

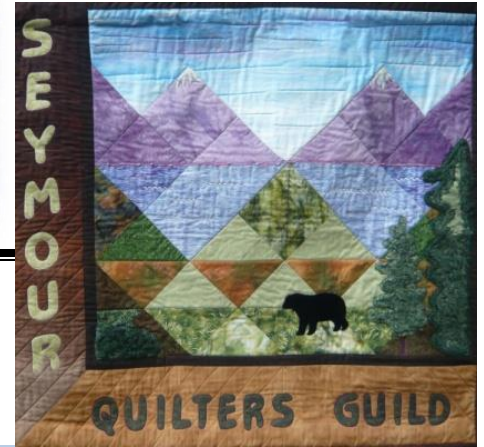
Seymour Quilters Guild Newsletter

January, 2025

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NEXT MEETING:

January 15, 2025



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*



First of all, Happy New Year! As of January 29, we move into the Year of the Snake, which promises to bring wisdom, intuition and strategic growth. And, should you find a snake in your back yard (Heaven forbid), this brings you especially good fortune.

This is my last month as your President. I want to say having a role in the underpinnings of the Guild has been such a good experience. This includes realizing the importance of Show and Tell – an opportunity to share your creations with the group and let us know who might be the recipient – and looking forward to both the speakers and the workshops. All of this is to say: join up for a job. There are lots of committees as well as the executive roles.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT *Cheryl E*

This past year saw responsibility for the organization of our two luncheons and the conduct of "Show and Tell" change to the VP's list of duties. The guild membership responded wonderfully at both 2024 luncheons in answering the call to provide food for the potluck, create beautiful centre pieces, conduct games and generally "put on their dancing shoes" to create a great celebration. Our luncheons are a classic case of everyone pulling together, whatever their capacity, to create a successful event. I want to thank everyone involved and give a special shout out to Ken O. (Maureen's talented husband) for creating beautiful prizes for our game winners.

It is difficult at the beginning of a guild year to attract members to take on certain executive positions which are coming vacant. Yet fulfilling the responsibilities of the Board positions is what keeps the guild running smoothly. For the past two years, we have been short of a member to fill one position and have had to scramble to, in some cases, rearrange position holders to ensure everything gets taken care of.

This year, nobody has stepped forward for Program/Workshops to continue the exemplary work done by past holders; we obviously want programs at meetings, and workshops to promote learning of our shared craft. **The bottom line is that someone needs to step forward to take the Program/Workshops board seat.**

As an aside, all organizations are required to report new board members to the provincial government, and to our banking institution, within 30 days of the annual AGM. If a full slate of board seats is not elected in January and reported, the guild has to report a second time when the board seat is eventually filled. This is both expensive and inefficient.

On behalf of the Board, I am asking all members to seriously consider this and can promise lots of support for the duration of the term for the member who takes on this important role.

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/>

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., February 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., February 19, 2025

TREASURER'S REPORT

Deb S

Happy New Year to All!

I want to thank everyone for promptly submitting payment for 2025 dues.

Please review the 2024 Income Statement/2025 Draft Proposed Budget attached to this newsletter. There will be opportunity for discussion at the AGM on Wednesday, January 15.

FROM THE BOARD

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

January 15	February 19	March 19
April 16	May 21	June 18

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: February 12

Checklist for January 15 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
- ❖ Please return all borrowed Library books at the January Meeting.



ATTACHMENTS TO THIS NEWSLETTER:

- ❖ Agenda, January 15 Annual General Meeting
- ❖ 2024 Income Statement/Proposed Budget 2025
- ❖ SQG Rules (updated January 2025)
- ❖ SQG Job Descriptions (updated 2025)

**** Minutes of the December 11 Luncheon Meeting will be submitted for approval at our February 19 Meeting.**

REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP

Arlene T. and Elaine A.

Our very successful (and tasty!) December luncheon was attended by 47 of our members. (A knife was found under one of the tables after everyone had left. If you're missing one, you can pick it up at the Membership table at the meeting on Wednesday. No skill-testing question will be required.)

The winners of fabric bundles were Cheryl, Diane and Ilse.

We are happy to welcome Carol C. as a new member to our guild. Carol already knows some of our members, and is looking forward to getting to know more of us.

Three of our Life Members have not renewed for the coming year. We will miss Isabel M, Norine M, and Bev A.

Moir's response to the December question asking if there was a quilt that you'd love to make:

"I would like to make a New York Beauty one of these days. It's a lot of fabric to accumulate."

We look forward to maybe seeing one at Show and Tell sometime in the future!

JANUARY'S QUESTION OF THE MONTH:

What is the purpose or destination of the quilting project you're currently working on? Is it being "made to order" or is it a surprise? Let us know!

Arlene T and Elaine A

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. Although I send out notes and emails as requested, and sometimes they are acknowledged, it's always nice to get a response! Just thought I would pass that along ...

Janet aka The Sunshine Lady

LIBRARY

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

Library won't be open for borrowing in January but will be open for returning books borrowed from October onwards. 60+ are due back. **Please return all borrowed books at the January meeting.** We'll be fully open for February.

I and a few of the crew will stay on for February and March to help with the transition. Six people have come forward to volunteer for the next two years. Sonja S. has the names. We are passing on a library that is in good shape and running well.

Donna

REFRESHMENTS

Wendy W, Gail, Barbara B.

We would like to thank the following for bringing treats to our January meeting.

Maureen O, Anita J, Linda F and Judy S

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

Please remember to bring your own mug!



Because of Food Safe rules and sterilization, 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



Here's to a healthy, happy and prosperous 2025!

After a festive holiday season, it feels good to get back to more focused activities. I must admit that our guild's most recent Quilt of Valour is still a 'work in progress'. While I'm hoping to have time to work on the sandwiching and quilting in the coming weeks, I'm still looking for ideas for our next guild effort.

I have come across a few possibilities but I look forward to input from guild members. If you have any thoughts, please let me know, preferably by email. I hope to be at the next guild meeting but due to unforeseen circumstances, I might not be able to make it.

Thanks to all of you for supporting Quilts of Valour.

Suzanne



Quilt of Valour top, as shown at
December Xmas Mtg.

COMMUNITY QUILTS

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

2024 started off delightfully with the addition of Trudy J and Anne O'B to our community quilt committee. Together, we managed to organize an excellent Community Quilts Day in March. With your generous contributions, we were able to provide support to many charities, including Meals on Wheels, SPCA, NS Crisis Centre, NS Family Services, and Lions Gate Hospital Gift Shop. You showed a lot of originality with the projects using colours to represent your initials. On behalf of all these agencies and their clients, thank you for your hard work.

Linda F.

FREE TABLE *Lorna and Esther*

The first Free Table of the year will be set up and running by 11:30 am on Wednesday. Feel FREE to bring any unloved pieces of fabric, notions or craft items that you no longer have space for that might be 'just the thing' for someone else in the guild.

Lorna and Esther

PROGRAMME/WORKSHOPS COMMITTEE

Sonja S, Arlene I, Leslie C.



We had a busy year. We were fortunate to have two presentations by fabric sellers who brought pop-up shops to our meetings. Both Carola and Fibre Expressions brought fun and inspiring fabric and notions. We had a range of speakers talking about their quilting journeys including Krista Hennebury, Nicholas Turcan, Terry Aske and Julie Falconer. Ursula Greiner delighted with her wool and felt creations.

There were three workshops over the year. Carola put on one making a wall hanging with poppies as the feature. Terry Aske did her Maple Leaves with freezer paper. The participants agreed that this workshop was one of the best we had attended because it resulted in a finished product at the end of the day. We also did an online workshop with Janet Scruggs which was only moderately successful.

We had several challenges over the year. Our biggest one was the Pizza Box Challenge. Members placed up to half a metre of fabric in the pizza box along with their idea as to what they would like when the 6 blocks were returned to them. We got a late start because of snow so the challenge went on into October. We asked that participants bring the blocks sewn into a quilt top for the December meeting. We got a good response both in the numbers of boxes taken and the quilt tops that were shown.

Another challenge was to create a lap quilt, place mat or other small project using colours that reflect the initials of your name. This was where the creativity of our members really shone. Colours were created or named with wild abandon. The challenge resulted in a big supply of place mats or other small projects for Community Quilts and laughs all around as members explained the naming. We also revived the UFO challenge and again had a good participation from members.

I want to thank my two committee members Arlene Ingraham and Leslie Chatelaine who came up with the ideas for the challenges and also created or researched the games that were played at our various luncheons. They made our committee work.

WORKSHOPS

We 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.

SOSAH (Sew Our Stash At Ho): Held every second Wednesday of the month via Zoom. Zoom details will be sent out two days prior to the event.

- Next scheduled date: February 12



A Plea for Help! Sonja S.

As I have reported before, the Guild constitution requires me to step down. In my humble opinion, it is a good thing. It is really important to allow new people to come forward and bring new ideas to the various roles in the guild.

I started with the Guild in January 2020. They put out a call for someone to take on the Secretary's duties. I had done that job for several other organizations. My thought was: "what a great way to get to know people and see how the guild works." I didn't count on my term being almost exclusively on Zoom. When my term came to an end and the Program and Workshops job was open, I volunteered. It has been a wonderful opportunity to see what the trends are in the quilting world and who we can encourage to speak or do a workshop with us.

I am hoping that one of you, even if you are a new member, will take a chance on the challenge. The new Job Description names this position as having 3 members with just one vote. Get together with a friend and step forward. I am more than happy to be involved with you as you start out. I will provide whatever support I can to get you over the first hurdles. However, you will soon pick up the reins and feel really excited as members thank you for your work and you go home with a feeling of having really accomplished something. Feel free to call me if you want any more information.

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Hello Everyone and welcome back to another fabulous year at SQG.

The January Webinar this month is with Ruth Anne Berry, January 15, 7pm ET.

If you haven't seen her work it's fascinating. She creates stunning "3D" quilts using depth, colour and dimensions. The illusion is complete.

There is also access to a blog by Bill Stearman, who began quilting as a path for pain therapy that has now morphed into a journey for social justice.

Also, this month there is wonderful story of how Margaret Mackenzie, of Ennismore Ontario, began quilting through inspiration from her grandmother.

As well as the usual general requests for entry forms, CQA is asking for volunteers for Team Leader positions for Quilt Canada June 18-21, Toronto. Complete job descriptions are available on the website. Registration for CQA begins February 25.

That's it for now, Cheers, Roni



Chilliwack Quilters' Guild is presenting a trunk show by Krista Moser on ZOOM.

Monday, January 20, 2025 at 11 am PST.

Krista Moser is the creative force and inspiration behind *Krista Moser, The Quilted Life*. A sewing enthusiast and quilt pattern designer, she has published more than thirty patterns since 2016 with more in development. She is the designer of the Creative Grids 60 Degree Diamond Rulers and has been teaching sewing and quilting lessons for more than 25 years. She is wild about all things quilting and loves to share her passion. <https://www.kristamoser.com/>



Chilliwack Quilters' Guild is welcoming visitors and guests to join them for this presentation on ZOOM. The cost is \$15/person, via e-transfer.

If you would like to attend via Zoom, here are the instructions from Chilliwack guild:

- Send the e-Transfer to: treasurercgg@gmail.com. In the comments of your e-transfer, please put "Zoom presentation with Krista Moser". The Zoom link will be provided after payment is received.
- Send your name and email address to webmastercgg@gmail.com. This will enable us (Chilliwack guild) to send you the Zoom link.
- The presentation will begin promptly at 11:00 am. The Zoom link will be active at 10:45 am for you to log in and get settled before the presentation.

Please note, there will be a discount code shared to shop at Krista's website at the end of the presentation.
