

# Seymour Quilters Guild Newsletter January, 2026

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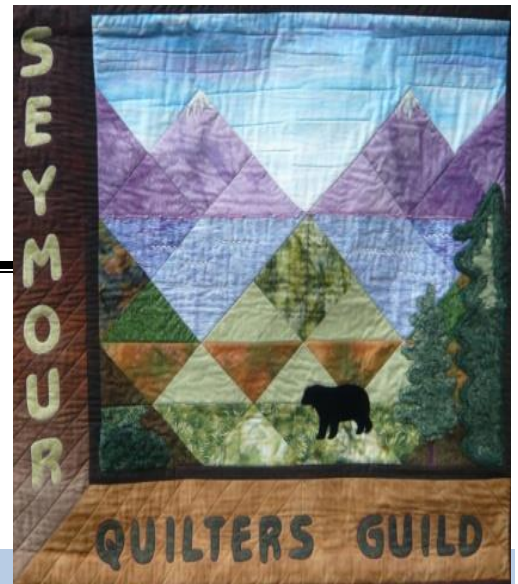
NEXT MEETING  
January 21, 2026



The Seymour Quilters Guild is a registered, non-profit group regulated by the BC Societies Act.

**Purposes of the Guild 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

*Wendy W.*



*Happy New Year!* There's something cathartic about starting a new year. I don't make resolutions but I do think about the year ahead with nearly perfect points, straighter seams and completed UFOs!

Wasn't the December Christmas lunch fun? You must agree the food was tasty, the quilted jacket fashion show was entertaining, there were fantastic door prizes and quilting bingo...who knew?!! It was really nice to share this event with our guests from

Gloria Dei Church, I think they enjoyed the afternoon as much as we did! Thank you to everyone in the guild!

We experienced other highlights in 2025. More tea selection, better coffee, great workshops, and speakers but I really believe the backbone of 2025 as in other years are the friendships, both old and new, the common thread of quilting and how fortunate we are to be together as the Seymour Quilters!

Wendy

## VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*Cheryl*

It has been a pleasure to serve on the board for the past four years. During my term as Vice-President, the duties have expanded to include overall coordination of our twice-yearly guild luncheons, managing Show and Tell at monthly meetings and handling information from Guild Gathering. The role is more interesting and comprehensive as a result; I would highly recommend serving as a board member to anyone interested in learning about our Guild and strengthening friendships. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Cheryl

## TREASURER'S REPORT

*Deb S*

It has been an honour and a privilege to be the Treasurer for the last two years. It has helped me meet people in the guild who I didn't know and allowed me to work with a kindly and dedicated team on the executive.

Over this past year our money was used to support a variety of different needs within the guild; we repaired one of our library carts, purchased a new library cart, bought some books, and purchased better tasting coffee and tea. A large portion of our funds paid for interesting and diverse guest speakers. I look forward to continuing to participate in the guild in the coming year to expand and enrich my knowledge of all things quilting.

Kindly, Deb

## **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**

Placed on hold.

### **Library**

Sonja S, Barb McG, Anne W, Lesley A,  
Anita J, Ellie S, Chelan McD,  
Tanith L.

### **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 Meeting**

**Wed., February 4**

Details will be emailed  
two days prior to meeting.

SEYMOUR QUILTERS' GUILD will meet  
at 11:00 am 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 18 @ 11 am**

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

*Maureen O.*

One year into my Secretarial/Privacy Officer position has now passed and I have had this interesting role with no inbound correspondence thus, no need for outbound correspondence. It really is an easy position to hold in a very active and dynamic board.

However, my upcoming year as the Secretary/Privacy officer may not be quite as smooth since I am charged with updating the Privacy Policy to the board and then to be presented to the membership for approval. The new policy will reflect the recent deliberations related to publication of people/faces and guild activities. Stay tuned.

Maureen

## **FROM THE BOARD**

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

January 21

February 18

March 18

April 15

May 20

June 17

**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:** Wed. February 11, 10 am – 12 noon via Zoom

### *Checklist for January 21 Meeting*

#### **BRING:**

- ❖ Your Name Tag and your cup
- ❖ Show and Tell
- ❖ Your challenging blocks, problems, UFOs, etc (see page 5 for details)
- ❖ Library book returns
- ❖ Your knives, scissors, shears, etc. for sharpening (credit/cash/debit)



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

- ❖ Agenda: January 21/26 General Membership Meeting
- ❖ Minutes of December 10, 2025 Membership Meeting
- ❖ Agenda: January 21/26 Annual General Meeting
- ❖ Draft Minutes of January 15, 2025 Annual General Meeting
- ❖ Draft Financial Statement 2025 and Budget 2026
- ❖ Daybreak Sharpening Price List 2026

## REPORTS

### MEMBERSHIP

*Arlene T. and Elaine A.*

There were 41 members at our December luncheon meeting. Door prize winners were:

- ❖ Carol C - mug and mug tote
- ❖ Sonja S. - Santa gift bag
- ❖ Maureen O. - Santa gift bag

Our guild remains full, with 65 members, and there are four people on the wait list. We also have ten valued Life Members.

Five new quilters will be joining us this year: Myrna P, Valerie J, Lynn C, Anna S, and Paula W. Welcome to all of you!

### 2025 YEAR END REPORT - MEMBERSHIP

We maintained a full membership roster throughout 2025, and we had twelve Life Members. Our average attendance per meeting was 50 members. There were two people on the wait list in January, nine by the end of December. We welcomed two new members during that time. Over the year there were thirteen people who joined us as guests. Some of those people added their names to the wait list.

Arlene T. and Elaine A.

### SUNSHINE CO-ORDINATOR

*Janet M-R.*

It has been a privilege and honour to send out well wishes to our members on behalf of SQG. I have received so many thanks from those of you who received a card in the mail, saying it lifted your spirits and made your day. Cards were sent out on request as well as ad hoc to let members know they are being thought of. Again, it was another year of pleasure writing a note in a card, knowing that it was appreciated. Happy New Year to all of SQG.

Janet aka The Sunshine Lady

### FREE TABLE

*Roni & Jo-Anne*

We welcome you again to our wonderful Free Table this month. You may find things in your stash that really might need a new home. Bring them to the Free Table! It will feel so good! 😊 (As long as someone else falls in love with it - if not please re-claim 😊).

See you there, Jo-Anne and Roni

### COMMUNITY QUILTS

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

Open your new 2026 calendar to March and circle Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> in red, with happy faces too. That's your Community Quilts Day. More information later.

While there are still a few of your smaller projects waiting to be delivered, most of the quilts found grateful homes, providing warmth and comfort. Larger quilts, ones 45" X 60" or even larger are the ones I am short of right now. They are needed in places like the L.G. Hospice and the Hope Centre.

Thanks for your continued support. Linda

## LIBRARY

*Sonja S, Barb McG, et al.*



As mentioned in the September report, we have 337 books in our Library. These include specialist techniques and others relating to colour theory and design concepts. If you feel the need for inspiration, come and browse our collection.

This past year was interesting as we dealt with the issue of tariffs and the desire to focus on Canadian authors. With input from our members, we were able to acquire new titles that really added to the depth of our collection. We are starting a new budgetary year and I am keen to hear from members about titles or authors they feel we should know about. If you see a book referenced in a quilt shop, ad or in an online article, please forward whatever caught your eye and I will do my best to buy it for the Guild.

As happens with a new year, people change their roles in the guild. We are losing some great people but I know that there are other great people who would like to step up and fill their places. We need folks who are willing to help put up and take down the collection and manage checking books in and out. Please let me know if this is something you can do.

Sonja

## REFRESHMENTS

*Leslie C, Patricia H*

Thank you to Barb M, Leslie C, Anita J and Pauline H for bringing goodies to the January meeting.

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

Please remember to bring your own mug!

We do have a few available if you forget.



**Help wanted!!** We are looking for one more member to join us on the Refreshment Committee. It really only requires help with set up and clean up before and after each meeting.

If you are interested, please come and see Leslie or Patricia during the January meeting,

**Garbage:** there has been a change at the church. The church is requesting that we take home all our own garbage so we have implemented a couple of easy changes. At each meeting we will have one bag for **compost** and one for **garbage** provided by the Refreshment Committee. Please do not use the church garbage cans at the back of the kitchen, the ones provided by the guild will be at the front and clearly marked. Thank you

**Friendly reminder:** Coffee and Tea are \$1 at each meeting and free at the December and June luncheon meetings.

**Question:** Would you like **decaf** coffee provided at the meetings? Please let us know and, if there is enough interest, we will provide it.

This year our Q of V program has, unfortunately, not been as productive as some other years. I'd like to thank the Executive for allowing me to take a bit of pause at the beginning of the year. I truly appreciate all the support and friendship of the guild members as I faced many challenging days.

With Carolann on board as my 'partner in crime', we're looking forward to coming up with some interesting plans for future quilts. With her expertise in EQ8, we will be able to customise designs. Our current project, a modified Exploding Heart, is coming along nicely and there will be a few more blocks for this month. I'll have a sign-up sheet at the meeting - see you there.

Suzanne & Carolann



Thank you to all the members of the guild for your support for the program and workshops.

## MEETINGS

### 10 DECEMBER - WINTER LUNCHEON MEETING

- The fashion show went very well. Thanks to Susanne for moderating and to all the participants who showed a varied selection of garments.
- The projects completed by groups for the Spring Luncheon were interesting in their variety.
- And the Quilto game! Who knew there was so much quilting jargon?

## 2026

14 JANUARY - SOSAH - 10 am to 12 pm on Zoom

### 21 JANUARY MEETING - Annual General Meeting

- More on the Mystery Quilt
- Block of the Month with Susanne
- Magazine Challenge
- Programme - Hosted by Programme Committee - ***What do I do with This?*** Members bring projects with which they are having challenges. If you are bringing a project, you are having trouble with, ***please put your name in the basket at the sign-in table when you come to the meeting.***



You might bring your challenges with:

- projects on which you are stuck and not sure how to proceed
- problems which might involve colour, assembling, or quilting
- a project that you don't like how it is going
- a UFO that you don't know what to do with
- a few orphan blocks looking for a quilt idea
- what to do with scraps.

Bring anything with which you are having challenges. The group will make suggestions and help you recover your enthusiasm for the project.



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**18 FEBRUARY MEETING**

- More on the Mystery Quilt with Diane
- The Block of the Month with Susanne
- **Program** - Christine Richardson of *Fibre Expressions* will make a presentation on quilt ideas/notions and will bring her pop-up shop. If there is anything you would like her to bring particularly, you can call her at 604-885-6677 and arrange it.
- **Daybreak Sharpening** will set up in the kitchen. Dawn will be setting up at 10am and will be available to take your items to be sharpened during the meeting. A list of sharpening costs is included as an attachment to this newsletter.

**WORKSHOPS****28 JANUARY WORKSHOP**

- Dougal Walker — *Ever Heard of a Half Rectangle Triangle?*
- Learn the tricks of the versatile Half Rectangle Triangles and make a small quilt. This versatile block can be arranged in many ways to give interesting and varied looks. Dougal sent more sample quilts which will be shown at the meeting.
- There are some photos on the information sheet on our website under Workshops. <https://seymourquiltersguild.ca/workshops/>

Date: Wed. 28 January

Place: Gloria Dei Church

Time: 10 am to 4 pm, set up after 9:30 am

Cost \$50



- Register: Sign up at the meeting or contact Programme/Workshops through our website at <https://seymourquiltersguild.ca/workshops/>

**25 FEBRUARY - Building Confidence in Choosing Fabrics Workshop with Carolann Fraenkel**

- Come and learn more about colour, quilts and your relationship with them. More information on the information sheet on our website under Workshops - <https://seymourquiltersguild.ca/workshops/>

Date: Wed. 25 February

Place: Gloria Dei

Time: 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

Cost: \$50 plus a materials cost of \$30 paid to Carolann at the workshop.

- Register: Sign up at the meeting or contact Program/Workshops through our website at <https://seymourquiltersguild.ca/workshops/>



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**NEW \*\*4 MARCH** -Assembling the Mystery Quilt with Diane Meacher.

Diane will present a workshop at Gloria Dei for members assembling the Mystery Quilt. (Optional) Bring your machine and work on ideas on the spot. Please register so that we know how many are interested in attending the workshop.

Date: Wed. 4 March

Place: Gloria Dei

Time: 1 pm to 4pm

Cost: No cost

- Register: Sign up at the meeting or contact Program/Workshops through our website at <https://seymourquiltersguild.ca/workshops/>

**SOSAH**

Come and visit with other members of the guild. Share what you are working on now and what you will be working on next.

- 14 January - SOSAH on Zoom - 10-12 noon  
➤ 11 February - SOSAH on Zoom - 10-12 noon  
➤ 4 March - SOSAH on Zoom - 10-12 noon

**YEARLY SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME AND WORKSHOPS FOR 2025****PROGRAMME**

Sonya S. arranged our first few programs and the year started with a presentation by Maryan Webb from Our Social Fabric on what the shop does and its recycling statistics. She then shared on upcycling what we have.

- Kevin Williams from Dragonfly Quilting and Gifts gave a lively talk on notions and brought his pop-up shop.
- Louise Lyden from OASIS (OsteoArthritis Service Integration System) talked about arthritis and gave guidelines on taking care of our hands.
- Stacey Day returned to do a trunk show and share what she has been doing since 2016 when she last visited our quilt.
- Berene Campbell did a trunk show while she talked about quilting as joy through playfulness.
- At the Spring Luncheon Diane set up a project for groups of three to make a product from 2.5" squares.
- Arita Rai's trunk show of her quilts was modern, often improv, and inspiring.
- Barb Cherniwchan trunk show was of quilts made from her Coach House Designs patterns. They were beautiful and we enjoyed her stories of designing, making, and distributing her quilts to stores. Quite a few members bought patterns.
- Judy Vilette told us about her working with other artists, not all of them quilters.
- Diane M sent out the first three instalments of a mystery quilt.
- Susanne D presented two Blocks of the Month.
- MaryElise C set out the Magazine Challenge to be completed by Spring.
- Finally, at the December Luncheon we had a fashion show of quilted garments, showed the products from the Spring Luncheon and played Quilto.



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## YEARLY SUMMARY - 2025 (cont'd)

### WORKSHOPS

- Melissa Marginet, Never the Same Quilt Twice
- Uschi Grenier - Discover Wool Appliqué
- Linda Gowling - Quilted jacket or vest
- Marilyn and Tanith - The Charming Bag

### OTHER

- SOSAH - Sew Our Stash At Home - continued with monthly Zoom meetings.
- Early in the year we did a Survey online. Thank you to Patricia H for compiling the results which showed us that the main interests were in using their scraps and in learning techniques.
- We had our first Summer Sew Together Day and Fall Sew Together Day.

One can certainly say we are an active guild and we do find the joy in quilting. Thank you so much to all the members of the guild for supporting us and participating in what we plan.

Marilyn C, Diane M, Susanne D, MaryElise C

**CQA**

*Roni*

<https://canadianquilter.com/>



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Quilters  
Courtepointes  
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Hello Fellow Quilters!

It's a brand new year and I've already got too many projects! How can that happen every year? I'm not complaining though, every one of them looks interesting - at least to me. Here's the latest from CQA....

CQA has published their new webinar series. They all take place at 7pm Eastern Time but you can watch them after if that time is not good for you. Also, CQA is offering a package of 5 webinars for \$40 or, individually, they are \$10 each.

- ✓ January 21, Julie Garcia - The Layered Landscape: Painting with Fabric and Thread
- ✓ February 11, David Taylor - Welcome Home
- ✓ February 18, Bobbie Gentili - Don't Be Such a Square
- ✓ March 18, Robin Bogaert - Add Exciting Techniques to Your Repertoire
- ✓ April 15, Lisa Thorpe - Photo to Fabric: Design in the Palm of Your Hand

There is also a full schedule of events happening at Quilt Canada. "Conference at a Glance" and "Workshops at a Glance" are now available on the website. Everything from thread painting, to fantastical binding, to your very own Jasper tote!

Membership Quilter Challenge 2026 is "What Canada Means to Me". As well as Quilt Along with CQA/ACC. The first block is now available.

That's all I have for now

Cheers, Roni

## **BERNINA 1230**

## *For Sale*

Bernina 1230, once belonging to Maureen Jones (past founding SQG member), is still up for sale by her husband. This machine is in very good working condition, and has been maintained by Wei Chin (our favourite sewing machine maintenance man) since purchase.

It comes with a manual, foot control, many foot accessories and an extension table. The asking price is \$600.

If interested, please call Des Jones @ 604-921-1644.



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