



Chilliwack PieceMakers Quilting Guild

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News from the Chilliwack PieceMakers Quilting Guild

December 2018

PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Season's Greetings to everyone.

This is a very busy time of the year but I do hope you make the time to come and enjoy our December Pot Luck. Remember to bring your Christmas themed 8½ in square, someone will be taking home the basis of a quilt for next year.

Following the decision at our November meeting to donate to Meadow Rose Society and Pearl Society I delivered the cheques last week. Both were very gratefully received. While I was there I asked about other donations and both had a list of items they are always looking for. Meadow Rose always needs diapers, formula, baby wipes and baby food. Pearl Society are looking for canned goods, cleaning supplies, toiletries and women's clothing. I will prepare a list and ask Karlie to put it on the website if anyone would like to donate these items.

December is the time we collect for the food bank and I will put a box by registration if you wish to donate. Darlene T has kindly offered to deliver the items to the Salvation Army on Thursday.

Rachel's husband offered to look at the sound system for me and has tweaked the controls and suggested a different microphone, so hopefully this month it will be better. Thank you Geoff for taking the time and shopping for a bargain microphone.

I went shopping and bought some knitting needles and wool and have actually managed to knit 4 toques for the youth bags. I found it quite relaxing as I haven't done any knitting since I moved here twenty two years ago! Donations are starting to come in so a chart will be posted on the website and Karlie has kindly offered to update it every month. There is no rush, we prepare the bags for next Christmas. I will put a

box by registration to collect any items.

I hope this finds you all in good health with exciting plans of what you are going to make/quilt in the New Year.

Have a safe and happy Christmas!

In Stitches

Janet



FAT QUARTER DRAW

The theme for December is

GREEN

Christmas Block Lotto - Make a block or several for the draw

(The more you make the more chances you have of winning). Block size is 8 1/2" x 8 1/2" (finished size 8" x 8"). Make it with any Christmas coloured fabrics and any Christmas design of your choice. Search Google or Pinterest for ideas and free patterns.

DECEMBER PROGRAM

This month, we have our potluck. Bring one dish or desert to share. As usual, we have a game at each table to play and have a chance to win a prize. If you were away last meeting but you would like to participate in the UFO contest, you still have an opportunity to register this month. Also we will provide further information for the Sewlympics in January at the meeting. Until then, take care and keep on quilting.

Carla and Joanne

DECEMBER GREETERS

Grace MacD & Cindy W

No	New Member	Guild Member
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1	Sonja C	Gail W
2	Helle H	Leslie Z
3	Joan G	Cynthia L
4	Lisa B	Kate D
5	Wanda P	Sharon L
6	Cynthia T	Daisy S
7	Dorinda G	Ginger C
8	Jean P	Kathy L
9	Sharon B	Beatrice R
10	Connie D	Maureen G
11	Rosemaire F	Bohang B
12	Darlene C	Karri W
13	Sharon E	Daisy S
14	Kim M	Carla C
15	Merrilee M	Carla C
16	Jackie P	Debra P
17	Marilyn T	Sharon L
18	Catherine P	Maureen G
19	Gerry dW	Beatrice R
20	Julie R	Sharon L

New Member Orientation



We have so many new members to welcome to our guild. A huge thanks to all the experienced members who have volunteered to help orient our newest quilters. The new

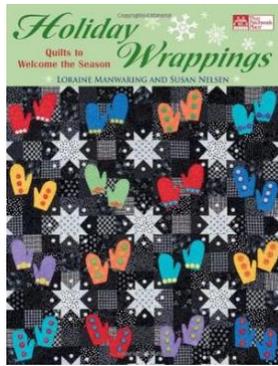
members are encouraged to wear their pink name badge for the next couple of months so that we can identify them while we get to know them better



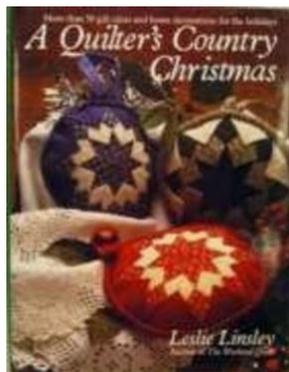
LIBRARY REPORT

Did you know we have a section in the library where you will find books for special occasions? Access the library from the website and scroll through the categories until you come to "seasonal", there you will find a few Christmas books.

Guild Buddy -

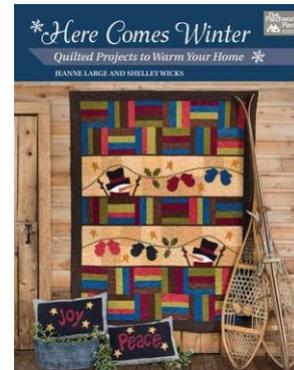


B 323 ... Holiday Wrappings. From gleaming stars to candy jar sweets, cozy mittens to winter blooms, add sparkle to your holiday decorating with these versatile quilts. Six projects include wall hangings, lap quilts, table toppers and more. Learn how to turn the "Starlight table topper" into a tree skirt or add a hanging sleeve for a Christmas-wreath wall hanging.

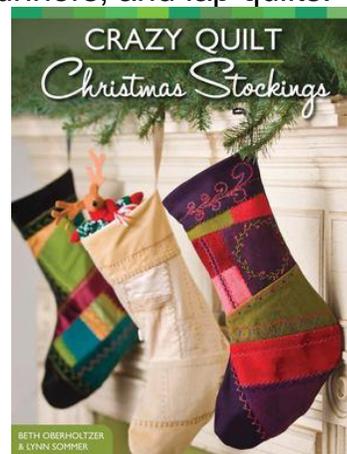


B 501... Features many delightful holiday decorations and gift projects. Along with the Irish Chain Pillow, Yuletide Lap throw, dove of Peace Banner, Cookie-Cutter Ornaments, and many other Christmas craft ideas, they will brighten homes and

bring joy to craftspeople of all skill levels



B .253... Inspired by the frosty winters of Saskatchewan, This cheery collection is packed like Santa's sleigh with 20 festive projects. Make your home cozy all winter with decorative projects ranging in size and shape from pillows to banners, wall hangings, table runners, and lap quilts.



B... 252 Learn how to combine fabric scraps to create holiday stockings the crazy quilt style with this easy-to-follow guide featuring a variety of projects.

This is just a small selection so check it out and you may find something that inspires you.

*This month the only new item is the 8th issue of Quiltfolk.

Look for new books in the New Year!

Diane H



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QUILT SHOW

Volunteer Draw Prizes

It takes many volunteers to put together a quilt show that goes up and down in two days. Gift Certificates were bought at Hamels to give as draw prizes.

There were 46 different members who gave time either once during the two days, stayed and worked for the whole two days or worked on committees throughout the year.

Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped out. Their names were placed in a draw with the winners as follows: Darlene T, Sonja C, and Joan J.

HOSPITALITY

Don't forget to bring a plate and cup and cutlery for the December feast as well as a dish of your choosing.

Cherri M

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Membership – Registration

November meeting update:

- ❖ 58 members in attendance
- ❖ 1 returning member, welcome back Diane F
- ❖ 1 new member, welcome Julie R
- ❖ 2 guests

- ❖ Fat Quarter winners – Debra P, Dorinda G, Theresa S, Beatrice R

- ❖ Door Prize winners – Cathy V, Ida M, Cindy W, Maureen G, Lisa B, Cynthia L, Kathy L, Janet K, Laura B, Doris M, Rachel B

- ❖ Hamel's (badge) – Doris F
CountryFolk – Karlie M
Graceland Fine Quilts – Eileen M

Darlene & Karlie



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NOVEMBER WE CARE



Donations to Chilliwack Community Services Better Beginnings

Reminder: We Care workshop will be held on Saturday, April 6 from 10-2pm at the Sardis Library.

Nine quilts were received in November

Ginger C

'Twas the Night before Christmas (A Quilters' Version)

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house,
The only one sleeping was a Quilter's dear spouse.
The Log Cabin stockings were almost completed,
"Just a few stitches left," our sweet quilter repeated.

"Then I can hang them and head off to finish
the pillows I'm making, fulfilling Mom's wish
For something quilted to put on her couch and
as she pricked her poor finger, our quilter said, "Ouch!"

When from out in the kitchen there arose such a crashing,
she sprang from her work, and she dropped all her sashing.

Away to the doorway she flew like a plane,
wondering just what was happening and who she would blame.

When what to her wondering eyes should appear,
but Old Mrs. Claus and her bag of quilt-gear...
With her elves bearing gifts, through the kitchen she came,
she directed and pointed and called them by name.

"Now Elna, now Pfaff, now Bernina and Viking,
the Hoffman and Mumm should be just to her liking.
To the sewing room - there, it's just back of the hall,
now dash away, dash away, dash away all!"

"My Dear," said The Claus (as she liked to be called),
"There really is no need to worry at all.
Your projects will all be completed this night,
I'm terribly sorry we gave you a fright."

"Sit down. Have some tea. It's relaxing, you'll see.
 My friends and I've come a long way to help thee."
 She thought she was dreaming, our dear Quilter did,
 In fact she quite feared that she near flipped her lid!

But the flash of the needles and twist of the thread
 soon gave her to know she had nothing to dread.
 They spoke no more words, but went straight to their sewing.
 How the work went so quickly she had no way of knowing.

The stitches, how fine! The corners, how straight!
 This Claus-woman's talent was awfully great.
 They finished the pillows, then started to quilt.
 Before they all knew it, the whole thing was built!

Now old Mrs. Claus, she knew quilters real well,
 and she knew they'd need help on this night most of all
 So she said to our quilter, "Just move over dear,
 I've brought my own needle. We'll get done, never fear.

I told dear old Santa about what quilters do.
 How they plan all these projects but have other work too.
 So he taught me his magic for doing things fast.
 There, that pillows done. Now this is the last.

They tidied their thread snips, and picked up the scraps
 and chased our dear quilter's six cats from their laps.
 As they scurried away with their thimbles still gleaming
 dear Mrs. Claus paused, her cap ribbons streaming.
 "Merry Christmas, my dear, now just have a ball!"

{Poem by: Brenda Groelz, Kathy Rockbugs, Marilyn Root, Cindy Swafford}

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Quilts: It's a long journey all the way from the cotton plant

Part 1 of a two part article by Sura Jeselsohn



Courtesy of USDA NRCS Texas

A cotton boll ripens, ready to take its place in the literal fabric of our society.

Fabric has always attracted me. My mother was a home sewer, and when I would accompany her to a fabric store to pick out new material for our school clothes, I would wander down the aisles as she made her choices.

For me, the stores were a wonderland of colors and patterns.

Over the years, I have done some garment sewing. But quilting is a venue that invites both enchantment and creativity...

Read the full article:

<http://www.riverdalepress.com/stor>

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Part 2: Life on the Oregon Trail heavily influenced quilting



Courtesy of Sura Jeselsohn

Continuing our discussion on quilts from last week, cotton and its bolls have a particularly serious drawback as a commercial crop. The seeds account for about 55 percent of the newly picked cotton, but they must be completely detached from the fibers before the cotton can be prepared for spinning.

The seeds are beneficial and can be used for animal feed and pressed for oil. Indeed, I remember in years past when food technology was less sophisticated, cottonseed oil was one of the few cooking oils available on Pesach (Passover).

Today cottonseed oil is processed for a variety of uses such as margarine, cosmetics, and waterproofing.

The prime reason to grow cotton, however, is for the fibers...

<http://riverdalepress.com/stories/life-on-the-oregon-trail-heavily-influenced-quilting,67617>

YOUTH BAGS DECEMBER 2019

TOQUE PATTERN

Gauge 24 – 28 stitches K2 P2 = 4 inches/10 cm (4.5 needles worked for me)

Loosely cast on 96 stitches. Join work, place marker, and work in K2 P2 rib until work measures 9.5 inches / 24 cm.

Shape crown: (Here you begin a series of decrease rounds. When you find the hat getting too small to work on the circular needle, switch to double pointed needles.)

Round 1: K2, P2tog to end of round. 72 stitches remain.

Round 2: K2 P1

Round 3: K2tog, P1 to end of round. 48 stitches remain.

Round 4: K1, P1

Round 5: K2tog to end of round. 24 stitches remain.

Round 6: Knit

Round 7: K2tog to end of round. 12 stitches remain.

Round 8: Knit

Round 9: K2tog to end of round. 6 stitches remain.

Break yarn, leaving a 6-inch / 15 cm. length. With a tapestry needle, thread the yarn through the remaining 6 stitches and pull tight. Weave in the ends and admire your work!

Pattern by Channah Koppel on Ravelry