MESSAGE FROM THE VICE - PRESIDENT

As I write this we are heading into a slow easing up of the Covid19 restrictions. Any number of us have been able to gather outside in small groups or even have guests in our homes, all with social distancing in place. Doesn’t it just feel deep down good!

What does this mean for our Guild? Your management team has been working towards creating online solutions; retooling our website to replicate the basic functions of the Guild as much as possible and providing virtual programs and workshops. Those changes will continue to roll out. But we realize that we have to do more and that these aren’t solutions for all of you, at least not at this moment.

Dr. Bonnie tells us we won’t be meeting in groups of more than 50 anytime in the near future. There is a lot under discussion by the Management Committee at the moment, including; shorter multiple meetings over a day/evening (AGM in September), smaller workshops/sew days or workshops/sew days in a larger venue and outdoor events over the summer, for example.

From the moment the March Guild meeting was cancelled, all of the work done since has focused on one goal, to keep the Parksville Quilt House Quilters’ Guild viable and plan for the future as it rolls out. Your Management Committee is working harder than ever to anticipate changes and adapt. We want to create some excitement despite the restrictions we are all under and build on the passion members have for our Guild, giving concrete benefits to continued membership.

Slightly more than half of us have renewed membership to this point.

Time for a good old fashioned membership drive. Over the next weeks the Membership Renewal Team will be connecting with you. Yes, we will be asking you to renew your membership but it is also an opportunity to hear directly from you. What would you like to see happen? What interests you? What are we missing?

~ Sandi McLean
Hello everyone,

I hope you are all keeping well as we enter this phase of "Reopening." I know I am looking forward to a hair cut.

I am happy to say that I have made my first quilt delivery since the start of the pandemic. Nursing homes are starting to allow deliveries with precautions in place for drop off and treatment of the quilts once in the facility. If you have completed projects for Comfort Quilts please consider dropping them off at my door.

My thanks to those of you who have picked up kits for stockings and placemats, I still have many more that need completing. Please email me if you can help.

Enjoy expanding your social network, cautiously and safely!

~ Mirella Yanko, Comfort Quilt Coordinator
mmyanko61@gmail.com

June marks the end of our 2019/2020 season and your Program Committee will have a slight adjustment in leadership. Darlene LaCharite will take over the duties of committee chair and I will continue as her able bodied assistant. We are actively searching for someone to join our team as an assistant/apprentice. Program is a rewarding and creative Committee, so please join us!

We are excited about our fall presenters, who include Kismet Quilt Store, Lois Kelly (Batik Baskets), Cindy's Threadworks and Dara Tomassen. We are currently working with your executive to see how Program will be presented, but don't lose heart....we will present!

Thank you to all who embraced our first virtual program hosted by Brandy Maslowski on May 25. We had 62 people sign on for "Studio Magnificent". Thank you also to Mickey and Ionne for continuing with the "Ugly Fabric Challenge". We can't wait to see everyone's creations in this newsletter and to find out the "winner" at a later date. I know it will be a difficult decision considering the talent in our Guild.

Speaking of talent in our Guild, I can't tell you how fortunate we are to have so many gifted ladies, not only with a needle and thread, but also with technology and the ability to think outside of the box. They have inspired me to push myself when I was ready to give up on "Program" and the challenges of presenting under these difficult circumstances. We are a Guild who can adapt, overcome and keep on creating!

Here's to a new and exciting season ahead for our members! Stay tuned!

~ Darlene LaCharite and Marlene Waters
BIB n’ TUCKER QUILTING

We are hoping to reopen in June with revised hours and following provincial guidelines

Subscribe to the newsletter at www.bibntucker.com to get the opening announcement

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STAY AT HOME RETREAT QUILT

Remember those squares you made at the stay at home retreat in March? Well here’s the finished quilt. It will be given to Comfort Quilts. Thanks to Sara Medd for donating all the fabric for the quilt. It was Sara’s idea to do a comfort quilt at each stay at home retreat and this one is the 5th (I think). Oh FYI that is my little dog Ria. Our pets always want to be on our quilts.

~ Marilyn
WORKSHOPS

Shirley and Ruth are working on securing new workshops, dates and venues for our Fall 2020 Workshops. We should have more details in a likely summer newsletter. In the meantime, continue to check the Workshops page in the Benefits section of our PQHQG website for information and also to find the Registration page for the workshops. Currently we are accepting registrations for the online ZOOM workshop Glorious and Free. On May 26 we started accepting registration for the Sunset Pine workshop presented by our very exhilarating member Joyce McLellan. (Details for both of these workshops are included below).

**Note:** Registration for all workshops is now done electronically through the website using these steps:

- Go to the Guild website at [http://parksvillequilthousequilters.com/](http://parksvillequilthousequilters.com/)
- You **must sign in** to the site with your username and password, otherwise the form will not open.
- Click on the **Benefits** drop down menu, then click on **Workshops**.
- Scroll down to the **Glorious and Free** workshop.
- Follow the text down until you see **Online Workshops Registration Form**. Click on that.
- Fill in the form and click on **Submit**.

**Title:** Glorious and Free

**Date:** June 13, 2020

**Time:** Sign on at 9:00. Workshop begins at 9:30 until 4:00.

Brandy Maslowski from Summerland BC will present this ONLINE workshop.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** The week prior to the workshop, Brandy will be offering a Zoom orientation and a small project. We will notify everyone registered in the workshop of the details early in June. Those who register will require a laptop or other computer, or a cellphone for the workshop. Brandy will introduce the class on your device and she will be with us for the entire day as you work through the development of the project. You will need to be able to keep your device charged up throughout the class.

**Location:** in your home...select a location where you can sew all day, have a power connection for your laptop or computer, and be comfortable.

**Lunch:** whatever you prepare; time will be provided.

**Level:** This quilt is suitable to those with a good beginner level of quilting. Instructions on piecing, and on creating half square triangles will be provided. Brandy will provide opportunities for beginners to ask questions, while providing a fun day for the more experienced quilter as well.

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WORKSHOPS CONT’D

Size of project: will be approximately 50” by 70”. It really does look lovely. The supply list is available on the Guild website and can be found under the Benefits section, in the Workshops area, soon. A link is also possible from the calendar.

Fee: $15.00 plus $8.00 PDF pattern (mandatory). Total due is $23.00.
The pattern PDF will be emailed to you a few days before the workshop.

General information: We will provide details for signing into the workshop for all participants. All you need is a device and a functional wifi. There is no need for you to join anything or pay for the video service. You will hear Brandy Maslowski throughout, and during the sewing time she will ask you to MUTE your device. When you have a question for her, you will simply click on the UNMUTE icon and ask her for help or clarification.

We began accepting registrations May 1st and continue to have many spaces available. You have until June 5th to register electronically online, and pay for the workshop.

Once you have registered through the website, Shirley Coleman or Ruth Stewart will contact you by email or phone to organize payment.

Usually payment is due when you register for a workshop, but in these unusual times, we have extended that timeline to a couple of weeks. (Special COVID-19 message: Any in-person contact for registration will abide by the health restrictions in place in May, so flexibility is needed).

ACCIDENTAL/Embellished LANDSCAPES QUILT WORKSHOP
Presented by Susan McGregor

RESCHEDULED DATE: Sept 19, 2020 9:30 - 4:00
Location: St. Mark’s Anglican Church
130 Hoylake Road W., Qualicum Beach, BC
Fee: $40.00 Maximum 20 participants. We have several people on the wait list already, but if you are interested in adding your name to the list, contact Workshops by email at workshops@parksvillequilthousequilters.com. Shirley or Ruth will contact the waitlist people if spaces become available, but not until later in the summer when we can confirm if the workshop can be held.

Learn to make simple yet effective landscapes, whether it is of a beach, a meadow or a winter scene. Using gentle curves and top stitching, these small landscapes are fun and easy to make. Whether you embellish or not you will have a beautiful landscape at the end of the class. You will be learning a wonderful technique that can be used in many other quilt designs.

We are hopeful we will be able to have a group of this size together in person by then with the required Social Distancing guidelines.

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Sunset Pine by our Guild member... Joyce McLellan

Location: St. Marks Anglican Church (Please enter using the Office door)
Date: October 3, 2020 (dependent on any Health Advisory this fall but we are hopeful that this small group of approximately 20 people will be permitted.)
Time: 9:00 setup; workshop 9:00 AM until 4:00.
Fee: $50.00

We began accepting registrations May 25th (the original date for the May Guild meeting). Please register electronically using the form you can find on our website in the Benefits tab then further in the Workshops section. Email any questions to: workshops@parksvillequilthousequilters.com.

Shirley Coleman or Ruth Stewart will contact you by email or phone to organize payment by cheque, cash or e-transfer.

Usually payment is due when you register for a workshop, but in these unusual times, we will be extending that timeline to a couple of weeks. (Special COVID-19 message: Any in-person contact for registration will abide with the Health restrictions in place at the time, so flexibility is needed)

This small wall hanging is approximately 16 inches by 23 inches. It depicts a beautiful pine tree in autumn Joyce recalls from Ontario. Joyce wrote: “This pine tree grew on a small island on the lake and could be seen from our front porch. I love the contrast of bright green branches against the brilliant colours of deciduous trees behind it.” This project can be completed in one day by anyone familiar with free motion quilting, but if you have minimal experience you will get a good start with the instructions for completion.

The supplies list will be available on the Guild website and can be found under the Benefits section, in the Workshops area. A link from the calendar will also be available.

~ Shirley Coleman and Ruth Stewart
Hi ladies. I hope everyone is keeping well. We are optimistically planning ahead for our much loved fall retreat at Camp Homewood. Although it is difficult to know exactly what things will look like this fall, we are optimistic that our Homewood retreat will be a go. We have been keeping in contact with Camp Homewood and they are looking forward to having us there again this fall. We will be starting to take registrations for our fall retreat on June 15th (the original date for the June Guild meeting).

The dates for retreat are Monday, October 26 – Friday, October 30 (4 nights). We are no longer offering the option of only coming for 3 nights.

Fees for 4 nights are as follows:

**Rivendell** (main hall): $302.00 for shared (2 people/shared bath); $335.00 for semi-private (2 people/private bath)

**Guesthouse Downstairs**: $302.00

**Guesthouse Upstairs**: $365.00

Please register using the online Homewood Retreat Registration form. Once you have filled out a form, Cathy Colvin or Deb Martin-Cox will contact you by email to verify your registration status and arrange for you to pay your $50.00 deposit. Do not pay your deposit until you hear from one of the organizers that you have secured a spot at the retreat. All information regarding retreat policies and payment methods are now available on our website.

**Remember** once you have paid your deposit it becomes non-refundable! The deposit is non-refundable unless a replacement can be found. (If we have a waitlist we will put the next person on the list in touch with you and they are responsible for paying you the deposit amount).

* **Exception: should our retreat be cancelled by Homewood or because of Covid 19 all monies will be REFUNDED TO PARTICIPANTS**

Once the retreat is full, we will create a wait list. *Please make sure you have renewed your membership for this year before signing up for retreat. You must be a Guild member to be able to attend retreat.*

Thanks ladies, we are looking forward to retreat!

~ Cathy Colvin & Deb Martin-Cox

homewood@parksvillequilthousequilters.com
Edge to edge designs, 2 week turnaround, 40.00 minimum
MEMBERSHIP

It is membership registration time again and at the Management Committee meeting in May, a motion was passed to extend the registration deadline to September 30, 2020 because of the ongoing Covid 19 situation. There are three ways to pay your $35 membership fee this year.

1. On the next page you will find the registration form you can print out, complete and mail with your $35 cheque to Parksville Quilt House Quilters, P. O. Box 1177, Parksville, BC, V9P 2H2.

2. On the Website under Members Only, Documents and Forms you will find an online Membership Renewal Form you can complete and submit. You can also find this form under ‘Join Us’ from the main page. You then have the choice of paying your $35 by mailing a cheque to the address shown above or by e-transfer to treasurer@parksvillequilthousequilters.com

3. Contact DiAnne at membership@parksvillequilthousequilters.com to make arrangements to deliver your paperwork and cheque to her personally or have someone come by your house for a pick up.

If you would like your membership card right away, a self-addressed, stamped envelope is required, otherwise your card will be available at our first get-together meeting.

Please note that in order to enter a quilt, place items for sale in the boutique, or participate in one of the challenges at the 2021 Quilt Show and Sale, you must be a member in good standing by September 30, 2020.

The Management Committee is working hard on making a meeting get-together happen at the first opportunity when Dr. Bonnie Henry gives the OK, so please do your part and have your membership renewal completed as soon as possible to avoid the rush at the first get-together meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact DiAnne at membership@parksvillequilthousequilters.com

~ DiAnne Hill

Membership form on next page...

BLOCK OF THE MONTH SCRAP HARVEST

Work is ongoing on the collected-block quilts. I will keep everyone apprised of the progress in the future.

Cheers

~ Sara Medd
Parksville Quilt House Quilters’ Guild
Membership Registration

Name: ___________________________________________ Member # ________________________

Address
☐ Same as previous  ☐ Update with the information below
Street: ___________________________________________
City: ___________________________ Postal Code: ________________
Phone: ___________________________ Email: ___________________________

Member Information
- All guild events are scent free environments.
- Guild maintains best practices for privacy and protection of member information.
- Visit the Parksville Quilt House Quilters’ Guild website for general guild information, the newsletter, workshops and the “Members Only Tab”. To access the member only section use your email address and follow the prompts to create a password for information on membership lists, financials, guild related business, policies, by-laws, etc.

Newsletter
☐ I do not have access to a computer/internet and wish a mailed copy at no charge.

Volunteering
As a member you are expected to participate. Please ☑ check your preferred time and where you would like to volunteer:

☐ Prefer afternoon meeting  ☐ Prefer evening meeting

☐ Greeter  ☐ Library  ☐ Program
☐ Comfort Quilts  ☐ Newsletter  ☐ Raffle/door prizes
☐ New member or guest buddy  ☐ Refreshments  ☐ Social/Public Events
☐ Workshops  ☐ Membership  ☐ Website/Facebook

Privacy
Please ☑ check below...
☐ I consent ☐ I do not consent to my personal information being included on the membership list, which is only distributed to and used by members of the PQHQG for guild related business.

Payment - Annual Membership Fee - $35.00
☐ Cheque # __________  ☐ Cash  ☐ E-Transfer (treasurer@parksvillequilthousequilters.com)

Signed: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Mail completed registration to: PQHQG Membership, PO Box 1177, Stn Main, Parksville, BC, V9P 2H2.
If you wish your membership card to be mailed, please enclose a stamped, addressed envelope.
Email memberships@parksvillequilthousequilters.com if you have any questions.
Hello from the Ugly Fabric Challenge people - Ionne (pronounced Iona) and Mickey (pronounced Mickey)

I hope everyone is doing well and hanging in there, trying to be creative. I read somewhere that one's day goes better if one does something creative first thing in the morning instead of using technology first. So I've tried that and I can tell you it works, and although habits are hard to break, it's worth the effort.

So – to all of you who missed out on getting in on the Creative “No Nine-Patch” Ugly Fabric Challenge last January – you can still get involved in a couple of ways:

1. Vote for your favourite picture of the challenge items (the pictures will be numbered not named) submitted in this newsletter - and email your vote to me at ionnemcc@gmail.com or call me at 250-752-9604.

2. Since this was a creative (not competitive) challenge, you can glean creative ideas from all the wonderful entries!

NOTE: Every guild member gets to vote!! Think creativity.

Thank you to everyone for participating, whether you bought a kit, tried to buy a kit, egged on your friend who did buy a kit, created something with the crazy fabric, voted or any combination of the above! Round of applause!

Yours in quilting,
~ Ionne and Mickey

Challenge entries on the next pages.....
THE “NO NINE-PATCH” UGLY FABRIC CHALLENGE CONT’D

#1

#2

#3
THE “NO NINE-PATCH” UGLY FABRIC CHALLENGE

[Images of various quilt and fabric creations]

#4

#5

#6
THE “NO NINE-PATCH” UGLY FABRIC CHALLENGE CONT’D
THE “NO NINE-PATCH” UGLY FABRIC CHALLENGE CONT’D

#11

#12

#13
THE “NO NINE-PATCH” UGLY FABRIC CHALLENGE CONT’D

#14

(back mounting)

#15

#16
THE “NO NINE-PATCH” UGLY FABRIC CHALLENGE CONT’D

#17

(backing)

#17

(scraps!)

No Nine Patch Ugly Fabric Challenge
“Primarily Geese”
designed by Sylvia Schaefer
Jan/Feb 2018 McCall’s Quilting Magazine
Made and Quilted by Debra Wortley
May 2020

#18
THE “NO NINE-PATCH” UGLY FABRIC CHALLENGE CONT’D

#19

#20

(back)
THE “NO NINE-PATCH” UGLY FABRIC CHALLENGE CONT’D

#21

#21

#22
THE “NO NINE-PATCH” UGLY FABRIC CHALLENGE CONT’D

#23

#24
(fabric layout)

#25
To our valued customers:
We will be closing effective March 20th both our Courtenay & Campbell River Red Barn & Fabricland stores to the general public while the Covid-19 health crisis is upon us. Phone orders can be done thru the Courtenay store & we can offer 1:1 appointments to shop as long as the social distancing protocol is strictly adhered to (1-2 metres) and no symptoms of sickness, payment by debit/credit card only, no cash.
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Quilt Talk—June 2020
First Years ....1977 – 1978, Quilting in Parksville

They started as a small group - women whose first love was....quilting. They met informally in homes and came from Campbell River, from Cedar, from Victoria and many points between. They believed in the quilter’s creed: “I’d rather be quilting”.

Flo Conconi’s home in Parksville was the setting and central gathering spot for quilters to meet in the late 1970’s to quilt. She was a natural teacher, happy to share her skills. It soon became apparent her house was too small, so Flo Conconi’s husband built her a quilting studio in their back yard. They called it Flo’s “Quilt House” and was the size of a large double car garage; it was always an “open house”. Students could drop in at all hours for help with projects, or to learn, share ideas, ask for advice and take classes. They came to be entertained, and called their group the “Quilt House Quilters.”

In 1977, it was this group who chose Parksville as the setting for the first-ever Vancouver Island quilting workshop sponsored by Flo Conconi and her Quilt House Quilters. They took a couple of months in late 1977 planning a two-day workshop. Forty quilters registered for the April, 1978 workshop; skill levels ranged from beginner to teacher, and they were charged $35 each for 10 hours of instruction.

The Saturday/Sunday symposium was scheduled for April 28 – 29, 1978. Registrants were divided in two groups. Over the two days, quilters were rotated through mini-sessions such as basics of quilting, applique, quilting design, drafting, biscuit and reversible pocket quilt, quilting stitches, quilt bindings and quilting projects such as crazy patch and cathedral windows. Instructresses, in addition to Flo Conconi, were June Moilliet, Joan Arial and Karen Lafferty.

Although the workshops were staged in Parksville, they left the meals to others. Saturday lunch was served at St. Edmonds Hall by the Anglican Church Women; Saturday’s dinner was prepared by Knox United Church ladies, served in the newly opened church. It was in the Knox United Church Fireside Lounge that “show and tell” was held.

Before the weekend ended, the majority agreed that once or twice a year, workshops should be held. And most felt the mid-island region, Parksville, would be the best central location. The thought that came through loud and clear was that a Vancouver Island Quilters’ Guild should be formed; it would be centered in Parksville and membership open to all island residents. Some volunteered to assist in forming the guild, even before the weekend was done.

Interested quilters met in the spring of 1979 to form a guild and draft a constitution with an interim executive. In September 1979 they were joined by other interested women. An executive was elected and some guidelines drawn up for future meetings. The draft constitution was put in the hands of the new executive for polishing and refining. It took a while, and the final document was accepted by the Attorney General’s Department in 1981. A logo was designed, reflecting the “Quilt House” early beginnings.

We can be proud of these early beginnings and the “Parksville Quilt House Quilters Guild”; it has a long history, fabulous membership and great quilters! We still attract members from afar, and have the resilience to weather storms. Our depth of character as an organization will come through these Covid challenges stronger and better than ever.

~ RoseMary Slaney

Historic pictures on next pages....
LOOKING BACK PICTURES

These ladies all belonged to the startup Guild way back when. Some are still alive today....

#26 Flo Conconi by QH Quilters, 1979

#44 Sun and Shadows - Flo Conconi

#63 Holly Hobby - Aldene McFeely, 1979

#34 - Diane Upper, Deep Bay, 1979

#93 - Friendship Quilt, quilted by the Quilt House Quilters, 1978

#70 - Puppies, by Aldene McFeely, 1979

#125 - Waterwheel by Martha Sunquist, quilted with the Quilt House Quilters, 1980

#106 - by S.K. Gibson - Valerie Looy’s Grandmother, 1975

#105 - made by the Anglican Church of Parksville, Owner Flo Conconi, 1979

#69 - Year of the Child by Cynthia Stanhope, Sidney BC, 1979
Please call or send Guild history stories, photos and information for future newsletters:
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