MESSAGE FROM THE VICE - PRESIDENT

Don’t you think it’s at least a bit easier to feel optimistic when the sun is out and all around us the earth is waking up? Despite the circumstances we find ourselves in, spring is here and summer soon will be. Being quilters and used to putting our creativity to use, we will find ways to enjoy the light and warmth.

Your management team has been hard at work meeting the challenges we face, putting into place new ways for us to do the business of the guild and connect with each other.

Along with the addition of e-transfer dues payments, online membership renewal forms and virtual meetings of the Management Committee, you can look forward to a virtual program being announced soon. And just like attending an in-person Guild meeting, this program will be at no charge to members. Are we piquing your interest? There are several exciting and new plans in the works, so stay tuned.

“Be calm, be kind, be safe”.

– Sandi McLean

*Arrangements for AGM pending*
Guild 2020-2021

Thanks to all of you who have agreed to stay in your positions until we can have a proper AGM and transition meeting.

There are still a few gaps for the coming year and though it may be a shorter year, we still need the positions filled.

Here are the vacancies:

**Vice President:** Without this position, the guild cannot operate. PLEASE contact either myself or Sandi McLean for details.

**Membership:** We have one person who will help but we need at least one more. Computer skills are needed for this one but it is not a difficult job as Sharon and Barb have done a great job in streamlining the position.

**Sew Days:** We need a new organizer for this position as Ruth has moved over to workshops now so it is a perfect one for a couple of people or even a satellite group to manage.

Contact me if you are interested in any of these positions.

~ Elaine Eddy
A new piece this month to our Newsletter is interviews with members. Did you know that we have 41 current members who have belonged to our guild more than 20 years? And that we still have one current member who was a founding member from 1978? So much wonderful history and each one has a good story to tell. Many new members also have great histories in fabric. If you know of someone I should interview for this please let me know.

This month I had the pleasure of speaking with Pat Davies.

Pat originally joined in 1983 then left for ten years and came back in 1996. She was working in the sales office for Cameron Island Developments in Nanaimo so couldn't attend the guild meetings. At the time there was only one meeting in the afternoon. Through the years, Pat has been a contributing member of our guild as a secretary and as a treasurer. Pat also did videos of our first quilt show and sold them for the cost of the video at that time. Maybe someone still has a copy. And still Pat is volunteering with the guild. She has offered to assist with membership for the next year. Thanks Pat.

Pat did not start as a quilter. She said that her mother was not a sewer but a neighbour was and as Pat grew up she saw this was a good hobby. She took Home Ec in high school by correspondence as her small town school didn't have Home Ec. Her first machine was a little green Elna provided by her parents as a wedding gift in 1953. It was the first year that Singer lost its 99 year monopoly on sewing machines. That little machine served her well with sewing everything but quilts, she had never heard of quilting. She made sheets, bedspreads, drapes, diapers, kids clothes, recovered 80 beer parlour chairs, and even made some clothing for her "big and tall " husband.

Pat told me she has done a lot of starts and some finishes. “I'm not a great quilter but I love fabric”. How many of us can relate to this? One of Pat's first projects was a hand quilted baby blanket for her first grandchild. It was well loved and well washed so didn't hold up as well as she had hoped.

Today, Pat still belongs to a satellite group that meets regularly. At one time it was an old fashioned quilting bee where they all hand quilted on a large frame. Some of the five that are left of the original thirteen of the group don't quilt anymore but knit instead. All are still producing items for loved ones and Comfort Quilts.

Pat loves coming to the meetings to see the wonderful quilts and other items that are made by guild members. She is thrilled to see the talent in the room.

Thank you Pat for allowing me to interview you for our Newsletter.

~ Submitted by Elaine Eddy

Sadly, the Quilt Canada 2020 show in Edmonton has been cancelled. The full announcement with details is available on their website: https://canadianquilter.com/.

The CQA/ACC Postcard Challenge deadline has been extended to June 1st for those who wish to have their submissions included in the judging process. Postcards accepted ongoing until sale to be announced. Cindy will pick them up if you have groups of cards.

The winner of our vote for the Member Guild Challenge, Gateway to Adventure, was Philippa Zapf. I'd like to recognize Vivian Christopher as our other contestant for your votes. Both quilts submitted were pretty cool!

~ Sara Medd
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.
Stay Safe everyone 🖤
Hello Quilters

I hope you are all keeping well. I am hoping that life will be somewhat back to normal sooner rather than later but the future is unpredictable. I’m not sure when we will be able to have another guild meeting so I am asking for help over the summer. I have been busy compiling stocking and placemat kits that need to be sewn. I am optimistic that these will be needed as usual by October. The September meeting is when these kits are usually picked up but that meeting may not happen, so please consider picking some up before then. I also have numbered kits and complete quilt kits available. Please email me to make arrangements.

With so much time on hand I am continuing to sort and arrange the comfort quilts stash. I would appreciate the return of any guild fabrics that you took to wash and iron so I can include it.

Please continue your support of comfort quilts. The organizations we donate to are very grateful as am I. Thank you for your contributions.

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

PROGRAM

Now that we have all this "home time" on our hands, we step into our craft rooms but the clutter, the disorganization, paralyses our creativity. Sound familiar? Well, your trusty Program Committee is here to help!

Our VP, Sandi McLean, had the truly brilliant idea to book a virtual program with Brandy Maslowski’s “Studio Magnificent”, a 1 hour tutorial which explores clearing clutter, organizing your stash and managing your creative space. We are extremely excited about her presentation. It would be available to all via Zoom.

If you are interested, please register according to the steps below by **May 10th**. Once we have a sense of the numbers we can proceed to book with Brandy.

**How to Register:**
- 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 Program.
- Scroll down to the **Studio Magnificent** program.
- Follow the text down until you see **Online Studio Magnificent Registration Form**. Click on that.
- Fill in the form and click on **Submit**.

We look forward to receiving your registration soon.

~ Darlene LaCharite and Marlene Waters
General Updates:

We know that current events are impacting the planning for our show, and potentially what our show may look like. The exact impact is not known yet. Given this uncertainty, we have made some changes to our ongoing planning and actions:

- We have delayed any merchant applications until September 15th, 2020. We will assess the feasibility of that date over the summer.
- We have halted the search for sponsors until later in the fall, most likely October.
- We are not expending resources to market the show as well as other areas. This will help keep our risk exposure low until we know more.
- We are still moving forward with the securing of our raffle quilt entries, to honor our commitment to our members.

We will have a better understanding of how current and future events/issues facing our communities will affect the show in the coming months. For now, we are still actively working on a plan for the show given the above parameters.

This month we wanted to highlight two areas, demonstrations and the call for entry. Next month we will focus on what makes a good boutique submission.

Demonstrations

In our upcoming Colour The World quilt show and sale, we will again be featuring “Presentations” by some of our very talented guild members as yet another way to showcase the spectacular work of our guild, but this time we will broaden the scope to include Trunk Shows and Demonstrations of Techniques or small projects.

We would like to offer about 6 of these short (30 – 40 minutes) presentations, and we are asking for guild members who would be willing to do a “Presentation”, either a Trunk Show or a Demonstration, to come forward.

We will also be looking for a few volunteers to help during the presentation sessions, helping with setup, greeting people at the door, holding up and passing quilts or samples for the demonstration, and re-folding afterwards.

Another need for this feature of the quilt show is a partner to work with Anne Pelton organizing and coordinating these Presentations, with a view to taking it over for the next quilt show.

If this sounds like something you feel you would like to be a part of, please contact Anne Pelton at anne.pelton@shaw.ca or call at 250-586-9026.

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We Call it Quilting

When you fill out the entry form to enter a quilt in Colour the World 2021, you will be asked to provide information about the quilting. This information will be displayed on the card that goes on each entry. When you are evaluating quilts (and other items) at the show, quilting is one of the things you should consider.

What are these terms?

- **Hand**: done without a machine, the original way
  - Stitched: an up and down motion of the needle, often judged by how small and evenly spaced the stitches are.
  - Tied: the 3 layers are held together by heavier thread pulled through and tied on the top.

- **Machine** – domestic machine, mid arm, long arm
  - Hand guided: the quilting design is accomplished by hand moving the fabric or the machine, sometimes following a design on a pantogram or using rulers for ruler work.
  - Computer guided: the design is accomplished by a computer. Some computer designs are repeated over the whole quilt and some are done in one specific area of the quilt. Some quilt designers also create computer quilting designs for a specific one of their quilts and sell them to longarmers. In-the-hoop quilting is computer guided as well.

Of course, an important thing to note is whether the person who made the flimsy quilted it, or if it was quilted by someone else.

None of these methods of quilting is intrinsically better or worse than any other. It is just another factor to be aware of when you evaluate a quilt.

Thanks for your continued support.

~ Barbara Korabek, Show Convener
These times require us to venture into new ideas and projects. Shirley and Ruth are excited to announce we have planned a new adventure for our members with the support of the Management Committee.

We have contracted with Brandy Maslowski from Summerland BC to present an **ONLINE only workshop using her professional Zoom account**. 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.

**Title:** Glorious and Free

**Date:** June 13, 2020  
**Time:** Sign on at 9:00; workshop begins at 9:30 until 4:00  
**Location:** ONLINE ONLY in your home...select a location where you can sew all day, have a power connection for your laptop or computer, and can be comfortable.

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

**Level:** This quilt is suitable to those with a 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.

**Size of project:** will be approximately 50” by 70”. It really does look lovely.

**Fee:** $15.00 plus $8.00 PDF pattern (mandatory). **Total due is $23.00.**

The pattern will be emailed to you a few days before the workshop.

**General information:** We will provide details of the online sign in for everyone. All you need is a device and a functional wifi. There is no need for you to join anything or pay for a service. You will hear and see 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 unmute your device and ask her for help or clarification.

We will begin accepting registrations May 1st. You have until June 5th to register and pay for the workshop.

**How to Register:**
- 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**.

Registration will REQUIRE: The workshop name, date and fee; your name, member number, phone number and email address.

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 will be extending 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).

The supplies list will be available on the Guild website and can be found under the **Benefits** section, in the **Workshops** area starting in May, 2020. A link from the calendar will also be available.

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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

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.

THIS workshop is full with a waitlist already but the new date is just for your information. We are hopeful we will be able to have a group of this size together in person by then.

The following workshops that were scheduled all for May 2020 have not been rescheduled as yet. We will announce the new dates as soon as possible:

Charm Square Tote Bag by Jean Johnson
Batik Bowl by Lois Kelly
Pathways by Katherine Morgan

Looking optimistically into the fall season, we will be offering the following workshop we have planned for Oct 3, 2020 .....
Sunset Pines 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)
Time: 9:00 setup; workshop 9:00 AM until 4:00.
Fee: $50.00

We will begin accepting registrations May 25th (the original date for the May Guild meeting). Email registration to: workshops@parksvillequilthousequilters.com

Registration will REQUIRE:
YOUR NAME, MEMBER NUMBER, PHONE NUMBER AND MAILING ADDRESS.
Shirley Coleman or Ruth Stewart will contact you by email or phone to organize payment.

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The 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 starting in May 2020. A link from the calendar will also be available.

~ Shirley Coleman and Ruth Stewart
Darlene K. making chemo caps for her mother-in-law

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This is what I have been doing - over 140 to friends and family, and another 10 for Nanoose Community Services. Donations from “sales” have been donated to the SPCA - over $600.00. It has kept me busy ~ Susan S.

Scrap from the bargello quilt on Pg 19

You can't have too much Kaffe Fassett
We are Open

We require anyone coming into the store to sanitize (available on cutting table) or wash their hands as soon as they come in. Or use the gloves provided. Please don’t wear gloves that you have used elsewhere. Gloves are one-time use.

Must also keep 2 metres away from others & our staff. We will limit numbers if necessary.

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STORE HOURS
Monday-Friday 10:30am-5:30pm
Saturday 10:30am-4:30pm
Effective immediately, Sandi Dueckman will take over the sending of cards on behalf of the guild.

If you know of someone in the guild who has occasion to need a card for getting well, condolence, special birthday or other reason, please let Sandi know at sdueckman@shaw.ca.

Thanks to Louise Wolfe for her time in this role.

Yours in Quilting,
~ Elaine
MEMBERSHIP

It is membership registration time again. Thank you to all those who already renewed their membership by mail.

The Guild has a new online Membership Registration form. The paper version has also been updated and is available online and in the Newsletter. Once you’ve filled out a form, your membership application will be complete when payment is received.

Annual Membership fee is $35.00. You can pay by e-Transfer, cheque or cash. Indicate your method of payment on an application form, so membership knows if a fee is going to be automatically deposited or to expect a cheque in the mail.

Please see the Guild website Join Us page for all the registration options.

If you have any questions, email memberships@parksvillequilthousequilters.com.

~ Sharon Hebert, Barb Graham

BLOCK OF THE MONTH SCRAP HARVEST

I have now assembled two more Comfort Quilt tops that I’m getting ready to quilt. I am having fun doing this!

Cheers,

~ Sara Medd

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Parksville Quilt House Quilters’ Guild
Membership Registration

Name: ____________________________ Member # ________________

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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 □ New member or guest buddy
□ Library □ Refreshments
□ Program □ Social/Public Events
□ Comfort Quilts □ Workshops
□ Newsletter □ Membership
□ Raffle/door prizes □ 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@parksvillequillothousequiluters.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.
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PQHQG Calendar of Events—2019/2020

May
20......newsletter submissions due
30......annual committee reports due

June
20......newsletter submissions due
13......online workshop