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The Vernon Silver Star Quilters Guild Newsletter—September 2025 Vol 19, Issue 1

Greetings from our President

Welcome back quilters to a brand new year of Guild! I can't believe how quickly the summer flew by. I really enjoyed the cooler weather we experienced and the lack of smoke.

The Executive has been busy meeting with committee leaders and sorting out the calendar for the upcoming session and other details to make your 2025/26 Guild year entertaining and exciting.

Check out the website which has been thoughtfully updated by our Webmaster, Nancy Bradley. On there you will also find the calendar for the year. Sub group start dates are there as are all guild meetings, workshops, and special sewing days. Speaking of workshops, if you would like to share your project skills for a workshop I'm sure Sue Beaudry and her team would love to hear from you with your proposal.

Our upcoming Quilt Show promises to be very successful and I'd like to specifically thank Susan Wilson and her team for all their hard work. I'm looking forward to this event as I'm sure you are as well.

We do have a new team coordinating the kitchen this year so when you get your coffee please spill some gratitude their way.

Set up and take down needs a coordinator/team. We will hopefully not be sitting on the floor for our meetings!!! Please consider taking on this role with a friend or two.

Fall is my favourite time of year. This current heat wave can go south anytime. I have my sewing and quilting projects lined up for this year and one in particular is a real doozy. Got any plans yet? Get busy and plan to join in on open sewing days and maybe even join a few sub groups

September Calendar Highlights

September 5—Business Meeting, Newcomers Intro after Meeting

September 8—Classics

September 9—Quartz

September 15—Scrappy

September 18—General Meeting, Library Sale, Vote on Challenge, No Show & Tell

September 25—Quilt Show Set Up

September 29—Talk Around the Block

Check the online calendar for any updates.

too! It is the best way to get to know your fellow Guild members. I have learned much from attending these events and I have made many new friends.

I am honoured to serve as President for the next two years. Yes, I'm nervous, but apparently that is good. Questions, suggestions, comments...I'm always open to talking with you.

We have a wonderful positive Guild and we enjoy a good reputation in our and the surrounding communities.

Let's encourage one another and enjoy our craft together.

Warmly,
Deborah

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Deadline for October Newsletter submissions is September 25, 2025

Quilt Show—September 26, 27, 2025

2025 Quilt Show Challenge – Please bring your completed quilt to the Sept 18 guild meeting for members to vote on. Anne Drover will collect them, hang them and the membership will vote for their favourite. You will then collect your quilt at the end of the meeting to prepare it for drop off on Sept 25. (NO pillowcase is required for this, unless you want to look after the case.) Please note that all challenge quilts will be hung at the quilt show, not just the winner, as previously indicated.



Quilt Show

Sheets – wanted for the quilt show. Bring to Sept 18 meeting or drop off with your quilts. These are sheets that will be donated to ‘charity’ for their use after the show. (Not the community care quilts but outside charities.)

Bags for Gift Shop – bring in when you drop off your quilts Sept 25 and pass to Gift Shop area

Volunteers Thanks to those that answered the call for volunteer sign up. We still need help in the Merchant Mall, Bed Turning, Quilt Hangers, and Hostess/Security. (Note - If we do not get more members to sign up for this last area, we may have to consider closing for Friday – or not having people circulating to ensure your quilts are not handled by several hundred hands.) This was an area of concern raised by several members and it is an important role. You get to chat with visitors, show the back if asked, give directions or sit at an exit. Please consider signing up for all vacancies at the first meeting in September – we will have our own table ready before the meeting to allow you more time to socialize after a summer away during coffee. This is our quilt show and we all should do our part.

Guild Gift Shop Pick up your vendor number, price tags and registration sheet (at same table as volunteer sign ups). Anita will be having a meeting Sept 4 immediately following the general meeting in the big meeting room to schedule all vendors in to do a shift or two in that space during the show.

Exclusive Events – Friday evening or Saturday morning Don’t delay – get your ticket for one of the special events – an exclusive event plus either a great dessert or morning temptation with the doors closed and fewer folks around. Jana Seale will be providing the quiet background mood (PM only) as you wander and enjoy our show with a friend, partner or strangers! Tickets available at the membership table.

Your Quilt Show Committee

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Newcomers—Merle Kurz

This year we are starting with a group of ladies that joined in January of 2025. We are looking forward to meeting anyone who is interested in joining the Guild in this new calendar year. I will see you at the door as a Greeter on September 4th.

Merle

New Look for our Website—Nancy Bradley

You may have noticed that our Guild website has had a makeover recently. The transition period of a few days in early August entailed a bit of juggling to fine tune the new look, but that's fairly common for a big freshening up, and things settled down around the middle of that month.

The new site aims to showcase some of our members' quilts on the various pages, and these will be changed up periodically, so perhaps you'll see one of yours featured soon! (They'll be chosen pretty much at random from recent Show & Tell galleries.)

Other goals for the makeover were to reduce the wordiness of some pages, re-organize material and keep the site easy to move around in while being more attractive to visit. You should be able to find anything of importance to you by exploring all of the menu items.

The best news perhaps is that each of your ID's and Passwords for the Members Only section remain the same and will work for the updated site! Please keep in mind that the site will function and look its best on a desktop or laptop, but all the content will still be accessible on tablets and phones with some scrolling around because of their smaller screen sizes.

Best regards to all, Nancy Bradley, vssq.org Webmaster



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Sub Groups

Scrappy

Meets the first Monday of the month. The sign up for Scrappy will be at our first sewing day on September 15th. Fee for the year will either be \$25.00 or \$30.00 depending on our rent. See you there. Betty

Classics

Meets the second Monday of the month. Come and join us and meet some new friends. First meeting will be September 7th. Sign up and fees will be collected the first meeting. Amount will be determined by how many participants we have. Deborah

Quartz

Quartz is looking forward to an exciting and creative season. We have a new organizing committee this year who are busy coming up with plans for the coming months. The September Quilt Show will feature a display of our challenge from last season. Trailblazing Women of BC. We are also showcasing our scrolls, 3D pieces, and a small retrospective of past works. We are looking forward to seeing all of you at the show! Catherine Phillips.

Talk Around the Block

Meets the last Monday of the month. Contact Ruth Dixon

Caring—Angela Wood

Welcome back everyone!

Just a reminder, especially for the newcomers, “CARING” was started to let our guild members know that we are thinking of them especially at a time when they could use a “virtual hug”. If you are aware of one of our members who would appreciate being remembered while they are going through a difficult time (personal illness/surgery, or illness or death of someone very close to them) please let me know so that a card can be sent to them on behalf of the guild.

Thanks, Angie Wood

Library News—Rhonda Harvey

Hi everyone:

Welcome back to a new guild year. To me it always feels like starting a new school year. I hope those of you who signed books out at the end of the season, had an opportunity to browse through and enjoy them. Please try to get them returned the first meeting back on September 4, but if you can't be there, you may return them at the first meeting in October.

Our annual **library book sale** will be on September 18. On that day, the library will be closed for returns and sign out. If you have books or magazines to donate, please drop them at the multipurpose room when you arrive; it would be much appreciated. If you have items to donate and are unable to attend, please send them along with a member. You will have an opportunity at coffee break to come and browse these offerings. Bring your toonies and loonies and pick up some 'new to you' books, magazines and patterns. There are always a few jewels and for newer quilters it is a good way to expand your resources. The proceeds from the sale are used to purchase new books for the library.

I am constantly exploring new titles that have been released and that are due to be released later this year. If there is a title you are interested in, or a topic that you feel could use a few more titles added to, let me know.

Rhonda

Membership

Just a reminder, guild fees are still \$40. The best deal around for coffee and goodies plus socializing and sewing with awesome folks twice a month plus two potluck lunches. ALL members must complete a form each year, even if they are a life member. Life members have the option to pay dues or not. Membership will be collected at Coffee Time at each meeting starting in September. Please download the form from our website, complete it and hand in at the table.

Susan

If you are celebrating a birthday this month, Happy Birthday to you! And many more!



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.*

Workshop Committee—Angela Wood

Welcome back everyone and hope you all had a great summer.

Knowing that our Quilt Show is sure to get everyone's creativity renewed, we have planned an exciting and varied schedule this year, that we hope everyone will enjoy.

Following the Business meeting on September 4, there will be meetings for both the Newcomers group, and for the Lollygaggers, so check which room you are in.

Just a reminder that September 18 is our alternate meeting. On that day a number of things will be happening. The **Library Sale** will occur during the break so bring your loonies and toonies. The **Voting** for the **Quilt Show Challenge** will also be taking place. Therefore there will be **No Show and Tell** that day.

Also, on the 18th, we will be starting to take registrations for an exciting new workshop by Dianne Jansson to be held on October 30, so watch for info and samples about that.

The Workshop Committee



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Retreat—Gardom Lake October 20—23, 2025

We are looking forward to seeing all the retreaters who signed up in June, or want to sign up on our first meeting September 4. We are pleased to announce that the cost is still \$310 per retreatreer. Your committee, Kate, Lori and myself are busy making samples for our retreat project. Formal registration starts at the first guild meeting.

Maggie



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Fat Quarter Draw—Debbie Briggeman

This year we are going to do the colours of the rainbow. What precedes the rainbow is dark skies and rain. So R O Y G B I V but with some dark like black, navy etc. with the colour.

.Hint: Could be two pieces of fabric.

The draw will be held the second meeting of each month.

See you then.

Debbie Briggeman and Daryl Pike



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