

Lions Gate Quilters' Guild

Newsletter

MARCH 2024



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

"Spring is proof that there is beauty in new beginnings" – Matshona Dhliwayo.

Well, I think we all know there is beauty in new beginnings. We see evidence of it every time we start a new quilting project. That said, what a wonderful time of year we are approaching. Seeing the tender Spring blooms, enjoying more sunshine or at least daylight and best of all, hearing the bird song every morning makes this a very special time of year.

Please plan to come to the meeting early. This will be a special meeting – busy, but special. Feel free to bring your old memberships lists for shredding.

Carol Chernov plans to be at the entry door at 6:30pm with screw eyes to give out, or to put in members dowels, if you prefer. Photography for quilts registered for the show will be available from 6:30pm

We will have a lot of library activity (books have been on loan since November), there will be the draw for the UFO challenge finish, quilt show photo collection and payment if you sent yours in, and quilt show volunteer sign up.

This is in addition to our usual socializing, free table and library.

Our raffle quilt will be on display and members are asked to purchase at least one book of tickets to sell. Boundary Bay will be bringing their raffle quilt and selling tickets.

Carola will be bringing a pop-up shop and sales will be available before the meeting, as well as for a short time afterward.

Whew! As you can see - it's going to be busy but all enjoyable activities. We are committed to finishing on time, so will attempt to streamline wherever we can.

Happy quilting and I hope to see you at the meeting.

Diane Lyons—President

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March Dates

March 21

7pm: Quilt Show Committee Meeting (Zoom)

March 25

Last date for quilt show entries

March 26

Last signup for Challenge Quilts

2–4pm Slow Stitch/Sewcial

6.30pm Show quilt photography begins

7.30pm Monthly Guild meeting

Speaker: Carola Russell of [Carolas Quilt Shop](#)



ALBUM OF QUILTS NEWS

QUILT REGISTRATION

Quilt Show registration is closing soon - Monday, March 25th is the last day to register your quilts for our show.

Be brave! No one is going to judge your quilt because you are a beginner or it isn't perfect. I voted for a quilt at a show one time because I LOVED the fabrics and the colours and how they were used. The person I was with looked at me and said "really?" and I said, "yup, I love this one, it speaks to me."

Quilting is art, what one person loves might not resonate with the next, and that's okay. It's what makes it fun, and joyous. Your quilt might just make someone smile because they love the colours, or the pattern, or the way you put it together. That's what it's all about, the smiles.



To register online follow this link to complete your registration: [Quilt Registration](#)

Email your photos to JoAnn Lee here: registration@lionsgatequiltersguild.com

Reminder that your registration is not complete until you have completed the form by March 25th and submitted a **digital photo and \$2.00 OR a 4 x 6" photo** at or before the March meeting. If you are not able to attend the meeting a friend can drop off photos or money on your behalf.

A couple of questions I am fielding about quilt registration:

What do you mean by Quilt Name?

Answer: some people use the pattern name, some like to name their quilts. I had one that was all floral prints with green that I named "Island Radar" because it reminded me of the tropics. It can be whatever you want.

How long should the description be?

Answer: a paragraph is good. Maybe what your inspiration was, who it is for, a cute story about the making or giving of the quilt. Try to not make it too long, maybe 100 words.

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BOUTIQUE

Anyone wishing to sell in the boutique should first read the “Boutique Guidelines” document . Inventory sheets, and guidelines are available [on the website](#) and are also attached to this newsletter, if that is easier for you.

Please remember that every single item for sale must be priced by the maker and come with its own unique, removable price tag (we use them to track sales and inventory).



Members may sell anything they've made *new, unused, items only* with a focus on handcrafted (sewn, knitted, woodwork, paper craft, pottery, jewelry) items, like quilts of all sizes, pouches, home-decor, dolls, aprons, needlebooks, thread catchers, self-published patterns, greeting cards, jewelry, scarves, rope bowls etc. Unfortunately, we cannot accept any food items, for the boutique.

We encourage makers to volunteer for at least one shift in the boutique. It's great to connect with folks perusing your wares. Please get in touch if you have any questions!

Krista Hennebury
Krista.hennebury@shaw.ca

Elaine Fjoser
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HANGING A QUILT IN OUR SHOW

We will once again be asking you to supply a 1/2" dowel for any quilt 48" or less in width. Specific instructions about dowels, screw eyes and hanging sleeves are all on the [Guild website](#). Scroll down to “Hanging Information.”

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.

The April Sewcial/Slow Stitch meeting on Tuesday, April 23rd will have people on hand at the church in the afternoon to help with how to finish your quilt, “bindings and sleeves.” During the General April meeting we will also be at one of the Members-Teaching-Members stations.

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VOLUNTEERS

Did you know that there are more than 215 volunteer shifts we need to fill? Without a strong complement of volunteers our show simply doesn't work. Volunteer sign up will start at the Tuesday, March 26th meeting in-person, and in the online [Volunteer Registration form](#).



Thanks to Margo Novak for helping out with volunteer registration. Her name will be entered into a prize draw, and yours could be, too: for every two hour shift you complete your name is entered into the Volunteer Prize Draw.

These are the positions we're looking to fill. Descriptions of what's involved are in the [Volunteer Registration form](#).

Seated

June 13

Hook Sorting

June 14 & 15

Admissions

Gallery

Membership Table

Raffle Quilt

Standing/Walking

June 12

Quilt Drop-off

June 13

Boutique Setup

Label Pinning

Merchant Mall Setup

Photography

June 14 & 15

Boutique

Education

Gallery

Tea Room

June 15

Quilt Return

Physical Activity

June 13

Lobby Setup

Quilt Hanging

June 15

Quilt Take-down

Colleen Bell—Quilt Show Volunteer Coordinator

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RAFFLE QUILT

We have compiled books of Raffle Tickets - 10 tickets in each book, totalling \$20.00 for each book of tickets. (Individual tickets are \$2.00). We ask that members purchase a book (or more) of tickets up front, and pay the \$20.00 for each book. Once you have sold the tickets to family and friends, (or kept them for yourself) please return the completed stubs to the Raffle Quilt Coordinator at a subsequent Guild meeting or at the Quilt Show.



Members are requested to pay for the tickets in Cash or Etransfer to LGQG.

The Raffle Quilt will be on display and Raffle tickets will be available for purchase at our March and April Guild Meetings.

Irene Mandzuk—Raffle Quilt Coordinator

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'SAVE THE DATE' cards will be available for pickup at the March General Meeting.

Please give them to your friends and family as reminders!

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

CHALLENGE QUILT

The March 27 meeting is your last opportunity to sign up for the the Challenge Quilt. See Tanith at the meeting or email her at challengequilt@lionsgatequiltersguild.com

Happy Quilting!

Carolann Fraenkel—Quilt Show Coordinator

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Challenge Quilt Winner 2023—Jane Ellis

Programs

We are so excited that Carol Chernov is taking over programs! She will be a great addition to the Executive. At this time I would like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to look over programs for the last year and thank my team, Suzanne, Helen & Connie

Remember March is the last month to show your finished UFO's. The finished quilts can be presented at Show and Tell and the draw will take place later in the evening

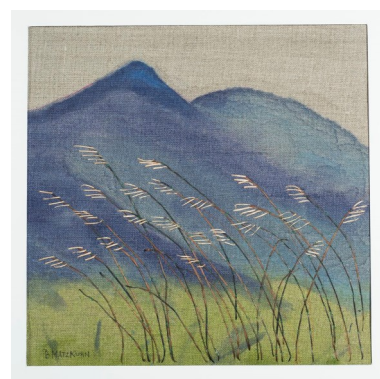
March, we have Carola coming. Carola will do a 30 – 45 minute presentation and her usual great pop-up shop. Shopping will be available prior to the meeting, during the break and for a short time after the meeting.

April is Members-Teaching-Members. If you have something that you have learned and would like to pass on, please let us know. If you have something you would like to demo, a small project you have recently completed or a technique please consider helping out. The demo would be 10-15 minutes. We would like to have a few demonstrations with members moving through in small groups.

In May our speaker is Battina Matzkuhn. She is a contemporary fibre artist based in Vancouver. Check her out at <http://www.bettinamatzkuhn.ca>

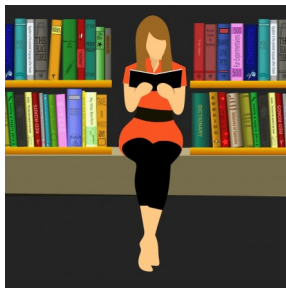
Thank you for the opportunity to be your program co-ordinator and I look forward to passing the torch!

Leslie Chatelain—Outgoing Program Coordinator on behalf of the Programs team
Carol Chernov—Program Coordinator programs@lionsgatequiltersguild.com



Banana Grass by Battina Matzkuhn

Library



It seems that the books I chose last month were popular, as most of them are already on hold. There were 5 people trying to get their hands on Handmade Style by Anna Graham, so I have ordered another copy!

Please remember to bring your library books back – they are ALL due now. Just drop them in the box on the library table, no need to hand them to me.

Happy Quilting

Carolann Fraenkel, Librarian c.fraenkel@lionsgatequiltersguild.com

Membership

'March winds and April showers bring forth May flowers' English Proverb.

The forsythia is budding and the snowdrops and the cherry blossoms will be here before we know it.

The February 2024 Guild General Meeting was held via zoom with 67 members, and 1 guest in attendance.

2024/25 Guild Membership

All 2024/25 Guild Membership cards have been sent out. If you have any challenges downloading the file or printing it, please let me know directly.

Membership Listings, by first and last name, were emailed out to you on March 5th. Please double check if any corrections are required in your information. As a reminder, these listings are strictly confidential and for Guild members use only.

Please remove any previous listings from your computer/phone, and destroy any paper copies or bring them to the March Guild meeting. I will have a box available for any old lists.

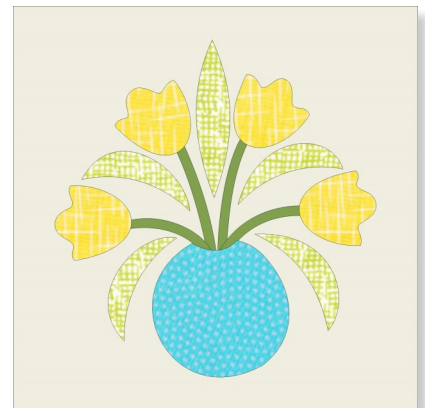
2024 Quilt Show Tickets!

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 March!

Any questions - contact:

Patricia Hamilton, Membership Coordinator p.hamilton@lionsgatequiltersguild.com



WORKSHOPS

IDEAS PLEASE

Let Karen and Carole know what kind of workshops you would like – Modern? Traditional? Improve? Art quilt techniques? Also, please recommend any teachers you have enjoyed. We will plan two fall workshops.

SLOW STITCHING

Slow stitching get togethers will resume March 26, 2 to 4 pm at St. Andrew's and Stephen's church on Chesterfield, the afternoon of the Guild meeting.

FUTURE WORKSHOPS

Krista Hennebury's Cutting Garden

April 20 2024, Saturday at Highlands Church

There is still room in Krista's Cutting Garden workshop, 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 or at the workshop (\$10 each). There is room for 16 people. Sign up using the registration form [on the website](#).



Bindings, Borders, and Hanging Sleeves

Tuesday, April 23rd, as part of the afternoon Sewcial session

Quilt Show Committee members will be on hand to help quilters understand how to prepare their quilts for the show.

Appliquick Workshops

June 10 and 12, 2024 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 late March.

COMMUNICATIONS

Many thanks to Penny Nelson, our outgoing Communications Coordinator for all her past hard work and ongoing support. With the growth of social media, and new technology, communications is a dynamic area. We always welcome feedback on how we can improve the ways in which we communicate with you. Please don't hesitate to stop me and chat, or drop me an email.

Tanith Laughton, Communications Coordinator communications@lionsgatequiltersguild.com

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 to them on behalf of the Guild.

Contact Sarah Gibson & Anne O'Brien [email us here](#)

SPECIAL NOTICES



505 Basting Spray

Myra Frampton has purchased 24 large cans of 505 spray in the Dragonfly Quilting sale for \$21.40 (inc. tax) each. The regular retail price for these cans is \$38.95. The offer also included \$60 of gift cards for the Guild.

She will have the cans at the April meeting. She would prefer cash, though can take e-transfers. If you need some spray sooner, please contact her directly, via the Membership directory.

Longarm Quilters

We have have received several new recommendations for longarm quilters from members.

See the full list on the website [here](#)



CQA



The Guild is a member of the Canadian Quilters Association (CQA).

If you have any questions - contact:

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