



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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As I write this, my final newsletter of my term as President, I do so with mixed emotions. I'm happy that I will have more time to focus on quilting, family and other volunteer commitments, but I will miss the wonderful comradery of being involved in the Executive. I also feel gratitude – in particular, for all your support over this last two years. This is an amazing group and I feel so proud to be part of it.

We have accomplished quite a lot in the past two years, including cleaning up the Bylaws & Rules, revising the Executive Job Descriptions, establishing an electronic repository for important Guild information and changing the financial statements to full accrual accounting. I am so very grateful to the Executive team for all their hard work and support.

I leave the role with a tribute to you all (courtesy of AI Generative based on prompts I gave it – kind of frightening isn't it!)

*"Oh, quilter of threads, with needle so keen,
Your hands weave stories, unseen, yet serene.
Each patch a memory, a moment in time,
Stitched together, a tapestry sublime.*

*From scraps of fabric, a masterpiece born,
A quilt of love, where warmth is sworn.
With every stitch, a whisper of care,
A comforting blanket, beyond compare.*

*The dancing patterns, a visual delight,
In every block, a burst of bright light.
The quilting lines, like a gentle embrace,
A testament to your artistry, grace.*

*You mend the broken, with threads so fine,
A legacy woven, one stitch at a time.
In the quiet moments, your fingers fly,
Creating beauty, reaching for the sky.*

*So here's to the quilter, a weaver of dreams,
Whose love is stitched, in every seam.
A gift of warmth, a comforting sight,
A masterpiece born, under the softest light."*

Diane L, President

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FEBRUARY DATES

Tuesday, February 25:

2 - 4pm Slow Stitch
7-9pm Annual General Meeting
St Andrew's & St Stephen's
Church, Chesterfield Avenue,
North Vancouver

EXECUTIVE VACANCIES

There are 7 Executives Roles coming up for election at this month's Annual General Meeting:-

- President
- Membership Coordinator
- Workshop
- Members at Large x2
- Librarian
- Secretary

Karen M (Workshops) and Sheila R (Secretary) are prepared to stand again for their roles. We have also had volunteers put their names forward for the other roles. This does not preclude any other members who may be interested in standing, from putting their name forward too.

An outline of the job descriptions of these roles, together with a brief biography of those who have already come forward, is attached to the email that accompanied this Newsletter.

WORKSHOPS

Ideas 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.

Slow Stitching

Feb 25 - Slow stitching get-together, 2 to 4 pm at the Church. All welcome, or just drop in and see what we are up to.

January Extravaganza

Bring along your work to Show and Tell.

Spring Workshops

April – Carol Chernov will offer two workshops on machine quilting (one on a Friday and one on a Saturday). Priority is for those who registered for the fall workshops, which were postponed. More info on dates and registration to come.

May 31 – Catherine Nicholls will offer a workshop on the birds she showed us at the January meeting. They are so cool and she will guide us through the process. More info on costs and registration to come.

Karen M, Workshop Coordinator

MEMBERSHIP

Current membership of the Guild is **129**. Welcome to our newest member **Krista O-B!** There were **63** members at the January Zoom meeting and **1** guest.

Remember – the best advertising we can do for the Guild is through our members – bring your friends or family or neighbours to any Guild meeting. It's free to join us as a guest!

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 meeting costs down a bit!

Special prizes to **Donna H, Angel P, and Myra F.** for being the first 3 people to register for 2025/26! (prizes will be given to them at the February meeting).

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

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS! Membership fee renewal for 2025/26 has started and will be until February 28, 2025. The Guild membership fees will remain the same as last year at \$85.00. Membership Renewals can also be done on the [Guild website](#).

Thank you to the **76** members who have already registered as of February 10th and forwarded their money. If you have any challenges with the online form, please contact me at [Membership](#). I will be bringing my laptop to the February meeting, if you need assistance or have questions.

As this is my last Guild Newsletter article before my term is up at the end of February, I would like to personally thank the Executive for their guidance. Most importantly, my favourite part of being the Membership Coordinator, has been meeting so many of the members both in person, online and at retreats etc. This is an amazing group of people!

See you at the in-person February AGM!

Patricia H, Membership Coordinator

PROGRAMS

Winter has definitely arrived, and it's been a great opportunity for organizing closets and sewing a few projects. I hope you all have been enjoying some time for quilt making and other hobbies too!



Our UFO Challenge continues this month. I'm wondering if there are lots of new entries to come from some of the great sewing I saw at the January Extravaganza. There is NO stress involved in joining our UFO Challenge, it's just a fun way to share with other members many of the quilts that are being made.

Members can add their name to the sign-up sheet at the Programs table at every guild meeting, listing their quilt(s) and size(s). Note: 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, then email me a photo.

Upon payment of \$2.00 per completed entry, you will be given a ballot(s) to fill in depending on the size (width) of your finished quilt. All ballots go in the Ballot Box located at the Program table at each meeting:-

- Quilts under 24" – one ballot entry
- Quilts 24 – 48" – two ballot entries
- Quilts 48" or more- three ballot entries

Winners (up to 3) will be drawn at the May 27, 2025 meeting and will share in the proceeds of money collected through the year.

It's great way to get started.... and finished... on those UFO's that we all seem to accumulate over time!!

Our featured speaker at the February AGM is a wonderful local Quilt Shop owner – Jill Schuler of [The Stitchery Studio](#) in Port Moody. She will do a fun presentation on her journey with making Quilted Garments.... a very hot topic in the Fashion World these days! Jill will also bring some of her favourite notions and of course have a fabulous Pop-Up shop for members to enjoy.

Questions?? [Email me...](#)

Carol C, Programs Coordinator

HOSPITALITY



Just a reminder that if your birthday falls in February, 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.

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

The Guild Executive has decided to create an Agenda and brief Minutes for the business section of Guild meetings. Copies of the Agenda for the upcoming meeting and the Minutes of the previous meeting will be attached to the covering email sent out with the Newsletter each month.

Meeting attendees will be asked to approve both documents, at the beginning of the meeting.

Tanith, Communications Coordinator

COMMUNITY QUILTS

This month we will be meeting in person at the Church. In the afternoon from 2 to 4 pm the Community Quilts team can bring batting and backings as requested. Please email us so we can meet you there with your requests.

- For batting give your quilt top dimensions and whether you will machine/hand quilt yourself or be using a long-arm machine (more batting is needed for the latter).
- For backings give the dimensions as above and email a picture so we have an idea of what backing fabric would work and bring your quilt top for final selection.

We are looking forward to seeing a wonderful variety of quilts for our coming donations.

LIBRARY

Please remember that all books must be returned at the February meeting.

COPS



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](#)