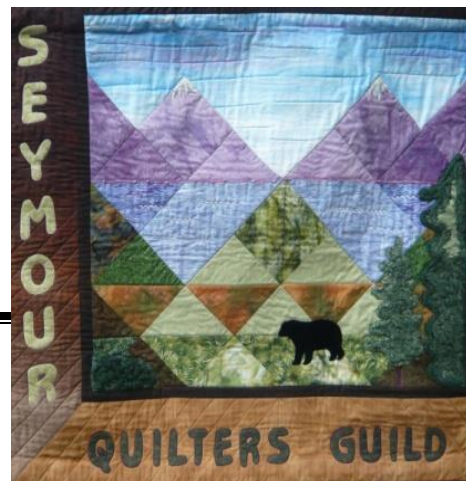


Seymour Quilters Guild Newsletter March, 2025



NEXT MEETING:
March 19, 2025

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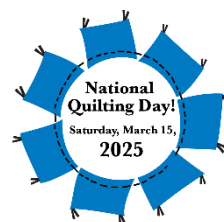
1. To bring learning experience and inspiration to its members by way of workshops, demonstrations for the public, show and tell, speakers, and other programs.
2. To provide a service to the community by the creation of quilts for those in need.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Wendy W.



We love March because it is the beginning of spring with flowers and longer days. It is National Quilting Month, as well as our Community Quilts Day on March 26. We can all celebrate that!!



Just a reminder to check out our Guild website if you haven't done that in a while, and spend some time reading the Guild newsletter. Judy S and Sonia B do excellent work!

Don't forget to bring a quilt, a gadget or a tip for Show and Tell, we love to see what everyone is working on!! See you there!

See you there! Wendy

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Cheryl

From Guild Gathering: Westshore Quilters' Guild is offering Sew Magic, a quilt show and gala, on April 3 from 7 to 9 pm at 1707 island Hwy, Colwood on Vancouver Island.

And:

Stephanie Soebbing and RGE Travels are offering a quilting cruise to Alaska aboard the Celebrity Solstice from July 13-20, 2025. Bookings made before March 29th will receive special perks.

If you are interested, I would be happy to forward the email regarding the cruise, send me a request.

Cheryl

Checklist for March 19 Meeting

BRING:

- ❖ Your Name Tag and your own mug
- ❖ Your Show & Tell
- ❖ Your freebies for the Free Table
- ❖ Your Trend Tex challenge entry for Show & Tell



BOARD MEMBERS 2025/26

President

Wendy W.

Vice President

Cheryl E.

Secretary/Policy Officer

Maureen O.

Treasurer

Deb S.

Membership Co-ordinator

Arlene T., (Elaine A.)

Programme/Workshops Co-ordinator

Marilyn C.

COMMITTEES

Programme/Workshops

Diane M, Susanne D, MaryElise C.

Community Quilts

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

CQA Representative

Roni W.

Have Quilts, Will Travel

Judy P./ Linda F.

Library

Sonja S, Ellie S, Anita J, Barb McG,
Anne W, Kim D, Lesley A, Susanne D.

Sunshine

Janet M-R.

Newsletter

Sonia B.
<https://seymourquiltersguild.ca/>

Quilts of Valour

Suzanne P, Carolann F.

Free Table

Roni W, Jo-Anne S.

Refreshments

Leslie C, Patricia H, Barbara B.

Website

Judy S.
<https://seymourquiltersguild.ca/>

Next Board Zoom Meeting

Wed., April 2 @ 10:00 am

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 16, 2025

FROM THE BOARD

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

April 16 May 21 June 18 (luncheon)

SOSAH: All members are invited to participate. Zoom
details will be emailed two days prior to meeting.

Next SOSAH: Wednesday, April 9

SHOWS and EVENTS

March 15 & 16: Pacific Spirit Quilters Guild is having a
quilt show "*Small Quilts in a Small Space*". It's a display of
tiny treasures in a mobile art studio, parked at Edmonds
Community Park, 7433 Humphries Ave., Burnaby. Open
from 10 – 4 pm. Free. <http://psqg.ca>

April 9 – May 4: *Cherry Blossoms: A Textile*

Translation will be on display Wednesday, April 9 to
Sunday, May 4 at the Silk Purse.

<https://westvanartscouncil.ca/event-6048083>

ATTACHMENTS TO THIS NEWSLETTER:

- ❖ Agenda, March 19 General Meeting
- ❖ Minutes of February 19 General Meeting submitted
for approval



REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP

Arlene T. and Elaine A.

Our February 19 meeting was attended by 47 members and 2 guests. From those members the door prize winners were:

- ✓ Cecile G. fusible batting seam tape
- ✓ Anne W. Schmetz universal machine needles
- ✓ Carol C. notepad and stickee notes

We hope you enjoy your treasures!



Our wait list continues to grow. There are now five people on the list.

This month we have a “Who Am I?” submission. Please read and ponder.

WHO AM I?

“Twenty years ago, I travelled to Stratford, Ontario, to visit a friend who had lived there for fifteen years and worked often at the Festival. While there, I visited some very picturesque towns in Perth County like St Jacob’s and Elmira, where the Amish still perform traditional farming and household tasks entirely without electricity. Horses pull hand ploughs, brooms are made by hand, crops are gathered without tractors, clothes are cleaned on a washboard and so on. I saw lots of horse and buggy rigs in town and on the roads right alongside the cars. Large populations of Mennonites live in this area as well, they do not eschew electricity but have similar lifestyles built about the importance of communal living and brotherhood.

Naturally I went searching for quilts and was lucky enough to find several signs at the roadside reading “Quilts for Sale – No Sunday sales”. At the first stop, an older lady dressed entirely in black except for her traditional white cap answered the door and led me up a very steep set of stairs using a flashlight for illumination. Her feet were bare which I now understand is a long-standing tradition for the Amish and Mennonites, and both of us had to angle our feet to get upstairs because the treads were so narrow in that farmhouse built in the late 1800’s. In a south-facing bedroom with a tiny window stood a bed piled four feet deep with quilts which she said had been handmade within a twenty-mile radius of her house. After much flipping of possibilities, I chose a beautiful white wholecloth quilt with scalloped edges and exquisite hand stitching. More about this quilt later in the story.

A day or so later I visited a second property, this one a working farm where Dad and sons were feeding cattle with loose hay tossed by pitchfork and Mum and daughters were inside producing quilts in a special addition to the house where “English” were permitted to enter. After a long discussion I asked the lovely woman if it would be possible to get an all-cotton piece made and shipped which she agreed to. I had been there for ages by the time I finally chose a quilt and she graciously asked if I’d like to see her kitchen. Yes please!

Her 18 year-old daughter was sitting at a large table marking a quilt, and her mother gave her a couple of quick instructions while I was standing there. The girl’s quiet reply of “Yes, mother” was both surprising and delightful.

Later that night, snugly tucked up in my bed and breakfast bed under the all-white quilt, my hands couldn’t stop touching the lovely smooth cloth. Then the light bulb over my head started to go on

MEMBERSHIP (cont'd)

Arlene T. and Elaine A.

(finally) – **Oh, good grief this quilt is polyester!** I love it just the same and have had those two quilts in my house these past twenty years.

My friend was performing in a play that year called “Quiet in the Land” about a young Amish boy who chooses to go to war during WW1 against the teachings of his religion and the wishes of his family; my friend played the part of the boy’s grandmother and performed entirely in her bare feet.
Who am I? The answer will be revealed at the March meeting!”

All our committee positions have now been filled. Some of these positions have changed from what’s noted on the Membership List. Please check the committee information that’s published in the monthly newsletter for contacts should you need to connect with any of them.

See you at the March meeting. Arlene T. and Elaine A.

LIBRARY

Sonja S, Ellie, Anita, Anne W, Kim, Lesley A & Susanne D.

Thanks to Donna and all the helpful volunteers, we opened and closed the Library at the February meeting despite my bringing the wrong box.

😊 The current political situation is going to make acquiring books more difficult. However, Barb M is on the mailing list of Jelly Roll quilts in Alberta. Sadly, they are going out of business. We found two books that look as though we would enjoy them and they were 20% off. So, they are making their way to us.

When Kevin of Dragonfly and Quilts was at the February meeting, he mentioned Shelley Scott-Tobisch’s book: Easy Precision Piecing. It is a good introduction to quilting technique which we have in our library. If you wish to get a book that you think will be of interest to our members, please let us know. You can send me an email or come up to the library during our open times. You can also send me an email if you would like to get a specific book out of the library. We can look for it while we are putting the books out and have it ready for you.

We are here to make our wonderful collection of books available to members. Let us know how we can help.

Sonja S.

SUNSHINE CO-ORDINATOR

Janet M-R.

Nothing to report on the western front, as they say. It’s been pretty quiet at my end. I just always welcome any opportunity to send a note of cheer or simply a hello.

Janet



FREE TABLE *Roní & Jo-Anne*

After many years at the Free Table, a new team takes over from Lorna and Esther – many thanks to you for your dedicated service!

Jo-Anne and I are happy to attend to the Free Table starting this month. We will be ready to receive your donations and welcome members to come by at 11:30 am on Wednesday, March 19.

Roni

REFRESHMENTS *Leslie C, Patrícia H & Barbara B.*

We would like to thank the following for bringing treats to our March 19 meeting.

Elaine Isabelle Anne & Sharon

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. Therefore, the guild has a few mugs in the kitchen if you accidentally forget yours!

Leslie C.

QUILTS OF VALOUR *Suzanne, Carolann*



First of all, my heartfelt thanks to all of you for all the support shown me over the last few months which have been so challenging for my whole family. I so appreciate being able to pause my participation in our guild's Quilt of Valour program - just for a short while. But it's felt so good, this week, to finally have a bit of time (and energy) to get back into my sewing room and I'm looking forward to finally working again on our last guild effort (sandwiching and quilting).

Going forward, I'm so happy that Carolann and I will be working together on our future endeavours - I know we're going to have a lot of fun! Having recently been at QuiltCon, Carolann has seen some interesting ideas which might be good for our next guild project. As always, please feel free to forward any suggestions you might have or any patterns you might come across. It's always interesting to see what we come up with when we work together.

See you next week, Suzanne & Carolann

COMMUNITY QUILTS

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

You are invited to Community Quilts Day
9:00 - 3:00, Wednesday March 26
Gloria Dei Church
(the same place where our meetings take place).

I'll be asking for volunteers to come at 8:30 am to help set up and also for a crew to be there for clean-up. Our Refreshment Committee will be providing us with free tea & coffee, but we'd appreciate a few goodies to keep our energy levels up.

Remember your name tag, mug, lunch and sewing supplies. Gold stars to members who bring their sewing machines and projects. However, there are many ways to participate, from sewing one of our projects, hand sewing, sandwiching quilts, etc. etc. The key is to PARTICIPATE.

When you share your time and expertise with your guild, you reap the rewards of giving to your community, developing friendships, and hopefully, enjoying a few laughs. Come for the day, drop in for an hour, just come and PARTICIPATE.

Have a look at our CQ section on our website for inspiration. Any questions or requests for batting or backing fabric - call me (Linda F.) – see updated Membership List 2025 attached to February's newsletter for phone no. or email.

Linda F.

PROGRAMME/WORKSHOPS COMMITTEE

Marilyn, Diane, Susanne, MaryElise



It is March already, where does the time go?

To help with our planning the committee is going to do a survey so that we can find out members' interests and wishes for programs and workshops. The survey will be online and posted on March 22 and be due on March 31.

PROGRAMME

19 February - The February meeting was interesting and useful for adding to our stashes! Kevin Williams from Dragonfly Quilting and Gifts talked about the appliqué classes at his store and he is also open to bringing the instructor, Joanie, to us for an in-person workshop at Gloria Dei. A thought for the future.

19 March - Louise Lydon from OASIS will speak on hand arthritis and quilting. We will learn ways to enjoy quilting while protecting the small hand and finger joints. Joint protection techniques, pain management strategies and hand exercises will be discussed.

Louise is from OASIS, (*Osteoarthritis Service Integration System*), an education program provided by Vancouver Coastal Health.

For more information: <https://www.vch.ca/en/service/oasis>



16 April - Stacey Day and her trunk show. Stacey came to speak at our guild in March 2016 when she was starting out. It will be interesting to hear the story of her journey.

Stacey's website: <https://staceyinstitches.com/>

21 May - Berene Campbell - *Welcome to my Playground! Chasing joy through playfulness.* Berene will describe her approach to pattern design and how she finds happiness in quilting. Berene seeks to amuse and entertain herself, as well as those who make her patterns. "Quilting can be both our language of expression and a joy maker if we so choose."

Berene's website: <https://happysewlucky.com/>

18 June - Seymour Quilters Guild luncheon

SOSAH Day

9 April - SOSAH Day from 10am - 12 pm on Zoom. Please watch for the link a few days before. Everyone is welcome to come and chat on Zoom.

WORKSHOPS

12 & 14 March - The workshop with Melissa was a hoot. Everyone made a different quilt, not only were everyone's colours different but there were many designs to choose from. If you were in this workshop, please bring what you have finished to the meeting on Wednesday.

23 April - *Discover Wool Applique* with Uschi Grenier

Uschi will be teaching about wool appliqué and helping members learn some of the many stitches used to embellish the wool. We are offering a workshop on April 23. Kits are available, there is a choice of four different mini needle books. Uschi is open to members bringing their own wool appliqué project. Uschi's maximum is 15.

Place: Gloria Dei

Date: Wednesday 23 April 2025

Time: 10 am to 4 pm

Cost: \$66 - do not pay until workshop is confirmed.

Register online on our website <https://seymourquiltersguild.ca>. I will bring the sign-up sheet to the meeting.

KITS - Bird A, Bird B, Bird C, each \$17.87. Circle - \$14.50. Prices include GST and PST.



Bird A



Bird B



Bird C



Circle



SURVEY

Let us know what you want and what you think about our program and workshops. A link will go out on 22 March. Please have your responses in by 31 March.

Happy Quilting, Marilyn C, Diane M, Susanne D, MaryElise C

CQA *Roni*



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

Hello fellow quilters. As I write this I'm looking out onto the beautiful Salish Sea from the equally beautiful Saltspring Island. I'm having a lovely getaway with my "stitchery" friends The Material Girls. Aren't we lucky?!

The CQA highlights for this month include:

- ✓ Tamara Kate Serrao Webinar March 19 7pm ET - "A Peek Into the World of Fabric Design"
- ✓ CQA/AQC is looking for a contractor to take over as magazine editor for Canadian Quilter to begin June 2025
- ✓ CQA is now recruiting team leaders for key positions at Quilt Canada
- ✓ Entries are now being accepted for TrendTex Challenge, JN Harper Youth Challenge and the Guild Rosette Invitational. If any of our members are entering the Trend Tex challenge, Please bring your entry to our meeting on Wednesday, March 19 for a Show & Tell.
- ✓ True Colours Quilt Along is now on its 7th block.

That's all I have for this month. See you very soon, Cheers, Roni
