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A Happy New Year to you all.

I am looking forward to getting back to quilting after the Christmas break. Time to oil my machine and probably change the needle!

Our batik swap blocks are progressing and we will shortly have enough blocks to construct a decent size quilt. I have laid my blocks out on a design wall and they are looking good, such a rainbow of colours!

I am interested to take part in the upcoming workshops that Margaret is organizing for the guild. The samples we were shown at the last meeting were very inspiring and I am all enthused!

Please do not forget that we are starting our "Free Stuff Table" this month so if you have anything you no longer have use for or simply do not want, bring it along. Please label the items you wish to give away and remember to take them home if they are not taken.

Looking forward to catching up with you all at our January meeting.

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.



Programs – Margaret Hill

Happy New Year to everyone! I hope you all enjoyed all the festivities and are rested and ready to be inspired by the activities planned for the Guild in 2016. January begins with Linda Sharp teaching us some interesting embellishments to add light to our quilts. She will bring the supplies and has only requested that we each bring scissors. Come ready to have fun!

At the March meeting Catherine Nicholls will present a trunk show and video presentation from the British Quilt Show. There was enough interest in her Forest Landscape workshop to go ahead with it and I will have the date, time, place, supply information for those taking the class at the meeting.

April has Karen Johnson presenting a trunk show based on her quilting journey. Both her workshops, Textured Backgrounds and Working in a Series will go ahead, and the information about them will be at the meeting.

All these presenters do beautiful work and I look forward to bringing them to the guild for you to enjoy and be inspired by.

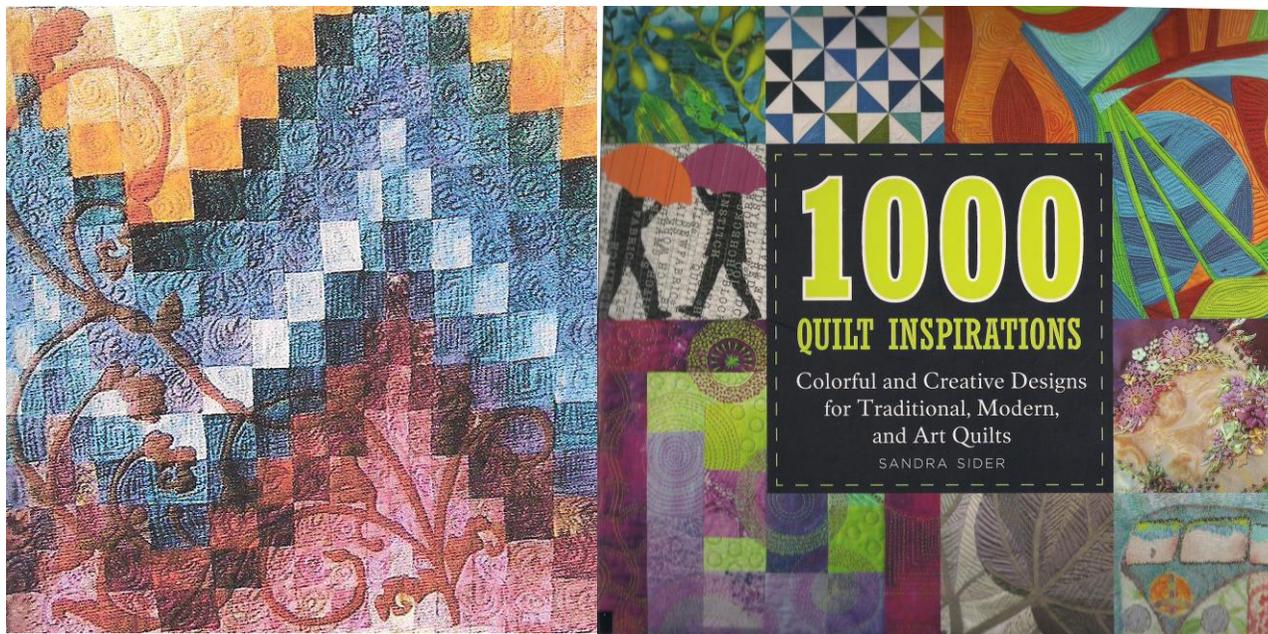
I hope everyone is thinking about designing, cutting out, sewing, fusing, quilting, or whatever medium you choose to create your work based on your favorite song! This is your opportunity to try something new and just have some fun. Challenge your creativity!



COMFORT QUILTS - Terry Whiteman

Our Comfort Quilt workdays are fast approaching, so please consider how you can help. I will send a list around at the next meeting so you can think of your options and sign up where you like. Remember everybody is required to put in at least 3 hours. It can be at the meeting or at home if you prefer. We are making up some kits, and have ten panels which have been donated, so that is a big start. See you at the next meeting.

At the December meeting it was mentioned that Kathy McColeman is included in a Sandra Sider's new quilt book *1000 Quilt Inspirations – Colorful and Creative Designs for Traditional, Modern and Art Quilts*. Kathy says there is 'one picture of one of her quilts, one of a handful of Canadians amongst 1000s of pictures of quilts from quilters all over the world.' I think it is still very impressive to get included in something like that so here is a picture of the book and one of the quilt that is Kathy's contribution. Well done Kathy!



COMING EVENTS – Sharon Walker

If you have events you would like to see listed here, please let me know. I had trouble finding anything local this month. It may simply be too early in the year. But, I did come across the website for the Festival of Quilts to be held in Birmingham, England, August 11-14, 2016. I think it is probably the show that will be featured at our March meeting. But I was thinking that this coming show in August could be a very interesting part of someone's summer vacation plans! Take a look and see if you agree.

<http://www.thefestivalofquilts.co.uk/>

NEWS UPDATE



*Canadian Quilters' Association /
Association canadienne de la courtepointe*

Quilt Canada 2016- The International Gathering of the Guilds

A public gathering such as the International Gathering of the Guilds, for quilters by quilters around the world, is an incredible and unique occasion. Please join us, at Quilt Canada 2016, in celebration of quilting and sharing on a global scale.

The most common thread among quilters worldwide is fellowship and camaraderie. The evening will include presentations from guest speakers from the global quilting project movement, followed by a Show'Share quilt parade like no other! Won't it be fun to see what other quilters around the world are working on? Please bring a finished quilted piece to show and share with others. All skill levels are welcome!

Keynote Speaker: Paula Rafferty of Ireland

Sponsored by: Celtic Quilt Tours

Friday, June 17, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Cost: \$22.00 (\$25.00 at the door if available).

For further information:

<https://www.canadianquilter.com/events/quilt-canada-2016-tours.php>

Quilt Canada 2017

Join the CQA/ACC to celebrate Canada's 150 years! Quilt Canada 2017 is returning to Toronto from June 14 to 17, 2017. That's right, we're in Toronto two years in a row. Join the celebration and experience the largest Quilting Bee ever! Stay tuned for more details.

Teacher of the Year; Dorothy McMurdie and Agnes Boal Awards

We wish to make you aware of some recent changes within the CQA/ACC organization. Over the past years we have noticed a significant decline in the participation in the Teacher of the Year and Dorothy McMurdie Awards. So much so that some years there are no nominations. While these awards are coveted amongst all members of the CQA/ACC we have decided that we would suspend them for the time being and put all our efforts on our mission of promoting quilting across Canada.

To that end, the Agnes Boal Bursary award, which is an award in which a guild may enter to win \$750 to bring a member teacher to their guild, will be postponed until we can find a sponsor for it. Thank-you for supporting CQA/ACC as we continue to keep our organization strong, vibrant and full of quilters!

Members Only Button

Please note that we have removed the Members Only button from our website. It housed some patterns but we noticed that it was rarely used. We are putting our efforts into attracting more members and felt that it was not an effective use of our time to focus on an area with little activity when we want to reach our goal of increasing our membership to our amazing national organization.



Moja Coffee Corp.
1412 Rupert Street
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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 Avenue (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.

For those of you on Facebook, the Kootenay Quilters Guild Facebook page often has great articles that are interesting and informative. Recently there was a post about how January is a time for tidying up and getting organized. The post was about 20 different ways to store fabric – I found it very interesting to look at all of them – some quite creative.

Here is a link to the Scrap Shoppe blog: <http://www.thescrapshoppeblog.com/2015/01/20-fabric-storage-ideas.html>

Here is a link to the Kootenay Quilters Guild Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/KootenayQuiltersGuild/>

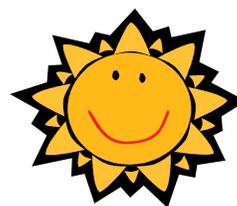
Enjoy, Sharon

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REMINDERS!!!

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Grouse Mountain Day Quilters Guild

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 21, 2016

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

Apologies for any errors/omissions.

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