

Lions Gate Quilters' Guild

Newsletter

November 2023



President's Message

As I write, it's stormy outside and getting dark even though it's only mid-afternoon. I am sitting by the (gas) fire, drinking tea and have just put down my hand stitching. All rather Norman Rockwell don't you think? Well, maybe not but it still feels pretty cozy.

If you're like me, you're busy working on Christmas or other holiday projects. With a little one running around our house, my time is limited these days, but I am focusing on some small Christmas themed projects.

I had a lovely day with our two young granddaughters yesterday while Papa looked after our grandson at home. They called it their "Nana Day." They picked White Spot for lunch and then we went to Fabricana to pick fabric for new dresses I'll make them. They refer to the last dresses I made them as their "best dresses." So cute.

I am looking forward to our November meeting and hope to see many of you there.

It's one of my favourite meetings of the year.

Happy stitching!

Diane Lyons
President

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November Dates

Guild Meeting Day

November 28th

2—4pm:

Slow Stitchers meet in the hall

2—5pm:

Pick up batting & batting
for Community Quilts (pg 6)

7.30pm:

Guild Meeting

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exchange and more!

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BREAKING NEWS!!!

**There are 6 more seats available for
the Extravaganza.**

Workshops

Slow Stitchers

We had over 25 members respond to the invitation to join an informal group interested in various forms of hand stitching. We will meet November 28th (Tuesday) at the church meeting space, 2 to 4 pm. All are welcome. Bring ideas, needle/thread/cloth, and a project if you like. We will teach each other as we go. I spoke with Uschi Greiner and we can organize a workshop later in the spring.

January Extravaganza, January 27th, 2024

Registration information is posted on the Guild website, along with a link to the form. There are now six spaces left (for 48 people maximum). Go ahead and sign up, but contact Karen before sending money. That way we can make up a wait list when we get full and Linda doesn't have to process refunds.

The pattern for the optional project (Cat Walk) will be sent out in late November.

Further Workshops

Plans for a spring workshop are being made. We will keep you posted.

Border, binding, and sleeves – We hope to have an afternoon workshop in April or May, as in the past, to help members get ready for the quilt show.

Rosa from Appliquik will offer workshops in her fabulous applique techniques in June, before our Quilt show.

Karen Munro

Workshops Coordinator

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[Visit the Workshops webpage](#)

You might have seen this pic

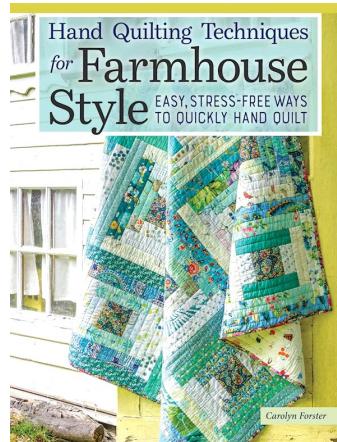
on our [Facebook group](#):

Carolann F finished the cushion
she started in the recent
Lorna Moffat workshop.
This is her pup Poppy.



Library Info

The Book Sale was a great success! We raised \$235. Thank you all for your contributions! There are also 3 new books in our library, thanks to an infusion of cash.



“Hand Quilting Techniques for Farmhouse Style” (on hold for Mona who requested it), “Farmhouse Style Quilting” and “Tis the Season for Quilting”.

I will be doing an inventory of our books just before the November meeting to get everything in tip top shape for the next year since I don’t have access during December, January and February.

Any books you have checked out will be due at the March meeting.

Carolann Fraenkel
Librarian

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[Visit the Library webpage](#)

FOR SALE

**Antique Singer Sewing Machine
(1924)**
Free to a good home

Please contact:
Mary-Elizabeth Manley
604-929-0396



Next COPS Day: December 9th!

Programs

Join in the fun at the November meeting. Please make a small gift that will fit in a lunch size brown bag. The gift must be handmade, it can be a Christmas ornament, little pouch, pot holder, pin cushion, needle case, anything that fits in the bag. Please bring it in a bag or wrap it. You must have a gift to participate in the game. It should be lots of fun so please join us.

It is the last month to sign up for UFO's. Don't forget you have until the March 2024 meeting to get your quilts finished and show them. The draw will be at the end of the March meeting.

We are looking forward to hearing the presentation from Liz Thompson from Liz Sews. She will be talking about her quilting journey from Namibia, Africa to Vancouver, Canada

Our January and February meetings will be via Zoom. For January we have Kathy K Wylie, Beauty is all Around, The Art of Applique and February we have Brandy, Quilter on Fire, talking about a quilter's journey Our first meeting back in March we are fortunate once again to have Carola Russell, she has a new presentation, Stripes and Circles along with her amazing pop up shop

Program Coordinator on behalf of the Programs team: *Leslie, Connie, Suzanne and Helen*

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[Visit the Programs webpage](#)



Congratulations to our November winner: Karen Marshall

Karen and Community Quilts each received \$56.00.
Thank you to all our members who purchased a ticket.
Don't forget to buy yours at the next Guild meeting.
Sarah will be ready with the winning ticket!!



From your members-at-large

Do you know a member who is in need of a hug, a kind word, or a happy card? Please let us know and we will reach out on behalf of our Guild.

Sarah and/or Annilene: [email us here](#)

Membership News



Hello Guild Members!

Our membership continues to grow – and welcome to all new members. We currently have 129 members, including 4 new members who joined in October 2023!

- Janet Dailly
- Kathy Hunter
- Maryam Saroei
- Sharlene McManus

October General Meeting: we had 79 members in attendance together with 3 guests and door prizes were won by Faith Hayman, Diane Lyons and Krista Hennebury.

Bobbie Holden got a prize for bringing 2 guests to the meeting! All prizes were from items that were purchased from Dianne Ritter's Estate Sale earlier in the day.

I would encourage all members to bring a 'guest' to any of the upcoming Guild monthly meetings meeting. This provides an excellent opportunity to be introduced to LGQG, see the great speaker we have, view the 'show and tell' quilts or projects recently completed by members and to enjoy a coffee and treats.

As a reminder, please sign in at the 'Membership Desk' when you arrive!

PHOTOS/PUBLICITY During our Guild meetings, workshops, programs, COPS etc. we may take photos of you, groups of people and your work. If you wish to be on the list of 'no photos please' drop me an email and I will add your name. Also make sure that you tell the person taking the photos the same!

Patricia Hamilton
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[Visit the Membership webpage](#)

Community Quilts

Backings and Battings

Available for pick-up on Guild Meeting Day, November 28th from 2 - 5 pm.

We will bring some batting to cut for people working on Community Quilts. Also some backing fabrics will be available. **Our next available opportunity for church time will be the March in-person meeting so get your Community Quilts batting now!**

To help us bring what is needed: please email us the following info:

- Quilt top dimensions for BATTING (indicate long-arm or home machine for quilting)
- Photo of quilt top or fabric samples with dimensions for BACKING so we can find an appropriate backing

Please bring these with you for the final selection.

Emails should be sent to brendasangster@shaw.ca and heese@telus.net.

Community Quilt Distribution

We are now delivering our fall quilts, a total of 79, as follows:

LGH – Chemo Clinic (7) – always thrilled to receive our quilts. Many people experience chills and are so happy to receive a quilt that helps them both during and between their treatments.

Hope Centre (7) – very happy with the colourful quilts they received. Our quilts brings a sense of caring and community support that is very important.

Hospice (6) – so appreciate every quilt we give them. Our quilts add colour and warmth to the hospital setting both for the patient and their families at such a difficult time.

Turning Point – Men (6), Women (7) – our quilts are used to recognize the people who have completed their rehab programs and are ready to take their next step back into community life. These quilts are treasured by the recipients.

Evergreen House (11), Cedar View (12), Kiwanis (12) – our quilts provide warmth and comfort for people in wheelchairs and beds. They make a huge difference in making these care facilities feel more like a home. There are several hundred people living in these lodges so our quilts are always needed and appreciated.

Family Services (11) – provides help and support for families in crisis – such as people who have lost their homes due to fire. Our quilts provide a very personal level of caring to both adults and children in difficult times.

*Please know how much your creations contribute
to the well-being of each person who receives one.*

Linda Heese
Community Quilts
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[Visit the Community Quilts webpage](#)

2024 AGM: Executive Positions

The guild's AGM is typically held in February. To ensure continuity, executive terms are staggered—each year some, not all, positions are up for election or re-election. Terms run for 2-years and incumbents may serve on the exec for a maximum of 4 years at a time.

New to the guild? Serving on the exec is a great way to get to know guild members and more about the guild. Questions? Please feel free to [contact the current incumbents!](#)

Vice President

The Vice President supports the President as requested and acts as President during the President's absence. In addition, the VP is the primary contact for our meeting venue, acts as a banking signatory, and is responsible for incoming correspondence, distribution of mail and Guild insurance. (Current incumbent: Margo Novak)

Treasurer

The Treasurer looks after all the financial business of the guild. This includes handling payments and receipts (cash, cheques and e-transfers), preparing year-end financial statements, filing the tax return, preparing the annual budget and presenting this to members for the AGM. The treasurer prepares a monthly budget vs actuals for the monthly Executive meetings. Familiarity with Excel or similar spreadsheet application is needed.

(Current incumbent: Linda Heese)

Librarian

The Librarian puts out the books for each meeting and stores them away afterwards. They keep an up to date list of members, create online accounts for each new member, Keep track of books in and out, purchase new books for the library, cull outdated books that have not been checked out in several years, and organize the Annual Book Sale.

(Current incumbent: Carolann Fraenkel)

Member-at-Large

There are two Member-at-Large positions, each serving a two year term. One new Member-at-Large is elected each year. The Member-at Large greets people arriving at guild meetings, looks after the 50/50 raffle which includes applying for the annual license, assists with Show and Tell, and is an avenue for members to communicate with the Guild Exec. They also communicate congratulations or condolences to fellow guild members on behalf of the guild. In the second year of his or her term, the Member-at-Large is the Nominating Committee Coordinator for the upcoming elections. (Current incumbents: Sarah Gibson and Annilene Hayman)

Programmes Coordinator

Arranges a program for each general meeting September to November and January to June. Programs for each meeting usually involve a speaker which should be booked up to 6 months ahead. Two meetings a year are social meetings which require games or activities as well as prizes and food. Throughout the year the program committee organizes activities such as Block of the Month, UFO, Pizza Box, just to mention a few.

The Program committee works closely with the Workshops Coordinator; many workshops come about after the speaker is at the guild.

Each meeting you greet the speaker and make sure they have everything they need for the presentation as well as helping them at the end of the meeting and arranging with the treasurer for payment. January and February the speaker may be via zoom.

Each month you need to attend the executive meeting and prepare something for the newsletter. At the end of your term a calendar of events will be passed on to the new Program Coordinator.

Communications Coordinator

- Coordinates and facilitates timely, appropriate communications, updates and support across the Guild's touch points, including a monthly newsletter, website, eblasts and social media (Facebook and Instagram) and others as required.
- Is the liaison between the executive/volunteers and the Google Administrator.
- Assists with policies and protocols for management of the google account.
- Responsible for guild brand/branding.
- Ensures adherence to privacy, copyright and other related legislation.
- Responds to inquiries from members and the public as necessary.
- Prepares a report of duties and activities for the incoming Communications Coordinator.

This position is supported by 3 volunteers: a Google Administrator, a Newsletter Editor and a Webmaster. (Current incumbent: Penny Nelson)

And in the “this guild doesn’t just quilt category”...



Betty M is now proudly a self-confessed bag lady having discovered Spencer Ogg patterns! Here she is with matching bags at our October COPS Day (right). Marsha M made the cutest clutches as gifts (below).



Jane P completed this quilted vest project after something of a “hiatus”... well worth the wait! It was going to be a jacket, but ended up as a covetable vest.

