

Lethbridge Centennial Quilters Guild

Newsletter

September 25, 2018 – 6:30 PM CASA Community Room

After a fantastic (as always) spread for our Potluck supper, **Connie Chaplin** (president) called the meeting to order at around 7:20. She welcomed everyone, including guests Lyn, Charlene and Michelle Preston. Also a hearty welcome to new members Debbie Brown, Marie Wainwright, Darlene Hooper, Linda Herbers, and Louise Dickson.

Connie announced the our Art Walk exhibit at City Hall was installed yesterday and will remain there for the remainder of the week. City Hall hours are 8:30 – 4:30 Mon. – Fri.

Connie reiterated a few items that were already reported in the Executive minutes, such as the postcard sale, thank you note from the Art Quilt Connection etc.

Jackie Mignault informed us that yesterday morning 2 pallets with all kinds of quilt goodies left for the Grand Forks and Central // Northern BC area. The donations from our guild, outlying colonies, other communities etc. were literally overwhelming. Below is a list of everything that was shipped out. Jackie did a phenomenal job organizing all this and looking after the logistics of it all. Thank you Jackie.

Library committee: if you are unable to come to a meeting, by all means go upstairs to our storage area to sign out books. Also: please check your home for overdue books and return them. The Library committee would love to receive some suggestions for additions to the library.

Wendy Bushell encouraged us, after our ginormous stack from last year, to again this year make Christmas stockings for the hospital. The pattern was circulated earlier. Please be sure to stick to the pattern as far as size is concerned. Although the pattern states to line the stocking, that is entirely up to you, but not required.

Pjam Swen (Community Quilts Committee) gave an explanation with regards to Community Quilts. (see below)

A quick demo by **Judy Barnett** as to how to put sleeves on your quilts for hanging followed. There are a couple of ways to attach a sleeve: you can pin it or you can sew it on. (see below)

Judy also showed some of the blocks that have already come in for Quilt Show Rosettes (these are used for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in the various categories during our Festival of Quilts next June. Remember that the blocks go into round hoops, so there should be ample room in the finished product to allow for cutting of corners and what disappeared between the two rings of the hoop. The hoop sizes are 4", 5", and 6". Judy still needs are some more blocks and the deadline is the November meeting.

Donna Kendall, our class clown (we love you Donna) and Vice President, gave her **Tip of the Month** in a hilarious presentation of how Peavey Mart is the best place for quilters to shop: two kinds of magnets of a telescopic stick (a small one and a very large one in case you drop your entire pin box, it looked like a metal detector).

Donna's second tip: "If you see a mistake on your quilt, put the whole thing away for a minimum of 21 days (or maybe 2 years), you won't remember what your mistake was or that there was a mistake in the quilt and you can get on your merry way and finish it".

Two volunteers are needed for the Retreat Committee, since Kathy Shigemi and Lynn Arnold are retiring. If you're interested, please contact Judy Barnett. If no volunteers are found, we will no longer have a retreat !!

If you wish to participate in CQA's Quilts Go Viral (details circulated by Val Beasley on Sept. 20th) please contact Judy Barnett.

A number of quilts were shown, resulting from the block exchange. They were gorgeous and I'm sure that we'll see some more during upcoming show and shares, since not everyone was present (or had their quilt showable).

Prizes this month were purchased from Lethbridge Sewing Centre and Finely Quilted donated a door prize.

Door prizes were won by:

Design Wall (donated)	Penny Bailey
Book (donated)	Darlene Patterson
Mechanical Pencil Set	Faye Vandenberg

Loonie Draw prizes were won by:

Silk batting	Lucille Prindle
Pattern & fabric	Jane Goddard
Ruler & pattern	Mauie Wills

As always there was a wonderful array of quilts to be admired during Show and Share.

Upcoming events:

October 13 & 14th Double Sew Days @ Parkbridge estates (FULL)

October 6th, Triangle Square Quilt Guild Annual Birthday Party (registration now closed)

October 17th, Executive meeting: 7:00 pm CASA meeting room

October 23rd, Regular meeting: 7:00 pm CASA Community room

Donations for Grand Forks and Central / Northern BC

- 10 quilt tops
- 75 quilts
- 440 m of fabric
- 2 rolls of 90"wide 82/20 Hobbs batting (27.4 m per roll)
- 2 Sewing machines (Bernina and Husky Lock)
- 1 adjustable metal sewing table
- 50 000 m long arm thread at cost
- 25 000 m donated long arm thread in various colours

Transportation from Lethbridge to Prince George was donated by Lethbridge Truck Terminals and Van Kam Transportation.

Community Quilts:

We basically make 4 sizes of quilts:

- **Dolly Quilts:** minimum size 18 x 24" donated by individual members, no supplies from Guild, do not need a label. These go to the Salvation Army and the Interfaith Foodbank, to wrap a doll or a stuffed animal in and go into Christmas hampers.
- **Playpen quilts:** approx.. 36" square, donated by individual members, no supplies from Guild, do not need a label. These go mostly to Harbour House for their playpens. We do not need a whole lot of these each year.
- **Community quilts:** approx. 40 x 60", backing (60" x WOF), batting and label provided by the Guild. These go to a large number of community organizations.
- **Larger quilts:** approx. 50 x 70", Guild provides backing and batting (approx. 54 x 74") and a label.
- Make sure a label is sewn onto the back of the quilts that the Guild provides labels for. Adding your name is optional.
- Please do not take backs and batting that are too large for your quilt top.

Because we've started making so many more quilts than we used to, I've also come up with some ideas to pool resources:

- Donations of leftover / stash reduction / fabric you're not in love with anymore are always welcome. There are a few members amongst us that would love to make more community quilts but don't have the finances to put into them.
- I would like to put a challenge out there for orphan blocks and slab blocks (use one colour in different shades in one block for the slab ones)... a great way to clear out your sewing area and use up scraps. If you would like to donate blocks, please leave them on the community quilts table.
- Because quilts sometimes turn out a little bigger than the sizes indicated, the backs that the Guild provides are not always large enough. It is perfectly acceptable to piece the back...after all these are patchwork quilts.
- We all have our favourite part of the quilt making process. Some prefer the quilting (long-arm / mid arm, domestic machine), some prefer making tops. This is a great opportunity to buddy up. If you would like to have someone else quilt your community quilt, or if you would like to quilt someone else's quilt please let Pjam (pjamquilts@yahoo.com) know and we'll attach a list on the Newsletter and YOU can find a buddy.

Quilt Sleeves

A quilt sleeve is a strip of fabric, sewn or pinned to the back of your quilt to facilitate a rod to hang the quilt.

Here are a few things to think about:

- If you fold your sleeve strip in half length wise, be sure to cut it at least 4½" and attach it about 2½" below the top of your quilt. Advantage: you only need to sew / pin the top edge.
- If you do not fold your sleeve in half and sew / pin it top and bottom of the sleeve, your quilt will hang nicer if you leave less room between the top and bottom than the width of the strip (e.g. if your strip is 4" wide, sew the bottom 3¼" lower than the top).
- If your quilt is large, it is better to use 2 sleeves, separated in the middle so that the rod can be supported in the middle. Also, for larger quilts you need wider sleeves, because a thicker rod is needed to support the weight of your quilt.