm about possible programs and workshops and look forward to hearing any suggestions you may have.

Gigi

WHITE ROCK RETREAT

Friday, November 14 to Monday, November 17

Please join us for a weekend of sewing, friendship and a good time!

We will be staying at the Ocean Promenade Hotel, 15661 Marine Drive in White Rock. Reservations: **1-888-976-2326** <http://www.oceanpromenadehotel.com/> . A variety of rooms are available – from single bedrooms to full kitchen, 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** for the weekend, based on 16 persons attending. Call Catriona (604) 985-2193 to reserve your spot and she will collect your deposit at the September or October meeting.

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

This is a great time to share ideas, finish off UFOs, or just sew, sew, sew. We would love to see new members join us.

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

Josie

COMMUNITY QUILTS

"SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE GROUSE MOUNTAIN QUILTERS GUILD"

(This letter was received June 2014, but too late to publish in our June newsletter)

On May 19, 2009 our fifth child died during birth at Lions Gate Hospital in North Vancouver. George was beautiful, healthy, and full-term - it was a shock and a nightmare that he died just before he was welcomed into our family.

At the end of June, just weeks later, we moved to Abbotsford because we had bought a home out here in the Fraser Valley. I've always meant to write to you ladies to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the beautiful, beautiful quilts that were given to our son George's four older siblings.

I wrote this in August of 2009 and wanted to share it with you:

<http://busyhandsbc.blogspot.ca/2009/08/cold-comfort-warm-thoughts.html>

You can see the four children wrapped in their Grouse Mountain Quilters Guild quilts. They still love these quilts five years later.

All four keep their "George quilts" on their beds. They are a beautiful reminder of their baby brother and the love that surrounded us - even from strangers - in North Van during such a time of sorrow.

They have a baby sister, who is now three, and we got her a quilt from the MCC thrift store because she wanted one like the older children for her bed!

Thank you so very much for all that you do to comfort families!

Best regards,

Karen Murphy Corr

Writer, Editor

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OTHER QUILT GUILD WEBSITES

www.canadianquilter.com

Blue Mountain Quilters Guild www.bluemountainquiltersguild.ca (Port Coquitlam)

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.parksvillequilthousequilters.com
(Coombs)

Victoria Quilters' Guild <http://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 <http://www.vancouverquiltersguild.com>

Whistler Valley Quilters Guild www.whistlerquilters.com

Do you need to clean out your sewing room???

You can bring your extra fabric, thread and any sewing materials to the next Guild meeting. Mona will gladly deliver your donations to the Maywood School.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 20, 2014 - 10:00 - 4:00

A Celebration of Our Quilts by The Countryside Quilters Admission \$5
Willoughby Reformed Church, 20525 72nd Avenue, Langley, BC

October 3-5, 2014 - 10:00 - 6:00 (Fri/Sat); 10:00 - 4:00 (Sun)

2014 Quilt & Fiber Arts Festival, International Juried show
La Conner Quilt & Textile Museum, 703 South 2nd Street, La Conner, WA

October 17-18, 2014 - 5:00 - 8:30 (Fri), 9:00 - 4:00 (Sat)

PieceMaking in the Valley 2014, Chilliwack PieceMakers Quilting Guild
Chilliwack Alliance Church, 8700 Young Rd. Chilliwack

October 17-19, 2014

Creative Threads Conspiracy, a fun getaway for fabric artists of every stripe!
www.creativethreadsconspiracy.com

October 25-26, 2014 - 10:00 - 4:00

Crazy 4 Quilts, Blue Mountain Quilters 'Guild Show Admission \$5
Maple Creek Middle School, 3700 Hastings St., Port Coquitlam



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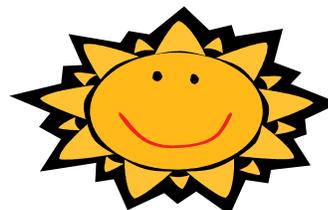
Moja takes pride in supporting our community and we are pleased to thank Moja for their generosity.

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 September 18th

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
(doors open from 9:00)

Apologies for any errors/omissions.

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