

Thanks to everyone who came out to the October 24th, 2023, Guild meeting. We acknowledge we are meeting on traditional Blackfoot Treaty 7 Territory.

Sue Secretan (President) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Guests:

- Welcome Carol Schuld and her guest, Shan Elliot
- Kristen Ailsby – introduced her guest – her mother, Joan Ailsby.

Reminders:

- At the end of the meeting please remember to pick up your sale or free items that are not adopted 😊

Committee Reports:

- Please do refer to the detailed committee reports from the November 22nd Executive Committee minutes.
- Community Quilt Supply – Lynn Gibson
 - If you find we do not have the desired pre-cut size of batting you need for your quilt, please do make a record of the batting piece you have cut, in our book which is kept with the supplies in the Guild storage locker. We try to track how many pieces of batting we can get from a roll for community quilts.
 - Also, please ensure when you are cutting the batting, use the large tables at the entrance to the art room so that it is easy to roll out the batting. This also helps you to ensure that when you cut a piece, that the piece you cut is not irregular (one side is longer than the other). Please take the time to measure and accurately cut the batting.
 - Please check off your complete quilt(s) in our log book when you are finished making your community quilt.
- Special Events – Kathy Oliver
 - We had a great Christmas luncheon at Parkbridge Estates on November 25th. 66 members attended the event.
 - Quilt Canada is in Edmonton in June 2024. Kathy asked how many people are considering attending and by show of hands, how many would be interested in having a bus chartered to take members to Edmonton for two days of the show. The CQA will book a hotel which will typically offer rooms at a discount for attendees.
 - Kathy will research further and report back at either the January or February 2024 meeting.
- Christmas Stockings – Wendy Bushell
 - Wendy told us about her 2023 New Year's resolution which was to make one Christmas Stocking every week this year. She achieved her goal and made 50 stockings.
 - Wendy noted we had one guild member that made 100 stockings.
 - Grandview had made 100 as well.

- The number of Christmas stockings made this year is absolutely amazing. We need 600 stockings a year for the hospital. This year we have 751 stockings!!!! Many, many thanks everyone.
- Wendy received Christmas fabric from Judy Barnett's destash, Village Quilts donated 2 bolts of Christmas fabric (thank them for their donation when you go into their quilt shop), the Yellow Button and others have donated fabric for this cause.
- Membership – Kay Henke
 - 65 members attended this evening's meeting.

New Business

- a) Judy Barnett had won multiple ribbons for her quilts. Her family offered the Guild approximately a dozen ribbon centers that we can re-use for our next quilt show. These are now safely stored in the Guild storage locker on the 2nd floor of CASA.
- b) Lethbridge Hurricanes have offered the use of their boardroom, at no charge, to the Guild for our Executive Committee meetings. We are going to try this meeting room out for the January 17th, 2024 meeting.
- c) Lori Hand expressed her thanks to everyone for all the scraps she has received for making quilts. She is moving to Edmonton early next year. In May 2024 she will be coming back to Lethbridge to bring finished toppers which can then be turned into Community Quilts.

Program – Cherilyn Jorgensen

- a) Jackie Mignault provided a show and tell and quick tips on how to turn scraps of fabric into pet beds. Jackie also provided some free casings and instructions kits.
- b) Slide Show on the Festival of Quilts 2023 show. Dolores Schilling took pictures of each quilt and the artist's statement so that we can correlate the maker of the quilt with the quilt itself. Dolores converted these photos into a power point slide deck with support from Sue Nagy.
The slide show was delightful and there were lots of applause during the presentation. Many thanks to Dolores Schilling and Sue Nagy.
- c) Special treat for the evening. Cherilyn organized Kristen Ailsby to read a special poem:

'Twas the night before Christmas

'Twas the night before Christmas,
And the quilts were not made.
The threads were all tangled, the cookies delayed.
The stockings weren't hung, the pantry was bare.
The poor weary Quilter was tearing her hair.
Stacks of fat quarters, tipped over in streams.
Visions of Log Cabins had turned into dreams.
When what to her wondering eyes should appear,
But a bus load of quilters with all of their gear.
They went straight to work with just a few mutters,
Sorting and stitching and brandishing cutters,
The patterns emerged from all of the clutter,
Like magic the fabrics arranged in a flutter.

Log Cabins, Lone Stars, Flying Geese and Bear Tracks
 Each quilt was a beauty – even the backs.
 Her house how it twinkled, her quilts how they glowed.
 The cookies were baking, the stockings were sewed.
 Their work was all done, so they folded their frames,
 And packed up their needles, without giving their names.
 They boarded the bus, and checked the next address,
 More quilts to be made, another quilter in distress.
 She heard one voice echo, as they drove out of sight,
 Happy quilting to all and to all a good night!

Cherilyn and Pat Phillips passed out handmade Scandinavian fabric stars to everyone who attended. Wow – these were beautiful and so very appreciated.

(link: [How To Make A Scandinavian Folded Fabric Star Ornament with Mx Domestic \(250\) How to Make a a Scandinavian Folded Fabric Star Ornament with Mx Domestic - YouTube](#))

Prize Draws – prizes purchased from Sewing Lane, Lethbridge

Door Prize – Seam Roller – winner Wendy Bushell

Loonie Draws:

- Micro scissors – Maureen Kramer
- Spool Stand and the magnetic Pin holder for sewing machine.– Jane Goddard
- Square-it-up ruler – Doreen Little

Loser Prizes – there were 6 prizes and of course we will not publish the names to protect the recipients 😊 😊 😊

SHOW AND SHARE

- 1) Connie Chaplin showed a beautiful quilt of green batiks that she finished on behalf of Elaine Jocee.
- 2) Jackie Mignault – brought a quilt made from a variety of flannel scraps. This quilt will be sent to Enterprise NWT. The families from Enterprise are so appreciative of the 70+ quilts they have received from quilters in Lethbridge. We are the only community in Alberta that is helping them out with quilts.
- 3) Janet Bice – featured a challenge quilt from her Yuma quilting group, utilizing 2.5” strips and incorporating a star pattern.
 Janet also finished another challenge project which was a stunning Christmas Tree skirt from a Sweat Pea pattern. She incorporated pinks, dark green, and silver lame into her project.
- 4) Pat Phillips – finished three tops from Judy Barnett’s unfinished projects. These will be donated to Community Services committee.
 Pat also made a lovely quilt which incorporated creams, pale green stars, and embroidery.
 Pattern: Walkin in a winter wonderland.
 Pat also made a cute wall hanging of a sewing machine, from fabrics she had left over from Judy Barnett’s block challenge.
 Pat showcased her stain glass quilt that she started at the Picture Butte sew day. It featured a variety of Batiks.

- 5) Ruth Atwood – made a small quilts featuring orange fabrics (a loser prize). She calls the quilt “Marmalade”.
Ruth also made a small quilt based on a quilt she marked in a magazine, and showcased lovely fabrics front and back.
Ruth also created her interpretation of a rail quilt made from strip sets, to great effect.
- 6) Mike Hindle – featured the cutest advent Christmas Calendar that his wife, Maryann completed.
- 7) Brittany Wilton – showed an adorable baby quilt that she just completed for her friend.
- 8) Willie Schaupmeyer – two lovely community quilts, one in browns and creams made from the fabric pack she received at last year’s Christmas luncheon, and the other quilt in lovely greens.
- 9) Doreen Little showed the lovely quilt in blues she finished from a kit. It was quilted by Lynn Gibson
- 10) Lia Britton – had a very nice quilt in blues and browns that she completed for a Ukrainian family.
She also showed a most intricate clamshell quilt that she hand pieced and hand quilted. We were all in awe.
- 11) Kirsten Ailsby – showcased her quilt made using The Judy Quilt pattern by Kitchen Table Quilting. All the fabrics were Ruby Star. The designer of these fabrics is a graphic designer and based each block as a tribute to her grandmother. Very stunning quilt and we loved the sparkly dark blue backing fabric.
- 12) Wendy Bushell – made two super-cute youth back-packs which she started at a quilt retreat. Very, very cute.
Wendy second project incorporated very bright, cheerful jungle theme fabric with an awesome backing fabric.
Wendy’s other project was a three yard which she found super easy to put together – bright green, yellow and print.

In closing – a thanks to all the committee members for their unfailing effort to make 2023 such a success, and a thanks to all the members for supporting the quilt guild. We wish everyone a most lovely Christmas and we’ll see you in January.

Meetings:

January 17 – Guild Executive Meeting – 1:30 p.m. Hurricane’s board room, at the Enmax
January 27th – AFTERNOON MEETING: 1:00 p.m. committees set up; doors open 1:15 p.m.
Meeting commences at 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.