

Thanks to everyone who came out to the June 27th, 2023, Guild meeting. We acknowledge we are meeting on traditional Blackfoot Treaty 7 Territory.

Sue Secretan (President) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Guests:

- One guest – welcome Kirstin Ailsby, who also joined the Guild this evening!

Reminders:

- The Shopping and Sale tables are open. At the end of the meeting, please pick up any of your items that did not sell or get adopted. We also have a box of terrific patterns from Elaine Josie as she is destashing.
- Membership Dues:
Membership Dues for the upcoming year help to keep our Guild strong and provide funds so that we can fulfill our Mission Statement: “ Learning, sharing, and caring together as a community of quilters.”

This Spring/Summer has been very busy for all of us; some have been ill, some have been away and for whatever reasons, sometimes things fall through the cracks!

If you have not had time to submit the \$30.00 dues for the coming year, you could do so at the next regular Guild Meeting on September 26 at CASA. You can also mail or drop off a cheque to me at home and I will mail a receipt and new membership card back to you:

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If you no longer wish to be a valued Guild member, please let Jackie or myself know so we can keep proper records.

Post Cards Fund Raiser – Quilt Show

- Val Beasley introduced Shonna Lamb, Chinook Regional Hospital Foundation. Val, on behalf of the Guild/Festival of Quilts presented a cheque for \$1,375.00 to Shonna for the Chinook Regional Hospital Foundation from the sale of Post Cards at the Quilt Show.
- Val also took the opportunity to thank the members of the Quilt Show committee.

Committee Reports:

Retreats & Workshops – Bonnie Boulton

- We have already booked October 28th and 29th, 2023, at CASA for our next retreat, and April 6, and 7th (2024). If we wish to combine painting barn quilts with this retreat (October) we will need to find an instructor from our guild to lead that. We are open to proposals from anyone interested in doing so. You may quote us your fee per person,

per hour or per event, and, if you wish, you can provide the materials. At this time it looks as if there will be an add-on fee of \$60.00 to \$65.00 for materials. (Primed plywood board, brushes, tape, paint). We will be pricing this out soon. Brad from CASA says we can use the multi-purpose room for barn quilt painting if we cover the tables.

- Already, our committee have had a meeting about possibly doing a barn quilt painting event in April of 2024. Sharon Anholt had contacted Jane Morgan from Quilters' Palette in Priddis, and, finding out she was going to be at our Quilt Festival, set up a meeting with her. She has no dates left this fall but is available in April for the 6th and 7th. I have already booked those dates, the first Saturday and Sunday in April, 2024 after Easter. Jane provides The MDF plywood with the edges sanded, 2 coats of primer on all sides and back finished with two coats of exterior paint. It is part of the \$55.00 kit for each participant that includes 3 paints (Benjamin Moore Exterior), FrogTape, razor knife, pencil and 3 brushes. You get to keep all this and additional paint is available for \$4 a jar. Extra boards are also available. Each student goes to Painter's Palette website at least two weeks before the course and picks a block and their 3 colors. There are 60 colours to choose from. That info is collected by us to relay to Jane. Final paint colours are nailed down at the class. She charges a teaching fee and mileage and with CASA's fee included, we could charge a minimum of \$115/each for 20 students, \$130/each for 16 students and \$152/each for 12 students. Any number above 20 we would have to let Jane know, but if her helper is available there should not be additional charges.
- On the Workshop front, we will do barn quilts in April 2024, if there is enough interest and open this up to non-members immediately. For other workshops or mini-workshops, we could draw from those in our guild. Those who wish to teach a skill will need to let us know what their fee would be as well as any cost for materials. We will add the cost of booking the space and advertise this workshop to the guild and the community in general.

Mystery Donation – Jackie Mignault

- In picking up the mail this evening, there was a bag of beautiful quilt books in our mail slot. If anyone knows who gifted the guild with these books, please let Jackie know so that we can properly thank them. We will discuss at the Executive meeting for a process for these books:
 - Freemotion Quilting, by Judy Woodworth
 - Quilting Dot to Dot, by Cheryl Barnes
 - Color Your World, with Princess Mirah Batiks
 - Simply Amazing Spiral Quilts, (with CD) by RaNae Merrill
 - Quilt in a Day, Day & Night pattern, by Eleanor Burns & Michelle Countess
 - Rolling Along, Easy Quilts from 2-1/2" Strips, by Nany J. Martin
 - Strip-Smart Quilts, by Kathy Brown
 - 10-Minute Blocks, by Suzanne McNeill
 - Welcome to My Cabin, by Nancy Smith & Lynda Milligan
 - Confetti Quilts, by Mary Mashuta
 - Fast Quilts from Fat Quarters, by Barbara Chainey
 - Spirit of the Northwoods, by Debbie Fields for Granola Girl Designs

PROGRAM –Cherilyn Jorgenson & Pat Phillips

- Decorating with Quilts: Cherilyn and Pat with assistance from Sue Nagy, put together a movie from the pictures guild members provided as to how they decorate their homes with their quilting projects. This was an outstanding movie!!
- Thread Catcher Swap – Pat Phillips.

Like many of us, Pat told us how she used a brown paper bag taped to her sewing table, to catch all the threads she snips as she sews. She started to think about thread catchers so you would have somewhere to put your snipped threads so that they don't make their way back into your project. Pat looked on the internet and found all sorts of thread catcher projects.

She showed a number of pincushion-thread catchers and just small super cute thread catchers. Pat noted that the pin cushion component usually required sand, crushed walnuts or rice. Given that crushed walnuts are hard to find, she stuffed her pin cushions with rice which works well.

Pat also showed flat coaster like thread catchers made from batting and backed and edged with fabric. These are terrific when you are travelling, or to have handy for your handwork projects.

Guild members were treated to a video: Sewing Table Thread Catcher, Debbie Shore Sewing Project. [Sewing Table Thread Catcher | Debbie Shore Sewing Projects | Create and Craft - Bing video](#)

Brown paper bags with an invitation to participate in the Thread Catcher Exchange were handed out to the members in attendance. Members are challenged to make a thread catcher over the summer and return it in the brown paper bag for the September meeting for an exchange. NOTE: If you were not at the meeting but want to participate, please contact Jackie Mignault (jvm@readysells.ca) who will drop off your paper bag and invitation to you (Lethbridge area) or Cherilyn Jorgenson (cdjorgen@telusplanet.net). This is a fun project and hope everyone will participate.

- Member Survey - Cherilyn Jorgenson
The Program Committee developed a member survey to seek input from the guild members as to what demonstrations you'd like to see in the upcoming year, suggestions for a guest speaker for a guild meeting, should we have an annual challenge, monthly exchanges or project wish list, video presentations – learning new techniques and/or quilting ideas, workshops you'd like to do, other suggestions, and a skill you would be willing to share at a guild meeting.

For members who were not at the meeting, a survey will be included with the newsletter. Please print and return to Cherilyn at the September meeting. For those of you who are really tech. savvy, complete the survey, scan and email the survey back to Cherilyn (cdjorgen@telusplanet.net).

Prize Draws – prizes were purchased from vendors at the Quilt Show for this month.

Door Prize: Snow Birds Panel, winner: Kay Henke

Loonie Draws:

- Cut and Snip prize, winner: Lori Hand
- Circular cutting mat, winner: Michelle Demers
- Wool pressing mat: Kay Henke

Looser Draws – mystery bags

- Linda Killoran, Bonnie Wilson, Val Beasley, Michelle Demers, Paulette Dumont

Show & Share

Once again, a beautiful array of quilt projects were showcased by members! As always I do try to record the names but sometimes I miss a name (my apologies).

Maui Wills – beautiful quilt in turquoises that will be gifted to a wonderful couple from South Africa she met during her travels in New Zealand.

Sue Secretan – made a cute quilt she made from a panel that she purchased from Judy Barnett. It will be a community quilt.

Gerilyn Beazer – showed a quilt her mom, Marilyn, made – a scrappy rain fence quilt. Gerilyn also showed a second rail fence quilt with a nifty backing. Quilting done by Lynn Gibson and Quilts by Dolores.

(name?) – Completed the Block or the Month challenge quilt. The entire quilt top is made from fat quarters! She is transforming this project into a duvet cover.

Lynn Perron – Displayed her beautiful 3-day quilt done in a variety of greens. Quilting by Quilts by Dolores.

Ruth Atwood – showcased her vibrant string quilt, and then showed her second quilt made from strips of strings on a grey background – very fetching.

Karen Bialik – Featured a series of quilts she has made for various quilt fabric designers – it was truly a mini trunk show.

- Table runner with Michael Miller fabrics
- Unique Dresden plate pattern for Clothworks
- Test quilt for Northcott fabrics in teals, darks blues, and featured sea turtles
- Test quilt log cabin design in yellows and greys
- Quilt for Hoffman California International in white, red and greys Christmas theme – most delightful
- Pineapple pattern in turquoises, yellows and pastels, using Timeless Treasures fabrics.
- Test quilt in cream, orange and greys for Timeless Treasures.

Wendy Bushell – quilt featuring last of Maui's squares from the Pincher Creek Retreat.

- Wendy made an eye-spy quilt from the bundle of donated 5-1/2" blocks – it will be a child's quilt.
- Wendy's third quilt in creams, blues, flying geese and squares in squares. It was quilted by Lynn Gibson.
- Last quilt was a small disappearing 9-patch community quilt.

Cherilyn Jorgensen – pin wheels on a cream background – for a grand-niece for graduation.

Pat Panchmatia – featured her scrappy quilt she made at the CASA retreat – it will be a community quilt.

Bonnie Boulton – Miniature quilt with maple leaves design; and her second project: potholders and larger tabletop “pot holder”.

Thanks everyone for attending.

Next meetings:

Wednesday September 20, 2023 – Guild Executive Committee 1:30 CASA meeting room

Tuesday, September 26th – Guild Meeting CASA community room (doors open 6:00 for committees set-up, 6:15 open to members, 7:00 meeting commences)