

QUILT TALK

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Parksville Quilt House Quilters' Guild
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*Purpose of the Guild:
"To promote and encourage interest
in the excellence of quilting"*

President's Message



As I write this message, the Christmas gifts are waiting to be wrapped, the cards need to be mailed and the butter is thawing on the counter

ready to be made into shortbread cookies! As you read this message, you will be packing away the tinsel, trying to get the pine needles out of the house and bemoaning the fact that you gained five (?) pounds over the holiday!

The guild's December meetings/parties were a treat. The food, as always, was fabulous and the angel craft prepared by EvaMary and Cherie was lovely. I also want to thank Arlene Ackerman for an informative and entertaining talk about Hanukkah customs.

As we enter the new year of 2012, there are a few guild related issues I would like you all to think about.

As you know the guild is having their triennial quilt show the end of May - just five months away. We have repeatedly been asking for volunteers to step forward to chair committees and yet there are still vacancies. We have some guild members that are, in fact, doing more than one job. Lynn and Charlotte have only been guild members for a couple of years and yet stepped forward to take on the monumental task of co-convening the show. We need to support them AND the guild. I have heard comments from members that they don't know why we have to have a quilt show to begin with if it is such a big job. The purpose of the show is to raise funds to provide the guild members with the many amenities we

enjoy. Look for Gerrie Green's article (page 7) to better explain where the money raised is used. Ladies, we have nearly 300 members in our guild, surely each of us can find some way to help out.

The second issue I would like you to think about is our library. Most of the guild members have made use of the extensive number of books, CDs, DVDs and magazines the guild owns. Over the past few years a significant number of these items have been borrowed by guild members but not returned. The cost of replacing lost material limits the guild from purchasing new material. Each month in this newsletter there will be a list of library items that are missing. Please check your own home libraries and sewing rooms for these items and return them with no questions asked. The library is a fabulous resource for all guild members and we want to see it grow to meet the needs of our members.

The final item I want to speak to is the need for the Quilt House Store. I have had a few members question why we have it. The fundraising committee was formed in the summer of 2010. The guild looked to be in financial difficulties due to a smaller than expected profit from our 2009 quilt show and the need to pay HST on gross earnings over \$30,000. The Management Committee of the day felt it was important to set up a committee to coordinate any fundraising initiatives deemed necessary. The suggestion was reported to the guild membership at the September, 2010 meeting and a member volunteered to chair the committee. A couple of suggestions that came forward were to have an internal raffle of quilts donated by guild members and to put together a cookbook. Both these initiatives were

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Next Meeting Jan.16

Doors open: 12:30 PM

- Day meeting: 1:00 PM
- Evening Meeting: 7:00 PM

Bradley Centre
975 Shearme Road, Coombs, BC

Coffee & Goodies

If your last name begins with one of the following letters, bring goodies to whichever guild meeting you attend:

C D E F G

Coffee/tea \$1.00

(refills are free)

Thank you for including some gluten-free choices for those with difficulties.

Don't Forget

- ☉ Name Tag
- ☉ Membership Card
- ☉ Library Books
- ☉ Show & Tell
- ☉ Coffee Mug & Treats
- ☉ Block of the Month
- ☉ Before you leave home, check your email for a possible meeting cancellation .
- ☉ Flashlight for emergencies, if needed at the evening meeting

Guild Positions

Guild Positions 2011—2012

Directors

President..... Lola Denesyk
 Vice President..... Elinor Mix
 Advisor/Past President Gerrie Green
 Secretary Chris Longmore
 Treasurer..... Carol Clemens

Management Committee

Block of the Month Marieke Raabe
 Evening Chair..... Frankie Michaluk
 We Care Quilts..... Robin Hansby, Fran Henney
 Quilt House Store Coordinators Marie Labine,
 Wendy Parker
 Library Ginette Schewe
 Membership Colleen Macri
 Newsletter Diane Archer
 Program Chair Eva Mary Surtel
 Refreshments..... Judy Morrison
 Workshops Margaret Furnell

Ex Officio

Quilt Show 2012..... Lynn Foreman
 Co-Chair Charlotte Hitchin



Comfort Quilt Society

President Donna Paisley
 Vice President..... Helen Green
 Treasurer Nancy Connah
 Secretary Colleen Macri

Note:

The Parksville Comfort Quilts Society is the original name when the society started in the 1980's.

Sunshine Girl

If you know of someone in our guild who is experiencing serious difficulties or who may have a death or illness in their immediate family, please contact Sue Putz @ 250-752-2186 or email @ smputz@telus.net

Guild Positions 2011-2012

Awards Committee..... Barb Wilson, Mickey Bickert
 Block of the Month..... Marieke Raabe
 CQA Rep..... Jean Baxter Pierre
 Guild Name Tags/Pins Betty Young
 Library Apprentice Nicole Aube
 Library – Evening Marian Whitney, Lloy Allen
 Library Cataloguer Sue Jubb
 Newsletter—Advertising..... Mickey Bickert
 Newsletter Copy Editors..... Colleen Macri, Ruth Seburn
 Barbara Smith, Cindy Scraba
 Program Chair Apprentice Cherie Hope
 Program Assistants..... Mary Smith, Arlene Ackerman
 Quilt House Store—Day Helen Green, Narcis Kellow
 Quilt House Store—Evening Quita Peverley,
 Deanna Corrigan
 Raffle—Day..... Louise Wolfe, Cathy Schulhauser
 Raffle—Evening Sandy Morter, Chris Kippen
 Refreshments—Day Judy Morrison, Margaret Yells
 Terryl Essery, Bonnie Rospond
 Refreshments—Evening..... Joy Sumislawski
 Donna McAskile, Joyce Hagedorn
 Retreat Coordinator..... Donna Paisley
 Satellite Groups Alison Kermack
 Social Events Coordinators: Bev Hoppe,
 Alison Kermack, Deb Martin Cox
 Sunshine Lady..... Sue Putz
 Treasurer Apprentice..... Brenda Wilson
 We Care Quilts Sew 'n Sews (Dawna Winkelaar)
 Webmaster Tim Schewe
 Website Guild Contact Elinor Mix
 Workshop Assistant (Evening)..... Debbie Martin-Cox
 Hall Setup Matt
 Bradley Centre Gunter Buschhaus

Help Wanted

Please see details on page 6.

QUILT HOUSE STORE

Stop by for to purchase your 2-1/2" strip for Program 's draw.

Notice Board

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President's Message

acted upon and were successful thanks to the participation of all guild members. Once the sales table, or store, was established the program committee asked that the fabric strips, squares or fat quarters that they draw for each month be available to members to purchase from the store rather than the program people. This has proven a good decision because many members want to participate in the program draws but forget to bring their items from home. We also have the guild pins and mugs available on a regular basis. At the November Management Committee meeting the future of the Quilt House Store was discussed and it was decided that a decision would be made at the end of this year. Carol Clemens, our treasurer, has reported that with the revenue from the quilt show in May, we are most certainly going to meet the threshold where we will need to submit HST to the government and once we START to pay HST, we will have to pay for ever more! If we want to keep the membership fees affordable to everyone, we may be required to hold future fundraising events and the committee/store will already be in place.

There will be a brief extraordinary meeting at the January guild meetings. We have a couple of new policies to be presented to the membership for discussion and ratification. There is a notice of motion with the two policies (below) in the newsletter. Also, the treasurer will give a formal financial report to the members. The business portion of the meeting will be brief so we can get on with the program portion of the meeting and of course the wonderful show and tell that we all look forward to. Remember, always check your emails prior to the meetings if the weather is inclement and the decision is made to cancel the meetings. The decision will be made early enough so no-one makes the trip for naught.

Finally, I want to wish each and every one of you a Happy New Year and may only good health and prosperity find its way into your homes.

Lola Denesyk, President

Notice of Motion

The following policies will be brought forward for discussion and voting at the January 23, 2012 Guild meetings.

Comfort Quilt Society Membership Policy

October 24, 2011 - In order for the Comfort Quilt Society to pay their operating expenses each year, one dollar (\$1.00) from each Guild membership will be transferred to the Comfort Quilt Society. The total amount transferred will be based on the number of Guild members as of the end of the preceding April.

Sunshine Policy

September, 26 2011 - The Society, through the Sunshine Committee, will send cards to members who are in hospital or seriously ill or who have experienced a death in their immediate family.

Condolences

On behalf of the guild membership, we wish to pass on our condolences to Isabel Parker, a past president of our guild. Her husband, Allyn Parker was taken suddenly during a cycling trip in Hawaii. Our thoughts are with you.

Refreshment Committee

Mug Tote Challenge

The challenge is still on — make a unique “tote” to carry your mug safely to Guild meetings. A basic pattern for the mug tote is available on the web site and at Guild meetings. Make it as plain or as fancy as you wish.

Bring your finished tote to the JUNE meeting. Members will then have the opportunity to vote for their favourite mug tote and the winner will receive 10 months of free refreshments.

Judy and Margaret will be available at Friday quilt days, if you need help.



Judy and Margaret

Reports

PQHQG Calendar of Events

2012

January

- 6 - Quilting Day
- 16 - Guild Meetings
- 17-20 - Guild Retreat
- 23 - MC Meeting

February

- 3 - Quilting Day
- 11 - We Care Quilts - Sew-a-thon
- 20 - Guild Meetings
- 27 - MC Meeting

March

- 2 - Quilting Day
- 19 - Guild Meetings
- 26 - MC Meeting

April

- 6 - Quilting Day
- 16 - Guild Meetings
- 23 - MC Meeting

May

- 4 - Quilting Day
- 18-20 - Quilt Festival
- 28 - Annual General Meeting (evening only)

June

- 1 - Quilting Day
- 4 - Transition MC Meeting
- 18 - Guild Meeting (evening only)

Library

Reminder: All guild library books must be returned to the guild library at the January 2012 day or evening meetings.

Contact ginette@quiltme.ca

Day library:

- Open 12:30
- Closed during meeting
- Open during break
- Open after meeting for about 30 minutes

Evening library:

- Closed during meeting
- Open during break

Ginette Schewe

Name Tags

If you wish to order a name tag, please see me at the guild meetings. If you don't know me, just ask one of the executive to point me out! When you order your name tag, you will need to pay in advance, and I will have it ready for you at the following meeting. Name Tags: \$8.15

Betty Young



Guild Cook Book — Recipe Correction

Please note that there is an ingredient error in the Cauliflower Bisque recipe on page 27 of our cookbook . 12 onions should read 1/2 onion. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Helen, Frankie, and Lola

Calendar of Events

Travelling across Canada or the USA? Click on the following web link for upcoming quilting events in the areas you plan to visit. <http://www.canadianquilter.com/events>

CQA

Registration for Quilt Canada is now open check www.canadianquilter.com for details. Janome will be supplying machines for all classes.

Last day for completion of the Fish Bags will be the January Guild meeting; so far we have nine, well on the way to my goal of 12. Would the anonymous donor who donated a lovely blue and teal bag please let me know who you are, so we can at least say thank you.

Contact Jean at e-mail jbaxterpierre@shaw.ca



Jean Baxter Pierre

Reports

New Member's Tea - re-scheduled

The Management Committee will be hosting a tea for all new members who have joined the guild since November 1, 2010. The tea will be held at the Bradley Centre on Saturday, February 25th, 2012 at 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. During the tea, members of the management committee will give the new members a short description of each of their jobs and invite new members to ask questions to help clarify any concerns regarding the operation of the guild. Any new members who are wishing to join a satellite group can leave their name and information so that we can help members connect. Invitations will be sent out in mid-January and new members are asked to respond promptly so that we can make you as welcome as possible.

For further information, please contact Gerrie Green at 250-248-2144 or e-mail me at huckphin@shaw.ca

2012 Retreat—Jan 17-20 at Homewood, Quadra Island

Almost retreat time!! Things to remember..

- Tell me about any food allergies or sensitivities so I can let them know ahead of time. Don't assume I remember from last year.
- Bedding, towels, soap, medications and personal items.
- All the necessary parts, cords, feet etc. for your machine. There is no quilt store on the island.
- Extension cords and power bars, maybe a small light and a cushion for your tush.
- Flashlight - especially for outside people.
- Nice things for the silent auction and cash to buy others' donations.
- It is good to wear your name tag to help to get to know names.
- Several projects to work on.
- Let me know if you could take an iron and /or ironing board.

Our time there is from 3pm Tuesday until after lunch on Friday. A good ferry to take is the 2:30 on from Campbell River. Please ask for good roads for travelling!!!

I have had several cancellations so have used the wait list. If anyone is interested in being on the list to be called in case of further cancellations--give me a call...

Donna Paisley

Greeting Happy Campers,

Our tradition of running a silent auction at the guild retreat will continue this year. For those of you who are new to the retreat, the silent auction is run to raise money for a tip for the staff who work so hard to make our retreat experience a truly fun and relaxing time. So, please bring one or two good quality items of interest to your fellow quilters. Things that have sold well in the past have been: books (quilt related and novels), magazines (quilt), fabric, thread, notions, gizmos and got to haves, UFO packages with fabric and instructions and novelty items. Looking forward to the treasures you all bring to the auction.

See you on Quadra.

Frankie Michaluk

Reports

Help Wanted—PLEASE !!

We are still looking for people to fill the following positions. If you are willing to fill one of these positions or you have questions about them, please contact me.

- Program - evening meeting
- Workshop Apprentice

Thank you for your consideration.

Lola Denesyk, President

Quilting Days Schedule

Where: Bradley Centre

Times: 9:00 - 3:00

Dates: (1st Friday of each month)

January 6

February 3

March 2

April 6

May 4

June 1

2012

Cost: \$5.00 drop in fee or
\$4/month prepaid through to June

Lola Denesyk, President

We Care Quilts

On Saturday, February 11th, space has been booked at Bradley Centre for members to get together and make Comfort Quilts. We will have several options for you to choose from. There will be block kits, quilt kits, patterns, fabric, or you may bring your own materials and ideas. You might like to come with a group and do something together. And, of course, there will be a potluck lunch. Doors open at 8:30 am and we will finish up by 4 pm. There will be a sign-up sheet at the January meeting so we have an idea of how many are coming.

By the way, you have donated 127 Christmas Placemats to SOS this year and they were thrilled to receive them!

The last of the Premie Quilts have been delivered to the NICU at Nanaimo Regional Hospital so, if you have some flannel and some time, you might consider making more of those. The nurses in the unit, and the parents, are so appreciative!

Since September, we have also made donations, on your behalf, to Haven House, NRGH Cancer Clinic, and NRGH Maternity, Nursery, and Pediatrics.

Robin Hansby

'We Care' Quilt Labels

If you have an embroidery sewing machine, we would be grateful for your talents.

We need labels for all the beautiful and thoughtful quilts our members donate.

They have a lovely little heart and simply read
"Made with Love by Parksville Quilthouse
Quilters".

Please use the JEF and PES formats located on our website under "Activities" and "We Care Quilts".

Please consider stitching out as many as you can and giving them to the "We Care Quilts" ladies.

Thank you for your time.

Block of the Month -Grandmother's House by the Sea

How is your Daffodil Block coming along? We would love to see it – why not bring it with you (bring your other completed blocks as well) and show it off to us at the February meeting.

Reminder — The link is "<http://www.parksvillequilthousequilters.com/block.html>"

Or go to our website and look under the "Activities" - "Block of the Month".

Don't forget, we are there for you if you have questions.....

Please contact: Marieke Raabe at [Block of the Month](#) or 250-594-1856

Joyce Morrison at (250)248-5914 or

Doreen Lawter at (250)248-6996



Quilt Festival 2012 Updates



Parksville Quilt Festival *Seasons by the Sea*

Why Do We Have a Quilt Show

The first guild quilt show was held in 1981 and showed the community the talents and skill of our quilters. Since then, the guild organized many shows and now has a major show every three years. I joined the guild in 2003, and every year we get 30 or 40 new members. Last year we finished with a membership of 347 which means there are many talented members, each with their own unique style of quilting. Most of our members quilt for family and friends, so there are only a very limited number of people who get to appreciate that talent. The quilt show reminds the community of our organization and the fabulous work that we do. During our Christmas Sale, several members of the public have expressed amazement that each quilter had their own unique specialties. The public thinks of quilting as “making a blanket for a bed”, so the quilt show is a venue to exhibit the diversity of the quilting arts.

When the guild decided to organize a show every three years, there were also practical reasons for this decision. The monies from the quilt shows have gone toward keeping our membership affordable for everyone. Many of our quilters are seniors living on a fixed income and we want to keep these members because they have the knowledge to pass on to our newer members. The funds are used to supplement workshops, run programs for our meetings, purchase books, magazines and DVDs for the guild library, publish our fabulous newsletter, maintain our website, and, of course, run our We Care Program. We also offer scholarships to help keep the quilting arts alive with our younger generations.

The profits from the quilt show go into a GIC or Savings account and each year over the next three years a portion of those funds are transferred over to our operating account. At this time, there are only sufficient funds in the high interest account for one more transfer which means we need to build up that fund if we want to continue operating for the next three years. Our treasurer has worked very hard to keep a balanced budget, but that balanced budget depends on profits from our quilt show. If we don't hold a show or the show is not successful, we will have to depend on membership fees alone which means you could be paying \$100 a year in membership fees to cover the expenses (over \$38,000) that we had over the past year.

Please support our quilt show by volunteering to take on one of the jobs or call a friend or friends and do the job as a group.

Gerrie Green

Raffle Tickets

We have three amazing quilts for raffle prizes. First prize is a hand appliqued queen size quilt. Second prize is a 50 x 50 inch hand appliqued wall hanging. Third prize is a pieced 60 x 60 inch wall hanging. We are indeed fortunate to have these generous donations from our members. Thank you to all who worked on these beautiful quilts.

Now it is up to the rest of the members!! The raffle tickets will be available at both January meetings for members to take and sell to others and yourselves!!

We have 5,000 tickets to sell so please, everyone, do the best you can. This money is for our charitable activities-quilts for babies, seniors etc. This must last until our next quilt show. You may start selling them in February Thank you in advance for your efforts.

Donna Paisley

Quilt Festival 2012 Updates

Quilt Festival Committee—TWO positions left to fill!

Thank you to all the volunteers who have already come forward. We still have two positions vacant.

1) **Show Set Up and Take down.** The job description is ...

- ◆ Co-ordinate with Call for Entry, Frame, Depot Captain committee chairs.
- ◆ Determine supplies needed to hang quilts.
- ◆ Co-ordinate hanging of quilts.
- ◆ Provide temporary labels and instructions of how quilts to be labelled.
- ◆ Generate lists for Captains.
- ◆ Manage quilt hanging and display.

Team up with an old or new friend — one with computer skills and one with organizational skills.

2) **Signage.** The job description is ...

- ◆ To apply to Parkville City for a special event signage permit.
- ◆ Find out what we need to do for the banner signage on the entrance sign coming off the highway.
- ◆ Check signage that we already have and get dates and times changed.
- ◆ Order insert signs for the sandwich boards that the Christmas Sale group owns (see Gerrie Green).
- ◆ Near the time of the show, put out signs to advertise.
- ◆ During the show they will need signs to direct visitors to the Community Centre.
- ◆ Check in with the Community Centre to have the electric signage during the show and with Oceanside Place for the downtown electric signage.

Please phone or email: Charlotte Hitchin 250-586-1110 or dalraeplc@shaw.ca or
Lynn Foreman 250-468-1748 or plynforeman@shaw.ca.

Lynn Foreman

Please see pages 17, 18, and 19 for more QUILT FESTIVAL info and forms.

Quilt Festival Committee—grocery points

At the September meeting of the Quilt Show Committee, it was decided to collect Quality Food points to be used for veggie, cold meat, and dessert platters for the Thursday “Volunteer Appreciation” evening. An account for the Parkville Quilt House Quilters Guild has been set up at Quality Foods and Thrifty Foods.

Any members wishing to donate points when they shop can use the cards below and give the number to the cashier when you are checking out your groceries. If you have accumulated points on your card and would like to donate them to the guild, go to the Customer Service counter with your card and the guild numbers and they will assist you. Please clip these cards and carry them in your wallet if you want to participate in this program.

Gerrie Green

Quality Foods—Points program

Donated to
Parkville Quilt House Quilters Guild

Account # 47012433609

Thrifty Foods—Points program

Donated to
Parkville Quilt House Quilters Guild

Account # 6061722002849273

Quilt Festival 2012 Updates

Seasons by the Sea Quilt Festival 2012

Back to the Basics Challenge

This year's show challenge will not require the use of any one specific fabric.

Requirements:

- Size: The quilt must be 18" by 24". In a vertical or horizontal format.
- The quilt is to feature a **traditional quilt block** of your choice.
There are many to choose from- i.e.: Log Cabin, Four Patch, Dresden Fan, Grandmother's Flower Garden, Cathedral Windows, Sunbonnet Sue and Card Trick just to name a few.
- The number, size and setting of the blocks is your choice. They may be different sizes, distorted, skewed, coloured in any manner, but must be **recognizable**, and must fit into the 18" x 24" size.
- The block may be used in a pieced background, an all over design or as the main feature.
There are many options. Have fun with your design.
- Use your imagination to create a new version of an old block.
- Quilt may be pieced or appliqué or both. Hand or machine quilted. Embellishments permitted.
- The quilt must be titled. Also state the name of the block that inspired you.
- Label your quilt on the back.
- Place quilt in an opaque bag.
- Name of Block that inspired you _____

Entry fee: \$2.00 payable when handing in the quilt. Latest entry date is May 1st, 2012.

There will be only one entry category and voting will be by Viewer's Choice.

Information or questions: Ionne McCauley at 250 752-9604 or ionnemcc@gmail.com
Diane Boyko at 250-724-4321 or dianeboyko@telus.net

Attach this form to your quilt.

Name _____ Membership # _____

Address _____

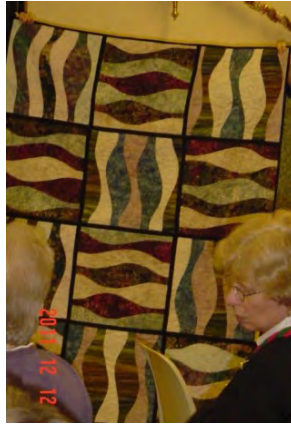
Phone number _____ E Mail _____

Quilt Name _____



December Highlights

Show & Tell — evening



FOR SALE

- Memory Craft 200E embroidery machine with book, computer disc, and patterns

Price \$300.00 for both

Contact: **Ruth Seburn** at (250) 752-2539

WANTED

- Husqvarna Designer Diamond — lovingly cared for. :)

Contact: **Diane Archer** at (250) 752-0011

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Celebrating the earth and environment in spirituality and faith through original fibre and fabric art.

April 20 & 21, 2012

Squamish B.C.

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

April 20 & 21, 2012 Squamish B.C.

You are invited to submit quilts (max 45" x 60"), wall hangings, miniature quilts and wearable art created to celebrate the connection between the environment and deeply held beliefs and spirituality of individuals or groups.

This non-juried show will be on Sat, Apr 21 featuring a merchant's mall and tearoom. Workshops will be hosted on Fri, Apr 20th.

For more information contact

St. John's Church 604-898-5100 or stjohnsquamish@shaw.ca or Elizabeth Sherlock at esherlock@telus.net

For more information , please contact guild member Carolyn Moore at (250) 248-5820

PROGRAM

December Program - Angel Traffic Jam!!

Christmas Angels were being built at Bradley Centre by the Guild members!! Eva Mary and Cherie worked for 2 days cutting the donated lace from EM's monumental stash(!), and kitting heads, chenille strips, halo's, paper lace doilies for collars and wings, and Styrofoam cups for the bodies. There was a flurry of activity and much laughter, as the gluing began; and some of the strangest creatures emerged! An Alien Angel, with a halo corkscrew shape protruding from the side of her head, and across the table was a Robot Angel, and then a definitely "tipsy looking angel" with a crooked halo (too much cloud wine perhaps ?). Some even added eyes, smiles and frowns with pen or pencil! We hope it was as enjoyable a time for you all as Cherie and I had providing the kits.

There were about 40 kits and glue left after both meetings; 4 kits were sold as well for grandchildren to make at home. The decision was made to donate the remaining kits to Nanaimo Guild for a Program craft for their Christmas meeting the next night; and any leftovers would go to SOS in Parksville for the children's craft program. Arlene Ackerman graciously offered to do that as she is a member of both Guilds and has contacts with SOS.

Arlene later gave us the amazing story of Jewish Chanukah, and the history from earliest time and how it evolved after a Religious War won by better strategy by fewer soldiers. The two different Menorahs for the special candles that are lit for the festive season, symbolic, and revered was absolutely fascinating since the one had arrived in this country by very mysterious means via Poland! What a wealth of information. The Strip Draws were won in the afternoon by Barb Smith and in the evening by Wynn Rehill. Mini appreciation cookies and candy gifts, made and donated by Cherie, were drawn for also. Starting in January ladies, the strips will again be available for the remainder of the Guild year, so please purchase, or bring from home the colors of the month, and lets build up the baskets higher and higher.

Wishing you a wonderful Christmas/Festive Season from your Program Committee.

Remember, "Don't drive any faster than your Guardian Angel can fly". CHEERS,

Eva Mary Surtel

January Program - Day and Evening Meetings

Look out ladies!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

We have such an exciting program planned!! With help and information from Eleanor Mix and Allison Krause, we have been extremely fortunate in obtaining for January's Program, Pat Watson of Victoria - who is one of the few Qualified Quilt Appraisers in Western Canada, and Pat has a trunk show that will knock your socks off!!

Hopefully the weather will comply and the Malahat will be dry and safe. Have your questions ready. Pat does appraisals from her home in Victoria. Items have to be sent or dropped off. An in depth study of the fabric, stitching and embellishments are made and is extremely time consuming, Pat told me. A document is issued on your treasure for your family archives and Insurance purposes. If the weather is inclement, we will endeavor to book her again at a later date.

Eva Mary Surtel

Fabric Draws 2-1/2" strips

Here are the fabrics choices you will need to participate each month.

Strips are available for purchase at our "Quilt House Store".

January	Whites/Off-Whites	March	Polka Dots
February	Reds/Oranges	April	Small Floral Prints
		May	Novelty Prints

Our Merchants



**Huckleberry's
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Membership Draws — Daytime Meeting

Supplied by..... Kismet Quilts and the Guild
Won by Barbara Smith and Kaireen Primeau

Membership Draws — Evening Meeting

Supplied by..... Kismet Quilts and the Guild
Won by Kathy Claxton and Arleen Ackerman

Our Merchants



The Quilting Scene
Gerrie Green

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"Another fresh new year is here . . .
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This bright new year is given me
 To live each day with zest . . .
 To daily grow and try to be
 My highest and my best!

I have the opportunity
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Guild Members in the news

THE FLOUR SACK

A poem by Colleen B. Hubert

Submitted by Eva Mary Surtel

In that long ago time when things were saved,
when roads were graveled and barrels were staved,
when worn-out clothing was used as rags,
and there were no plastic wrap or bags,
and the well and the pump were way out back,
a versatile item, was the flour sack.

Pillsbury's best, Mother's and Gold Medal, too,
stamped their names proudly in purple and blue.
the string sewn on top was pulled and kept;
the flour emptied and spills were swept.
the bag was folded and stored in a sack
that durable, practical flour sack.

The sack could be filled with feathers and down,
for a pillow, or t'would make a nice sleeping gown.
it could carry a book and be a school bag,
or become a mail sack slung over a nag.
it made a very convenient pack,
that adaptable, cotton flour sack.

Bleached and sewn, it was dutifully worn
as bibs, diapers, or kerchief adomed.
it was made into skirts, blouses and slips.
and mom braided rugs from one hundred strips
she made ruffled curtains for the house or shack,
from that humble but treasured flour sack!

As a strainer for milk or apple juice,
to wave men in, it was a very good use,
as a sling for a sprained wrist or a break,
to help mother roll up a jelly cake,
as a window shade or to stuff a crack,
we used a sturdy, common flour sack!

As dish towels, embroidered or not,
they covered up dough, helped pass pans so hot,
tied up dishes for neighbors in need,
and for men out in the field to seed.
they dried dishes from the pan, not a rack,
that absorbent, handy flour sack!

We polished and cleaned stove and table,
scoured and scrubbed from cellar to gable,
we dusted the bureau and oak bed post,
made costumes for October (a scary ghost)
and a parachute for a cat named jack,
From that lowly, useful old flour sack!

So now my friends, when they ask you
As curious youngsters often do,“
Before plastic wrap, Elmer’s Glue
And paper towels, What did you do?”
Tell them loudly and with pride don’t lack,
“Grandmother had that wonderful flour sack.”

THE FLOUR SACK - remembered

The fabric was already printed by the manufacturer. The flour companies purchased it already made up into bags by the same manufacturer. I remember the flour ‘dust’ coming through the fabric, leaving a residue before it was poured into a big green tin flour bin in the corner of our kitchen. Then the bag was soaked in cold water several times and washed ready for making clothes. I had dresses and pyjamas, and underpants with buttons. No elastic available during the 2nd World War. (grin) The women in the neighborhood traded the bags to get enough for specific garments. 100 lb bags were the order of the day !!!!!!!!!!!!!

As I recall, everyone made their own bread as well.

Submitted by Eva Mary Surtel



Images of Flour Sack patterns.

Lots of books and images on the subject — check the internet.



Both Flour Sacks and Feed Sacks were used for making clothes.

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PARKSVILLE QUILT FESTIVAL 2012

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR APPLICATION FOR ENTRY

1. Deadline for submissions for “**APPLICATION FOR ENTRY**” will be **April 1, 2012**.

Once applications are received, there are many steps to go through before the quilt show. Entries must be entered into a data base, determine space and mapping area, map the quilts to the area, produce screen layouts and venue maps, produce quilt tags, run reports from the database as required by other committee members (Show Set-Up, Depot Captain, etc. etc.).

2. You may be entering 3 or 4 quilts, but we may not be able to hang more than one or two, so it is very important that you indicate on your Application for Entry, your number ONE choice, and number Two etc. Every effort will be made to accommodate your first choice and your remaining will be considered if at all possible. Space is the only determining factor as to whether or not all entries will be displayed.
3. We have limited space to hang queen/king bed quilts, they take up a lot of space that we do not have, therefore, if you have queen/king bed quilts you would like to enter please ensure your entries are in early. It will be a first-come-first-serve basis and no more than one queen/king bed quilt from any one person unless there is available space.
4. All quilts must have a hanging sleeve attached. The sleeve must be approximately 6 inches (i.e. 12 inch circumference). This applies to all quilts (bed, lap, baby, wall hangings, etc.) Some are strung through rods and others are pinned and fishing line is strung through for security reasons.
5. Your quilt stories are important and are appreciated by the general public as well as fellow quilters, but we ask you to keep them as short as possible - the space we have to print them is limited.
6. It is not necessary that your quilt be finished before you take a picture and submit your application. It must, however, be finished before the quilt show.
7. There will be someone at each Guild meeting from December through to March to collect entries. It will be announced who and where at each meeting.
8. Please, please fill out all areas of the Call for Entry that applies to your particular entry. A PHOTO IS REQUIRED.
9. If “Show and Share’ at each month’s meeting is any indication as to the wonderful quilts that will be entered, it will be an awesome show. We urge everyone to enter their quilts – all quilts are special and deserve to be shown.
10. There are three members of the “Call for Entry” committee for this show. They are Shannon MacKay, Fran Henney and Dawna Winkelaar. Please call if you require any assistance.

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PARKSVILLE QUILT FESTIVAL – May 18th – May 20th, 2012

SEASONS BY THE SEA

APPLICATION FOR ENTRY

YOUR INFORMATION

NAME: _____ MEMBERSHIP #: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

**** All entries must be accompanied by a picture of the quilt**

ENTRY LEVEL: Master Beginner General

Master – a major prize winner in a quilt show within the last 6 years or quilt related business professional

Beginner - quilting 2 years or less

General – experienced, most of us

PREFERENCE: Please indicate your preference of the quilt if more than 1 is submitted # _____

YOUR QUILT

SIZE: *in inches* - Top: _____ Side: _____

SECTION: Fiber Art Traditional Pieced Appliqué: By Hand By Machine
Embroidery: By Hand By machine

CATEGORY: Bed quilt Wall hanging Crib or lap quilt Other

Describe other _____

QUILTED: By hand By Sewing machine By Longarm machine

IS THE QUILT FOR SALE? NO YES Price: _____ (including 15% guild commission)

NAME OF THE QUILT: _____

THE STORY OF THIS QUILT: (Name and story will be displayed with your quilt at the show)

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Quilt quilted by? you or whom? _____

Is this an original design created by you? Yes No

Is this a commercial pattern? No Yes Whose? _____

Were you substantially inspired by a workshop, class or commercial pattern? No Yes
Whose? _____

Please provide any other credits you feel may be appropriate: _____

**ATTACH COLOUR PHOTOGRAPH OR
PICTURE OF PATTERN HERE**

Contact: Shannon MacKay, 250-248-5613, email vistabc@telus.net

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Fran Henney, 250-954-0414, email franhenney@shaw.ca

Submit completed application(s) Shannon MacKay or Fran Henney at monthly guild meetings or mail to:

- Shannon MacKay, 720 Wildgreen Way, Parksville, BC, V9P 0A5
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