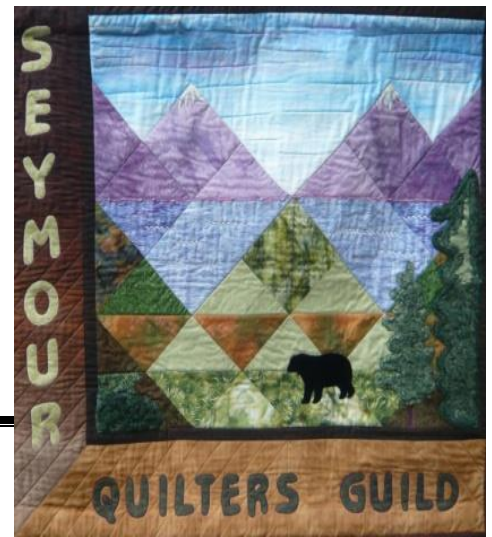


Seymour Quilters Guild Newsletter



February, 2023

NEXT MEETING:

February 15, 2023 via Zoom

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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

Barb. McG



As the incoming President of our Guild, I would like to thank all those on our previous board for keeping us strong and in touch over a very long two years. We learned to use Zoom, enjoy workshops at home, and sew and socialize monthly with SOSAH.

This month is Valentine's Day – and while it is so commercialized, it also is a day to think of loved ones. In a way, I think of quilters expressing their love with their quilts. Picking special colours or patterns to fit the recipient, attaching the label to the back is an especially lasting valentine. So, enjoy the day!

Happy Quilting, Barb

PAST-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Maureen O.



Here is a picture of the Pin Cushion that you, as a guild, gifted me at the Annual General Meeting on January 18, 2022. It is beautifully crafted with paper piecing by our Librarian Riva N. It is much too exquisite to be poking pins in it. So now it occupies a place of honour in my sewing studio so I can see it everyday. I thank you from the tips of my toes for such a thoughtful send off piece of art.

My last 2 years have been filled with challenges to my organizational skills trying to navigate the COVID years, developing skills with Zoom, encouraging Inclusiveness, and benefitting from the joys of laughter, fun and the creativity of our members.

I look forward to getting to know our new members and supporting the new Board when asked. Yes, even the new President in her tacky new sparkling red runners. Well, big shoes you know, are never easy to fill. Just sayin'.

Thank you for my tenure as Membership Coordinator with Anne R, and for my time as President. I look forward to the future of this guild.

Respectfully, Maureen O, Past President.

BOARD MEMBERS 2023/24

President

Barb McG.

Vice President

Nancy J.

Secretary

Treasurer

Cheryl E.

Membership Co-ordinator

Arlene T./ Deb S.

Programme Co-ordinator

Sonja S.

COMMITTEES

Programme

Sonja S., Arlene I., Leslie C.

Community Quilts

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

CQA Representative

Roni W.

Have Quilts, Will Travel

Judy P./ Linda F.

Library Coordinator

Riva N., Kory L., Tere M., Judy P.
Glenni W.

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.

Website

Judy S.

<https://seymourquiltersguild.ca/>

Next Board Zoom Meeting

Wed., March 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. March 15, 2023

FROM THE BOARD

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.

Membership Meeting dates: Third Wednesday of the month at Gloria Dei Church Hall. Mark your calendar.

February 15 - via Zoom

Barb will send Zoom details two days before the meeting.

In-Person Meetings:

March 15	April 19
May 17	June 21

SOSAH:

- ❖ Held on the second Wednesday of the month via Zoom, all members are invited to participate.
- ❖ March 8 will be replaced by Community Quilts which will be an in-person event at Gloria Dei Church Hall.
- ❖ April 12 (via Zoom)

Attachments to this newsletter:

- ❖ Agenda – February 15 Membership Meeting, 12:00-2:30 pm
- ❖ Minutes of December 14, 2022, Membership "Festive Tea" Meeting submitted for approval
- ❖ Programme/Wkshops Com. Information Sheet re Survey.



REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP

Arlene T. and Deb

We had our AGM on January 18 and there were 46 in attendance (enough for a quorum). Please remember to “check-in” at the Membership Table when you arrive, we want to make sure that you are checked in and eligible to win a door prize.

Prize winners for this meeting were Linda R, Barbara A. and Deb S. - winners of fat quarters, sewing scissors and/or marking pens.

Membership cards can now be picked up at the March meeting as February will be a meeting on Zoom.

If you haven't had a chance to do so yet. Please review your contact information on the circulated membership list. We have had some edits sent in and once we feel we have them all we will re-circulate an updated membership list.

We would like to continue the popular “Who Am I”, so please consider submitting something about yourself that will help us all get to know you a little better. As you've seen, these submissions have come in a variety of forms, so don't feel confined to any particular format. Send your contribution to either Deb or Arlene T.

At present we have 62 regular members, 17 lifetime members and 3 vacancies. There is no one on the Wait List. If you know of someone who is interested in joining us encourage them to contact either Deb S. or Arlene T. (see Membership List for email address).

WHO AM I

“I was born and raised in Southern Ontario until I left home for university in Northern Ontario. Coming from a family who enjoyed spending our leisure time in the outdoors off grid I enjoyed the experience immensely. Besides school I spent my free time, hiking, camping, fishing and skiing.

Once school was complete, I found myself in Edmonton, Alberta working as a nurse. Again, the outdoors beckoned and I spent my days off exploring what the province had to offer. Much time was spent getting to know all the trails in Jasper and Banff and winter was spent on the slopes.

My husband was transferred to Vancouver and we found ourselves on the move and ready to explore a new province. We were not disappointed! This province has and continues to provide us with many opportunities to discover its beauty. We have so enjoyed camping, backpacking, hiking, canoeing, fishing and road tripping through the seasons.

In the time we have lived here we have raised 3 children who bring us joy and two grandchildren that amaze us with their capabilities. We are looking forward to continued adventure as grandbaby #3 is due in June.

MEMBERSHIP (cont'd)

Arlene T. and Deb

Before I joined this group I had never sewn before except to mend a canvas tent in Girl Guides. I was excited to learn something new and to meet new people. This group has been very welcoming and the support I have received has been tremendous. Workshops have been so wonderful to be a part of as I learn so much every time.

I look forward to what this year has to offer!"

Arlene T. and Deb



WEBSITE

Judy S.

<http://seymourquiltersguild.ca>

The Programme/Workshops Committee has prepared a survey to help with planning. The survey will be on the website, but because it's for members only, you will need to use a link to open it. You will find the link on the attached "Information Sheet Re Survey".

The survey is designed so that all you need do is to click the appropriate boxes, share your ideas, and hit Send.

Thank you to members who sent me photos of their projects and took pictures at guild activities. They are posted on the website in Our Year in Pictures 2023.

Hope these winter days find you keeping warm and cozy under one of your quilts.

Judy

COMMUNITY QUILTS

Linda F, Janet, Connie

Look at what's coming: COMMUNITY QUILTS DAY – MARCH 8, 9:30 – 3:30 pm at Gloria Dei Church Hall.

Projects will be ready to sew (large and small), hand sewing of bindings etc., quilts to sandwich and pin. Help design some quilts using our precut squares. Join in JUDY'S PET PROJECT, as she demonstrates how to use up scraps to make great pet beds for the SPCA.

Do you have a community quilt that you need help completing – now is the time. If you need backing fabric and/or batting, phone me to let me know what you require.

Come fully loaded with your machine and supplies ready for a great day of sewing, or drop in for a few hours and just help out with ironing, pinning ... whatever.

There will also be a fabulous SALE of library books that will be sure to inspire you with new techniques and patterns. Bring cash/cheque for books \$5 and magazines \$1.

Linda F.

LIBRARY

Riva, Kory, Tere, Judy P, Glennis



The Book Sale will continue at our March 15 meeting and will contain more books than at the Community Quilts Day!

Riva

QUILTS OF VALOUR

Suzanne and Norine



NEWS FLASH - The Quilt of Valour top is finished - finally!!! I had hoped to finish it sooner but somehow life just got in the way (as most of you can appreciate). Now just to get the quilting and binding done. I hope to have a bit of a 'reveal' in March when we are back to in-person meetings. Stay tuned....

Suzanne

REFRESHMENTS

Marianne, Gail, Wendy W.

Since we have a zoom meeting this month, enjoy your coffee and goodie at home while attending the meeting!

Your Refreshment Committee.

Free Table Lorna and Esther

The Free Table will be installed at our next in-person meeting on March 15.

Esther and Lorna

AN INVITATION

Boundary Bay Quilters Guild



The Boundary Bay Quilt Guild is having an organized bus trip to Monroe, Washington, on March 17 to the "Quilters Anonymous" Show. They have a few spots for members in our Guild who may be interested in joining them. Please see details below and sign up on their website if you are interested.

"The bus trip destination is the Quilters Anonymous Show in Monroe, WA on Friday, March 17. We leave from and return to the Ladner Bus Loop. The link on our webstore has a few more details and covers the registration and payment."

Boundary Bay website:

<https://checkout.square.site/merchant/DQFBWM7X0K4V9/checkout/SR7K2SCQUAKGG5XQNCKHDHGX>



We are the new Programme and Workshops committee. We want to know what would attract your interest and ask if you have any speakers or workshop ideas. We want members to feel that we are meeting their interests. Looking forward to getting speakers and workshops that bring you joy.

The survey is on our website and you will find the link to the survey in the “Information Sheet Re Survey” (an attachment to this newsletter). Please complete the survey by February 28.

- ❖ **25 January Workshop** – *Experimenting with Collage and Stitch* with Lorna Moffat. The workshop with Lorna Moffat went very well. There were a lot of positive comments. We all saw how to construct and embellish the butterflies and faces and how to make a face using an outline. Participants are encouraged to show their tops or completed pillows at Show and Tell.
- ❖ **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. 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 – Membership Meeting** in-person meeting. Guest speaker is Carol Piercy. If you have quilts from any of the workshops given by Carol, please bring them for Show and Tell.
- ❖ **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.”
 - Date: 29 March, 2023
 - Time: 10 am to 4 pm – class starts at 10 am
 - Cost: \$60 (includes kit provided by Carola)
 - There is one space available.
 - Register on the website or call/email Marilyn C. or Sonja S. (check your membership list for email/phone)



❖ **29 March Workshop - Spring is in the Air Thread Painting** with Carola Russell (cont'd)

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.

SOSAH (Sew Our Stash At Home) Held every second Wednesday of the month via zoom.

- ❖ February 8 held via Zoom.
- ❖ March: SOSAH will be replaced by Community Quilts on March 8 – an in-person event.
- ❖ Look for it again on April 8 via zoom.

CQA *Roní*

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



CQA this month seems to be getting ready for Quilt Canada 2023.

In this latest issue you will find information on the new CQA Quilt Along, "See You in Halifax". It is designed by Dawn Piasta and there is a photo in the newsletter. Bright, pretty, and seaworthy, you can download the first block on the website. [Canadian Quilter Quilt Along for Everyone](#)

Continuing the theme of sustainable quilting, there is also a new blog by Bridget O'Flaherty. She has challenged everyone to be aware and inspired to repurpose and reuse. Remember, there is a "Sustainability Challenge" and the deadline for that is March 18, Global Recycling Day. Photos will be chosen and made available on display. Details are on the website. [The Sustainability Challenge](#).

That's all for now but lots more information on the site.

Cheers, Roni
