

# PATCHWORK



The Vernon Silver Star Quilters Guild Newsletter—April 2025 Vol 18, Issue 8



## Musings from our President...

Happy Spring!

As I write this I am in Red Deer visiting my girls and grandchildren. I will be back March 29th so plenty of time to get organized for our business meeting on April 3rd. Spring is here but I hear Vernon and area received snow

the other day. Even though I have been in Mexico for 5 weeks I am ready for spring to arrive and to get in the garden. We have seeds planted inside and the greenhouse is built and ready for plants. I also have bought my 10 hole golf pass so bring on spring/summer!

How is your quilting going? Are you making progress on your UFO's and the challenges that are going on with the quilt show coming up? I am just about finished my UFO's and have even got a lap Sudoku quilt done that I have donated to the Central Alberta Humane Society. My eldest daughter is the Executive Director.

The end of our quilt year is coming up so don't forget that the Guild is still looking for positions to be filled. Please consider getting involved!

With April fast approaching I am pleased to hear the quilt retreat has had a really great sign up. You will not regret going! You will not only be getting quilting done but what ideas, friendships, and knowledge you will come away with. Plus no cooking or cleaning!

Happy Spring, *Julie*



April 3	9:030 am	Business Meeting
April 7	9:00 am	Scrappy Sub Group
April 7-10		Spring Retreat at Gardom Lake
April 8	9:00 am	Quartz Sub Group
April 14	9:00 am	Classics Sub Group
April 17	9:30 am	General Meeting
April 24	9:00 am	Open Sewing
April 28	9:00 am	TAB Sub Group

### *Guild Meeting Days*

*Doors open at 9:00 am  
Meeting begins at 9:30 am*

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### *Subgroups and Classes*

*Doors open at 8:45 am for set up,  
Ending at 3:00 pm.*

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Deadline for April Newsletter submissions is April 25, 2025

## Library News—Rhonda Harvey & Marlene Lawrence

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At the March 6 meeting, Rhonda and Marlene introduced rulers, templates and tools the Library has available for sign out. A brief description of their possible uses was provided. Hopefully this will increase the circulations of these items.

Ruler: Creative Curves Ellipse Book and 4 Rulers  
 Ruler: Creative Curves 3" Ruler  
 Ruler: X-Block 6 1/2" Once Upon a Time  
 Ruler: Easy Angle II  
 Ruler: Easy Six  
 Ruler: 8" Bias Square  
 Ruler: Flying Geese (Small)  
 Ruler: Flying Geese (Large)  
 Ruler: Kaleidoscope ABC's Book & Kaleido Ruler  
 Ruler: Lazy Angle  
 Ruler: Magic Star – 8 (Ruler and Book)  
 Ruler: Point Trimmer by Judy Martin  
 Ruler: Scrap Master  
 Ruler: Setting triangle  
 Ruler: Square in a Square with Ruler and Books  
 Ruler: The Angler 2 (2 pieces)  
 Ruler: Tall triangle  
 Ruler: 12" Clearview Triangle 60° 1/2" markings  
 Ruler: 12" Clearview Triangle 60° 1/4" markings  
 Ruler: Tri Recs

Templates: Hexa-Cut 4 Piece  
 Templates: Let's Twist ...Again  
 Templates: Miniature Wedding Ring Book & Ruler  
 Templates: Mix 'n Match Templates – Feathers  
 Templates: Ovals  
 Templates: Radiant Suns  
 Templates: Regular Double Wedding Ring with Book  
 Templates: Scallops from 4" to 12"  
 Templates: Storm at Sea  
 Templates: Strips'N Curves  
 Templates: Winner's Bouquet (Book and 3 templates)  
 Tools: Quilter's Press Bars  
 Tools: Rag Quilt Scissors  
 Tools: Rubbing Plates 6 Leaves, 6 Abstract  
 Tools: 3-in-1, Color Guide, Value Finder

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## Workshop Committee

Welcome to a new season of fun activities. Your Workshop committee has been busy lining up a great schedule for the coming year.

Upcoming events:

- April 3/25 – Business Meeting & Newcomers Show
- April 17/25 – General Meeting with Quartz Trunk Show
- April 24/25 - Open Sewing Day
- May 1/25 – Guild Garage Sale ( more info later)
- May 8/25 – Open Sewing Day – Assembling Block Challenge.
- May 15/25 – General Meeting & Marvin's Trunk Show.
- June 2/25 - Deadline for UFO Challenge

Block Challenge information with pattern elsewhere in this Newsletter. Each person makes one block with the resulting quilt being donated to charity. Please pin your suggestion for a charity on each square.

Other activities planned for the next year. Open Sewing Days, Trunk Shows, Workshops, a wind up Potluck. Our committee is always open to new suggestions so if you have an idea for a workshop, short presentation or activity please contact Sue Beaudry. If you would like to share your skills with the group or lead a workshop we would love to hear from you.

You can access the workshop proposal form available on the 'Members Only' page on the VSSQ Website. Please complete the form and submit to any member of the Workshop Committee.

**Committee Head: Sue Beaudry. Other members: Pat Bennett, Yvonne McReary, Christine Wejr.**



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**Please remember! All our meetings are scent free. Thank you!**





Everyone must wear WHITE, casual or fancy...you choose!

## Here's the catch !

- Gather your fellow quilters together and reserve a table for **8 or 10**.
- If you do not have a group, sign up and we will assign you into a group.
- **Each Table group** will decorate their own table in WHITE (table cloth, china, napkins etc). There will be a prize for the **Best Decorated Table**.
- Candles. yes, but they will not be lit. Sorry, no wine permitted!
- **Each Table group** will provide food for **Only their table**. It must be food that **does not require heating in the kitchen**. Think of it as an Old Fashioned Tea Party! Make your Grandma proud!
- **There will be No pot-luck served.** *We are giving our kitchen volunteers a break, so they too can fully enjoy the day! They will only prepare coffee/tea and fruit punch.*
- **Sign-up sheets will be circulated at our meetings in April and May.**
- **Arrival time 11:00 am....time to decorate your table!**

*Gather your Table Team and sign up early so you can begin to make your plans!*

*There will also be a Fat 1/4 Draw. If you wish to participate, please bring a White or White-on-white Fat 1/4. The more Fat 1/4's the more lucky draws! **Mary-Lou***

## Fat Quarter Draw

*The Colour Wheel is  
This Year's Theme*

April - Neutral Colour  
May - Favourite Colour



FQ draw is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of each month starting in October and ending in May. Fat Quarters should measure 20" x 22" and consist of good quality quilting cotton. For each FQ you bring entitles you to one entry to win the lot! Good Luck!



Joyce Penner	April 1
Denise Lemire	April 2
Kelly Smith	April 5
Marlene Lawrence	April 6
Karen Taplin	April 12
Bonnie Burnett	April 13
Judy Maglio	April 14
Pat Watts	
Anita Reimer	April 21
Beverly Johnstone	April 24
Christine Wejr	April 26
Margaret Carrick	April 30
Susan Walberg	

### 2025 Nominations

**Community Care**

**Newsletter**

**Kitchen**

**Vice-President**

Our sincere appreciation to all the members who have served in these roles. You are the silent heroes who work effortlessly to make our guild a place to come for knowledge, socialization, comfort and kindness. Please contact Deborah Brown if you are interested in finding out more about serving in one of these positions. Job descriptions are posted on the website in the members only section.

## Did you know???

I use the Libby app to read library books. You can also use Libby to read quilting magazines. If you don't already have the Libby app, you can download it for free. You also need a library card number from Okanagan Regional library. Once you have downloaded the app, click on the magnifying glass icon and on the search line just type in "quilting". You will get a list of quilting magazine titles to choose from. This will allow you to view the magazine page by page. Enjoy!

*Enjoy! Shirley Gregorash*

## Quilt Show Challenge— Check the Bulletin Board!

### *Quilters are Piece Makers – 2025 VSSQ Quilt Show – Guild Member Challenge Information*

Welcome to the quilt show guild challenge! Every guild member is warmly invited to participate. Here are the challenge details:

1. Small is beautiful. Your quilt must be 12” by 12”. *See Bulletin Board for acceptable alternate shapes!*
2. Your quilt must include something silver. This may be silver fabric, thread, embellishments; feel free to use your creativity and imagination.
3. Keep in mind this year’s theme of “Quilters are Piece Makers” (peace?) as you create.

#### *Dates to be aware of:*

1. By June 5, 2025, a registration form with plan/photograph needs to be submitted
2. Your quilt must be handed in by September 4, 2025
3. September 18th, the challenge submissions will be hung at the guild meeting; guild members have opportunity to view and then choose a favourite (another challenge!)
4. Your quilt will be hung at the VSSQ quilt show September 27-28, 2025

#### *Other details including much freedom and some restrictions:*

1. Any number of fabrics may be used.
2. Your quilt may be traditional or modern or anywhere in between or a combination! It may be machine or hand pieced, machine or hand quilted and applique is welcome. You may include embellishments.
3. If a published pattern is used, credit must be provided.
4. This piece (of course!) must be completely finished: quilting, binding, label, hanging sleeve.
5. The label should include:
  - a. Title of the piece
  - b. Artist’s name
  - c. Date completed
  - d. Credits (give credit to sources and obtain written permission if using another person’s design)
6. The hanging sleeve needs to be fully stitched to the back of the quilt.

We hope many of you may consider participating in this show’s challenge. If you are looking for more information or have questions, please feel free to contact Linda Ensing.



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## Quilt Show— Susan Wilson

### Quilt Show April News:

How is your Challenge going? See revised details elsewhere in the newsletter.

Thanks to Joanne Mitchell's husband for drafting out the floor layout for the quilt show for us. With distances clearly labelled, it should be far easier for Show Time to set up the pipe and drape and the mapping committee to readily see the length of walls etc. Thanks so much.

Sharpen your pencil, or bring a pen! The quilt show has well over 200 volunteer slots to fill in order to have a successful show. At the meetings this month, you will get to see how the set-up day works, what the merchant mall looks like, the first bed turning we held as well as a demo of the bed turning. As you are enjoying the upbeat music, watch how many people are running around getting the show hung!

We have revamped the registration and bed turning forms for this year and they will be available for you to print and fill in on the website shortly. However, all forms will have to be carefully and clearly filled out with a colour image of the quilt attached by June 5 (AGM Day) or earlier. Forms can NOT be emailed in as the whole mapping process relies on the colour image of the quilt. You can put an image of your quilt in a Word type document, add the size, title and your name to the page, print it and that will assist the mapping committee.

As mentioned, we are having 2 special ticketed events this year – Friday evening and Saturday morning. Tickets will need to be purchased in advance, and as before, we would like members to purchase at guild meetings from the workshop table when they become available. We will let you know during the meeting when they are on sale. The deadline for purchasing these tickets will be the first meeting in September – if there are any left! Don't delay as last time we sold out.

See you Thursday, *Susan*



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## Throwback Thursday

We received approval from the Guild membership at the March meeting to carry on with Throwback Thursday as part of Show and Tell during the second meeting of the month. Since there is only one meeting in March, the suggested theme of Machine Embroidery will be the April theme. May's theme will be Bargello quilts. There will be no show and tell at the second meeting in June as that will be the windup luncheon.

## Free To a Good Home

I, Shirley Weishuhn, have received a used hand quilting frame that has been donated for someone that can use it. It is currently disassembled so does not take up a lot of room. All that is needed is that you phone me at either 250 549 4666 or my cellphone 778 692 0222. I am happy to deliver it as it needs a pick up truck for delivery.

## Downsizing Sale

Singer Featherweight for sale, plus a number of meters of quilting fabric. Most of the fabric is in 2 meter lengths and has been purchased in the last few years.. Also two Singer treadle machines, one electrified, they have their attachments and are in good working order, although they have not been used for many years.

The Featherweight was made in 1948 and is in very good condition. It has a box of attachments, a number of extra bobbins, some original needles in their package, plus a buttonhole making attachment with extra templates. It has its original instruction booklet as well. It has been cleaned and serviced and has a new drive belt. It comes in its original case with two keys still with it.

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