

LIONS GATE QUILTERS GUILD

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

MAY 2024



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Happy May everyone! I hope you can get out and enjoy some of our beautiful Spring weather.



Have you ever sat down to sew something that should be fast and simple, and it ended up taking much, much longer than it should? Well, that's what happened to me today, (including a few meetings with my seam ripper). That's what I get for starting without any real idea what I was going to do, thinking I could just "wing it." Sigh. . . lesson learned. Next time, I'll at least sketch it out on paper.

The quilt show is fast approaching – exciting times. I am really looking forward to seeing all your beautiful creations.

I hope to see you at the May meeting.

Diane L, President

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May Dates

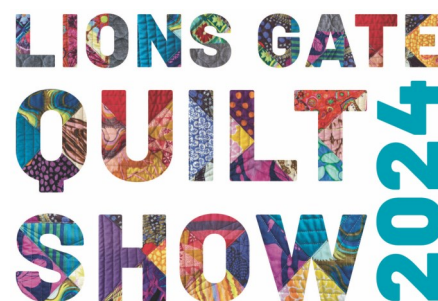
May 28

- 2 - 4pm Slow Stitch/Community Quilts Backing and Batting
- 7.30-9pm Monthly Guild meeting
Guest Speaker—Bettina Matzkhun
St Andrew's & St Stephen's Church,
Chesterfield Avenue, North Vancouver

QUILT SHOW NEWS

DOWELS/SCREW EYES

Screw eyes will be available at the May 28th meeting. Bring your dowels if you need assistance in cutting to length and/or inserting the screw eyes.



WITHDRAWAL OF QUILTS

If for some reason you realize you need to withdraw a quilt from our show, please email JoAnn L at registration@lionsgatequiltersguild.com as soon as possible.

QUILT DROP OFF AND PICKUP

Quilt Drop off is on Wednesday June 12th from 6:00pm until 7:45pm at the Capilano University Centre for Sport and Wellness. If you arrive before 6pm, please remain outside until the doors are opened. Once your quilt has been delivered and you have your receipt, please depart.

Boutique items and Challenge Quilts should be dropped off at this time as well.

Quilt Pick up is on Saturday June 15th from 6pm until 6:45pm. Once the show closes please leave the building. We have one hour to strike the show and get your quilts ready for pickup.

Having extra bodies hanging around is a hindrance to progress so please wait outside.

Unsold boutique items and Challenge quilts **must** be picked up at this time as well. There is no support for holding or storing uncollected items. If you cannot make the pick up, please ask a friend to pick up your items for you.

PUBLICITY

Posters, lawn signs, Save the Date Cards will all be available at the May Guild meeting. Ask everywhere you go to (church, mall, store, school etc.,) if you could put up a poster, or leave some Save the Date cards.

Please put our poster (attached to covering email) up on your social media, Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest etc. Ask your online friends to help spread the word. Ask your online retailers to do the same. Sometimes all it takes is just to ask. Posters and Lawn signs should be displayed starting May 30th and removed promptly after the show.

ALBUM OF QUILTS NEWS

VOLUNTEERS

We are still short of volunteers for setup, takedown and pickup, as well as on both days of the show.

If you can help, please email [Colleen](#) as soon as possible.



All Volunteers should show up a few minutes early to pick up their name tag, sign in and get their instructions for their shift(s). Colleen will have your assignments for you at the May Guild meeting.

You must sign in before each shift at the Volunteer table so we know you are there.

Please dress for the part. Dress for the show is Smart Casual. That means no jeans, no yoga pants etc. We want our image to be favourable to the public.

MEMBERS ONLY - VOTING

There will be a CQA ballot in your Volunteer Name tag for you to vote for the quilt that you feel best represents Excellence in Quilt Making. Only members may vote for this quilt. The winning quilt has the opportunity to be shown at Quilt Canada next year.

This Quilt will also win a special Members Only Ribbon from our Guild. If you didn't volunteer (and that is half of our membership), please ask at the volunteer table for your ballot.

RAFFLE QUILT



Thank you members who are selling Raffle Quilt tickets and promoting our Quilt Show to family, friends and neighbours.

Ticket sales are going well. Thank you everyone!

If you have completed selling your book(s) of tickets, please return them to Irene at the May 28th meeting or no later than June 15th at the show at 4pm. All sold tickets must be included in the draw.

Here we go!

At the time I am writing this, there are just 31 Days until our show opens! It's getting exciting.

I hope you're excited too. - **Carolann**

PROGRAMS

We've had great feedback from our April program of "Members-Teaching-Members" and we look forward to offering this type of presentation at future meetings. Thank you so much to Carole B (Sock Monkey), Pam C (FPP) and Karen M (QuiltAsYouGo) for sharing their stories and talents, and I hope that there are a few Flower Totes (pattern from me) being made out there too!!

Please refer to the recent Guild Calendar email for links to patterns and details for the items presented at the meeting.



Meteo Algae
by Bettina Matzkuhn

At our May Guild meeting we are very pleased to feature Bettina Matzkuhn, www.bettinamatzkuhn.ca, a celebrated artist based locally who works in embroidery and textile. She will also have some greeting cards and original works for sale at the meeting.

I know everyone reading this Newsletter is getting ready for our Quilt Show in June, which will be a spectacular showcase of all our collective talents! I look forward to seeing everyone there, and we will celebrate our Show afterwards at the June meeting!

Carol C - Program Coordinator

HOSPITALITY



Thank you to all of those who brought treats to our last meeting.

Just a reminder that if your birthday falls in May (or in one of the months we don't meet in person), please bring a plate of treats to our upcoming April meeting to be shared at break time. The volunteers in the kitchen very much appreciate your help, and the treats are enjoyed by everyone.

Due to the high cost, and environmental impact of single use paper cups, please remember to bring your own cup/mug.

Thanks again. See you at our May meeting!

Dorothy, Lesley, Renee, and Marsha

WORKSHOPS

IDEAS PLEASE

Please let Karen and Carole know what kind of workshops you would like – Machine quilting? Modern? Traditional? Improv? Art quilt techniques? Also, please recommend any teachers you have enjoyed.

Krista's April workshop on the Cutting Garden was super. She shared lots of tips and reminders on so many aspects of quilting, from accurate cutting and sewing to sewing curves to applique. Looking forward to seeing some quilts at the next few show and tell sessions.

SLOW STITCHING

Slow stitching get togethers will continue May 28, 2 to 4 pm at St. Andrew's and St. Stephen's church on Chesterfield Avenue, the afternoon of the Guild meeting.

FUTURE WORKSHOPS

Apliquick Workshops

Unfortunately, the Apliquick workshops had been cancelled. Leslie R is arranging courses outside of the Guild, so if you are interested, please contact her at rut99@shaw.ca.

Carol Chernov, Machine Quilting

Saturday, Sept 21, 2024 at Highlands Church

Drop Those Feed Dogs!! — Free Motion Quilting (FMQ) on your Domestic Sewing Machine
We will learn the basics of FMQ and try out simple to intermediate patterns. This will be a fun class where there are no "mistakes", just easy practice!!

Watch out for registration links in June.

To Be Announced

Saturday, Nov 16, 2024 at Highlands Church

We have a date booked and are looking for a class (or maybe a Christmas-themed sewing project date). More details to come.

Karen M, Workshops Coordinator

MEMBERSHIP

Another excellent turnout at the April Guild General Meeting – 71 members were in attendance, with 1 guest!

Thanks so much to Pam C and Myra F for hosting the Membership table and for all their efforts in a busy time!

A warm welcome to new member, Andrea B, who have joined us recently. Andrea came as a guest to the April meeting and joined shortly after. This brings our total membership to 121 members. I know there will be more new members between now and June and that express an interest at the Quilt Show!

Free Show Tickets - last chance for members to pick up their '2 free' Quilt Show tickets at the May meeting, otherwise we will mail them to you.

There will be a table at the Quilt Show 2024 for 'Membership' and thanks to the volunteers who will be there during each session – explaining how wonderful LGQG is and welcoming potential new members.

Remember – the best advertising we can do for the Guild is through our members – bring your friends, family or neighbours to any Guild meeting. It's free to join us as a guest! At every in-person meeting you will get a 'free' door prize ticket – with eligibility of winning one of the 3 door prizes. Thanks again to Tanith for making the pouches that were given out at the April meeting. Winners were: Karen G, Sherry J, and Andrea C.



Donations from any members of 3 similar homemade items would be most appreciated – a little something personal rather than my boring gift bags. Just bring them and leave them at the Membership sign-in desk for future door prizes.

Membership Sign-in Desk: please sign in at the desk upon your arrival – we are finding this works really well.. Reduces the traffic a bit – just remember if you come in the back entrance to go to the front entrance to sign-in.

CQA



The Guild is a member of the Candian Quilters Association

Check out the [CQA website](#) for more information on seminars, youth quilt challenges, Trend Tex submissions for the Quilt Canada show and more!

We would like to congratulate Leslie F and Marilyn C on having quilts accepted for the 2024 Quilt Canada show!

LIBRARY



Don't forget to bring your return books to the May meeting. And remember that all books must be returned by the June meeting so that the library inventory can be undertaken.

Happy Quilting!
Carolann

COMMUNITY QUILTS

Just to remind everyone that on the afternoon of our May meeting, we will have some batting for Community Quilts available at the church from 2 to 4 pm.

It really helps if you email either Brenda Sangster or Linda Heese (contact details in the covering email) with the size of your quilt top and whether you intend to quilt it on a standard machine or on a long-arm one (it makes a difference on how much extra we need to allow).

Also if you need backing, please include a picture of your quilt top so we can select something that matches.



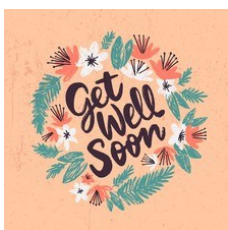
COPS



Registration for the June 8th COPS Day is now open. Sign up [here](#) or visit the [COPS page](#) for more details.

Also watch out for details of the special summer COPS day which will be held in Lion's Bay in July.

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](#)

COMMUNICATIONS

If you ever experience problems with receiving or viewing the Newsletter, or other Guild correspondence, please contact me as soon as possible, so we can investigate.

Also, please feel free to [contact me](#), if you have any comments or suggestions on our Communications policies or formats.

Tanith, Communications Coordinator

ADVERTS

Members can place one free advert in the Newsletter every calendar year. “Wanted” ads submitted by members are free, within reason.

Additional members’ ads and commercial advertising are accepted for an upfront fee of \$15 for a business card-sized ad, and \$22 for a quarter page.

All ads are at the discretion of the Guild Executive.

Contact the [Communications Co-ordinator](#) for more details.