

Hello Ladies,

I hope you have all been enjoying the mild weather we have been having. I feel sorry for our coast mountains for their lack on snow but, hey, winter has been great for us ... at least so far!

The following positions on the guild executive become vacant this summer, Newsletter Editor, Program Coordinator and Secretary. If you would like more information re these positions, please contact Margo, Gigi , Mona or myself.

If you are storing equipment that belongs to the guild, would you please let me know what you have so that we can prepare an inventory.

February is the month that we dedicate as a guild, to the making of comfort quilts. Therefore, our general meeting will be a brief so that we can use as much time as possible making comfort quilts. If possible, please your keep "show and tell" quilts until March.

Please remember that we are **all** expected to participate in the making of comfort quilts which are given to a variety of organizations on the North Shore, such as Evergreen House, the Family Services of the North Shore and the premature baby unit at Lions Gate Hospital. Many times the quilts are gifted to those who are in need and a little less fortunate than ourselves.

So, come on ladies lets aim to produce some great quilts this month.

Joy Brown



2014 - 2015 Executive

President: Joy
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Library: Judy
Comfort
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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



After last month's general meeting, I had several complaints about members talking during our general meeting *and*, whilst our guest speaker was presenting her trunk show.

Please be polite to your neighbors and, if you need to make comments, leave them until the speaker has finished.

Thank you for your cooperation. **Joy**

PROGRAMS

MARCH 19, 2015 TRUNK SHOW BY JUDY VILLET

Organizer: Trish Vickery

See future newsletters Judy's website at www.judyvillett.com for details.

MAY 21, 2015 TRUNK SHOW BY CATHY MILLER

Organizer: Gigi Hamer

See future newsletters and Cathy's website at www.singingquilter.com for details.

WORKSHOPS

MAY 22, 2015 WORKSHOP: Cathy Miller

Organizer: Gigi Hamer

“MOCK MOLA” Appliqué: Raw Edge Machine Reverse Appliqué. See future newsletters and Cathy’s website at www.singingquilter.com for details.

MAY 2015 DAY TRIP TO SUNSHINE COAST QUILT SHOW

Organizers: Connie Willoner and Gigi Hamer

The show is in Gibson’s from Friday, **May 1 to Sunday, May 3, 2015**. We will likely be arranging carpools on **Saturday, May 2**.



LIBRARY:

We have added many new titles to the library as you will notice from the following list. There is a variety from baby to modern quilts for your borrowing pleasure.

- **Vintage Vibe** - Amber Johnson.
- **Nap and Nod** - Myra Harder.
- **Beyond Neutral** - John Q. Adams
- **Perfect Quilts for Precut Fabrics** - Patchwork Place
- **First Steps to Free Motion Quilting** - Christina Cameli
- **Fast Forward Quilts** - Pat Sloan
- **Think Big** - Amy Ellis
- **Modern Neutrals** - Amy Ellis
- **Jelly Babies** - Patchwork Place
- **Urban and Amish** - Myra Harder

• Cheers,

• **Judy.Walkey**

JANUARY "STITCH-IN"

On 23rd January, four of us drove out to Abbotsford to Elaine Nixon's stitch-in. Three of us went first to Hamels quilt store where we found the most amazing selection of Batiks.

After calling at the cheese farm, enjoying their samples, and of course, buying some fabulous cheeses, we drove back to Abbotsford and the stitch-in.

We all enjoyed the visit and stitching. **Thanks Elaine!**

Linda, Terry, Susan and Joy



MEMBERSHIP

Kathy McColeman is updating the membership list with the changes I received in January. If you missed the January meeting, please advise me if your contact information on the membership list has any errors, or if it needs updating.

We currently have 59 members. I hope we will have a new member this month so we should be up to 60 members, with one person on the waiting list.

Lori Brownlow

Membership (assistant)

SECHELT RETREAT

The second annual Sechelt retreat was held from Sunday, January 11 to Wednesday, January 14. Thirteen guild members made the trip to the Sunshine Coast where we were again welcomed by Christine and Stephanie Richardson of **Fibre Expressions** quilt shop. The shop is in a new location, with its own parking lot and an even larger, brighter classroom. There was an 8-foot table for each of us, two cutting stations and two irons and ironing boards. We were still a short walk from the Driftwood Inn.

Once we arrived at the shop, around noon, we quickly got to work on our many projects. With short breaks for lunch, coffee, consultation on each other's projects, breaks for a quick stop at the motel to get settled in our rooms, trips into the quilt shop for forgotten items, the classroom was a beehive of activity. We all stopped working around 6 pm and had dinner together in the restaurant at the Driftwood Inn. Most opted for the Sunday special, prime rib dinner, and everyone was very pleased with their meals. We ended our day with most of us watching episode one of the new Downton Abbey series in our rooms.

On Monday and Tuesday we had earlier starts, around 8:30 for some. The projects changed over the 2 days, with many being completed. On Monday we had dinner together at Daphne's Greek restaurant and then returned for a couple more hours of sewing after dinner. On Tuesday, we opted to order out for sushi so that we could spend even more time at our machines. Four ladies took the last ferry to go home on Tuesday evening. Finally, on Wednesday we wrapped up our work in the shop by noon.

Again this year we rated this a very successful and enjoyable retreat. The venue is top notch and we were all able to get a lot of work done. More importantly, there was much camaraderie, with great exchange of ideas and lots of laughs. And for those of us who like to shop (and who doesn't?), there were many options. We started on the ferry, continued at Fibre Expressions and other shops in Sechelt and at Swish in Gibson's and finished with a bit more shopping on the return ferry trip. A good time was had by all.

Thanks, Gigi!

Wendy Lynn

DID YOU KNOW???

That the calendar repeats itself every six years ... so, if you have a calendar you like, hang onto it and use it again in six years!

Kathy Alexander

WHITE ROCK RETREAT

- **WHO:** Grouse Mountain Quilters Guild Members. If you are a new member this is an excellent way to get to know your fellow members better – and we would love to get to know you better too.
- **WHAT:** The cost per person to rent the Conference (sewing) room is \$ 50.00 each 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 February meeting.
- **WHEN: Friday, March 27 to Monday, March 30th.** (There may be single-day spots available. Please call Catriona to arrange.)
- **WHERE:** Ocean Promenade Hotel, 15661 Marine Drive in White Rock. Reservations: 1-888-976-2326 www.oceanpromenadehotel.com. A variety of rooms are available – from single and double bedrooms to full kitchen, 2-bedroom suites to share. Book your own room and let them know you are with the Grouse Guild, as we have arranged a special room rate for you.
- **WHY:** Quilting, walks on the seawall, quilting, shopping, quilting, relaxation, quilting, visiting, and some more quilting.

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 casual daytime lunch/coffee shop in the hotel.

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

HOW TO SHARPEN YOUR ROTARY CUTTER BLADE TIP

Simply fold a piece of tinfoil a few times and just slice away with your blunt dull rotary cutter (using your cutting mat, of course)!

Pause a few times to test it out on your fabric scraps ... till it starts slicing away your fabric too! You will end up with an almost new rotary cutter.

COMFORT QUILTS

This is going to be a busy month for Comfort Quilts.

Our workshops are going to be on the **19th and 20th of February at St Martin's from 9 to 4 o'clock**, with coffee and goodies provided. However, with that said, please bring your own lunch and mugs.

Also please remember to bring everything you need (i.e. scissors, cutting mat, rotor cutters, sewing machine, needles, etc.). This depends on which area you intend to help in. I also suggest that you label or somehow identify what you bring to avoid any loss of property or potential mix up that might arise.

There will be some kits available, all of which will be numbered and labeled, so please sign them out if you decide to take one. There will also be large bins with backing fabrics, as well as other fabrics that can be chosen if you are so inspired.

We have a binder of patterns, as well as an area for cutting bating if you have a top already made. It will be helpful if you have the measurements pinned to the top.

Come and help for as long as you can. Please remember that the quilts are going towards a good cause and we appreciate any help you may provide.

Look forward to seeing you there,

Terry Whiteman

THE RULES OF QUILTING

1. Don't Bleed on the Quilt.
2. Measure Twice. Cut Once.
3. It's Not a Mistake. It's a Creative Opportunity.
4. There are NO Quilt Police.
5. Rules? There are Rules?

CQA UPDATE

Quilt Canada – Lethbridge – June, 2015

Have you registered for a workshop yet and made your travel plans for this June? Would you like to see why the Local Organizing Committee thinks these teachers are amazing? Take a look at their websites:

Cindy Needham, www.cindyneedham.com

Joanne Flamand, www.artisticquiltdesign.com

Karen Henry, www.karenhenry.ca

Kathy Tidswell, www.kathytidswell.com

Margie Davidson, www.margiedavidson.ca

Weeks Ringle, www.modernquiltstudio.com

Cantik Batik Youth Challenge 2015 'My Favourite Animal'

The **online entry form** for this year's youth challenge is available now. Please use this link <http://www.canadianquilter.com/news-events.php?ID=54> and click on the button to open the ONLINE ENTRY FORM. We can't wait to see what our young people have created with this year's challenge! Don't forget to have the parental consent form filled out and have permission for use of any copyright material. There is no need to send these in.

Please contact diratlarge@canadianquilter.com if you have any questions about this challenge.

Travelling Art Quilt Show

The long-awaited "**It's Time for Colour**" travelling quilt show is now officially on tour across Canada. A total of 36 quilts have been split up and half has gone to the Northwest Territories and the rest to Manitoba. If you haven't seen these yet, you can look at the gallery at: <http://cqacanadianquilting.blogspot.ca/p/blog-page.html> but seeing the show at one of the tour sites will be much more impressive!

See the travel schedule at http://www.canadianquilter.com/pdf/travel_tour_scheduleJan14.pdf and check it out later for updates of specific tour stops.

Trend-Tex CQA/ACC Challenge

Are you enjoying this year's challenge? The theme '**Blowing in the Wind**' for this year's conference in the windy city of Lethbridge AB has quilters tossing images of kites, balloons, windmills and other 'windy' items in their quilt studios. We can't wait to see them all AND they will be available to bid on in our **Silent Auction** at the University of Lethbridge from June 4-6, 2015.

This is just one of the quilt shows you will see at Quilt Canada. The **National Juried Show** will be there as well as the Travelling show 'It's Time for Colour'. The Galt Museum will also be showing heritage quilts and presenting a talk on caring for antique quilts.

Members Only

Mystery Quilt

There are four installments up on our website now of our mystery quilt 'Spinning Stars' / 'Étoiles tourbillonnantes'. This quilt has been tested by our special volunteer, Kathleen Defoe, who is willing and able to answer any of your questions about it!

Invite a Friend to Join or Renew Your Membership:

Thank you for your continued support to encourage and build Canadian content in the world of quilting! Here's the link to renew your membership. Forward this email to a friend to encourage other quilters to join:

<http://www.canadianquilter.com/members-area/members-renew-signup.php>

UPCOMING QUILT SHOWS

"Our Timeless Treasures, A Decade of Quilting" Quilt Show

**April 17-18, 2015 Eagle Ridge Community Centre, 1089 Langford Parkway,
Langford, B.C.**

The show will include a display of up to 300 quilts, large Merchant Mall, Guild Boutique store, displays as well as quilting demonstrations with audience participation and much, much more.

The admission is \$6.00 which covers both days and there is no charge for the bus driver or caregivers if required for wheelchairs etc., these persons must identify themselves at time of entry. Hours will be Friday 10-7, Saturday 10-5.

If you require further information for directions, transportation etc., please contact <mailto:dmasson@shaw.ca>

Quilts By The Bay 2015

Saturday May 9 and Sunday, May 10, 10 am-4pm

Richmond Curling Club, 5540 Hollybridge Way, Richmond BC
Admission \$6, Husbands Free

Come and Enjoy: Merchant's Mall = Matt Wheeler - Featured Quilter = Guild Boutique = Demonstrations = "Make' n Take"

Displays Include: Guild Challenge Quilts, Baby Challenge Quilts, Community Quilting Display and much, much more!

For more information : www.boundarybayquiltsguild.ca or
Kathy Chambers [604 782 6671](tel:6047826671)

LOG CABIN SHOW

Exhibition by Lions Gate Quilters Guild at **West Vancouver Memorial Library**
until March 9th, 2015.

QUILTERS ANONYMOUS QUILT GUILD SHOW

March 13-15, 2015, Evergreen County Fairgrounds Event Center, Monroe,
Washington.
\$8.00 good for all three days.



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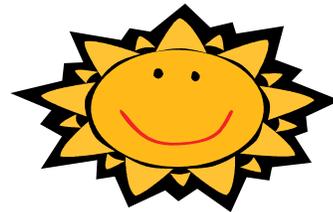
Moja is a wonderful place to grab a cup of coffee. It is located at the corner of Rupert Street and Harbour Ave (east of Canadian Tire)

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 email

Jan

callowjan@hotmail.com

Grouse Mountain Day Quilters Guild

Next Meeting: Thursday February 19th

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