



## Seymour Quilters Guild

### A History

**2002** The Guild was founded by local quilter, Isabel McDonald, who wanted to create a new daytime guild that would remain small enough for members to get to know each other. The first meeting of the guild was held at Isabel's home in September. Twelve enthusiastic quilters attended the meeting to make plans, as well as two members of the Grouse Mountain Day Quilters' Guild, who offered their help with the process of building a new guild.

A name for the new guild was chosen, and the elected positions were the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership, and Librarian. Committee positions followed – programming, newsletter, and refreshments.

It was decided that meetings would be held monthly, on the first Wednesday of the month, between 12 noon and 4:00 pm.

Capilano Library in Edgemont Village, North Vancouver, was selected as the meeting place.

The annual membership fee was set at \$50, and a membership cap was set at 50.

**2003** The Guild was registered as a society with BC Registry Services.

A constitution and rules were developed. The elected positions were the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Coordinator.

A logo design was chosen from contest entries. Membership continued to grow, and a community quilts program began to take shape.

**2004** General meetings were changed to the third Wednesday of the month, as the first Wednesday was unavailable at the library. The membership cap of 50 was reached.

**2005** The Guild outgrew its meeting room at the Capilano Library, and St. Agnes Anglican Church near Grand Boulevard was selected as the new location, with the first meeting held there in September.

**2007** The Guild held a show called "Quilts & Tea in the Garden" in a member's West Vancouver garden. It was a tremendous success.

The membership cap was raised to 60.

**2008** The Guild held a show called "Quilt Collections" at Amica West Vancouver, which was much enjoyed by residents and visitors.

A banner design was chosen from contest entries and a committee formed to make the banner.

Membership reached 60.

**2009** The Guild's banner was presented to members at the June Luncheon.

A Quilts of Valour Committee came into being.

**2010** The first presentation of "Have Quilts Will Travel" was given, with small groups of Guild members visiting local venues to present the history of quilting and show quilts.

The membership cap was raised to 65, and a website and blog was created.

**2011** The tradition of having the President sign the back of the new banner began.

Annual membership fees were increased to \$60.

**2012** The guild's tenth anniversary was celebrated at the Christmas Luncheon, which was the last Guild meeting at St. Agnes Anglican Church.

Revised rules and responsibilities were adopted. The elected positions were the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Coordinator, and Program/Workshop Coordinator.

**2013** The Guild moved to Gloria Dei Church Hall, in the Capilano area of North Vancouver.

**2017** The Rules and Responsibilities were updated per the new BC Society Act and replaced with new documents - the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules, and Job Descriptions (available on the website).

**2018** The annual membership fee was increased to \$70.

**2019** Life memberships came into effect.

The Guild's Privacy Policy was created.

**2020** With the arrival of the global pandemic, the Guild turned to Zoom and regular mail for meetings, workshops, and other activities.

**2021** As the global pandemic continued, Guild activities continued via Zoom, and members stayed connected via the newsletter, website, blog posts, and email. Online registration forms and e-Transfers were instituted.

**2022** Members returned to in-person meetings in September, with board meetings continuing on Zoom. The Guild celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the September meeting.

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