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October 2026



Message from the President

Happy Thanksgiving!

When you receive this newsletter, Thanksgiving will have come and gone, I hope yours was wonderful with not too much Turkey!

Watching all the strife in the world makes me very thankful to call Canada home, in spite of the challenges we're currently facing!

Although it is only October, the Executive is commencing our outreach to members, who may have an interest in serving on the Executive.

Next year the following positions are open:

- **Member at Large** (1), this position looks after our 50/50 draw, and assists community quilts show members quilts.
- **Workshop**; an exciting opportunity to introduce new techniques and ideas to the guild.
- **Secretary**: Records the minutes of the General and Executive meetings, assists in keeping our records organized.
- **President**: Prepares the agendas and chairs the General Meetings and Executive meetings, prepares a report for each Newsletter, keeps the Executive updated with a calendar of Executive tasks and is familiar with their responsibilities.

If you would like more information, or would like to volunteer for one of these positions, please speak to myself, or one of the other Executive.

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Next Meeting

The next Guild meeting will be held on Tuesday October 27, at St. Andrews & St. Stephens church (2641 Chesterfield Ave, North Vancouver). The meeting starts at 7:30, but the doors open at 7:00, so come a bit early and check out the library and the free table. As always, please bring your own coffee mug, and remember to wear your nametag to be entered into the doorprize draw for the evening.

The Slow Stitch group also meets at St. Andrews & St. Stephens church from 2:00 to 4:00 pm on the day of the Guild meeting. The group is open to everyone, so please bring a hand-stitching project, and join us for a relaxing time of socializing and stitching.

Programs

Our Program for October will feature many options and ideas for our members.

Remember to bring some CASH to sign up for the UFO challenge!

To get started on our Quilt Show preparations, Tanith will present the CHALLENGE QUILT. It's a fun project this year and I can't wait to see the results of this Challenge when we feature them at the Quilt Show in 2027.

As in past years, we will once again hold the UFO CHALLENGE (UnFinished Objects, now to be known as the UFO CONTEST so as not to be confused with the Challenge Quilt above). This runs from October 2026 through April 2027, with the winner(s) being drawn at the April 2027 guild meeting. Members can sign up at the Programs table at guild meetings, listing their quilt(s) and size(s). Each entry costs \$2.00, and there is no limit to the number of entries per person. When your UFO is completed, bring it to a guild meeting for Show and Tell (or email me a photo) and you will be given a ballot(s) to enter into the draw: Winners (up to 3) will be drawn from these ballots at the April 27, 2027 meeting and the pot divided evenly among them. It's a great way to get started.... and finished... on those UFO projects that we all seem to accumulate over time!

The Block Of The Month for October is "STRING QUILT – A STASH BUSTER PROJECT", using your stash of blues and greens. The directions can be found [here](#).

During the November meeting we will hold our ever-popular MEMBERS



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MARKETPLACE. A sign-up sheet will be available at the Program table at the October meeting. Tables are No Charge. We will accept registration for 10 people, and any more will be put on a waiting list. But, of course, we will endeavor to make room for everyone!

The Marketplace is solely for members own hand-made products that they will offer for sale. Therefore, please note: No Jumble Sale items (fabrics/notions/etc) and no Food products.

Also in November, we welcome the return of DAY BREAK SHARPENING. Dawn will be available from 2:00pm onwards on the day of the meeting. Watch for more info in the November Newsletter!

At the September meeting, members indicated that they would still like to have a MEMBERS JUMBLE SALE early next year, as the June event was unfortunately cancelled. There will be more info at the November meeting and sign-up sheets will be available then.

Any questions or comments?? Please contact me anytime! Here is a [link](#) to the Programs email.

Carol C
Programs Coordinator

Community Quilts

On September 19, the Community Quilts team hosted a "Sewcial", and it was a great day of socializing and sewing.

We're hoping that most of the quilt tops made at the Sewcial in September will be completed by the November guild meeting. If you need batting or backing, please email any of the committee (Linda H., Sonja M., Leslie C., Suzanne P.) with the size of the top and a photo of the top, if backing is required. Also, let us know if you require help with the quilting or binding or have any other questions.



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COPS

The November COPS (monthly sewing day) is Saturday, November 14 from 9am to 4pm, at the Highlands United Church Lower Hall. All COPS Days are held on the second Saturday of the month. Easy to remember and put in your calendars.

If you have never been to COPS you can, without signing up, drop by for a few minutes just to check out what the day is all about. There are many regular attendees, but we 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! See the [COPS webpage](#) for more information or go directly to the [sign up form](#) to register.

Workshops

Join us for a Charming Quilted Bag workshop on Saturday Nov. 7, from 10 am to 4 pm, at St Christopher's Anglican Church in West Vancouver (1068 Inglewood Ave.).

Some members have already made this bag and it is a beauty. Leslie Chatelaine and Connie Blundy will teach us how to make the bag. You need a charm pack (or 46 five inch squares from your stash), fabric for lining, ties, etc., and a soft stabilizer. T

Register [HERE](#) for the Quilted Bag workshop.

Cost: \$55 for guild members, \$60 for non-members

Supply Kit (optional): \$40

Note: Register by OCTOBER 28 if you are ordering the Supply Kit.





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Save the date for **January Extravaganza** - Jan 30, 2027 at Gleneagles Club House in West Vancouver. Registration will be available in early November. Send your ideas for a group project to the Workshop team (see [link](#)) or speak to Carol C. or Karen M.

Spring Retreat 2027

The Spring Retreat registration is now open (see [link](#)), with space available on a first-come-first-served basis. Here are the details:

When: Thursday Feb 25, 2027 - Monday Mar 1, 2027 (4 nights)

Where: Zajac Ranch for Children - 15600 Florence Lake Road, Stave Lake
Mission BC, V4S 1C4 (zajacranch.com)

Accommodation and Pricing:

- Bunk Room: \$650
- Semi-Private (2 single beds - 4 available) \$750
- Private (Queen bed - 4 available) \$830
- Private (Single bed - 8 available) \$790

Pricing includes all meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, as well as lunch and dinner on Thursday, and brunch on Monday.

A non-refundable deposit of \$150 is due upon registration. Deposits to be paid by e-transfer to deposit@lionsgatequiltersguild.com, or by cheque made payable to LGQG, sent to Leslie Rutledge (see member list for contact details). Final payment will be due December 15, 2026.



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Quilt Show

Lions Gate Quilters Guild Quilt Show News

Save the Date for Quilt Show 2027

May 28-29 2027

At

St. Andrews and St. Stephens Church Hall

We are excited to invite all LGQG members to participate in our upcoming Quilt Show! Each quilt represents creativity, dedication, and a unique story, and we would love to celebrate the talents of our entire guild.

Each member may register up to three quilts for the show. Our goal is to showcase a quilt from every member who wishes to participate, and we are committed to ensuring that everyone who registers a quilt will have at least one quilt included in the show.

Depending on the size and space requirements of the quilts entered, members may have more than one quilt exhibited. For example, if you register three smaller quilts, it may be possible to include all three in the show!

A note about Challenge Quilts:

Challenge Quilts are registered separately and are not part of the three-quilt registration limit. You are welcome to enter up to three quilts for the regular quilt show, in addition to your Challenge Quilt entries.

Whether you enter one quilt or three, we encourage you to share your work with us. Every quilt adds something special to our show, and every member helps make it a vibrant celebration of our shared love of quilting.



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Other Events

Chilliwack Piecemakers Quilt Show



Piecemaking in the Valley

October 23-24; 5-8 pm Friday; 9-4 pm Saturday

Chilliwack Alliance Church

8700 Young Rd, Chilliwack

Admission \$10

West Vancouver Community Arts Council



Between the Threads

October 14 - November 7

Silk Purse Arts Centre, 1570 Argyle Ave. West Vancouver

[Sivan Baron](#) & [Natalie Schuler](#) incorporate fibre arts into their intimate, personal work – Baron embroiders her linocut prints of treasured memories while Schuler stitches eating utensils into abstract paintings exploring eating disorders.

Meet the Artists

Sun. Oct. 18, 2 - 3:30 pm

Join us in celebrating these talented artists!
Experience their artwork & meet the creators.