

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.

Correspondence:

The Guild received Thank you card from Harambee Grandmas

Email from Taber Quilt Guild

Committee Reports:

a. Community Quilt Supply (Lynn Gibson)

- We have one roll of batting for the remainder of this season. More rolls will be purchased in the summer. We are waiting for the next fabric sale to purchase new backing fabric. Remember to sign in your quilts when they are given to the community quilts committee.
- Attended the Village Quilt sale and bought some backing

b. Community Service (Doreen Little)

- We delivered the following:
 - 10 Hospital (baby bundles)
 - 20 Ronald McDonald House
 - 10 SASHA (Southern Alberta Self Help Association)
 - 28 Placemats (Meals on Wheels)

c. Festival of Quilts 2026 (Lynn Gibson)

- I want to congratulate and thank our committee for a successful quilt show. I also want to thank all the guild members and their families that volunteered. This show would not be possible without our volunteers. Thank you to all the members that created and donated items to the Quilter's Boutique. The sales from the boutique gave the guild almost \$1500. Thank you to all the quilters that entered an item to be shown. I was especially impressed with the variety of quilts and the level of

craftsmanship of those quilts. Congratulations to the winners of each category.

- We have earned the funds needed to continue to provide supplies to our members to complete community quilts for donation to community organizations in need.
- During set up on Thursday a volunteer could not locate their step ladder at the end of the set up. We suspect that someone mistook that ladder for their own as a similar size ladder was found. **Please check your step ladder if you were helping on Thursday as you may have taken the missing ladder by mistake.** Also, a thread rack was found in the parking lot. We checked with vendors and none of them said it was theirs so if you're missing a thread rack, please let Lynn know.

d. Membership (Kay Henke)

- We are loving the square!
- 121 members now
- About 61-65 are attending meetings

e. Program (Lia Britton)

- Metis Wall Pocket Presentation and Samples – Sue Nagy
- Survey for next year's programming
- UFO Challenge #3 and Prize Draws
- Break
- Door Prizes
- Loser Prizes
- Show and Share

f. Retreats & Workshops (Cherilyn Jorgenson)

- Next quilt retreat will be at Pincher Creek Friday, Saturday, Sunday June 12, 13 & 14, 2026. Those attending will need their own accommodations. Cost is \$85.00 – Have questions ask the retreat Committee. Classroom will be opened at 9:00 and retreat starts at 10:00 am.
- We are in the planning stages for a quilt retreat in Raymond at the Raymond Ag Society buildings – Friday & Saturday, Sept 25 and 26th, 2026. We can add Thursday to the retreat if anyone is interested. No stairs, lots of room and tables, nice kitchen, parking close. Retreat Cost \$65.00 can pay with the square. The buildings will be opened on Thursday so if you want to come and set up then you are welcome to. The retreat starts at 9:00 on Friday. Lunches provided on Friday and

Saturday. **We have opened up two of the buildings available can accommodate 36 so those that are on the wait list are in. We would eat and do the activities together but break into the different buildings to sew.**

- Also we have a fall Casa Guild Quilt Retreat planned for Friday, Saturday, November 27 and 28th. 2026 - 2 day retreat. \$65.00.

g. Special Events (Deb Cartwright)

- No report

h. Webmaster/Photography (Sue Nagy)

- No Report

i. Show and Share (Connie Chaplin)

- Announced who signed up and some were not in attendance so asked for volunteers to help with Show and Share.

PROGRAM (Lia Britton)

- Metis Wall Pocket Presentation and Samples – Sue Nagy
 - Sue provided samples and explained the history of her ancestors and with significance of Wall Pockets. Shared her Metis heritage and her memories of her grandmother.
 - Metis culture originates with the grandmother line, meaning that the fathers were generally European (French, Scott, English). When they came to Canada, they mixed with Native women and so that's why it is always through the grandmothers.
 - Sue explained that her dad's side of the family was full Metis and her ancestors originated from the Red River, Winnipeg, Manitoba.
 - The women were interested in sewing, mostly out of need, but wanted to share their embroidery, their beading skills and became known as the Metis beadwork people. The flowery work is Metis tradition.
 - The women had to find ways of making a little better living, they had large families, and so it was very common for them to make their crafts and to sell them.
 - They also did a lot of quilting, usually hand sewn.
 - Her grandmother (granny) would go to the Salvation Army, find leather that she could buy and make it into handmade mittens and gloves to sell.

- Quilting was done as a need, with fabric and material purchased from the Salvation Army. Her quilts were simple patchwork squares with an army blanket on the back and hand tied together.
- Her grandmother always had a wall pocket on her wall where she would keep her special items, pictures, sewing supplies, stuff like that.
- Sue shared some wall pockets that she made and created the pattern and will share if anyone wants one.
- Sue showed a PowerPoint of wall pockets – below are some examples of wall pockets.
- Pockets were made out of black fabric, usually black to show off the beadwork. Some are embroidered instead of beaded.
- Sue challenged the guild members to make up their own little wall pocket over the summer.



- Survey for next year's programming have been handed out to everyone, hopefully. Please fill out and drop in basket on the retreat table. She suggested that instead of the Potluck in September that they have a dessert bar. Please note on the survey if you have a preference.
- UFO Challenge #3 and Prize Draw - Gayle
 - Eight participants showed their projects
 - Draw winners were Jackie Mignault and Marie Matkin
 - The number drawn for next month is NUMBER FOUR (4).

BREAK

PRIZE DRAWS – Loonie draw prizes were purchased from Lethbridge Sewing Centre

Door Prize winners:

- Book – 3 yard quilts by Fabric Café – Yolande Smart
- Color magic for Quilters book – Sherry Timm

- Save a life Quilt Socks – Cherilyn Jorgensen

Loonie Draws:

- Kona Fat Quarter Bundle – Janet Hagerty
- 505 spray adhesive – Wendy Benoit
- Best Press & Auriful thread – Pat Phillips

SHOW AND SHARE

There were many beautiful quilts and placemats shown. Those that shared were Dianne George, Karen Bailik, Lia Britton, Brittney Wilton, Wendy Benoit, Julie Sisson and Wendy Bushell

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Lia Britten, 2nd by Connie Chaplin and concluded at 8:25 p.m.

Next Executive Committee Meeting: June 17 at 1:30 p.m. at Enmax

Next Guild Meeting: TUESDAY, June 23, 2026 at CASA, starting at 7:00 pm

NO MEETINGS IN JULY AND AUGUST