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Guild Meeting Checklist

- ✓ Mug or Loonie to borrow one
- ✓ A share plate (if it's your birthday month)
- ✓ A friend
- ✓ Show and Tell item(s)
- ✓ Block of the Month
- ✓ Community Quilts
- ✓ Name Tag
- ✓ \$\$\$/ Cheque book

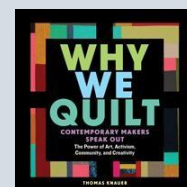
A note from our President

Hello All,

By now you have heard about the effects of the COVID-19 epidemic on pretty well all our lives, from health, to finance, to social gatherings, and now to our own meetings. One can only hope that all this self-distancing will protect the vulnerable, keep people healthy, and allow the virus to run its course. We are, indeed, a global village. In this village, we are fortunate to have quilting to keep our hands and minds busy; most of us have such a large stash that we don't even need to go shopping! In the end, we have our health, our family, and our friends. No social gathering should put those things at risk.

The March meeting is cancelled, and we will make decisions about April and May meetings later. The Quilt Show has been postponed to next year. Other activities will be postponed or cancelled, as appropriate. Please contact me or other members of the executive if you have any comments, concerns, or suggestions about our meetings. We've had some questions already about whether we can provide an opportunity to stay in touch with blogging or some other online experience. We can investigate this. After all, we join a guild because we want to stay in touch with and be inspired by other quilters.

I was going to write a calm, lovely message this month about a great book from our Guild Library. I've been reading Thomas Knauer's "Why We Quilt. Contemporary Makers Speak Out." There are beautiful quilts and short essays from many quilters about why they quilt. Our own Krista Hennebury is in the book, along with her quilt "Blackbird Fly". Here is one of my favourite passages, from Laura Hartrich. I couldn't say it better myself. "I quilt because I love to work with my hands and my eyes. I love playing with color and patterns. I love making a thing from start to finish. I love that when I'm done with that thing, it can be an object of comfort and utility, or it can be art. In some cases it can be both, and I love that, too." Knauer also provides an overview of the history of quilting in North American and some interesting examples of quilters who use the medium to raise awareness about important issues. I hope you get a chance to take this book from our library soon.



I look forward to seeing you once all this is over. As my father used to say, this too shall pass. Watch the website, too, as we will post changes as needed.

Karen Munro

Newsletter Submission Deadline Dates

April 13, 2020
June 8, 2020
Oct. 12, 2020

May 11, 2020
Sept. 7, 2020
Nov. 9, 2020

2020 Guild Meeting Dates

March 24, 2020—CANCELLED
April 28, 2020
May 26, 2020
June 23, 2020

Sept. 22, 2020
Oct. 27, 2020
Nov. 24, 2020

News From Within



Creative Ongoing Project Session

This is how
you can take
the opportunity
to finish up
those UFOs

(unfinished objects), start a new project, get help with a project, be inspired by what others are working on, meet with guild members/friends and engage in some social quilting and the culinary delights we share.

2020 Winter/Spring Dates @ [Highlands United Church, 3255 Edgemont Blvd. North Vancouver, BC](#)

Mark your calendars:

March 28, 2020—CANCELLED

May 9, 2020
May 30, 2020



February Workshop:
Huge thanks to Krista and Carol for putting on a free Borders, Bindings, Labels and

Sleeves workshop preceding our February Guild meeting. A great refresher for some and excellent instruction for newbies.

Here are the links Krista recommended, although there are many, many others...find one that fits for you on [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com).

[Sleeves \(1\)](#) [Sleeves \(2\)](#) [Binding](#)

COMING IN APRIL

Improv Alphabet with Felicity Ronaghan

Date: Saturday, April 18, 2020

Highlands United Church, 3255 Edgemont Blvd.

10:00am-4:00pm

Fee: \$75.00 incl. class materials



Quilt Show 2020 News – Colleen Bell



In light of the information coming from the provincial government about large gatherings, concerns from our vendors, and concerns about financial losses if we don't get the attendance we need, the Quilt Show committee has decided it would be best to postpone the show until next year. More information will be forthcoming in the April newsletter, after the committee has had a chance to consider all of the ramifications and details. The good news is, you have more time to work on your quilts for the 2021 show. You also have the opportunity to create new ones to replace the ones you give away.

Raffle Quilt 2020 News – Jane Ellis



SALES WILL CONTINUE

Our BC Gaming Licence obligates us to draw for a winner on June 6, 2020. Given that ticket sales have already started we will proceed as planned.

Since many other guilds have also chosen to cancel meetings we are unable to sell tickets out in the community, we encourage members to step up and sell tickets to their immediate families and friends to maximize sales proceeds.

Our sales to date have exceeded our costs; this means any sales, moving forward will add to the funds available to benefit our Community Quilts. We can sell tickets until June 6, 2020.

- Jane Ellis will be at the church meeting place on March 24 (our regular meeting night) from 7-8 pm to sell raffle ticket books.
- Contact Jane via [email](#) to purchase additional books of tickets or drop off ticket stubs.

We need the support of all our members with ticket selling more than ever since we cannot attend other guilds' meetings.

Community Quilts



Community Quilts has a long history of encouraging Guild members to provide community service by creating quilts for shelters, extended care facilities and individuals in times of crisis.

Given that Quilt Show 2020 has been postponed, you are encouraged to take the time to make some quilts for those in need, if you can.

Above all else:

- Keep calm and keep quilting
- Don't worry about picking up kits or supplies, or dropping off quilts at this time.

For more information about Community Quilts, please visit [our website](#)

Quilt sizes

Wee Baby:	16" x 20" or 18" x 24"
Baby:	36" x 40"
Wheelchair:	36" x 40"
Child/Lap:	42" x 54"
Twin:	54" x 72"

Members-at-Large – Shauna Dennert



A reminder to let a Member-at-Large (Shauna Dennert or Leslie Chatelaine) know if there is a member who is ill, has suffering from a loss, celebrating an addition to the family or special occasion. Leslie or Shauna can then send out a card from the guild. Once our meetings resume, we would like to have one or two members volunteer for one or more meetings to act as greeters for guests/new members. Your job would be to answer any questions, take them around the meeting room and show/explain some of the activities (no need to overwhelm them) of the guild Membership Desk/Sign In, 50/50 Draw, Library, Share Table, Workshops, COPS days,

Community Quilts, Programmes, Show and Tell, coffee break, Quilt show, challenges, the website, and any other points about the guild you feel are important, in addition to introducing them to some of the members. If they have come alone, ensure they find a place to sit and connect with members for the meeting. So think about whether you'd like to volunteer for this duty and contact Leslie or Shauna via the [contact page of our website](#)



Programmes

At each meeting, we enjoy presentations by speakers on a wide variety of quilting-related topics, coordinated by our Programmes Team.

We also encourage our creativity via Neighbourhood Quilt-A-Long. The theme for each Guild meeting is announced at the preceding month's meeting. February's Theme: *In The Neighbourhood* yielded some very creative blocks.

Thank you to all who participated and congrats to the winner of our draw.

2019/2020 Quilt Challenge News – Barbara Beatty



"Out of the Box"

The challenge for the LGQG 2020 show has two parts:

1. A colour challenge: CORAL
2. What about your quilt is out of the box for you?

2020 Challenge Update:

The challenge program is in a holding pattern for now. With the deadline of the show date removed, don't put your challenge fabric at the bottom of your UFO collection. Keep stitching and creating; watch for another update as life unfolds.

For more information regarding the Challenge Quilt rules, please email Barbara Beatty directly.



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"Is it too early for wine?"



"What happens at retreat stays at retreat!".



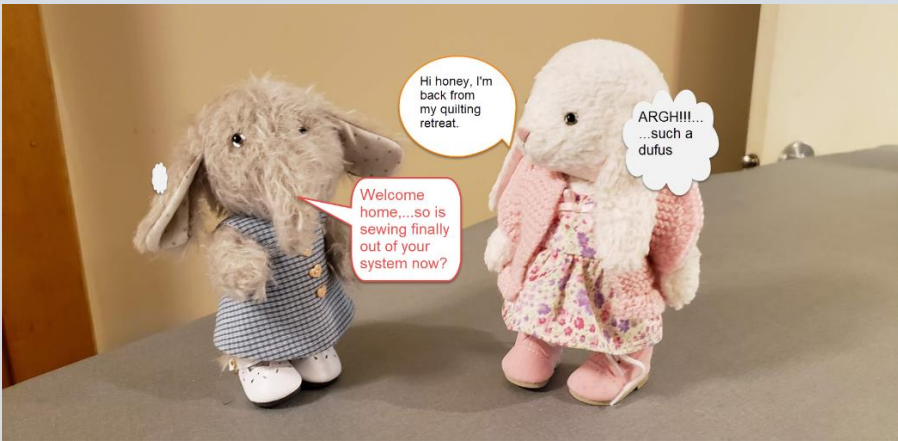
"Is anyone going to Hamel's?"



"Stay tuned for the WOW factor"



“...if you can’t fix it, feature it!”



“I think I’ll go to Hammel’s today....”





Always new. Always inspiring.
Nightfall ~ from Art Gallery. Stunning!



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Marketplace

Do you or a friend have some sewing items you'd like to sell? Items must be in good condition and in working order. Please remember that ads are personal (not business).

Please send a brief description of the item and a photo or two to [communications](#) directly.