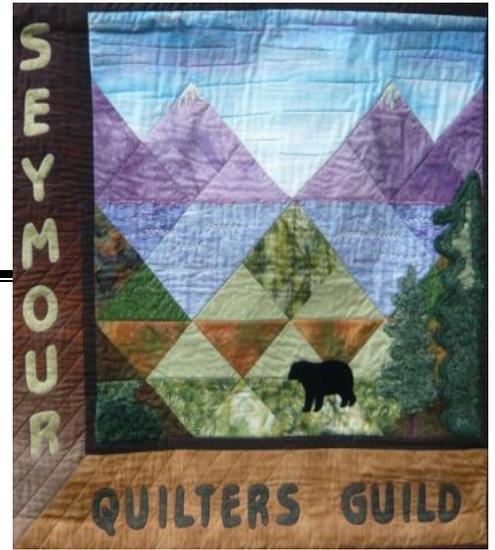


Seymour Quilters Guild Newsletter March, 2026



NEXT MEETING
March 18, 2026

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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*



There has been an outpouring of support from the quilting community in response to the tragedy in Tumbler Ridge. Quilters across Canada have sent hundreds of quilts to provide comfort to and solidarity with the residents of Tumbler Ridge. Lower Mainland quilters alone have provided over 200 quilts and it's gratifying some of those quilts came from Seymour Quilters Guild and our members.

How timely we will be replenishing our donation stockpile pile with renewed vigour on March 25 at Community Quilts Day under the capable leadership of Linda F. This is a worthwhile event and one that shouldn't be missed. See you there!

Wendy

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I think "Quilt Show Season" is upon us! See page 2 of this newsletter for some upcoming shows you might want to attend. I feel a road trip coming on!

Lesley

Checklist for March 18 Meeting

BRING:

- ❖ Your Name Tag and your cup & Loonie for coffee/tea
- ❖ Show and Tell
- ❖ Freebies for Free Table



BOARD MEMBERS 2026/27

President

Wendy W.

Vice President

Lesley A.

Secretary/Policy Officer

Maureen O.

Treasurer

Nancy J.

Membership Co-ordinator

Susanne D. & Janet M-R.

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, Cheryl E, Judy P, Ellie S, Chelan McD, Donna H,

Sunshine

Sharon Reinstadler

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, Diane L.

Website

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

Next Board Meeting

Wed., April 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., April 15 @ 11 am

FROM THE BOARD

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

March 18 April 15 May 20 June 10 (note change in date)

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. April 8, 10 am – 12 noon via Zoom

SHOWS and EVENTS

APRIL 17-18: Abbotsford Quilters Guild – “Quilts in the Valley”
Fri: 10:00 - 7:00 pm. and Sat. 10:00 - 4:00 pm. Held at: Abbotsford Pentecostal Church, 3145 Gladwin Road, Abbotsford
Admission: \$10.00

MAY 2 - 3: Boundary Bay Quilters Guild – “Quilts by the Bay”
Fri: & Sat: 10:00 to 4:00 pm
Held at: South Delta Recreation Centre, 1720 56th Street, Delta
Admission: \$10 – good for both days!

MAY 8 - 9: Langley Quilters Guild – “The Threads that Bind Us”
Fri: 10:00 - 5:00 pm and Sat. 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.
Held at: Christian Life Assembly, 21277 56th Avenue, Langley
Admission: \$10.00

MAY 8 - 10: Victoria Quilters Guild – “City of Gardens Quilt Show”
Fri. & Sat: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm and Sun: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm.
Pearkes Rec Centre, 3100 Tillicum Road, Victoria
Admission: \$10.00 – good for all three days!

ATTACHMENTS TO THIS NEWSLETTER:

- ❖ Agenda: March 18 General Membership Meeting
- ❖ Draft Minutes of February 18 Membership Meeting for approval.
- ❖ SQG Privacy Policy
- ❖ Quilting Items of Interest

REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP

Susanne D & Janet

There were 57 members and three guests at our February 18 meeting.

We would ask that everyone check their Membership cards to confirm that the date on the card is correct. Membership cards for 2026 can be picked up at the membership table if you haven't already collected your cards. Show your cards as many of the quilt shops honour our membership and give you a discount.

The membership list for 2026 was sent out with the February newsletter. Please take the time to make sure your contact information is correct and remember to shred your 2025 list.

Door prize winners were:

- Linda S. - note book and fat quarter
- Judy S. - Fat quarter bundle of Hawaiian prints
- Patricia H. - Valentine's Day kit



Our guild remains full with 65 members. Eight quilters are waiting to join our Guild.

Thank you. Susanne D. and Janet M-R

COMMUNITY QUILTS

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

You are invited to Community Quilts Day

9:00 - 3:00 pm, Wednesday, March 25

Gloria Dei Church

(the same place where we always meet)

Members, get ready to say yes to helping with our day. Volunteers are needed to arrive early, at 8:30, to help set up tables, etc. Another crew will be needed to clean up at the end of the day. Patricia has volunteered to work in the kitchen, providing us with free coffee and tea. She will require some helping hands too.

There are many ways to enjoy the day. Bring your machine and sew one of our projects or bring your own community quilt project. Need inspiration? Check out ComQ on our Seymour Quilters Guild website. If you need batting/backing, let me (Linda F.) know beforehand so I can bring it to you at the church.

What if you only have a small bit of free time? Come anyway. We'd love to see you. You can help sandwich quilts, iron, sew down binding, or assist with designing a kid's quilt. This is an important opportunity to share and build the community spirit within our own guild.

Bring your name tag, lunch, mug, and sewing supplies. Special kudos if you bring a joke to keep us chuckling, or a yummy goodie to keep our energy level up. Most important - bring your smile.

Linda

LIBRARY

Sonja S, Chelan, Barb McG, et al.



As mentioned in the February Newsletter, the February SOSAH meeting had much talk about Embroidery and how much some of us use it in our quilting. About two weeks later, an ad popped into my inbox. It was for The Atlas of World Embroidery. It was published by Princeton University Press and looked interesting, so I ordered it. It is a big book with lovely illustrations and also features a Motif directory which allows you to use any of the designs featured in the book for your own use. Anyone who is interested in a cross-cultural look at embroidery will find it fascinating.

We really appreciate people who come out to help us set out and take down the books. However, please let Chelan or I to let you know where the books go. We do have a system 😊

Again, if there is a book you think we should have please let me know.

Happy reading, Sonja

REFRESHMENTS

Leslie C, Patricia H, Diane L.

Thank you to: Sharon R. Chelan McD. Deb S. Elaine A. for providing goodies at the March meeting.

Due to the positive response decaf coffee will be served at every meeting.
We are really happy to have Diane L joining the Refreshment Committee.

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

Please remember to bring your own mug!

We do have a few available if you forget.



Garbage: Remember the Guild is responsible for taking home our garbage so do not use the bins at the back, we will provide compost and garbage at the front counter.

Leslie. Patricia and Diane

SUNSHINE CO-ORDINATOR

Sharon

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.

Sharon, the Sunshine Lady

FREE TABLE

Roni & Jo-Anne

Dear Fellow Quilters: Please please please remember to check and make sure what you brought to the free table has been claimed. Last month's leftovers were way too many. This month I'm bringing my Shillelagh! 🍀

Cheers, Jo-Anne & Roni



The weather is certainly variable. The rainy and snowy (!) days make excellent quilting days!

MEETINGS

18 FEBRUARY

- Diane revealed her Mystery Quilt inspiration and Susanne demonstrated the Tulip block in two versions.
- Christine Richardson did a talk and brought her pop-up shop. Her quilts were lovely and she brought fabric for making them. Her notions were also very popular.
- Daybreak Sharpening sharpened our scissors and knives.

18 March

- Susanne will demonstrate another Block of the Month
- Update on Magazine Challenge:
 - The products from the challenge will be shown at the luncheon in June.
 - We plan to put on the show along the lines of the fashion show.
 - We will ask the Magazine Challenge participants to provide us with information on their pieces.
 - Members who will not be able to attend the June luncheon can show their pieces at the May meeting.
- Presenter - Faith McLeod - *Down the Rotary Road*. Note from Faith — "My presentation follows my 35-year journey as a quilter. I will share familiar quilts and stories and maybe entertain and inspire you."



Maybe you remember "*Best Friends*" by Faith McLeod. It was in the Juried Show at CQA Quilt Canada, Vancouver, in 2022. The piece is now in Summerland in the home of Diane Stevenson. The woman in the piece is Diane's mother.



MEETINGS (cont'd)

15 April - Sue Jensen - *My Creative Transformation*

20 May - Catherine Nicholls - *The Story So Far*

17 June - Luncheon and Quilt Show of Magazine Challenge Quilts and Mystery Quilts.

SOSAH

- March 11 Thank you to all who came and contributed.
- April 8
- May 13
- June 10 - is cancelled in order to have the June General Meeting on this day!

WORKSHOPS

25 February - *Colour my Quilt: Building Confidence in Choosing Fabrics* workshop with Carolann Fraenkel went well. 17 members attended. A few participants were surprised by what they learned about colour and their responses to it.

4 March - Workshop with Diane for finishing Mystery Quilts went well. Participants saw other ideas as we laid out our pieces and encouraged and made suggestions to each other.

22 April - *Drop Those Feed Dogs* with Carol Chernov. This one-day workshop is full.

- ✓ Date: 22 April 2026
- ✓ Place: Gloria Dei
- ✓ Time: 9:30 - 3:30 pm
- ✓ Cost: \$50



We have arranged another workshop. There will be a sign-up at the March meeting.

29 April - *Drop Those Feed Dogs 2* with Carol Chernov.

This is an introduction to Free Motion quilting. If you are intimidated by free motion quilting or just need new ideas or build confidence, this is the workshop for you.

- ✓ Date: 29 April 2026
- ✓ Place: Gloria Dei
- ✓ Time: 9:30 - 3:30 pm
- ✓ Cost: \$50

Did you know that March 21 is *International Quilting Day*?

Happy Quilting: Marilyn, Diane, Susanne D, MaryElise



Hi Everyone:

A little change of pace this month. There was a wonderful article on the CQA website this month and I thought I'd like to share the "gist" of it with you. In February this year the Campbell River Friendship Quilters' Guild presented a Quilt of Valour to Lt Col Steven Deschamps. As you will know presenting a Quilt of Valour to someone represents a "Hug from a grateful nation..." After several years in Air Cadets, in 1979 Mr. Deschamps joined the Regular Canadian Forces. He served his country.

In June of 1982, after 5 hours of interrogation, he was given a compulsory discharge for being a gay man in the military. After several years of struggle with PTSD and after a policy change in 1992, Mr. Deschamps re-enrolled in the Canadian Forces Reserves where he served as an openly gay man through 2015. In 2022 Mr. Deschamps was appointed Honorary Colonel of the Maritime Helicopter Squadron. He did indeed deserve the Quilt of Valour. It's an interesting article.

There is also an article about Cranbrook Quilters' Guild, which had 40 years of photographs, etc., the Guild has now created a Quilt Registry to remember their quilts and their contributions. There is also an article about them in this month's Canadian Quilter.

Also listed is information about Quilt Canada June 17 - 20, and the various Quilt challenges.

As stated earlier, the new issue of Canadian Quilter is available. In it there are amazing photos of hand quilting by Peter Byrne and Judy Garden. It also includes lists of teachers, speakers, and lecturers. Definitely worth a look.

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