

Sue Secretan, President, welcomed everyone to the January 25th, 2025 Guild meeting. We acknowledge we are meeting on traditional Blackfoot Treaty 7 Territory and Metis Nation Region 3.

Guests:

- Doreen Little and Dayle Blake each brought guests.

Reminders:

- If you had items at the Sale and Free table, please make sure to pick up any items that were not claimed.
- Ophan block table at the front that are free to take and makes something with.

Two thank you cards have been received and Sue read them out:

- Buffalo Grace Manor thanking us for the quilts
- CRH Pediatrics & Child Life Team thanking us for the quilts and advised that the quilts were also used for children in the ICU.

Sue mentioned that our coffers are empty and so please keep the quilts coming. Any size from dolly quilts to lap size to bigger. Whatever is in your heart is appreciated.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Community Quilt Supply – Lynn Gibson
 - Our annual Community Quilt Sew Day is Saturday, February 15th at CASA from 9:30am - 3:00 pm. Doors open at 9:00 Bring your supplies and lunch and join guild members for a day of sewing and socializing. We would like you to sign up at the guild meeting so we have an idea of how many tables to set up for this event.
 - We have a new member, Dianne George, who has graciously volunteered to quilt community quilts for the guild.
 - Sharon Anholt took a minute to let us know about donating quilts. Her friend Joanna and another lady donated a dozen quilts that were made with blocks donated at a retreat. They physically went to the Genesis House to donate them. It was an experience to see people react the way they did. The recipients said things like “I have never been given anything like this” and “purple, my favorite color!”. It was very heart warming and moving to be the one to donate. They had the recipients come and choose the quilts they wanted. She said it was very cool to go there and physically see where the quilts were going. The Genesis House is associated with Streets Alive. She said that the met downtown at a hall to distribute the quilts. In the hall they were doing crafting, they have Bible study. It was really a neat experience. She encouraged members to come to the sew day and participate in making the community quilts.
 - Sharon also shared an idea about making the Yellow Brick Road Quilt. You need six fat quarters and a meter of fabric you can make a small lap

side quilt. If you are interested in making one and sew day she will be there and you can follow her down the yellow brick road. She is going to make one then. Reminded that the batting and backs are available through the guild and also members that will quilt them.

- If you have given Lynn quilts to quilt, please pick them up at the back.
- Festival of Quilts – Lynn Gibson
 - At our last meeting we pretty much had almost all areas where somebody has laid claim to lead committees. They will, of course, need more people to help them. We do have one opening there is a need for a volunteer for Treasurer for the Quilt Show. Please let Lynn know if you are interested.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Sue wanted to add – besides the need of a Quilt Show Treasurer, this year, like in past, there is a large amount of people who's positions will be expiring in May. May is the last official meeting of our guild year. You have four more months to start deciding where you would like to volunteer for next year. There are many opportunities and many spots to fill. Our past president, Donna is the one that gets the job of recruiting all these new members for the committees to carry on. So, think about it, its fun and it is the best way to get to know our guild members. It's fun to work with each other and get to know how everybody ticks.
- Any questions or comments regarding the Minutes of our Executive Meeting?

PROGRAM: Cherilyn Jorgenson

- Helen Raczuk has resigned from the Program Committee due to health reasons. Cherilyn wanted to publicly thank her for her work and her great ideas. She was a great person to work with. If you see her, thank her and let her know we miss her.
- We have booked the Casa Community Room and the Lethbridge City Police for Thursday, March 27, 2025. The Presentation is 60-90 minutes – time dependent upon Q/A. According to Kristin Ailsby it is a brilliant presentation.

We had hoped we could have this at our regular guild meeting but, unfortunately, the only time available is Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. – no exceptions. The cost will be \$80.00 for the Casa Community Room. They charge \$20.00 per hour with a 4-hour minimum. We have funds available for this workshop from our program budget, but we need the board's approval to move forward.

We would encourage our guild members to attend as well as significant others, adult children and friends. By having this in March we have a few months to promote the workshop.

Workshop will be one hour and then a question and answer following the presentation.

A Signup sheet was circulated at the meeting.

- In April we will be doing the mini classes again so if there is something you want us to repeat or something you want new, then write it down on the signup sheet going around. Or, if you want to teach one, write it down also.
- Last year at the AGM we had a market where you could bring items to sell. Do you want to have that again this year. Note that on the signup sheet being circulated.
- Next month Lynn Brasnett from Dragon Heart Quilts in Pincher Creek is coming. She is going to talk about the quilted jackets and embellished jackets. If you have made any items that you would like to show in our Fashion Show, please sign up on the sheet going around. Fun!
- Featured Quilts – Plaid or Winter Quilts
 - Elizabeth Stroeve showed plaid quilts made out of his husbands quilts. She has made six of the memory quilts. They are shirts her husband wore – he passed away six years ago.
 - Pat Panchmatia showed a Gnome runner, Snowman wall hanging, Harvest wall hanging from homespun fabric and a plaid strip quilt
 - Lynn Gibson showed her triangle plaid quilt. The pattern was in a Fons & Porter magazine.
 - Sue Nagy showed her green and red charm pack quilt that was quilted by Delores
 - Karen Bialik showed her place mats she designed made out of flying geese in a beautiful teal.
 - Cherilyn Jorgenson showed her snowman panel wall-hanging, a white star winter quilt and a beautiful quilt made out of different colored fabrics that gave the look of plaid.
- Block exchange – Sue Secretan
 - Sign up sheet going around to sign up for the Block exchange
 - Here is how the exchange works:
 - There are a couple of ways to run the exchange. Within your group you will decide the parameters. The color, theme, type of block, number of blocks, size of block etc.
 - Everyone in the group then make the initial block. You can use your stash or buy fabric,
 - When the block is finished then the swap takes place and you will each receive an initial block that was made by members of your group.
 - You will then make a block to coordinate with the block you received. You won't know who made the block. You can make this from your stash or buying fabric.
 - After all the blocks have been exchanged with everyone in the group you will then get your initial block back with all the blocks that were made to go with it. You will then use the blocks to make a quilt.
 - Depending on the size of your group will determine the size of your quilt when done.
 - If there are 12 in your group, everyone will end up with 12 blocks at the end of the exchange.
 - In the group she was involved with they had decided that the quilts would be donated. The guild then provided the batting and backing and also the quilting.

- There are a lot of decisions to make on how your swap to happen and the committee will be glad to help you.
- If you are interested in signing up for it, and have an interest in certain fabrics or patterns not that on the sign-up sheet
- There was a picture shown of one of the blocks in the swap that Sue was involved in. Two more quilts were shown that were in the same swap. One by Gerilyn Beazer and one by Sharon Quinton. Each quilt had twelve blocks but depending on how you put them together determines the size. Sometimes you get a block back that might not exactly match but its ok. These were quilts to be donated.
- Depending on the interest, we will shoot for March being the first meeting. The groups will be determined by the committee. You may not be with your besties but we are all about learning and enjoying each others company and meeting new people.
- Pot Holder Exchange – Pat Phillips
 - On one of the surveys there was interest in doing a pot holder exchange
 - Pat showed a few examples of some pot holders she had made. One was a log cabin quilt as you go, a scrappy one, one made out of salvages, a chevron quilt as you go (from you tube) and a simple nine patch
 - If you would like to take part, take a paper bag (passed around). Take it home and bring it back next month with a pot holder in it and we will have an exchange.
- Sewing Posture Video – Sharon Selwyn
 - A short video was shown regarding sewing posture and levels of your sewing machine in conjunction with your chair.
 - Sharon showed us a number of stretches to do to prevent achy backs and joints. They are exercises and stretches you can do sitting at your machine or computer.
 - She also explained correct posture when sitting and sewing
 - Also she noted that she keeps her ironing board about 15 feet away from her sewing machine so she gets up and down as she sews.
- Video “Make a Scrappy Heart Valentine Quilt” by Jennie Doan from Missouri Star
 - Cherilyn and Pat showed their quilts they made from this video. Pat’s was made with 5” squares and Cherilyn’s with 3.5” squares. Depending on the size of block you use will determine the size or your quilt

PRIZE DRAWS

- Door Prize – Best Press – winner: Dianne George
- Loonie Draw – Fat Quarters – winner Darlene Huber
- Loonie Draw – Scissors – winner Darlyn Davies
- Loonie Draw – Light – winner Maryann Hindle

Donna did the Looser draws

SHOW & SHARE

- Ruth Atwood showed her strip quilt
- Willie Schaupmeyer showed her orange and yellow rail fence quilt she made. She used flannel on the inside instead of batting. She also showed a beautiful blue quilt

- Wendy Bushell showed her nature garden quilt with a black border. It resembled a stained glass.
- Karen Bialik showed a teal Heart quilt, an easy peezy table runner and a quilt made with a very cute bear panel showing a very cool corner border. She also brought a beautiful girls dress that she had designed
- Brittany Wilton showed her Jelly Roll Quilt in yellows
- Kathy Wotdouce showed a wall hanging she had made in her Modern Quilting group and she called a deconstructed churndash. She also showed two more wall hangings that were stunning.
- Lia Britton showed a beautiful green flying geese patchwork quilt
- Donna Kendall showed the quilt that was made for the Lethbridge Hurricane fundraiser coming up. There are pictures of this quilt on our facebook page.

Next month the feature quilt theme will be Red and White - so if you have some you want to bring to share.

Sue asked if there was anyone at the meeting that wasn't getting the newsletters – no response.

Remember to pick up your sale items and free items. Thank you to program and everyone that has helped with this meeting

MEMBERSHIP:

- Members attending: 61
- New Members: 2
- Guests: 1
- Total attendance: 64

Total membership 120

NEXT MEETING:

- February 22nd at 2:00 pm – Guild Meeting at CASA (This is a **Saturday**)
- March meeting is an evening meeting but it is a week earlier because CASA has their AGM. It is the **third** Tuesday not the fourth – March 18 – 7:00 pm doors open at 6:15