



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2025



Happy Belated Thanksgiving!

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday!

It seems like yesterday, there was lots of time to get my projects done, now we're into October and Christmas is around the corner. At the Colour my Quilt workshop with Carolann, several members had started on their Christmas Projects! I'm still looking for one!

The Executive is busy preparing for the AGM in February! With several members of the Executive stepping down, it's a great opportunity for you to get involved. Like many organizations, our success is dependent on our volunteers.

We have a special need for a Google Workspace Administrator. If this is something you would be interested in taking on, please speak to Tanith.

I read somewhere that the only thing better than a day Quilting, is a Day Quilting with friends!

Join us at COPS or for Slow Stitch before Guild meetings.

Happy Quilting,

Irene M, President

OCTOBER DATES

Tuesday, October 21:

12-4pm Sock Monkey Business Workshop

2 - 4pm Slow Stitch

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

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RETREAT 2026

Registration for the 2026 Retreat is now open. Please see the Retreat [webpage](#) for full details and registration or [sign-up here](#).

The Retreat will be held at Zajac Ranch, 15600 Florence Road, Stave Lake, Mission, for 5 days/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.

Leslie R, Retreat Coordinator

COPS

Our next COPS Day is scheduled for Saturday, November 8 from 9am to 4pm at Highlands United Church's Lower Hall (accessed from the south parking lot off Edgemont Boulevard). [Sign-up here](#) or visit the [COPs webpage](#) for more details.

All COPS Days are now held on the second Saturday of the month. Easy to remember and are also listed on the COPS webpage.

Linda Heese and Sonia Milanez will be presenting their "Double Binding/Two Fabric Binding" demo again at 1pm at the November COPS Day. This is a repeat from the May General Meeting's "Members Teaching Members" program. This time COPS Day participants can make a sample of this versatile binding technique. Supply list will be sent out to those who sign up for the COPS Day.

These events are open to non-members, so feel free to invite a friend or two to sign up.

Shauna D, COPS Coordinator

MEMBERSHIP

Hopefully everyone is starting to get back into the quilting mindset since the summer.

Membership

We had 60 attendees at the September meeting and 2 guests. I am happy to let everyone know that one of our guests, Maxine, has decided to join! Welcome Maxine!

I sent out the membership list in September and have heard from a couple of people with corrections, they will be sent out when we distribute the Newsletter next.

Name Tags

Over the past few months there seem to be more people forgetting their name tags or in some cases just not having any. Name tags make it easier for us all to get to know each other and really helps, in the case, when you know you should know someone's name but just can't remember it (not that ever happens to any of us). Please try to remember your name tag. For those who do not have one, the name tag can be as simple or creative as you want, do not feel it needs to be a work of art.

Door Prizes

We are in good shape for door prizes – thank you everyone! If anyone has anything they would like to donate please do, it is nice to be able to make the bags fun and varied.

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

Anne O'B, Membership 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"

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Members are reminded that, if you are shopping in Fabricana, you can get 10% off any quilting fabric yardage purchase.

You need to produce your card, or image of your card, at the cutting table before they start the transaction.

WORKSHOPS

Slow Stitching

October 21 - 2 to 4 pm at St. Andrews and St. Stephens 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).

Sock Monkey Workshop

Tuesday October 21, 12-4pm at St. Stephens and St. Andrews Church.

You have seen and loved Carole's sock monkeys. Now you can make one (for) yourself. You will learn surgery techniques for dissecting socks and stitching them into monkeys.

Then have fun playing dress-up. You might want to learn using a pair of Carole's socks before tackling your own expensive socks or bring your own. You'll have the options to dip into Carole's supply of socks and trims, for an additional \$10 fee.

There is a little machine sewing at the start, then hand sewing the rest of the day, so we will ask a few people to bring their machines and share (one machine for four people should work well).

For more details and sign-up, visit the [Workshops page](#) on our website.

Karen M, Workshop Coordinator



PROGRAMS

This month we're excited to feature **Janice Reimer** from **Prairie & Ocean**. Janice is a local quilt designer, maker and pattern writer. She will be sharing her Trunk Show "Piecing it Together: Exploring Design and Lessons Along the Way". Please visit her website www.prairieandocean.com or you can view her lively daily posts on Instagram @prairieandocean

November's Program is our ever-popular **Members Marketplace**. You can sign up for a table at the October meeting at the Program table, or email me if you cannot attend the meeting in person. There is NO CHARGE this year for Maker's tables!!!

***Please note: This year we have decided that items for sale should be solely Hand Made/ Maker's items (but NO food products please). We plan to have a Members's own "Fabric and Notion" Sewing Room sale next year and will keep everyone posted in future Newsletters.

The UFO Challenge continues in October and every month through to May. Please sign up at the Program table. 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 & Tell (or send me a photo), and you will receive a ballot(s) to enter the Draw in May.

Our upcoming Program events:

- The January Zoom meeting will feature Elizabeth DeCroos of Epida Studio in Toronto who will share a fascinating presentation on "Pojaji: From ancient Korea to modern Canada"
- February's meeting showcases Maddy Prevost, a local fibre artist who will present "Carefully Gathered", her research on local artisans.
- March we will have a fantastic and interesting Lecture/Power Point/Trunk Show from Rebecca McAlpine who will speak about "Quilting Through the Ages – Ancient to Modern Quilts"

As always, if you have an idea or suggestion for Program then I would LOVE to hear it!! Please feel free to [contact me](#) or speak to me in person at our Guild meetings.

Happy Thanksgiving!!

Carol C, Programs Coordinator

MEMBERS RECIPE



A number of people have complimented Helen J on her **Shortbread** recipe and she has very kindly provided the following recipe:-

Ingredients:

1 lb. Butter
1 cup berry (or regular) sugar
3 cups flour
1 cup rice flour
2 tsp. baking powder

Method:

Cream butter and sugar in electric mixer until smooth. Gradually add flours and baking powder and continue beating for several minutes until well blended. Knead dough until shiny, then roll to 1/4" - 1/2" thick.

300°F oven temperature if you are making cookie-cutter cookies (15 - 20 minutes) but I roll it to approximately 1/2" thick on a baking tray, then mark the top into squares or fingers with a knife - do not cut through. I also use the tines of a fork to mark the top all over. For this method, bake in a 375°F oven for 15 minutes, then lower the temperature to 325°F for another 20 - 30 minutes, or until lightly browned.

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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 October, 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

[Chilliwack Quilters Guild](#) Quilt Show - October 24-25th

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