

# PATCHWORK



The Vernon Silver Star Quilters Guild Newsletter—September 2024 Vol 18, Issue 2



## A Note from our President...

Happy October! We are now into Fall! It's hard to believe I know. For me, golfing is over (I prefer to golf when the weather is warm) and I am now onto Curling. You will see me leave on Thursday right after our meeting as I will need to have lunch and get on the ice for 1:30 pm.

I hope many of you have taken the time to print off the UFO challenge sheet from the website. I have got mine completed. Also take a look at the block pattern for the charity quilt the Workshop committee is organizing. I have printed it off but have to confess I haven't gotten to it yet. I will!

As some of you know Maggie Tomich is having to step down from her role as Vice President. I have enjoyed having her on the Executive and she has done some really inventive and creative work as the head of Retreat. Thanks go to Lori Hanson as well for her assistance in organizing retreat. The Guild needs someone to fill this position and the sooner that can happen the more time the individual will have to learn the role and prepare for becoming President in September 2025! You can read up on the role of Vice President as well as that of the President on the members only page. Maggie and I will be available to assist you in these roles. Please give some serious thought to taking on the Vice President role. Please speak to me about your interest or if you have any questions feel free to speak with Maggie or me.

It sounds as if the Workshop committee has some really exciting events planned for us over the next year. I am hoping everyone was able to take advantage of the Library book sale at our last meeting. See you all at our next meeting on October 3rd.

**Julie**



### October Calendar

October 3—9:30 am	Guild Business Meeting
October 7—9:00 am	Scrappy
October 8 —9:00 am	Quartz
October 10—9:00 am	Newcomers Sewing
October 17—9:30 am	Guild Meeting
October 21—9:00 am	Classics
October 21—24	Retreat at Gardom Lake
October 28—9 am	Talk Around the Block
October 31—9 am	Quick Curve Ruler

### 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.*

## Quilt Show 2024—Susan Wilson

Can you believe the quilt show is slated for Sept 26 & 27 2025 - just one year away. The planning is underway with a committee of seven. Merchants have been booked for about 70% of the merchant mall space and this year you will find the committee asking for your assistance as the time approaches. Please keep an open mind and also if you have an area of interest that you would like to take the reins on, talk to Susan Wilson and she will put you in touch with the right person on the committee.

At this time, we are hoping someone has come up with a solution to the new way to show quilts during the bed turning - literally by turning the bed up the wall as demonstrated last quilt season. If you have a yen for solving problems, building contraptions or perhaps a partner that does, please let Susan know and I can explain the concept.

Start rounding up those UFO's as the challenge will be undertaken again - more information to follow.

## Membership—Susan Wilson

Thank you for your consideration of how busy it is to take money from over 100 members all during a coffee break. To avoid the chaos, you can complete your form at home, e transfer the funds to the guild and then hand in your membership form to the labelled box at the back table. If you are happy to wait in line and chat with fellow members, please do so, but have your form completely filled out ahead of time. We will gladly take your cheque, cash, debit card or credit card for payment.

Thank you to Anita (treasurer) for using the Square system as I intended it to be utilized when it was recommended. It is like a cash register in a store and all funds that come into the guild are now run through it creating an accounting of transactions that can be reconciled against bank deposits.



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## Join a Sub Group This Year

### **QuArtz– Jeanette Marten**

We are “QuArtz”, an Art Quilting sub-group of the guild. This year we will have Toolbox Tuesdays where we will explore various techniques which we can add to our toolbox. Some of these techniques may be: creating tree rings, stuffed fobs, scissor holders, ice dyeing, fabric feathers, and stencil making. Our main challenge will be announced at our October meeting.

We meet the second Tuesday of the month at 9:30 at an offsite location. Our second meeting of the year will be on Oct. 8th. Please contact Christine Trory, Sandie Guenette or Jeanette Marten if you are interested in joining QuArtz or simply want to visit us for one meeting to see what we are about.

### **Hooked on Classics– Deborah Brown—We have spaces available! Come Join Us.**

Our group's focus is on traditional quilts. This provides many choices for projects. However we are very flexible and our main purpose is to have a day for sewing, camaraderie and lots of fun. If anyone has a project in mind that they would like to share with the group, that would be great. The group is always willing to help with advice and suggestions.

The meeting dates for 2024/2025 guild year will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> **Monday** with a couple of exceptions. Our start date is September 9th from 9am to 2:30pm. The cost will be \$30 for the season but this figure might have to be increased depending on the number of people who sign up. Register at our first & second guild meetings in September and October or just come on out on a sewing day and join. If you have any questions, please contact Deborah Brown.

### **Scrappy-Betty Dobson**

Scrappy subgroup will continue to meet on the first Monday of the month from September through May from 9-2:30. Check the online guild calendar for dates.

### **Talk Around the Block– Ruth Dixon and Karen Weighill**

Is everyone ready for a new quilting season? Talk Around the Block will start the 23rd of September and continue every last Monday of each month for 8 months. There are 8 planned sessions, because we do not meet in December or June. With smaller numbers there is more room to spread out and there is more one on one time to visit. The downside of our smaller number is that we have to have a higher cost per attendee to cover the cost of the rent. Depending on the number of people who sign up we expect the cost for the year to be \$40 per member. Our first subgroup meeting was September 23rd. To sign up see either Ruth Dixon or Karen Weighill.

**Check the online Guild calendar for dates in case of any changes!**



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



## A Note from the Treasurer by Anita Reimer \*\*\*

Just a quick note to all members regarding our square and fees.

Please remember, we are not going to pay the square fee for the use of a credit card. That cost will be passed to the purchaser rather than the whole guild. That charge is only 5% of the purchase. For example if you used your credit card for a \$5 workshop, you will be charged \$5.25. If credit card is used to pay for retreat the charge will be \$315. Otherwise charge will be \$300. There are no extra charges if you pay by cheque, cash or Interac, or an e-transfer. You will see this charge on the machine when you are giving authorization for the purchase. This will also assist you in case you gave the wrong card at time of purchase.

So there is going to be a 5% charge added to your purchase only when using your credit card. There will be NO additional charges for any cash, cheque, Interac or e-transfer to the guild.

## October Birthdays

October 4	Betty Lindsay
October 5	Cathi Litzenberger
October 6	Dixie Long
October 7	Bev Oglow
October 8	Elisabeth Reymond
	Lynne Isted
October 12	Linda Wright
October 16	Shirley Gregorash
October 18	Joan Fudge
October 19	Marie Trentini
October 24	Hiroko Marr
	Jo An Davidson
October 26	Gail Hrychany
October 27	Brenda Dewonck
	Ruby McRae
	Tanis Buller
October 28	Joanne Mitchell
October 31	Debbie Briggeman



## Fat Quarter Draw

*The Colour Wheel is This Year's Theme*

October - 3 primary colours—pure yellow, red or blue

November - Shade (with black added) of yellow, red or blue

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 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!

## Autumn Quilt Sale—November 2nd at Halina Centre

Autumn Sale - Nov. 2 - **This is your opportunity to turn your stash into cash to refresh your stash!** There is still time to get your vendor number for this sale. Any member can sell 'quilts or quilted items' at the sale. All you need is the vendor number, your price tickets and the time to create as well as volunteer at the sale. The guild retains 15% of all sales to cover the costs as we do for the Quilt Show Gift Shop. See Anita Reimer or Susan Wilson for further details or to sign up.

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## Caring by Angie Wood

## Check This Out from the Web

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Hello everyone:

I would just like to remind everyone that I am now chairing the position of "Caring". For all the newcomers, and a reminder for the other members, the reason for "Caring" is to let members of the Guild know that we are thinking of them at a time when they could use an "invisible hug". A card will be sent to members in good standing who have lost an important person in their lives, if they have had surgery, or if they just need a little cheering up because they are ill.

If you are aware of any of our members who would appreciate being remembered at a difficult time please text/phone, email, or speak to me directly at a meeting. My contact information can be found in the membership list in the "Members Only" section. Thanks, Angie Wood

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## Fall Retreat October 21—24

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VSSQ fall Quilt Retreat to be held October 21 to 24, Monday to Thursday. Bonus projects this year are a place mat for the retreat, **Call Me** by By Annie kit with pattern and a quilt carrying bag which will get you ready for the quilt show. Cost remains \$310 until 2025. **Sign up starts the first meeting in September.** Colours are Pumpkin Spice, Apple Pie and Squash Soup. Look forward to seeing you all there.

Maggie Tomich and Lori Hansen



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## Workshop by Christine Wejr

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:

**October 31/24** – Workshop by Kirsten Chapman on the Quick Curved Ruler Technique- the end result being a table runner. The cost will be \$25.00 or \$50.00 including ruler. Deadline to register and order your ruler if needed is the October 3rd meeting. See Sue Beaudry to register.

- **November 14/24** – Open Sewing Day
- **November 21/24** – Trunk Show by Diane Jansen after meeting.
- **November 28/24** - Make & Take \$100.00 to \$125.00. See Susan Wilson or Lori Hansen for more info.
- **December 1/24** - Community Care Day
- **December 12/24** – Open Sewing Day. 9-3 PM.
- **December 16/24** – Workshop by Jane Burzinski at Country Quilts - Part one of two.- More information to come.
- **December 19/24** - Christmas Potluck
- **January 20/25** – Workshop by Jane Burzinski at Country Quilts Part two of two.
- **March 13/25** – Catherine Henderson workshop – more info. to come.

\*\* ‘Block Challenge information with pattern 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. 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.



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## News From the Library—Rhonda Harvey

Thank you all for your generous donations to our library book sale. We had a huge variety to choose from. This year's sale also included a hefty number of books, patterns and magazines from the sewing room of our beloved member Lyda Ellacott, hence, the bumper crop of choices. Some of your donations may appear in the library soon, as they merited being added to the collection. Your enthusiastic purchases yielded \$422.90 that can be used to purchase new materials for the guild library. Lastly on the topic of the sale, thank you to the amazing volunteers who worked so hard in a condensed block of time to get everything unpacked, laid out, kept organized and cleaned up at the end. Your assistance is very much appreciated.

This summer, I was going through the equipment we have catalogued and assessing the relevance and usefulness to members. I must admit that I had to google a few items to understand how to use them. The good news is that most of the items catalogued have an existing You-tube video to demonstrate its use and value. So, if you are wanting to acquaint yourself with these tools, check out the subject pages of the library listings under 'Equipment', and discover what tools and rulers we have catalogued to help with your quilting journey. The equipment now lives in a large clear bin that will be set out on the library table each meeting.

**Continue to enjoy this amazing collection of books. It is one of your many benefits of belonging to the Guild.**



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