



Archive Gallery

1986 - 1989

1986 or 1987

IN THE BEGINNING....

THE JOURNEY THROUGH LIFE BEGINS WITH ONE STEP. What could be more true when it applies to making a quilt or forming a quilt guild. In 1986 or 1987, the first step taken by the charter members of the guild was an ad in the local paper. Olive Slacke, a charter member recalls placing the ad and asking anyone interested to phone her. There was limited response at first, but five people turned up for the first meeting, held in the home of one of the group. The late Jean Moore hosted most of the subsequent gatherings.

Membership grew slowly but steadily. The first President was Jean Moore, along with vice Rose Burley, Treasurer Barb Walcott and Sandi Fleet, Secretary. Still nameless, the guild established the meeting schedule on the first and third Thursday and decided to bring patterns and ideas for a quilt along with guild name suggestions. Membership now included well know quilter Carol Cooney, along with Bea Cormier, Diana Schmidt, Joyce Lesesky and Bev Oglow.

1988 - 1989

By February 1988 a quilt top had been completed and the guild was officially known as the SILVER STAR QUILTING SQUARES.

In June, several members attended the CQA (Canadian Quilters' Association) conference in Nelson, a definite highlight for the fledgling group.

BIGGER MEMBERSHIP MEANT BIGGER DIGS.....

Increasing numbers necessitated a move to a local church meeting room in September 1988. The following month their first group quilt was ready to be raffled with proceeds of \$725 to the Vernon Jubilee Hospital. The raffle was organized by Audrey Scott, the design was Grandmother's Fan. The draw was held on March 2 and the lucky winner was Phyllis Oscroft of Vernon (wrapped in the prize winning quilt).



Joyce Lesesky, Jean Moore, Rose Burley



Winner – Phyllis Oscroft

Plans were made to establish a library with a \$100 budget. At about this time designs were submitted for the guild logo which could be incorporated into a name tag. A Christmas Pot Luck lunch was held. This has become an annual tradition for the group.

Early in 1989 the second raffle quilt was started, a blue and dusty rose Tennessee Waltz. A raffle workshop was held at Jean Moore's house. The winner was J. Orchard of Vernon. A donation of \$750 was made to Women's Transition House.



Carol Cooney headed a committee to design 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 & Bev Oglow won prizes in a block Contest held in Kamloops.



A quilter from Holland, Daisy Tjebbes, visited the Guild in September (photo below). Daisy later immigrated to Canada to live in Enderby and she became a Guild member. Daisy passed away in 2006.



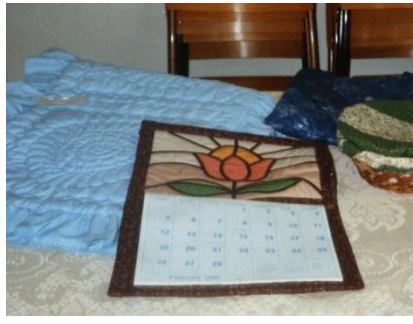
Bev Oglow, Carol Cooney, Olive Slacke, Deirdre (Daisy's daughter), Barb Wilcot, Audrey Scott, Kay Chometsky, Daisy Tjebbes (front)

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 Indian Princess quilt. Zona Schick 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 members' stashes. The result – two hand quilted quilts, a Churn Dash Design, which later became a raffle quilt and an "Old Fashioned Patch work".

In March, 1989, President Jean Moore received CJIB's "Hero of the Heart" award for her contribution to the community through her leadership in the guild.

Guild members giving demonstrations were Carol Cooney – cross stitch quilt labels, and Texas Lone Star, Olive Slacke – applique; Zona Schick – Cathedral window and Crazy patchwork and folded star; Ranita Brown – mini totebag; Bea Cormier – fanny pack; Lilian Gauthier – Guild apron.

Community Open House Tea at First Baptist Church



Kay Chometsky



Guild Members



Rose Burley, Bea Cormier, Olive Slacke, Barb Willcott, Carol Cooney, Audrey Scott
Joyce L. Jean Moore. Bev Oglow

Quilting Bee – Tennessee Waltz Raffle Quilt



First Baptist Church



St. John's Lutheran Church



Jean Moore's Basement



Workshop & Name Tags



St. John's Lutheran Church