

WELCOME GUILD MEMBERS TO YOUR MARCH NEWSLETTER

Thanks to everyone who came out to the March evening Guild meeting.

Donna Kendall (President) welcomed everyone, including four guests.

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 or take for free – they have to go. 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. \$50 was raised at the donation table. Thanks everyone!

Membership Renewal – its that time to renew your membership. It will be \$25.00 if you renew your annual membership before May 31, and \$30.00 for annual membership renewed after May 31st. Please put your money in an envelop, and put your name, and address and phone number and email address so that we can make it easier to renew your membership and give your receipt and new membership card either at this meeting or the following.

Filling Committee and Executive Positions (Connie Chaplin, Past President).

Connie's task is: check with everyone who is currently serving on the Executive and committees to confirm **length of current term**, and to fill the vacancies for those whose terms **that** are completed or are not continuing. Most positions are for two years.

If you want to stay on a committee, please let Connie know.

As Connie says: “serving on a committee is a great way to make new friends”. If you have any questions as to what is involved, just talk with any of the committee members (just check out the membership list).

Connie is still experiencing glitches with her landline as she is on the Shaw service and some members are on Telus. If you call Connie

and get a message regarding her number, please **send** Connie **an** email so that she can follow-up.

Community Reports

Special Events (Bonnie Seim) – Val Beasley and Bonnie have checked out available dates at Parkbridge Estates – December 17th is the only available date for the annual Christmas Party. A show of hands indicated enthusiastic support for this date! Mark your calendars

Community Services (Lynn Gibson) – Lynn noted that it is appreciated if members would ensure they get a Community Quilt label and install it on their quilt donation. Then Lynn can record the quilt and give it a number. To date 3157 Quilts have been made and donated (this does not include dolly or play quilts).

- Our quilt guild donated an extra-large quilt to a woman who was starting new after the breakdown of her marriage, one quilt to a gentleman in St. Mike's, 8 large quilts to the CAMP program, 8 medium quilts to All Saints Parish for residents at St. Therese and Columbia Care Homes, and 1 quilt to a resident at Alberta Rose Lodge. Seven quilts and several dolly quilts were collected at the last meeting and nineteen quilts have been distributed.
- Lynn checked out Elsie's house for young single moms as a place for potential donations. They do not have anyone **in** residence at present but will keep us in mind.
- She is also following up for quilts for Cancer patients and any special requirements (flannel on the back).
- Anne Whiteside also volunteers with Habitat for Humanity. The new family they are supporting to get a home, are in need of one king size quilt, and three queen size quilts (boy 16 years old, a girl – 12 years old, and a boy – 11 years old). They hope they could have quilts by August. Anne thanked all the members for consideration of this request.

Community Quilt Supply (Sharon Anholt) – We have our three brand new committee members that will be continuing on in the next term!

- Community Quilt Sew Day is March 26th starting at 9:30 at CASA. CASA will have the additional overhead lights on so it will be much brighter in the community room.
- Bring you sewing machine and regular supplies (thread, rotary cutter, any rulers, extension cord, light). We will supply cutting mats, irons and ironing boards. We will also be available to cut batting and backing fabric.
- Pjam left behind a pattern book for us so you can also look through that book for ideas.
- We have three places left for Sew Day so if you are interested, pleased email Audrey Christiansen (archris@telus.net).

Guild Records (Donna Kendall) – At the March Executive meeting, we had a presentation by the Galt Museum Archivist regarding our records. The Executive motion that “all Guild records from inception to May 31, 2010 would be donated to the Galt Museum & Archives”. This also includes our old photos.

- Donna asked for a show of hands if the members approved – enthusiastic show of hands. **There were** no objections.

Library Committee (Donna Kendall) – Liz Pinches **has** resigned from the Committee. We thank Liz for her hard work in taking on the Library, as we came out of the pandemic. We have 233 books **in 18 categories**. The question Donna put to the members was: Do we really need a Library? Please give this some thought and give your feedback to Donna Kendall (donnakendall1946@gmail.com) or Connie Chaplin (kani2850@gmail.com) or any other member of the Executive, by April 15th. Once we hear back from members, the Executive will put a recommendations forward to the membership.

Potential changes in Monthly Meetings (Donna Kendall) – adjusting meetings for weather and safe travel to and from the meetings:

- First question – how many are in favor on continuing to have the January and February meetings in the afternoon. Majority of show of hands in agreement.
- There has been a proposal to have our October and November meetings in the afternoon. We understand that some people who

work, may not be able to attend a Saturday afternoon meeting. A show of hands showed that the membership were not as certain on this matter.

- Please think about the October and November change in meeting schedule as we will bring this back for the April meeting. Please let the Executive members know your opinion on this.

Program (Judy Barnett)

- April meeting: Ruth Atwood makes scrappy quilts and will show us her method for making two quilts at once.
- May meeting: Modern Quilt Guild trunk show.

March Program Presentation: Gerilyn L'Heureux, Team Works Career Centre gave an overview to Zoom and explained the difference between the Zoom App and the Zoom website that enables you to organize meetings, set up your account and meeting preferences.

You can go to <https://Zoom.US>. You can sign up for free for a meeting with two people only. You will need to create a user name and password. Depending on the size and nature of the group, the fee can run around \$200/year for unlimited number of people and unlimited amount of time. Only the Host needs a Zoom Account.

If you register for a Zoom meeting or presentation, the Host will send an email to all the participants with the meeting link and a meeting ID number.

- make sure your microphone on your phone or tablet or laptop is turned on (if you are talking) and muted with the presenter is giving their talk. Also make sure your camera is also turned on, for your device (you may have to find your settings feature to do this). (Here is a link: How to join a zoom meeting: [How to join a Zoom meeting for the first time \(nerdschalk.com\)](https://nerdschalk.com)).

Coyote Flats – Sew Days July 26, 27, and 28th

- The Price is \$30/person and you can come for one, two or all three days

- Limited to 40 people so don't hesitate to sign up. Please see Kaye Borthwick (kwilting@shaw.ca)

Prize Draws: The Committee was hard at it again and had great prizes.

This month's prizes were purchased from Chicken Feed Quilts.

Free Ticket Draw

- Eight yellow fat quarters. Winner: Judy Gilmour
- Book (Simple Whatnots donated by Barb Thomsen).
Winner: Guild Guest

Loonie Draws

- A beautiful bag donated by Marilyn Squires. She makes gorgeous bags. A bag can typically take her 3 to 4 days from creating the design and pattern, to cutting, and sewing.
Winner: Judy Barnett
- Twelve Fat Quarters. Winner: Marilyn Squires
- Baby Tumbler Quilt Pattern and Fabric. Winner: Susan Curaso

Also Ran prizes: This month there were six "losers." 😊

Show and Share – was again amazing. What a talented group of quilters.

- Judy Gilmour showed her Ukraine Sunflower Stars and Square Quilt. [#Aurifil](#)'s very own Kate Brennan of [@evilolive quilts](#) created this beautiful version of the [#QuiltersStandForUkraine](#) block. 🇺🇸💛💙

As of March 7th there have been over \$137,500 in donations raised in support of UNICEF to support children and their families in Ukraine.

To learn more, donate, and download the block pattern visit: <https://ukraine.unicef.org.au/quiltersstandforukraine>

- Dolores Schilling: Showcased a quilt, and two wall hangings she created as thank you's for her Doctor and receptionist for their great care of her.
- Guild Member showcased the cutest Easter quilt
- Doreen Rombough brought a small heart quilt, table runner and two children's quilts – she is getting those UFO projects done!

- Pat brought the most gorgeous dragon fly applique quilt, and a memory quilt she had made for her mom.
- Pat Greenlee shared a terrific Christmas Table Cloth that she made. Well done Pat. She started it on October 2019 and just finished it.
- Kaye Borthwick took blocks that she had been gifted and made a lovely community quilt.
- Donna Kendall shared her quirky and engaging “orphan blocks” rehomed quilt.
- Cherilyn Jorgensen shared her quilt she completed and it will be donated to Community Quilts.

And you may have noticed an amazing applique pillow created by Barb Thomsen, at the Treasurer’s table.

It is just a delight to see what everyone is making. Thank you for sharing.

Reminders:

- pick up any sale or free items that did not get adopted
- March 26th – Sew days
- April 20th – Exec. Meeting
- April 26 – Guild Meeting (evening)

Thanks everyone to coming out to the meeting!