

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.

- Welcome to guests and new members:
 - No guest or new members

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 the inspires you to make something great.
- Reminded us to get our Raffle Tickets at the table and also the sign up sheet for the Retreat coming up

Correspondence:

- The Guild received two thank you notes. One from Lethbridge Pregnancy Care Centre thanking us for the donation of baby quilts. The other from St. Terese Villa also thanking us for the quilts that were used for their Walk of Honor when patients leave the facility.

Committee Reports:

Community Quilt Supply (Lynn Gibson)

- We have purchased two more rolls of batting that should supply us through until the end of May. Fortunately, the price has not increased so far.

Community Service (Doreen Little)

- We delivered quilts to:
 - Age Care - 15
 - Buffalo Grace - 15 including a special one that will be hung. The centre chooses one of the big quilts to display on their wall. This time they chose a quilt donated by Gail.
 - St. Michaels Health Care -15 lap quilts
 - Lethbridge Pregnancy Centre - 10 baby quilts
- We could use more lap quilts and Children Quilts. Lap quilts should be around 40 x 60
- We also need more baby quilts and children quilts. 36 x 36 or 40 x 40

- Christmas Place Mat – We are going to do place mats again this year. Red Deer did place mats that were Christmas on one side and a different holiday on the other side. You could do that if you want. You can start them anytime; we need well over 200.

Festival of Quilts 2026 (Sharon Anholt)

- Last year we had a vote to see if we wanted a quilt show and it was decided that yes, we did. We have a committee together and have worked hard to get the quilt show planned. Now it is your turn. We need volunteers!
- There are sign-up sheets at the table where Shirley and Barb are sitting. We know a lot of you have done this before. Show is May 1st and 2nd at the curling club at the YMCA on the west side.
- Now we need your entries! She encouraged those that make donations quilts to enter those in the show before they hand them in. There are so many beautiful quilts that are donated. You are allowed to enter four items. We hope to get 120 items entered. She had Brittany show her duffle bag that she brought and encouraged all to enter bags or any items made.
- Someone asked if we don't get enough quilts entered that have been made in the last 2 years will they accept quilts made before that time but that have never been in a show. Sharon said they would consider it.
- We need people to set up the rod and drape, to receive quilts, to hang quilts, to sell admission tickets, to sell raffle tickets, to assist vendors, to take down and package quilts for return and to dismantle the rod and drape.
- Please remember to return funds and stubs for ticket books signed out. All must be returned before April 28th. The quilt entry is up and running.
- You can enter your quilts online through our guild website. E-transfer \$10 registration for each quilt to **lethbridgequiltguild@gmail.com**. If you can't transfer, please contact Kay and she will make arrangements to get the money. If you pay cash, you will be given a receipt. If you pay by Etransfer your confirmation will be your receipt. Deadline March 31, 2026. If you have difficulties registering, please contact Kay from membership.
- Kay suggested that they may increase the number of quilts you can donate if we needed more quilts.
- Kay stated that all the information for the quilt show is on the website and Facebook page. If you have any questions, please email Kay or text her and she can help you.

- Large quilt rules – accommodate eight quilts at 96 x 96 inches. So if you have something large, please enter early and the first 8 will be accepted. Kay will let you know if you are in.
- Maximum perimeter of the quilt 365” so max of 96 wide x 85 long.
- Must have a 4” hanging sleeve. Email me if you have questions regarding smaller items such as table runners etc.
- Ribbon awards will only be presented first in each category.
- Quilt drop off is **April 30 from 9:30 am – 12:00 noon**
- No picture is required as there will be one taken when it is dropped off.
- Plastic bags will be provided when you drop off your quilt
- Quilt drop off is **May 2 from 5:30 – 9:30 pm. Same day as we don't want to pay for another day at \$1000 per day.**
- If you have a muscle man that could come help with take down that would be great. Vi mentioned we should check the Fireman calendar to find one.

Membership (Kay Henke)

- Total attendance 61
- Guests 2
- New Member - Linda McLaughlin

Retreats & Workshops (Bonnie Boulton)

- Spring Casa Retreat, March 13,14 & 15, 2026. Cost \$65.00 – payment due by February 28th. Casa Retreat info handouts are available at the table for those that are going to the retreat. The retreat is full but has a waiting list.
- Pincher Creek Dragon Heart Retreat June 12, 13 & 14, 2026. Cost \$85.00. This retreat is full but we can put your name on the waiting list if there are cancellations then we can give you a call.
- Note everyone attending the Pincher Creek Retreat will be in charge of their own accommodation. We encourage you to book right away as there are two construction projects going on. All campsites and hotels need to be booked early.
- Cancellation policy for the retreats is there is no refund. If you need to cancel, let the committee know as there is a waiting list and should have preference to take your place. Or you can find someone on your own to take your place and make a deal with them. Of course, the committee will take into consideration sudden cancellations for a good reason.
- The guild committee has interest in a “Working Girl Retreat?” presently in the planning stages. More information to come.

SPECIAL GUEST

- Daniela Aguilar Ramirez from the University of Lethbridge attended to share her study.
 - She has been at the University of Lethbridge doing research on Spatial Abilities. These abilities are when you navigate the environment such as when you are driving you use lots of abilities to know where the car behind is located or when you are walking. Anytime you navigate the environment you need these abilities.
 - As well as locating items in the environment such as when you lose your keys and you look around, you are using your spatial abilities.
 - They think that Quilting uses a lot of these abilities because you must mentally manipulate fabric.
 - We are recruiting anyone who wants to participate in a study. It takes about an hour and involves things like board game tasks.
 - Takes place at the University but she will also come to your house if you feel comfortable with that.
 - It isn't hard and is meant to be fun. There is no pass or fail. And individual study. It takes about 60 minutes. If you come to the University, they will pay for you parking.
 - Her number is 403-593-8502 and her email is thebraininaction@gmail.com if anyone is interested.

PROGRAM (Lia Britton)

- UFO Challenge - Gail Berkner
 - Gail talked about the unfinished object challenge. For those that weren't at the last meeting there are UFO Challenge sheets available today. Pull out of your closet or shelves unfinished projects. You can list them on the sheet – only six!
 - The number to work on for March is ...**number 6!** Whatever is on your sheet for #6 work on it in the month of March and bring it to the meeting to show.
- Trunk Show by Doreen Little and Pat Panchmatia - Wool Appliqué Quilts and Projects
 - Doreen showed her numerous felt projects. Some of them are Sue Spargo patterns and Primitive Gatherings. A few were:
 - Circle table topper
 - Christmas wall hanging
 - Flower quilt
 - Sewing room Wall hanging
 - Christmas and Valentines wall hanging

- Pat Panchmatia showed some of her projects. A few were:
 - Framed wall chart
 - Pumpkin wall hanging
 - Snowman
 - Sunflower in Black
 - Tree wall hanging
- Lia showed her Reindeer project and a framed Snowman
- Sharon Anholt showed her two of her Little Red button projects
- Donna Kendall showed a Sue Spargo project that is wool on wool with a wool backing

- Donna Kendall - Threads and Needles to use with Wool Appliqué
 - She emphasized that you do your own thing, but shared her thoughts and ideas
 - Thread - you can use any thread that you want – don't let anyone tell you that you can't. General thing for thread in wool work is quilting cotton in number 8, 5 or 3 or anything close. Silk cord is good. There are Wool Cops out there just ask them for their license.
 - Scissors – very important to have good scissors for wool She mentioned Silky or Famore
 - Needles - Donna suggested John James needles and Colonial needles. She also advised that when you thread you needle you bring the needle to the thread, not the thread to the needle.
 - Wool – Michelle has recycled wool for sale if anyone is interested. Wool is usually available in fabric stores. You need 100% wool and you take your wool and throw it in the washing machine in hot water and then into a hot dryer and shrink it. Her mother used to call it shrinking but the term is “felting”. Some wool hides bug. If you purchase some wool from the secondhand store. Take it home, put in a plastic bag and throw it in the freezer. This will kill any bugs. Sue Spargo had a whole line of just solids. You can check out some of the items in the back at the table Donna has set up with wool supplies.
 - Fabrics – you can use any fabric as the background except Batik. It is hard to stitch through. She recommends only using fabrics you can wash. Flannel shrinks 10% more than cotton.

- Lia advised that the wool projects that were shown would be left on display to look at during the break. Donna also has lots of items on her table at the back to purchase.

BREAK

PRIZE DRAWS – prizes were purchased from Chicken Feed Quilts

Door Prize winners:

- Quilt book and scissors – Debra Davies

Loonie Draws:

- Shirley Lee
- Connie Chaplin
- Wendy Bushell

SHOW AND SHARE

- Phyllis Cameron shared some beautiful projects she completed
- Ruth Atwood shared some projects she made with fabric that was donated. She also shows numerous Dolly quilts made from oriental fabrics
- Gerilyn Beazer shared a paper pieces project of the Mormon Nauvoo temple she made for her parents, a sewing machine wall hanging and a quilt she made for her sister-in-law that is black and red.
- Karen Bialik shared a red truck panel quilt she designed with a picket fence
- Brittany Wilton showed a beautiful duffle bag she made
- Janet Alexander shared a bag that she had made
- Kay Henke showed a stunning cross body bag she sewed
- Shirley Lee showed her beautiful dolly quilt in a log cabin pattern
- Lia Britton shared a Happy Birthday hanging, a three sisters wall hanging with a cabin and a moose, two different pastel patchwork quilts for donation and two red and black scrappy quilts
- Elizabeth Stroeve shared her dolly quilts

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bonnie Seim, 2nd by Elizabeth Stroeve and concluded at 3:40 p.m.

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

Next Guild Meeting: TUESDAY, March 24, 2026 with meeting commencing at 7:00 pm . at CASA