

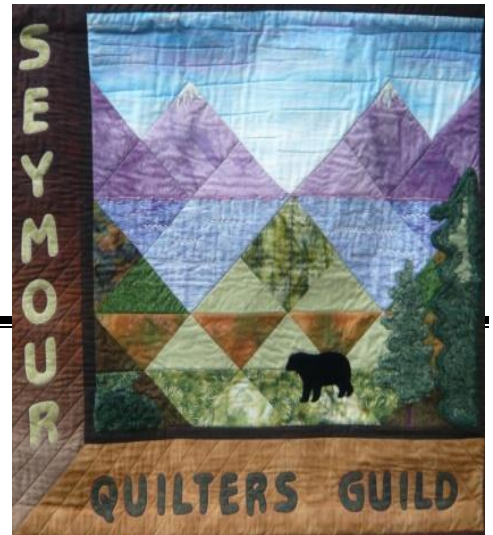
Seymour Quilters Guild Newsletter



March, 2024

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**NEXT MEETING:
March 20, 2024**



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*



Happy St. Patrick's Day

Guess what! The Spring Equinox is early this year (March 19th at 1106 pm) – meaning our March meeting will be the first full day of Spring. I am more than ready for warmth, even more than sunshine.

I think I am coming to my senses. Yesterday was Community Quilts Day (kudos to Linda) and the camaraderie was amazing. It made me reflect on what is important to the Guild – the planning, sewing, and enjoying quilts whether they be for community, family and friends, or ourselves. I pledge to make sure that we maintain our business component as we must, but that Show and Tell be celebrated and enjoyed.

Happy Quilting, Barb

Checklist for March 20 Meeting

BRING:

- ❖ Your Name Tag, your lunch and your own mug
Borrowing crockery or cutlery from the Church is Not Permitted.
- ❖ Your Show & Tell
- ❖ Freebies for Free Table
- ❖ Library book return
- ❖ Pizza Box Challenge - if you are unable to attend, please have a member bring it in and pick up your next box for you.



BOARD MEMBERS 2024/25

President

Barb McG.

Vice President

Cheryl E.

Secretary

Riva N.

Treasurer

Deb S.

Membership Co-ordinator

Arlene T., Elaine A.

Programme Co-ordinator

Sonja S.

COMMITTEES

Programme

Sonja S., Arlene I., Leslie C.

Community Quilts

Linda F.,
Connie, Janet, Trudy, Anne O'B.

CQA Representative

Roni W.

Have Quilts, Will Travel

Judy P./Linda F.

Library Coordinator

Donna H., Kory L., Judy P.
Glennis W., Ellie S., Anita J.

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

Wendy W., Gail McG., Barbara B.

Website

Judy S.

<https://seymourquiltersguild.ca/>

Next Board Zoom Meeting

Wed., April 3 @ 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 17, 2024

FROM THE BOARD

Reminder: Help is required. Set Up and Take Down at Meetings

We will require volunteers to help with **set-up and take-down**.
Those who are able to help please be available at 11:00 am for
set-up.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING DATES: Third Wednesday of the month at
Gloria Dei Church Hall. Mark your calendar. In-Person Membership
Meetings:

March 20 April 17 May 15
June 19 Luncheon

SOSAH: Held on second Wednesday of the month **via Zoom**, all
members are invited to participate. Zoom info will be emailed two
days before meeting.

Next SOSAH: April 10.

PRESENTATIONS, SHOWS AND EVENTS 2024

MARCH 23 - Map Making Workshop with the Vancouver Modern
Quilters Guild. Workshop is with Amy Dame at the Croatian Cultural
Centre in Vancouver. For information and to register, please contact:
<https://vancouvermodernquiltguild.ca/blog/workshops/>

MAY 1-4 - Diane M's Retreat on Camano Island. Space is available. If
interested, contact Diane 778-833-3535 or dimeacher@gmail.com



ATTACHMENTS TO THIS NEWSLETTER:

- ❖ Agenda, March 20 Membership Meeting, 12:00-2:30 pm
- ❖ Minutes of General Membership Meeting,
December 13, 2023 and February 21, 2024
- ❖ Notice of Special General Meeting, March 20, 2024
- ❖ Membership List, 2024 (March, 2024)

REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP

Arlene T. and Elaine A.

There was a total of 56 members who attended our February 14 in-person meeting.

The three draw winners were Barb M - self-threading needles and a fat quarter, Chelan M - cutting mat cleaning device, and Wendy W - a new donation of a mug tote and mug. Congratulations all!

We have a Who Am I? for you to work on this month. Can you guess who it might be?

Leave of Absence:

The guild Board has decided to implement our own form of a leave of absence.

The current guild policy regarding attendance states that any member who attends fewer than 3 meetings in a calendar year will have to give up their membership.

However, the Board feels there is a need to address the possibility of a situation where, due to special circumstances, a member might find herself unable to attend guild meetings for an extended period of time. To that end, we are putting in place a process by which a guild member of at least 3 years in good standing could apply to the Board for what is in essence a leave of absence. An application would be made by the member, in confidence, to the Board and if it was felt the circumstances warranted special consideration, a leave would be granted. Dues paid would not be refunded, but a spot in the guild would be held for a period of up to one year.

The application form can be accessed on the Seymour Quilters Guild website.

Our updated Membership List 2024 is attached to this newsletter. Please destroy any previous lists.

Arlene T. & Elaine A.



Who Am I?

A HOLIDAY

"In 2005 my daughter got married in Mexico. We spent a wonderful week on the east coast of Yucatan but the best holiday-of-the-year was a three-week trip to Ecuador.

On arrival at the Airport in Quito was a huge sign announcing that we were at "9,000 feet above sea level WALK SLOWLY". I am travelling with my husband who has severe breathing issues but we are travelling with all the appropriate medications. After a day in Quito we flew to the Galapagos for a week of travelling between the islands on a small cruise vessel with only 20 passengers and about 10 crew members. We crossed the equator several times with appropriate ceremony each time. Each day we visited a different island and then returned to the ship to be greeted by a member of staff with a drink and an hors d'oeuvre.

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MEMBERSHIP (cont'd)

Arlene T. and Elaine A.

The most remarkable thing experienced was locating a harem of albatross which we were able to walk right up to. While we were there the male albatross returned. This huge bird with a 7 to 8 foot wing span circled us and then landed in the middle of the female birds. It was absolutely amazing to be so close to these huge birds. A once in a lifetime experience.

The second week was spent travelling up the Pan American Highway from Cuenca in the south, across the equator once more, and then back to Quito. We visited Inca ruins and old Spanish estates but the most memorable was Cotopaxi. Cotopaxi has a height of 19,347 feet (5,897 metres). We drove to the 15,000-foot mark where there was a hikers' shelter.

Most of the tour participants walked 200 feet higher up the mountain which is very difficult because the air is so thin. My husband and I did not go because of his breathing difficulty. Many people have died trying to reach the top and there are small tombstones on the mountain, even at the 15,000-foot level marking those who died on the mountain.

The third week was spent in the jungle along the Napo River which is a tributary of the Amazon. We were now across the Andes and on the lowlands east of the Andes 1,000 km from the Atlantic Ocean. We took a large canoe-type boat down the Napo for about two hours before we reached our destination.

We lived in small tent like structures built on platforms with cockroaches and tarantulas for company. The Napo River, this close to its source, is wider than our Fraser River here when it reaches the ocean. We walked on bridges built high in the canopy, swam in the river with piranha, and visited salt cliffs where the parrots come to peck on salt. All in all, the most fascinating holiday I have ever experienced." Who Am I??

LIBRARY

Donna H, Kory, Judy P, Glennis, Ellie & Anita

We are doing great business in the library. Please remember to bring back your borrowed books. You can have them for 1 month. If you still need the book we can renew it if there isn't a hold on it. Any good quilting books you know of? Let us know. Any books from our library that you found helpful? Let us know and we can tell the members.

Donna H.

SUNSHINE CO-ORDINATOR

Janet M-R.

I encourage all our members to keep me apprised of any cards (get well or congratulations or we're thinking of you) that need to be sent out to members of the guild.

Janet

FREE TABLE *Lorna and Esther*

We had an overwhelming response from the guild last month with three long tables piled high with offerings. Happily, many of the items were snapped up before the end of the meeting.

Esther and I will be there again this month and ready 'for business' by 11:30 am. Bring any material, notions or crafty items that you no longer need and we will be pleased to display them.

Esther and Lorna

REFRESHMENTS *Wendy W, Gail, Barbara B.*

We would like to thank the following members for supplying us with goodies at our March meeting:

Judy P, Sonia B, Gail M, and Wendy W.

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.*

Each month we enjoy having treats with coffee/tea. The Refreshment Team needs one more person to bring treats in May and we need several names that we can call on when others can't make it. Please sign up at our meeting. Speak to Wendy W, Gail or Barb B. (We'll be in the kitchen!) Thank you.

QUILTS OF VALOUR *Suzanne and Norine*



One of my goals for this year has been to deal with the pile of UFO's in my sewing room. I recently came across a BOM (from at least 10 years ago) which was a sampler quilt. Initially, I really wasn't very happy with it but with a bit of 'tweaking' it's looking much better - I'm actually going to finish it.

I've also been giving thought to a design for our next guild Q of V. With the idea of a sampler quilt in the back of my mind and while looking for inspiration, I referred to the Q of V website and came across the free downloadable 'hug block' patterns. The blocks are not too challenging so I feel that a sampler quilt with some of these blocks would be a project in which many members would feel comfortable participating.

I have some Canadiana fabric which would be appropriate but haven't finalized which blocks to use - I'll bring some more definite ideas to the next guild meeting along with a sign-up sheet if you want to participate. The blocks measure 9 1/2" unfinished - we'll need 30 to make a quilt of an acceptable size. I encourage you to have a look at quilts of valour.ca if you want to have a look at these blocks. I always appreciate input from all of you since I want it to be a guild project.

See you next Wednesday. Suzanne

COMMUNITY QUILTS

Linda F, Connie, Janet, Trudy, Anne O'B

Once again, you have earned kudos for a super Community Quilts Day. Extra thanks to the set-up crew, the kitchen staff, and those who stayed to help pack everything away. And, who can forget the array of goodies that were provided! Yummy!



Yes, you worked diligently on a variety of projects, but that didn't stop the flow of delightful chatter.

Well done, everyone.

Linda F.



PROGRAMME/WORKSHOPS COMMITTEE

Sonja S, Arlene I, Leslie C.



MEETINGS

- ❖ February was a busy month. We had a good SOSAH event with many people checking in. The new format of going until 12:30 seemed to be popular. We had a very busy meeting with Carola being our speaker but also bringing her always popular pop-up-shop. After her encouraging presentation on her up-coming workshop, we got sufficient registrants to declare the workshop a go. There is still space so if you know anyone who would like to get involved, please get them to register on the website.
- ❖ March 20 Meeting will feature Nicholas Turcan with a trunk show on his quilting journey. We can count on a vibrant presentation from this dynamic young longarm quilter.
- ❖ The next workshop is with Janet Scruggs. This is scheduled to start on April 24 and will be in a different format.

WORKSHOPS <https://seymourquiltersguild.ca/workshops/>.

- ❖ **MARCH 27** – Carola's workshop "Poppy Art" will be held in-person at the Gloria Dei Church. The fee is \$60 plus a kit fee of \$20 and the maximum number of participants is 18. All the details, including a supply list, is posted on our website. There is space available and if you are interested, please register on our website [here](#).
- ❖ **APRIL 24** - we will have a workshop "Imagination Squared" with Janet Scruggs from Kamloops. The content will be spread over 3 days which will be two weeks apart. As Janet says: "you'll have several colourful designs and learn a very easy way to turn them into a mini embroidered, quilted piece".



PIZZA BOX CHALLENGE

- ❖ Please bring your Pizza Box Challenge to the meeting and drop it off at the designated table and pick up your next challenge. Refer to our website for full instructions: [Pizza Box Challenge](#)

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

- ❖ SOSAH - scheduled for April 10. Zoom details will be sent two days prior to meeting.

Sonja S.

CQA *Roní*

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



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Hi Everyone, Happy Easter! 🐰🐰🐰,

I'm really sorry I won't be with you this month. I was really looking forward to the Nicholas Turcan presentation. Too bad for me.

CQA News: not a lot of news this month.

- ✓ On their website Quilt Canada is featuring a Teacher Spotlight. This will be a regular feature in upcoming newsletters. This month they feature Paula Rafferty - I've gone on about her before - she will visit and teach at Quilt Canada where she is offering 3 appliqué courses. If you checkout the teachers on the CQA website, even if you're not going to Edmonton, you'll get an excellent idea of what each teacher is offering.
- ✓ The National Juried Show has started. Notifications to entrants will go out by April 15.
- ✓ JN Harper Youth Challenge is accepting entries now as is the Trendtex Challenge.

That's it for this month. See you in April! Cheers, Roni

GUILD GATHERING REPORT *Marílyn C.*

Guild Gathering list of guild meetings and shows is on the Fraser Valley Quilt Guild website at <http://www.fvqg.org/guild-gathering/>

- Vancouver Quilt Guild has room in two retreats: The Vancouver Quilters' Guild will be holding two retreats this spring, April 22 - 25 and April 30 - May 3, at [Charis Camp and Conference Centre](#) in Chilliwack. There are currently spaces open in each retreat. Retreats run from 10 am on the first day to 2:30 pm on the last day. The cost is expected to be between \$490 and \$550 for a private room (and slightly less for a shared room) depending on registration numbers. If you would like more information, please contact Alison Rice at jalisonrice@gmail.com or (604) 734-2218 or Carol Kent at carolkent@telus.net or 604-266-9656.

- From now until March 31st - A fibre art exhibit at the Italian Cultural Centre, *The Craft of Spirit: BC Liturgical Textiles*. Textile consultant: Thomas Roach. Website: <https://www.italianculturalcentre.ca/current-exhibition>
- *Cherry Blossoms: A Textile Translation* is at the Silk Purse from April 5 – 30. Website: <https://westvanartscouncil.ca/event-5071201>

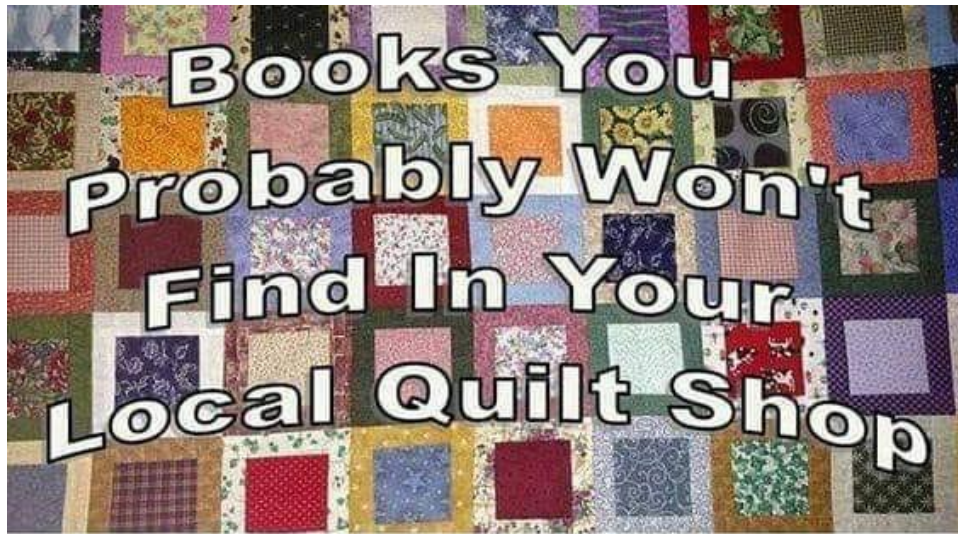
I volunteered our guild to make mug rugs to be donated to the Silk Purse. They will be sold at the gallery's shop during the Cherry Blossom exhibit and thereby raise funds in support of the arts on the North Shore. If you would like to make a mug rug, please bring it to our March 20 meeting and I will deliver them to the Silk Purse.

The instructions are:

- any size up to approximately 7" x 9"
- cherry blossom colours, in any design

A few members have already given me mug rugs. Below are pictures of the ones I received by March 13.





1. Honey, I Shrunk the Quilt...by R. U. Kidding
2. Always Buy An Extra Yard...by Justin Case
3. Shop Hop Carpooling...by
Phil M. Up
4. Wind Those Bobbins!...by
M. T. Spools
5. Addicted to Quilt Shops...by C.U. Sune
6. Labeling Your Quilting Tools...by M. R. Mine
7. Finishing Your Quilt Edges...by Ima Binder
8. What's the Point of It All?...by U. R. A. Needle
9. Softening Your Quilting Callouses...by Lana Lynn