



Lions Gate Quilters' Guild



November 2006

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

My goodness what a change! When I wrote my newsletter submission last month it was sunny and warm the leaves were just turning golden and the promise of a crisp cool fall was in the air. Today there is a deluge outside the warm cozy shelter that is my home and I am quite content to be here writing this and thinking about quilting and quilters!

This Friday I had the pleasure of attending Eileen Neils' beading workshop and am dangerously close to having another hobby as a result. The colour and variety of beads available are almost as delicious as the colour and variety of fabrics. And when one learns to combine the two can a new addiction be far behind? Who knew workshops were dangerous?!

Our next meeting (the last one for 2006!!) is our annual sewing room sale which seems to me to be the perfect place to distribute some of the items in my sewing room that no longer serve me but might be perfect for someone else. If that is true for you as well be sure to call Maureen and book a table.

November is also the month that our Nominating committee starts worrying about having enough candidates to fill all of the positions on the executive. Dorothy has a report in this newsletter to bring you up to date on candidates for the rest of the positions but I do know that no one has stepped forward to run for President. I know from experience that the thought of being President can be a bit intimidating but it really isn't all that difficult and the rewards are wonderful. I joined the guild so that I could meet people and make friends who share

an interest in quilting. In the last four years I have met more people, made more friends and had more fun than I expected. Along the way I have grown as a person. I have learned a lot about myself and what I am capable of when I stop worrying about whether or not I can do something perfectly and just give it my best shot. In a way it's like learning to quilt. I could have spent the last 8 years making one sampler quilt after another (after the first two I was reasonably good at it) but instead I tried other patterns and techniques. Some times I wondered what in heavens name I had gotten myself into but with patience, perseverance and a little bit of help and advice from trusted friends I managed to make a quilt that wasn't a sampler. It's the things that challenge us that help us grow. So, if you are reading this and thinking that you could be president of the guild if only you, had the courage, knew what to do, weren't afraid to speak in public etc etc etc. Take it from me, you won't know what you can do until you try. So go ahead take a risk, see where the path takes you.

Given that this is the last newsletter of 2006 I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the best for the coming season and for health and happiness in 2007.

Yours in Quilting,
Dianne



Things to Remember:

- ⇒ Phone to reserve a table for Sewing Room Sale
- ⇒ Get your Library books before the meeting starts—Library will be closed during sale.
- ⇒ Nine patches—Hand them in before the meeting
- ⇒ The next newsletter will be published in January 2007.

Guild meetings are held the
fourth Thursday of the month at:
SQUAMISH NATION RECREATION CENTRE
100 Capilano Road, North Vancouver

Next Guild meeting – Nov 23—7:30pm
Next Executive meeting – Jan 3– 7:00pm

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NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Isabel Jenkins and Dorothy Porter

Hello everyone,

We are still looking for volunteers to fill posts for your executive. It is really fun meeting new people and sharing our common interests. The guild could not function without an executive, please come forward.



On Being Guild President

I was asked by Isabelle Jenkins to put a piece in the newsletter about how much fun it is to be the president of the guild. It is almost four years since I stopped being the president, and maybe memory has faded with time, but fun wasn't the first (or in the top ten) adjectives about being president – in fact, it was a whole lot of hard work. Why on earth would anyone subject themselves to being president?

Maybe Pat Gormely and Diane Ritter found fun, (and there certainly were laughs along the way when I was president), but if it is fun you are looking for, there are probably better choices of activities. However, there are other reasons why I am glad that I took the plunge, when I hadn't even been on the executive before:

- ♦ I learned lots – about the importance of attention to detail, how to do e-mail, how easily people's feelings can be hurt
- ♦ I had to become even more organized than I had been before
- ♦ there were some great desserts at the executive meetings
- ♦ I felt as if I had contributed to the guild, not just being on the receiving end
- ♦ most of all, I developed a much better appreciation of the hard work done by volunteers in the guild (executive positions and other positions) – and that by itself was worth the two years of being president.

Good luck to whomever the new president will be – you will have lots of good people who will help you and support you.

Millie Cumming



LIBRARY

Bev Dunphy, Librarian

Greetings from the Library



I'm pleased to say our sign out procedures are going very well. **At the November meeting the library will only be open before the meeting.** It will be closed at the break as there will be just too much going on with the Sewing Room Sale. When you sign out books in November you will be able to keep them until the January meeting. So hopefully you will have enough time to relax and really peruse your books. Best wishes for a great Christmas season.



Did you know!

West Coast Fibre Artists show in La Conner - January 14 to March 11. 'Transitions' will show our traditional roots and art quilts of today.

WCFA Members: Johanna Alford, Judy Greenwood, Vivian Kapusta, Laura Koch, Judy Leslie, Donna Polos and Karen Stefiuk. Our small group is from Maple Ridge, Coquitlam and Burnaby B.C.

Here is a link to the museum:

<http://www.laconnerquilts.com/store/>

La Conner is located in a charming tourist town on the west coast of Washington, in the U.S. There are lots of B&B's, an historic hotel and reasonable tourist accommodation. It is located on a salt water channel with a long history of fishing and farming.

The Pacific Coast regional group of FAN will be having a show in the Quilt Museum at La Conner, July 18 to September 16, 2007.

'Beyond the Border' will showcase quilt artists from British Columbia. The quilts will reflect the similarities and differences between the two 'sister' areas along the Pacific Coast.

BUS TOURS



Barbara Beatty—Tour Coordinator

The Guild WILL NOT be organizing a bus trip to Quilt Canada in Kamloops. Unfortunately only fifteen members expressed interest in going to this event on a bus trip. This number of people is not enough to organize a trip.

We will offer some help to facilitate members connecting with other members who are interested in going to Quilt Canada. Feel free to contact Barbara Beatty at: tourcoordinator@lionsgatequiltersguild.com
You can also go to the guild website and click on the e-mail address which saves typing it in.

FALL SEMINAR 2007

Marg Marlow—Fall Seminar Coordinator

Sept. 26-30th, 2007

Our Committee has been working on finalizing the Fall 2007 Seminar. Our featured teachers and their workshops will be introduced in a Slide Presentation at the guild's February meeting. We are all very excited about our chosen teachers, and believe me, this was the hardest part....selecting 4 teachers...2 from the U.S. and 2 Canadians. I believe we have 4 of the 'best': Jeannette DeNicolis Meyer, Becky Goldsmith, Judy Farrow, & Judy Morningstar. You can have your own advance preview of Jeannette and Becky's work by checking out their websites:

www.jdmeyer.com

www.pieceocake.com

The January newsletter will be packed with more information, where you will find the schedule for all teachers, including workshop dates, along with registration forms.

In response to guild members requests, the Seminar Lecture will feature two of our teachers: Jeannette will present 'The Narrative Thread' and Becky will share 'Let's Talk About Colour' at the Kay Meek Theatre in West Vancouver.

The 'Challenge' Kits will also be unveiled at the February meeting. Be sure to attend so as not to miss this very exciting event!

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Marg Marlow—Workshop Coordinator

C.O.P.S. Day

Last COPS day of 2006 will be held on Saturday Dec. 9th, 2006, from 9 a.m.-5p.m. at CAN LAN ICE SPORTS. This a chance to get all those Christmas goodies sewn. It's also a good chance to finish your Beading Quiltlet from Eileen Neills class. Come out and enjoy!
\$10.00 for this fun day with your friends. Sign up at the November meeting.

FUTURE DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR FOR 2007!

REYNOLA PAKUSICH will be here on March 22 for a lecture/ slide show, then she will teach 'Using Hand Designed & Ethnic Fabrics'.
Sign up at the January /07 meeting.

BARB MORTELL & STACY ARMSTRONG will do a 'Trunk Show' at our April meeting.

BARB MORTELL has a brand new 3 day workshop, 'Colour & Composition', which she will teach for us on Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, April 27, 28, & 29th.
Sign up at the January /07 meeting.

Remember to bring Cash or Cheque, and the first 5 to sign up are guaranteed a spot. Checks for Workshops will be cashed once signup has been completed, class is full, and Supply lists and Confirmations have been sent out. this is usually 2- 3 weeks before class begins, or right after last sign-up.

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MEMBER OF THE MONTH

By *Tricia Sherman*

Carol Piercy

Carol grew up in Ontario and learned how to sew when she was about eight. She started quilting the winter of 1973/4, with a double bed log cabin quilt from a McCall's magazine. The instructions said to cut templates, trace them, add ¼" all around, and cut the fabric – so that's what she did. Imagine tracing 1" x 1" templates! Quilting was done using the "stab" technique and there were no instructions for binding so she turned under the edges and blanket stitched them closed with embroidery thread. She made 3 more quilts for other members of her family using this basic technique, although she did learn how to do a proper binding. During this period she was in university studying drama, and working in theatre making costumes and props.

As soon as she'd saved enough money, the travel bug took over and that was the end of the quilting adventure for a while until about 16 years ago – rotary cutters, choice of batting, shops specializing in quilting fabrics, classes – what a difference those years "off" made! The first class she finally took was with Dolores Bell at the Lucas Centre 12 ½ years ago. This led to joining the guild and she's been quilting non-stop ever since, mainly making up her own designs, although they are all based on traditional ideas.

Carol has been involved with the program committee, workshops, and of course the quilt shows. Getting involved in the guild has led to meeting lots of people, taking lots of classes, and getting tons of inspiration.

Several years ago Carol started teaching (a Log Cabin Christmas Tree – not with templates!) and enjoys it. She also supports her fabric addiction by working part time at "The Thread Bear" where her favorite part of the job is helping people choose fabrics for their quilts. Her latest adventure is producing her own patterns – 3 so far! Mixed in with the quilting projects she tries to make sure her two growing boys do their homework and she, Colin and the boys travel and camp whenever they can. This summer's big accomplishment was a family backpacking trip up to the Lions – it's a really rough trail and both she and Colin decided they were definitely not 30 any more – but they made it!



Program Schedule List of guild meeting programs

Nov	Sewing Room Sale
Dec	No meeting—Happy Holidays!
Jan	Annual General Meeting and Guild Elections



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COMMUNITY QUILTS 2007

Edna Simpson— Community Quilts Coordinator

The next Community Quilts workshop will be held on Friday, February 9th (the best date we could get at Highlands United Church). At the moment we are planning it from 9:30 am - 7:30 pm so that those who can't come during the day can come in the evening to get fabric or kits to take home to work on.

For those who are still working on Community Quilts, please try to have them finished by the February meeting. The sizes we require are approximately:

Baby	36 x 36 or 36 x 40
Crib or lap	42 x 54
Twin	54 x 72

Remember that the three main purposes of our guild are:

1. quilt shows.
2. workshops, demonstrations, & guest speakers for our members.
3. community quilts.

Anyone wishing to help us beforehand with any of the following (cutting for kits, layering or machine quilting), please phone me (see membership list for number)

PROGRAM

Maureen van den Dool— Program Coordinator

November Meeting—Sewing Room Sale!

Got things to sell? Call Maureen at 604-985-0702 to reserve a table. The sale will begin after the business meeting. The tables are free and there are only a few rules to guide you:

- ☞ Arrive early to set up—between 6 and 6:15
- ☞ Bring a sheet or cloth to cover the items on your table until the business meeting is concluded
- ☞ Bring your own float and an assistant so you can shop too!

Nine Patch Up-Date—(Barb Beatty) Feedback

We had lots of feedback! Here is what your fellow 9-patchers want.

Thanks for all the brown and dark fall colour patches.

Can we move to some brighter colours and lighter hues? Remember 9-patches need contrast.

Several people requested that a few of you work a bit harder to make your points meet. If you sew carefully and press as indicated in the instructions your seams will nest neatly and mostly your points will meet well.

Whoops! Sorry about the duplicates you got. We have figured out our problems. If you get a duplicate trade with someone (think hockey cards).

The Rules

You must hand your patches in **BEFORE THE MEETING STARTS** for them to be included in that month's distribution.

If you can't get to a meeting try to send your patches with a friend.

If you bring 2 months worth of patches to a meeting to do catch up we will accept them **BUT** you will get duplicates.

Request

We were short 6 blocks! If you get more than 25 blocks bring back the extras. If you make extra blocks and want to donate one, we could use a small stash of extras for short falls. Give your extra blocks to one of the people at the table.

Thank You

Your generosity with the quilt magazine \$ donation was great— \$258.25 was donated to community quilts.

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MEMBERSHIP

Vicki Digby-Membership Coordinator

The Guild currently has 262 members. Lions Gate Guild continues to attract new members! We had 3 new members join at the October meeting.

The door prize was won by a new member, Vivian Ryan. Congrats, Vivian!

Please help welcome to the Guild:

Sherry Jonn

Carol McClelland

Vivian Ryan

Since November is our last meeting of the year, it is time to think of renewal. Look for your renewal form with the January newsletter. Since the Guild relies on the membership dues for its operating budget, please plan to take a little time in January to complete your renewal by Feb. 1, 2007. The cost of renewal will remain at \$45.00.

Name Tags - Remember to bring your name tag with you. If you forget it I will have sticky tags for a donation of 25 cents - so remember to bring your own. Look for people with a green border on their name tag, this means they are either a guest or a new member. Please help them to feel welcome!!

IN THE COMMUNITY

Missing Women's Legacy Society was founded in 2000 and its objectives are to provide preventative education in BC's communities about drug addiction and its consequences and to provide restorative programs for women. MWLS is about helping women at risk for violence and at the top of that list, is Addicted Women.

One of our long-standing programs is the Quilts of Hope Program. Our Legacy Quilters, who have been on the job since 2000, turn donated materials into beautiful quilts that are given to women and children at risk and living in a variety of helping centers. They are currently creating 26 adult size and 8 children size quilts for the women and children at Peardonville House. MWLS is also offering our Art Therapy Program at the center and this program is focused on teaching quilting and appliqué. For these programs to continue we need your

help. We need donations of fabric and the supplies and equipment necessary for quilting. If you can share some of your stash we will put it to good use. If you have an old sewing machine that is still in good condition sitting in a closet somewhere, please consider donating to our program; the women are truly grateful for the opportunity to quilt and are well aware that their program would not exist without the caring support of others. We know some of you have contributed in the past and Missing Women's Legacy Society wants you to know how much we appreciate your generosity and friendship. We hope you will share with your friends the feeling of community that accompanies knowing that you have reached out and it has made a difference.

Cash donations are used for the Quilts of Hope and the Art Therapy Programs and for the **Specialized Support Program**. The Specialized Support Program is about continued support for women, leaving centers, who are without the resources of family support. MWLS will identify women, who are working hard to maintain their sobriety and making positive and productive changes in their lives and offer them individualized support over a period of up to 12 months or for as long as is acceptable to the requirements of the program and its financial viability. This support may include providing funding for counseling, clothing, education, and essential needs for both the women and their children. Most recovery programs are for 2 months or less and this is not enough time for the women to understand and heal all of the wounds that contributed to their addictive behaviors and MWLS wants all women to have the best chance of recovery and we will help as many as financially possible. Your generosity supports this important work and in the process, saves women's and children's lives. I will thank you in advance for your support. If anyone wishes to contact me directly my phone number is 604-931-1315 and my email address is valeriejeanhughes@hotmail.com

(This is a portion of Valerie's letter—to read the whole story see her letter at the newsletter table)

MWLS needs machines in good order that just need minor repair/tune up care. Castle Sewing in Abbotsford charges us a bench fee of \$40 to do the tune ups. All the machines need to do is sew good straight and zigzag stitches - age or make does not matter. These donated machines are used by the women, under the watchful eyes of our teaching volunteers, to create their projects. The next one coming up is a little quilted purse.

Quilt Surfing

By Paula Bohan

A Scrappy Website

The internet is an amazing resource, and there are lots of goodies for quilters. Patterns, techniques, blocks of the month and more are available, and much of it is free. I am going to bring you information about at least one website every month. But I must warn you – be careful not to get addicted to “quilt surfing” on the internet or you may never get another quilt done!

My current favourite website is www.quiltville.com. Quiltville is the internet home of Bonnie Hunter, a professional longarm quilter from Irmo, South Carolina, but it doesn't just advertise her quilting services. Bonnie has put together a treasure trove of ideas for scrappy quilts and quilters. This is a very easy-to-use website, full of excellent information.

Quiltville has thirty free patterns for scrappy quilts, from simple patterns using squares or rectangles, to slightly more complex starry quilts and scrappy bargellos. There are also several string-pieced patterns. All of the patterns include great colour photos of at least one of Bonnie's renditions of the quilt AND photos of the techniques for making the block and putting the quilt together AND, often, photos of several other quilts sent in by quilters who have used the pattern. You are guaranteed to be inspired by some of these patterns and photos to get started on a scrappy quilt to use up even your smallest scraps!

In addition to the patterns, there are well-illustrated tips pages on techniques such as bindings, borders and on-point settings. There are useful tables to figure out how many pieces one can cut from a piece of fabric and how much fabric is needed for various sizes of mitred borders. Bonnie also explains and pictures her systems for taming the “stash” and filing and storing the scraps.

Quiltville also has a gallery of Bonnie's quilts and “Quilts in Progress.” I assume that quilting is her full-time job, but I have no idea how Bonnie has time to work on all these quilts. She has finished a “Dear Jane” quilt, and is now working on a “Dear Jane at Sea,” which is a quilt of the 5-inch “Dear Jane” blocks with a pieced storm at sea sashing!

After you have spent hours on Quiltville and planned your next scrappy quilt, you can head to the “Hot Links – Lots of Freebies” section to keep you busy for several more hours ... but you really should get back to quilting!

I have several more websites lined up for this column, but if you have any suggestions for future months, I would love to have them. Please e-mail me at paulamb@shaw.ca

TIDBITS FROM THE TREASURER

Janet Kugyelka , Treasurer

The guild executive has discussed and approved a provisional budget for the 2007 operating year, based upon budgets and expenditures for 2005 and 2006. The budget is anticipated to be more or less balanced for the 2007 operating year (-\$191.18), based upon the following assumptions:

1. Membership will remain at ~250 paid members. Membership dues will remain at \$45/year in 2007.
2. Anticipated profit from quilt show 2006 estimated at \$3000, with \$1500 provided to 2007 and 2008 operating budget.
3. Revenue from the Raffle Quilt is directed to Community Quilts. This program is anticipated to be self sustaining for the upcoming 2 years.
4. Significant cost savings are anticipated with electronic distribution of the monthly newsletter.
5. Advertising revenues anticipated to decrease slightly.
6. Fall & Spring Seminars and Bus trips are anticipated (and intended) to be revenue neutral, although with good participation and management, these have generated a small surplus.
7. Guild workshops are self-sustaining and are operated through a separate account.

Details of the provisional budget available at the November meeting or by contacting the treasurer.

SPRING RETREAT

Mavis Walkley– Spring Retreat Coordinator

Our guild's Spring Retreat at the North Vancouver Outdoor School Conference Centre in Paradise Valley (near Brackendale) is set for April 13 - 17.

It is an opportunity to spend as much time as you want on your quilting projects while someone else prepares your meals for 2 days. More information will be available in the next newsletter.

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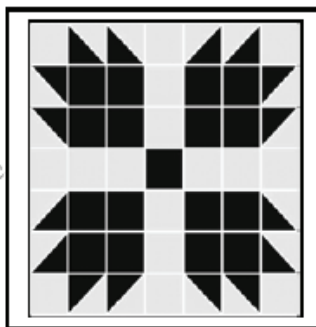
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 14-Mar 11, 2007: *Traditions*—A West Coast Fibre Artists show in La Conner.

April 27—29, 2007: *Fraser Valley Quilt Guild Quilt Show* at Cloverdale Rodeo Fairgrounds. Details to follow.

April 27—29, 2007: *First Ever Quilt Show 2007*, by Westshore Quilters at Eagle Ridge Community Centre, 1089 Langford Parkway, Victoria.

May 2—5, 2007: *Quilt BC* in Kamloops sponsored by CQA/Acc and hosted by Sagebrush Quilt Guild

May 25-27, 2007: *Nanaimo Quilters Guild 2007 Quilt Show* at Beban Park Recreation Centre in Nanaimo

July 18-Sept 16, 2007: *Beyond Borders*, by the Pacific Coast regional group of FAN, in the Quilt Museum at La Conner

DETAILS AT LGQG INFORMATION TABLE



FROM YOUR NEWSLETTER EDITOR

I invite everyone to submit items of interest for the newsletter, especially all the accomplishments made by our members.

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If you have a concern, comments or suggestions which you would like addressed at an executive meeting, please submit them to any one of the executive in writing or by email.

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- Your calendar to set dates?
- Show and Tell?
- Cheques for workshops, retreat, and membership dues?
- Library books?
- Nine patches for exchange
- Money for Sewing Room Sale



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