

March 7

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Guild Events March

4 March

* Scrappy Subgroup

7 March

* Guild Business Meeting 9:45
* Newcomers' Meeting 11:30
* Fat Quarter Draw

11 March

* Hooked on Classics Subgroup

12 March

* QuArtz Subgroup

14 March

* Community Care Sew Day
9 am – 2:30 pm

21 March

NO MEETING

25 March

* Stars Subgroup

26 March

* Modern Quilts Subgroup

28 March

* Back Track & Mini Tracks
Workshop – Rene Gutyan
9 am – 2:30 pm

**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 April
Newsletter is March 24th**



Susan's Snippets

As the Champagne powder falls again, I am able to find the beauty in the fresh white expanses. I find it effortless to clear the accumulation as it floats in front of my shovel. It is easy to lift and throw up the snowbank. As I commute to work on foot, I am able to imagine walking on a white sand beach with waves schussing the shore and birds chattering on the breeze. The un-shovelled sidewalks indeed remind me of walking on a beach with the water lapping at the sand underfoot. If I close my eyes, I can imagine all the white -on-white quilts one could create.

Mother Nature is a powerful force and we can do nothing about her but accept what is and hopefully find a way to relish whatever she delivers. I learned this lesson on Day Two of a cross Canada cycling trip – day two of rain. The forecast for the first week was solid rain and I had opted to NOT train if it was raining in the three months prior to departure. What was I thinking? Regardless of weather, rain, heat and even a hurricane, pedal power was the only way to get to my bed/tent for the night!

So, I quickly had to change my mind set and seek beauty and meaning in whatever the day presented. I have continued with this outlook regarding weather and will never allow it to get me down. Other things do, but not weather! I learned to persevere on that trip as well, a trait that has served well in all aspects of life.

Many guild members commented that it was good of me to finish the Churn Dash quilt I shared at Show and Tell even though it was not working out. That is an example of my perseverance (or perhaps I am just plain stubborn). Once I start a project, I will follow through with the task even if it is not working out as planned and then take away pertinent lessons so the experience is not wasted. I think that is one of the reasons we all quilt. Each new project is a challenge; we experience, we learn and we accomplish creating a quilt in the process.

Look for the quilting potential in the snow and enjoy the white on white! Spring may be here by the time you read this.

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.

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

Contact is [Ester Pitt](#).

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.

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.

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CARING

If you know of anyone in our Guild who has lost an immediate member of their family OR if you know of anyone who has been ill, please let [Pat Watts](#) know so that she can send them a card. Phone or email her please.



Sharing That's Not Welcome!

With the recent measles outbreak in the lower mainland, it was brought to mind that many members of our guild are either awaiting surgeries and must stay healthy, or have compromised immune systems due to recent medical treatment. What follows is information from the Centres for Disease Control:

How to Protect Yourself

Viruses that cause colds can spread from infected people to others through the air and close personal contact. You can also get infected through contact with respiratory secretions from an infected person. This can happen when you shake hands with someone who has a cold, or touch a surface, like a doorknob, that has respiratory viruses on it, then touch your eyes, mouth, or nose.

How to Protect Others

If you have a cold, you should follow these tips to help prevent spreading it to other people:

- Stay at home while you are sick and keep children out of school or daycare while they are sick.
- Avoid close contact with others, such as hugging, kissing, or shaking hands
- Move away from people before coughing or sneezing.
- Cough and sneeze into a tissue then throw it away, or cough and sneeze into your upper shirt sleeve, completely covering your mouth and nose.
- Wash your hands after coughing, sneezing, or blowing your nose.

Remember, you can always enjoy the show-and-tell on line; the goodies and coffee will be at the next meeting, and you will be able to enjoy the company of others when you are back to healthy! Flu and cold germs live on surfaces you encounter for up to 24 hours and thus you may be inadvertently sharing.



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

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

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

We had a fun road trip to the Lumby Gallery to see our Water pieces on display, they will be there until the end of February. This month we looked at Mosaics as an Art Form.

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

This group meets from 9am – 2:30pm. The focus for this group is “traditional style” quilts, although we are very accommodating to most projects.

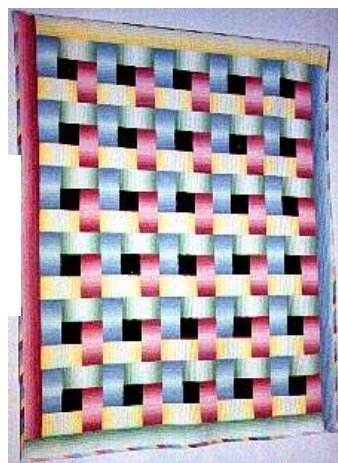
If you have any questions about this group, please contact [Ruth Drennan](#) for more information.

Community Care Sew day is Thursday, March 14. Here are some free patterns and resources to help you with your projects (click on the highlighted link or the picture)



[Home Town Quilt](#) by Diana Beaubien

[Cotton Candy Baskets](#) by Kathy Somers



[Quilt Binding](#) by Machine

[Flanged Quilt Binding](#) by Machine

[Quilt as you Go](#) Video by All People Quilt

PATCHWORK

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](#)

In February Anita Reimer joined us. Anita is already familiar with several Guild members. Welcome into the guild, Anita! At our meeting on March 7th we will have quilting "Tips and Tricks" meeting, along with the MLS. Demos are welcome if you have something to offer. This was very popular last year. Also, if you have any questions about quilting this is the time to ask. At our meeting in April we will be sewing blocks for Quilts of Valour, which is the CQA Guild incentive this year. Last year we sewed blocks for Ronald MacDonald Houses. Pattern and instructions have been distributed by email.

Fat Quarter Draw...

The Fat Quarter Draw is held the second meeting of each month and the contacts 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"**

March Shades of Grey **April** Green Tambourine
May Somewhere Over the Rainbow

Winners of the February Fat Quarter Draw were:

Lori Hansen Betty Carlson Bev Oglow

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VSSQ Library News...

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

We have added 3 new books to our library for you to enjoy:

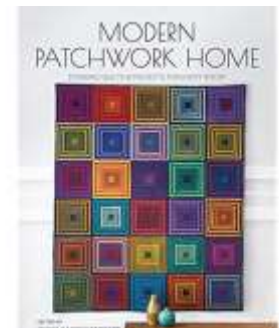
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Edited by Vivika Hansen Denegre

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Quilt Big - Bigger Blocks for Faster Finishes

by Jemima Flendt

Step-by-step directions for 22 supersized blocks.

17 patchwork projects.

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A Dictionary of Color Combinations

by Seigensha

A collection of 348 color combinations.

originated by Sanzo Wada



PATCHWORK

Workshop.....

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

Looking ahead to April 5th and 6th, we have Carol Piercy, a well-known quilter from the lower mainland, teaching a two-day Seminole Quilting Workshop. Seminole strip piecing comes from the Seminole Indians of Florida and can be bold and striking or calm and subtle depending on fabric choices. If you can sew a straight line and use a rotary cutter without injuring yourself or others at the workshop, you will have lots of fun. Finished quilt is lap or single size depending on how many rows you make. Carol will also be presenting a trunk show at our meeting on April 4th – not to be missed!

Back Tracks and Mini Tracks workshop with Rene Gutyan in March. A Bird House Quilt workshop with Pat Schley is coming up in April.

Thank you all for your enthusiasm! Happy quilting.

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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- Diane Steeper 10-Mar
- Deb Green 12-Mar
- Gisele Beaudoin 12-Mar
- Nonie Davies 15-Mar
- Pat Libby 17-Mar
- Rene Gutyan 17-Mar
- Marilyn Buhler 20-Mar
- Joyce Heard 29-Mar
- Eva Prokopetz 31-Mar
- Marilyn Wardlow 31-Mar

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