

WELCOME GUILD MEMBERS TO YOUR FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Thanks to everyone who came out to the February afternoon Guild meeting. What a great afternoon and especially as we were able to welcome Judy Barnett to the meeting (wheelchair and all but not for much longer)!

Donna Kendall (President) welcomed everyone, including one guest.

The Sales table and Free table were open. As well, all the older editions of quilt magazines were bundled up by year and available to members for a small donation. Pjam Swen's family provided one box of Pjam's quilt books. There were available to members for a small donation. The donations go to the Quilt Guild to help with prize purchases and upcoming expenses for the Festival of Quilts in June 2023.

Scraps – yes, all those precious little bits of fabric can have a new life. Lori Hand needs cotton scraps for her Knitted Knockers initiative. Jackie Mignault can use all the batting, fleece, flannel scraps and long arm trimmings for her pet bed mattresses.



Committee Reports:

Community Service (Lynn Gibson) – this committee helps get the community quilts that we make, to be donated to various people and organizations in the community. A big thanks to Phyllis McEwan for her contacts. We still have quilts on hand. Lucelle Prindle is reaching out to Habitat for Humanity for possible quilt recipients. If you know of an organization or a person or family in need of a quilt, please pass on the particulars including contact information to Lynn.

Community Quilt Supply (Sharon Anholt) – supports the making of community quilts. This committee provides batting and backing and labels. They also have a list of quilters who can provide long-arming services for these quilts which will be donated in the community. We have two new members on the committee (welcome Linda Killoran and Darlyn Davies). We also need another volunteer (breaking news – Judy Gilmour has joined the committee 😊). Sharon asked Sue Nagy to post the sizes of quilts on the Guild Website ([Community Quilts | Lethbridge Centennial Quilt Guild](https://www.lethbridgequilters.ca) ([lethbridgequilters.ca](https://www.lethbridgequilters.ca))). This information has been posted and provides a great reference. If you need batting or backing, just come and pick what you need and sign it out. EVENT: Community Supply Sew Day will be March 26th at CASA starting at 9:30. Twenty have signed up and we have capacity for twenty-five people. If you would like to join us, please register with Audrey Christiansen (archris@telus.net). DESTASHING: If you are destashing, please consider donating some yardage to the Community Supply program (clean, smoke free).

Library (Liz Pinches) – welcome Nadine Crow Child to the committee. We need one more person to join the committee, or two. Just think – you get to ooh and aww over the great collection of books, help members find that book they need, and keep the Library refreshed. We are re-organizing the books by topics to make it easier for

everyone to find topics of interest. The Library book list (2017) is posted on the Guild website. We hope to have the new list posted in a few months. So – please do consider joining the Library committee.

Membership and Festival of Quilts reports (Michelle Demers) – Festival of Quilts will be June 16, 17, 2023 at the College. We will have workshop on Friday June 16, 2023 with Kim Caskey ([Lectures, Classes & Workshops - Kim Caskey](#)). We have room for 20 people. Stay tuned for the 2023 sign-up. We will also be featuring a presentation from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. on Friday June 16th, 2023 regarding the Japan Quilt Show. This is the largest quilt show in the world. We are getting the e-transfer process organized for these two event. Calls for Entry: There will be some new categories. As we cannot hang the big quilts on the College gym walls, we will need to limit the big quilts. Quilt dimension: max. width 8', and length 7') Other Category changes include:

- Hand work (quilts)
- Hand work (table runners, wall hangings, wool felted)
- Décor
- Bags
- Creative machine quilting
- Youth age will change to 14 or under by entry deadline
- **We are still working on descriptions of the new categories and will provide information to members when complete. We wanted to ensure members had the size changes before we start working on show pieces.**
- New feature: Indigenous Quilts and Sue Nagy will provide members with the details of this feature.
- We are pausing a couple of categories, Bed Turning and Featured Quilter for the 2023 show.

Post Card Challenge will continue and together with the Rosettes. *EVENT:* We are scheduling Saturday, August 27 from 8-8 at Parkbridge Estates Hall, for an all day workshop to make postcards and rosettes for the 2023 Festival of Quilts. A supply list will be forthcoming and there will be members present to help us work through the postcard and rosette construction. Another workshop will be held in the spring.

We will use the JotForm for quilt show entries.

Membership – one new member (welcome Nadine Crow Child ☺) and all membership cards have been issued.

Program (Judy Barnett) – March meeting be on ZOOM and will feature a presenter from Training Inc (in Lethbridge). With the advent of COVID, Zoom has become a new go-to technology for meetings and for workshops and courses. Our presenter will also enable those who are interested to participate in a mock Zoom meeting so that we can gain from proficiency with this technology. Judy is using Zoom to take a class from an instructor who is based in South Africa. TO DO: If anyone has taken a class through the Internet, please let Judy know and perhaps we can get you to share your experience at the April program.

Tips (Donna Kendall) – newer quilt fabrics with red dye (includes fabrics with blues, oranges, blacks) can't be permanently set. Please wash your fabrics to prevent dye bleeds. Another good reason to wash your fabrics before cutting - pesticides are applied to fabrics before they are shipped to North American.

Prizes – Also rans (Donna Kendall) – at our last meeting, some members who had won a prize but not the free ticket door prize, won an Also Ran prize. Question – should winners be allowed to be losers; do we need to change the rules, or should we just leave as is – general consensus – leave as it and have fun with the draws.

Pillowcases (Donna Kendall) – we have some pillowcases – what can we do with them? Suggestions: use to bundle a community quilt for donation; provide to the Cancer Society for their support program for young girls who have cancer (Doreen Rombough will follow-up for contact info, etc.).

Residential Schools and Quilts for Survivors (Sue Nagy) – We are all learning about the heartbreaking residential schools and the impacts on the children and their families. Any First Nations person is a survivor. Reconciliation processes are now taking place in many communities as well as at the Provincial and Federal levels. ([Current Programs & Initiatives - Reconciliation Canada Reconciliation Canada](#)).

The Winter Canadian Quilters Association magazine featured an article regarding the Quilts for Survivors initiative that started in Timmins Ontario and has become a nation-wide volunteer initiative. Women in Ontario started out by contributing blocks for quilts. Requests for these special quilts have come from all across Canada. The response has been overwhelming. You can contribute blocks and send them to Quilts for Survivors (see their FAQ page: [Quilts for Survivors](#)). The 2022 CQA show in Vancouver will feature Quilts for Survivors. Manon Vinet-Box, of Stirling, has started the Quilts for Haida Gwaii ([\(1\) Quilts for Haida Gwaii | Facebook](#)).

Donna Kendall noted we are located in the midst of the Treaty 7 members and we have more than one representative in our Guild. Donna made a Reconciliation Quilt for Nadine Crow Child's grade two class. The Pink Star represents children, Green represents earth, Orange represents protection, and Brown represents the land. Nadine and Donna are leading a project for the children.

Inquiry – Rug Hooking (Donna Kendall) – we received an inquiry if there was a group that does needle punch rug hooking in the area. Apparently the closest is a group in Claresholm ([\(1\) Claresholm Rug Hooking | Facebook](#)).

Coffee Urns (Sharon Anholt) – we have a number of coffee urns taking up space in the Guild Storage Locker. Do we need them all? Can anyone who has donated an urn, take it back? Consensus was to keep one and donate the rest. Sharon will get them attended to.

Program: Jackie Mignault did a show and tell on how scraps can be used to make pet mattresses for dog rescue groups. She makes mattresses, crate pads and dog beds for all the local rescue groups in Lethbridge as well as animal rescue organizations

throughout Alberta. If anyone would like the PDF of her instructions to use those scraps and make pet mattresses, please email Jackie at jvm@readysells.ca and request a copy.

The Gizmo quilters (Janet Thompson, Pat Panchmatia and group) spoke about the small group of quilters they formed eighteen years ago. They get together to make a quilt and socialize. They try to make quilts that are easy to piece and sew from fabrics in their stashes. They showcased a number of beautiful quilts they have made!! And as Pat said, getting involved with a small sewing group is such a great way to make friends.

Quilts from Scraps (Wille Schaupmeyer) – keeps a containers of scraps and then takes the time to start stitching these scraps together. There is a method to her work (lights with darks, color compatibility, etc.) and starts string the pieces together and adding them in a variety of ways to make unusual blocks. She also sews strips together to make great geometric blocks. Even when piecing the blocks, she will create circles from scrappy blocks to apply as an applique to the quilt top – very cool.

There were lots of smiles and oohs and awes for these presentations.

Prize draws (Janet Thompson and Willie Schaupmeyer) – prizes were purchased from Chicken Feed Quilts, and Audrey Christiansen also donated a small iron for the Free Ticket draw.

Free Ticket Draw

- Six orange fat quarters; winner: Pat Panchmatia
- Mighty steam iron (donated by Audrey); winner: Lynn Perron

Loonie/Toonie Tickets:

- Ruler holder; winner: Janet Hagerty
- Thread snips; winner: Pat Panchmatia
- Eight-inch curvy log cabin trim ruler; winner: Julia Farries

Also Rans – Donna drew five tickets for the mystery also ran prizes (one was returned – not adopted).

Show and Share:

- Judy Barnett showed her woollies hand-sewn chickens which she is now mounting on squares. Judy also showcased her circles-on-circles project and her hand applique Christmas project.
- Row by row project – five members showcased their completed Row by Row quilt-along (well done ladies).
- Sue Secretan, Dolores Schilling, Pat Phillips, Kay Henke, Sharon Anholt, Donna Kendall and mystery member (sorry that I do not recognize everyone – pesky face masks) showcased their quilts to appreciative members.

DATES:

March 16: Guild Executive Meeting

March 22: Guild meeting (evening, starts at 7:00 p.m.; doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

March 26: Community Quilt Supply Sew Day, at CASA, starting at 9:30 a.m. (a few spots left).

MISC:

Book: If you are interested in a great book about scraps, I can suggest a book by:

Pamela Goecke Dinndoff, entitled: Alchemy, Transforming Scraps into Precious Materials (ISBN: 978-2-37082-087-7) (Along Came Quilting, Calgary)

Quilt & Project Patterns: New Free Patterns for quilts and projects from Art Gallery Fabrics:

Quilt: [Wind-Bell-Instructions.pdf \(liveartgalleryfabrics.com\)](http://liveartgalleryfabrics.com/Wind-Bell-Instructions.pdf)

Quilt: [Roundabout.pdf \(squarespace.com\)](http://squarespace.com/Roundabout.pdf) (easy)

Quilt: [Growing-Lands Instructions.pdf \(liveartgalleryfabrics.com\)](http://liveartgalleryfabrics.com/Growing-Lands-Instructions.pdf) (easy)

Table Runner: [Switchback+Trail+Runner.pdf \(squarespace.com\)](http://squarespace.com/Switchback+Trail+Runner.pdf)

Round Pillow: [Prairie+Point+Pals.pdf \(squarespace.com\)](http://squarespace.com/Prairie+Point+Pals.pdf)

Clutch purse: [Dreamy-Clutch-instructions.pdf \(liveartgalleryfabrics.com\)](http://liveartgalleryfabrics.com/Dreamy-Clutch-instructions.pdf)

Eye Glass Case: [Shine+On+Glasses+Case.pdf \(squarespace.com\)](http://squarespace.com/Shine+On+Glasses+Case.pdf)

Applique Mug Rug tutorial video: <https://youtu.be/yVeQarMJsFI>

Baskets: [Essential-Basket-II-Instructions.pdf \(liveartgalleryfabrics.com\)](http://liveartgalleryfabrics.com/Essential-Basket-II-Instructions.pdf)

Apron: [Easy+Apron.pdf \(squarespace.com\)](http://squarespace.com/Easy+Apron.pdf)

TIPS: Choosing Fabrics for a quilt – tips:

http://frame.bloglovin.com/?post=8381880617&blog=2168162&frame_type=none

Guild Members who are at home:

- Please check in with our Guild Members who aren't able to attend meetings. In this time of COVID it has been challenging for people to get together. So please send an email or a phone to let them know you are thinking of them (Frances Schultz, and Iris McRae – get better soon).

HUMOR – I'd rather be quilting than cooking:

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