



## Chilliwack PieceMakers Quilting Guild

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News from the Chilliwack PieceMakers Quilting Guild  
December 2016

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here I am back in Chilliwack after a weekend on the boat doing the Christmas Sail Past. We left hardly any snow at home and arrived back to the most I have seen in 20 years! This change in the weather has prompted me to think about the possibility of having to cancel the meeting next week. If the meeting has to be cancelled we will post by 4:00pm Tuesday on the website, on Facebook, send out an email and try to phone any members who do not communicate by computer. Hopefully things will warm up a little, we can but hope.

Traditionally at our December meeting we ask members to bring **an item for the food bank**. Their need is usually in January after they have given out the Christmas hampers. I will have a box by registration for your donations.

Our Pot Luck supper starts promptly at 7:00pm and please bring a place mat or cloth to make the table look more festive.

I am feeling very pleased with myself as I have completed a Christmas wall hanging. I was so impressed by Kate's Christmas block exchange last December that I decided to make a Christmas block each month. No definite plan and some months I was side tracked but it is finished. I also have a Christmas lap quilt finished for Show and Tell. I am looking forward to seeing your Christmas items.

I would like to wish you and your families a joyful and peaceful Christmas Season.

In Stitches

**Janet**

**DECEMBER GREETERS**  
**Shirley V-K & Cindy W**

**MEMBERSHIP - REGISTRATION**

Current membership is at 91 – I wonder if we will reach 100 this year.

58 members attended our November meeting.

1 returning member signed up – welcome back Daisy S.

2 guests joined in on the speed dating fun.

Gift Certificate winners were:

- a. Country Folk – Beatrice R
- b. Hamels – Joanne B

Check out the Show and Tell webpage for all the other winners.

**Karlie, Karri, Carla**

**SUNSHINE / HOSPITALITY**

For our Christmas Potluck, we will be serving punch plus the usual tea and decaffeinated coffee. There will be punch glasses provided, but we ask you to bring your own cup, plate and cutlery. As well, please bring a serving spoon, etc., for your ready-to-serve potluck dish. We look forward to this fun evening. See you there and Merry Christmas to all.

**Wanda L and Joanne B**

**FAT QUARTER DRAW**

You will get an entry ticket for every Fat Quarter you bring to the meeting to contribute to the prize pot. Each month we will announce new colours /theme for the next month's Fat Quarter draw. The theme for December is yellow and grey. Remember "You gotta be in it, to win it" - bring your Fat Quarters for your chance to win!

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### WE CARE

We received 9 quilts at the November meeting.

The We Care Committee has started cutting kits in preparation for the workshop.

We have decided to stick with the familiar 4 patch pattern for the workshop kits, along with some 6" square patchwork kits.

**Susan W**

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### DECEMBER PROGRAM

**POTLUCK:** 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.

**Kate**

**LOOKING FORWARD TO  
JANUARY 2017 –  
Happy 150 Birthday Canada!**

Quilt Canada is doing a special nationwide charity quilts project in celebration of Canada's 150th Birthday. For this month's program we will hear all about it, how PieceMakers can get involved and we will get started on our guild's Canada 150 quilts.



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**FEBRUARY**

In February we are going to do a guild "MERCHANT MALL". Do you sell your quilted creations? ... Or fabric or notions or are you a quilting teacher or long-armed or a retreat host like me??

Come sell your wares or promote your business at Merchant Mall night!

Stay tuned for more details in the coming months.



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## QUILTING CALENDAR

September 29 <sup>th</sup> 2016 to January 8 <sup>th</sup> 2017	Architextiles Show: Five BC textile artists interpret architecture through the fiber arts	The Reach Gallery Museum 32888 Veterans Way Abbotsford,
October 5 <sup>th</sup> to December 30 <sup>th</sup>	Ekphrastic: Quilts & Poetry Fibre Art Network of Northwest Canada	A unique showcase of Canadian poets and fibre artists.
October 5 <sup>th</sup> – January 29 <sup>th</sup> , 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, December 21 <sup>st</sup>	Guild meeting – Pot Luck 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm	Cooke's Presbyterian
Thursday, January 5 <sup>th</sup>	Executive meeting 7:00 pm	Sardis Library
Wednesday, January 18 <sup>th</sup>	Guild meeting 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm	Cooke's Presbyterian

## LIBRARY REPORT

With winter upon us don't forget to take out some book to peruse over the holidays.

I have been searching for new books, and this month have a couple of older books, one by Eleanor Burns that we didn't have in the library.

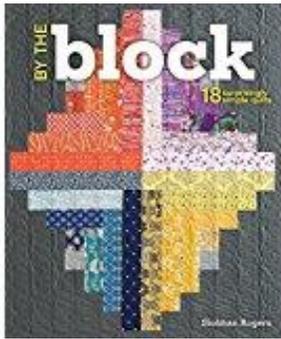
We do have a small number of CDs in our library as well ...who knew? Not too many people as they weren't highly visible but will soon be listed in Libib so don't forget to look for them.

Don't forget, email any book requests and we will try and buy it for the library.

Merry Christmas and Happy Stitching!

**Diane**

## BOOK REVIEW



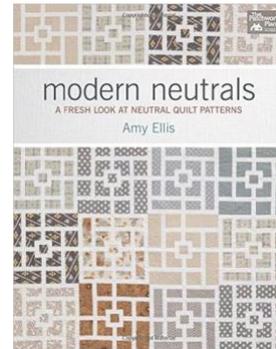
Today's quilters have many demands on their time but still want to create beautiful quilts.

The 18 quilts in the book feature modern fabric choices and clever design, but all use standard quilting techniques that are in virtually every quilter's skill set.

Author Siobhan Rogers has designed quilts ranging from crib- to king-size for beds as well as several large projects suitable for hanging. Four of the quilts have colorway variations that show the versatility of the basic design.

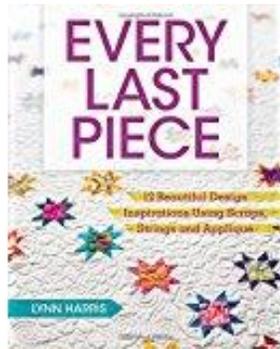
The book is organized according to technique but each project offers a new twist on the traditional methods of piecing and constructing quilts.

Some of the quilt blocks are oversized, which help the quilter work efficiently, and the author offers additional timesaving tips



This is a stunning collection of quilt patterns and blocks designed especially to show off neutral fabrics.

You can choose from 15 extraordinary quilt patterns that range from simple to intricate, discover Amy's secrets for using graphic quilt designs stitched in neutral tones to add sophistication and texture to living spaces, and find an assortment of great gift ideas, even for guys!



Learn to use fabric pieces of every size, from scraps to yardage, in "Every Last Piece." Author Lynn Harris demonstrates numerous ways to maximize how you use fabric in quilts, including string-pieced blocks, mini star blocks, applique, sawtooth borders and more! Traditional designs are refreshed by giving them a scrappy look while other quilts offer minimalist charm when small scraps are used on broad backgrounds.



From the pages of McCall's Quilting, these beautiful projects bring a new freshness to favorite color combinations. Enjoy 17 sparkling designs that are sure to please anyone looking for traditional, pretty projects at a great value.



Grow a flower garden in beautiful fabrics to grace your bed or wall as Eleanor Burns presents Magic Vine.

The patterns for Magic Vine originated in the 1930's in a newspaper quilt column written by Florence LaGanke Harris. As part of a series, LaGanke presented one new pattern each week. In addition to the pattern, the reader was treated to a fictitious story about a quilt group and their leader, Nancy Page. In the group, they shared stories, and decided on what colors to use for their flowers.

Twenty-two flowers are appliqued in rows with twinning vines. It is magical because of the variety of flowers that grow on the vine. The vine grows quickly, like the magic vine in Jack and the Beanstalk. Whimsical flowers and leaves are easily made, using lightweight paper backed adhesive or the quick turn method using non-woven fusible interfacing. The outside edges are finished with a variety of techniques: satin stitch, blanket stitch, blind hemstitch, and hand applique.

## CHALLENGES THAT YOU MIGHT ENJOY IN 2017

1. Start the New Year with a Mystery Quilt. A favourite site is Merry Mayhem's Mystery Quilts. Go to <http://merrymayhem.com/newyearsday.html> to download Part 1 of Merry Mayhem's Mystery Quilt Case #140: Nifty Thrifty! Part 1 includes your Supply List and Cutting Instructions.



2. And for those of you who enjoy history: [Next Step Quilt Design's 150 Canadian Women Quilt](#). July 1, 2017 marks Canada's 150th birthday. What better way to commemorate this than by creating a 150 block red and white quilt. And what better way than to learn about 150 inspiring Canadian pioneering women.

This pattern series is being offered FREE for a limited time. A set of 3 blocks will be available every week for two weeks. Each block is 6½" unfinished/6" finished; they range in difficulty. This quilt can be constructed as a totally scrappy red and white to cream quilt. The more variety the better the pieces go together.



3. [Make a quilt block every day for a year](#). Your challenge: to complete the blocks every day, and build a 90" square sampler quilt. The 2016 quilt will be repeated in 2017 (with a few minor alterations for dates which have changed, e.g. Easter). Begin in 2017 or catch up from 2016. All the blocks will be rotary cut and machine pieced, using quick-piecing techniques. Most blocks will be either 3" or 6", but there will be a few in larger sizes. The project is suitable for confident beginners, and becomes progressively more complicated. Tutorials for each technique are included