



PATCHWORK

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Guild Events November

1 Nov

- * Guild Business Meeting 9:30
- * Newcomers' Meeting 11:30

5 Nov

- * Scrappy Subgroup

7 & 8 Nov

- * MaryEllen Hopkins Workshop
9am – 3:30pm

13 Nov

- * QuArtz Subgroup

15 Nov

- * Non-Business Meeting 9:30
- * Newcomers' Trunk Show

19 Nov

- * Classics SubGroup

20 Nov

- * Modern Quilts Subgroup

22 Nov

- * Christmas Themed Workshop
9am – 3:30pm

26 Nov

- * Stars Subgroup

29 Nov

- * Potluck Tote Workshop
9am – 3:30 pm



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On Meeting days, doors open at 9:15

**Subgroups meet at 9:00
For Subgroups and
Classes, doors open at
8:35 am for set up.**

**Deadline for the December
Newsletter is November 25**

Susan's Snippets

As the days shorten, the temperature drops and the Forest Fires diminish, the back country calls each Sunday for exploration on my ATV. I love this time of year for the cool, damp, and colorful experiences as I bundle up and ride along old Forest Service roads. Around each corner is a new explosion of color or challenging bit of terrain, a hidden waterway or perhaps, if I am lucky, some wildlife. These excursions free my mind from the daily must do's, gotta do's, and hate to do's! On the machine I have to be present and always attending for safety's sake. The physical demands are worth the fresh air and freedom, a short hike or wiener roast is rewarding. The hot chocolate, once home, is decadent, and the machines are put away for another week.

These weekly jaunts remind me of one of my favorite children's stories back when I taught Primary children. Leo Lionni's Caldecott Honor winning story, Frederick @ 1967. It goes something like this:

Winter is coming and all the mice are gathering food except Frederick. The other mice ask him what he is doing, and his reply is that he is collecting colors and words. Winter came, the food stores dwindled, as did everyone's spirits. Frederick lifted them up with stories that warmed the hearts and spirits of his fellow field mice; stories he had collected while they collected food.

As we go about our days with that Autumn nip in the air, the frost on the roof tops, and explosions of color in gardens, hillsides and forests, be sure to take time to gather some of that soul sustaining beauty to help with your creative endeavours and propel you through the bleakness of Winter as you move indoors while the Seasons change.



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 [Linda Kuroaka](#) for more information.

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

This group meets from 9am–2:30pm. We have had two sew days so far where everybody was all eager to sit, sew, and chat about their summer. Lots of hints and ideas shared among us as well. Nice to look around at all the projects and socialize. Membership is \$25 for the year and we usually have a little left over for goodies at the end of the year. No particular project that we work on we just sew what we want.

If you have any questions about this group, please contact [Ruth Drennan](#) for more information.

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

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

QuArtz meetings have started up again after a successful summer of dyeing fabric, and of course the showing of our Water Quilts at ArtWalk in Lake Country.

This year we will be making art on used tea bags: two each month; one for yourself and one for the group project. The group project will be a large collaborative piece for show.

You can check out more information and photo's on [our blog](#).

Other members will be taking turns presenting this year; the subject is their choice. It will be an interesting and surprising year for all involved. Come and join in the fun!



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CARING

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[Shirley Hamilton](#) is in charge of collecting Grocery Receipts for the Guild. These receipts help the Guild with the Coffee Fund. There is a box near the front of the meeting where you can place these receipts.

Grocery Receipts are collected from:
Save On Foods, Polson Mall
Butcher Boys
Nature's Fare

Shirley collects the receipts and when the appropriate dollar amount is received the Guild receives gifts cards:

Save On Foods Polson Mall, for every \$5,000 worth of receipts we receive a \$25 gift certificate to a maximum of \$125.00 for the calendar year.

Butcher Boys \$50.00 gift certificate for every \$5,000 worth of receipts no limit per calendar year.

Nature's Fare gives us 3% cash back for receipts in the form of gift certificates.

Thank you for supporting these sponsors.

Christmas Party

Thursday, **December 13, 2018** from 11:00am -2:30pm at Grace Bible Church.

Everyone is asked to bring a potluck dish (appetizer, main or dessert). Please **LABEL** your containers and utensils.

If your dish contains any allergens such as peanuts, fish, etc., please mark it for those who are allergic to these ingredients. Bring your own dishes and cutlery.

Please reply by **November 28, 2018** to:
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DEAR QUILT DIVA.....

Do you have a question related to Quilting? Do you have a tip to share or a new website for Quilting? Diva will research your question and share your tips!

For this first column, The Diva will admit she is **NOT** a super quilter or expert! Sometimes the $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seams are **NOT** exactly $\frac{1}{4}$ inch!

Diva will share an unusual and new experience she recently had while winding a bobbin on her 25-year-old Husqvarna 540. The bobbin would not release from the bobbin holder. After many attempts with pliers and screwdrivers, a phone call to the Service Department of the original store resulted in a solution: Unwind the bobbin by hand (I used a spare bobbin). Apparently, the plastic bobbins are quite soft and must be wound at medium speed. The solution worked and my only expense was a long-distance phone call to Edmonton!

Sometime this Diva has to learn the hard way! There is no wrong time to quilt! I quilt on any day that ends in "Y"

To contact [THE DIVA](#)... email: scarevssqcrow@gmail.com



GREETINGS FROM THE KITCHEN CREW!

Contact is [MaryEllen MacGregor](#)

We had a great start to the year trying to get used to the layout of the Kitchen and generally getting things organized. Thank you to all that bake and contribute to the Goodie Tables. If you can bring disposable plates that's great; if not your container will be put on the stage on the right side for pick up after the meeting. Please try and remember! Also, please remember to mark down if your product contains allergens such as Nuts or Gluten Free.

We are trying to streamline the process of the line up to get the coffee and we are open to suggestions so please feel free to speak to MaryEllen. Remember Sub Groups who are meeting in the multipurpose room that all Coffee, Sugar and Tea Bags are kept in the Kitchen Tub in storage. The drawer in the MP room will only contain Coffee Urns, Kettle and Tea Pot. If you bring plates etc., for treats please take them home.

Thank you for keeping our limited space neat and tidy and remember contact [Mary Ellen](#) if you are running short on anything.

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

The Newcomers' Committee is [Bonnie Burnett](#), [Joan Muller](#) and [Betty Klein](#)

The committee welcomed Linda Ensing and Wendie Radies to the group in October. We had a fun and busy time at the nametags workshop on October 18th. At the next meeting on November 1st we will have presentations by the subgroups, Community Care and Premie Quilts, and the Librarians.

On November 15th, the Newcomers, introduced by their Member of Longer Standing, will present a Trunk Show to the Guild. It's looking to be a busy month as there are several workshops being offered by the Workshop Committee.



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.

**The theme this year for the fat quarter draws will be
"The Guild is Alive with the Sounds of Music"**

November White Christmas

December Purple Rain

Winners of the October Fat Quarter Draw were:

Georgia Johnstone Marilyn Buhler Bev Oglow Angie Wood

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VSSQ Library News...

Contacts are [Kay Snowdon](#) and [Sheila Patt](#)

The new Library Shelf is ready for you to enjoy. The shelf is 2 sided so it is not as congested. Each meeting we are going to display one specific category for you to browse and take. Books not being signed out for years will be filed away for the Library Book Sale; then we'll have room for new books!

Just a reminder that under the Fat Quarter category there are all Precuts; such as Jelly Rolls, Charm Packs, Layer Cakes, etc.

GATHERING OF THE GUILDS 2019

Orchard Valley Quilters Guild has invited us to a Gathering of the Guilds on Saturday, April 13, 2019 in The Capri Coast Hotel, with the theme "Home Grown Talent". The cost is \$60, which includes lunch, two coffee breaks, a commemorative pin and a gift bag as well as a number of speakers and a merchant mall.

Details of the Emoji Block Challenge will be available with registration on December 6th. More details will be posted on the Bulletin Board on November 1st.

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

Contact is [Ester Pitt](#).

Modern Quilts.... meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month

Contact is [Marven Ecker](#)

The Modern Quilt Sub-Group will be meeting on the third Tuesday of each month. The group is working towards a group definition of modern quilts for our own purposes. Hopefully each meeting will begin with a demo or small project to get ideas flowing and lead to personal projects that are on-going.

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

Contact [Debbie Briggeman](#) for further information.

The Star Group meets once a month to work on your Star project, a project in common, or any UFO. We enjoy sewing together and a few goodies, of course. Come and join us at our next meeting, November 26th



WEBSITE INPUT

Do you have a neat sewing tip to share? Or a pattern or a demo you developed that others might like to try? How about some photos of a workshop you attended, or an item you produced at a workshop? Our website is **YOUR** website, so please feel free to offer appropriate content for posting live on the internet. If you wish your name will be added, or you may remain anonymous. Suggestions for other content are also welcome! Contact [Nancy Bradley](#).

Workshop.....

The Workshop Committee is [Diane Nakatsui](#), [Georgia Johnstone](#), and [Marilyn Schoenberger](#)

We have lots of exciting opportunities over the next few months for you to learn a new technique, try something out of your usual box, and to challenge your brain.

The Mary Ellen Hopkins II workshop on November 7th and 8th with Dianne Jansson is full but Dianne will be back on February 14th with a new and different border treatment workshop (registration on December 6th). Sharon Wickstrom will be giving a short workshop (date to be announced soon) on producing very cute little objects with needle felting and Susan Wilson will be teaching a one-and-a half day workshop in May on interpreting your favorite photograph (landscape or otherwise), enlarging it and turning it into a quilt. Not possible you say! Yes, it is, anyone can do this – no drawing skills necessary.

On November 1st there is sign up for the January 24th Pebble Fabric runner with Jeanette Marten. On November 15th there is sign up for the Jelly Roll Genius class with Georgia Johnstone to be held January 10th, and the Clothesline Basket Tote class with Lola Weiss to be held January 31st.

There are still a few places left for the Christmas Table Topper on November 22nd and the Pot Luck Tote on November 29th, if you missed registration at the last meeting.

Another event to look forward to in the new year is a Trunk Show and two-day Seminole Quilting workshop in April by Carol Piercy, well known quilter from the Coast

Watch for more information on the Quilt Ruler day, facilitated by Shirley Weishuhn, and How to Prepare Your Quilt for the Show with Rene Gutyan.



Community Care...

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.

Contact is [Daryl Pike](#).

Preemie Quilts contact is [Maggie Tomich](#)

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VSSQ BIRTHDAYS FOR November

Mary Ellen MacGregor	Nov 1
Ranita Brown	Nov 1
Helen Neufeld	Nov 3
Shirley Latter	Nov 8
Evelyne Reitsma	Nov 8
Christine Troy	Nov 10
Louise Breneman	Nov 12
Della Faulkner	Nov 28
Ruth Dixon	Nov 29

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