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Hello ladies,

It does not seem that long ago that I was carefully wrapping up our Christmas tree decorations and storing them away for the year, but last weekend I was hauling everything out again. Wow, how quickly his year has gone by!

I have heard very positive comments about the program at last month's guild meeting. It is good for all of us to review the various quilting techniques from time to time. I was looking at a Christmas quilt I had made a few years ago and was horrified to see the binding "sort of" going round the corners and not into a nice point. I am now in the middle of taking off the binding and making a better job!

As you know after our general meeting this month we have a potluck lunch. I hope as many of you as possible will stay and enjoy the wonderful food.

If you cannot make it to the December meeting I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a healthy, happy new year.

Joy



Grouse Mountain Day Quilters Guild meets the third Thursday of the month at 10 a.m. at St. Martin's Anglican Church, 195 Windsor Road East, North Vancouver.

FREE "STUFF" TABLE

As Joy mentioned at the last meeting, we are planning to have a table every month where members can bring unwanted quilt related items offered for free. The rules are that your name is clearly marked on the items you are giving away AND when you leave the meeting, if your items are still on the table, you are to take them away.

GMDQG CHRISTMAS GET-TOGETHER – December 17, 2015

Please bring:

- Sweet or Savory finger food for Potluck Christmas Lunch
- Gift- approximately. \$10.00- wrapped but no tag
- Paper cutting scissors
- Disposable colorful magazine
- 5 - 2.5 inch strips of fabric so we can play Strips Poker
- A Christmas bow or length of ribbon
- Wear your nametag



Forgetting any of the above puts you on the naughty list so please join in the fun and merriment and we'll make Christmas Cheer!

Looking forward to this....

Questions- call Wendy R.

Comfort Quilts – Terry Whiteman

I have booked the hall in February for our comfort quilt workshops, so please mark them on your calendars - February 18th from 9 to 4, our regular meeting day, and Friday the 19th from 9 to 3 o'clock.

Everybody is expected to put in at least 3 hours, either at the stitch-ins or at home. It has been decided not to tie quilts this year so we will need some more machine quilters. It would be helpful to have some finished tops so we can pin and layer them. We will also need people to measure and cut batting and backs, make bindings and sew them on and ironing, etc. I will also need help cutting and preparing some kits probably the second week in January. Please let me know if you can help. Season's Greetings Terry.



PROGRAM REPORT– Margaret Hill

Thank you again to all the presenters at the November meeting, I heard glowing comments about your demonstrations. We are lucky to have so much talent in our guild who are willing to share with us.

They are:

- Elaine Kollmyer-Nixon - applique
- Mona Morrison - paper piecing
- Trish Vickery - borders
- Shelley Mathiesen - binding
- Catriona Johnson - sleeves
- Joy Brown and Susan Carle - labels

December is our Christmas party and you will get information about that elsewhere in the newsletter. January is the hands-on demonstration by Linda Sharp. We will learn to add light to our quilts with reflective media. We will get to try glue on foil and iridescent oilsticks. There is a \$2 supply fee for each of us, some of you have given that to me already, and I will be collecting again in December. Come prepared to have fun!

GUILD CHALLENGE!!

The challenge project this year will be to create a quilt based on a song title of your choice. It can be any size up to 144" all around and all your own choice of fabric.

There will be viewer's choice prizes and a prize for who can guess the most song titles - so keep your song a secret! We will hang the quilts at the June meeting for people to view and vote on their favorite and to guess the song titles. Please consider participating in this challenge so we can have lots of fun at our June party.



Leila (Lee) Marie Feist
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WISTERIA GARDEN

For those of you who weren't at the November meeting, below is a photo of the quilt Ellie Stockner submitted to Lorna Shapiro's 2015 challenge and which won first place! Ellie's description for the quilt which is called Wisteria Garden is as follows:

The central design for this challenge quilt was taken from the book *Skinny Quilts and Table Runners II*, the pattern was designed by Lonni Rossi. I liked the idea of arcs that would resemble wondering pathways through a garden with a large old wisteria vine threading its way through a vast arbor. The required geometric shapes, 3 squares, are hidden amongst the arcs. It is the wisteria in one of the fabrics that led me to this design idea and the use of violet resembling the beautiful hanging flower tresses on wisteria in the spring.

Designed, sewn and quilted by Ellie Stockner.



We are proud of you Ellie – it is beautiful. Here is a link to Lorna Shapiro's photos of the rest of the competition. <https://picasaweb.google.com/111238355129959414049/Challenge2015FinishedQuilts>

And here is a link to Lorna's website. <http://www.quiltersdreamfabrics.com/home>



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10th Anniversary - WHITE ROCK RETREAT

WOW – Did we ever have fun at the recent 10th Anniversary White Rock Retreat (I think it was a total of 19 trips there.) We stayed at the Ocean Promenade Hotel in White Rock. The hotel is across the street from the beach and beach walk. Some energetic quilters went for a walk every morning. The rest of us either got an early start sewing or slept in and wandered down whenever we felt like it. One lady, whom we will leave unnamed, made herself breakfast every morning and then took it back to bed to enjoy while watching TV.

While there is complimentary coffee in each room, I usually got a muffin and coffee from the coffee shop that is attached to the hotel. The ladies that work there are very good to us and would deliver each order into the conference (sewing) room.

Mona and Dorie were always the first to arrive and would already be at their projects when the rest of us straggled in. Cherie F. didn't stay at the hotel, but came each morning from her home in White Rock. Lunch was in individual rooms for those who had kitchens or ordered from the cafe. We set up a lunch table and had a good time visiting and eating together at the communal table.

Friday night was our cocktail party. Catriona made chili and others contributed appies to go with it. The hotel manager generously donated the wine. Saturday was either Indian curry or Italian specialties. Sunday was either the Keg or a short walk down the street for fish & chips. Monday some of us sewed and others packed up for an early start for home. Wineberry's gave us each a small gift, 3 door prizes and discount coupons for our next visit there. It all helped to make our trip enjoyable.

I forgot to mention the trips to the USA for those who didn't have enough fabric in their stash, the trips around the room to see what others were working on, the quilts developing on the design walls, and the

visiting and general help and advice available from others. We have the next retreat booked with the hotel for April 15 – 18, 2016. Hope to see some of you there.

Submitted by Josie

This photo is from the retreat and it looks like a good time was happening!



REFUGEE QUILT PROJECT

Who would like to join together to make quilts for the refugees arriving in Canada? This would be in addition to our comfort quilt project. Please contact me if you would like to help.

At the time of submitting this request to the newsletter, there was not a definite place or organization to receive the quilt we make, but I am making further enquires and will, hopefully, have more information by our guild meeting in December. If anyone is aware of groups sponsoring refugees who would need quilts, would they please also contact me.

Thank you all. Barbara M (phone and email on membership list)



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Do you know of a member who is under the weather? If so, please let Dorothy Sanders know.

Grouse Mountain Day Quilters Guild

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 17, 2015

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

Apologies for any errors/omissions.

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