

PATCHWORK



The Vernon Silver Star Quilters Guild Newsletter—March 2025 Vol 18, Issue 7



Musings from our President...

Hola, from Zihuatanejo! We are counting down our days to departure. It has been a great time away. Lots of walking, snorkeling and swimming.

Thank you Deborah for stepping in as VP and filling my shoes while I have been away. I hope to be at the meeting on March 6 . We will get home at about 1 am on the 6th so we shall see how tired I will be.

I hope everyone has read Kate Bennet's write up on retreat. The last day for sign up is March 6. It truly is a great retreat - no cooking or cleaning. Jjust pure sewing and visiting!

I am looking forward to getting quilting done and I'm hoping spring will be around the corner when we get home.

See you all in March!!

Happy Quilting!

Julie



- March 3 9:00 am Scrapy Sub Group**
- March 6 9:00 am Business Meeting**
- March 10 9:00 am Classics Sub Group**
- March 11 9:00 am Quartz Sub Group**
- March 13 9 :00 am Workshop with Catherine Henderson**
- March 20 NO MEETING DUE TO MARCH BREAK.**
- March 24 9:00 am Talk Around the Block**
- March 27 9:00 am Open Sewing Day**

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.*

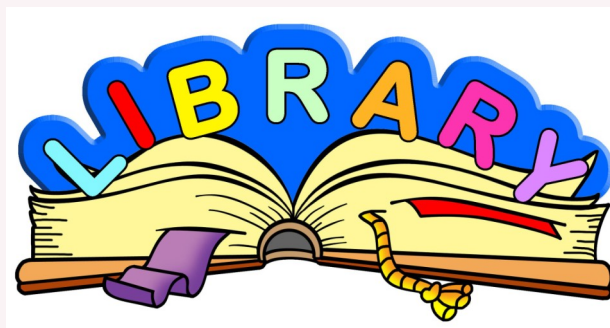
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Deadline for April Newsletter submissions is March 25, 2025

Library News—Rhonda Harvey & Marlene Lawrence

At the first meeting in January I introduced a number of new titles for our library, most of them published in the last year or so. They include the following titles:

Retro Curved Pieced Quilts
Playful Panel Quilts
Stash Statement
Adventures in Paper Piecing & Design
60 Fabulous Paper Pieced Stars
Scrappy Wonky Quilt Block Extravaganza
The Best of Jelly Roll Quilts
Patchwork Luxe
Jelly Roll Animal Quilts
Capture your own life with Collage Quilting
Appliqué Art
The Ultimate Guide to Free-Motion Quilting
Wonderful World Of Paper Pieced Blocks
Mix and Match Sampler Settings
The Big Book of Quick-to-Finish Quilts



I encourage you to try one of these new books for some new takes on some favourite techniques and fresh ideas. The website library lists have been updated and include these new titles. Enjoy.

Remember: Please try to have your books returned at the next meeting and find some new treasures to sign out. **Rhonda**

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Workshop Committee

- * March 6/25 – Meeting – Library Demo.
- * March 13/25 – Catherine Henderson workshop – Vintage Quilts
- * March 20/25 – March break.. No Meeting.
- * March 27/25 - Open Sewing Day

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

What is a Sub-Group?

In addition to our regular twice-monthly Guild meetings, VSSQ has four **Subgroups** available to members. They each have a different focus and meet as noted in the descriptions on our website in the About VSSQ page. While these are not teaching situations, many a problem has been solved with a little friendly advice from within the group. Each Sub-group (*except the Community Care Group which the Guild supports*) must cover the cost of the workspace rental, so a modest fee is charged for the year beyond the Guild membership.

Scrappy meets the first Monday of each month. Classics meets the second Monday of each month. Quarts meets the second Tuesday of each month (offsite) and Talk Around the Block meets the last Monday of each month.

Newcomers are encouraged to visit any of these groups and enjoy a day of sewing. If you like what your experience, you are welcome to join. Just speak to the group coordinator on the day of your visit and she will get you on the list. Participation in a sub group is one of the best ways to make new friends and get to know your fellow guild members.

Fat Quarter Draw

The Colour Wheel is This Year's Theme

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!

****FQ Draw in March will be held at our first meeting as there is not a second meeting in March due to March Break.***



2025 Nominations

Community Care

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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.

Spring Retreat!

Spring Retreat is Coming!

Date: Monday April 7 to Thursday April 10/25
Cost: \$310 Minimum 24 attendees

Sign up for Retreat is here!

In case you haven't heard, there's a Retreat coming up... April 7 - 10. That's three days and nights away from the routine of housekeeping/cooking/spousal maintenance! Three days and nights filled with chef prepared food/fabric/fun games and total freedom! You won't get a better deal (\$310) anywhere else and there's only one more opportunity to sign up. At the next Business Meeting, March 6, come prepared to confirm your participation in the next fabulous Spring Retreat at Gardom Lake.

Newcomers, don't miss this great event offering time to meet people, be inspired and learn a ton from seasoned members.

It's a no-pressure atmosphere full of happy people enjoying their favourite pastime together!

Did I mention the food...?

Direct any questions to Kate Bennett
k8whoo@gmail.com

Kate



Joyce Evanishen	March 2
Deb Green	March 12
Nonie Davies	March 15
Pat Libby	March 17
Rene Gutyan	
Mari-lou Wightman	March 18
Evelyn Harding	March 20
Marilyn Buhler	
Kay Loshney	March 25
Leslie Qazilbash	March 27
Karen Penner	March 28
Joyce Heard	March 29
Marilyn Wardlow	March 31

Love is a quilt - a quilt is love
Both love and a quilt should be:
Soft enough to comfort you
Bright enough to cheer you
Generous enough to enfold you
Light enough to let you move freely
Strong enough to withstand adversity
Durable to last a lifetime
And given gladly from the heart.

Anonymous

Quilt Show Challenge

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.



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Quilt Show— Susan Wilson

First, the committee would like to thank Deborah Brown for her work with us on the quilt show. And as she steps aside to focus on her Vice President role with the guild, we support Deborah in the new role.

The committee has been working on getting the big details together and finding ways to share the information with the membership. You can look forward to a skit or two, a video and a few more demos. We have been scouting the membership for folks to fill a few more key roles and are now asking you to consider getting up on the stage with us! Or not! Perhaps just take a seat at the table.

For this show, we are going to build on the Evening Social – which will occur – but have added a Morning Coffee Break as well. Kate Bennett is looking after these two events and we look forward to hearing more about the plans. During both these special viewing times, the merchant mall will **not** be open as feedback from the merchants last time indicated it was a ‘waste of time’ which is understandable given how much we have to see and enjoy within the quilt show itself!

Help Wanted

DRAFTPERSON: Is there a member who can draw a scale diagram of the quilt show floor to update the old map we have been basing our layout on? It shouldn't be a big job; all the measurements are available it is just quite messy! If so, please contact Susan Wilson.

QUILT HANGING LIASON: This person will work with the Mapping Committee to take the quilts from intake area to their correct position on the show floor and hang in appropriate manner. A team of volunteers will be required to assist with this task and at the end of the show a take-down crew will be needed. For more information on this role, contact either Brenda DeWonck or Susan Wilson.

VOLUNTEERS: We will need all hands-on deck to pull this show together, as we have in past years. It is such a relief to not have to do baking and man (woman!) the tea room in addition to all that is needed for the actual show. Halina Centre is once again opening and providing this service. A win-win. Look for the mass volunteer sign up day in the coming months. For those that are new, each area that requires volunteers, will speak to the roles during the meeting and then sign up will begin at coffee break for the slate to be filled. This will be an ongoing process until all slots are filled.

See you Thursday, *Susan*



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Quartz—Sandie Guenette

Before February's Quartz meeting a few of us had an unusual wish... 'more snow please!' Our activity used snow or ice in a dyeing process. We positioned a rack inside a bin, placed our fabric on the rack, and heaped snow on top of all this. Then we sprinkled powdered dye onto the snow. Our work was done! We left the snow to melt, and as it did the dye seeped through the cloth. We carefully packed up our projects and took them home. So at this point we haven't seen each others' beautiful creations. Next month's meeting cannot come soon enough!

Some Photos from our last Autumn Sale at Halina Centre



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