

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:
 - Katrina Brogden – guest
 - Christine Zeinstra – guest
 - Bea Langeweg - 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 the inspires you to make something great.

Correspondence:

- Email from Edith Cavell thanking us for the beautiful quilts and lap blankets
- Message from Barb Cavers from Harambee Grandmas asking if they could set up a small table promoting their sale dated October 23 and 24th 2026. We gave them permission to set up the table at the Quilt Show.

Announcement

- Lynn Gibson wanted to correct an error in the last newsletter. It stated that the raffle quilts were made by the chartered members of the guild. That was incorrect – the raffle quilts were made by Judy Barnett and friends and the other one by the batik group within our Guild.
- Mary Ann reported on the Square. The square will be at the quilt show at the admission table and in the boutique. There was a short meeting during the break for those that wanted a bit of training on the square.
- Some business from last meeting was that we have approved a \$100 donation to Quilt Canada for this year. Next year Quilt Canada is going to be in Calgary, so we might do something different for them.

Committee members for next year – Sue Secretan

- We are getting close to our Annual General Meeting – in May. That is election time. We have spots to fill, but some carry on for another year, but we have some positions that need to be filled. We have papers and a pen that will be posted during the break that show the positions that we need to fill. Feel free to come up and write your name down.
- The empty spots are:
 - Secretary and Treasurer spots need to be filled. They are open for nominations. We have a nomination for our secretary and that is Marie Matkin. We have two nominations for Treasurer – Christine Chapman and

Barb Thomsen. We checked and Barb can serve again in that position. We have checked the bylaws, and she could continue again for another term if voted in.

- We will have an election for our treasurer, which we haven't done for quite a few years.
- We will take nominations for Secretary, but Marie is more than happy to take that position.
- We are being proactive and what to talk about our Festival of Quilts 2028. We will need a Chair and Co-Chair
- Please come and sign up and fill in the positions on our committee executive.
 - Festival of Quilts 2028 – Chair and Co-Chair
 - Membership: Need three people
 - Prize draw/Ticket Sales – Need two people
 - Special Events – Need one person
 - Ophan Blocks – Need one person

Committee Reports:

Community Quilt Supply (Lynn Gibson)

- Michelle, from the committee is moving all the way to the east coast and this is her last meeting.
- But we do have a new member of the committee and that is Cindy Littlemore, she will be starting next month.

Community Service (Doreen Little)

Quilts delivered this month

14 - Edith Cavell

2 - Sunny South Lodge. (Coaldale)

2 -Piyami Lodge (Picture Butte)

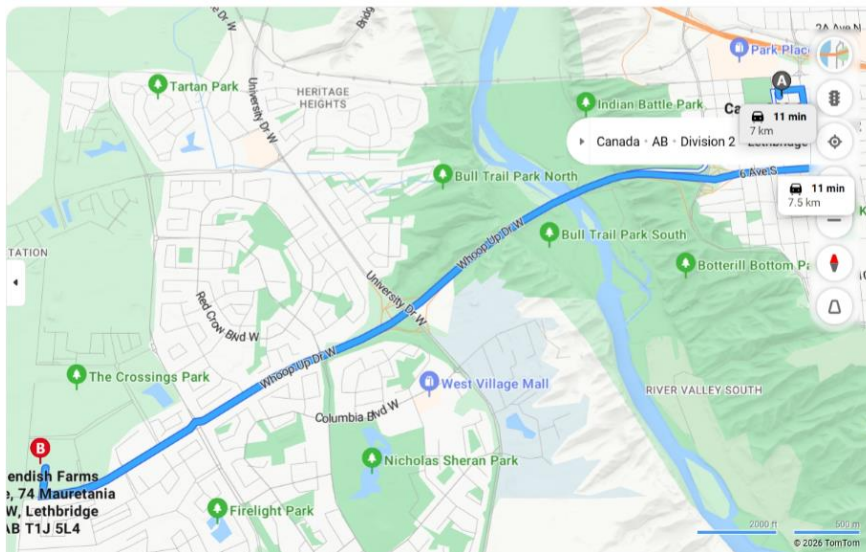
10 - Jack Ady Cancer Centre

Festival of Quilts 2026 (Lynn Gibson and Kay Henke, Sharon Anholt)

- Wanted to show the quilt sleeve that is needed for the back of the quilt. It needs to have a little bit of room so that the rod can go through it. It should kind of be a D shape.
- Set up starts at 8 am Thursday, April 30th. The show runs May 1 st 10am – 6 pm and May 2nd 10 am – 4 pm. The quilt raffle draw will be at 2 pm on Saturday May 2nd.
- Thank you to everyone who entered an item. We have 170 entries. Quilts should be brought to the Lethbridge Curling Rink in the Cavendish Farms Centre on the west end of Whoop up drive between **9:30 am and 12:00 pm Thursday April**

30th. Be sure your entries are clean and quilts for hanging must have a 4-inch sleeve on the back and a label. Items must be picked up at the curling rink, Saturday, **May 2nd between 5:30 and 9:00 pm.**

- In addition to beautiful quilted items to view, we have twelve vendors, our Quilter's boutique, a huge array of raffle baskets to possibly win and a marvelous display of work from the charter members of the guild as our featured quilters.
- Some members have expressed concern about driving Whoop up drive to the far west end. I assure you that the time of day that you will be travelling is the most relaxed. The heavy traffic tends to be traveling east in the morning hours and west in the late afternoon hours.
- There is tons of parking and a number of handicap parking also.
- This map shows the driving route from CASA to Cavendish Farms Centre.



- Sharon wanted to get everyone excited about the show and had the founding members stand up that were in attendance – Phylis, Janet and Francis. This is a big thing. 40 years for our Guild. The founding members will be in a booth, talking about the quilts and there will be a display of quilts. Come celebrate with us.
- Maria took a minute to give a great big thank everyone for volunteering. About 60% of the membership has volunteered and some have volunteered for three jobs. There have been a committee working on this for 2 years and with the guild members support we are going to have a great show!

Membership (Kay Henke)

- We have 74 members and 3 guests today. I think that is a record number since I am on membership.
- Guest names

- Katrina Brogden
 - Christine Zeinstra
 - Bea Langeweg
- We are taking payments to renew membership for 2026-2027, that is June 1, 2026, to May 31, 2027, at the next 3 Guild Meetings (April, May, June) and we will have the Square Pay Terminal so they can use debit or credit, or we still accept cash or cheque of course!!

Retreats & Workshops (Cherilyn Jorengsen)

- Next quilt retreat will be at Pincher Creek Friday, Saturday, Sunday June 12, 13 & 14, 2026. If you are registered and attending, be sure to secure your accommodation. Cost is \$85.00 – please pay your registration fee if you have not done so already. Retreat Committee will have the retreat information if you have some questions.
- Raymond Quilt Retreat – Friday & Saturday, Sept 25 and 26th. We are full but are putting names on the wait list, so if you want to put your name on sign up at the table. The cost for the quilters will be \$65.00.
- Fall Casa Guild Quilt Retreat will be November 27 and 28th. 2026 – Friday & Saturday – 2-day retreat. Taking names for those interested. No price yet.
- Spring Casa Guild Quilt Retreat will be April 23 & 24, 2027 Friday & Saturday – 2-day retreat
- The Bingo Quilt that was made at the last retreat and quilted by Dianne George was entered into the Hillspring Quilt Show

WEBMASTER/PHOTOGRAPHY (Sue Nagy)

PROGRAM (Lia Britton)

Program for April

- Demonstrations of various types of Applique Methods
 - Shirley Lee - Interfacing Backed Applique
 - Doreen Rombough – Wool applique and samples of needle turned applique.
 - Barb Graham - Machine Applique Using Iron-On Fusible Web
 - Lia Britton - Reverse Applique and Inset
- UFO Challenge #5 and Prize Draw
 - 14 participants showed their UFO's
 - Winner of the prizes for the UFO completions were:
 - Jackie Mignault and Connie Chaplineach won a cut pouch that contained Kleenex, band aids, luggage tag, chocolate bar and more

- UFO Challenge draw for the May meeting
 - The new number for our UFO for May is **NUMBER 3**.

BREAK

PRIZE DRAWS – Loonie draw prizes were purchased from Sewing Lane

Door Prize winners:

- Book – New Cuts for New Quilts (donated by Marion Jakunis) won by Bonnie Seim
- Premium Fusible Batting – Karen Bobak

Loonie Draws:

- Creative Girds Ruler (4.5 x 4.5) – Darlene Patterson
- Best Press & Chalk pencil – Janet Hagerty
- Seam Ripper/Purple thang/O sew clean kit – Joanne Compton
- Chickadee-dee-dee quilt pattern (donated by Karen Bialik) – Barb Thomsen

SHOW AND SHARE

There were many beautiful quilts and projects shown. Those that shared their quilts were: Willie Schaupmeyer, Linda Rowan, Karen Bialik, Bev Jochem, Janet Alexander, Barb Graham, Lynn Gibson, Ruth Atwood, Doreen Rombough, and Liz Pinches.

Update on the dolly quilts that have been donated since the retreat is over 100.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bonnie Seim, 2nd by Mary Ann Hindle and concluded at 8:45 p.m.

Next Executive Committee Meeting: May 20, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. at Enmax

Next Guild Meeting: TUESDAY, May 26, 2026, with meeting commencing at 7:00 pm . at CASA with our AGM first and then our regular meeting.