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Greetings from our President
Welcome to November … already!

Retreat

I have just returned from our retreat at Gardom Lake. We had a wonderful experience, and Kim and his team did a fantastic job! Our optional retreat project was a carrier for a mini iron. I hope we can share photos of the finished carriers in this newsletter. The retreat always reminds me how supportive and caring our quilting community is. If you have never attended our guild retreat, I highly recommend joining us.

A Reminder about Retreat Supplies

Two irons were missing from the retreat bins, and two replacements had to be purchased when we set up at Gardom Lake. Please leave the bins marked "RETREAT" in the storage room for retreat use only; these supplies are not available for subgroups or classes.

Join a Subgroup

Talk Around the Block: Meets on the fourth Monday of the month; led by Marlene Lawrence. Classics: Meets on the second Monday of the month; led by Deborah Brown. Both groups have room for more members. To join either or both, attend a meeting and speak with the group leader.

Workshop Ideas Wanted

Have a small project or a technique you would like to teach? Pat Bennett and the workshop team would love to hear from you. If there is a technique you would like to learn, share your suggestion with Pat so the team can explore a possible class.

From My Sewing Room

As the colder weather arrives, I hope you're enjoying time in your sewing room, organizing unfinished projects (UFOs), or dreaming up your next quilt. I'm working on my Jane Austen 250th Anniversary Block of the Month and the Jane Austen Coverlet quilt. I hope to finish both by the new year before starting my Judy Niemeyer quilt. Why do I keep choosing such mammoth projects? As I look out my window, I expect the rain will turn to snow soon. Time to get out the winter coats, boots, hats, and mitts. See you in November!

Happy Quilting!

Newsletter Editor – Louise Breneman Website: www.vssq.org
Deadline for Newsletter articles is the 26th of each month from August to June

Guild Meeting Days - doors open at 9:00 am. meeting begins at 9:30 am
Subgroups & Classes - doors open at 8:45 am for set up, ending at 3:00 pm

A Trip Down Memory Lane – Louise Breneman

In 1989 Carol Cooney headed a committee to design and create a guild banner to be displayed at the 1989 Quilt Canada Conference. A guild pin and name tag were also adopted. Two members, Carol Cooney and Bev Oglow won prizes in a block contest held in Kamloops. Daisy Tjebbes, a quilter from Holland, visited the Guild in September. Daisy later immigrated to Canada to live in Enderby and became a Guild member.

Two features of the regular guild meetings were demos of various quilting techniques by Guild members and Show & Tell sessions where members proudly displayed their latest works of art. Olive Slacke showed the group the applique techniques used in her beautiful quilt. Another quilter demonstrated the popular Cathedral Window design of which she had made a full size quilt. Another unique activity of the guild involved the collection of ugly fabric from member's stashes. The result was two hand quilted quilts, an "Old Fashioned Patchwork" quilt and a Chum Dash design which later became a raffle quilt.

In March 1989, President Jean Moore received "Hero of The Heart" award for her contribution to the community through her leadership of the Guild.

Membership had grown to the point where a larger meeting room was required. After the move to St. John's Lutheran Church, the group established a sizeable library which has been well used throughout the years. Bea Cormier was the new president. A very successful display and sale of quilted articles was held at the Village Green Mall in November.

During the summer, quilters met at the Schubert House at O'Keefe Ranch for an old fashioned "quilting bee". This endeavour proved to be very popular with the many tourists visiting the ranch. Two hand quilted quilts were donate to the ranch and they can be found in the upstairs bedrooms of the Schubert House.

Library - Rhonda Harvey

At the October 15 guild meeting we introduced the following new books catalogued into our library. We hope you enjoy them.

- Dazzling New York Beauty Sampler by Cinzia White
- Fat Quarter Workshop by Stephane Soebbing
- Half Yard Bags and Purses by Debbie Shore
- Modern Machine Quilting by Catherine Redford
- Modern Scrap Quilts by Sylvia Schaefer
- Not your Typical Jelly Roll Quilts by Michelle Lander Cain
- Panel Perfect 3-yard quilts by Donna Roberton & Fran Morgan
- Pillow Talk by Edyta Sitar
- Scrap Quilting with Wendy Sheppard
- 30 Best-Loved Projects Using Leaders & Enders, Reclaimed Fabric & Scraps





Membership – Susan Wilson

As we are now into a new guild year for membership, your dues are due! A reminder that the forms and payment are only taken at coffee time as we all would like a bit of time to socialize or check out the library. Thank you for your understanding

If you were at the October 15 meeting, you will know that the Square machines were not working. Technology is great when it works and not so great when it doesn't. Our treasurer, Deb Clipperton, who looks after them was not able to open the program at our meeting. Thank you all for your understanding.

If you paid by e-transfer on or after October 15, your form is still with the treasurer as the details of payment need to be recorded prior to the form be passed along to membership.

Don't forget we have pins available for purchase as well for $5. Your name tag may like some bling! Pick one up at the membership table at coffee break.

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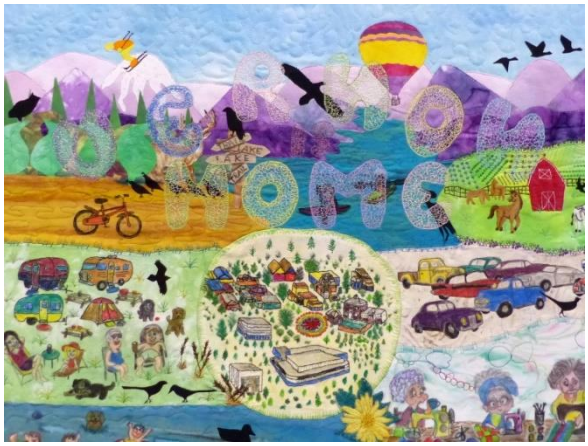
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QuArtz – Catherine Phillips

We want to thank the main guild for such a warm reception when we brought our Home Challenge quilts and Accordion Books to the October 15 meeting.

This month we looked at using a facing to finish your wall quilt. It gives such a nice finish. We also had a talk on Avant-Garde Art styles. It refers to artwork that is experimental, innovative and deliberately challenges established artistic conventions. That sounds like it would appeal to a lot of us at QuArtz! We also started the process of preserving fall leaves in a glycerin solution. They stay soft and supple after and you can use them in a variety of ways. We are looking forward to seeing what everyone does with them next month.





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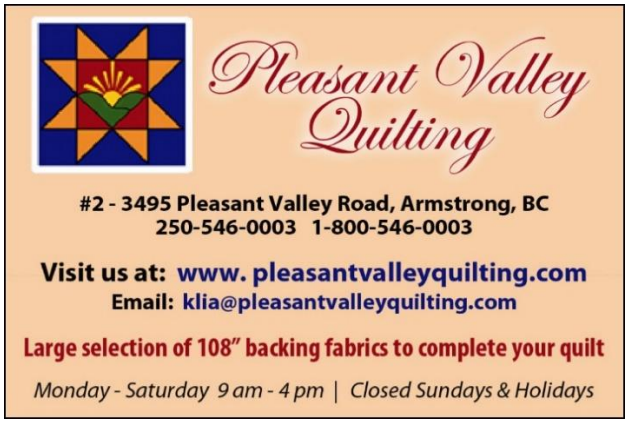
Autumn Sale - Susan Wilson and Anita Reimer

The Autumn Sale was held on October 17 at Halina Centre. The space was set up on Friday evening and the sale ran from 10 until 4 pm. Admission was by donation and 15% of each item sold is retained by the guild. These funds cover the costs of rental and Square fees. Any profit thereafter is donated to community groups as decided by the vendors as per the initial proposal when we started having this sale. Each vendor is expected to help with either set up or take down as well as work on the floor for at least one shift during the sale.

This year there were 14 vendors that organized approximately 500 items for sale. The space was filled with colour and skill. There were 122 items sold with a large number being lap or bed size quilts this year.

Thank you to the vendors that took part and we welcome more members to consider participating in the sale next year.









Join November Retreat
2027 Calendars available

Dedicated Sewing Time

Community Care News – Linda Ensing

The Community Care Team is gratefully accepting the gift quilts many of you have been completing. Vernon Jubilee Hospital has requested another dozen baby quilts and we are so happy to provide those.

There is an important date coming up – you could highlight it on your VSSQ calendar! November 12th, the day after Remembrance Day, the Community Care Team is hosting another "work day." You are invited to join us any time after 8:30, we close down around 2:30.

There are varied things to do:

- you can choose a pattern and then "shop" at the fabric tables for the yardage that would match your pattern and your taste
- you can bring your machines and sew what you've chosen or sew an available kit
- you can choose a pattern, choose fabric and then cut the fabric to provide kits for the table at guild meetings
- you can assist in cutting batting for the completed flimsies or to add to kits
- you can sort the fabric collection into organized sections

There is something for every interest and it's all free ☺! You are also welcome to drop in and pick up a kit or make a kit and take it home to sew.

It is a fun day – and we're hoping to see many of you there



Vernon Silver Star Quilters 40th Anniversary Challenge
From the Scrap Table
May to December 2026
Catherine Henderson

This is a scrap table challenge so you must use either a pattern or fabrics from the scrap table! As this year is our Ruby Anniversary, you must include some red in your piece?

The theme is “forty”, and here are some possible options:
a) Something that reminds you of when you turned 40
b) Something to celebrate the guild turning 40
c) Something you imagine for 2066 (40 years in the future)

Size: Perimeter must be between 48” and 96”.

Submission Requirements:

- This is an anonymous submission. We do not want to see your name.
- You will be given a number that identifies your quilt when you submit it.
- You must include (on a separate piece of paper or card pinned to the front of your quilt) an artist’s statement explaining your theme and how you made use of the scrap table offerings!
- Submission Date: December 3rd, 2026
- Winner Announcement: Xmas luncheon on December 17, 2026




Join us for a
Tropical
Christmas
December 17th, 2026
Arrive at: 11:30 am
Lunch at: Noon
Dress in your best Tropical attire!
Wear a Lei.
Prize for best creation!
Menu sign-up sheets will be available at October 15th meeting
BYO...cutlery and plate