



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2025



IMPORTANT - OCTOBER MEETING DATE CHANGE

Due to the unavailability of the hall on our regular date, the October meeting will be a week earlier - Tuesday, October 21.



Welcome back Quilters! I hope you had a lovely summer. I heard about sailing adventures, trips, family visits - sounds like everyone was very busy!

This summer was quieter than usual, ball games that usually keep us busy ended with the Provincial playdowns, (we came 2nd) came to an end. In its place, we spent more time on the bowling greens! With varying degrees of success!

Heading into Fall, and the Holiday Season, what projects do you have planned? I'm still working on UFO's! I keep finding things I started 20 years ago and now I'm trying to figure out how to complete them!

I attended my first COPS in Lions Bay. Thank you Leslie and Shauna for arranging it. The venue was bright and airy and seeing all the different projects everyone was working on was inspiring. Everyone was so helpful and willing to share. I recommend putting it on your calendar for next year!

As a new quilter, I was reluctant to come to COPS and I didn't know that Slow Stitch meant hand work...so I stayed away. If you haven't been, give it a try, it is also a great opportunity to meet other Guild members

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Happy Quilting!

Irene M, President

SEPTEMBER DATES

Tuesday, September 23:

2 - 4pm Slow Stitch

7.30-9pm Guild Meeting

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

MEMBERSHIP

Wow, I cannot believe summer is over and we are starting back into the Fall routine.

Hopefully everyone had a great summer and is getting back into quilting as the weather cools down.

We have had a quiet summer with no changes in membership. We currently have 114 members.

We had 59 people attend the June festivities along with 1 guest.

As mentioned in the Spring I will send out an updated list in September. Hopefully it now accurately reflects everyone's details. Again, if anyone notices anything that needs correcting, let me know.

We are in good shape for door prizes – thank you everyone! If anyone has anything they would like to donate it is always nice to have more interesting items as everyone enjoys a special treat!

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

Anne O'B, Membership Coordinator

RETREAT 2026

Next year's Retreat will be held at Zajac Ranch, 15600 Florence Road, Stave Lake, Mission, for 4 nights from Thursday Feb 19 to Monday Feb 23, 2026.

Pricing is:

- Bunk Room: \$630
- Semiprivate (2 singles – 4 available) \$730
- Private (Queen Bed –4 Available) \$810
- Private (Single Bed – 8 Available) \$770

All meals included.

Sign-up commences on October 10th - watch out for a separate email.

Need to know more? Visit the Retreat [webpage](#) and/or talk to Leslie R at our next meeting.

COPS

Our next COPS Day is scheduled for Saturday, October 11, from 9am to 4pm at Highlands United Church's Lower Hall (accessed from the south parking lot off Edgemont Boulevard). You can sign up [here](#).

COPS (Creative Ongoing Project Session) days are monthly sew days where quilters get time to sew, share ideas, get help with layering quilts and enjoy diverse potluck items.

These events are open to non-members, so feel free to invite a friend or two! If you can't commit to a full Saturday, feel free to drop by for a while to see what the day is all about.

Look for a reminder in the monthly Calendar at the beginning of October and on the Guild's members-only Facebook group.

Occasionally, check out the [COPS page](#) on our website, for further information, all the 2025 COPS dates and registration links.

As a reminder, we need 15 participants for COPS Day to go ahead. If there are not enough people signed up for an in-person COPS Day, we will meet via Zoom from 12noon to 4pm.

Feel free to [contact me](#) with questions/suggestions

Shauna D., COPS Coordinator

COMMUNITY QUILTS

Please email the Community Quilts team if you want batting and/or batting, with details of your quilt top size. For backings, please include a picture of your top. For batting, please let us know if your quilt will be longarm quilted.

COMMUNITY QUILTS QUILT SIZES (approximate)

Wheelchair 36" X 40"

Lap/Child 50" x 60"

Twin 60" x 80"

WORKSHOPS

Ideas Please

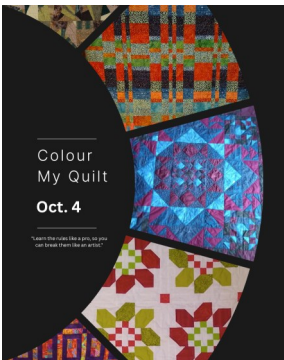
Let Karen and Carole know what kind of workshops you would like – Modern? Traditional? Improve? Art quilt techniques? Also, please recommend any teachers you have enjoyed.

Slow Stitching

September 21 - 2 to 4 pm at St. Stephens and St. Andrews Church.

Come to the church on the afternoon of the Guild Meeting. Bring some hand work (slow stitching, binding, knitting, etc.) and chat around the table with the rest of us. 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)

Colour My Quilt Workshop - October 4, Saturday, 9 to 3 pm.



There are still some places left on Carolann Fraenkel's "Colour My Quilt" at the City of North Vancouver Library - [sign-up here](#). We are in a bright room on the third floor. No sewing machines needed. On transit or parking available downstairs. There are lots of lunch options in the area.

Learn:

- Basic Colour Wheel, and theories behind how to choose colours that go together.
- How to sort your stash to make more confident colour choices
- What your colour favourites are and why – how to find "new" favourites
- How to look at a pattern and know what makes it work in terms of colour and fabric placement

2026 Extravaganza

This event has been booked for January 31, 2026 at the Gleneagles Golf Course.

Karen M, Workshop Coordinator

PROGRAMS

I hope everyone has had a fantastic summer! The warm and sunny weeks have flown by and now is the time of year my thoughts again turn to quilting when the days are getting shorter and cooler.

We've got a great lineup of Program events for the Guild over the next several months.

With Thanksgiving only a few weeks away, I find myself this time of year giving thanks for many things, especially friends and family. This month's Program will feature YOU the members as we Give Thanks. Do you have a special quilt that you made for someone you love, or someone made for you, or a quilt you made for someone for whom you Give Thanks for being part of your life? Whether it is a parent, partner, child, friend, teacher or other important person to you, we invite you to bring your special quilt to the meeting and share it with the other members. It will be a good way to start our new season with joy and love!

In October we are welcoming Janice Reimer of Prairie and Ocean. Janice is a local quilting designer and quiltmaker. She will share her talents and ideas and we look forward to a wonderful presentation from her. Please visit her website: www.prairieandocean.com to view her beautiful fibre art and browse her on-line store of patterns.

November will be our ever-popular Annual Member's Marketplace. If you are a Maker and would like to reserve a table (\$10 fee), sign-up will be open at the September meeting at the Program table. If you can't make the meeting but want to register for a table, then please [send me an email](#).

We are also beginning another year of the **UFO CHALLENGE!!!** With 2026 being a Quilt Show year there are bound to be many members who are gearing up to finish quilts to enter in the Show, and here is your chance to win a cash prize to do it! Sign-up sheets will be available at the Program table at every meeting until May, when the Challenge ends. Each quilt entry is \$2.00 when you sign up, and we ask for a quilt size and name/brief description. When your quilt is finished, bring it to Show and Tell (or send me a photo), and you will receive a ballot(s) to enter the Draw. Please contact me if you have any questions, or feel free to speak to me at any meeting.

See you at the September meeting!!!

Carol C, Programs Coordinator

COMMUNICATIONS

New Facebook Members-Only Page

We have created a new Facebook page for our members-only content, which is now registered to, and owned by, the Guild. This does mean that everyone has to request to join again. If you are a Facebook user, please consider joining our page - it's a great place to share pictures, links of interest to other members and for general advice and guidance. To join, go to your Facebook app and type **Lions Gate Quilters Guild (Members Only)** into the Search bar. Select the page and then click the JOIN button.

New Rule

To increase the security of our members data, we have introduced a new Rule to tighten up on the control of our on-line forms for Workshop and COPs sign-up. This new Rule states:

Where Guild Activities require payment of a fee, registration will be undertaken using Google Forms, which will be created and retained under the control of the System Administrator on the Guild's secure Workspace, in compliance with Privacy Act data requirements and Societies Act financial records requirements.

Members Feedback Form

As part of our continued efforts to ensure we are meeting members needs and expectations, we will be introducing Feedback Forms for all our group activities. This will give members the opportunity to tell us what they liked about the activity and provide positive suggestions for improvements. Members who didn't take part will also have the opportunity to provide feedback, so we can better understand what the barriers are for people in attending events.

Archives

We previous had no record of our old paper-based Newsletters. Thanks to Carol C for her donation of back copies, we now have a complete set from 1992 to 2005. I spent time over the summer scanning these, so they are now all safely archived in our central filing system.

Tanith, Communications 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](#)

HOSPITALITY



If your birthday falls in September, or one of the months that we don't have a meeting, 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

WHAT'S ON

[Vernon Silver Star Quilters](#), September 26-27

[Hope Quilters](#), September 28-29

CQA



The Guild is a member of the Canadian Quilters Association.

The next CQA Show will be in Winnipeg on June 17-20, 2026.



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

Pam C, CQA Coordinator