

WELCOME GUILD MEMBERS TO YOUR APRIL NEWSLETTER

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

Donna Kendall (President) welcomed everyone, including one guest and four new members.

Reminders:

- The Sales table and Free table were open. Terrific assortment of items on the sales table! As well, all the older editions of quilt magazines were bundled up by year and available to members for free and older quilt books donated by Pjam Swen's family.
- Membership renewals - it's 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 envelope, and put your name, and any change to your address and phone number and email address on the envelope. This will make it easier to renew your membership and give your receipt and new membership card either at April meeting or the following.
- Sue Secretan is our "sunshine" person. Please let her know if anyone is sick, injured, needs cheering up, or if there is an illness or death in the family. She will send out cards to those persons.

Committee Reports:

Community Quilt Supply (Sharon Anholt). Unfortunately Audrey Christiansen fell and sustained an injury and will be away from the meetings for a time. Fortunately Linda Killoran was with her when it happened.

- Community Quilt Supply supplies the batting and backings for community quilts made by members. Batting is available in 50x60" pieces or 60x72" pieces. If you require a smaller piece of batting, please contact our committee members who can arrange to supply the batting. We are not able to provide batting for larger quilts.
- Community Quilts also supplies the quilt labels. You can sign out a quilt label at the Community Quilt Supply table during the meeting or access the labels, in the guild storage locker (still need to sign out the label so that we can track the quilts for inventory purposes).
- Private versus Guild projects. Sharon proposed being the liaison for all privately organized projects. This way she can help keep those who want to participate, up to date on who is making which size of quilt, for which project.
- March 26th Sew Day for Community Quilts was excellent, Sharon also displayed a few quilts to provide an illustration of what can be made for a community quilt: cute rag quilt (great for a group project), and a denim and red quilt (from found items in a thrift store).

- The new committee members are taking over next month and are planning the next Community Quilts Sew Day workshop for the late summer/early fall.

Community Services (Lynn Gibson) - We collected 19 quilts at the March meeting. We donated 6 quilts to the cancer unit at the hospital and 1 quilt to another cancer patient in treatment. Five members of a Ukrainian family will be arriving in LETHBRIDGE and gifted 5 quilts were to arrive but are held up in Vienna.

- Lynn also heard back from Immigration Services. They do not require quilts currently but potentially in the fall.

Festival of Quilts (Val Beasley).

- We are scheduling Saturday, August 27 from 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. 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.
- We will have a sign-up sheet at the May Guild meeting so that we can have staggered hours for participation and enable more people to attend.
- There will be an email in the future with instructions. Linda Stenbeck will be guiding us in making Postcards and Judy Barnett, in Rosettes.
- Quilt Show categories have been expanded for this show. We will not be hanging large quilts on the walls for the show. The maximum width of a large quilt will be 84", and maximum length will be 96". Deb Cartwright noted that she can potentially accommodate up to 12 of these large quilts for the show.
- One of the new categories is miniature quilts. This means scaled down pattern with blocks no larger than 4". (Blocks must be tiny, no panels.) Val provided a great reference: Moda All-Stars - Mini Marvels: 15 Little Quilts with Big Style, by Lissa Alexander. This book may still be available at the Lethbridge Sewing Centre. Most of the quilt patterns in this book should work.
- The Guild will be holding a workshop in October titled: Making your Miniature Quilts. Deb Cartwright will be teaching and she showed a selection of what is a Miniature Quilt as well as the one we will be doing. Details to follow.

Festival of Quilts – Workshops (Michelle Demers)

- Kim Caskey confirmed to present the Birds of Wisdom Quilt block workshop on Friday June 16th. We've added another workshop – Saturday June 17th, Wallace Allen from Hillcrest, will be leading a stitchery workshop. More information to come.
- May 4th – we have 21 quilters to test "The Cave" at the College, for the workshop. We want to make sure the electrical holds up, that the table set up will work or based on feedback, modified.

Business arising from the Executive Meeting:

1. Saturday afternoon meetings

- As there have been a number of members requesting Saturday afternoon meetings, there will be a general vote taken for determination during the months of October and November.
- VOTE – for Saturday afternoon meetings in October and November
 - 28 voted for Saturday afternoon meetings in October and November
 - 18 voted for Tuesday meetings in October and November
 - October and November meetings to be held on Saturday afternoons
- The matter was raised again, and it has been put back on the agenda for the next Guild meeting. PLEASE let a member of the executive know your reasons for wanting it to remain Tuesday evenings or be changed to Saturday afternoons

2. Library

Moved by Wendy Bushell, seconded by Bonnie Seim, That the Lethbridge Centennial Quilt Guild library be disbanded.

- Comments
 - 233 books in 17 categories. Many never checked out.
 - If the motion is defeated, we will immediately need 2 more members for the Library committee
 - If the motion is passed, dispersal of the books will be placed on the 18 May Executive Meeting agenda for Plan A
 - Discussion noted the library cart is heavy and awkward to move from the locker to the meetings, and it poses a safety hazard as it jams up the floor space and makes it difficult for members to access the batting for community quilts, and we've not been able to get more volunteers for the Library since November, 2021.
- VOTE – to disband the library
 - 25 voted for disbanding the library
 - 19 voted in opposition to disbanding the library
 - 7 abstained from voting
 - Motion carried. Dispersal of library will be placed on the May 18 Executive Meeting agenda for Plan A, and brought back to the Members.

3. Terms for executive members

- Moved by Judy Barnett, seconded by Bonnie Seim, That the terms of the Past President, President and Vice President expire at the close of the AGM of every second odd year commencing in 2023.
 - i. The secession rotation has been thrown a curve with Covid and we require the consent of the membership to set the rotation in order again

- ii. The President and Vice President's terms need to coincide as the Vice President takes over from the President
- VOTE to confirm term rotation every second odd year for Past President, President, and Vice President, commencing in 2023
 - Majority approved through show of hands
 - Vote opposed – none
 - Abstained – none
 - Motion Carried.
- Moved by Sharon Anholt, seconded by Sue Nagy, That the terms of the Secretary and Treasurer expire at the close of the AGM of every second even year commencing in 2024.
 - i. These two positions need to be offset from the President and Vice President in order to maintain continuity of the executive members
 - ii. It has come to our attention that the Treasurer needs to be on board during the planning and completion of the Festival of Quilts which occurs every "odd" year. (2019, 2023, 2025)
- VOTE to confirm term rotation for Secretary and Treasurer every second even year commencing in 2024.
 - Majority approved through show of hands
 - Vote opposed – none
 - Abstained – none
 - Motion Carried.

Positions to be filled for Executive, Committees (Connie Chaplin)

In Connie's role as Past President, she is tasked to prepare the slate of new Executive and Committee chairs and committee members. Connie prepared a sheet to identify positions that needed volunteers to serve on for a two year term.

We have openings in

- Prize Draw Committee
- Show and Share Committee
- Retreats (2 people needed)
- Membership (1 person needed)

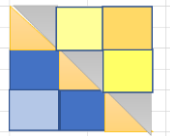
If you are interested, please put your name down on the sign-up sheet.

Program (Cherilyn Jorgensen).

- Next month – Modern Quilt Guild Trunk Show
- April Program – Cherilyn introduced Ruth Atwood.
 - Ruth does not have a favorite snack while she sews. She does most of her quilt projects in the evening. Her favorite thread color is off white or

light grey. Her favorite marking tool is a chalk roller. When pulling fabrics, she looks for small patterns (~1-1/2")

- Ruth prepared an excellent PowerPoint on Thread Catcher Quilts.
 - Ruth has taken the concept of leaders and enders in sewing and applied them to prepared scraps.
 - She starts by sorting the scraps by value – light to dark and sorts her small squares. She will come up with a basic block design (a four patch for example), and then stack from right to left, and puts these bundles into a container. She will offset the bundles so that they are easy to pick up and use.
 - She will also use small rectangular strips and sew in pairs and then into blocks.
 - This technique can also be used for half square triangles (HSTs). We all get a lot of little triangles from trimming for specific quilt patterns as well).
 - The Solitude Pattern was made using 1-1/2" HSTs. She used light and dark HSTs.
 - She showed a terrific way to combine HSTs and blocks into an interesting 9-patch to give you a larger contrast HST.



- It may take some time to make these blocks while you are making other quilts. Ruth showed one quilt that she started blocks for in 2009 and finished in 2014.

Prize Draws – great work by the Committee again!

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

Free Ticket Draw – Door prize

- Tumbler (Fabric Fusion). Winner: Yolande Smart
- Lisa Alexander Pattern Book (Donated by Bev McTavish). Winner: Shena Boes

Loonie Draws

- 14 Fat Quarters (Purchased from Chicken Feed Quilts). Winner: Pat Greenlee
- 12 Fat Quarters (Purchased from Chicken Feed Quilts). Winner: Kaye Henke

- 10" Black and White squares (Purchased from Chicken Feed Quilts).
Winner: Barb Clarke

Also Ran Prizes – 5 mystery prize bag winners. Members agreed they like the Also Ran Prizes and want to see this continued.

Show and Share:

There was a terrific turn-out of show and share projects. Well done everyone. I hope I have matched the quilts to the correct person.

- 1) Connie Chaplin – beautiful batik quilt from a batik fabric exchange in the batik group – everyone had to make the same pattern.
- 2) Judy Gilmour – made a cute quilt from left-over binding strips. It will be donated to community quilts.
- 3) Row by Row quilt – well done!
- 4) Wendy Bushell – three quilts, one entitled Postage Stamp made at Sew Day, and a pink and gray quilt.
- 5) Helen Raczuk – a nifty string quilt from scraps which she calls “Picking up the pieces”.
- 6) Deb Cartwright – showcased 5 mini quilts. This gives us ideas for the upcoming October workshop on mini quilts.
- 7) Mary Cohen – Easter Applique flag – can everyone say aww
- 8) Anne McLeod – Batik quilt with strip blocks
- 9) Lynn Gibson – Beautiful Gravity quilt
- 10) Barb Graham – Blue and yellow quilt for Ukraine – All Roads Lead Home pattern found by Val Beasley. This quilt will be donated to the Edmonton Cancer center for one of the four children coming from Ukraine to be treated for cancer. Barb’s second quilt was called Waverly in greys and yellows.
- 11) Ruth Atwood – displayed one of her thread catcher quilts!
- 12) Doreen Rombough – Sunflower block quilt for show of support for Ukraine. Also to the person who bought Doreen’s large triangle ruler, Doreen has found the book so please contact her and she will pass the book along.
- 13) Dolores Schilling – our new camera person for show and share – brought one of her happy quilts and all the more reason we should buy fabric.
- 14) Kathy Witcouck – modern quilt called Giant Nested Circles made via a zoom class. Kathy’s second quilt was a community outreach challenge that the Modern Quilt Guild participated in. Kathy designed the quilt which she called

Angling Toward Change. This quilt will be donated to one of the area indigenous groups.

15) Pat Panchmatia – Lovely quilt in purples which is being donated to Community Quilts.

16) Willie Schaupmeyer – used the scraps from Pat, to create a small quilt. Willie's second quilt was multi block in dazzling action colors.

17) Trudy Walker – created cheerful community quilts

18) Kaye Henke – created a wonderful Quilts for Survivors

19) Jackie Mignault – created a spirit quilt for residential school survivor member of the Haida Gwaii.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Next Meetings:

May 18, 2022, 1:30 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting at CASA

May 24, 2022, 7:00 p.m. Guild Meeting and Annual General Meeting