

PATCHWORK



The Vernon Silver Star Quilters Guild Newsletter—November 2025 Vol 19, Issue 3

Greetings from our President

Well, we are nearly at the end of October. This month seems to have gone by quite quickly. I've been in my sewing room working on a few projects and also a few knitting projects. I've put my garden to bed, or I should say my husband has put my garden to bed, we're bringing in the cushions from the outdoor furniture, and tuning up the snowblower so I guess the snow is just around the corner.

I continue to get reports back that our quilt show was a great success. Retreat happened this past week at Gardham Lake and we actually had newcomers attend which is wonderful. Once we get the final report from our quilt show committee and we've all had time to rest after the quilt show it's time for us to discuss the fact that this is the Guild's 40th anniversary.

A few ideas for celebration are already circulating through the membership and if you have any thoughts, your Message executive committee would love to hear them. 40 years is something to celebrate.

Happy quilting!

Deborah Brown
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Lest we forget



November Calendar Highlights

November 3—Scrappy

November 6—Business Meeting
Newcomers follows.

November 10—Classics

November 11—Qu'Artz

**November 13 = Open Sewing Day &
Orphan Blocks**

November 20—General Meeting

November 24—Talk Around the Block

November 27—Workshop

December 1—Scrappy Subgroup

December 4—Business Meeting

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Deadline for December Newsletter submissions is November 25, 2025

QUARTZ

Oct

QuArtz was delighted to display our work in the Sunset Room at the recent quilt show. Our thanks to everyone who helped make it such a success.

We are back at our regular meetings now and have welcomed 4 new and one returning member.

This season we have our Challenge, the subject this year is HOME. We are looking at different BEADS, this month was Boho Beads. We also examine a new technique each month in our TOOLBOX TUESDAYS, Lemon Scorching was demonstrated and tried out.

No results yet but we hope to have some interesting creations coming up.

<https://quartzcanada.blogspot.com>

Cath Phillips

**WORKSHOP COMMITTEE**

Guild Challenge
Shirely Weishuhn



Viewers Choice Runner Up
- Bev Keith and Endy Turner
(photo to follow)



CQA Rosette for Viewers Choice -
Debbie Briggeman for Piney Hostas

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Quilt Show

Quilters Are Piece Makers quilt show 2025 is now in a virtual photo album, thanks to Louise for her tenacity in getting all the quilts captured. Again, thanks to the hard work of the QS Committee and the Lead Hands that worked with them. In total there were 247 quilts exhibited. That number includes the Bed Turning Quilts, QuArtz Room, and Guild Challenge. Twenty-two quilts were offered for sale and one sold. The Gift Shop had 850 items for sale and 238 sold for an average price of about \$20. We had fewer visitors this time around (in particular on Saturday). Four quilts were recognized by guild and viewers and awarded ribbons on Oct 23. Congratulations to Debbie Briggeman, her Piney Hosta earned CQA rosette as viewer's choice. Endy Turner, Bev Keith and Shirley Weishuhn received ribbons from the guild. The merchants were thrilled with not only the show, but their sales as well and appreciate the way visitors had to exit through their eye candy! The show was able to ink the balance sheet in the black and for that we can all be thankful (in particular due to the slow Saturday.)

The comments that were received from merchants, guild members and the public have been collated and included in the master binder for the quilt show. Thank you all for helping make this, my fourth and final quilt show (as chair) a success.

Susan Wilson

Door Prizes



Ashley C –
Findlay's Sewing
Machine

Karen F – Purple
Katz Quilting



Linda F & Baby –
Willow Basket Quilting Shoppe



Wanda R –
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Book your Christmas Projects Soon, there is still time

Caring—Angela Wood

“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

Lollygagger / Dillydallier UFO Luncheon

The luncheon for the 2025 UFO Guild Challenge winners was held on Oct. 16. It was hosted, by the second place silver-medalist team The Lollygaggers, for the winning team The Dillydalliers. Dress-up was a great success, box lunches were served, pumpkins were created, and laughter was heard from start to finish. Here are just a few pictures of the event, but a digital photo album is also being created.



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WORKSHOP COMMITTEE

The Workshop Committee remains busy planning more events for the Guild. We are including a lot of information for the following month's activities, so please read everything.

Nov. 6 – Business meeting, followed by a presentation from the Library Committee entitled “Library Secrets”.

– We will be voting for your choice of charity to which we will be donating the “Cross and Crown” quilt. Please see the separate submission with the list of charities.

– We will be taking registration for the “Mystery Make’n’Take” to be held Thurs. Nov. 27. The fee will be \$20.00.

Nov. 13 – Open sewing day. We will be starting a new guild project to create a quilt for donation using “Orphan Blocks”. So check your stashes and dig out all those cotton orphan blocks of any size or color, and join us for another fun sewing day. As this will be an ongoing project, even if you are not able to attend on this date, rather than putting your blocks on the scrap table, please consider donating them to any member of the Workshop Committee.

Nov. 20 – General meeting; followed by a wonderful Trunk Show presented by Debbie McLeod.

Nov. 27 – “Mystery Make’n’Take”. Come and spend a fun day of making a number of unique items. This is not a Christmas themed event, but you might create some great gifts, or just want to keep them for yourself. Remember the fee is only \$20.00.

As always, please check the VSSQ calendar as there are many more events happening in the Guild.

ANGIE

“Cross and Crown” Quilt

While at the Quilt Show, we hope everyone saw the incredible quilt, made from blocks sewn by members of our Guild, and pieced and quilted by Sue Beaudry and Pat Bennett. We are now going to vote for the charity that will receive this quilt.

Please be prepared to vote on one of the following charities at the **November 6th meeting**. The list was compiled from the suggestions received when blocks were handed in. From the list below, please write the name of the charity that you have selected on a piece of paper and bring it to the next meeting. A box will be available to place your selection in. Only vote once.

Charities:

Vernon Humane Society

Kal Rotary Dream Auction

North Okanagan Hospice Society

Upper Room Mission

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Vernon Jubilee Hospital Foundation

Vernon Salvation Army

Schubert Centre

CMHA

River House Rescue

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,



Some were asking for the Bowl Cozies:

LovelyandEnough.com/bowl-cozy-tutorial



MORE RETREAT PICTURES!



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New Workshop flyer out early December

RETREAT

Fall retreat was a wonderful blend of camaraderie, creativity, and lots of laughs as 28 ladies descended on the best retreat venue, Gardom Lake. We had 5 new retreaters who braved the unknown and are now looking forward to future retreats. The bonus project was a 3 zip jewelry roll. Special shout out to Lori Hansen and Kate Bennett who did the lion's share of the work to get us ready. Spring Retreat March 30 to March 3, 2026. Save the date and see you there.



Membership

Just a reminder that your membership is now due and you can find the form to complete on the website. Please print it out and complete it prior to the meeting and payment to ensure your paperwork is handled efficiently. We can not take your money without a form, and we can not enter your information without payment. Have both parts ready and complete the transaction at one time. The list on the website will be updated monthly sometime after the second meeting of the month.

The guild has VSSQ pins for sale at the table as well \$5.00 each.



For all those Celebrating a Birthday in November,
Have a Great Day!



Arrive 10-10:30 am
Brunch served 11:00 am

IT'S A PAJAMA PARTY



Wear your favourite pajamas and join in the fun!

★ **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18TH, 2025** ★

Here's your chance to try some new, lighter recipes for the pot-luck meal **because ... the menu is BRUNCH**

GIFT EXCHANGE Bring a small, wrapped Christmas tree ornament.
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Sign-up sheets to be circulated beginning of November



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