

Sue Secretan, President for Guild, welcomed all to the meeting. We We acknowledge we are meeting on traditional Blackfoot Treaty 7 Territory and Metis Nation Region 3.

Attendance: 71 members!

Guests:

- We welcome Kim Rosslin to the meeting.
- Audrey Muirhead has joined as a new member 😊

Reminders:

- Please pick your items from the Sales/Free table that are not sold or adopted at the end of the meeting.
- We also have a lovely selection of orphan blocks that need to be adopted!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1) **Community Quilt Supply** (Lynn Gibson)

- Lynn noted that quilt supplies are continuing to increase in price. This includes batting and fabric for quilt backs. The Budget for this committee is \$3200 and she is looking for suggestions for cost savings. Approximately \$2000 for batting, \$300 for two Sew Days, \$700 for fabric, \$180 for labels, which leaves about \$20 for the committee until the end of May.
- Some fabrics have been in the inventory for some time. Lynn asked members to check out these fabrics and determine if they could potentially make a quilt top to coordinate with these unloved fabric backings.
- Lynn also raised the possibility of having one Sew Day per year instead of two. This would save \$150.
 - Some of the members noted the Guild has lots of money so this should not be a problem.
 - Another noted that the membership fee has been \$25.00 for a long time. She suggested that raising the membership fee by \$5.00 would raise another ~\$600 for the Guild.
 - Another member identified that the Guild is a non-profit society so we should not be carrying a big bank balance. This was clarified by another member that the “non-profit” aspect is not an issue to maintaining a larger bank balance but actually pertains to the fact that Executive can't profit from Guild funds.
 - Another comment raised is we used to only have one Sew Day per year.
- Lynn thanked everyone for sharing their comments and will bring those forward to the next Executive meeting.
- Lynn also put a plea out to Winston Churchill School or any other schools with Home Economics/Sewing programs to donate quilting or garment fabrics, thread, etc. The schools welcome these donations.

2) **Community Service** – Maue Wills

- Mauiie thanked the members at the Sew Day for their participation to make community quilts and nine pillowcases for the Chinook Regional Hospital Child Life program.
- We've made donations of small quilts for the newcomers from Ukraine.
- Three quilts were donated to Woods House, and two to Meals on Wheels.
- Pat Panchmatia noted that she wants her quilts to go to the Ronald McDonald House (Calgary). If anyone wants to donate to RMcDH, please see Pat.
- A member questioned the Ronald McDonald correspondence in the previous minutes – this was a standard form letter for financial contributions to RMcDH, not for quilts.

3) **Retreats and Workshops** – Bonnie Boulton

- **Barn Quilts** – led by Jane, Quilters' Pallet (Pridis), Saturday, April 6, at CASA.
- We would like to have 5 or 6 more people, but critically we need 4 more in order to break even. Your fee covers all the supplies. Jane makes it super easy for your participation and this will be a fun event. Invite a friend(s) and please share/sign up.
- Class resources to select your block pattern: [Class Resources | Quilters' Palette \(quilterspalette.ca\)](#); Gallery: [Gallery | Quilters' Palette \(quilterspalette.ca\)](#); [Quilters' Palette | Barn quilt painting classes and supplies | Priddis, Alberta \(quilterspalette.ca\)](#)
- **Away Retreat:** April 19, 20, 21, Dragons' Den, Pincher Creek. \$115 for workshop and 4 meals. Accommodation at the Travel Lodge: \$220/room which accommodates two people. If you share the cost, the room is \$110 per person.
- **In-town Retreat at Lethbridge** (CASA) May 24 (evening), May 25, May 26. Cost is \$57/person and includes dinner on Saturday evening. We have ~21 people registered, and we would like to have at least 25 people (register a friend to join in on the fun).
- And best of all, we'll be having the fabulous Golden Iron Challenge on Friday evening. We need people to form teams of at least three people to make quilt tops and binding, from a bag of curated scraps. This is a lot of fun so please sign up! [The Golden Iron Challenge - Canadian Quilters Association/Association Canadienne de la Courtepoin](#)
- Sue Secretan has donated a tub of Judy Barnett's orphan blocks and other things for the Golden Iron Challenge. We will be marking the "Judy" things so participants know that she did them. There will definitely be "Judy" kits for community quilts for next year.
- Bonnie noted that the Yellow Button (Lethbridge Sewing Centre) and donated \$10 gift certificates at the last retreat. So far only two have been redeemed. So for those of you who attended that retreat, dig out your gift certificate – the Yellow Button is having an excellent sale right now.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) CASA Contract – Sue Secretan

- Before the Annual General Meeting takes place, our CASA Contract for the Community Room needs to be signed off for the 2024-2025 year. We need a show of hands for the January and February meetings:
 - How many would like to continue having the January and February meetings held on Saturday afternoon? Approximately 49 people by show of hands.

- How many would like to have January and February meetings held in the evenings? Approximately 26 people by show of hands.

2) Lethbridge Rotarians Helping Ukrainians – Sharon Anholt

- Sharon noted that she has been providing her quilts through Dennis Chinner, for incoming Ukrainian families. In fact, some of these folks helped us with our set-up for our Quilt Show last year.
- Sharon introduced Dennis Chinner, and Steve Craig incoming president.
- Dennis provided some background as to how they became involved in helping Ukrainian families settle into Lethbridge. It started with the Rotary Club stepped up to help Lethbridge Family Services with a playground. Around this time Ukrainian families were starting to arrive in Lethbridge. Dennis and 8 other members formed the group – Lethbridge Rotarians Helping Ukrainians.
- As of March 19th, 94 families from Ukraine have come to Lethbridge.
- These folks have come from horrific situations. Most are under 40 years of age. 85% have post secondary degrees. In Ukraine in Grade 9 young people decide if they are going to take a trades path or a university path (university is free). These folks have multiple trade certificates. 40-45% have multiple degrees or master's degrees. One of the interesting comments from those in high school is why don't teachers demand more of students and were taken aback at seeing students on their cell phones in classes.
- When the Ukrainian families arrive, they ask for nothing. The Rotary has a small warehouse that is stocked with basic items. Dennis noted that a family of four will only take place settings for four people. They are very humble.
- The community response has been great. From the Rotary perspective this has been a real terrific project to be involved in. It really has lifted the Rotary Club members since COVID. It feel so good to help the community connect.
- We wanted to say a huge thank you for your quilts. These have a huge impact, especially when you see a child wrap themselves up in one of your quilts.

[\(20+\) Lethbridge Rotarians Helping Ukrainians | Facebook](#)

3) Executive Committee volunteers needed – Donna Kendall

- We need the following positions filled for our upcoming year (June 2024-May 2025):
 1. **Secretary**: an important position as it is required - as per our bylaws, we are not "in order" if we have no secretary.
 2. **Treasurer** - we need a treasurer or a "treasurer in training". (Same situation as per secretary)

All committees have volunteers to fill the positions

4) Quilt Show 2025 Chairperson – Donna Kendall

- There were 47 people who voted to have a Quilt Show in 2025. The Quilt Show Committee will not become active until someone volunteers to be the Chairperson.

PROGRAM – Pat Phillips

- In April we will have 8 mini classes again

- May will be our MARKET!!! Please contact Helen, Pat or Cherilynn to reserve your table (no charge). Excellent for destashing fabrics, notions, patterns, books, etc. and great shopping for all.

Kristin Ailsby gave us an amazing presentation – Beauty in Portraits – New York City. I think we all want to go to New York City for a month to check out fabrics, and textile works of art. Thank you, Kristin, for your time and your humour in sharing your experience and passions for Portraiture, and the work of the amazing Bisa Butler.

- **Bisa Butler on Portraits & the Black Experience:**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ijlqWEkPE5w>
- **Quilting for the Culture:**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P3_61nh3xo

Vintage quilt – Cherilyn Jorgensen

Cherilyn had the most unique quilt displayed that was made from tiny individual printed silk fabric and hand stitched together to make a small quilt top. This quilt is over 100 years old.

- At the turn of the century quilts were made from tobacco related products. The tiny silk squares were either inserted into the tobacco package or on the outside of the package. These were very popular throughout 1905-1916. Quilters used these little square to make little doll quilts or baby quilts. Quilters could also gather the coupons with the tobacco products to order furniture, rugs, etc.
- The square were made from silk, silk/satin, or silk/cotton blend fabrics. They were beautifully printed in a wide variety of themes.
- People would also make quilts from the ribbons that were used to wrap cigars as well.

[Cigarette silks, cigar flannels and ribbons in quilts - Antique Quilt History](#)

PRIZE DRAWS:

This month's prizes were purchased from Sewing Lane.

Door Prize – beautiful bag donated by Marilyn Squires. Winner: Violet Knox

Loonie Draws:

- Clapper with pressing ham, winner: Darlene Patterson
- Pattern and Can 505, winner: Edythe Behan
- Magnetic pin cup and Thread spool stand, winner: Kathy Oliver

SHOW & SHARE

Pat Phillips asked the members who drew the packages of mystery fat quarters, and 2.5" squares to come forward to show what they made. We were so impressed with the all the quilt tops that were made. In some cases, there were enough squares to make two quilt tops. Well done everyone and thank you for participating in this challenge!

- 1) Sharon Anholt – Community quilt made at Sew Day. She used 5” squares as the centers of blocks for an eye-spy quilt. Quilted by Pat Phillips.
 - 2) Michelle Demers – Showcased her quilt made from the Althea block of the month challenge launched by Judy Barnett. Stunning selection of colors and quilted by Michelle.
 - 3) Bonnie Boulton showed her cute cushion cover made at the Parkbridge sew day, and a purse she completed.
 - 4) Barb Graham – showed her Community quilt that featured a flange binding. It was quilted by A Quilt by Dolores.
 - 5) Bev McTavish – showed numerous gorgeous quilts. Some were made from the left overs from the raffle quilts, another from the left overs from her Octopus quilt. We loved her “fake bargello” quilt. Bev loves brightly colored fabrics including prints and uses them to great effect.
 - 6) Sharon Selwyn – make a lattice quilt using string quilt blocks for Community quilts.
 - 7) Connie Chaplin – showed a cute small quilt made from a charm pack.
 - 8) Kay Henke – showed off her very creative quilted jacket (we want one) and a lovely quilt featuring a large heart motif. Her second quilt featured cute elephants with flopping ears; and a nifty plaid bag.
 - 9) Pat Panchmatia – showed her disappearing 9-patch quilt in vintage cream and wine prints.
 - 10) Willie Schaupmeyer – made a community quilt using block of the month from American Quilters, and also featured her quilt that utilized tiny batik scraps to make nifty blocks set off by light sashing.
 - 11) Group effort to destash – resulted in the same pattern looking so different from quilt to quilt due to the different fabrics each used – well done ladies
 - 12) Teresa Petriw – loves using the Transition pattern to feature dark ombré to light ombres to stunning effect.
 - 13) Darlene Patterson – completed her pineapple quilt made with 6” blocks – wow. Quilted by Pat Phillips.
 - 14) Lia Britton – made the cutest easter theme tiny quilt (Sugar Pine Quilt Shop project).
- Then Lia had us in stitches as she told the story of working with some plaids from Pjam Swen’s stash, which then lead to obtaining more of these plaids and more quilts. Good work Lia.
- Reminder from Maie – please put labels on your quilts that are donated to Community Service.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Next Executive Meeting: April 17, 2024 1:30 p.m. Hurricanes’ Board Room

Next Guild Meeting: April 23, 2024, 7:00 p.m. at CASA