

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

- Acknowledged the passing of two of our members and asked for a moment of silence in their honor
- Welcome to guests and new members:
 - No guest

Reminders:

- Vi reminded the guild that if you brought stuff for the sale table and the free table to pick up any left-over items at the end of the meeting.
- Help yourself to any of the orphan blocks and make something awesome for community quilts or whatever you like
- Reminded us to get our Raffle Tickets at the table with Sandy and also the sign up sheet for the Retreat coming up
- Community Quilts – the backing and batting is provided for free. Just remember to sign up and when you return the quilt check yourself off the list.

Committee Reports:

Community Quilt Supply (Lynn Gibson)

- Members are reminded our community quilt sew day is Saturday, February 21st from 9 am until 4 pm. Please sign up if possible on the sheet on the table.
- Please bring your fabric and sewing supplies to make a quilt to be given to the Community Quilt committee for donation. Bring your lunch. Coffee and tea will be available. We have batting (50" by 60" and 60" by 70") and backing options available to complete your quilt. Please sign up with the supply committee so we know how many to set up for.
- Question was asked if there would be a pattern supplied for the quilts for the sew day. Lynn advised that they would not be providing a pattern because everyone likes to do their own thing.

Community Service (Doreen Little)

- Doreen asked that when you donate a quilt and want an email letting you know where it was donated, please provide your FULL name when dropping off the quilts. Pat will send an email to everyone who donates a quilt – if they want one.
- We were short with Dolly quilts – encouraged everyone to take an orphan block and make a dolly quilt. She showed an example.

- Questions was asked if there was a size for the dolly quilts. Orphan blocks make a good barbie quilt, but the dolly quilts should be 18" x 24" would be perfect.
- They have lots of large quilts but are in need of lap size quilts.
- December was busy as we distributed most of the quilts we have collected. We always save a few for emergencies

MEALS ON WHEELS PLACEMATS

161 - Lethbridge

18 - Coaldale

12 -Raymond

8 - Picture Butte

DOLLY QUILTS

68 were divided between Salvation Army and Lethbridge Family Services as well as 15 pillowcases to LFS

QUILTS

10 - Sunny South (Coaldale)

2 - St Therese Villa

5 - Fairmont Extendicare

6 - Park Meadows Extendicare

8 - Pediatrics

10 - Blue Sky Manor

10 - Golden Acres

Festival of Quilts 2026 (Lynn Gibson)

- Sue Nagy has agreed to help Kaye Henke with the intake and return of quilts from the show.
- **The quilt entry is up and running. You can check the guild website for the information about each category and how to enter your quilts. The entry fee can also be entered via e-transfer. Please enter one if possible.**
- I'm hoping to show 200 quilt items at our show on May 1st and 2nd . Hopefully everyone has at least one quilt they've made in the last three years that they're willing to enter. The more quilts we have to show the more successful the show will be.
- Quilt raffle tickets are still available to sell. A book of ten is \$20 and each book of ten sold earns the member an entry to win \$50. Remember to return the ticket stubs for entry into the raffle.

- Maria Craft will be looking for volunteers soon to sign up for a variety of jobs at the Quilt Show. This may be selling admission wristbands, selling raffle tickets, receiving quilts, hanging quilts, assisting vendors, etc.
- Keep in mind that proceeds from the show help fund our community quilt donations.
- Our next meeting is after executive Jan. 14th so there may be more info to share at the January Guild meeting.
- Received an email from Mook Fabrics in Medicine Hat and they are going to donate a Raffle Basket.
- Showed an item that she made to use with your foot pedal – suggestion for sale table.
- Donations to the Quilters Boutique. They have a whole bunch of Small zipper bags so if you were thinking of donating zipper bags they would like bigger ones.

Membership (Kay Henke)

- Updated membership attached

Retreats & Workshops (Cherilyn Jorgenson)

- The guild committee has interest in a “Working Girl Retreat?” presently in the planning stages. More information to come.
- Bonnie Boulton announced that signups are available for the Spring Casa Retreat, March 13,14 & 15, 2026 – they have 28 signed up but have room for 32. After that your name is on the waiting list and if anyone cancels you will be notified. The cost for the retreat is \$65.00 per person
- Watch for information regarding an upcoming Bingo with Bingo cards made out of fabric. Orange/Yellow, Red, Blue, Green and Pink/Purple. Center square will be black. Then there are themes to the fabrics - Batik, floral, geometric, heart, leaf, holiday, dots, plaid, stars, strips, travel, food, animal/insect, solid and kids/baby.
- Pincher Creek Dragon Heart Retreat June 12, 13 & 14, 2026. Retreat is full but there is a waiting list. Retreat fees will be announced closer to the Retreat dates.
- Paradise Canyon cancelled our Saturday March 7, 2026 booking for our Quilt Retreat due to the beginning of their golf season. No new date has been scheduled yet.

Special Events (Deb Cartwright)

The 2025 Christmas Lunch was held at the Paradise Canyon Golf Club on December 13, 2025. We sold 76 tickets and 73 people attended the lunch. One ticket was refunded due to illness.

This year the room was set nicely with the tables bunched up closer to the bar side, but still enough room to get around. There were 10 tables with seating for 8 at each table. There were additional tables for the 50/50 draw (1), Door Prizes (1), Gift Exchange (2) and Gift opening (1). There was also a cash bar for those interested.

The activities started with a Land Acknowledgement and Lia Britton said the Grace. We purchased 10 poinsettia plants from Dan's Greenhouse for table centres and door prizes. Winners had a Christmas tag attached to the front of their chair. We also purchased chocolates for each table setting.

Door prizes were given out during lunch. The winners were:

Mike Hindle, Wendy Benoit, Lia Britton, Pat Panchmatia, Lynn Gibson, Maryanne Hindle, Barb Graham, Sue Nagy, Gail Berkner, Sharon Anholt, Sherry Tim

The "Loser Draw" (donated by Donna Kendall) winners were:

Marion Jankunis, Brittany Wilton, Gerilyn Beazer, Darlene Patterson, Diane Rossetti, Karen Bobak, Yolande Smart, Leslie Whitnack, Marie Matkin, Maria Buckman

The "From My Sewing Room" Gift Exchange was very well received with 48 participants.

Thanks to Barb Graham and Liz Pinches for looking after the Admission Tickets and 50/50 ticket sales. 50/50 tickets sold for \$1.00 or 3 for \$2.00. The 50/50 Draw brought in \$184.00. The winner of the 50/50 Draw received \$92.00. Considerably fewer 50/50 tickets were sold this year. Sharon Selwyn was the winner.

We had 3 vendors (Donna Kendall, Vi Knox and Barb Thomsen) who were happy to participate. They were set up in the small room behind the bar.

The guest speaker this year was Janet Alexander who gave a very interesting talk on the origins of the guild.

We selected the Sandwich Buffet as the lunch menu for this year. We asked the event manager for a detailed menu, but never did receive one. We also asked for a venue contract but were assured one was not needed. Unfortunately, not having these details, resulted in a misunderstanding regarding the cost of the lunch. Given the information I had, we assumed the buffet would be the same as last year. However, we were not aware that, this year, the soup and salads were an additional cost. The budget for the lunch was calculated on the base cost of the Sandwich Buffet and did not include the additional cost of the soup and salads. Therefore, unfortunately, we are going to be significantly over budget.

Our comments and recommendations for next year are:

1. If Paradise Canyon is chosen for next year's lunch, we will need to make a reservation soon.
2. Get a detailed breakdown of what is included in the sandwich buffet.
3. Get a written quote and a signed agreement.
4. Confirm that the coffee station will have enough supplies for the number of guests and will include coffee, tea and a selection of cold drinks.
5. Have written confirmation with the guest speaker/presenter regarding length of presentation, they need to come with their own supplies including computers and the time of their presentation.
6. We must have a policy on ticket refunds when people cannot attend.

My thanks to Teresa Petriw and Wendy Bushell for their help in putting together this annual event

Christmas luncheon for 2026 has been booked for December 12 at Paradise Canyon

ANNOUNCEMENT

- Connie Chaplin asked for volunteers for the show and share for today – Mike volunteered. She also asked for volunteers for next month (February) also – Elizabeth and Marion volunteers.
- Sue Nagy announced that through facebook a lady named Charity Shaver contacted her and she had several boxes of fabric to donate that had come from her mom that had passed away. Her mom worked at Fabricland. Sue will be bringing some fabric to every meeting to give away for free.
- Ruth Atwood has helped a lady who has had a stroke and she is needing help from someone who is familiar with scrapbooking and stained glass equipment. She doesn't know what it is worth and needs help with pricing. Please contact Ruth.
- Square information - Mary Ann Hindle

The Square – Point of Sale equipment used for debit and credit card transactions.

- Motion was passed in the last Executive Meeting to set up the Square. While setting it up she hit a brick wall as she didn't have all the information she needed – she passed it off to Barb Thomson the treasurer as she has all the information needed to set up the account. Then we will do a trial using the square in hopes that it can be used at the quilt show.

- Question was asked about where the trial was going to be and it was hopefully going to be used at the retreat
- There are two ways to use the square. You can add an app to your phone and use it. Or you can use that actual square itself.
- Question was asked if we had purchased the square already as one had been donated. Mary Ann advised there was no cost now for the square and she will let Barb know that we have one donated.

PROGRAM (Lia Britton)

- Turtle Mop Exchange – names of those that brought a completed mops for exchange were put in a bag and drawn. They then picked a bag with a turtle mop. There were some very cute and fun turtle mops.
- Sewing Room Tour - Cindy Toone showed a power point of her new sewing room.
 - It is in the back of her garage.
 - It is 30' x 12' and very beautiful.
 - She has a sewing desk, cutting desk with storage underneath, two wing back chairs for comfort, her long arm machine and bookshelves.
 - It has two beautiful big windows for light and in one window she displays a beautiful stained glass window made by her sister-in-law. She painted everything white and it is very beautiful.
 - She said if it had a bed and a bathroom she would live back there.
- **If you want to volunteer to show your sewing room please contact Lia**
- 2 Tips to Better Piecing - Karen Brown from Just Get it Done Quilts (video)
<https://youtu.be/WSFviroNb1g?si=fI4aYazwervB4Wkm>
- Five Methods to Improve Pressing for flatter pieced blocks
 - Kaye Borthwick – demonstrated using a tailor's clapper
 - Suggested using the clapper and a wool mat. Wool mat absorbs the heat and the clapper presses down so you don't have to use the iron and there is no scorching.
 - Press seams open or make sure your seams are pressed in the same direction
 - Watch for ditches or ridges

- Someone mentioned that Kaye's husband makes the clapper so if you are interested in one speak with Kay



- Audrey Muirhead demonstrated a doweling that her husband cut in half long ways. She uses it to press her seams open
- You can find them on Amazon (pictured below) but cheaper to cut a doweling in half.



- Gail Berkner - Showed different pressing liquids or starches:
 - Important to get your fabric flat for more accuracy before cutting
 - Home made starch – made with cornstarch and water OR Vodka and water. Someone mentioned that you need to use Vodka made with potatoes for the starch.
 - Mary Ellen's Best Press – comes in many different scents and purchased by the gallon or smaller sizes.

<https://www.maryellenproducts.com/best-press.html>

- Acorn Easy Press fabric treatment. Works very good. It comes in a spray and also in a applicator pen that you can run along your stitching line and then it presses flatter.



<https://acornmakers.com/>

- Most quilt stores carry these products.
- Seam rollers always work good too. Lia demonstrated one that she bought at the dollar store (it was for rolling your face) but it works great for seams.



- Gail Berkner announced what we are going to do next month and the challenge.
 - UFO's – New challenge called Lethbridge Centennial Quilt Guild UFO Project.
 - Those that want to participate can take a form that has six lines on it. Go home and list six of your UFO's that you would like to complete this year.
 - If you don't have six – do three. If you have more than six – do six. 😊
 - If you don't have any – take an orphan block from the table. 😊
 - Next meeting (February) we will draw a number and that is the number you will work on that month and hopefully finish and bring it back the next month (March) to show. There are prizes involved.
 - You get six projects done by the end of the year.
 - Needs to be UFO's – for example borders, binding, finishing table runners or place mats
- Also – We will have a demonstration on what you can do with wool. If you have anything you have done with wool that you would like to bring to share with the rest of please bring it to the February meeting.
- Break

PRIZE DRAWS – prizes were purchased from Village Quilts

Door Prize winners:

- Art to Heart Autumn Book – Gail Berkner

Loonie Draws:

- Two bundles flannel 1/4's – Doreen Little
- Two Charm packs – Kaye Borthwick
- Sue Buckley Scissors – Ruth Atwood

SHOW AND SHARE

- Willie Schaupmeyer – shared three quilts a Pinwheel, Yellow baby quilt and a beautiful green crumb quilt.
- Liz Stroeve – shared her dolly quilts made with orphan blocks
- Marie Matkin – shared a pretty blue Murder mystery quilt from 2023 and a Viking Ship quilt
- Audrey Muirhead – shared her Moroccan tile quilt made with Kimono fabrics made with her curvy ruler
- Ruth Atwood – shared a patchwork quilt made with 5" blocks quilted with a vine/leaf pattern on a grey backing, a half square nine patch quilt, a crazy eight pattern quilt with 2-1/2" squares, a very pretty red quilt and four dolly quilts
- Sandy Anvik – shared a pretty blue square in a square quilt with trucks
- Doreen Little – shared her green half square quilt, a modern quilt and a dimensional quilt
- Michele Demers – shared a beautiful red triangle quilt and a quilt made with a Santa panel (Santa was holding a quilt)
- Kay Henke – Shared a stunning granny square quilt along with a potato chip block quilt – she quilted by herself on her domestic machine

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Elizabeth Strove , 2nd by Mary Ann Hindle and concluded at 3:30 p.m.

Next Executive Committee Meeting: February 18 at 1:30 p.m. at Enmax

Next Guild Meeting: SATURDAY, February 28, 2025 at 2:00 pm . at CASA