

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

- Five guests were welcomed to the meeting.

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!

Special Presentation:

General Manager Peter Anholt, Keegan MacDowell (Hurricanes Communications), and players: Kale Tipler and Kooper Gizowski attended the Guild meeting. A beautiful quilt celebrating the Hurricanes was created and gifted to the Hurricanes for their generous support of the Guild, by providing the use of their boardroom at no charge for the Guild Executive Committee Meetings.

Special thanks to Cheryl Jorgensen for the pattern, Sharon Anholt for helping to facilitate, Donna Kendall, for the amazing piecing, Val Beasley for the World Junior badges embroidery Connie Chaplin, for making the custom label celebrating the Zamboni used for the games. The quilt had little nuances such as barely there spots on the white "ice" to reflect the challenges of removing the paint from the ice for a children's paint the ice event, one border being narrower to reflect how busy the corridor gets during intermissions, the three red badges at the bottom of the quilt to celebrate the three players from the Hurricanes that played in the World Junior Hockey tournament. Five small red hearts were incorporated into the backing to reflect the dedicated supportive fans,

Peter Anholt outlined how the education fund works for the players (supports those players who do not have an NHL contract), and helps these young people pursue a wide range of education opportunities. The quilt will be a feature in the Celebrity Dinner auction to raise money for the education fund. The team appreciates this significant donation.

Committee Reports:

Retreats and Workshops: Sharon Anholt: We're taking registrations for the May 24/25 in-town retreat, and the June 21/22 retreat which will be held in Pincher Creek.

Show & Share: Connie Chaplin outlined the volunteers for this evening's show and share and a sign-up sheet will be circulating for the April and May meetings.

Community Quilts – Lynn Gibson – Please remember to sign your quilts back in when you complete your community quilts.

Membership Dues – Sue Secretan for the committee: We are now renewing memberships.

Nomination Committee: Donna Kendall: We have made good progress to fill the vacant positions for the upcoming 2025-26 Guild year. However, we need volunteers for the following committees: Community Service Committee (4 volunteers needed but filled during the break 😊), Prize Draws (1 person needed – filled during the break 😊), Special Events (1 person needed).

Community Requests: Sue Secretan

- The Guild has received a request for a quilt for a fundraiser by the Lethbridge Therapeutic Riding Association for their May event. The theme is Denim, Diamonds & Dirty. If you would be interested in donating a quilt, please contact the Association.
- Barb Thomson has completed the poppy paper pieced project. It requires finishing and it was suggested that the completed project be donated to the Lethbridge Legion. Marion Jankunis volunteered to finish the project.

PROGRAM: Pat Phillips:

Feature Quilts – Children. Violet Knox and Janet Alexander showcased their quilts.

Program Event: Presentation by Janet and Natasha of Village Quilts

Janet and Natasha gave a most delightful presentation of how Janet came to open her quilt shop some 33 years ago, and the delight of having her daughter Natasha join her in 2003. They have collectively made over 4,000 projects since the opening of Village Quilts and have created over 400 patterns. They also stressed how they try to use Canada artists where possible for patterns. Their goal – to make quilting accessible to all levels of quilters. It was very evident in their presentation that they have a real passion for quilting and share this with everyone who comes into their quilt shop.

Janet and Natasha showcased a wide variety of quilt projects they have made over the years.

Special Announcement: Village Quilts will be hosting their Spring event March 21, and 22 during which all regular priced items will be 25% off.

A big thank you to Janet and Natasha for sharing their humor and enthusiasm for quilting, with us!

Game: Pat Phillips had a individual sheets passed around to attendees where they could check off items that illustrated what kind of quilter you are. This was most enjoyable. There were prizes for folks with the most items checked off, in descending scale until all the prizes were gone.

PRIZE DRAWS – purchased from Village Quilts. We would also like to thank Janaet and Natasha for donating nine FQ bundles!

Door Prizes: Project Bag: Trudy Walker, FQ Bundle winners: S. Curtis, J. Faries, S. Timm, B. Siem, M. Squires, H. Clewes, P. Panchmatia, G. Berkner, S. Anholt

Loonie Draws:

- Cozy bowl fabric and 1 set FQs: Marion Jankunis
- Book stand: Paulette Dumont
- Heart Papers and stitch zipper: Skye Curtis

Five “Loser” prizes were drawn. Losers remain anonymous 😊

SHOW AND SHARE:

We had a wonderful presentation of projects. Please check the guild Facebook page for photos.

MEETING REMINDERS:

- March 27th, 1:30 CASA – special presentation by the Lethbridge Police Services, regarding Fraud and Scam awareness
- April 16th Guild Executive Meeting 1:30 pm
- April 22nd, Guild Meeting 7:00 p.m. CASA