



the connecting thread

The Newsletter for the Lions Gate Quilters' Guild

May 2021

Dates - Announcements - Events



- Show and Tell submission deadline: **May 22, 2021** (subject line: May Show and Tell)
- **May 25, 2021** - Guild Meeting via Zoom - Invitation mail out: May 25 by 12pm noon. Special Guest Speaker: Cheryl Arkison of Sunday Morning Quilts
- **Workshop:** "Slab" technique for using up your scraps by Cheryl Arkison. **Saturday, June 5, 2021**
- **Sew-cial Drop-In via Zoom May 25 2-5pm** - link sent out with Guild Meeting email
- **June 1, 2021** - Guild executive meeting
- Check the Sidebar for a **SPECIAL COMMUNITY PROJECT**
- **Guild Address change:** The post office box has moved to 1520 Lonsdale and a small change to our address is needed. Our **NEW address is: Lonsdale EAST PO**. All other info remains the same

President's Message

As I was enjoying a recent walk around Victoria Park, I thought of that old saying, March winds and April showers bring forth May flowers. There is so much joy in seeing the beauty of spring blooms and the lovely fresh green of the newly awakened trees. In these difficult and uncertain times, I find it so reassuring that Mother Nature carries on with the ever changing seasons and gives us so much for which to be grateful.

With very few actual commitments over the last 15 months, I have had so much time to take lengthy walks and to really notice all that is around us. Instead of getting my exercise time 'over with', I've used those minutes to appreciate the natural beauty right in front of me which I previously just took for granted. There are many things we have learned during this pandemic and, for me, one will be the importance of

‘taking time to smell the roses’.

As a quilter, I always find so much inspiration in nature’s colour palette. Each season brings unlimited possibilities - the soft, fresh colours of Spring, the vibrancy of Summer, the mellow tones of Fall and the neutrals of Winter. I hope all of you will also take pleasure in these simple things that I have come to appreciate and have so helped in reducing my anxiety levels.

With the roll-out of vaccines speeding up, there is continued hope that we might be able to meet in person by September but we’ll just have to wait and see what the health regulations are by then. I think we all have done exceptionally well adjusting to this virtual world but it still is not the same as really ‘seeing’ each other.

There is so much for which to look forward, especially Quilt Show 2022! Now that all the committee positions have been filled, planning can begin in earnest. I know that all of us are thrilled that Colleen Bell has stepped in to coordinate this wonderful event. It’s a big undertaking and I’m confident that all of us will support the committee in any way we can.

Happy quilting, stay safe and see you at the next guild meeting.

Suzanne

***A little something extra:

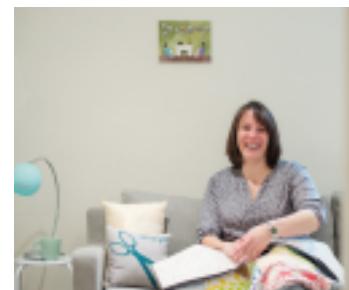
Last week, I had a lovely phone chat with Dianne Stevenson who has recently moved from the Lower Mainland to the Summerland. Many of you will remember her presentations to the guild as well as her phenomenal workshop series entitled ‘Canadiana in Cloth’. She’d love to hear from any guild members - her email is still fdiannelstevenson@telus.net. And for those not familiar with her work, have a look at blackcrowquiltdesigns.com .

Lions Gate Quilters' Guild Presents -- Cheryl Arkison

Our guest lecturer this month will be Cheryl Arkison, modern quilter, writer and teacher, whose name may be familiar to many of you as one of the authors of “Sunday Morning Quilts”. Her topic is:

SCRAPS v. SCRAPPY

Far too often I hear people say that they can’t do scrappy because



1. It looks too messy or
2. They don't have pretty scraps.

In this lecture and trunk show I will show you all the pleasures of using your scraps. It starts with sorting and storing. Then we can discuss the difference between a scrap quilt and a scrappy one. That's right, they are not the same. See you on May 25th!



Lions Gate Quilters' Guild - Slab Quilt By Cheryl Arkison

Date: Saturday, June 5, 2021, 10am to 1pm.

Location: via Zoom

Cost \$30 for members.

On May 22 the workshop will be offered to other guilds

Visit our Website for more details [HERE](#)



Thanks to everyone for all the quilts coming in – they look really wonderful!

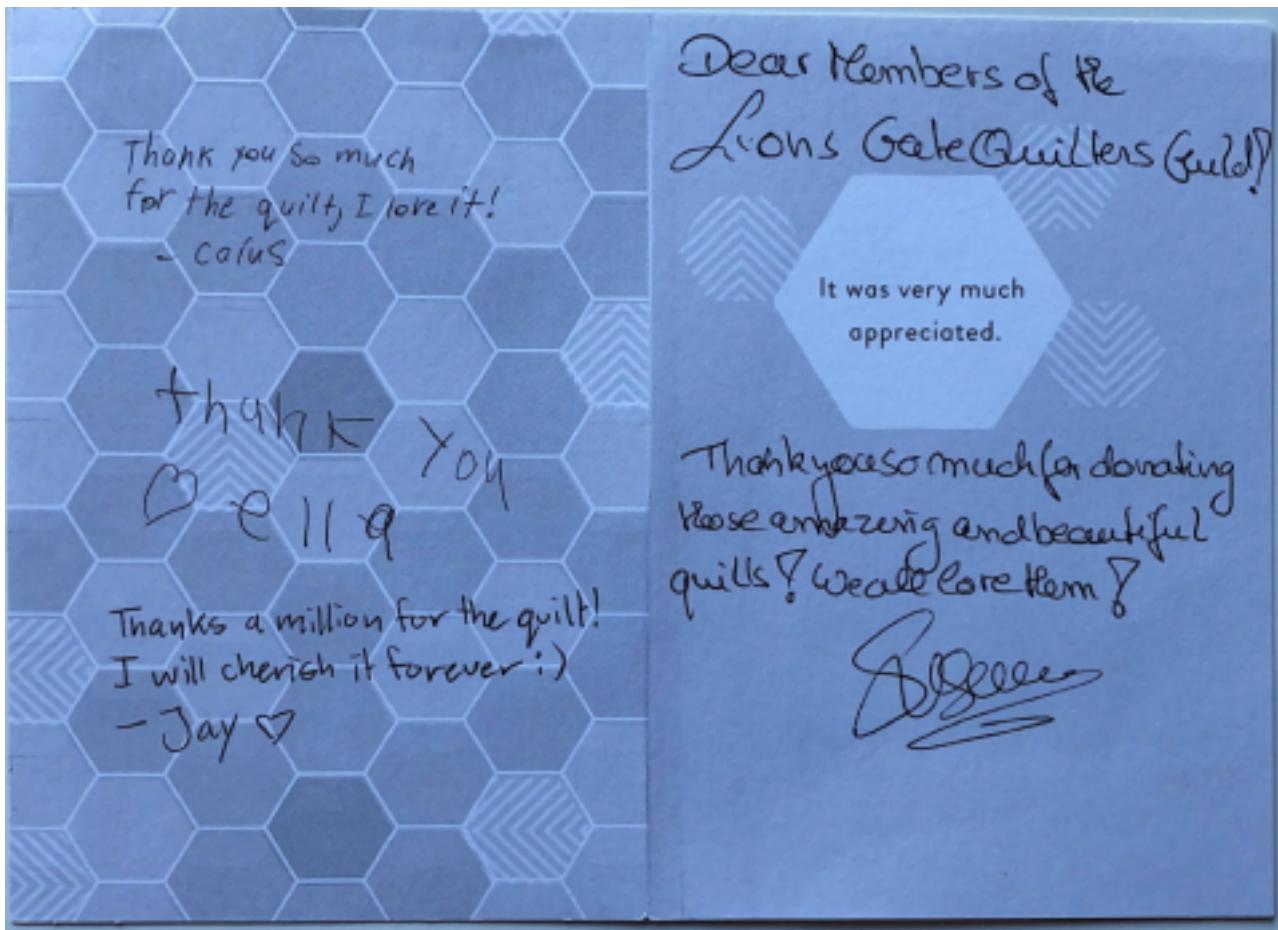
In follow-up to the Lynn Valley situation, we are happy to report that we managed to make contact with all but one of the victims (who wished to remain private) and 22 quilts were delivered through the various contacts to the victims, their children and traumatized library staff. We have had such good feedback – thank you's, so touched that we reached out to them, made them feel the community support and spirit in spite of what happened – they all love the quilts they received.

We are now once again sorting and organizing deliveries to our usual recipients – a few got delayed while we worked on the Lynn Valley ones.

Keep the quilts coming in – people love to receive them!

If you need batting or backing please send an email to Brenda Sangster and Linda Heese – we will do our best to get these to you. ([Quilt sizes are on our website HERE.](#))

A special Thank You...



Please check our website and facebook group for updates and
news regarding our next COPS Day and SEW-cial drop in [HERE](#)



Check your email inboxes. You should have received your
2021 Lions Gate Quilters Guild
Membership Card.
If you did not, please contact
membership@lionsgatequiltersguild.com

Sidebar

Special Announcement from Berene Campbell

I've recently launched the Lynn Valley Love Project in response to the Lynn Valley stabbings.

There will be two separate installations at the library:



1. A collection of Love banners made by quilters - a similar concept to the Toronto

Love Project that I did in 2018, but different dimensions. These will be installed in the stairwell which is a beautiful space filled with light. The banners do not have batting in them so no quilting required. They are just sewn together and top stitched down the sides. This keeps them lighter weight and hopefully allows them to move with the airflow. There are certain parameters (colour palette, fabrics, dimensions, messaging etc) for the banners in order to create a cohesive look and feel for the project. I am offering a choice of two FPP alphabets to anyone who participates in case they would like to use it for piecing.

The deadline for the banners is July 7. All the details can be found [HERE](#):

2. The second part of the project will be a giant LOVE criss-stitch which will be a community engagement art project for the general public - it also requires sewing but very basic skill level. It's not a true cross stitch as the X's are actually hand-stitched felt X's but I think it is going to be quite fun and easy for people to get involved. The deadline for the X-blocks is June 15.

You can read more about this one [HERE](#)

Warm wishes, stay safe!

Berene (Campbell)

A Reminder from our own Leslie Forbes

Wall Quilt Raffle for Desert Valley Hospice Society

Serving Oliver, Osoyoos and Ok Falls

Tickets \$25 each or 5 for \$100

Online Ticket Sales April 6 – May 30, 2021

Go to www.desertvalleyhospice.org

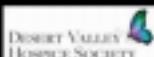
Or call 250-495-1590

Draw held on May 31, 2021

This Karen Thatcher-style quilt was made by Kathie Kaby, Bev Penny, Gisela Carroll, and Leslie Forbes. They donated it to DVHS in Karen's honour.

Karen Thatcher (1957-2020) was a Canadian Master Quilter/ Fibre Artist, former paramedic, traumatic brain injury survivor, and lung cancer patient from Rossland BC. She created beautiful art quilts portraying nature around her and donated these pieces to various organizations. Her first quilt won second place across Canada in 2014. Karen taught her friends and other quilters her techniques. This is her legacy.

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Into the Light

80" x 40" Quilted Wall Hanging

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