



Chilliwack PieceMakers Quilting Guild

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News from the Chilliwack PieceMakers Quilting Guild

November 2016

PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Welcome to all our new members. I am quite sure our stunning Quilt Show inspired you to join us. Thank you to Wendy and Karlie and all the members who volunteered, a very successful show which highlighted our diversity and talent.

We would like all the participants in the Challenge and Mystery Quilts to please bring your pieces, it is so nice to put a face to a piece of work, for a special show and tell.

Program: this month has been changed, please check out Kate's report. We are doing a modified "speed dating" to help us get to know each other better.

Thank you to Joyce S for taking over the organization of the fat quarter draw. This month is Christmas fabric, just in time for the small gift exchange in December.

The suggestion box is back! Please feel free to make any suggestions to improve our Guild and programs.

We are trying hard to keep down the business side of the meeting hence the reason a lot more information will be available on the web site.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the meeting.

In Stitches

Janet

An invitation from the Chilliwack Quilters' Guild to attend their November 15th meeting at 10:30 am and enjoy a Trunk Show presented by Carol Pettigrew.

Carol is a retired teacher and Edmonds resident for 45 years.

She started quilting roughly five decades ago with her grandma and now teaches quilting classes. She has a new technique where she burns the fabric. Interesting!

NOVEMBER GREETERS

Cathy Van L and Vi D

WELCOME, WELCOME

11 new memberships signed up at the Guild Show:

- ❖ Elizabeth G, returning and a founding guild member, WOW
- ❖ Barbara V, returning member
- ❖ Sandy L, returning member
- ❖ Donna W, new member
- ❖ Joanne B, new member
- ❖ Micheline G, new member
- ❖ Marilyn J, new member
- ❖ Doris F, new member
- ❖ Anna S, new member
- ❖ Luan B, new member
- ❖ Cherri M, new member

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CHRISTMAS SALE

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MEMBERSHIP – REGISTRATION

1. Current membership: 78 wonderful ladies – alas no men yet ☹️
2. Four more new members joined – make them feel welcome we want to show them a good time 😊
 - a. Marilyn J
 - b. Alida dB
 - c. Audrey N
 - d. Diane F
3. Welcome back to returning member Dalle P, she knows what we are all about.
4. Gift Certificate winners – those lucky ladies!
 - a. Country Folk – Ginger C
 - b. Hamels – Jean B
5. 12 guests came to see our amazing speaker.

Karlie, Karri, Carla

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RETREAT FEB 24 TO 26, 2017

A gentle reminder the last instalment of \$100 is due this month.

We still have 1 place vacant, anybody who would like to join us for the weekend please see Janet for more details.

Janet

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

With the big surge in new members to our guild this fall we thought it would be perfect to spend some fun time getting to know each other. We had such a blast doing this last year we are excited to do another round of **SPEED DATING!**

SPECIAL SHOW & TELL: the Mystery Quilts and Challenge Quilts on display at the Show were a huge hit! We would all love to hear and see more about these incredible creations. **PLEASE BRING YOUR MYSTERY and CHALLENGE** quilts to this meeting to participate in a special segment of Show & Tell. (There will be regular Show & Tell too!)

FAT QUARTER DRAW: this month's Fat Quarter theme is Christmas because there will only be 38 more sewing days before Christmas! You will get an entry into the Fat Quarter Draw for every Fat Quarter of Christmassy fabric you contribute to the prize pot.



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DECEMBER

POTLUCK: can you believe we are talking about our December meeting already! This is our traditional Holiday Potluck Party. Bring your favourite dish to share, along with your own cutlery and maybe even a cute Christmassy placemat.

SECRET SANTA SWAP: make a special little gift for the Secret Santa Swap. Something festive and small - like an ornament, a pin cushion, or a mug rug. Attach your name to it but wrap it up to keep it secret. If you bring one you will get one in return. Reap what you sew! Give and ye shall receive! You get the idea!!

PIECEMAKERS ON FACEBOOK
Bring your iPad, tablet, smartphone or laptop for some informal tutorials on how to get connected with your guild on Facebook.

FAT QUARTER DRAW: theme to be announced at the November meeting.

PLUS GAMES and PRIZES!!

Kate

QUILT BLOGS

Do you follow a particular blog? Do you have one that you would like to share? If you don't know where to start you can go to http://blog.feedspot.com/quilt_blogs/ which has a list of the "Top 100 Quilting Blogs Every Quilter Must Follow"

I spend far too much of my limited free time on the internet rather than doing what I had planned to do. However, my looking has sometimes pushed me off in a new direction ... and I have been pleasantly surprised at what I have been able to achieve. I also enjoy the humour that I find. You can see two examples that resonate with me from Kathy Mathews, who writes "Quilting Sewing Creating – a modern traditionalists quilting blog". I don't always agree with what everyone says in their blogs but I like the connection to what other quilters are thinking and doing in Canada, the USA and Europe.

Jane E

WE CARE COMMITTEE



We received 23 quilts at the September meeting and 11 quilts at the October meeting.

Thank you to all the We Care contributors for the wonderful variety of quilts we have received over the past year. We displayed 65 quilts at the Quilt Show last month. We received an abundance of admiration for the quilts and their purpose. People were astounded that we “give” them away. Of course we always have people asking why they can’t buy one, but they are very understanding when it is explained to them who will be a recipient of one of our “We Care” quilts.

Within two days after the Quilt Show, we were back down to “0” quilts on hand.

A total of 84 quilts were donated to:

- ❖ Agassiz Cheam Village
- ❖ Agassiz Glenwood Care Centre
- ❖ Agassiz-Harrison Community Services
- ❖ Chilliwack Better Beginnings
- ❖ Chilliwack Cascade Hospice
- ❖ Chilliwack RCMP Community Police Office - for Victim Services, police cars and City Watch



Please check out <http://chilliwackpiecemakers.com/we-care> for more photos.

The We Care Committee, (Gail, Susan and Leslie) will soon begin pre-cutting kits for our annual workshop to be held in February or March. Date yet to be determined.

Susan W

PieceMaking in the Valley – Our Quilt Show

We did it! Hopefully you all had a chance to visit the show if you did not volunteer; it was a fabulous showing of the talent our guild membership possesses.

Aside from the huge selection of small, medium, and large quilts the showing of the specialty categories excited the public very much. The Mystery Quilts, Challenge Quilts and Basket Display attracted intensive viewing.

Dianne S told me she enjoyed her roving duty at the Challenge Quilts as the public asked so many interesting questions. Susan W wasn't so sure about guarding the Basket Display as her roving duty, she thought she would like to walk around more but she told me she was pleasantly surprised as the time went quickly. She too had many questions about the display and the process to make the baskets. Our demonstrators Ursula Y, Norma H, and Carla C showed off their considerable talent and shared the quilting skills.

The Guild Boutique Table was a hit. Betty F told me Friday night was intense as sales were very brisk, wiping out most of the fabric available and stacks of books. Karri's Prize Baskets brought in a big profit, and why they wouldn't they? Did you see how stuffed and interesting each basket was? Vi D and Doris M were two lucky guild members; I wonder what they will make with all that new stash. Sharon L said the recipients of the raffle quilt were overjoyed with their lucky win. The tearoom even made a small profit under the leadership of Agnes L, she did say there was a few goodies left over that she is bringing to the November meeting, yum can't wait.

I know there are many others I have not mentioned who helped out for the full two days and there were even a few who did three days in a row, a big thank you to all of you. Lastly Wendy L you were a fantastic Co-Chair sharing in all the duties and stress of the weekend. Once again, we did it!

Karlie

You can see pictures of the Show Category Winners and a slide show of all the quilts displayed at the show at:

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LIBRARY REPORT

Last month we had three new books added to the library "Quilted Symphony", "On the Go Bags" and "Modern Selvage Quilts". Two older books were donated "Miniature Magic" and "Impressionist Palette", thank you the member who donated them.

This month we have two new books "Pillow Pop" and "Improvising Tradition". McCall's Quick Quilts latest edition (Dec/Jan) is here now as well.

Welcome to the new members: you can find all the information that you need to know about the Guild's extensive collection of books and magazines and how to borrow them by visiting:

<http://chilliwackpiecemakers.com/library> .

If you would like to see a book in the library please let one of us (Diane, Naida, Grace or Cindy) know and we will try and purchase it.

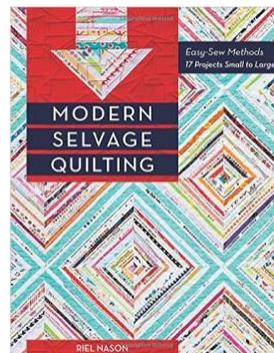
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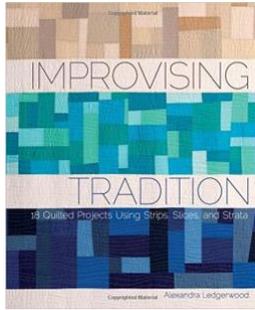
BOOK REPORT



Sew that just-right bag for the job! Top sewing designers and bloggers share 15 unique organizers for everyday life. From a laptop folio or a gym bag to an airport sling or a trunk organizer. Practical, stylish, and versatile by design, each multiuse project is organized by skill level; includes an overview of bag-making basics.



Showcase your selvages the edgy way with 17 projects, small and large! Like the ticket stubs you keep from a fabulous show, each selvage is a souvenir of a fabric you've collected. Learn 3 easy-sew methods for selvages, plus a special trick for half-square triangles.



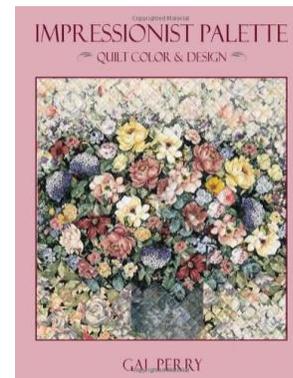
Author Alexandra Ledgerwood introduces readers to three basic 'improv' piecing techniques: strip sets, piecing improvised strata, and slice and insert, then marries them with traditional quilting designs such as log cabins, coin and bar quilts, and even Hawaiian quilts.

By using improvised elements within traditional patchwork quilt designs, Alexandra merges new and old quilting styles into projects that will appeal to a wide range of quilters.



Popular blogger and modern sewist Heather Bostic brings you a sensational selection of pillow projects. Try different techniques like paper-piecing, quilting, embroidery, and appliqué. 20+ designers with

fresh, modern style offer something for everyone at any skill level.



Making one of the Impressionist Landscapes is an artistic adventure and the sewing is easy. An older book using watercolour techniques.



An older book donated to the library. For those guild members who like miniatures this book has a large number of miniature block patterns (all patterns using templates).

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September 29 th 2016 to January 8 th 2017	Architextiles Show: Five BC textile artists interpret architecture through the fiber arts	The Reach Gallery Museum 32888 Veterans Way Abbotsford,
October 5 th to December 30 th	Ekphrastic: Quilts & Poetry Fibre Art Network of Northwest Canada	A unique showcase of Canadian poets and fibre artists.
October 5 th – January 29 th , 2017	The Nature of Place Charlotte Bird & Ree Nancarrow	A quilt exhibition of the artists' perceptions of Denali National Park, AK. La Conner Quilt & Textile Museum, 703 South Second Street, La Conner WA
Wednesday, November 16 th	Guild meeting 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm	Cooke's Presbyterian
November 18 th to 19 th	Sew Expo – Vancouver	Cloverdale Agriplex , 17798 62 Avenue, Surrey
Wednesday, December 21 st	Guild meeting – Pot Luck 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm	Cooke's Presbyterian