

Lions Gate Quilters' Guild

Newsletter

February 2024



President's Message

As I've probably already told you, Spring is my favourite time of year and although it's only mid February, it's really hard not to feel like Spring is just around the corner. Our crocuses are in bloom, tulips are up and some of bushes are starting to bud. I sure hope they don't get a nasty weather surprise in the coming weeks!

Unfortunately, I have not been able to get at my quilting projects for well over a month now. After dodging it for four years, I finally contracted COVID and I think it saved up four years of nasty stuff for me. I have had a time of it, but happy to say, I have tested negative and am improving every day. Please be careful out there.

We have one more Zoom meeting and I'm really looking forward to our speaker this month. We also have the AGM and elections, but I promise we will keep it short. I really hope to see as many of you as possible at the meeting.

In the meantime, Happy Quilting!

Diane Lyons
President

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February Dates

February 22

7pm: Quilt Show Committee Meeting via Zoom.

February 27

2 – 4pm: Sew-cial via Zoom

7pm: AGM and monthly guild meeting via Zoom.

Speaker: Brandy, [Quilter on Fire](#), presenting "A Quilter's Journey".

Check your inbox for the link(s) on February 26 or 27.

Everyone has a secret! Can you guess whose secrets these are?

Those who signed up for the Extravaganza were asked to provide a fun secret about themselves upfront. Attendees had to guess which secret belonged to whom. As guesses were confirmed, names were added to a lovely quilty board created by Carol Burdett. Can you guess? Answers on page 10.

I did a camel trek for a week

I once won a camel race in Cairo at the Sphinx of Giza

I needed to earn money in Paris in 1974. With 3 others, I travelled around Paris in a Citroen 2CV (2 horsepower car) distributing flyers on cars for minimum wage.

At 45 years of age I jumped out of an airplane. And lived to tell the tale.

I played ice hockey as a teenager.

the Extravaganza will be the first Guild event that I've participated in apart from guild meetings.

I helped deliver a calf in my best suit. That story was told at my wedding.

In high school I had forged my mother's signature so many times on forms and the like, that when she actually signed something in grade 12 for graduation, they called me in to the office and accused me of forgery. It was pretty funny when they called my mother, and she said "yes, that was my signature."

In the 70's I sewed hang gliders

I went to school by a school ferry.

I hiked the Grand Canyon down and up on the same day.

I acted in two productions of Midsummer Night's Dream

When I was 20 years old, I left home and family to work and live in another country

I was the stand in for Jacqueline Smith of Charlie's Angels, for the movie Escape from Bogen County.

Through years of hiking in the backcountry of B.C., I've lost count of how many grizzly bears I've seen in the wild (20+). It's been from a safe distance, often needing binoculars, but always awesome!

In 1960 I represented Vancouver Technical High School at a presentation of students who took tailoring classes in Vancouver High Schools. I modelled my Green Wool Blin & Blin suit, with yellow shoes and accessories. Our teacher impressed on us that our products must look HAND MADE not home made.

I paddled on the North Shore Dragon Busters team for many years and won many gold medals.

I took up sailing when I turned 49

I love to squirt people with the hose

In 2001 I played alongside Neil Diamond in the movie "Saving Silverman".

I enjoy kayaking and have been on several trips along the west coast of Vancouver Island

I was born in the the same city as Charles Dickens, which is Portsmouth, Hampshire UK

I had tonsils out twice, 42 years apart

I met my husband at a Square Dancing club for teenagers.

I have had a pet skunk twice

I used to have a private pilot's license

I had a regular singing gig at a Hard Rock Cafe. 30 years ago

At the age of 60 I decided it was time to learn how to ride a horse. Not any horse. But dressage. Anyways - I have yet to fall off!

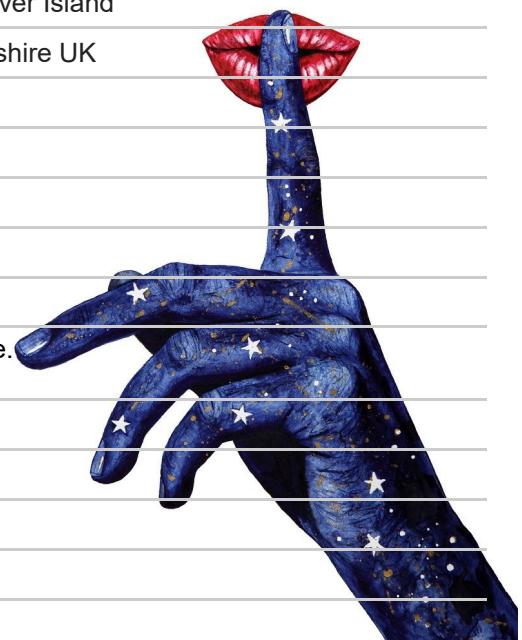
I taught line dancing for several years

I donated a kidney in 2000

I tap danced as an adult

I did the Grouse Grind once a week for 10 years!

I had dinner with Bill Gates and his dad (also Bill)



Programs

Will you be our next Program Coordinator? Volunteer needed!

I hope someone will consider the position of Program Co-ordinator. It is a fun position; you do get to pick the speakers! There is a committee formed to help you, so you are not on your own.

Thank you for the opportunity to be your program co-ordinator and I look forward to passing the torch!

Upcoming Programs

February: our speaker is Brandy Maslowski from [Quilter on Fire](#).

If you have a chance before the meeting check out her website and maybe listen to a few of her podcasts.

March: we have Carola coming. Lots of shopping and a new presentation

April: we have members teaching members. **We have two members that have volunteered to teach a technique or small project and we need more.** If you have something that you have learned and would like to pass on, please let us know. The demo would be 10—15 minutes and we will do two sessions with 3—4 each session.

May our speaker is [Bettina Matzkuhn](#), she is a contemporary fibre artist based in Vancouver.

UFO draw: Our March meeting is the final night to show your finished quilts and the draw for the UFO will take place.

Leslie Chatelain Program Coordinator on behalf of the Programs team:

Leslie, Connie, Suzanne and Helen

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[Visit the Programs webpage](#)

Quilt Show Alert
Expect a special
Quilt show
newsletter in your
inbox soon!

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Library Info

Four shiny new library books will be waiting for some lucky person at the March meeting.

Handmade Style: 23 Must-Have Basics to Stitch, Use and Wear

Just Two Charm Pack Quilts: Slash your Stash; Make 16 Throw Quilts

Big Stitch Quilting: A practical guide to sewing and hand quilting 20 Stunning Projects

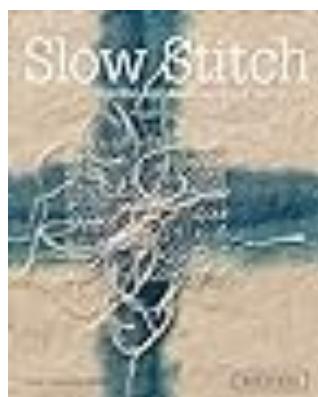
Slow Stitch: Mindful and Contemplative Textile Art

Carolann Fraenkel

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[Visit the Library webpage](#)



Communications

Many thank yous to Tanith, who has volunteered to take on the Comms position! It's been a gas, but I've reluctantly decided not to continue in the role.

I'd also like to give a shout out to the Communications volunteers, Sherry, Sarah and Jane, who've put in a lot of work as Google Administrator, Newsletter Editor and Webmaster respectively.

They are the "angels" who produce the newsletter, keep the website up-to-date and attend to the house-keeping of the google drive (which the Exec team uses for emailing, admin and record-keeping).

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[Website](#)
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[Facebook group](#)
(guild members only):
Search "lionsgatequiltersguild"

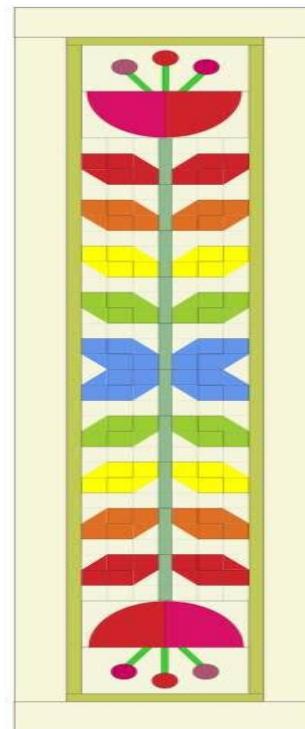
[Instagram](#)
Search "lions gate quilters"

Workshops

Krista Hennebury's Cutting Garden

Saturday, April 20th, at Highlands Church

Krista will teach the Cutting Garden, which will include lots of fabric cutting, sewing curves, and precise cutting and sewing. There will be table runner and quilt options and she will bring her special cutting machine. She will have patterns available for sale at the March meeting. There is room for 16 people. [Register here](#) or on our webpage.



Bindings, Borders, and Hanging Sleeves

The Quilt Show Committee will arrange a session for quilters who want help preparing their quilts for the show. Date to be announced.

Appliquick Workshops

June 10th and 12th at Highlands Church

Rosa from Appliquick will have a booth at our June Quilt Show and will offer two workshops on Monday and Wednesday before the show. Leslie Rutledge is organizing these workshops on needle turn applique. Registration will begin in March.

Karen Munro
Workshops Coordinator

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[Visit the Workshops webpage](#)

Extravaganza 2024

Our January 27 Extravaganza at Gleneagles Golf Course saw 47 quilters gather for the day. There were plenty of goodies and good conversations. Some people worked on the cat quilt pattern and we look forward to many Zucchinis on the garden wall in the spring. Others had projects of their own. Please send photos or bring to show and tell.

Carole created a “what’s my secret” game, where people sent us a surprise fact about themselves and we had to match the fact with the person. This led to lots of chats and even a couple of mysteries that were unsolved until the end of the day. Leslie C. ran a quilter’s bingo game, to break up the day.

Thanks to everyone. You all signed up for a task for the day, which helped so much. Special thanks to Shauna for her great organization of the 2023 Extravaganza (we cut and pasted her ideas). Also to Carole who sewed all the little row marker booklets and organized the goodie bags, the kitchen crew who kept us in hot drinks all day, and the relentless crew of wagoneers and dolly drivers who helped get equipment to and from the cars.

If you have more photos to share, please email them to me.

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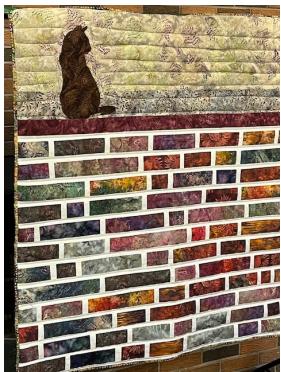
The sweetest little row marker booklets!

Karen and Carol,
Extravaganza organisers
extraordinaire!



Scenes from the Extravaganza...





Secrets revealed!

Isn't it great to learn such fascinating facts about our guild friends? Thank you again to Carol for making this happen.



Membership News

Almost spring.....and the sun is shining on this beautiful day as I write this note.

The January 2024 Guild General Meeting was held via zoom with well over 68 members in attendance.

2024/25 *Guild Membership Registration*

2024 Guild Membership registration opened mid-January and excellent response has been received. Currently there are 104 members renewed, plus 1 new member for 2024 and 1 former member returning!

We would appreciate it if you could complete your membership registration prior to the end of February, as our Guild calendar year runs from March 1st, 2024 to February 28th, 2025.

This is an online registration process as in the past, and ideally all monies paid are to be made by Etransfer. 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 2024 Quilt Show.

2024 Quilt Show Tickets!

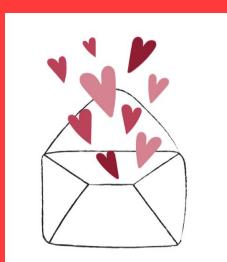
All members in good standing, will receive **2 free** quilt show tickets - they will be available for pickup at the April & May in-person Guild General Meeting. If you are not able to attend they will be mailed to you.

Birthdays! A very happy birthday to those celebrating their birthday in February!

Any questions - contact:

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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

CQA Update



As mentioned in the Guild's last month's newsletter, Lions Gate Quilters Guild is a member of the [Canadian Quilters Association \(CQA\)](#).

One of the recent interesting articles on the CQA Website is [Wartime Quilts Come Home](#). The Canadian Red Cross was instrumental in providing quilts to England during WWII.

Key activities noted on the CQA website include:

[2024 CQA/ACC Oatmeal Raisin Mystery Quilt Along](#)

[Webinars](#) (CQA members only)

You do not have to be a member to browse through the many quilting news, blogs, and services from across Canada.

Quilt Canada 2024 'Gateway to Adventure!' is being held in **Edmonton, AB June 19-22, 2024**.

Details on Quilt Canada 2024, including quilt submissions for the National Juried Show 'Call for Entries' can be found at [CQA Quilt Canada 2024](#)

Canadian Quilter Magazine can be downloaded from the CQA website, including previous versions. We also have copies in the Guild Library for your use.

If you have any questions - contact:

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