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The Vernon Silver Star Quilters Guild Newsletter—December 2024 Vol 18, Issue 4



Musings from our President...

As you read this newsletter December is midway and so are all the Christmas festivities. For me I have been to three Christmas markets and will be attending the first of at least three Christmas parties starting December 2nd.

I do enjoy the Christmas lights outside that brighten up the dark days of winter. I also enjoy seeing my quilting Christmas decorations in the house like my quilt on our bed, table runners, placemats and wall hanging plus the tall tree wall hanging. I wish everyone Happy Holidays and as well a safe and Happy New Year. Remember our first meeting of the New Year is January 2nd, 2025!

Another reminder about the need for a Vice President. My term as President ends in June and we will need a President and a Vice President to move into the 2025 VSSQ year commencing in August. The Guild needs YOU !

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Potluck on December 19th. Mary-Lou and her team have been working hard at making it an entertaining and fun event. Aside from the theme, "Going Crackers" I don't know what else is planned but if it is anything like the Spring Potluck it is sure to be fun!

Happy Holidays!

Julie



December Happenings

- December 2— 9am Scrappy Sub Group
- December 5—9:30 Guild Business Meeting
- December 12—9 am Community Care Sew
- December 16—9 am Jane Burzinski Workshop Part 1
- December 19 Christmas Potluck

Check the online calendar for updates.

Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays! See you January 2nd for our first Guild Meeting of 2025!

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 January Newsletter submissions is December 22nd, 2025

Placemats for Meals on Wheels—Maggie Tomich

Placemats galore. MOW is the recipient of 107 wonderful placemats to go out with the Christmas meals. The guild really embraced the idea of Christmas on one side and something for the rest of the year. We have an excellent selection of interests and tastes including for children and those who do not celebrate Christmas. What a wonderful Christmas gift to Meals On Wheels! Super job quilters!



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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 new season.

December 5/24 – Newcomers Appies

December 16/24 – Curved Log Cabin Workshop by Jane Burzinski of Country Quilts - Part one of two. - \$60 for both sessions.

December 19/24 - Christmas Potluck – Wear red or green.

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

March 13/25 – Catherine Henderson workshop – more information to come.

****** ‘Block Challenge information with pattern is 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, and 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.

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Quilt Show Challenge! - Linda Ensing

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”.
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.

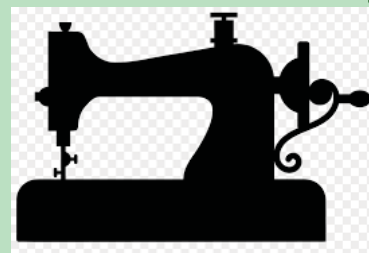
Dates to be aware of:

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.





Quilt Show News – Susan Wilson

The quilt show challenge has been issued and details can be found elsewhere in the newsletter. The quilt show committee met in November and made several decisions including the concept for the poster and challenge – Quilters Are Piecemakers – and have meetings scheduled monthly starting in the new year. We will be looking to fill Lead Roles in a few areas in January.

Just a reminder that for every quilt you plan to submit to the non juried show you will need a full colour photograph of it attached to your registration form. So if the quilt is shown at guild, be sure to get a copy of the photo from our photographer. Alternatively, you can take your own photo and print it out in colour on your home printer. In addition, each quilt needs a sewn hanging sleeve at least 4 inches wide, made of good quality fabric, and sewn fully to hold up the weight of the quilt for the duration of the show. If you are planning on entering a quilt in the show, you can get a head start on this aspect of the process by sewing on the sleeve at the same time as the binding or if it is already bound, doing one this winter. If you have any questions about this or other questions regarding the quilt show, please don't hesitate to contact Susan Wilson.

Membership

Have You Checked The List?

No, not Santa's list! The membership list is updated on the website by the second Thursday of each month. If you find an error in the details for your name, please let Susan Wilson know. At the time of writing VSSQ has 145 members.

Help Wanted – Quilt Show Committee/Gift Shop

Do you want something mindless to do as a break from the seam matching project you are currently doing? The guild typically puts any purchase made at the quilt show gift shop into a fabric bag. This is where we can all pitch in. Have ugly fabric or like to scour the scrap table?

Bags can be any size (about the size of a grocery bag is most useful but smaller or larger is okay too) and only need to be well sewn on three sides! We will collect these bags in September of 2025. Questions? Ask Anita or Susan W



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

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Cruise our Library for Lots of Inspiration Using Fat 1/4's

Fat Quarter Draw

The Colour Wheel is This Year's Theme

December - Tint (with white added) of yellow, red, or blue

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. Each FQ you bring entitles you to one entry to win the lot!

Good Luck!



Autumn Sale Recap – Anita Reimer and Susan Wilson

The 2024 sale is in the books with the paperwork all done - and it is a fairly large task! With many people popping in to shop, there were a total of 133 sales of items priced from \$3.00 to \$800 offered by 20 guild members. That means just over 25% of items on display were sold.

Success was had in sharing our quilts and quilted goods with the larger community. Many people stop in to look as if it is a quilt show – which of course, it is on a much smaller scale. And as the concept was originally explained, one of the purposes of the sale is to keep our guild visible in the community every year rather than just in the quilt show years. In addition, it was never meant to be a money maker for the guild and so any profits were to be donated back to community organizations which do not receive charitable quilts from us. In the past we have donated to Santa's Anonymous, Hospice and hmmm, I can't recall! This year when we combine the funds carried forward from last year's sale there will be three cheques for \$250 presented to Cops For Kids, Salvation Army Kettle Campaign and BGC (Boys and Girls Club). Thank you to the vendors who stepped up, offered goods for sale and helped through out the set up, sale itself and take down. Without you, this annual sale wouldn't happen. As a reminder, next year the gift shop will be held within the Quilt Show, so get sewing now!



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'Twas the night before Christmas,
And the quilts were not made.
The threads were all tangled, the cookies delayed.
The stocking weren't hung, the pantry was bare.
The poor weary Quilter, was tearing her hair.
Stacks of fat quarters, tipped over in streams.
Visions of Log Cabins, had turned into dreams.

When what to her wondering eyes should appear,
But a bus full of quilters with all of their gear.
They went straight to work with just a few mutters,
Sorting and stitching and brandishing cutters.
The patterns emerged from all of the clutter,
Like magic the fabrics arranged in a flutter.
Log Cabins, Lone Stars, Flying Geese & Bear
Tracks
Each quilt was a beauty-even the backs.

Her house how it twinkled, her quilts how they
glowed.
The cookies were baking, the stockings were
sewed.
Their work was all done, so they folded their
frames,
And packed up their needles, without giving their
names.
They boarded the bus, and checked the next
address.
More quilts to be made, another quilter in distress.

She heard one voice echo, as they drove out of
sight,
Happy quilting to all and to all a good night!
~Author Unknown



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