

PATCHWORK



The Vernon Silver Star Quilters Guild Newsletter—January 2025 Vol 18, Issue 5



Musings from our President...

Happy 2025! Hope everyone had a good Christmas and a safe and enjoyable holiday. If you didn't attend this year's Christmas Potluck you missed out on a great event! Thank you to Mary Lou and her Lake Country ladies for putting on a wonderful event. Also big thanks to the newcomers who assisted Endy and Pat in the kitchen. The food was, as usual ,really good.

With the start of 2025 we are going to be wrapping up our planning for the Quilt Show in September. Susan Wilson and her committee have been working on the plans for a while now and I am sure things will be taking shape as we move forward. I hope everyone has been busy working on the UFO challenge and getting thoughts in motion if not a start on the Quilt Show Challenge.

I would like to take this time to inform you that Deborah Brown has agreed to step into the Vice President's role for the remainder of the Guild's calendar year. Deborah will continue on as our editor for the Newsletter. I am sure you will all welcome her into this role. Thank you Deborah! A big thank you to Maggie for her work as the Vice President and what she did to make Retreat such fun.

I have been working on updating the job/role descriptions so you will notice more have been placed by Nancy Bradley on the Members only page. Thank you to all the current heads of committees for assisting in this endeavour. There are a few more that need updating and I am working on those and hope to have this job completed in the next month.

Remember that our meeting to start off 2025 is JANUARY 2, 2025 at the usual time and place.

Happy New Year!

Julie



January

- January 2 9:30 am Business Meeting
- January 6 9:00 am Scrappy Sub Group
- January 9 9:00 am Newcomers Sewing Day
- January 13 9:00 am Classics Sub Group
- January 14 9:00 am Quartz Sub Group
- January 16 9:30 am General Meeting
- January 20 9:00 am Jane Burzinski
Workshop Part 2
- January 30 9:00 am Open Sewing

Guild Meeting Days

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

Subgroups and Classes

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

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Deadline for February Newsletter submissions is January 25, 2025

Sub Group News

Quartz News—Sandie Guenette

Quartz began this quilting year on a busy note. One of our goals this year is to add to our 'toolbox' of art/quilting techniques. We've learned how to make feathers from denim, create rock talismans, make our own stencils, create an abstract bouquet, fold and embellish a scissor holder, and create a bobble to embellish anything from a set of keys to a wall hanging. As always our focus is on sharing our interests, creative attempts and finished products. This year in addition to our 'toolbox' techniques we are also creating a piece that has been inspired by a 'trailblazing' woman from British Columbian history.

We meet on the second Tuesday of each month. You can take a tour of our activities from the comfort of your armchair by reading the Qu'artz blog. (look on the VSSQ website, click on the 'About' page, and scroll down to the section on subgroups.) Stay tuned for monthly updates on our meetings and activities.

Happy Holidays, and thank you,

Sandie Guenette

FIDGETS - Angie Wood

I dropped off a number of fidgets for the VJH Dementia Unit, and they were extremely thankful for the generosity of our Guild members. Because this will probably be an ongoing request, please continue to make these cute and quick mini quilting items, and just drop off your projects to me at any meeting. Because they are for the dementia patients, the only requirements for these fidgets are as follows: NO buttons or beads (they think they are candy, and will try and eat them). Secondly, they must always be WASHABLE. The mini quilts should be no larger than 20" x 20" (ish), and the pillows no more than 18" square. We all know the creativity is out there, so this is a great way to get rid of those odd bits of ribbon, cord, zippers, velcro, minky, etc., etc. If you want to add buttons or beads that is okay, because we do get requests from other groups. If you have any questions, please contact me.



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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:

January 9/25 – Newcomers extra sewing day

January 20/25 – Workshop by Jane Burzinski of Country Quilts Part two of two.

January 30/25 – Open Sewing Day – with lunch

February 13/25 – Community Care Sewing Day

February 27/25 – Soup and Sew Day

March 13/25 – Catherine Henderson workshop – more info. To come.

** 'Block Challenge information with pattern is available on the website. 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 are Open Sewing Days, a May Make & Take, 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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Block Challenge

Cross and Crown Block Challenge



Welcome to the **Workshop Committee's Block Challenge for 2024-2025.**

The finished blocks made will be made into a Quilt and donated to our "Favorite Service Club", so when you hand in your block or blocks, please attach your nomination for your favorite Service Club. Go to the member only page on the VSSQ website for a pattern for this block.

Below is the criteria for the block challenge:

1. The finished block must be 9"x9".
2. The background must be white. This means plain, or tone on tone whites, no other colours.
3. The pattern colours must be medium tones - no bright reds, pinks etc. See the colors in the photo at left and pick colours in similar tones.
4. The center of the block must be made of red fabric.
5. Your block or blocks need to be handed in by April 30th so we can get them together before the end of our quilt year, i.e. middle of June.
6. You can make as many blocks as you want. All blocks are welcome.

If you have any question, please contact Pat Bennett at 250-566-3227 (cell) or email

patbennett70@gmail.com

For Immediate Release

The Vernon Silver Star Quilters Autumn Sale was a success once again this year. Thank you to those that came to visit the sale, enjoy the quilts and purchase handcrafted items. As a result of sales and donations at the door, our organization combined the proceeds from 2024 and 2023 sales for a total of \$750 in donations to three community groups – Cops For Kids, Salvation Army Kettle Campaign, and BGC-O (Boys and Girls Club – Okanagan) Each group received a cheque for \$250.

In addition to the monetary donations to our community, VSSQ gifts approximately 130 quilts each year to community groups. These gifts are distributed through organizations including Vernon Jubilee Hospital, Vernon Friendship Center (prenatal program), Vernon Health Unit, NOYFS, Seniors Complex Care homes, North Okanagan Hospice and occasionally to schools and church Christmas hampers.

Our next event is our Quilt Show – Quilters’ Are Piecemakers – to be held at Vernon Recreation Centre Sept 26 & 27, 2025. Not only will there be over 200 quilts to view but a gift shop, tea room and

merchant mall. Mark your calendar now and look for more details as the date approaches.



Cops For Kids

Photograph by Courtney King
In Photo VSSQ President Julie Glinsbockel and Constable Nick Reimann





Salvation Army Kettle Campaign

Photo by Anita Reimer

In Photo VSSQ Treasurer Anita Reimer and Kettle Volunteer



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Winter Workshops now out.

Throw Back Thursdays

On the second meeting of the month, after the regular show and tell, we are going to try out a "Throwback Thursday". "Throw" being another term for a quilt and "back" meaning that it is from the past. Each month we will choose a different theme for the quilts and announce it in the newsletter. Members are invited to show a quilt that has previously been shown in years gone by. For the second meeting in January, you are invited to bring a piece of redwork or bluework. For the February Throwback Thursday, we will be looking for hand appliqued quilts.

Shirley Weishuhn

"The Free Motion Fiasco"

I sat at my machine, so ready to quilt,
With confidence high and no sense of guilt.
"I'll master free motion!" I boldly declared,
But soon I discovered... I was unprepared.
The feed dogs were dropped, the pedal was pressed,
The needle went wild, my quilt was distressed!
Loops turned to tangles, swirls went askew,
And my "feathers" looked more like a chicken that flew.
I tried a straight line, but it took a strange course,
My thread snapped twice (and I muttered, of course).
I quilted a "flower," or maybe a knot,
It's hard to tell—was it art? Probably not.
But onward I stitched, with laughter and tears,
Creating a quilt for the quilting pioneers.
For who needs perfection? It's all just a game—
Every wobble and wiggle, I proudly will claim!
So now as I look at my quilted disaster,
I see it's a memory of learning much faster.
And though it's not perfect, one thing's for sure:
This quilt's full of charm—and character, pure.

Gail Mitchell (This is a poem that was generated by an app - chat GBT)

Fat Quarter Draw

The Colour Wheel is This Year's Theme



January - Mix Yellow & Red = Orange

February - Mix Yellow & Blue = Green

March - Mix Red & Blue = Purple

April - Neutral Colour

May - Favourite Colour

FQ draw is held on the 2nd 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!

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