



## Joan's Jibberish!

So as of this past week, I was told – instructed – by our soon to be Past President Kate, that I am to make up some nonsense for our wonderful Guild Newsletter! My response was that I am not President yet – you still have the reins! That didn't go over very well, so here I am sitting down to write something interesting!?!?!?!?!?

My term as VP has gone by so quickly. My last duty as VP is to say that we would like to fill a couple of positions before September if possible. They are for our Sub-Groups, namely Stars and Scrappy leaders; our Social – Special Events, and our Refreshments Organizer. If you have already stepped up to fill these positions, I thank you as our Guild will continue to run smoothly with your help!

I don't know about all of you, but I am totally ready to get back in the swing (sewing) of things in our Guild! It has been a long lonely year even though we have tried to stay connected, either through Zoom, the phone lines or coffee get-togethers outdoors. I know that my motivation has been on the low side, as I do get more motivated when I see all the wonderful projects you all bring to the Guild for Show & Tell. I was hoping that, come September, we would be able to come together as normal and see everyone under one roof again. Well, we now know THAT won't be happening. I definitely was looking forward to being all together!

I know that if I am elected as President, it will be a challenge for me, so please do be patient with me. I know that I will have big shoes to fill from our SOON TO BE Past President Kate, but I will do my best. I know that this coming year will be filled with changes and maybe some challenges, as was last year, but we will continue on as a Guild just being happy to be able to be together sharing our love for quilting and each other. Kate, I do thank you for all that you have done for us during your term of being our President. You have done a remarkable job and I know that you will be around to help guide me in my term as President (if I am elected that is). Possible President – can you believe it?!?! WOW!

## Fall Retreat: October 25 – 28, 2021

Our retreat time is getting closer! I can hardly wait!! We will be taking registrations at our first Guild Meeting, September 9th beginning at 9:15 am. Remember you have to be a paid up member of the Guild in order to register. The registration fee for this retreat will be \$205.00 as the prices for our food have increased. This continues to be a great deal as Mark is an amazing chef and just think, for 9 meals we won't have to prepare, cook, clean or serve anyone!! We just have to walk up and be served with Mark's delicious creations! For anyone who hasn't been out to retreat, it is a fun relaxing time among friends of like minds. A place to make new friends, get new ideas and create! Hope you can join us! *Joan*

## September Guild Events

**September 9:**  
 Annual General Meeting and first Guild Business Meeting of 2021-2022; **Newcomers** follows

**September 13:**  
 Classics Subgroup

**September 14:**  
 QuArtz Subgroup

**September 16:**  
 Open Sewing Day

**September 20:**  
 Modern Subgroup

**September 23:**  
 Non-Business Meeting followed by Fall Sale Vendors meeting

**September 27:**  
 Stars Subgroup

**September 30:**  
 Community Care Sewing Day

**Guild Meeting Days:**  
 doors open at 9:15.

**Subgroups and Classes:**  
 doors open at 8:35am for setup, ending 2:30



*Please remember, our meetings and classes have been designated as fragrance-free.*

## Quilter's Last Will and Testament

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*Courtesy of Gail Mitchell*

Every day we get older, and no one gets to live forever. I don't want this to sound maudlin or creepy, but if I were gone tomorrow, my family would have a BIG job ahead of them, dealing with all my quilt stuff. My friends and I have seen what happens when a quilter passes away with a huge stash. I often say I have a "sinful amount of fabric", as well as books, notions, supplies, patterns, magazine articles, projects on the go, etc. For some time now, I have planned to help my family prepare for the day this all becomes theirs by creating a Quilter's Last Will and Testament. Here are 10 Top Tips on what I think your family needs to know about your stuff:

**1. Who to call?** Which quilter friends are willing to help your family sort through and arrange to sell or give away all this stuff? Name at least three good friends and provide their phone numbers. Discuss this with those friends in advance - are they willing to take on this task?

**2. Sewing Machines:** How many do you have, where are they and their serial numbers, when did you buy them and for how much? Your family has no idea how much your very valuable machines cost or are worth today. If you have a certain person you'd like to have a particular machine, make it known.

**3. Your Important Quilts:** Which mean the most to you and are the ones you really want to stay with your family? Do you have some that have won major awards or been published that will increase their value? These "Best Quilts" need to be documented in writing, with photos, to help ensure that information stays with those quilts. Make a LIST - who do you want to get your

favourite quilts? Include any other quilts you want given to the "quilt worthy" person who will be so happy to have a piece of you in their life. If you are lucky enough to know when your end is near, add their name to those quilts in advance. Or, give that special friend your special quilt while you are able to see them receive it.

**5. Your Quilts that can be Sold or Given Away:** Is there an organization you want to support? Certain charities come to mind, but there are organizations that conduct fundraisers which might appreciate a quilt or two. You might have small wall quilts laying around that have little value for sale but could raise a little money for something you'd like to support.

**6. Put Labels on ALL your quilts.** If you don't automatically put labels on ALL your quilts, start doing that today.

**7. Important Quilts Still Under Construction:** Find good friends who would be willing to finish that really important quilt you are working on, as a gift for your family - not every quilt you ever started, just that special one you ran out of time to finish. Someone will say "yes".

**8. Be aware that most of our stuff has little value** to others, even quilters. People will be happy to take some of it off your hands, but not for money. Now is the best time to start purging that stuff. Have a "swap" or "give-away" for close quilting friends. This takes work, but you bought it all so you really ought to help your family by dealing with some of this stuff now before it becomes their problem. Save only special things for keepsakes.

**9. The Fabric:** It has value, to a lot of quilters, but it's a matter of quantity. Try to reduce some of the "sinful" amount you have. Do you LOVE all the fabric you currently own?

**10. Antique Quilts and Tops:** Take time to create a LIST of these, what you know about them, what you paid and where you bought them. Sure don't want my kids to think these are just junky old rags...

**Lastly, write a note to the future about what quilting has meant to you.**

Any of these things can be done now, in bits of time. It doesn't have to take a month of hard work. Just get started. Take one of these ideas a month and do just that. Your family will thank you.



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## Fire Victim Support

by Betty Carlson

As many of you know, the town of Lytton was totally burned out on June 30. A friend, who lives in Vernon and who I went to school with back in Saskatchewan, has a daughter and family who lived in Lytton. She was given 15 minutes to pack up as much as she could and get out of there as fast as possible. They ended up totally wiped out. They lost everything!

She and her husband have purchased a motor home and are currently residing in Kamloops until they can relocate back to Lytton. There will be no infrastructure available there for quite some time, so it may be a while before they can get back there.

I felt compelled to give her a quilt. I happened to have one that needed a home and mentioned this to a few friends in our little coffee group. We ended up with six quilts that were taken directly to her by her parents. Thanks to Joyce Heard, Linda Hoover and Karen Weighill who also added to the donation. She was very grateful and called to thank us personally. I only have one photo (*above*) of one of the quilts she received and I know it is being well used.

I have also been busy knitting during smoke and Covid19. These (*photo at right*) are birthday and Christmas gifts for my family, so I hope they don't read the newsletter! My son asked me to knit him a camouflage sweater about a year ago, so that's what he is getting for his birthday. I went to Michaels in Kelowna and found some camouflage yarn. Not having a pattern picked out yet, I bought 8 balls of yarn. Needless to say, I had extra. That's when I decided to knit a touque for each family member. I have made six so far and have three more to go. The girls will get colours other than camouflage. Knitting keeps me occupied when some interesting sports are on TV as well as having to stay inside due to smoke. It's been quite the summer - mostly good days. One day we'll get through all of this.



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## Getting to Know You...

**Shirley Weishuhn**

I was born in New Westminster but spent my childhood in the Caribou, mostly around the Williams Lake area, Likely, Miocene, Riske Creek, Lac La Hache, and Macalister. I went to high school in Williams Lake where

I met and married my husband, Earl. We moved around a bit before settling in Surrey, where we raised our two daughters and worked on the Fraser River.

Once the girls were grown we found a home in Delta, on the river where we could have a dock and our boats. Earl ran a lineboat for all of the deep sea ships that came into the river, and I did a variety of marine work including light towing, operating a water taxi, doing log salvage, clearing log spills and responding to emergency call outs for the harbour board or the coast guard. I loved the work and it consumed our lives 365 days of the year.

In April of 2010 the government expropriated our property to build a highway. We put our stuff in storage at a property we owned in Halfmoon Bay and began a new adventure as homeless, jobless people without anything to tie us down. We hitched the trailer up to our 1947 Ford Coupe and travelled and explored the northern United States. Once we got to Maine, we headed up to Newfoundland to meet up with the Canadian Coasters and begin a trip of a lifetime across Canada, ending in Victoria, BC. From there we travelled south for the winter.

Once we were back in BC, we began our search for a new home, interspersed with a great trip to explore China and a few other side trips. Our daughter and her three children were living in Vernon and she convinced us to move here. She found us a great house and we moved in November of 2011.

Once we were settled in Vernon and we had built a shop and renovated the house, I became a little restless. I decided to buy myself a retirement gift of a new

sewing machine and take up quilting. Well, the machine I bought was far fancier than anything I needed, but I didn't know any better. That was in November of 2013. I read the manual from cover to cover and tried out a few things. I saw an item in the newspaper about VSSQ and phoned the number to enquire about joining, which I did before we headed south for the rest of the winter.

I took my new machine with me and, following McCall's Quilt Along on the internet, proceeded to make my first quilt. I think I was hooked. If not then, I certainly became hooked when I returned and went to Guild meetings. The members were so friendly and helpful and the camaraderie was what I really needed. I loved the open sewing days and took the offered classes that were far beyond my skill level.

I got involved with the Guild and was part of the workshop committee for a couple of years. I joined the QuArtz subgroup and learned so much there before moving on to the Modern subgroup. Marven has taught me so many things and has inspired me to expand my skills.

I love trying new things and sometimes have so much on the go and projects that I want to try, that I really don't know exactly what type of quilting is my specialty. At the moment I think I am leaning towards abstract. Is that a type? Or a style?

Covid has allowed me so much time to just play and explore different techniques, but I really do miss my playmates and am looking forward to us being able to resume our get-togethers.



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## Hooked on Classics

by Ruth Drennan

Our Subgroup meets the second Monday of each month (with some exceptions). 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.

Our first meeting date is September 13, 2021 from 9am to 2:30pm. The cost will be \$25 for the season but might have to be increased depending on the number of people who sign up. There will be a sign-up sheet at our first meeting in September. Payment can be made with the sign-up or at our first sewing meeting in September. If you have any questions, please contact Ruth Drennan or MaryEllen MacGregor.

## Community Care

by Maggie Tomich

As Kate steps down to welcome Joan, I would like to say a sincere thank you for all the support this year. Behind the scenes, it has worked like a dream. Moving forward to this year, September 30 is just round the corner, but we are joining Open Sewing Day for our first venture back. There are gift bags left from our last cancelled sewing day so I will be tempting you with Daryl's prizes.

We had a wonderfully successful COVID year in Community Care. It was nice to return to 5 thank you cards from our recipients for the great work that you do. We have 25 sandwiches waiting for some creativity so they will be on the table for our first Guild meeting. New kits will be showcased at our sewing day.

We currently provide quilts to NOYFS, First Nations Friendship Centre, Transition House, and Public Health. For the fall, we are focusing on making quilts for children 9 to 13 that are being assessed for foster care. We will have the added element of a matching pillow case. If anyone can think of another deserving group, we would love to hear about from you. Thank you all for the stars. The quilt is in progress.

Looking forward to seeing you all again.

## Quilt Show

by Susan Wilson

As you will see at our meetings in September, putting on the quilt show requires a few people for planning and a lot of people for execution over three days.

The committee has met informally over our time off and the show will look a bit different in that we have opted to reduce demands on the membership to have to volunteers in so many different areas.

In addition, some of our past responsibilities have been out-sourced to help struggling organizations in our community at large recover from what has hopefully passed.

Stay tuned for more information.

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## Library Update

by Alanna Robson

We have all been looking forward to resuming meetings and having the library open for you to peruse and borrow books. You will see we have done some reorganizing during the break. We created a new category called 'Precuts', and we have been gathering up all the books from various sections that call for fat quarters, jelly rolls, charm squares, layer cakes etc. into this new category. We created a new section called 'Bags and Bowls'. We also created a section called 'Reference' for books that are primarily about technique and skill building. We hope these moves make your book search easier.

The library has acquired some new books as well. These three books offer stash-busting ideas for beautiful scrappy quilts: **Mystical Quilts** by Jason Yenter is all about colourways and creating soothing tonal designs. **Scrappy and Happy Quilts** by Kate Henderson has a modern feel, featuring cheerful colours and playful designs. We also acquired Stacey Day's book **Child Play Quilts** which has 20 designs to use up your stash, also with a Modern look. There are numerous cute applique ideas that kids will love!

You can also look for these two new Art books: **Artful Log Cabin Quilts** by Katie Masopust shows how we can use the basic log cabin block in a new way. Finding inspiration in photos, she shows step by step how you can create beautiful quilts. **Modern Applique Illusions**, by Casey York, offers 12 sleek modern quilt designs using applique techniques. It's a beautiful book to leaf through, and has instructions that even an applique novice could manage.

More new books you can find in the re-opened library are: **Modern Memory Quilts** by Suzanne Paquette, a book full of ideas for projects that incorporate mementos from meaningful occasions or from your closet. For example, using pieces of shirts, dresses, kids clothes, a necktie, bib or team jersey using a variety of techniques. For everyone who pieced a pile of quilts over the last year and are ready to finish them, Karen Burns book **180 Doodle Quilting Designs** is sure to provide the inspiration and ideas you need!



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## Newcomers Group

Led by Bonnie Burnett and Jean Donker.

This group is for members new to the Guild, with any level of quilting experience and style of quilting. We meet right after the business meeting on the first Thursday in the month – except this September on the second Thursday. We get together to meet, get to know one another and learn about the Guild. We'll sew together, have speakers and presentations from Guild members. A fun and relaxed group. Welcome!

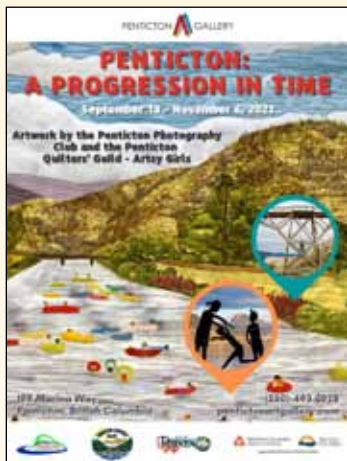
## Belated Birthday Wishes to our VSSQ July and August Babies!

July 8.....Marven Ecker	August 9.....Nancy Hadley
July 9.....Kate Bennett	August 10.....Betty Klein
July 13.....Shirley McCaig	August 10.....Connie Kokonis
July 15.....Sue Lighthall	August 10.....Linda Hatten
July 16.....Katie Daughtry	August 11.....Ronnie Thompson
July 16.....Ruth Drennan	August 12.....Eileen Morphet
July 23.....Caroline Lamb	August 12.....Marilyn Schoenberger
July 24.....Lori Hume	August 13.....Catherine Henderson
July 26.....Alyne Butler	August 14.....Louise Oddy
July 26.....Sharon Eliason	August 17.....Endy Turner
July 28.....Joanne Marsh	August 17.....Gail Mitchell
July 28.....Shirley Hopps	August 20.....Ruth Schellenberg
July 29.....Sue Beaudry	August 21.....Jeanette Marten
July 31.....Susan Irving	August 24.....Yvonne Wood
August 3.....Doris Gauthier	August 25.....Betty Dobson
August 4.....Donella Baird	August 26.....Brigitte Red
August 8.....Dorothy Fowler	

## Happy Birthday to our VSSQ September Babies!

Sept 3.....Betty Carlson  
 Sept 3.....Joy Frost  
 Sept 4.....Bernice Phillipoff  
 Sept 11.....Laraine Smith  
 Sept 13.....Rose Currie  
 Sept 15.....Linda Saunders  
 Sept 16.....Christina Grundell  
 Sept 16.....Kay Snowdon  
 Sept 22.....Julia Jones  
 Sept 22.....Stella Moffatt  
 Sept 24.....Karen Weighill  
 Sept 27.....Shirley Weishuhn  
 Sept 28.....Barbara Laursen  
 Sept 29.....Janice Winkelaar

## Best Wishes to All!



The fibre art group of the Penticton Quilters' Guild is exhibiting at the Penticton Art Gallery from September 18th to November 6th. Hope you can make it to Penticton to view the exhibit.

**Dianne Birnie,  
The Artsy Girls!**



If you know of anyone in our Guild who has lost a member of their family, or who has been ill, please let [Evelyne Reitsma](#) know so she can send a card on behalf of the members.

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## Workshops Update

The committee met in August and has planned a variety of workshops and sewing times for members.

With great hopes that we will be able to get together again, the long awaited Free Motion Quilting workshop is now scheduled for October so dig out those placemats you made in preparation! Open Sewing Days were well received and so we thought a few of those would allow members to get caught up on social time with the excuse to do some sewing!

Dianne Jansson's coveted Make and Take day at Di-Versity in Pritchard is coming to the Guild. We are excited to offer this great day to the our membership. Typically, five or six items are made during the workshop. Dianne prepares – as in cuts, fuses, etc. - all that is required for the day. Your task is to follow instructions by sewing together the items. Along the way, tips and techniques as well as other odd bits of information are imparted as is always the case.

We look forward to sharing further details with the membership at the meetings.

If you have a workshop idea please don't hesitate to let Rhonda Harvey, Anita Reimer or Susan Wilson know.

## Quilt Retreat Rules

*courtesy of Joan Muller*

1. *Always bring the whole sewing room, which magically fits into your car.*
2. *Stock up on lots and lots of extra snacks to build energy - the more chocolate, the better!*
3. *Make sure you have practiced staying up all night even if it means wet wash cloths and coffee.*
4. *Stitch and sew until you are cross-eyed, laugh until you pee, and make plans to do this again SOON.*

Bonnie K Hunter

## Fall Sale at Halina Centre

What a perfect venue for our inaugural Fall Sale. The committee checked out the facility and met with management to discuss layout and opportunities. We are excited to get this underway finally. Under current (as in August!) PHO we can have 26 - 6 foot tables which means there should be sufficient room to nicely display our wares. Halina Centre will provide tea, coffee, treats and perhaps a light lunch option during our sale so folks may spend a bit more time inside while their significant other noshes down on some goodies!

If you intend to have items for sale please be prepared to stay after the meeting on September 23rd to go over all the details, sign up and pick up your pricing tickets. Questions can be addressed to Susan Wilson or Anita Reimer at any time.

We are so looking forward to showing off the expertise and quilt workmanship our Guild has to offer. Since we may have finished so many beautiful quilted items during this long hiatus, we may have many to sell and this venue will be the perfect place. There is always discussion on how to price our work as there are many different ideas. In the last newsletter there was an outline to guide you to minimum pricing, but if you feel your work is worth more (and much of it is) then price your creativity accordingly. We all know the long hours spent to make these lovely quilts. We will go over pricing and other details on September 23rd at the Post Meeting Meeting.



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