

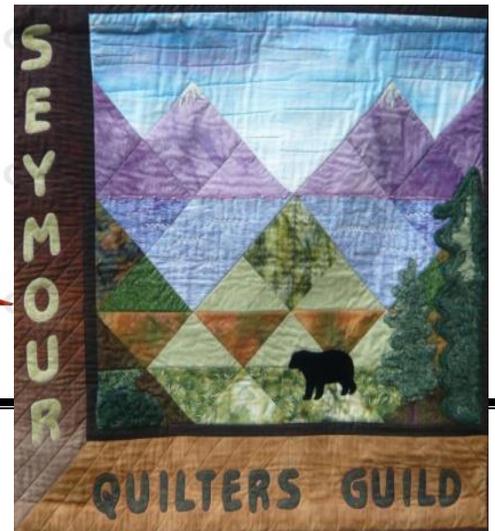
# Seymour Quilters Guild Newsletter

January, 2023

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NEXT MEETING:  
January 18, 2023



## 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.*



### *Welcome to 2023!! The Year of the Rabbit.*

Having given some thought to what the New Year may mean, my mind wandered back to stories and tales of rabbits. Interesting how a common theme began to emerge among the rabbits that I thought of and how we, as a society, have chosen to anthropomorphize them.

The first rabbit that came to mind was Brer Rabbit and Tar Baby from the American south folklore stories in which the rabbit uses his skills and wits to outsmart Brer Fox, thus saving himself. Then I thought about the White Rabbit joining the Mad Hatters Tea Party. Lucky white rabbit did not wear a fine felt hat laced with mercury compounds so he, too, kept his wits about him.

Then, as years moved closer, I thought about Bugs Bunny of the late 1930's. Bugs Bunny is characterized as being clever and capable of outsmarting almost anyone who antagonizes him, including Elmer Fudd, the Tasmanian Devil and Daffy Duck. The carrot-chewing scenes are generally followed by Bugs' most well-known catchphrase, "What's up, Doc?" Google that one, it is a fun story.

Then there is our beloved Peter Rabbit who stuffs himself with lettuce, French beans and radishes, loses his shoes and gets caught by the brass button of his new blue coat in a gooseberry net in Mr. McGregor's garden. While he eventually uses his speed and memory to get home, we learn the lesson of always "listening to your mother", circa 1902!! And the gift of Chamomile tea.

Those who are born in the Rabbit years are known as Rabbits, and they also possess a personality that requires them to be elegant, gentle, quiet, alert, skillful, quick, responsible, patient, and kind. Rabbits are mainly faithful to the ones close to them but can sometimes be reluctant to reveal their minds while trying to escape reality. Only in your dreams!! Enjoy the rabbits around you and value their strengths or maybe even your own, if you are a rabbit (1939,1951,1963).

As this is my last newsletter for my tenure as President, I am grateful for the experiences I have had, the enjoyment of engaging with all of you even if it was "Zoom". Thank you for electing me.

Having earned my seam ripper, I sign off  
Maureen O and my side-kick, Julia Roberts



## BOARD MEMBERS 2021/22

### **President**

Maureen O.

### **Vice President**

Nancy J.

### **Secretary**

Sonja S.

### **Treasurer**

Cheryl E.

### **Membership Co-ordinator**

Moira S. & Sharon R.

### **Programme Co-ordinator**

Marilyn C.

## COMMITTEES

### **Programme**

Marilyn C., Barb McG., Les O'B.

### **Community Quilts**

Linda F.,  
Connie W., Janet M-R.

### **CQA Representative**

Barb C.

### **Have Quilts, Will Travel**

Judy P./ Linda F.

### **Library Coordinator**

Riva N.

### **Sunshine**

Janet M-R.

### **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., February 1 @ 12 noon**

Zoom details will be emailed two days  
prior to meeting

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

### **NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**Wed. February 15, 2023 via ZOOM**

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

*Cheryl E.*

Attached to this newsletter is our Financial Statement for Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2022 and Proposed Budget for 2023. Please review, **bring a copy** and be prepared to vote on it. Your questions will be answered at the January meeting.

## **NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE**

### **Help Wanted - position of Secretary for 2023/24:**

We need a new secretary. The job entails taking minutes twice a month: Board meetings and general meetings. There is no experience needed. I found it a great way to meet the members of the Guild. I became secretary a year after I joined. Being a member of the Board helps keep you informed as to what the issues are that face the Guild and allows you to get involved in planning for events like the two luncheons. I will be more than willing to help as we move forward. Please think about taking a bigger role in your guild.

Sonja S.

### **Set Up and Take Down at Meetings**

If you are able-bodied and can pitch in, please help with setting up and putting away tables and chairs. "Many hands make light work". If you are NOT capable, please do not worry and do not put yourself at risk.

**Reminder:** we are back to the third Wednesday of the month for Membership Meetings. Mark your calendar please

February 15-via Zoom	March 15	April 19
	May 17	June 21



### *Checklist for January 18 Meeting*

#### **BRING:**

- ❖ Your Name Tag, and your own mug  
*Borrowing crockery or cutlery from the Church is Not Permitted.*
- ❖ Your Show & Tell (see page 6 for details)
- ❖ Library returns will be accepted but borrowing library books will **not** be available
- ❖ Free table is cancelled
- ❖ Deadline for end of meeting 1:15 pm

## REPORTS

### MEMBERSHIP

*Moira S. and Sharon R.*

Happy New Year everyone!

We had a nice gathering at our December meeting and the three winners of the draw were - Cecile G., Leslie C., and Isabelle J. (Fat  $\frac{1}{4}$ 's plus). The Program Committee also had some draws and those winners were: two Gift Certificates - Sonia B. and Sharon E. Eight Table centerpieces were won by - Judy S., Isabelle J., Sylvia A, Ilse L., Sonja S., Genevieve T., Arlene T. and Donna H.

We are welcoming five new members to our Guild - Barbara B., Georgina G., Anita J., Pauline H., and Rose M. and we still have space for a couple more if you have an interested friend wishing to join.

**NOTE:** Membership cards will be available for pickup at the desk when you check in on January 18<sup>th</sup>.

We have enjoyed being your Membership Committee and look forward to "handing the reins" over to the new Committee. Thanks to all those who participated these past two years with your stories. They have been very much enjoyed by all. Here is our latest:

### WHO AM I?

"My husband and I did a road trip from here to Dawson City, Yukon. We left at the beginning of July 2002 and drove north on Vancouver Island to Port Hardy and took the BC Ferry Queen of North to Prince Rupert. My husband had business in Stewart and we had time to go onto the Alaska Panhandle. We drove through Hyder, looked over at the Salmon Glacier, and stopped at a grizzly bear viewing platform where we saw a mother grizzly with three cubs, very unusual to have three. One cub was afraid to cross the stream and cried and Mom came back to encourage it to cross.

We camped our way up Highway 37 via Dease Lake to Watson Lake in the Yukon, then onto the Alaska Highway to Whitehorse. Definitely a LOT of mosquitoes! Whitehorse is an interesting city where one can see tourists, residents, and bearded prospectors. We camped or used B&Bs all the way to Dawson City. We enjoyed the midnight sun, especially the evening. We stayed at Diamond Gertie's until around midnight and drove back to our B&B in daylight.

The Yukon countryside is beautiful - there are mountains but they are more rounded and the valleys are very wide. From Dawson we drove West over the Top of the World Highway, through Chicken, Alaska, then onward to the Alaska Highway at Tok Junction, and then to the United States/Canada border at Mile 1202, Beaver Creek. This is where I spent a summer during my university years and the tour buses were still arriving for stops at the lodge.

Back, going east along the Alaska Highway we passed Kluane National Park and made another stop in Whitehorse. We did a side trip to Skagway to check out the Chilkoot Pass and the narrow-gauge railway passing on the other side of the valley. It is amazing to imagine the people climbing that mountain to get to the gold rush, even in winter!

**MEMBERSHIP** (cont'd)

*Moira S. and Sharon R.*

Back on the Alaska Highway we passed through the very small community of Johnson's Crossing where a friend of mine worked for a couple of summers during our university years.

We stopped at Liard Hot Springs to try out the pools. One uses boardwalks over the marsh to get to a series of pools. At Dawson Creek, Mile 0 on the Alaska Highway, we turned east to Edmonton to visit family before returning home.

It was a wonderful almost-four weeks."

Sharon and Moira

Reminder: Please check the Membership List 2023, sent via email this week, for accuracy of your details and let Sharon R. know of any changes - as soon as possible. Call or email Sharon R.

**AN INVITATION** *Lions Gate Quilters Guild*

The invitation from: **Leslie R** Email: [rut99@shaw.ca](mailto:rut99@shaw.ca)

**Message:**

I am the retreat coordinator for the Lions Gate Guild. We would like to try and fill 2 available spots for our up-and-coming retreat at the Zajac Ranch, February 16 to 20, 2023.

**WEBSITE**

*Judy S.*

<http://seymourquiltersguild.ca>

Carrying on with tradition, I've added "Our Year in Pictures 2023" to the website for photos of quilting projects and guild events. Feel free to send me photos for this page.

Also, if someone would like to photograph Show and Tell at our meetings, please let me know.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year, Judy

**LIBRARY**

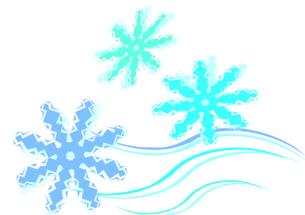
*Riva, Judy P, Glennis and Kory*



Here is news that members may be interested in: Martingale Publishers has a going-out-of-business sale 50% off books and free shipping over \$60.00. Of course the SQG librarians will be shopping!

Look for our book sale at our March 15 meeting.

Riva



**REFRESHMENTS**

*Marianne, Gail, Wendy W. and Anne W.*

We will be offering free coffee and tea at this meeting.  
Milk and sugar will be provided. Due to time constraint, no goodies will be offered.

Please remember to bring your own mug!



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

Your Refreshment Committee.

***Free Table Lorna and Esther***

Due to unexpected time constraint, there will be NO FREE TABLE at the January meeting.

Esther and Lorna

**QUILTS OF VALOUR**

*Suzanne and Norine*



Welcome to 2023!

In spite of wild weather, travel chaos and COVID still lurking, it certainly was great having a holiday season more or less back to normal. For the first time in 3 years, we were able to have a big Christmas dinner - 21 of us in all (even with 2 celebrating in North Carolina). Fortunately, I don't have to host the event anymore and, happily, I am always asked to bring dessert - my favourite thing to make. I just had to ensure there was enough for everyone since, for the 8 children in particular, getting to dessert was the only reason for eating turkey dinner - maybe for some of the adults as well.

I did find a recipe (thanks to Bonnie Stern) for a very dense and decadent chocolate cake which served 20 to 24 - yum. I'll gladly share the recipe if anyone is interested. To make sure that everyone was quite satisfied, I also made lemon squares and raspberry squares. There's definitely no such thing as too many sweets at Christmas. Sensible eating can wait until January!

With many Christmas sewing projects, lots of seasonal baking and enjoying being able to entertain friends and family, I must admit that the current Q of V was put on the back-burner and is still a work in progress. I'm looking forward to really focusing on getting it close to completion in the next few weeks. Also, by next month, I'm hoping to bring to the guild meeting a couple of ideas for our next endeavour. I promise it will definitely be less fussy than the current one - maybe something bright and scrappy!

See you next week, Suzanne

**COMMUNITY QUILTS**

*Linda F. , Connie and Janet*

Community Quilts is a conduit, getting your quilting projects out to people in need (in need of a happy boost to their lives). In 2022, Sage House, the Hope Centre, NS Family Services, and Meals on Wheels were all grateful recipients and, of course, we can't forget the quilts we sent to Ukraine. To all the members who helped, thank you and congratulations.

Looking forward, please mark your calendars now. COMMUNITY QUILTS DAY – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 9:30 – 3:30. Bring your own project, or grab one of ours. There will be a variety of projects to sew (small quilts, placemats, gift bags, pet beds), bindings to sew down, and quilt sandwiches to be pinned.

Christmas fabric was given out at the December meeting in hopes that you would make a gift bag. You're welcome to keep the bag, or you can donate it back to Community Quilts, either way, we'll be keeping wrapping paper out of the garbage stream.

Linda

**PROGRAMME/WORKSHOPS COMMITTEE**

*Marilyn, Les and Barb M.*



Welcome to 2023.

May this be a year of good health for you and yours.

This is our last newsletter article - Les and Barb have been on this committee for four years. Marilyn has been on it for three years. Now Marilyn's two-year term as Coordinator is over. A big THANK YOU to all of you for participating in all our ideas for Programme and Workshops.

- ❖ **14 December 2022** – Winter Luncheon: It went very well. I think people were OK with wearing a mask or not. I really liked the décor we created, especially the placemats.
- ❖ **11 January 2023** – our first SOSAH Day went very well.
- ❖ **18 January 2023** – The **AGM** and Show and Tell.

\*\* Note for Show & Tell: Would Seminole workshop participants please bring what you have done even if it is unfinished.

- ❖ **25 January Workshop** – *Experimenting with Collage and Stitch* with Lorna Moffat. This workshop is full. We are looking forward to an interesting workshop.
- ❖ **8 February** – **SOSAH Day**





- ❖ **15 February - Membership 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](http://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](http://SCHMETZneedles.com) North America.



- ❖ **15 March – Membership Meeting** (programme to be confirmed)
- ❖ **29 March Workshop - Spring is in the Air Thread Painting** 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



A kit of stabilizer, fusible web, needles, background & applique fabric and the use of all threads needed to make the project. (She will prepare fused fabrics to save time in class)



❖ **29 March Workshop** (cont'd)

- Date: 29 March, 2023
- Time: 10 to 4 pm – class starts at 10 am
- Cost adjustment: \*\*Hold payment until amount is confirmed at meeting.
- Register: on the website or sign-up at the meeting.

Happy Quilting, Marilyn, Les and Barb

**CQA** *Barb C.*

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



- The first Webinar of 2023 is Sandra Sandvik, presenting “Zero Waste: The Art of Upcycled Quilting” January 18 at 7:00 pm.
- If you’re interested in going to see the New England Quilt Museum's The Best of Quilting in Canada! The show opens on January 17 to May 9.
- CQA’s Maritime-themed 2023 Quilt Along starts on January 17.
- There are still a limited number of TrendTex fabric bundles available from TrendTex Challenge.
- Reminder: Photos of your quilts or quilted objects made from repurposed fabric are due on Global Recycling Day March 18. Photos will be chosen for display in CQAs online gallery or magazine. For more information read about [The Sustainability Challenge](#).

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Attachments to this newsletter:

- ❖ Agenda – January 2023 Annual General Meeting, 12:00 – 1:15 pm
- ❖ Minutes of January 2022 Annual General Meeting submitted for approval
- ❖ SQG Financial Statement for Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2022 and Proposed Budget for 2023
- ❖ Addendum to the January Newsletter – Breaking News for Wednesday, January 18 Meeting.

\*\* Minutes of Membership Luncheon Meeting, December 14, 2022, will be submitted for approval at our February 15 Meeting.