

Seymour Quilters Guild Newsletter October, 2026



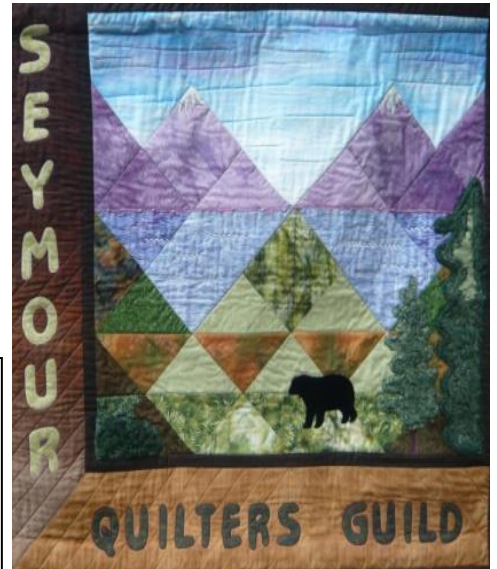
NEXT MEETING
October 21, 2026

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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



Let's Talk Turkey!

Would you like to have say in the future of our guild? The success of our guild depends on members being willing to lend their time and talents. The positions, President, Secretary and Programs must be filled in January. Our executive is a fun group, come join us, keep our guild thriving and make some new friends!

As we celebrate Thanksgiving this month, we have a lot to be thankful for in our quilting community, the friendships we've made, the skills we share, the help we give one another, and the creativity that brings us together. Let's enjoy the oranges, browns and golds of October, some of my favourite colours, and make the most of the cooler days. There is more time for quilting now and that's worth celebrating!

Quilt On!! Wendy

TREASURER *Nancy J*

October 11, 2026 - 76 days 'til Christmas ... December countdown has begun and the Treasurer requests all receipts be submitted by the end of November.

Committees, please review your current budgets and make any formal requests for adjustments (up or down) to the Treasurer by the end of November. The Board will be creating and preparing next years budget for approval over the coming months and the Committee input is valued and appreciated in the budget process.

Nancy

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Lesley A.

Save the Date: I know it's not even Halloween but it's time to mark your calendars for our annual Christmas Lunch which will be held on Wednesday, December 9. There are lots of fun things being planned and we all know the food is fabulous so I hope you will all come for this great event. More details to follow in November.

Lesley

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., November 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., November 18 @ 11 am

FROM THE BOARD

MEMBERSHIP MEETING DATES: Third Wednesday of the month at Gloria Dei Church Hall.

Please Note: Guests are **not** permitted to attend our **January** AGM, as well as the **December** and **June luncheon** meetings.

NEXT MEETINGS: November 18 December 9 – 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: Wed. October 14 @ 10 - 12 noon

SHOWS and EVENTS

OCTOBER 23 & 24: Chilliwack Piecemakers Show "*Piecemaking in the Valley – Celebrating 30 Years*".

Friday 5 - 8 pm and Saturday 9 - 4 pm. Held at
Chilliwack Alliance Church, 8700 Young Road, Chilliwack.
Merchant's Mall, Raffle Quilt and Boutique Table
Admission: \$10.00

NOVEMBER 6 & 7: Victoria Quilters Guild "2026 - Christmas Market". Friday 12 - 5 pm and Saturday 10 - 4 pm.
Emmanuel Baptist Church, 2121 Cedar Hill X Road, Victoria
Admission: \$5.00 (valid both days)

ATTACHMENTS TO THIS NEWSLETTER:

- Agenda: October 21 General Membership Mtg
- Draft Mins of Sept 16 General Membership Mtg for approval.
- Photos of Stained-Glass kits by Joni Newman-Oct 21
- Photos of For the Birds Workshop-Nov 3
- Gentle Chair Yoga

Checklist for October 21 Meeting

BRING:

- ❖ Your Name Tag, cup and Loonie for coffee/tea
- ❖ *Borrowing crockery or cutlery from the Church is Not Permitted.*
- ❖ Show & Tell
- ❖ Free Table will be available



REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP

Susanne D & Janet M-R

There were 54 members and one guest at our September meeting, as well as our guest speaker Sam Seward. It was great to see so many members in attendance at the meeting, and we appreciated the many compliments about our membership table being very welcoming with a lovely tablecloth and floral arrangement.

We want to remind everyone to make sure they advise us of any changes to their contact information so we can keep our membership list up-to-date.

This month we decided to give each of our lucky door prize winners beautiful fancy napkins and a nail file with a sewing motif. Our winners were: Judy P, Eleanor P and Ilse L. We hope you will enjoy your door prizes!

Susanne D and Janet M-R

SUNSHINE QUILTER

Sharon

I would like to pass on to members that Sharon was in hospital undergoing surgery on September 28 and, the good news is, that she "came through surgery OK" and she expects "it will be a long haul" to full recovery. She is at home now and trying to rest and recuperate. Let's send her messages of get-well wishes to cheer her. In Sharon's own words "let the healing begin!"

Sonia B

COMMUNITY QUILTS

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

Prepare for the dark days of fall. You need a sewing project to keep the joy filtering through the dreary days. Community quilts can help you with that. We have material and batting galore, and projects set to go. Let's have a chat about what you can happily sew for community quilts.

Linda

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Linda F

As part of our guild's outreach to our community we have, in the past, taken a mini-quilt show out to various venues. We are renewing this tradition with a visit to Cedarview Lodge in Lynn Valley. Check your calendars and see if you are available to sign up for this outing:

11:00 - 11:45 am, Thursday, November 12.

I will need 5 volunteers who will each bring about 3 quilted projects for a "show and tell". It would be lovely if the residents could touch and admire your quilts up close, but this is not a requirement. What the residents really appreciate are your stories about your beautiful creations.

Linda

FREE TABLE *Roní & Jo-Anne*

The Free Table will be set up again by 10:30 am to receive your donations. Bring your pieces of fabric, notions, and craft items you no longer have need for and remember to pick them up at the end of the meeting should they still be there.

Thanks. Jo-Anne & Roni

REFRESHMENTS *Leslie C, Patrícia H, DÍane L.*

We would like to thank the following members for bringing goodies to our October meeting.

Ellie S Jo-Anne S Arlene I Lesley A Wendy W

Reminder: Tea & Coffee (reg & decaf) \$1.00 Refills are free!

Please remember to bring your own mug!

We do have a few available if you forget.



Water jugs were **donated by Tanith** and we will be providing fresh water to drink at all future meetings.

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 bags at the front counter.

Your Refreshment Committee: Leslie, Patricia and Diane L.

QUILTS OF VALOUR *Suzanne & Carolanne*



No report this month.

Suzanne

LIBRARY *Sonja S, Chelan, Barb McG, et al.*



The Library is one of the Guilds best assets. We have over 300 books covering all aspects of quilting. However, to keep the library current we need to look for new books that are making waves in the quilting world. If you have seen a book that you think would be of interest to our members, please let me know. Either send me an email or come up to me at the meeting. We still have funds available in the budget.

Sonja





The weather has turned cooler and wetter, so, more time to quilt but still dry enough to go to quilt shows, sewing days, and fabric shopping.



MEETINGS

16 SEPTEMBER

- We enjoyed hearing Sam Seward as he shared stories and showed his beautiful woven blankets, bags, and shawls.

21 OCTOBER

- Susanne D will present her Block of the Month. Have you chosen a colour-way and made some of the blocks for yourself?
- The High Roller Challenge continues. We will bring the dice in case you would like to join the fun.
- The 10" Square Exchange:
 - If you have not handed in a square, bring one and we will add it to the pile.
 - At the break, members who brought squares will be able to draw a different square.
 - Your task will be to use the square in the making of a small item.
 - Examples of what you could make are: a mug rug, a few coasters, a pouch, a pot holder, trivet (two layers cotton batting, and one layer of Thinsulate), snack mat, table topper Your choice.
 - Finish your item, wrap it, and bring it to the December luncheon for the Exchange.

Program: Speaker Joni Newman will present a trunk show of her stained-glass quilts and her embellished quilts. Joni will also bring her little shop of patterns and they will be available for purchase.

*See page 6, WORKSHOPS, for more information on the mini workshop she will be giving after the meeting

18 NOVEMBER

- Susanne D will present her Block of the Month
- The High Roller Challenge continues. It is due at the December luncheon.
- Work on the 10" Square Exchange continues. It is also due at the luncheon.
- Speaker - Christine Johannink

9 DECEMBER

WINTER LUNCHEON - Challenge and Winter Exchange due.



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WORKSHOPS

21 OCTOBER - after the meeting

- Joni Newman - *Stained Glass Quilt* mini-workshop
Time: approx. 1:30-3:00 pm
Cost: \$25 - includes \$20 kit

Learn Joni's method of stained-glass appliqué. Coloured fabrics are fused onto a black background. No sewing is done at the workshop.

**There is still room in this workshop. If you would like to register for it contact Marilyn through the Contact Us page on the website and let her know which kit you would like - Bee, Tree, or Camp. <https://seymourquiltersguild.ca/contactprgrm/>

Photos of the kits are attached to this newsletter.

3 NOVEMBER - Tuesday

- Catherine Nicholls - *For the Birds ...*
Place: Gloria Dei
Time: 10:00 - 4:00pm
Cost: \$50



Each of these birds has a story to tell! During this one-day workshop, we will chat about their stories and you get to choose which one to make, the ever-present chickadee or the more elusive partridge.

You will hear all about Catherine's design process that starts with images and legends and how the artistic principle of reflected light can (and should!) be used in textile art. We will discuss how to make the best use of patterned fabrics and colours for feathers along with a few tricks for cutting intricate pieces. You will learn her method of appliqué that makes the most of "reflected light".

**This workshop is full but we are taking a waitlist.

25 NOVEMBER - Autumn Sew Day

- Come and sew with quilt-y friends. There will be time to visit, see a demo, and have a potluck lunch.
Place: Gloria Dei
Time: 9am to 4pm
Cost: \$20 plus a snack plate or potluck item for lunch to share.
Sign up at the meeting



PROGRAMME/WORKSHOPS COMMITTEE
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Marilyn, Diane M, Susanne, MaryElise

SOSAH

- **14 October** - 10am to 1pm - everyone welcome to come and visit. Have your box of small scraps in one colour handy and we will make them into an improv slab block.
- **10 November** - a Tuesday - 10am to 1pm. There will be another prompt for using small to medium scraps in three colours.

Marilyn, Diane M, Susanne & MaryElise

CQA *Roni*

<https://canadianquilter.com/>

Hi Everyone,

Just a short report this month.

- Webinar October 21 7pm ET: Kim Casey, International Quilt Festivals
- 2027 TrendTex Challenge "Foothills and Peaks" kits are now available
- 2027 Guidelines are also available for the Members Guild Challenge "Go Wild"
- And the Quilt Judge Certification Program is now accepting applications.

That's it for this month. I'll miss this next meeting but will see you in November! Be very thankful for all the bounty and good life we enjoy 🍂🍵❤️

Roni

GUILD GATHERING GROUP MEETING

LESLEY A

As I mentioned at our September meeting, Marilyn C and I attended a full-day in-person meeting of the Guild Gathering Group on Saturday, September 12. This group is made up of representatives from guilds around the Lower Mainland including Whistler, and was formed so that we could share ideas and information with each other.

We discussed a variety of topics which are important to all of us in the running of our guilds including how are guilds are structured, what workshops we are putting on and ways in which we might collaborate (such as going together to bring teachers/speakers from other cities), recommended teachers and speakers, the risks and costs of putting on shows and ways of reducing costs, and concerns about quilt show "fatigue" due to too many shows on successive weekends or in some cases on the same weekend. We also heard about ways in which some guilds are using technology to promote events and even sell raffle tickets. This group will continue to share information, and in turn I will be able to keep you up to date on shows, events and workshops that might be of interest to you. If you have any questions about this group or the information shared, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Lesley A.
