

May 3, 2018

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Guild Events May

3 May

- * Guild Business Meeting
- * Newcomers' Subgroup 11:30
- * Silver Star Quilt Show & Share

7 May

- * Scrappy Subgroup

8 May

- * QuArtz Subgroup

10 May

- * Bag Workshop 9am – 4pm

14 May

- * Hooked on Classics Subgroup

17 May

- * Non-Business Meeting
- * Library Book & Magazine Sale
- * Fat Quarter Draw (Flowers)

24 May

- * Katya Marek Workshop

28 May

- * Stars Subgroup

31 May

- * Open Sew Day



**MEETING DAYS
DOORS OPEN AT 9:15 AM**

Subgroups meet at 9:00

*For Subgroups and Classes,
doors open at 8:50 am for set
up.*

*Deadline for the June
Newsletter is May 22*

**MAP TO NEW FACILITY
ON PAGE 3**

Susan's Snippets

According to a study by Oklahoma State University larger flocks of geese generally inhabit areas where it is common for humans to eat them. When you find smaller flocks, there is usually a smaller demand for geese as a human food source.

As quilters, we have access to international, national, regional and local quilt guilds; as well as virtual and real groups. Each type of guild has different aims or goals. We may or may not subscribe to the guild or association but may take advantage of what each offer. The larger the guild the more challenging it may be for individuals to feel a personal connection to the aims or objectives of that group. As the group size decreases there is greater opportunity for personal connections and an increase in the likelihood of finding your niche. There are also options available to contribute to the aims or goals of the guild.

The 'smart' geese know not to fly with the big flocks in order to increase survival rates and create their own smaller flocks! As our guild membership is large by many measures, we try to make the meetings meaningful to attend. The workshops offer great learning opportunities as well as the smaller group experience where personal connections are made. Indeed, the Sub-Groups are also a way to address the large versus small group experience. Thanks to the hard-working folks on the Workshop



Committee who planned an amazing series of activities for us. Kudos also go out to the leaders of the Sub-Groups who ensure the groups run smoothly. Through this relocation process, I have learned just how the smaller flocks function within the larger flock and appreciate all who step forward to make it work.

As we transition into our new space the changes in the meeting process and figuring out a 'new' normal routine for everything will take time. Our chances are great for survival both in the larger group and the smaller workshops and sub-groups - unlike the geese we are not hunted for food only as creators of warmth! I for one can't wait for the 'new-ness' to fade into a somewhat regular routine (that will continue to be tweaked) and we can all once again, honk around chatting within our meeting space.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

Let me know if you have something to contribute to our newsletter!!!

Debbie MacLeod

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 first meeting at Grace Bible Church went very well although attendance was light due to retreat running at the same time. As we settle in to our new space, we will become more comfortable with new procedures, etc. Next meeting is May 14th.

For more information regarding this subgroup contact [Joyce Heard](#)

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

April began with members of the group sharing their efforts on the current challenge theme "WATER". These will be submitted again to Art Walk in Lake Country. The group continued their study of various techniques by delving into Texture and Encrusting. **Mary Matus, Kay Snowdon** and **Elisabeth Reymond**, provided a well-rounded presentation about visual and tactile texture and showed multiple samples. **Cathy** showed a wonderful example of encrusting, a technique which covers small items with gauze, netting or organza and stitches them onto a background to create a three-dimensional effect. To "think outside the box", the group was given a sheet of 30 circles and asked to turn them into recognizable objects. Some of the results included drawings of bicycles, reading glasses, and some into faces and alarm clocks. This month we will be bringing in supplies to stitch a small encrusted wall piece in order to practice and try the technique what we studied last month. Come join us and see what we come up with next. You can also follow what we are doing by checking out our blog at <https://quartzcanada.blogspot.ca>

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



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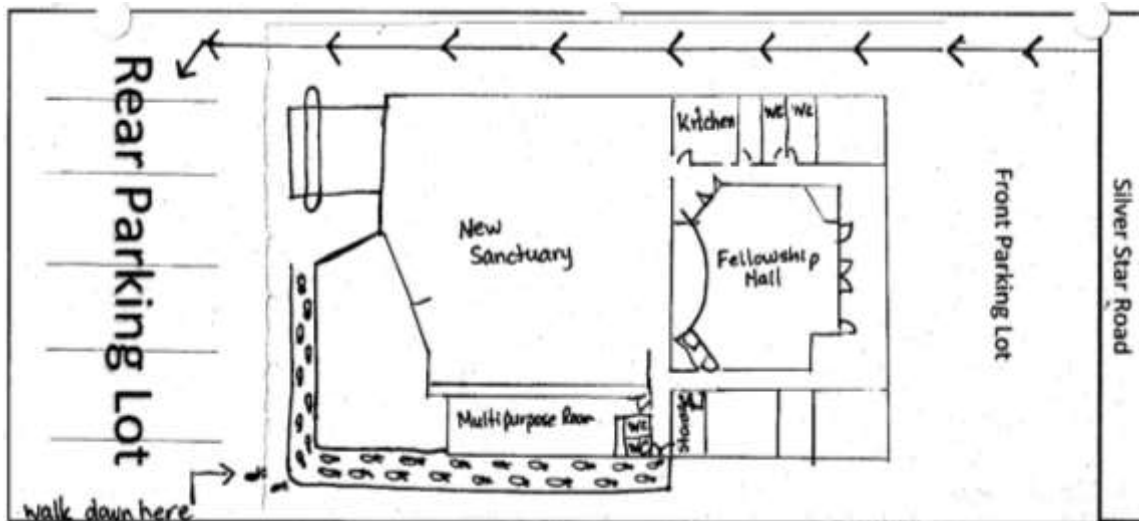
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Location, Location, A New Location **DOORS OPEN AT 9:15 AM**

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!

- 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.
- 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.



Quilting Here & There A Twist on Mystery Quilts

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Sunday & Holidays 11-4**

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

Community Care Quilt Group...

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.

Last Community Care Day of the year was a successful event in our new location and we were welcomed by church staff. We are out of batting and the new batting will be here before June. Welcome back our snowbird volunteer, Deborah Coffey. Thank you to Mary Ellen and Noni for the teamwork in machine cutting squares, strips and borders. This is a huge help in creating new kits. Super job to our quilt members with 14 Preemie Quilts completed last month. We are getting closer to the 10 quilts needed for Haven House. JoeAnna's House in Kelowna is now on our radar; they provide accommodation for out of town families needing the services of KGH. Daryl Pike is liaising with the appropriate folk and will update us as planning progresses.

Contact is [Maggie Tomich](#).

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

The Silver Star STARS will meet for the last time this season on May 28 at the grace Bible church. We will have our windup luncheon then. Our mystery quilt was revealed in April, so hopefully some will be finished enough to show one of these days. As I am stepping down as leader of this group this year, **Debbie Briggeman** has offered to take over. We look forward to next season and her new ideas. I have enjoyed meeting and working with all of the new members and sharing their ideas. It's been a fun time.

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



FOR SALE



Singer Featherweight 221 – \$375

Also have Featherweight Quilting Extension table for sale – \$30.00

For picture and information contact **Joyce Heard** at **250-545-3559**

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](#).

Our year as a group is slowly winding down. By the time you're reading this the Newcomers will have been on their road trip to Endy's on April 25th, followed by lunch at Routes Grill in Winfield. We will purchase a fat quarter to use in the sewing of the raffle blocks to be sewn at their meeting in May. You may already have a suitable batik fat quarter. The committee will also have purchased the background batik to use in these blocks. We will be sewing the blocks at our meeting on Thursday May 3rd. Each square of your fabric plus 2 strips makes 2 blocks for the raffle to be drawn at our windup brunch on Thursday June 14th.

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

Contact is [Ester Pitt](#).



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.

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VSSQ Library News...Contact is [Deb Green](#)

A reminder to everyone that on Thursday, May 17th the Library will be hosting the annual New-to-You-Sale. We are asking members to bring in their quilting books, magazines and patterns, which they are willing to donate to the sale. The proceeds from this sale go directly to the Library and will be used to purchase new books and tools for our members.

Be aware that the Library will be closed on the day of the sale, so if you would like to borrow something for the month of May, please stop by and see us at our May 3rd meeting.

If anyone is able to **help set up, take down, and/or collect money, I am looking for 2 or 3 volunteers.** Stop by the Library at our next meeting and I will let you know what jobs are available and how you can help on the day of the sale.

There are several new arrivals in the library this month. Many thanks to the members who took the time to stop by and suggest new items for purchase.

Amazingly Simple Triangle Stars: deceptively easy quilts from one block: Barbara H. Cline, 2015 (Star quilts)

Quilt As-You-Go Made Vintage: Jera Brandvig, 2017 (Quilting)

East-Meets-West Quilts: explore improve with Japanese-inspired designs: Patricia Belyea, 2017 (Asian quilts)

A Piece of Cake: sweet and simple quilts from Layer Cake squares, Peta Peace, 2017 (Fat Quarter quilts)



Oh, Scrap! Fabulous quilts that make the most of your stash: Lissa Alexander, 2018 (Scrap quilts)

Annual Windup Potluck Picnic

Thursday, June 21st
11:00am-1:30pm.

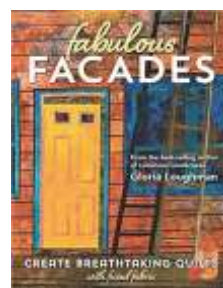
Grace Bible Church.

Remember to bring a dish to share (appetizer, main, salad or dessert), and remember to label it if it contains allergens such as peanuts, fish, etc.

Bring your own dishes and cutlery and come prepared to enjoy yourselves at our Year-end Picnic!

Please RSVP by **June 1st**
to Janice Winkelaar
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For Information contact Janice Winkelaar or Pat Libby 250-545-7522.



Fabulous Facades: create breathtaking quilts with fused fabric: Gloria Loughman, 2017 (Art quilts)

Stitch, Fabric & Thread: an inspirational guide for creative stitchers: Elizabeth Healey, 2017 (Borders and embellishments)

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Workshop.....

We are winding down after a busy year but we still have a few exciting workshops to come.

This will be your last chance this year to take a workshop so please consider one of them.

We have two professional quilting teachers lined up for you.

#1- Katja Marek will be here on **May 24th** from 9am-4pm to teach a hexagon class and a fussy cut demonstration. As you remember she came last spring and did a trunk show to tell us of her journey in the world of quilting. The cost of this workshop is \$40 plus the cost of the book, *The New Hexagon*, so if you already own this book it would be a good opportunity to learn to use it. Katja does amazing things with hexagon and fussy cutting.

#2. Julie Falkner will be here again to teach another Judy Niemeyer class on advanced paper piecing. The results are spectacular so think about it. This is a two-day class, **June 13-14** from 9am-4pm and the cost is \$80.

We also have an encore presentation of Rene Gutyan's bag class. We will have a sample bag for you to look at but her class is almost full so sign up soon.

May 31st is an open sewing day.

Last but not least, we will be having the reveal of the Silver Star Puzzle on May 3rd, our next meeting. It's amazing how many different patterns can be made from the 6 blocks, so get your flimsies ready and maybe even some of you have finished these quilts so bring them in for the show and tell.



When you attend your Monday group or attend a Workshop at our new facility you will have to bring your own mug.

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VSSQ Birthdays for
May



Linda Warrington	1-May
Lola Weiss	3-May
Sally Demuyneck	3-May
Dorritt LaPlante	5-May
Marlene Derksen	11-May
Tonny Penny	11-May
Elizabeth Godfrey-Drought	16-May
Cathy Phillips	17-May
Angie Wood	18-May
Bev Keith	18-May
Peggy Paziuk	24-May
Christie Sommerfeld	31-May
Rhonda Harvey	31-May

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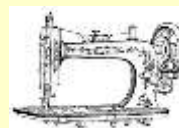
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