

April 5, 2018

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Guild Events April

5 April

- * Guild Business Meeting
- * Newcomers' Subgroup 11:30
- * Silver Star Quilt Block 5 & 6

9 April

- * Hooked on Classics Subgroup
- * Gardom Lake Retreat (9-12)

10 April

- * QuArtz Subgroup

12 April

- * Open Sew Day

16 April

- * Community Care Subgroup

19 April

- * Non-Business Meeting
- * Garage Sale
- * Fat Quarter Draw (Flowers)

23 April

- * Stars Subgroup

26 April

- * Tips & Techniques Workshop

30 April

- * Scrappy Subgroup

*Subgroups meet at 9:00
For Classes, doors open at
9:00 am for set up.*

**Deadline for the May
Newsletter is April 22**



**MAP TO NEW FACILITY
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Susan's Snippets

You may have observed or heard that the goose at the head of the vee will rotate back into the greater formation when it tires. This allows another goose to take the leadership position. Clever, isn't it, the geese know how to share the work; they take over rotating into position and then flying back to rest.

As the guild approaches the yearly task of filling guild committee heads, early indications are that some leaders are ready to step back, take a well-deserved break, and let someone else move into the leadership role. If you are asked to consider a role please take it as a compliment to your ability and give the request serious thought. Our membership is large, which means there are numerous opportunities to help out in a leadership role (currently there are over 30 committees). Many members have filled multiple roles within our guild through the years and may like to simply *enjoy* for a year or two. Some will switch gears and try on



a new hat. Welcome to our evolving dynamic group. I am a firm believer in change being beneficial – we don't have to do the same thing just because. As one member so aptly put it, *"If you always do what you always did, you will always get what you always got."* Need I say more?

If you are interested in heading a committee or asked to do so, please think of what you can contribute to the guild, we all have unique skills, capabilities, and gifts to offer and you never know – we all might be surprised by the outcome!

Design of the Month
~ Fish ~



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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Our meetings and classes have been designated as fragrance-free.
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Membership....

Contact [Joan Muller](#) for more information.

Hooked on Classics...meets the 2nd Monday of each month

Meets the 2nd Monday of each month from 9am – 2:30pm.

Our group is busy making progress on a variety of projects. At our last meeting in SJLC on March 12th, we had a pizza luncheon. There were many nostalgic comments shared on how well our group has managed at St Johns over the years. Our next meeting is April 9th in our new location at Grace Bible Church, and we look forward to the excitement of new beginnings! For more information regarding this subgroup contact [Joyce Heard](#)

QuArtz... meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month

Contacts are [Cathy Gaetz-Brothen](#), [Brigitte Red](#) or [Jeanette Marten](#).

The QuArtz group rounded up their study of *illumination* last month. Catherine Henderson provided a stimulating brain teaser exercise to get us ready for the presentation prepared by Sandie Guenette. Through the use of illustration, Sandie showed how shadows and light can provide a sense of shape and form to an object as well as create a mood. This technique can be applied to our textile art. With the lights turned off and our flashlights turned on, Sandie produced several objects, placed them on the papers in front of us and asked us to draw the shadows. It was interesting to see the results. Some members of the group shared items that they made demonstrating *illumination* while another showed the final result of our Water challenge. Next up this month we will be studying *texture* and *encrusting* in our fiber art. Do our meetings sound intriguing? Come join us.

VSSQ Library News.....

Contact is [Deb Green](#)



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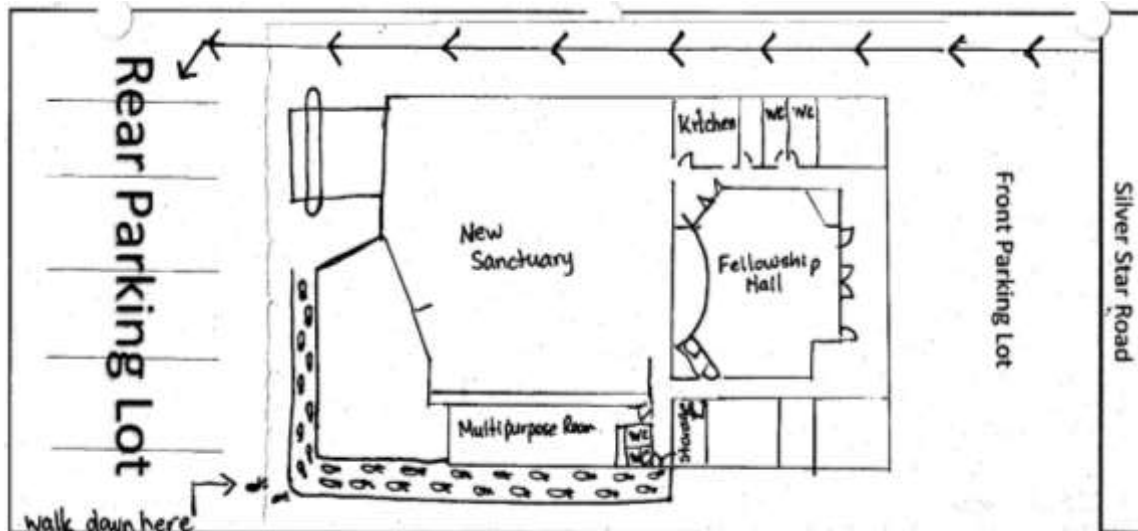
PATCHWORK

Location, Location, A New Location

Our new meeting location is **Grace Bible Church located at 5661 Silver Star Road**. Drive a little further up Silver Star Road and you will see a sign for Grace on the right just before the firehall and school.

Drive to the back parking lot; park and proceed to the entry on the North side of the building – just follow the level entry sidewalk (**not** the lower level) and our greeters will be there to greet you with a **smile** and a **door prize ticket!**

- Everyone is to park at the back of the church and enter through the North Double Doors. See the footsteps! We have been asked not to park in the front parking lot of the church nor enter by that doorway.
- Fellowship Hall is our meeting space.
- Coffee is accessed by pass through of kitchen and only kitchen volunteers are to be in the kitchen.
- Washrooms (WC on map) are located on either side of the Fellowship Hall.
- Sub Group Leaders, Workshop Committee and Newcomer Committee have been advised of protocol for access to building and use of space on designated days.
- Most importantly remember that the flow and use of space will be evaluated as we work within our new meeting space. Please be respectful of requests and if you have an idea it would be wonderful to let Susan know either by email, phone or face to face at a meeting.



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Sunday & Holidays 11-4**

THANK YOU to all who have helped make quilts for Community Care...

Community Care Quilt Group... meets the 3rd Monday of each month

The Community Care Quilt Group sews from 9am until 2pm on the third Monday of each month. All Guild Members are welcome to attend. Bring your machines and sewing equipment; material and batting are available.

Approximate quilt sizes that we make are:

Lap 48" x 48" Crib 36" x 48" Preemie Quilts 36" x 36"

Donations of larger pieces of good quality cotton are always appreciated.

Thank you for the amazing out pouring of support; we only have a few quilts left for quilting. We have recently been made aware that our postal address has changed. The stamp we use for labels is now outdated. For those people that are using old labels, please discard them. We had a request at Christmas to make 10 quilts for Haven Place. Haven Place is a new sober living facility associated with Bill's Place and run by Howard House. It was built by a donation from the Foord family. This month we delivered 6 Quilts to Aboriginal MCFD and 11 to North Okanagan Youth and Family Services for Mara House. We are one of the groups needing a coffee/tea mug in the new facility. Patterns for a mug carrier is available on the bulletin board. A small but enthusiastic, productive group has been attending Community Care Days. Now that the weather is improving, hope to see you there.

Contact is [Maggie Tomich](#).

Silver Star STARS Group...meets the 4th Monday of each month

We are looking forward to the move to the new building, but sad to see our friendship with St Johns come to an end.

Betty Carlson will retire from leading the STARS group at the end of this season. She has led a subgroup for 12 years and is looking forward to a break. It is time for some new blood with new ideas to get involved. For the rest of the season we will meet from 9am to 230 pm at the new facility. Happy Easter to all.

Contact [Betty Carlson](#) for further information.



Silver Star STARS Projects



Newcomers' Group... meets after the Guild meeting on the 1st Thursday of each month

The Newcomers' Committee is [Bonnie Burnett](#), [Joan Muller](#) and [Maureen Bennett](#).

The Newcomers meet right after the meeting on the 1st Thursday in the month. In March we welcomed another new member, Margaret Brown, who has moved down from the NWT. April will be a busy month for the newcomers. At our first meeting on April 5th we will have 2 more tips on binding that remained from our March tips and demo meeting. At this meeting we will also cover the requirements for the raffle block which we will sew together at our May meeting. On Wednesday April 25th, we will have our annual carpooled road trip to Endy's Batiks in Oyama, where we will purchase the background fabric for the raffle blocks followed by lunch at Routes Grille in Lake Country. Always a fun day!

Fat Quarter Draw...

The Fat Quarter Draw is held the second meeting of each month and the contact people are [Bev Keith](#) and [Joanne Mitchell](#). Bring your fat quarters to the meeting and there will be a table set up with instructions.

1. Enter your name for each fat quarter that you bring.
2. Each fat quarter should be approx. 20"x22".
3. The fat quarter must be of good quality cotton.
4. The winners of each draw will be published in the next newsletter.

These are the themes for the remainder of the Guild Year are:

April – Flowers

May - Greys

Winners of the March Fat Quarter Draw were:

Betty Dobson Brenda Barritt Dane Nakatsui Bev Oglow



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IT'S ABOUT TIME..... by Diane Nakatsui

The sun is out and all's well in my world! Last week as I was having another white-knuckle drive from Kelowna, I resolved to burn my winter boots as soon as I got home. Good sense and economic necessity prevailed but I put them in the back of the closet and haven't worn them since. Today, we are taking down the Christmas lights and, in our house, no matter what the weather, it is Spring!

On the brighter side the last few months have been great for quilting, sitting at the sewing machine in the window watching the snow come down and letting my mind wander, which might explain my less than accurate piecing!

I began to wonder what the appeal is in cutting up fabric and then sewing it together in different configurations. It is very seductive indeed! Some of us create actual works of art to hang on walls and others warm and colorful coverings for beds. The process is the same whether our projects are big or small, cutting larger pieces of fabric into smaller pieces and then sewing it all together again. We can create something beautiful and original to share with friends and family. We make quilts to celebrate weddings, to welcome new babies and to let our friends know how much we love and appreciate them. Gone are the days when we made them out of necessity, using the last remnants of worn out clothing pieced together to make a warm blanket.

The tradition of sewing together and sharing the work is still alive and well. Premie and Charity Quilts are a treasured legacy surviving from the good old days. We also rally to the call for quilts when fires, floods and disasters strike a community and we can provide some small measure of comfort to those who have lost everything. The gift of a handmade, original quilt means so much and shows that they are not alone in their distress. Someone spent all that time and effort making a beautiful object just for me is a phrase you hear time and again. I really shouldn't think about the "why" too much, quilting is just so much fun!

I am very excited about the move to our new meeting location. I think it will give us a chance to look at doing things somewhat differently and infuse us with renewed energy as we face the challenges of change. Some of us are already working on mug bags (there could be a better name for these) and I am in the process of choosing my "Guild" mug. There couldn't be a better time of year to move, see you all at the new place!



CALL FOR ENTRY WORLD QUILT COMPETITION

The World Quilt Competition is accepting entries for their 2018 festivals. This is a juried competition that will display your entry from May until January in four prestigious venues. There is substantial prize money available.

There are so many talented quilters in Canada, and in this very guild! Consider entering your quilt in this competition.

Contact [Debbie Macleod](mailto:Debbie.Macleod@netscape.net) for an entry form

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A big "Thank You" to Susan, the Executive of VSSQ, and the Committee members involved in securing our new meeting space. What a big job this has been!!

Remember to stop one of these very hard-working members and give them a personal "Thank You".

PATCHWORK

Scrappy Group... meets the 1st Monday of each month

Scrappy group will meet Monday, April 30th and the contact is [Ester Pitt](#).

Workshop.....

By the time you read this some members who have attended the Shattered Angles workshop last month be well on their way to completing another project. There were also some Perfect Portfolios that will be put to use having been completed in time to use for this coming month.

Coming up on April 5th Brigitte will be revealing the final blocks of the Silver Star puzzle. You will be able to work on solving that puzzle on April 12th at the open sewing day. Not doing the puzzle? That's okay you can finish up some of your WIPs or UFOs. On the other hand, if you want to get rid of some of your UFOs, old books, or fabric that you no longer like, you will have a chance to do so on April 19 at the member Garage Sale.

Your workshop committee is working on a Tips & Techniques workshop for April 26th; stay tuned to find out if the committee is able to come up with any.



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