

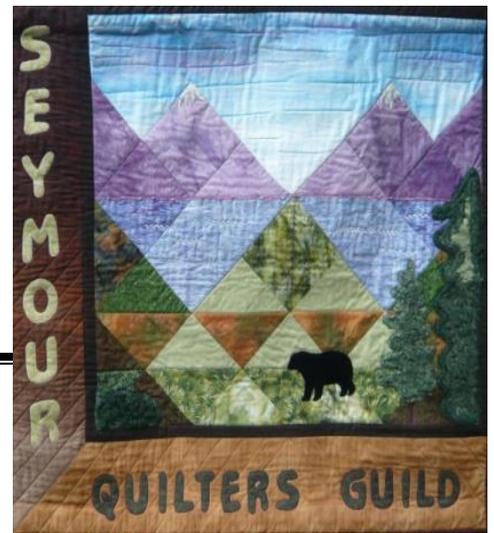
Seymour Quilters Guild Newsletter



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**NEXT MEETING:
December 14, 2022**



Purposes of the Society are:

1. To bring learning experience and inspiration to its members by way of workshops, demonstrations for the public, show and tell, speakers, and other programs.
2. To provide a service to the community by the creation of quilts for those in need.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Maureen O.



'Tis the season. For what??

The chill, the damp, the ice, the snow, some fog and of course, the craft fairs. It is a time for us to bring together family and friends with good Hallmark© cheer. Do you believe how Saccharin© those TV movies can be? The

images we are given show happy people warm and cozy by a fireplace with slippers, big smiles, a bit of grog and either a puppy or kitten. And then there is the love story background.

In the real world, the food banks are struggling, Ukraine is still under siege, homeless folks are seeking community kitchens, and we can hardly afford groceries. Well, 'tis the season to have a reality check before you open your wallet at the shopping malls.

Not wanting to upset anyone, full disclosure, I grew up in a family that went to Christ Church Cathedral in Fredericton and we called the season "Christmas". There, done. My Dad always packed my sister and me into the back seat of the car when he delivered a cardboard box of food, gifts and clothes for an unknown family. Then, when we were older, we did midnight service, went home and Dad made Irish coffees. The spirit of giving at Christmas was ingrained in me then and I continue to teach my children and Grands the same. But, here's the difference. My Dad, forever the Scout Leader/ Mountie, never, ever let us kids forget, that when you can, you give; any time, any money, any service, any time of year. Just give something.

This is not a Hallmark© world. We live the reality. Look in your closet for unused blankets, coats, sweaters, gloves, and boots. Feed the birds, check on neighbours. Yes, 'tis the season ... but why should it be different than any other month? I guess we sing more. So, quilters, do what you can for those who cannot. Stay warm and healthy.

As I write this, my cat, Julia Roberts, is snuggled into a quilt my grandmother made for me. Julia and I will discuss later how we will manage the next 18 days since it is the "Season".

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New year. Maureen O.

PS: If you still have a bear hanging around, give it a nudge, a quilt and a pillow and remind the poor dear to mosey off to a den and have a long winters nap.



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Programme

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Have Quilts, Will Travel

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Newsletter

Sonia B.

<https://seymourquiltersguild.ca/>

Quilts of Valour

Suzanne P., Norine McC.

Free Table

Lorna L-J., Esther E.

Refreshments

Marianne W., Gail McG.,

Wendy W., Anne W.

Website

Judy S.

<https://seymourquiltersguild.ca/>

Next Board Zoom Meeting

Wed., January 4 @ 12 noon

Zoom details will be emailed two days
prior to meeting

SEYMOUR QUILTERS' GUILD will meet
at 12:00 noon on the **Second Wednesday**
of the month, except for July and August,
at **Gloria Dei Church Hall**, 1110
Gladwin Dr., Nth Vanc.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wed. January 18, 2023

NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE

Reminder: we are back to our third Wednesday of the month for the membership meeting starting in 2023. Please mark your calendars for 12:00 noon on:

January 18 (Annual General Meeting)

February 15 (will be via Zoom)

March 15 April 19 May 17 June 21

December Celebrations:

We will have a "Festive Tea" with cookies and other seasonal goodies provided by a caterer.

We ask that you bring your own festive placemat, napkin, a tea-size plate, tea cup, a fork for dessert, and your good cheer. The fancier, the better.

Use of the Kitchen at Gloria Dei Church:

The guild will provide complimentary coffee and tea, sugar and milk. As we are conscious of our footprint on this planet, in order to reduce waste, please "pack in and pack out" your lunch, crockery and cutlery, leaving nothing behind.

New Executive Positions for 2023:

Please do not hesitate to volunteer for any of our positions. If you need to discuss your interest, please just ask your current executive members and we will be happy to encourage you.

Check our website for Job Descriptions

<https://seymourquiltersguild.ca/policy-documents/>



Checklist for December 14 Meeting

BRING:

- ❖ Your Name Tag, and your own mug, plate cutlery, napkin and placemat.
Borrowing crockery or cutlery from the Church is Not Permitted.
- ❖ Library returns will be accepted
- ❖ Your Show & Tell
- ❖ Your 2023 Membership dues – cheque or cash
- ❖ Look for sign-up sheets of future workshops.

REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP

Moira S. and Sharon R.

At our November meeting the three winners of the draw were Cheryl E, Sonja S. and Marianne W. Arlene T. helped out in Moira's absence.

Yes, here we are at the end of another year. Membership dues are to be made payable no later than December 31 to be in good standing. You may bring your cheques to the meeting or, if you forget, then mail directly to Sharon. If, for any reason, you are not planning to renew your membership would you please let us know and then we will be able to offer a spot to someone on our Wait List.

WHO AM I

"In February 1973, I made a trip to China. I was part of a delegation of Canadian women who were there to understand the role of women in China. At the time, I was teaching political science and had plans to edit a book on the issue. The trip had been in the works for over a year and, by the time I got confirmation that it was really happening, I was pregnant. My doctor felt it was safe for me to travel so I joined the 28 Canadian women and off we went.

We went into China through Hong Kong. Hong Kong was a huge culture shock. Just flying in with the plane going past apartments that were so close you could see what they were cooking. The city was very crowded and had incredible poverty along with immense wealth. Walking was a great adventure with small stores and street markets everywhere.

After a couple of days in Hong Kong we boarded a train and headed for what was then known as Canton but is now Guangzhou. We had to go through customs and at that point the Chinese authorities became aware that I was pregnant. The translators that were assigned to us for the full trip expressed concern but decided that I could travel. Whew!! We travelled from Guangzhou on to Wuhan which was the industrial centre for China at the time. There, we had a meeting with about 30 women who ranged from the Party Secretary for the Province to two young factory workers.

We spent about 3 hours exchanging experiences. One I will never forget was the Party Secretary who was probably in her early 50's with a demeanor and face like a hardened soldier. She had her own personal spittoon which she used regularly while she explained how things worked in her culture. Also, in Wuhan, we experienced the bitter weather that they experience as you move further north. Because we were so ill-prepared the tour directors got us a bunch of Chinese army coats which kept us warm as we toured a Collective farm.

We were fortunate to visit Beijing while it still had some of the old traditional housing. These were one story homes built around a courtyard where the family lived. Generally, these housed a large extended family with multiple generations. They were quite charming. We also were able to visit Hangzhou which is a centre for silk textiles. That was one place I did not hold back on buying and brought home several metres. That was also where I noticed the phenomenon of the moving wedge in the crowd. We had split up so part of the group was across the street. I was able to see where they were because there was a bulge where we were travelling. A crowd of young boys always attached itself to us which was visible.

In Beijing we were at a park. I have a photo of a toddler staring at the woman in the maternity smock who was so much taller than most of the women he knew. I have many special memories but a couple of not-so-great ones. Being pregnant, I needed to find bathrooms fairly frequently. In cities, that was fairly simple. However, in the more rural areas we were faced with holes in the ground with a three-foot-high wall around them. I always had an interested audience.

Most of the trip participants left Beijing one day to travel to the Great Wall. It was decided that I could not go so I was sent in a private car with lace curtains to a small museum. We went back to Hong Kong after nearly a month of extraordinary adventures."

WHO AM I ... Who am I NOT

"Like most or many young children our parents influenced our life choices and plans, be it good or bad.

My dad loved politics and encouraged me to be 'the First Lady Prime Minister of Canada' so I began university with a course load of political science, history, and economics and the intentions of Law School to begin this very prestigious career path. I disliked all the courses and NEVER pursued law. I am NOT Sonja S.

I have always enjoyed the wonderful taste of various foods including many ethnic and exotic dishes. I also loved watching Julia Childs Cooking shows. Alas, my adventures into actually cooking these amazing dishes did not come to pass ... I am NOT Maureen O.

I have a son and come from a very long, long line of seafarers with generations of Canadian Naval Forces in the family plus a great great uncle who was a deep-sea diver. Alas, I am NOT Suzanne P.

Travel, YES lots and lots of travel. I have literally circumnavigated the northern hemisphere having purchased a one-way ticket to Bangkok, Thailand. I continued on to trek through Thailand, Burma, Bangladesh, Nepal (yes, made it to Everest Base Camp and the Annapurna Circuit), India, Greece, Turkey, Yugoslavia, Great Britain, Scotland and then home. My journey took just a year and included riding an elephant, a camel, and a donkey. I did not see Julio Iglesias ... I am NOT Linda D.



So, knowing who I am NOT ... Who am I."

Season's Greetings, Sharon and Moira



The table for books will be set up again at our January meeting, we'll let December be a party for everyone!

We are missing some books that were signed out from 2019-2022, so missing books, please come home!!! We can accept returns on December 14 (Christmas Luncheon Meeting).

We have begun our inventory of books in the SQG Library. We examined each book and removed books that have not been signed out in 5 years, are dilapidated, or have outdated patterns or techniques. Our online catalogue <https://www.librarything.com/catalog/SQG.Library> is being updated as we go and, in January, a list of our books by author and by title will be updated. On the SQG website, there is a tab to "contact the librarian" if you want to reserve a book. Let us know and we can have it ready for you to pick up at our next guild general meeting.

We have a large number of books and magazines that we wish to remove from the library so bring cash for our January meeting: Books will sell for \$3.00 and magazines for \$1.00. The money for these sales will go into the general budget, perhaps to replace our dilapidated library storage system?

We have purchased new books and they will be available for loan in January:

Quilt Recipes by Jen Kingwell, Farm Girl Vintage 2 by Lori Holt, Big, Bold and Colourful by Chris Jurd,

Urban Quilting: Quilt Patterns for the Modern Day Home by Wendy Chow,

Shizuka Kuroha's Japanese Quilting Patterns (quilts, bags, pouches, table runners)

The Ultimate Guide to Rulerwork Quilting by Amanda Murphy,

Korean Patchwork Quilting: 37 Modern Bojagi Style Projects by Choi Yangsook;

Wedge Quilt Workshop by Christina Cameli.

Riva, Judy, Glennis, Kory

REFRESHMENTS

Marianne, Gail, Wendy W. and Anne W.

We will be serving complimentary coffee and tea at our December Christmas luncheon meeting. Milk and sugar will be provided.

Please remember to bring your own mug!



Reminder: *Borrowing crockery or cutlery from the Church is Not Permitted.*

We wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a Peaceful and Healthy New Year. Starting in January, we will charge \$1.00 for coffee and tea again and we will be contacting members who signed up to bring goodies.

See you at our Christmas party.
Your Refreshment committee.

Free Table Lorna and Esther

Because we will be enjoying a festive lunch this month, there will be **no** Free Table. In January we will once again resume this fun-filled activity.

Best wishes to all, Esther & Lorna

QUILTS OF VALOUR

Suzanne and Norine



As the year 2022 winds down, Norine and I would like to thank all the guild members who have been so supportive of the Quilts of Valour initiative. As we return to a more normal in-person meeting format, it will be much easier to get back to creating more guild-inclusive Q of V's.

We hope that all of you have a joyous holiday season, no matter how you celebrate. As we approach 2023 with optimism and enthusiasm, I know we can all appreciate how far we have come over the last 2+ years. We've learned we can adapt to difficult times and we can pull together for the greater good. We are resilient and we can learn new skills - who would have thought that Zoom would be such a part of our everyday world?

In spite of all the new skills and technology we have embraced, it is clear that it is the interactions with all the people in our lives that are truly the most meaningful. I'm sure you will all agree with me that, as we are getting back to in-person meetings and workshops, being members of the guild is truly an enriching experience.

Wishing all of you a much joy over the holidays and a happy, healthy New Year!

Suzanne





MEETINGS

- ❖ 9 November - Members Teaching Members went very well. Judy put up a [blog post](#) with pictures on the website.
 - Cheryl E – Folded Log Cabin – [YouTube video on technique here](#).
 - MaryElise – Gadgets (in the list on the blog post I missed the Tri-Sharp mat smoother tool)
 - Maureen, Riva, and Suzanne - demo GO [AccuQuilt](#) machine. Note that there was an email survey on whether to buy one to rent out to the guild.

- ❖ 14 December – Winter Luncheon Guidelines.
 - Dress code: Festive and wear your nametag
 - Lunch: Please bring a bag lunch – and – a fancy placemat, napkin, cup, plate, and any cutlery you need.
 - Dessert: Remember to bring a tea-plate for desserts which will be catered through the Board.
 - Games: One of the games will be the *Pass the Fat Quarter Game*. Please bring one fat quarter (18” x 20”) from your stash – a plain or print fabric that reads as a light to medium neutral colour, such as, off white, beige, or grey.

EXCHANGE, WORKSHOPS, and SOSAH

- ❖ Mini Mod Exchange Blocks – Please bring what you made using your blocks to the meeting for Show and Tell.
- ❖ Seminole Workshop with Marilyn C went very well. Judy put up pictures in the Photos on the website. Please bring what you made in the workshop (finished or not) to the **January** meeting for Show and Tell.
- ❖ 7 December – SOSAH – UFOs, quick and easy quilts, and seasonal ideas.

COMING IN 2023 (mark your calendar)

- ❖ **11 January** – first SOSAH Day of 2023. Reconnect and share your quilt-y goals for the year.
- ❖ **18 January** AGM and Carol Piercy on *Quilts that Commemorate, Quilts with a Third Dimension, and More*.

Carol – “I’m so pleased to be coming to the January meeting! In the past few years, I’ve been trying out some new ideas, attempting to add more layers to my quilts. I’ll show these (and some of my old story quilts) and talk about the inspirations, thought processes and techniques that were used. All of these are wall hangings, so I’ll bring some current lap and bed size quilts as well, mostly original designs. No Seminoles, but I’d love it if you bring yours!”





❖ **25 January Workshop** – *Experimenting with Collage and Stitch* with Lorna Moffat.

Lorna will design a project around a linear stitched portrait with a floral hairdo and she will have options to create a collage butterfly in layers of colour, pattern, and stitch. She will present several different techniques used in her work.

- Date: 25 January 2023
- Time: 9:30 to 4 pm
- **Cost adjusted** - \$60 and she offers a kit for an additional \$30.
**Kit – 2m Steam a seam, panel of wool Melton, and booklet of stencils to trace.
- **Payment:** Bring a cheque to the meeting or pay by eTransfer as of January 1.

❖ **15 February Meeting** – At home on ZOOM - *What Needle Should I Use? SCHMETZ Sewing Machine Needles* - a presentation by Rhonda Pierce from SCHMETZ Needles.



Confused about what needle to use? What do all those numbers mean on the needle package? Is changing the needle really important before it breaks? What needle should I use? Successful sewing is often about paying attention to the little things – like the needle in your sewing machine. Get the low-down about how this little piece of steel can solve some very BIG problems, including broken threads, skipped stitches and puckered fabrics. Your sewing machine is an investment and, protection begins by using the very best needle. Sew SCHMETZ!



Rhonda's personal blog documenting sewing & quilt projects is www.SewMoreStitches.com. With quilt shop and wholesale distributor management experience, and the love of sewing, Rhonda delivers a unique perspective as VP Marketing Director of Euro-notions, and Spokesperson for SCHMETZneedles.com North America.

❖ **15 March Meeting** – Carola Russell – *Bits and Pieces Trunk Show and Her Popup*. *Bits and Pieces* is a trunk show of a unique way to use up the smallest scraps on your quilt fronts and backs.

❖ **29 March Workshop** - We have tentatively booked a *Spring is in the Air Thread Painting Workshop* with Carola Russell. Carola says she "is very excited to teach this technique-intense class. You will learn so much while completing this cute wall hanging. So many tricks to add to your skill set."

In this class you will explore the uses of different thread weights, from the finest 100wt. to the heaviest 8wt. options for thread painting, sketching, applique, bobbin-work and different free motion techniques.

We will:

- ✓ Thread Paint a Chickadee and learn how best to add thread painting to a quilt project
- ✓ Quilt and applique an interesting background
- ✓ Free Motion stitch (draw) stems of a Cone Flower for our Chickadee to sit upon
- ✓ Free Motion applique leaves and petals
- ✓ Couch stems and make the Chickadee's feet on water-soluble stabilizer





PROGRAMME/WORKSHOPS COMMITTEE (cont'd) *Marilyn, Les and Barb M.*

29 March Workshop (cont'd)

A kit of stabilizer, fusible web, needles, background & applique fabric and the use of all threads needed to make the project.

Fee: \$20.00 (We will prepare fused fabrics to save time in class)

- Date: 29 March
- Time: 10 to 4 pm
- Cost: \$75 for members, plus kit for \$20, **hold payment until workshop is confirmed.
- Register: on the website or sign-up at the December meeting.

PROGRAMME AND WORKSHOP COORDINATOR REPLACEMENT

Sonja S. could use one or two helpers on her Programme and Workshop Committee. Please consider helping her on this committee.

Happy Quilting, Marilyn, Les and Barb

CQA *Barb C.*

CQA - <https://canadianquilter.com/>



The Sustainability Challenge: *Canadian Quilter* is looking for photos of your quilts and quilted objects made from repurposed materials, such as used clothing, bedding, table linens, etc., that would otherwise go to the landfill. The quilt top must be made from at least 50% used materials, with unused fabric scraps (stash) making up the remainder of the quilt. Same rule for the back ... bed sheets make great backing! Deadline for Photo's March 18, 2023.

There is also Part 1 of Sustainability Quilting on the CQA website blog.

Webinars: Wed Dec 7, 4pm Justin Yong " Traditional Quilting as Contemporary Art."

Quilt Alongs: Millennium Quilt rerun Block #11 Nova Scotia : Lucy by Barbara Robson

Barb C.

Attachments to this newsletter:

- ❖ Agenda – December 14 Xmas Luncheon Membership Meeting, 12:00 – 2:30 pm
- ❖ Minutes of November 9 General Membership Meeting.

