

Sue Secretan (President) welcomed everyone to the Jan 27th 2024 Guild meeting. We acknowledge we are meeting on traditional Blackfoot Treaty 7 Territory.

Guests:

- Sharon's guest – Laura Shipaleski (sp. 😊)
- Sandy's guest – Shirley (who is joining the guild)
- Judy G.'s guest – Rod Gilmour (husband – seeing what all us enthusiastic quilters are up to 😊)
- Bonnie's guest – Brenda Jones
(my apologies if I missed any guests – Jackie 😊)

Reminders:

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

Thank you's:

- Lovely Card to thank the Guild for all the Christmas stockings and how these make such a difference for the patients in the Chinook Regional Hospital over Christmas.

Committee Reports (also please refer to the Exec. minutes for the detailed reports)

- (1) Community Quilts Supply Sew Day - March 9th at CASA. Please sign up at the Community Quilt Supply table or by emailing Lynn at blgibson@telusplanet.net. Members are invited to come to CASA and work on community quilt projects and hopefully get to know your fellow members. The sew day is from 9 am until 3 pm and coffee and tea will be provided. **If we don't have at least 10 people sign up we will have to cancel. Please sign up by February 24th.**
- (2) Show and Share – Connie Chaplin – we have a few spots we need to fill to help with the show and share portion of the meeting (helping to hold up quilts, and then fold them). Members asked to volunteer to help with these gaps in the schedule.
- (3) Quilt Show at the Prairie Tractor and Museum (Picture Butte) – Kaye Borthwick – we will be holding a small quilt show at the museum and are looking for members who would like to help with the show (helping to receive approx. 90 quilts, hanging quilts, take down, etc.). The show will take place on the May long weekend. Friday is set-up, show is Saturday (includes tea) and Sunday. If you would like to help with this show, please contact Kaye at kwilting@shaw.ca.
- (4) Retreats and Workshops – Bonnie Boulton – we are having Quilters' Pallet from Priddis, provide a terrific workshop on April 6 and 7. The fee is \$160 which includes all of your supplies, and the ability to choose a pattern and three colors. When you register you are provided access to the class resource web page. Once you pick you colors/pattern, please let Bonnie know. She will then send all the information for everyone to our instructor.

Retreat/workshop – May 24th at CASA (5-10 pm); May 25th 9 am – 9 pm, and Sunday May 26th 10 am – 3 pm. We'll have registration for just the retreat, or workshop(s) or combination. Saturday does include dinner. And we are going to try to organize the Golden

Iron challenge where small teams are given orphan blocks, and they have to design and sew a small quilt top in one day.

We are also looking to organize another outing at the Dragon's Den in Pincher Creek and will be taking names.

This is so much fun. Please see the Retreat committee for information and to register for these fun activities.

(5) Business from the Executive Committee – Sue Secretan

- We received the \$6,000 Alberta Community Initiatives Program grant we applied for to help with the cost of putting on the 2023 quilt show. It is up to us as to how this money will be used and as currently shown under Art Walk in the financial statement, as a placeholder.
- We also received a \$75 donation from Creative Fingers, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd for inviting them to take advantage of the huge supply of various polyester fabrics made available from L&E Apparel, Coaldale, through one of our guild members.

Presentation – Quilt Canada – Edmonton June 20-22 – Kathy Oliver

- Kathy provided an excellent, detailed presentation for a bus trip to Edmonton for the June Quilt Canada Quilt Show. The Bus will hold 52 people. The fee for the bus is \$240 per person which includes the one day Quilt Canada admission fee. Kathy has also booked a few rooms at the Double Tree by Hilton (a 7 minute walk from the show). Two nights is \$484.20 (each person would pay \$242.10). Please see the presentation attached for all the details. Kathy Oliver and Deb Cartwright are taking reservation deposits: \$100 for the bus deposit, or \$200 for the bus and hotel room deposit. If you missed registering at the meeting, please email Kathy at: keoliver@shaw.ca

- We must get 30 people to proceed. May 15th final payment is due.

Presentation – Future of the Festival of Quilt Show – Donna Kendall

- A review of information was provided to all Guild members prior to the January meeting. A group consisting of Donna Kendall, Kathy Witdouck, Connie Chaplin and Teresa Petriw, reviewed the current situation with the Festival of Quilts.
- It was determined that there was a definite problem with proceeding with a 2025 Festival of Quilts under the current situation. Three options for moving forward were presented to Guild members.
 1. Not to host a Quilt Show in 2025 and revisit the matter for 2027. (received 5 show of hands for this option)
 2. Maintain the Status Quo – LCQG plans and executes the Quilt Show. (received 46 show of hands for this option)
 - a. This may or may not be a viable option due to lack of enthusiasm and willingness to organize.
 3. The Quilt Show proceeds as a collaboration with the LCQG, Modern, and Textile guild sharing the organization and profits. (received 7 show of hands for this option)

There was a long discussion of the matter.

- Generally, the membership was in favor of proceeding with their own Quilt Show in 2025. Various ideas were tossed around.
 - Guild members were made aware that Donna Kendall would Co-Chair a Festival of Quilts, under Option 3, but **will not** Chair or Co-Chair a Quilt Show, confined to LCQG in 2025
 - While there are numerous members volunteering to help, only a few have volunteered for Committee Chair positions or executive positions for the Quilt Show committee. Important roles are outstanding.
- Overall, the membership was in favor of a different concept of quilt show and a celebration of the 40th anniversary of the guild. A motion was passed that: The LCQG hold a quilt show in 2025. (46 members through show of hands – 68 members attended the meeting).

- As of this report, the official, as we know it, Festival of Quilts 2025 is cancelled. The “official” Festival of Quilts 2025 Committee is disbanded. In order to hold a Quilt Show in 2025, a Chairman or Co-Chairmen will be needed. When a member(s) volunteers for this role, Donna will provide the list of people who volunteered for the Festival of Quilts 2025.

PROGRAM – Cherilyn Jorgensen and Pat Phillips

Vi Knox, one of our guild members who makes truly marvelous bags and wallets provided an excellent presentation – what’s in the BAG and brought samples of all the items she covered.

- Vi noted that we have so many choices now for fabrics for making bags and wallets, from quilting cotton, to denim, canvas, upholstery fabrics, leather, cork, etc. So your first step – decide what you are going to use your bag for: insulated for a lunch bag, or a general tote or something fancier.
- Patterns – so many great patterns are available in downloadable PDFs now through the internet. TIP – make sure to print to actual size noted (usually there is a little square with dimensions to test when you print. Vi prints her patterns onto card stock for ease of use and keeps the pattern, and instructions in a little binder with plastic protector sheets so that she can keep the patterns organized.
- Make some samples (sandwiches) to make sure your sewing machine can actually sew through all the layers.
- You may need a little hump jumper that you can put behind your presser foot when you need to sew through a lot of layers. This will keep your pressure foot level.
- Tools – a good rotary cutter with a sharp blade.
 - 8.5x24” ruler, or 6x12” ruler; a 1x6” ruler, 2x2” ruler for squaring corners, and Vi also uses a 15x15” square ruler to square up rectangles.
 - Good, sharp cutting scissors, precision snips, utility scissors for cutting through zipper tape, etc.
 - Polyester thread for sewing bag together – 40 wt thread.
 - Sharp microtext 80 r 90 sewing machine needles, or denim needles.
 - Vi uses double sided sticky tape to help hold zipper tape in place when installing the zippers.

- Use a narrow zipper foot for your sewing machine, if possible, when sewing the zipper.
- Pressing matters – especially for fusing interfacing (press, not iron). Use a pressing cloth. Pressing sticks are helpful for seams.
- Interfaces are key (Vi had a terrific sample board she prepared for the presentation). If you are going to use flex foam, quilt it first with the fabrics, and then cut the pieces out – so much easier. When selecting interfaces, this is your chance to determine how you want your project to feel: stiff, flexible or very soft and unstructured. Interfacing will either be woven or non-woven and range from light weight to heavy weight, including fusible fleece. Let the fusing/fabric cool after pressing. For example Pellon 809 provides extra crispness to your project. Pellon 525 provides more shape. Pellon 526 makes your project easy to shape – great for belts and bags. Pelltex is a heavier stabilizer – good for bag bottoms. When using any of the foam stabilizers, allow for a 3/8 to 1/2' seam. Insulbrite is good for lunch bags.
- Zippers – are either dress maker zippers or bag zippers. You can also buy zippers by the yard and then trim as you need. Be aware that some zippers come without pulls so you may need to buy zipper pulls as well.
- Bag hardware – the d rings, metal fixtures, fasteners, hooks etc also come in a variety of finishes so you have a lot of choice.
- Plan your pressing and interfaces and fusing to make sure all is done well.
- Take time when top stitching so that you have a nice finish to your bag.
- And if you want to learn more about making bags and wallets, Vi teaches bag making at Fabric Fusion – check out their class schedules.

Quilt Challenges – Cherilyn and Pat

We have 6 kits containing 6 FQs and 1m background. These were distributed by using the door prize tickets. The requirement for the winners – must use the fabric in the kits. You can add your own fabric as well. Bring the completed quilt top (pattern of your choosing) to the March guild meeting. These will be donated to the Community Service quilts.

Cherilyn and Pat also had large bags of 2.5" square of various colors and patterns. Winners will need to be creative in using these squares.

Prize draws for the meeting – purchased from Lethbridge Sewing Centre.

- Two Door prize was a beautiful wallet made by Vi Knox and a \$25 gift card from Fabric Fusion; and a curved ruler.
- Other prizes also included: a spiffy rotary cutter and extra blade, Karen K Buckley scissors and an appliqué sheet. (sorry that we did not get the names of the prize draws at this meeting)

Show and Share

- As always we were in awe of the fabulous quilt projects displayed by members. Such great creativity.
- First quilt was made from Judy Barnett's orphan blocks. It was quilted by Lynn Gibson.
- Dolores Schilling made a quilt top she called shimmering stars – it was her tribute to Judy B.

- Wendy Bushell presented two quilts, again made from Judy B.'s blocks and quilted by Lynn Gibson. Both quilts will go to Community Service.
- Barb Graham made a delightful small wall hanging featuring hearts in pink. She also showcased her scrappy quilt with strips and squares. It was quilted by Debbie from Fabric Fusion.
- Wendy Benoit showcased two mats featuring hearts.
- Cherilyn Jorgensen showcased her quilt using flying geese blocks in winter fabrics to great effect. Cherilyn also had a quilt made from layer cake scraps. She used these fabrics at Sew Days to make the stars blocks in the quilt. Both quilts were quilted by Pat.
- Ruth Atwood featured her block of the month quilt (organized by Judy B.) in lovely mauves and purples.
- Willie Schaupmeyer featured a quilt using a selection of off white blocks and augmented with a few bright blocks to great effect.

Thanks to everyone who came out to the meeting!

Upcoming Dates:

Wednesday, February 21, 2024 Exec Meeting	1:30 pm	3:30 pm
Saturday , February 24, 2024 – Guild Meeting CASA	1:00 pm	4:00 pm
Saturday, March 9, 2024 – Community Supply Sew Day at CASA	9:00 am	3:00 pm
Wednesday March 13, 2024 - Exec Meeting	1:30 pm	3:30 pm
Tuesday, March 19, 2024 - Guild Meeting CASA	6:00 pm	9:00 pm
Sat/Sun, April 6 & 7 th – Barn Board Quilt Workshop	TBA	TBA
Wednesday, April 17, 2024 - Exec Meeting	1:30 pm	3:30 pm
Tuesday, April 23, 2024 - Guild Meeting CASA	6:00 pm	9:00 pm
Fri, Sat, Sun – Quilt Show, Picture Butte	See info in this newsletter	
Wednesday, May 22, 2024 - Exec Meeting	1:30 pm	3:30 pm
Fri, Sat, Sun, May 24-25 th – Retreat & workshops at CASA	Fri 5pm Sat 9:00 am Sun 10:00 am	10:00 pm. 9:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 28, 2024 – AGM & Guild Meeting CASA	6:00 pm	9:00 pm
Wednesday, June 19, 2024 – Exec Meeting	1:30 pm	3:30 pm
Tuesday, June 25, 2024 – Guild Meeting CASA	6:00 pm	9:00 pm