



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I am looking forward to our November meeting which will include a Members Marketplace. If you can, please bring goodies for the refreshments table to help us all get into the spirit of the season. It would be nice to have a good “spread” because we’d like this meeting to be primarily a social, so there should be more time to nibble.

So now – here’s my plea

Our AGM is coming up in February, which will also be the next in-person meeting after November. We have several positions in need of new volunteers (outlined below,) so please, *please* step up to help the guild. We are a volunteer organization, and the only way to keep it running is for people to take turns stepping into the Executive roles.

Please don’t feel intimidated. We are a group of people who gather because we share a love for quilting. The Executive tries to come up with fun things for us to do at, and outside of, the meetings. Please contact me or any of the Executive to find out more. You can also expect a phone call in January, if there are still any unfilled Executive roles. My dream is that some of you will feel compelled to step up and the roles will all have at least one interested incumbent prior to the AGM.

We appreciate all of you who serve in committee or one-off volunteer roles. Without you, there would be no Guild.

Happy Thanksgiving & Happy quilting!

Diane L, President

November Dates

Nov 26

2 - 4pm Slow Stitch/Community Quilts Backing and Batting

7.30-9pm Monthly Guild meeting

Members Market/Xmas Social

St Andrew’s & St Stephen’s Church, Chesterfield Avenue, North Vancouver

Nov 30 Break it Up-QAYG with Melissa Marginet via Zoom

Dec 7 COPS - Highland Church

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EXECUTIVE VACANCIES

The following positions are up for election at the February 2025 Annual General Meeting. Each position is for a two-year term. As you will see, with two of the positions, the current incumbent is willing to stand again unless someone else wishes to take a turn.

Currently, the Membership Coordinator acts as CQA rep but this doesn't necessarily need to be the case.

PRESIDENT

- Manages the Guild
- Prepares agendas for, and chairs, Guild and Directors' meetings
- Receives communications from members and the public
- Prepares a report for each Newsletter
- Ensures that each member of the board has an updated Calendar of Executive Tasks and is familiar with their responsibilities.

MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR

- Welcomes members and guests as they arrive at each Guild meeting
- Runs a member's door prize draw for each Guild meeting
- Collects member dues and submits these to the Treasurer
- Maintains the membership list
- Provides information to new members

MEMBER-at-LARGE (one of two positions)

- Arranges for two members to act as greeters at the door at each Guild meeting
- Assist other Directors as required
- Sends cards to members who are ill, have suffered a loss, had a baby, or are celebrating a special occasion
- Coordinates the presentation of quilts at Show and Tell and encourage dialogue with presenters, thereby having them share their experience with other members
- Conducts the sale and accounting of 50/50 tickets
- Applies for a Gaming Licence annually for the 50/50 draw
- Arranges a token of recognition for outgoing Directors upon completion of their elected term

EXECUTIVE VACANCIES (cont.)

LIBRARIAN

- Maintains the Guild's library of books, magazines and other items for loan to members at meetings
- Records loans and returns, and tracks missing materials
- Maintains an up-to-date list of Library contents
- Purchases new material according to wishes of members and the confines of budgeted resources
- Inventories the library yearly and culls books that are not being used by members so as to keep the library current
- Prepares a report of duties and activities to pass on to the succeeding Librarian

WORKSHOP COORDINATOR (Karen Munro is willing to stand for another term)

- Arranges workshop instructors, venues and schedules
- Announces workshops to members
- Collects workshop fees, reconciles fees and expenses and submits these to Treasurer
- Organizes the annual Extravaganza in January

SECRETARY (Sheila Ross willing to stand for a further term)

- Keeps minutes of Annual General and Directors' meetings
- Takes minutes of the monthly Executive meetings
- Arranges premises agreement with venue (i.e currently St. Andrew's & St Stephen's United Church)
- Prepares correspondence and notices as requested by the Directors
- Updates list of Executive members for Canada Revenue Agency annually
- Updates list of Executive members for the BC Societies Registry annually
- Books a venue for Guild meetings

PROGRAMS

My favourite time of year, when the leaves are changing and Fall is in the air. Actually, more like Winter arriving early with all this rain and cold! However, for me, it is sewing and quilting weather and I wonder if many of you (like me) are already planning your holiday baking and decorating!

Our November meeting is the fabulous Members Marketplace. We have several tables booked with lots of wonderful handmade and other quilting goodies for sale. It's a great opportunity to get a start on your Holiday shopping, or maybe finding some perfect items for yourself.



We'll have a fun Social evening with Goodies and Door Prizes, so we are hoping to see you all there!

UFO Challenge (Unfinished Objects)

The Challenge continues through to May. Members can add their name to the sign-up sheet at the Programs table at every Guild meeting, listing their quilts and sizes. If you can't attend a meeting, but want to add your name, please email me your details to add you to the list. When you have completed your UFO, either bring it to a Guild meeting for all to admire it at Show & Tell, or if you can't attend in person, then email me a photo. Upon payment of \$2.00 per completed entry, you will be given a ballot(s) to complete. All ballots go in to the Ballot Box located at the Program table at each meeting. Winners (up to 3) will be drawn at the May meeting and will share in the proceeds of money collected throughout the year. It's a great way to get started... and finished.... on those UFO's!!!

The January Zoom meeting will feature [Catherine Nicolls](#) presenting her "For The Birds" patterns, and in February our presenter will be Jill Schuler from the [Stitchery Studio](#) in Port Moody, who will bring a pop-up shop.

Happy Holidays to all of you and your families,

Carol C, Programs Coordinator

2025 EXTRAVAGANZA

January 25, 2025, Gleneagles Golf Course

9:45am to 4:00pm (set up 9:00am to 9:45am)

Registration is now open - sign up directly [here](#) or visit the Extravaganza [page on our website](#).

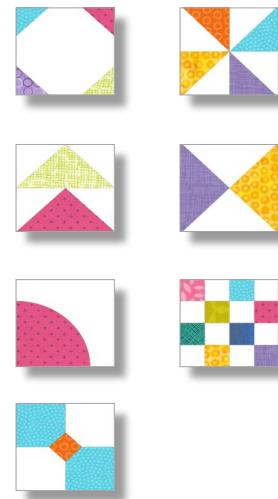
Everything is run by the members who are attending, so please select at least one volunteer option on the form.

This year's group project, should you wish to take part is **All About Repetition**

Using only one block pattern for your project gives you the chance to get better at tricky bits (like triangles that have three sharp points instead of one that the cat nipped, or squares that match at the seams) while playing with colour and overall design.

The classic patterns you can choose from are:

- o 9 patch
- o Snowball
- o Hour glass (quarter square triangles)
- o Flying geese
- o Pinwheel
- o Bowtie
- o Drunkard's Path



We will provide directions for 8 inch blocks (finished size), so you can easily figure out how many blocks you need for a table runner, baby quilt, lap quilt, or larger. Help will also be on hand to assist you in mastering the techniques involved.

Fabrics – we recommend using low volume fabrics (creams, whites, pale grey) and brights – feel free to covet thy neighbour's stash (if agreeable).

If you have made a quilt using any of these blocks exclusively, please send them to Karen and we will make a slide show for the website.

HOSPITALITY



Just a reminder that if your birthday falls in November, please bring a plate of treats to our upcoming 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 November meeting!

Renee and Marsha

CQA



The Guild is a member of the Canadian Quilters Association.

The next CQA Show will be in Toronto on June 18-21, 2025.

Check out the [CQA website](#) for more information on seminars, and everything quilting across Canada!



COMMUNICATIONS

Just a reminder that there will be no Calendar or Newsletter published in December.

Also remember that members get one free advertisement in the Newsletter per year - perfect if you want to, for example, sell that spare sewing machine or serger you never use!

Finally, please note that the January Guild Meeting will be via Zoom and the 2025 AGM in February will be in-person.

Tanith, Communications Coordinator

LIBRARY

The book sale is coming! Please bring cash for our book sale, suggested donation per book is \$5, minimum donation is \$1. Don't make me carry them out of the hall, please?



I will be busy checking out library books, so it will be an honour system. If we do well, I'll have some shiny new books for you at the February meeting!

Don't forget those books you checked out at the September meeting, they are due at our meeting on November 26th . Please find a safe place to store your books, all of which will be due at our in-person February 25, 2025 Meeting and AGM.

Did you know that fabric manufacturers have free patterns based on their fabrics? A quick search "fabric manufacturer's free project pages" will turn up many. Here are a couple I found interesting things on:

<https://my.modafabrics.com/inspiration-resources/free-patterns>
https://www.robertkaufman.com/quilting/quilts_patterns/free/?page=1

Happy Quilting!

Carolann F - Librarian

COMMUNITY QUILTS



HELP NEEDED. Do you know who made this beautiful quilt top that was handed over to Community Quilts? The pattern is called Flowers for My Wedding Ring by Judy Neimeyer. We would love to be able to identify the maker. Also, we are currently considering what to do with this quilt, as we feel it deserves a very special home. If you have any thoughts on this, please let Linda or Brenda know.

Please email either Brenda S or Linda H a few days ahead of our meeting day, saying what you need for batting and backings so we can bring suitable ones in the afternoon from 2 to 4 pm (batting bolts are large and heavy so we will only bring what is needed).

WORKSHOPS

IDEAS PLEASE

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

SLOW STITCHING

Slow stitching get togethers will continue November 26th, 2:00pm - 4:00pm at St. Andrew's and St. Stephen's Church on Chesterfield, the afternoon of the Guild meeting. All welcome, or drop in and see what we are up to.

November 30, Saturday - 9:00am - 4:30pm

Quilt as You Go - Melissa Marginet

Via Zoom so quilt in your jammies if you like!

Still a couple of spots available. Melissa's workshop in 2021 got me started on QAYG!

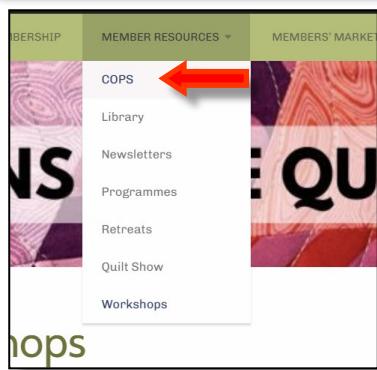
[Sign up here.](#)



Please [email me](#) if you have any questions.

Karen M, Workshop Coordinator

COPS



You can find the COPS page, under the Members Resources section on the website.

Our final COPS Day for the year is from 9:00am - 4:00pm on December 7th at Highlands. We'll be bringing back a "1 o'clock something" with a little Christmas item courtesy of Carolann!

[Register here](#) or visit the [COPS page](#) on our website for more information.

Our January 11th and February 8th COPS Days will be via Zoom.

Penny N, COPS Coordinator

MEMBERSHIP

A warm welcome Pamela P. to new member who recently joined us. This brings our total membership to 129.

There were 68 members at the October meeting, with 6 guests.

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! . New members pay a pro-rated/month membership fee. Membership fees are pro-rated for any new members until the end of the Guild fiscal year February 2025.

Door Prize Donations: If you have 3 small homemade items that could be donated for the monthly door prizes, please let me know, or bring them to the next Guild meeting. It is most appreciated and keeps our Guild costs down a bit!

Membership Sign-in Desk: please sign in at the desk in the front lobby upon your arrival. Reduces the traffic a bit – just remember if you come in the back entrance to go to the front entrance to sign-in.

Name Tags: A gentle reminder that it would be great if you could make a 'personal' name tag, not only for the Guild Meetings, workshops, events, etc. but it does lend to all your creative side. Refer to the examples in the [October Newsletter](#) for some inspiration and guidance.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS! Membership renewal for 2025/26 will be between January 3rd – February 28, 2025. The Guild membership fees will remain the same as this year at \$85.00. Further information will follow.

ENJOY the upcoming holiday season!

Patricia H, Membership Coordinator

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 G & Anne O'B [email us here](#)

WHAT'S ON?

GIFTED HOLIDAY ARTISAN MARKET

The Silk Purse will be hosting the Gifted Holiday Artisan Market on Wednesday, Nov. 13 until Sunday, Nov. 24 from 12-4 pm. See the West Van Arts Council [website](#) for more details.

DON'T FORGET.....

For the November meeting, don't forget to bring:

- ♦ Name badge
- ♦ Coffee/tea mug
- ♦ Cakes (if it's your birthday this month)
- ♦ Cash (lots of cash!) for 50/50, Marketplace, book sale and the UFO challenge