

# Lions Gate Quilters' Guild

# Newsletter

January 2024



## President's Message

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope you've all had a nice December break and were able to get some time with those you love and who love you.

If you were lucky, you also got in some quilting time. I managed to do some Christmas projects, that I'd had on my "to do" list for a while and made handmade cards for my family. We also got in some nice family time and visits with friends. So, all in all, it was a good December for us.

Our next two meetings will be via Zoom due to the dark, rainy and potentially snowy nights. I will miss seeing you in person (I love the social time), but it gives us an opportunity to bring in speakers who are not local, so there is an upside.

Our AGM is fast approaching and will be held via Zoom on February 27<sup>th</sup>. I encourage you to give me or Sarah Gibson a call if you are interested in any of the open executive positions (see page 2).

I hope to see you at the Zoom meeting on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. In the meantime – Happy Quilting.

**Diane Lyons**

President

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## January Dates

### January 18:

2024/25 Membership Registration Starts

7pm: Quilt Show Committee Meeting via Zoom

### January 23:

2 – 4pm: Sew-cial via Zoom

7pm: Monthly guild meeting via Zoom

Check your inbox for link on the 22<sup>nd</sup> / 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### January 27:

9am: Extravaganza at Gleneagles

### January 30:

7pm: Executive meeting

# 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)

# Programs

## January

We are excited to have [Kathy Wylie](#) present via Zoom to speak about “*The Art of Applique*”.

## February

We have Brandy, [Quilter on Fire](#), presenting via Zoom “*A Quilter’s journey*”. If you have a chance prior listen to her podcast, she has many interesting interviews.

Registration for the UFO has closed but you do have until the March meeting to finish the quilts so hope you are working hard!

## March

We have [Carola Russell](#) for an in-person presentation, “*Circles/Stripes*”. She will also be bringing her wonderful pop up shop.

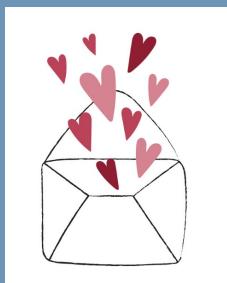
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[Visit the Programs webpage](#)



## A Message from Member Bena Luxton

At a fall meeting I left on the free table, a hoop that can be used for quilting or embroidery or any handwork. It was a large hoop, and I forgot that I had a stand that supported it. If the member who picked it up would like the stand (no cost), please call or [email me](#) and I will arrange to pass it on.



## *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](#)

# Library Info

Enjoy your books and bring them back in March when we meet in-person again!

**Carolann Fraenkel**

**Librarian**

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[Visit the Library webpage](#)



## Workshops

### 2024 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.

### Extravaganza, January 27th

This event is full with a waitlist. Information will be sent to those who've registered in due course.

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[Visit the Workshops webpage](#)



# 2024 Quilt Show

I'm sure you all still have quilts saved up for the show that we are all eager to see.

JoAnn Lee is our Registration coordinator, she has this information to share:

## **Quilt Show registration is now open!**

I am excited to start receiving your quilt registrations for our show. You will need to register your quilts again if you had them registered for the 2023 show that was cancelled, and we still need \$2 per quilt or a new photo delivered to the March meeting.

**All quilts need to be registered online**, help is available if needed, just ask!

You will receive an email confirmation immediately after you have submitted your registration so when it is time to make the quilt label you will have all the information you need.

The form also allows you to make edits to your registration (in case you made a typo, or decide you have a better name for the quilt 5 minutes later).

This form creates a spreadsheet of the data that is used by multiple sub-committees thereby saving time and preventing potential errors.

## **A few really important points about quilt show registration:**

- ◆ No registrations will be accepted after March 26th.
- ◆ Your registration is not complete until your photo is received (and payment for the photo if required)
- ◆ All photos MUST be 4" by 6" on PHOTO PAPER. They must also accurately show the colours of the quilt. Our layout team uses the photos to determine how the show is hung. If the colours are not correctly represented it can radically change how the show is hung, creating a more difficult set up day.

**To register online, [follow this link to complete your registration.](#)**



**Lions Gate Quilters Guild Quilt Show 2024**  
**June 14 & 15, 2024**

*Keep reading for more Quilt Show info...*

# 2024 Quilt Show continued

## 2024 Challenge Quilt

Just a reminder that registration for entries into the Challenge Quilt competition is now open. The challenge is to make a mini-quilt which reflects this year's theme, "With a Song in my Heart". Registration will stay open until 31 March. You do not need to complete your quilt until the show, so you can enter now, even if you haven't started your quilt. If you would like to enter, need more information or a copy of the rules, please email me.

**Tanith**

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## Boutique

Once again it is time to get creative and start production on your boutique items! Our boutique has a wonderful reputation among show visitors for offering high quality sewn, knit, quilted and other items for sale! I hope we will once again offer a beautiful selection to our visitors.

Consider baby quilts, placemats, napkin sets, tea cozies, mug rugs/coasters, throw cushion covers, cosmetic bags/pouch, coin purses/pouch, pin cushions, bibs, stuffed toys, scarves, hats, baby sweaters, mittens, seasonal wall-hangings, bookmarks, sewing-themed greeting cards, draw-string bags, totes, fold-up grocery bags, Christmas gift bags, wine bags, project envelopes, project pouches, jewelry. **Just no food items please.**

We can also display a limited number of larger quilts and have sold up to twin size at the last two shows. If you have any questions about the suitability of anything you'd like to offer in the boutique, or you'd like to request an inventory form, just email me.

**Krista Hennebry**

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*There's MORE...*

# 2024 Quilt Show continued

## Volunteers

Volunteer sign up will start at the March meeting in-person, and will also be available online. I will have more info for you on the process next month but in the meantime please look at your calendars and sort out which days you can volunteer during the show. Without a strong complement of volunteers our show simply doesn't work.

Also remember that for every two hour shift you complete your name is entered into the Volunteer Prize Draw.

If you are interested in helping with volunteer coordination (we need 1 or 2 people), please contact me. You need to be able to attend the March, April and May meetings, as well as for part of the time during the show.

**Colleen Bell**

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## Hanging a quilt in the show

We will once again be asking you to supply a dowel for any quilt 48" or less in width. The guild will supply the proper sized eye hooks and make them available at meetings in March and April. Information about sleeve size etc. can be found [on the guild website](#).

If you are new to the guild or if you have hesitated in the past to enter a quilt, I encourage you to do so. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me either by phone or by email.

Happy Quilting!

**Carolann Fraenkel**

**Quilt Show Coordinator**

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[Visit the Quilt Show webpage](#)

*That's it for now :-)*



# Communications

Whether you've been a member for a while or have just joined, there are several ways to connect with guild friends outside of the monthly meetings. For example, 71 of us belong to our members-only [Facebook group!](#)

The monthly calendar is on the [home page](#) of our website and is updated with the latest info if things change. It's a good place to get the most accurate info about workshops, COPS Days, Sew-cials, the Slow Stitch sessions and any other guild activities. If you have questions, concerns or suggestions for the exec or other volunteers, but are not sure who's who, visit the [Contact Us page](#) of our website.

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**Facebook group (guild members only):**  
[www.facebook.com/groups/lionsgatequiltersguild](http://www.facebook.com/groups/lionsgatequiltersguild)

**Instagram:**  
[www.instagram.com/lionsgatequilters/](http://www.instagram.com/lionsgatequilters/)

**Contact executive members and volunteers:**  
[www.lionsgatequiltersguild.com/contact-us/](http://www.lionsgatequiltersguild.com/contact-us/)



## Membership News

All my very best for a happy, healthy and fun 2024!

Our November General meeting held on November 28th, seemed ages ago but wanted to acknowledge the **67** members that were in attendance and the **3** guests there brought by members. We all had a great time especially in the 'left/right' game that Leslie organized. I am just glad that we are very creative quilting, as our left/right seemed to be a problem!

### **2024/25 Guild Membership Registration Opens**

A separate email will be sent to all current members shortly, with all of the details and outlining the registration process, for the LGQG Membership Registration for 2024/25. Our Guild calendar year runs from March 1st, 2024, to February 28th, 2025.

This will be an online registration process as in the past, and ideally all monies paid are to be made by e-transfer. If anyone has any technical issues, please contact me directly.

A reminder that you need to be a fully paid member of the Guild to submit a quilt to be shown at Quilt Show 2024.

**Birthdays!** A very happy birthday to those that celebrated in December and this month, January!

We have two new Guild members that have joined in January - **Sindy Zelezen** and **Angele Pinette**. This brings our total to **131** LGQG members! New membership lists will be sent to you shortly.

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