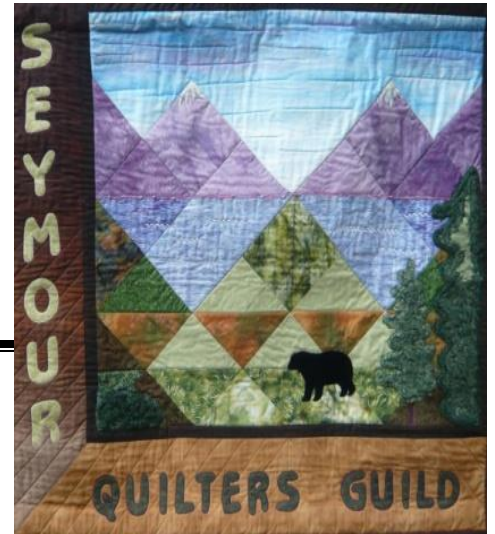


# Seymour Quilters Guild Newsletter

September, 2024

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NEXT MEETING:  
September 18, 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*



*Welcome back, everyone!*

It is hard to believe summer is over and children are back at school. I have been very conscious of it this year as our granddaughter started KG.

Two pieces of sad news to impart – we have lost one of our members, Sharon Eyford, and the newly retired Gloria Dei office assistant, Shelley Meglaughlin.

In happier news, our sharp-eyed Marilyn C noted lots of quilting motifs displayed at the Paris Olympics. This prompts me to ask – where else have you seen quilting logos? You can tell me at the meeting. I do find myself looking for them or assessing various colour combinations all the time. All of your good examples are rubbing off on me!

We will have positions to fill come January – President, Secretary and Programmes. Start thinking about whether you might put your name forward or suggest someone. It has been a year of welcoming new members (all lovely) and getting to see impossibly lovely quilts. Linda F. and her committee have kept us on track re the need for community quilts – most for humans, some for dogs and cats.

Please have a restful summer, outside as much as you can, and come back energized for the fall.

Happy Quilting, Barb

## TREASURER'S REPORT

*Deb*

Hello fellow quilters, Happy Fall! I will not be available for our September meeting. If you have receipts to be reimbursed please submit them to Cheryl E. Looking forward to seeing everyone in October. Deb

## Checklist for September 18 Meeting

### BRING:

- ❖ Your Name Tag and your own mug
- Borrowing crockery or cutlery from the Church is Not Permitted.*
- ❖ Your Show & Tell
- ❖ Your freebies for Free Table
- ❖ Library book returns
- ❖ Pizza Box Challenge - if you are unable to attend, please have a



## **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., October 2 @ 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. , October 16, 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  
(except in December) at Gloria Dei Church Hall. Mark your  
calendar. In-Person Membership Meetings:

September 18

October 16

November 20

December 11 (Xmas 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:** October 9

### **PROPOSED CHANGES TO SQG RULES AND JOB DESCRIPTIONS:**

The Board has proposed changes to our Rules (updated Nov 9/22)  
and Job Descriptions (updated May 25/22). You will find these  
documents attached to this newsletter. If you have any questions  
or comments please bring them to the meeting, or you may refer to  
Sonja S. You will find Sonja's email and phone in our Membership  
Contact List.

## **PRESENTATIONS, SHOWS AND EVENTS 2024**

Tanith L. is working with Taren Urquhart, Events Coordinator at West Van  
Library, on an exhibition that will feature some quilts by Lions Gate Guild.  
Everyone is welcome to view the exhibition. It goes on into November.  
See page 9 for flyer.

Taren is also staging an evening with Ivan Sayers, featuring Edwardian  
dress (link below). Note registration is required.

<https://westvanlibrary.ca/event/fashion-through-the-ages-an-evening-with-ivan-sayers/>

### **ATTACHMENTS TO THIS NEWSLETTER:**

- ❖ Agenda, Sept. 18 General Membership Mtg., 12:00-2:30 pm
- ❖ Minutes of General Membership Meeting, June 19
- ❖ SQG Rules (updated Nov 9/22)
- ❖ SQG Job Descriptions (updated May 25/22)

## REPORTS

### MEMBERSHIP

*Arlene T. and Elaine A.*

We're looking forward to seeing you as you check in at the Membership table after our summer break and we'll test our name/face recognition memory!

Back at our June luncheon meeting, the winners of the door prizes all received Schmetz Needle Pocket Guides. As well, Cheryl E won a mug and mug tote, Anne R won a fat quarter, and Lorna LJ won a quilted bag. Two of those door prizes were made and donated by two of our members. Congratulations to the winners, and thank you to our generous donors.

Things have been happening over the summer. We now have three people on the wait list, and one quilter who wants to attend a meeting as a guest before making a decision about joining our guild. If there have been any changes over the summer with your information on our members' contact list, please send an email to either Arlene T or Elaine A so we can update our list. We already have a couple of changes to make, so let's make them all at once and we'll send out one updated list. Thanks!

Unfortunately, we have some sad news to pass along. Sharon Eyford (as in Model-A Ford, as she used to say!), one of our members, passed away unexpectedly this summer. She was a quiet person, but many of you will remember her. We have included a short bio separately.

### *Sad News from Elaine A.*

Sadly, our member, Sharon Eyford, passed away in August. She joined our guild in 2016. She has not been well for the past three or four years and was in Toronto for an operation on the pulmonary vein between the lungs and the heart. The operation took place on July 15 and she was supposed to be discharged after two weeks but Sharon never woke up and she passed away on August 13.

Sharon was raised in North Vancouver and attended Capilano Elementary and Carson Graham Secondary. Her family owned the local Windsor Plywood store and she spent many years as their bookkeeper. She is survived by two sisters, Susie and Lori, one brother, David, seven nieces and nephews and a large extended family of cousins.

### 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.

### FREE TABLE

*Lorna and Esther*

It will be nice to be back for our first fall quilting meeting. Over the summer, I have received two lots of donations from people who are downsizing.

One of the donations, a rather large one, contains fabric and notions primarily for sewers instead of quilters, but come and see if there are any treasures there for you. We will be ready to receive new donations and welcome you to come and 'shop' by 11:30 am on Wednesday.

## LIBRARY

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

It was a busy summer in the library. We now have a new storage unit. It has plenty of room and moves easily. The last of our budget is spent and the new books are ready for circulation.

In August 12 volunteers got together at the church for the library inventory and I would like again to thank them for a job well done and for volunteering their time. We started at 9:00 setting up tables and finished by 11:45. In that time, we accounted for 350+ books, checked cards to make sure they were correct and retired 30+ books. These retired books will be ready to see and buy at the meeting. Riva was on hand with her computer and brought our catalogue up to date and also our website "Library Thing". I encourage you to look at Library Thing. Gives a brief description of the book.

9 books were unaccounted for. I think a few may have been previously retired and not taken off our list. Please check your shelves and see if you have any.

- Eleanor Burns. Quilt in a Day, Log Cabin
- Karen Burns. The Big Book Of Strip Quilts. (That PatchworkPlace)
- Gail Ellsperman. Cuddly and Soft: Quilts and Toys
- Marti Michell. Quilting for People Who Still Don't Have Time
- Lynn Roddy Brown. Patchwork-Play Quilts: Scraps, Spare Parts and Leftovers
- Margaret Rolfe. Successful Scrap Quilts from Simple Rectangles
- Ryder. Innovative Fabric Imagery
- Smith & Mulligan. PS I Love You Two. A Sequel
- Sherri Lynn Wood The Improv Handbook for Modern Quilters

Please remember that books are loaned for 1 month. They can be taken out again if no one is waiting for it. A member may contact you to let you know they want it when you return it.

Our crew look forward to seeing you in September.

## REFRESHMENTS

*Wendy W, Gail, Barbara B.*

Welcome back everyone!

We'd like to thank Norine M, Leslie C, and Lesley A for bringing treats to our September meeting!

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.***

The guild has a few mugs in the kitchen if you accidentally forget yours!

I hope everyone had a lovely summer break - the days seem to slip by so easily and here we are in September already. I had hoped to find lots of time to work on the Q of V quilt top but as Robbie Burns wrote 'The best laid plans of mice and men go 'oft awry'. That certainly has been the case for me. I've had only a little time to play with the quilt layout on my design wall so the 'big reveal' will probably not be until the October meeting. Thanks to everyone who made a block - they're looking great!

See you next Wednesday at the guild meeting.

COMMUNITY QUILTS*Linda F, Connie, Janet, Trudy, Anne O'B*

C'mon, let's get busy. Somewhere in your stash or UFOs, there's a community quilt waiting to happen. We already have a number of unfinished quilts that need a finishing hand, so projects that are done would be gratefully received.

Trudy J will be at the September meeting to receive your latest lovely projects.

PROGRAMME/WORKSHOPS COMMITTEE*Sonja S, Arlene I, Leslie C.***MEETINGS**

- ❖ We have firmed up our fall programme:
  - **September 18** will be a presentation from Fibre Expressions, complete with a small pop-up shop.
  - **October 16** guest speaker will be Julie Faulkner on her quilting journey.
  - **November 20:** Members Teaching Members. It will feature members explaining how to use some of the rulers that Donna has in our library. Pictures of the rulers will be sent out to all members. If you see one that really works for you, please get in touch so that we can share your knowledge.
- ❖ We also are starting a new challenge. Members are asked to make a project that would be useful to Community Quilts (table mats, lap quilts, etc.) using colours that reflect their initials. For instance, I would make something in scarlet and sky blue. These would be brought to the December meeting and awards for the best use of colour, given the constraints, would be awarded.
- ❖ We are reviving the UFO challenge. There will be a sign-up sheet for those who wish to register their need/want-to-be-done projects and those who meet or exceed their goal will be awarded a small prize. The one who does the most will get something a bit bigger.
- ❖ We are getting in touch with speakers for the spring and are making good progress. Thanks to Marilyn we have a speaker from Coastal Health in March. She will talk about arthritis and prevention strategies.
- ❖ We will be looking for one or two online workshops for those who like to participate that way.



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

❖ Terry Aske's workshop will be held October 23 – an in-person event. It will not be cheap but she will bring good value to us all. There is still one space available. The registration form is available on our website.

**PIZZA BOX CHALLENGE**

Members have hopefully been working on their Pizza box challenges. That will wrap up in October.

Please bring your Pizza Box Challenge to the meeting, drop it off at the designated table and pick up your next challenge or arrange to trade with another member. 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. Zoom details will be sent out two days prior to the event.

- Next scheduled date: October 9.

**CQA** *Roni*

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



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Hi Everybody, Welcome Back! CQA has been busy putting together their Fall Programing.

First up is their new season of Webinars. These are 1-hour lectures on Zoom that are available to our members. The cost is \$10 or \$36 if you purchase all 4 before September 18.

Here's the line-up:

- ✓ September 18 - Natasha and Aline Bugarin of Orbital Quilting "Skip the Ditch" Easiest Custom Quilting Ever
- ✓ October 16 - Kathy K Wylie "Beauty All Around"
- ✓ November 20 - Terry Rowland "Scrap Attack"
- ✓ December 11 - Peter Byrne "Behind the Seams"

2025 TrendTex Challenge Kits will be available for sale September 16.

2025 JN Harper Youth Challenge s rice is now available

2025 National Juried Show Call for Entry is now on the website.

2025 Member Guild Insurance is also now on the website.

**GUILD GATHERING**

*Marilyn C.*

There has been a discussion of apps the guilds have been using to build and maintain their websites and how much they are paying. We use WordPress and pay about \$150 per year. Other guilds use many different companies and pay a similar amount.

There is going to be an in-person meeting of Guild Gathering reps and other interested members on September 28 in Surrey.



**“JUST A THOUGHT ...”** *Linda S.*

Some quilters might be aware of the passing of Ruth McDowell in June of this year.... a quilter who amazed us with her quilts and who taught several of us over the years.

Years ago, when the Lions Gate Quilters Guild used to hold seminars and brought in many talented and famous quilting teachers, I was lucky enough to take a course from Ruth McDowell. (I seem to recall being in that same class along with Bena Luxton and Leslie R. Forbes.)

I found this interesting article about Ruth McDowell, written by her daughter Emily McDowell. It is an enjoyable read, but along with the recollections of her mother, the online article also provides pictures of many of her quilts.... some of them for sale.

[https://emilymcdowell.substack.com/p/my-mom-died-and-i-didnt-write-a-newsletter?isFreemail=true&post\\_id=147552315&publication\\_id=1047673&r=22tcf&triedRedirect=true&triggerShare=true&utm\\_source=pocket\\_shared](https://emilymcdowell.substack.com/p/my-mom-died-and-i-didnt-write-a-newsletter?isFreemail=true&post_id=147552315&publication_id=1047673&r=22tcf&triedRedirect=true&triggerShare=true&utm_source=pocket_shared)

Just thought that other quilters might be interested in reading it.

**FOR SALE** *Marilyn C.*

**TIARA II by Babylock**

I have upgraded to a larger machine, so I am selling my Tiara II. It is a 16” medium arm, sit down machine. It has its own table and is easy to use. If you are ready to take the next step in free motion quilting or thread painting, this is the machine for you.

The machine comes with a folding table, tools, bobbin winder, and table mat. Take it all for \$2750.

Marilyn C – [mcleven6@gmail.com](mailto:mcleven6@gmail.com)

Or call my phone number on the guild membership list after September 16.



**Sweet 16 Quilting Machine.** Sit down or extend table height to standing height.  
Bobbin winder included.



Bought new in 2014 before these included stitch regulators. Newer machines now have stitch regulators.

Paid \$5000.00 Will sell for \$2,000.00

Like new.

Have only managed to quilt seven quilts on it.

Comes with L side extension leaf which cost \$275.00

Also, have extra bobbins & needles.

If interested please call Helen @ 604-266-8673

Some of the features:

Full 16" of throat space

Provides more than three times the quilting space of domestic sewing machines

More than 8" of vertical space

Speeds up to 1500 precision stitches per minute





## ***PIECING US TOGETHER*** **Lions Gate Quilters' Guild**

**SEPTEMBER 10 – NOVEMBER 17**

Quilt making has a long history, dating back to ancient Egypt, medieval Europe, and colonial America. For generations, skilled craftspeople have stitched layers of padding and fabric together to create this humble yet practical textile, initially prized for its utility.

Over time, quilts have evolved beyond their practical uses. Today, they are celebrated for their artistic patterns and ability to convey social messages, commemorate special occasions, and reflect shared community experiences.

This exhibition, featuring 14 artists from the Lions Gate Quilters' Guild, delves into the multifaceted nature of quilting. It highlights how the process of creating a quilt—through its repetitive and creative elements—serves as a form of meditation. For them, the focus on the artistic process can be as therapeutic as it is beautiful, offering a means to alleviate anxiety and foster mindfulness while celebrating the final artistic piece.

Learn more about the



at [lionsgatequiltersguild.com](http://lionsgatequiltersguild.com).

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