



# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2025



Hi Quilters,

As the leaves turn brilliant shades of red and gold and the air grows crisp, autumn is the perfect season to cozy up with your favourite fabrics, try out new patterns, and connect with fellow quilters.

Our next Meeting is November 28, 2025, at 7:30p.m. Come early and enjoy an afternoon of Slow Stitch, it's a wonderful way to meet fellow quilters and share ideas.

Last month's guest speaker, Janice Reimer from Prairies to Oceans, had an exciting presentation on thinking outside the box. Her quilts challenged us to see design in a non-traditional way. I saw many members pick up some of her quilt patterns and I'm excited to see their results.

Our AGM is coming up in February, so if you'd be interested in being more involved with the Guild, please speak to one of the Executive.

Don't forget to bring your "Block of the Month" Squares - someone may go home with the start of a New Quilt! How is it going with your UFO's?

I attended my first "Quilt Guild Gathering" this month, it was very interesting hearing from several Guilds, on what they're doing. The Guild Gathering happens once a year, for Guild Executive to share experiences, speakers, programs etc. Karen will have an update for us at the November meeting.

Stay up to date by following our Facebook page (Lions Gate Quilters Guild (Members only) or by sending your suggestions and photos to our [Communications Coordinator](#). We love seeing your works in progress and sharing inspiration!

Wishing you a colourful and creative autumn, filled with warmth, friendship, and beautiful quilts.

**Irene M, President**

## NOVEMBER DATES

**Tuesday, November 25:**

2 - 4pm Slow Stitch

7.30-9pm Guild Meeting

St Andrew's & St Stephen's Church,  
Chesterfield Avenue, North Vancouver  
Featuring Makers Market and Daybreak  
sharpening for all your scissors, knives and  
other cutting tools.

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# EXECUTIVE VACANCIES - LGQG

The following positions are vacant for the 2026-2028 2-year terms. If you wish to know more about any of these positions, please speak to the current position holder ([details here](#)) or contact our President, Irene.

## TREASURER

- Keeps the financial records, including books of account, necessary to comply with the Societies Act.
- Prepares an annual budget (including a Financial Statement for the past year) with other Directors, and to distribute that budget to the members before the Annual General Meeting.
- Provide financial statements to the Directors, members, and others when required.
- File annual tax return with the CRA
- Prepare a monthly budget vs actuals for the monthly Executive meetings
- Acts as a bank signing officer and facilitate the execution of bank forms for change of signatories.
- Updates financial information on on-line forms for Guild activities, being used for fund collections
- Upon completion of his/her elected term, calls for an internal audit.
- Is an Executive Director of the Guild Board
- Prepares a report of duties and activities to pass on to succeeding Treasurer.

## PROGRAM COORDINATOR

*note: Carol C is prepared to stay in this role for a second 2-year term*

- Arranges a Program activity for each General Meeting. Organises speaking engagements and retailer activities for General Meetings.
- Consults and liaises with the Workshop Coordinator.
- Is an Executive Director of the Guild Board
- Prepares a report of duties and activities to pass on to the succeeding Program Coordinator.

## COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

- Produces timely, appropriate communications, updates and support across the Guild, including a monthly Newsletter, monthly Calendar and social media (Facebook and Instagram) and other communications, as required.
- Coordinates the Guild's website content with the Guild's Webmaster.
- Administers, moderates and monitors the Guild's social media accounts.
- Responsible for Guild brand/branding and ensuring that all Guild Communication adheres to these standards.
- Ensures adherence to privacy, copyright and other related legislation. Acts as the Guild's Privacy Officer.
- Responds to inquiries from members and the public as necessary.
- Is an Executive Director of the Guild Board
- Prepares a report of duties and activities for the incoming Communications Coordinator.

# EXECUTIVE VACANCIES (continued)

## LIBRARIAN

*Note: Connie B has indicated that she will stand for another 2-year term*

- 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
- Is an Executive Member of the Guild Board
- Prepares a report of duties and activities to pass on to the succeeding Librarian

## VICE PRESIDENT

*Note: Pam C has indicated that she will stand for another 2-year term*

- Assumes President's duties during President's absence
- Supports President, as and when requested, and at the discretion of the President
- Acts as a Banking signatory
- Contacts Guild meeting place (currently St. Andrew's and St. Stephen's church) one week prior to Guild meetings to confirm setup requirements
- Ensures Guild insurance is current and in place
- Responsible for addressing incoming Guild correspondence
- Picks up and distributes mail from Post Office
- Reviews on a monthly basis the Treasurer's current report prior to Guild meeting
- Is an Executive Director of the Guild Board
- Chairs ad hoc Guild committees as needed (e.g. Guild Logo re-design committee)

## MEMBER-at-LARGE (one position)

- Arranges for two members to act as greeters at the door at each General meeting
- Assist other Directors as required
- Sends cards to members
- Coordinates the presentation of quilts at Show and Tell and encourages 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
- Is an Executive Director of the Guild Board
- Supervises and facilitates the AGM.

# EXECUTIVE VACANCIES - COMMUNITY QUILTS

Note: Under Community Quilts Bylaws, all Executive Roles are re-elected every year.

Brenda Sangster (President) and Mona Morrison (Secretary) are both stepping down from their Executive positions after giving so much to this important activity in our Guild – as founding members until now! Their work has been key to the creation and distribution of hundreds of quilts in our community.

## **PRESIDENT**

- Calls meetings.
- Works with the team to provide direction for the supply of fabrics and battings as needed for the Guild members to create quilts.
- Works with the team to make contacts and organize the distribution of quilts.
- Along with team members, organizes the collection, storage and inventory of quilts and supplies.

## **VICE PRESIDENT**

- Acts as President when needed.
- Works with the team on all activities.

## **SECRETARY**

- Takes minutes at meetings.
- Keeps a list of organizations and contacts for quilt distributions.
- Contacts organizations to schedule quilt deliveries.
- Keeps a record of our quilt donations to each organization.
- Works with the Guild Executive for reporting and communications.
- Files annual reports, as required by the Society Act.

## **TREASURER**

- Responsible for banking and payments.
- Keeping accounting records.
- Preparing financial statements.
- Filing annual statements, as required by the Society Act.

# PROGRAMS

We've got a great Program this month to end our 2025 season.... how fast this year has flown by!

We are pleased to present the MEMBERS MARKETPLACE, featuring handmade items for sale by some of our very talented members. Please remember to bring **CASH** to the meeting so you don't miss out on any goodies!

There will be door prizes to give out, yummy treats and lots of time for socializing.

Also, we are so pleased to have Dawn from DAYBREAK SHARPENING here for the evening, so don't forget to bring your knives/scissors/tools/etc. To support Small Business, we suggest payment with Cash or DEBIT card.

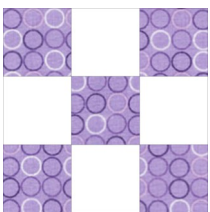
The UFO Challenge continues. Please sign up at the Program table with your Toonie for every entry.

## Coming up in 2026:

The January 27 Zoom meeting will feature Elizabeth DeCroos of Epida Studio in Toronto presenting "Pojaji: From ancient Korea to modern Canada"

The February 24 in-person meeting and our Guild AGM features Maddy Prevost presenting "Carefully Gathered", her PHD doctoral research on local artisans

## The BLOCK OF THE MONTH (BOM) continues!!



November's BOM : Traditional Nine Patch , which was introduced at the October meeting and instructions sent out to members by separate email. Please bring your completed blocks to the November meeting, and you'll get one ballot for each block entered. We'll put all the blocks up on the wall, and at the end of the evening draw the winner who gets to take all the blocks home!

At the November meeting, we will introduce the BOM for February.... Stay tuned!!

As always, please contact me with any questions or comments

**Carol C, Programs Coordinator**

## RETREAT 2026

Registration for the 2026 Retreat is open and there are still places available. 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, December 13 from 9am to 4pm at Highlands United Church's Lower Hall (accessed from the south parking lot off Edgemont Boulevard). Use the day to get those holiday projects finished. Details and sign-up [here](#).

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.

The Guild needs 15 participants for the day to go ahead, and will not be able to refund/credit you if you don't arrive. If there are not enough people signed up for an in-person COPS Day, we will meet via Zoom from 12 to 4pm.

Keep in mind all COPS Days are now held the second Saturday of the month. Easy to remember and put in your calendars. January 10, 2026 COPS will be on Zoom 12 to 4pm. An email link will be sent to all members in January. There is no need to sign up nor pay for the January COPS.

Feel free to contact me with questions/suggestions through the "Contact Us" page on the Guild website [here](#).

**Shauna D, COPS Coordinator**

# MEMBERSHIP

Hello everyone, it has been a quiet month on the membership front.

We had 59 attendees at the October meeting and 4 guests. Great to have guests in attendance, there does seem to be interest from a couple of people in joining! Thank you to everyone for making our guests feel welcome.

## Name Tags

Also thank you for making an effort to remember your name tags, it really does make it easier for everyone. Keep it up!

There has been discussion at the Executive of resurrecting one of our policies that states that anyone who gets a door prize must have a name tag on. We will likely start that again in the New Year, so this is a heads up to those who do not yet have name tags. After this month our next in-person meeting is February so lots of time to get those creative juices flowing.

## Door Prizes

We are in good shape for door prizes – thank you everyone! As always if anyone has anything they would like to donate please do.

Please feel free to reach out with any comment, concerns, etc.

**Anne O'B, Membership Coordinator**

# COMMUNITY QUILTS

The Community Quilts team will be sorting and distributing quilts this month. Our recipient organizations are always so excited and happy to receive our quilts and give them out!

Please finish and bring back any of our quilts you are working on so they can be included.

If you need backing or batting email our team with details of your quilt top size. For backing requests, include a picture of your top. Batting will be available 2 to 4pm the afternoon of our meeting based on requests.

Thanks for the wonderful quilts being made!

## COMMUNITY QUILTS

### QUILT SIZES

(approximate)

Wheelchair 36" X 40"

Lap/Child 50" x 60"

Twin 60" x 80"



# WORKSHOPS

## Slow Stitching

Come to the church 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).

## October Workshops

Again, we had two great workshops conducted by talented Guild members. Carolann Fraenkel presented “Colour My Quilt” in the City library, and we each created a colour wheel reflecting our personal colour preferences and more confidence in choosing colours for future quilts.

Carole Burdett guided our sock dissection and resurrection as monkeys, then shared her tickle trunk of amazing fabrics and trims for the dress up stage.

Please bring your monkeys and colour wheels to the November Guild meeting.

## Extravaganza 2026

Saturday, January 31, 2026

Gleneagles Golf Course Clubhouse, West Vancouver

Cost \$40

As usual, space for 40 people, fun and games during the day. The idea for the common project for Extravaganza came about after brainstorming with fellow quilters. The theme is “Elbows Up.” We want you to make one or more squares during the day and then we will put together one or two quilts for “Quilts of Valour”, to go to Canadian Armed Forces members past and present.

We will provide one square of feature fabric and some coordinating fabric. Please contribute a fat quarter (black, white, grey, or red prints) to make 12.5 inch log cabin blocks (wonky or conventional).

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

**Karen M, Workshop 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 November, 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

Gifted Holiday Artisan Market open Nov. 13 - 30 from 12-4 pm at the Silk Purse Arts Centre, 1570 Argyle Ave, West Vancouver.

## 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**