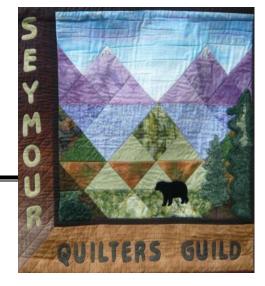
Seymour Quilters Guild Newsletter

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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 guilts for those in need.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT Barb. McG

Bob and I were fortunate enough to visit Northern India over the past few weeks. Several things impressed us – everywhere we went someone would take on the task of looking out for "the old gits" with such kindness.

We saw women's workshops frequently, with weaving, embroidery, and other lovely hand made things. In a carpet place, we not only were shown carpets of all sizes made in local homes, but also

had our photo taken to be given to the family. It gave a real sense of family. I also managed to bring home some quilting cotton (what is another few yards to add?) covered with elephants. All in all, a great experience!

Happy Quilting, Barb

Treasurer's Report Deb S

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2025 PLEASE READ THROUGH ALL THE STEPS

Registration for 2025 membership is now available on-line for all renewing members. The registration form must be completed and submitted by December 31 to renew membership for 2025. FEE: \$72.50

Life members must complete the renewal (registration form on-line) to ensure contact information is up to date.

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

- ► E-TRANSFER: will be open to accept payment from January 1 8, 2025.
 IF sent earlier it will not be accepted. This helps keep our bookkeeping in order.
- ➤ CHEQUE: post-date your cheque for January 1, 2025, made out to Seymour Quilters Guild.

 Bring to November or December meetings. If you cannot attend the meetings, please mail to Arlene T. (see recent Membership List sent to members).

LINK TO REGISTRATION FORM: Membership Registration Form

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT Cheryl E

It's hard to believe that another guild year is coming to a close, and along with it a lovely Christmas luncheon. Everyone wishing to volunteer to bring food for our celebration can add their name and the dish they'll be bringing to a sign-up sheet that will be available. Thanks to everyone wishing to contribute to a successful guild event.

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

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

Sunshine

Janet M-R

Newsletter Sonia B.

https://seymourquiltersguild.ca/

Ouilts 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., November 27 @ 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., December 11, 2024

FROM THE BOARD

MEMBERSHIP MEETING DATES: Third Wednesday of the month (except in December) at Gloria Dei Church Hall. Mark your calendar.

In-Person Membership Meetings:

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: December 4

PRESENTATIONS, SHOWS AND EVENTS 2024

Note from Diane Meacher: Re Camano Island Retreat. It's the time of year to do the payment for the April 30 to May 3 retreat this year. It takes place at the Over the Rainbow Lodge on Camano Island. www.overtherainbowfabrics.com

On the website – see directions to the Retreat and photos of the site. Diane will be at the November meeting to answer any questions you may have.

Due to Canadian dollar vs US exchange the cost will be \$340 Canadian dollars. It's easier to keep the payment all in Canadian dollars. So, if you would like to:

- 1. E-Transfer, that would be the easiest OR
- 2. Diane will collect cheque or cash at the November Mtg OR
- 3. you could mail a cheque to Diane. See her address in recent Membership List.

Checklist for November 20 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
- * Retired Library book sale (cash or cheque)



ATTACHMENTS TO THIS NEWSLETTER:

- Agenda, Nov. 20 General Membership Mtg., 12:00-2:30 pm
- Minutes of October 16 General Membership Meeting for approval.

REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP Arlene T. and Elaine A.

We had 59 members at our October meeting, and we welcomed our new member, Shirley Jade. Shirley will soon be opening her own shop, Jade Craft House. **Reminder:** please renew your membership for 2025 by completing the Registration Form which is now available on-line. Refer to Treasurer's Report on page 1.

The winners of the door prizes were:

- > spools of fall coloured thread Donna H.
- sewing-themed tissues and notepad Diane L.
- air erase marking pen Jo-Anne S.

Our October **Question of the Month** asked about your first quilting project. Three of our members have kindly shared their stories.

From Carolann:

"My first quilt was a baby quilt for my son. It was a panel printed in squares that I sandwiched and added a ruffle to. The batting was so thick that my poor old (horrible) sewing machine barely made it through all the layers. (This was a time when a walking foot was just a gleam in some engineer's eye!)

I also used coordinating prints to make crib bumpers and a diaper holder. I think the diaper holder is the only item that would still be allowed. I do not have it, my mother-in-law saved it for years (why, I don't know) but she just moved into a small apartment and I'm confident that it went to the Goodwill.

My first "real" quilt was also for my son, for his big boy bed. He desperately wanted it to be pink, (his favourite colour when he was 3) but I convinced him that his taste might change and we settled for pink sashing. I still have it in a closet, well-loved and a good reminder that no one but me cared that those points didn't match up."

From Arlene I:

"My first quilting projects were made during a series of quilting lessons 1981. At the time I had no children and so could complete the block shown during the lesson and then incorporate it into a sewing project. The set of placemats made were used until they fell apart, although I still have two of them. Another block I made into a bag which I use for knitting projects. A third was multiplied to become a wall hanging of colours much dated, but it has been used for teaching purposes curved piecing.

My first quilt was started a year later. We were told to choose a simple pattern. After much looking, I returned to my first choice an apple tree block with 51 pieces. When it was time to sandwich it, I was 8 months pregnant and not very agile. I held a quilting bee for friends who were able to sandwich and baste for me and then put it onto a frame for hand quilting. The quilt was finally completed when my second child was almost three. I've used it every winter since, although the batting has thinned and I need a second quilt for warmth."

MEMBERSHIP (cont'd) Arlene T. and Elaine A.

From Ellie: My First Quilt

"In 1975 I decided to make a patchwork quilt for our queen size bed that would be very puffy like ones used in Europe. I sewed together many 8-inch squares of various fabrics; many were not all cotton! Put it together with 4 bags of batting, left in their very lofty stage and backed it with a large blue sheet that would wrap around for the binding. Now, how to hold it together? Tying with yarn was decided. Many knots were made by me and my mother-in-law. I actually used it as a quilt on our bed.

A second quilt was made with fabric from the cafe curtains I had made for our 2 oldest boys' bedrooms in Winnipeg. I made this quilt for our youngest son and I still have it in use at our cabin on Gambier Island. The first quilt is gone. Eventually in 1994 I learned how to make a quilt in Dolores Bell's Sampler Quilt class and have enjoyed making various creations ever since."

The next **Question of The Month** is:

If you could design your own sewing machine, is there a feature that (as far as you're aware of) has yet to be invented that you would like to have? Is there anything that you feel is not useful that you would get rid of? Send your "if onlys" to either Elaine A. or Arlene T., and thanks!

Arlene T and Elaine A

Website Judy S.

Hi all. What a stormy month this has been! Those random bright skies are very special when they appear, aren't they?

Here's a little bit about the website for this month's newsletter.

- The book lists for our guild library have been updated and the new lists have been added to the <u>Library Page</u>. There are three lists, sorted by title, author, and category. Also, check out the link for <u>LibraryThing</u> on that same page, to see images, additional information, and reviews about the books in our library.
- I've also added the photo sent to us by Terry Aske, who led the October workshop on Freezer Paper Piecing. It was sent around by email to all members, but if you want a second look at those beautiful maple leaf blocks, look for the photo on the Workshops Page.

Enjoy playing with your fabric and getting creative as winter approaches.

Judy S.

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

LIBRARY Donna H, Kory, Judy P, Glennís, Ellie & Aníta

The library will be open at the November meeting. Come and browse. Find something to make for a friend or for a family member for Christmas. We will be closed for December and January due to the luncheon and elections.

Books borrowed in November MUST be returned by January. You can keep November books over the holidays. We will accept returned books in December as well.

It is the last month to buy retired books. After this meeting they will go to an organization. Any ideas? The catalogues are updated and are on our website. Also, LibraryThing has been updated and is on-line. All thanks to Riva.

Donna H

REFRESHMENTS Wendy W, Gail, Barbara B.

We'd like to thank Jenifer B, Georgian G, Moira S and Marilyn C for bringing treats to our November 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!

QUILTS OF VALOUR Suzanne and Norine



I am very proud to be a member of our guild which is so supportive of Quilts of Valour. With having just commemorated Remembrance Day on Nov. 11, I am sure that most, if not all of us, took a moment to think of and show gratitude for all the men and women, past and present, in the Canadian Forces and other service organizations. By all their efforts and sacrifices, Canada remains the True North Strong and Free.

I was honoured to attend the service at the North Vancouver Cenotaph together with our oldest son, Capt(N) Sam Patchell. It was very heartening to see so many individuals in attendance, particularly many young families. We need to ensure that future generations understand our history and never forget the debt we owe our veterans.

Again, thanks to all of you for making blocks for our Q of V projects.

Suzanne



COMMUNITY QUILTS Línda F, Connie, Janet, Trudy, Anne O'B

The Programme Committee has presented us with an interesting challenge which you are asked to bring to the December meeting.

Make something for Community Quilts using colours with the same initials as your own, eg: someone with the name Agatha Christie could incorporate the colours aubergine (for Agatha), and crimson (for Christie). The colours can be very inventively named. I could have chosen Fern-green for my last name, but went for Fushia instead. In this photo of the pillow case and gift bag that I sewed you can see Lavender and Lime-green to represent my first name, Linda.



When you're thinking of what to sew, remember all the small projects we've done over the years: pillow cases, gift bags, shopping bags, pet beds for cats and dogs, place mats, and of course quilts of any size.

Linda F.

FREE TABLE Lorna and Esther

This will be the final Free Table for the year when we meet next Wednesday.

We have very few items left over from the overwhelming intake that we have had for the last two months. Finally, there will be plenty of room for those of you who have been holding back your goods until we had space.

We are looking forward to seeing you and your donations anytime after 11:30 am.

Lorna and Esther

PROGRAMME/WORKSHOPS COMMITTEE

Sonja S, Arlene I, Leslie C.



MEETINGS

November 20 Meeting: Members Teaching Members will feature members explaining how to use some of the rulers that Donna has in our library.

December 11 Xmas Luncheon Meeting:

A new challenge has been started using colours that reflect your initials. See Linda F's article under 'Community Quilts' for helpful details. Your challenge(s) would be brought to the December meeting and awards for the best use of colour, given the constraints, will be awarded.

Also, if you participated in the Pizza Box Challenge, please bring your completed quilt for Show & Tell.

Sonja S, Arlene I, Leslie C.



WORKSHOPS

The guest speaker at our October 16 meeting was well received. I am now trying to set up an in-person workshop with her. Dates are proving tricky. However, I am sure it will be possible. I am also looking for an on-line workshop.

We now have speakers lined up until April.

- January will be Maryan Webb will be speaking on fabric recycling. Our Social Fabric
- In February we will hear from Cathy MacKay from Steam Trunk. Steam Trunk Craftworks
- In March we will hear from Louise from OASIS on how to prevent Arthritis from becoming a major problem.
- In April Berene Campbell will be with us

Of Special Note:

The **Daybreak Sharpeners** will join us at the December meeting so bring your scissors and knives to be sharpened (cash/charge card) to the meeting.

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. We can work together to get our projects done for the December meeting.

Next scheduled date: December 4.

COA Roní

CQA - https://canadianquilter.com/



I think it's been a slow or "too busy to report" month for CQA this time as there is not a lot to pass on to everyone.

The "True Colours Quilt Along" idea seems to have been well received. This is all about inclusivity in our guilds and in our lives. CQA has received 35 different pattern ideas! They are truly impressed. These will be narrowed down to 12 Block designs to be included in the Quilt Along. The first block will be released in January.

Terry Rowland is the next speaker in the Zoom Webinar, which will be Wednesday, November 20 @ 7pm ET. Terry will give examples of different ways to sort, organize and use our scraps. Sounds like something I need to attend to.

That's all I have this month, Cheers, Roni

EVENTS / SHOWS

FROM ANNE W:

Here is a letter addressed to Anne W. Congratulations, Anne! Anne invites all our members to attend the special event at the Silk Purse Arts Centre – see details below.

"Dear Holiday Market Artisans,

Congratulations on being selected for the Holiday Market at Silk Purse Arts Gallery! We're excited to have your work featured in this event.

CONNECTING COMMUNITY THROUGH West Vancouver Community Arts Council THE ARTS Attached are the **Gifted Holiday Market Promo** and **Poster**—feel free to share them on your social media and in newsletters.

Don't forget to tag us on *Instagram and Facebook @wvartscouncil* so we can help promote your posts!

Let us know if you need anything else!"

Kind Regards, Manjari Dutta Gallery & Events Assistant West Vancouver Community Arts Council At the Silk Purse Arts Centre 1570 Argyle Ave West Vancouver BC V7V 1A1 Phone: 604 925 7292



EVENTS / SHOWS (cont'd)

FROM SHIRLEY J:

Shirley is happy to present to you **Jade CraftHouse**, all things craft/fabric/sewing related, which will officially open to the public on

- ❖ Tuesday, 19 November, 10 am 7 pm.
- ❖ and the Grand Opening will be on Friday, 22 November, 10 am − 7 pm.

Below is an Invitation for the Grand Opening.

All Members of the Seymour Quilters Guild are entitled to 10% Off, just show your membership card at the checkout.