



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

April 2025



Mother Nature is doing her best to keep us on our toes...4 seasons in 24 hours has been a truism this year!

Thank you to everyone who attended our March Guild meeting, and for your kind words of encouragement! The Ladner Quilters Guild were in attendance, selling Raffle tickets for a beautiful Appliqued Quilt. They expressed their appreciation for your support!

Our Guild's talent was on display. The Scrappy Quilts parade showcased some beautiful quilts, followed by presentations from Carolann, JoAnn and Ellen who shared their quilt journey along with their beautiful quilts.

I'll leave you with these thoughts!

- ♦ ***A messy house is the sign of a happy quilter.***
- ♦ ***When life gives you scraps, make a quilt.***
- ♦ ***Good friends are like Quilts. They age with you, yet never lose their warmth.***

Happy Quilting!

Irene M, President

APRIL DATES

Saturday, April 19 & 26

10-4pm Machine Quilting with Carol C
Highland Church, Edgemont

Tuesday, April 22:

2 - 4pm Slow Stitch
7.30-9pm Guild Meeting
St Andrew's & St Stephen's Church,
Chesterfield Avenue, North Vancouver

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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

What is slow stitching? However you define it, it does not involve hauling your sewing machine to the Church for the afternoon. People bring binding to stitch down, embroidery, applique, wool-felt applique, hand quilting, and even knitting or crochet. It is a lovely, quietish time to sit and chat, and work with our hands.

April 22 - Slow Stitch, 2 to 4 pm at St. Stephens and St. Andrews Church. All welcome, or just drop in and see what we are up to. No charge (we already pay for the church for the afternoon and evening).

SPRING WORKSHOPS

April 19 & April 26, 10 am to 4 pm, Carol Chernov - Machine Quilting

Supply lists and kit instructions have been sent out. Please contact [Karen](#) if you have not received the email.

May 31 – Catherine Nicholl's Birds Workshop

Catherine will offer a workshop on the birds she showed us at the January meeting. Several bird designs will be available.

Details are being finalised so watch out for the sign-up email coming soon.

Karen M, Workshop Coordinator

MEMBERSHIP

March was a quiet month on the Membership front after all the activity in January and February. Thank you all for renewing your memberships and welcome to the new members.

The updated membership list was sent out shortly after the last meeting. A number of people got back to me confirming their details. If you have not checked your details please do. Updated lists will be sent out over the course of the year as we get new members.

There are still a few people who have not yet paid, I will be contacting you in the next couple of weeks. If you remember in the meantime, please send your e-transfer to the Guild's account and let me know (then you can avoid getting a call).

Door Prizes

As you all know we try to make sure that our door prizes are small homemade items or things of special interest which are donated by fellow guild members. Krista H kindly donated some very interesting thread at the last meeting – thank you Krista! Please keep the donations coming, the more the better!

As always please feel free to reach out with any comment, concerns, etc.

Anne O'B, Membership Coordinator

HOSPITALITY



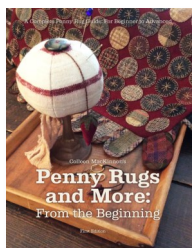
Just a reminder that if your birthday falls in April, please bring a plate of treats to our upcoming meeting to be shared at break time. The volunteers in the kitchen very much appreciate your help, and the treats are enjoyed by everyone.

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

Renee and Marsha

PROGRAMS

This is the last month to sign up for the UFO Challenge! Please sign up at the Program table. If you've finished a registered UFO, then bring it for Show & Tell and received a ballot(s) for \$2. Winners will be drawn at the May meeting.



Our April meeting features the wonderful and talented Colleen MacKinnon from "Penny Rugs and More". If you haven't already, visit her [website/blog](#). Colleen will bring some of her beautiful work, and discuss recycling Wool into Penny Rugs.... and more!!! She will also have a pop-up shop where you'll be able to purchase some of her fabulous wool pieces.

Our May Program offers again the popular "Members Teaching Members" where we will showcase some of our talented members teaching us their quilting ideas, sewing techniques, and projects. If you have a favourite quilting idea and would like to join our MTM team, then please let me know!

And last, but not least, we'll enjoy our "June Social", which is a great way for members to have a fun evening together before we all head off for our Summer plans, whether that is enjoying the garden at home or travel to a far off land for adventure! An added bonus for June will be a short presentation by Louise Lydon discussing Arthritis in Hands and how it affects our type of craft. She is a Clinical Educator in Occupational Therapy for Vancouver Coastal Health and has an extensive knowledge of what we, as quilters, need to do to keep our bodies in the best shape so we can continue to enjoy quilting for many years to come!

Please [contact me](#) with any questions/comments/suggestions

Carol C, Programs Coordinator

COMMUNITY QUILTS

In the afternoon of the April 22 meeting, batting and batting will be available from the Community Quilts.

Please let us know your requirements beforehand so we can meet you there with your requests. See details in the covering email.

COMMUNITY QUILTS

QUILT SIZES

(approximate)

Wheelchair 36" X 40"

Lap/Child 50" x 60"

Twin 60" x 80"

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!



The Spring 2025 Canadian Quilter Magazine is now available in the Guild library.

In this issue there is a memorial tribute for [Cindy Scraba](#), who many of you will know as the owner of Cindy's Threadworks, who passed away in November of 2024. Cindy's Threadworks with her stock of Superior Thread products attended many quilt shows including the LGQG Album of Quilts. She will be missed.

This issue also has a list of all the speakers, lecturers and teachers that will be at Quilt Canada 2025. It's worth a read for future ideas for teachers for LGQG workshops.

Pam C, CQA 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 Bonny B & Catherine H [email us here](#)

WHAT'S ON

[Cherry Blossom Exhibition](#) - April 9 - May 4, Silk Purse

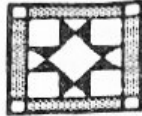
[Fraser Valley Quilters Guild Show](#) - May 16-17th

COMMUNICATIONS

I recently came across the first ever edition of the LGQG Newsletter, produced in November 1989 - 35 years ago! For those of us old enough to recall the joys of Word Processing back in those days, it's impressive to see how lovely the layout is.

Tanith, Communications Coordinator

LIONS' GATE QUILTERS' GUILD NEWSLETTER



Volume 1, Number 1, November 21, 1989.

NOBODY ASKED US, DEPT

Nobody asked us, but we're going to tell you anyway: we're inaugurating a new service to those discriminating quilters who are members of the Lions' Gate Quilters' Guild. We're sending you a regular newsletter. It MAY arrive regularly once a year, but the plan is to deliver a missive each month which will keep you informed about Guild events as well as broader quilting news. To give you this on-the-spot news coverage, I'll need lots of reporters "in the field" supplying information to me, so the number to print indelibly in your mind is 985 2425 (Gail Hunt).

LIBRARY NEWS

Doesn't that sound great - we have a library! Debbie Knowles and Penny King are its caretakers, and at this point, it consists of these titles:

- Beautiful Holiday Ideas
- Blank, Two Methods and Binding (Leone)
- Bible Quilt Blocks (Quilt World)
- Canada Quilts Magazine (subscription)
- Envelope Patchwork Quilts
- Lady's Circle Patchwork Quilts (Winter '82-2 cop.)\ (Spring '83) (Spring '84)
- McCall's Bicentennial Quilt Book
- McCall's Quilting, Patchwork & Applique Encyclopedia
- Putting It All Together (Gairns & Affleck)

MEMBER LIST UPDATE

Please add these new members to your list and welcome them to our meetings:

Argyle, Louise 8820 Marine Dr., West Van. V7W 2S9 921-7759

Jackson, Noreen

WORKSHOPS

Upcoming are these workshops:

PILOW COMFORTER with Rose and Sandy SATURDAY, Nov. 25 1-4p.m. Highlands Rm. 301 Supply lists available in advance. \$20 (\$24-non-members)

SCRAPPY LOG CABIN with Kerry and Dolores Wednesdays Nov. 29 & Dec. 6, 7-9p.m. \$25/30(nonmembers) Everyone bring 35-1 1/2" strips dark and 35 light

Then we have a free-for-all exchange to pick what we REALLY want.

Our procedure for registering for these workshops is to pay and register with the teachers. Please refer to membership lists for phone numbers.

If you wish to offer a workshop, you may take your idea to Valerie Jeffrey or Maureen Berris, who will help you with scheduling and make the announcement at the monthly meeting.

MORE LISTS BUT IT'S GOOD FOR YOU, DEPT.

THE PATCHWORK PAT-TERN FILE.

Which is very beautifully maintained by Elizabeth Bassett. Is underused! For the cost of \$.25 per page, you too can be the proud owner of some new patterns. Elizabeth keeps the following in the file and welcomes all new contributions (she does the photocopying).

1. three paper-pling patterns
 - no name
 - Broken dishes
 - Flying Geese
2. Quilt kit - Flock of sheep
3. Noriko's spools
4. Christmas star
5. Marsha McCloskey:
 - star dancer
 - Dolly Madison's Workbox
 - 6" square Peter/Paul
 - Flower Basket
 - Spiderweb

MEMBERS ADVERTS

FOR SALE

New member Cheryl S has two sewing machines for sale.

1. Baby Lock Allegro. \$1,000. This is an excellent machine for piecing and quilting with a 12 inch throat space. It has 200 built in stitches, 2 alphanumeric fonts. Well maintained, serviced annually. See more details on the Baby Lock website [here](#).
2. Baby Lock Crescendo — \$3,200.00. Comparable to the current Baby Lock Chorus. Comes with many extras. Includes sensor function, laser guidance for increased accuracy and a digital dual feed foot. 573 built in stitches, 11.25 throat space with stadium lighting. Well maintained with annual maintenance. See more details on the Baby Lock website [here](#).



If you are interested in buying either of these machines, or would like more information, please contact the [Communications Coordinator](#) who will put you in touch with Cheryl.