

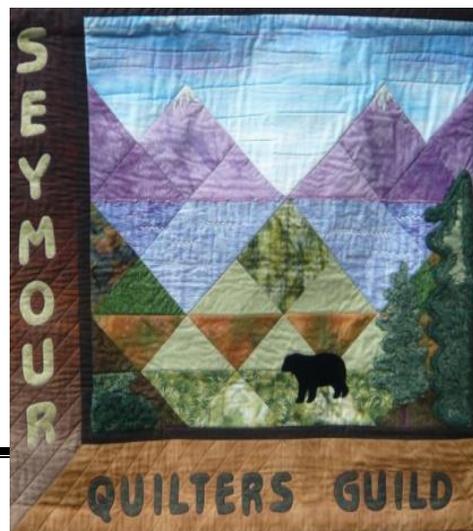
Seymour Quilters Guild Newsletter

March, 2023



**NEXT MEETING: (in-person)
March 15, 2023**

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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



After noting that March played true and “came in like a lion”, it was lovely today to think Spring was in the offing. While COVID is still with us, I think we will all enjoy seeing each other in person at this next meeting. Time for newer members to meet the group, time to see our wonderful creations, and most of all, catch up with each other. While we likely have a secretary (see the agenda), getting her meant losing the head of the library committee. I am sure this is a role someone would enjoy!

I (and others) had the opportunity to attend a quilting retreat this past weekend. Over the several days, I heard words of encouragement, solutions to problems, and gained a number of new ideas. Many of the projects being worked on were destined to be community quilts. This is what our Guild means to me – quilting as a friendly endeavour (although my daughter does describe the group as “the coven”), with most finished products intended as gifts.

Happy Quilting, Barb

Checklist for March 15 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, under heading “March 15 Meeting”, for details)
- ❖ Free table will be available
- ❖ Library Sale: books \$5 and magazines \$1 – cash or cheque will be accepted.
- ❖ Community Quilts placemats or quilts – completed or if you are unable to carry on, please pass on to Linda F



BOARD MEMBERS 2023/24

President

Barb McG.

Vice President

Nancy J.

Secretary

Riva N.

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

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., April 5 @ 10:00 am

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. April 19, 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.

In-Person Membership 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.
- ❖ Next session: April 12 (via Zoom)

Free Table Lorna and Esther

We have not had a Free Table since November so we have all had time to collect items that we no longer wish to use. For new members, the Free Table is set up within half an hour before our meeting begins. Members bring unwanted material, notions, patterns, books or crafting items and offer them to others. Happily, many of us find items that we need to start or finish a project.



The only rule is that, if your item isn't taken, you have to reclaim it and take it back home. I wonder what treasures will turn up this month?

Attachments to this newsletter:

- ❖ Agenda – March 15 Membership Meeting, 12:00-2:30 pm
- ❖ Minutes of February 15, 2023, Membership Meeting submitted for approval
- ❖ Final copy of Membership List, 2023



REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP

Arlene T. and Deb

As our February meeting was held via Zoom, our draw for door prizes was done virtually. Drawn from the list of members in attendance, the winners of fat quarters and self-threading needles, were Sonja S. Arlene I. and Chris G. Their prizes were mailed out and have hopefully been received.

We are happy to welcome Ellie S, a new member to our guild. Happy to have you join us!

A reminder that if you know someone who is interested in coming to see what we're all about, they can come with you to a non-luncheon general meeting. The guest fee is \$8.

Don't forget that we are continuing with the Who Am I? as a fun way to learn a bit more about each other. Send your story to either Deb S. or Arlene T.

Here's the latest Who Am I?

"I'm a West Coaster, born and raised. The majority of my years I have enjoyed here in North Vancouver. As kids we hiked up Grouse Mountain on the trail that went under the chairlift that started at the top of Skyline, rode our bikes up and over 29th hill to watch an afternoon movie at the Cedar V Theatre by Lynn Valley Road, or over to the suspension bridge in Lynn Valley Park, or even over Lion's Gate Bridge to Stanley Park. And all on bikes with one speed! Carefree days!

I spent many hours at ballet classes and figure skating lessons, but sadly poise and grace eluded me. In high school I joined the field hockey team, and started curling. Both suited me much better, and I continued with those activities through university.

High school was also where I learned to sew. My mum had few domestic skills, which she will readily acknowledge, so it wasn't until Home Ec. class in grade eight that I began sewing. And many years later when I found myself with more time I became interested in quilting. It has reunited me with old friends, and introduced me to many new ones.

Besides quilting, I enjoy walking, I like the rain, make a decent minestrone soup, and am a dab-hand with a seam ripper! Who am I?"



Arlene T. and Deb

*Attached to this newsletter is an updated Membership List for your records. Please observe the Privacy Policy of our Guild - see our website for details: [SQG Privacy Policy 2020](#)

Quilts for Cats (Demonstrated by Judy S at our Community Quilts Day this past Wednesday)

My Quilts for Cats project shown on Community Quilts Day was inspired by the Community Quilts Pet Bed Project in 2021. You can find out about it on the Community Quilts Page on the website. It was also inspired by Marilyn's "strings" theme on a SOSAH Day.

The quilts are very improv, made with fabric strings and other strips on hand. You could include orphan blocks and patches in the strips, as shown in the photos. The finished size is approximately 16" x 24". They will be donated to the animal shelter in West Vancouver.

I made them pillowcase style and here are the directions: make the top, joining strips of various widths 18" long to make a top about 26" long. Staystitch the long sides.

- Cut the backing 18" by the length of your top.
- Lay the top and backing, right sides together, on a piece of batting which is slightly bigger on all sides.
- Stitch the three layers together with a $\frac{3}{4}$ " seam, leaving a 10" or so opening on a short side for turning.
- Trim the corners diagonally and trim the batting close to the seam lines.
- Turn right sides out, pin and hand stitch the opening closed.
- Press.
- Topstitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " from edges.
- Add enough quilting to hold the mat together through washing.

Here are a few tips:

For nice corners, start tapering to slightly wider seams about 2-3" from each side of the corners.

1. For a nice closing, stitch along the seamline on one side of the opening, catching one fabric and the batting together. Trim the batting close to the seamline. On the other side of the opening, stitch along the seamline of the other fabric. Then, press back each side of the opening along your stitching lines.
2. For the simplest machine quilting, find a design with the least number of stops and starts. You can do it with one start and one stop!

Lastly, don't forget to prewash your cat quilts so they don't bleed in the wash at the animal shelter or at the cat's new home.



Judy S.



COMMUNITY QUILTS

Linda F, Janet, Connie

Excellent Community Quilts Day. Lots of members made that happen: kitchen staff, set-up crew, library team, clean-up gang, Janet (aka sunshine lady) for help making place mat kits, the bakers who provided the yummiest treats, Judy S. who gave a great demo, and Sonia B. for her on-going help keeping everyone informed.

What really created such a fun, friendly atmosphere, was the happy crowd of members who came. Thanks everyone, especially Deb, who quietly mentioned to me that my fly was down. Stupid zipper. When you have a breach in your britches, you need a buddy like Deb!

Linda F.

LIBRARY

Riva, Kory, Tere, Judy P, Glennis



Seymour Quilters Guild Annual Sale
Quilting Books and Magazines

Wednesday, March 15, 2023
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

A list of the books that are for sale can be found on our website: [Library List of Books for Sale March 2023](#)

We will accept cash and cheques. Books are \$5.00 and magazines \$1.00. We will accept cash or cheque. Proceeds for the sale go into the general operating budget for the Guild.

We are looking for a new Librarian, to replace me. Please contact me if you are interested and want more information. The library committee has four volunteers who will continue, I am one of them! It's a fun group plus you get to discover amazing resources in our library!

Riva

REFRESHMENTS

Marianne, Gail, Wendy W.

We would like to thank the following members who will supply the goodies for our March meeting:
Chris G, Helen J, Chelan McD and Wendy S.

Reminder: Tea & Coffee \$1.00 Refills are free!

Please remember to bring your own mug!



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

Your Refreshment Committee.



I'm looking forward to the March meeting when I will be able to show not one, but two Quilts of Valour tops. One is the 'fussy' one many of us have been working on and the second one started out as a personal Covid project but, needless to say, has been hiding in my sewing room for close to two years just waiting to be sandwiched and quilted. (Note to self: clean out sewing room MORE often!) Norine and I will be working on these two quilts in the coming weeks and will be pleased to show the completed projects.

Also, I'm going to bring some patterns and other ideas for our next guild Q of V. I look forward to input and ideas from all of you.

Suzanne

Lorna L-J and Judy P are showing a quilt at a Have Quilts Will Travel event. This quilt was made at a Mystery Quilt Workshop, presented by Carol Piercy to our members a few years ago. The workshop was filled to capacity, and we're requesting members to bring their quilts to Show & Tell on Wednesday. (See below: **March 15 Meeting**)



We had a very interesting talk on needles by Rhonda Pierce of Schmetz Needles on zoom in February. Some members stated that, after many years of sewing, there are still new things to learn. The Schmetz ABC Pocket Guide, which includes a colour-code chart of needles, is available on line and extremely helpful when choosing what size needle to use with different fabrics.

We are thinking of holding our meetings in January and February on zoom next year unless we hear strong opposition to the idea.

- **March 15 meeting** (in-person) will feature Carol Piercy on *"Another Dimension to our Quilting"*. We are asking members to bring quilts from Carol's workshops over the years (Seminole, Everybody Gets the Blues, Arcs in Motion, Mexican Stars, Star Season block or runner, Pieced Tree) for Show and Tell.
- **March 29** is our workshop with Carola *"Spring is in the Air"*. A reminder to participants to check the supply list which you received after registration and note in your calendar the date and time of the workshop.
 - Date: 29 March
 - Time: 10 am to 4 pm – class starts at 10 am
- **April 19** Membership Meeting: Carola will be our guest speaker. It will be a trunk show and a Pop-up Shop, as well.



PROGRAMME/WORKSHOPS COMMITTEE

Sonja S, Marilyn C, Arlene I, Leslie C.



- The committee has tentative speakers scheduled for May and November. We also have workshops in the planning process.

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

- ❖ March 8: SOSAH was replaced by Community Quilts, which was an in-person event.
- ❖ April 12 will be held via zoom.

Sonja, Marilyn C, Arlene I, Leslie C.

GUILD GATHERING REPORT

Marilyn C.

There is an ongoing discussion on Community Quilts. Guilds who contributed to the discussion are like our guild. They make community quilts and distribute them to organizations in the community or to a person suggested by a member. On their websites are suggested sizes and more information about organizations that receive their quilts.

Eike Giese from Pacific Spirit Quilts Guild in Burnaby is wondering if guilds are interested in a Shop Hop in October. The response has been positive. Eike did this with her guild in the past. She made a passport which members downloaded and printed at home. Shops stamped the passports and there was a draw for prizes. They divided the Shop Hop into three regions – North Shore and Sunshine Coast, Vancouver to Surrey, and Langley to Chilliwack. People won prizes for visiting stores in all three regions, visiting the most shops, and just a random draw. Her thought is that it could last for 5 days.

VQG - Vancouver Quilters' Guild sent this note. They have a few spaces available for their retreat which will be held in "The Chalet" at [Charis Camp and Conference Centre](#) on Hack Brown Road in Chilliwack from April 24 to 27. There will be a maximum of 17 attendees and the cost will depend on the final number attending but will range from \$470 to \$555 per person for a private room and slightly less for those sharing a room. There would also be an additional charge of \$25 for anyone who is not a Vancouver Quilters' Guild Member. For more information, please contact Carol Kent at 604-266-9656 or carolkent@telus.net

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Roni

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This month the Canadian Quilter has an interesting report on "Reflections of Ourselves".

This is a collaborative project featuring Maple Leaves. There is an interesting example shown of a maple leaf made from chiffon and copper wire. The leaves reflect various Canadian heritages.

March 18 is Global Recycling Day and the end of the Sustainability Challenge. There is a great photo of several tiny "dresses" made from carefully folded hankies and have included various embellishments

Reminder: Registration for Quilt Canada 2023 is open now and workshops are available.
