



# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2026



Happy New Year, fellow quilters!



As we welcome 2026, I hope you all enjoyed a peaceful holiday season filled with warmth, laughter, and perhaps a few stolen moments to stitch. January brings with it a fresh start and plenty of creative opportunities.

Whether you're finishing up projects from last year or starting something brand new, I encourage everyone to embrace the spirit of exploration in your quilting this month.

We have several exciting events and workshops coming up, and I can't wait to see the unique creations our talented group produces. Let's continue to inspire and support one another, sharing tips, techniques, and encouragement along the way. If you're new to the Guild, welcome! Please don't hesitate to reach out or join us at our next meeting - you'll find a wonderful, supportive community ready to cheer you on.

Here's to another year of friendship, creativity, and beautiful quilts. May your bobbins always be full, and your seams straight. Wishing you all health, happiness, and plenty of fabric in 2026!

Warm regards,

Irene M, President

PS. Written with a little help from AI.

## JANUARY DATES

**Tuesday, January 27:**

7:00-9:00pm Guild Meeting - **Zoom**.

**Saturday, January 31:**

9:00am - 4:00pm - Extravaganza. Gleneagles Golf Club

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## MEMBERSHIP

Membership Renewal for 2026/7 is now open. Please complete the [Renewal Registration form here](#).

More details can be found on the Membership page of our website [here](#).

**Please note that the Membership fee has been reduced to \$80.** Details of how to make your payment are shown on the form.

Membership renewal ends on February 28, 2026 but it really makes Anne's job easier if you could do this as soon as possible.

When you complete the form, you will be sent an automatic email containing the details you entered. Please check this carefully and email Anne, if you need to make any corrections.

Could you let Anne know if you do not wish to renew your membership so she can update our records. It would also be helpful to the Guild, if you could indicate the reason you do not wish to renew.

Anne is away until the end of January but please contact her [here](#), if you have any issues and she will respond just as soon as she is back.

## COMMUNITY QUILTS

The Community Quilts team sorted and distributed quilts at the end of November. Every group receiving quilts was a combination of – excited, happy, thrilled and totally appreciated the beauty, warmth and quality of our quilts. It is so rewarding to be part of this team. We look forward to others participating in these activities in the new year. We will give a more specific list of the distribution at the meeting.

### COMMUNITY QUILTS

#### QUILT SIZES (approximate)

Wheelchair 36" X 40"

Lap/Child 50" x 60"

Twin 60" x 80"

If you need backing or batting, email Linda H with details of your quilt top size. For backing requests include a picture of your top. As the meeting in January is Zoom, we will not have our afternoon time at the church. We can coordinate by email to arrange as needed.

Thanks to everyone for the outstanding quilts we were able to deliver from our Guild!

## COPS

Our next COPS Day is scheduled for Saturday, February 14 from 9am to 4pm at Highlands United Church's Lower Hall, 3255 Edgemont Boulevard, North Vancouver (accessed from the south parking lot off Edgemont Boulevard). [Register here.](#)

**Please note that the attendance fee has been reduced to \$15 for members.**

All COPS Days are now held on the second Saturday of the month. Easy to remember and put in your calendars for the rest of this year. More details and registration are on the Guild's [COPS webpage](#).

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. I like seeing regular attendees, but would love to see the faces of members who have not attended a COPS Day ever, or not for a long time. These events are open to non-members, so feel free to invite a friend or two!

If there are not enough people signed up for an in-person COPS Day, we may meet via Zoom from 12 noon to 4pm, or the event may be cancelled.

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

**Shauna D, COPS 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](#)**

# PROGRAMS

Happy New Year!

Our planned programs this year will hopefully inspire and interest everyone.

Our January meeting, **BEGINNING AT 7:00PM**, will feature Elizabeth DeCroos of [Epida Studio](#) in Toronto. She will be presenting “Pojaji: From Ancient Korea to Modern Canada”.

Our February in-person meeting features Maddy Prevost, a local fibre artist, who will be presenting “Carefully Gathered”, her PHD Doctoral research on local artisans.

The Program speaker for March is Rebecca McAlpine with her interesting Lecture and Trunk Show on “Quilting Through the Ages”, including her collection of Ancient to Modern Quilts.

The UFO Challenge continues until May. Sign-up will resume at the February meeting.

## BLOCK OF THE MONTH

The February block of the month is a fun HST Heart Block using Red and White fabrics. Details were sent out last week on a separate email. Make as many blocks as you like and bring them to the February meeting.

Each block entry will receive one ticket for the draw. At the end of the evening we will draw for the winner(s) who get to take all the blocks home!

A copy of the pattern can be found under the “Files” section of our Members Facebook page.

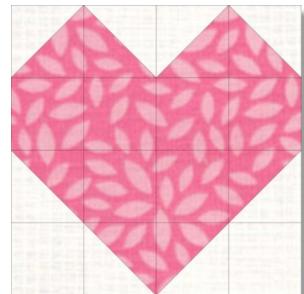
At the February meeting we will introduce the Block of the Month for March.

As always, please contact me with any questions or comments.

**Carol C, Program Coordinator**



Stained glass window hanging - Epida Studio



# WORKSHOPS

## Slow Stitching

No slow stitch in January. See you in February.

## Extravaganza 2026 - Two spaces still available

Saturday, January 31 - Gleneagles Golf Course Clubhouse. Cost \$40

As usual, space for 40 people, fun and games during the day. [Sign up here.](#)

Communal project - make one or more log cabin square(s) at the Extravaganza and we will put together tops for ["Quilts of Valour"](#), to go to injured Canadian Armed Forces members past and present.

We will provide the red center square and 2.5 inch strips of coordinating fabric. Please bring some 2.5" strips to share (black, white, grey, or red prints) to make 12.5 inch log cabin blocks. (forget my earlier instructions about bringing fat quarters).

## Spring Workshops

Hoping for a March or May workshop with Carola (Scrappy Modern Medallion), depending on room availability

## Fall Workshops

Hoping for [Libs Elliott](#) Sept 19 or 20 (Embrace the Chaos), when she is here for a presentation.

## Ideas Please

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

## Karen M, Workshop Coordinator