

PATCHWORK



The Vernon Silver Star Quilters Guild Newsletter—December 2023 Vol 17, Issue 4



Musings from our President...

As I write this it is around 25 days until Christmas and so far we have next to nothing in snow. I feel for the mountain areas but glad I am not driving in snow. I would like to start off by thanking everyone for volunteering to help out in the guild this past month. From set

up, take down, work in the kitchen to working on the various groups. You know who you are and the Guild thanks you!

Our truck has been in the shop for just over two weeks but we are hopeful that when all is done the truck will have heat and it will be a much better experience driving in the winter! With no car I have been busy quilting and getting some projects completed. I've not done much Christmas shopping yet but I have plans to get some done soon. Christmas Craft markets have started and I for one am looking forward to the Lumby Market November 25, 26. I know that there are Markets in Salmon Arm, Vernon and Armstrong coming up and some of our guild members will be involved with them.

I look forward to seeing many members at our Pot Luck on December 14th. That is a busy day for me as I curl at 1:30 so will be unable to stay at our Potluck for long. As it happens Curling's Christmas dinner is also that day.... so it will be a long day for me but a very pleasant one. Remember that the last meeting and only meeting in December is the 7th and the first meeting in January will be the 4th.

I want to wish everyone a very happy and joyous Christmas and all the best for 2024!

Julie

December Happenings

December 4— 9:00 am Scrappy Sub Group

December 7—9:30 Guild Business Meeting

December 11—9:00 am Classics Sub Group

December 14—11 am Christmas Potluck



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.*

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Deadline for January Newsletter submissions is December 28, 2023

Gift for a Little Girl

This doll will be donated to a little girl for Christmas this year. Three members from the Scrappy group, Shirley, Susan, and Ester made her a wardrobe of pjs, housecoat, party dresses, skirts, tee shirts, summer dresses and a jumper. A cradle was donated by Marilyn, a good friend of ours, along with shoes and books. A quilt and pillow was made as well. The fabric for the quilt and pillow was made from fabric from the give away table.



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Workshop Committee



Christmas and the New Year are right around the corner. It has been lovely to see all the quilts and quilting ideas that our members have been making and showing! We are confident that this is just the beginning of so much more to come.

Mark Your Calendar

- * Jan 11th - Newcomers Tote Bag Workshop
- * Jan 18th - Non-business Meeting - Sampler Workshop Show & Tell

We remind you that you can register for workshops even if you are not at a guild meeting. How? Simply e-transfer the workshop fee to vssqtreasurer2@gmail.com and put in the comments section what the workshop is that you are paying for. For example, send \$100 to the address and comment that it is the Make and Take Workshop. Treasurer will advise workshop committee of receipt and you will be sent the requirements for the workshop. Easy Peasy and no line up either!

We are actively looking for members to share an area of expertise or knowledge with other members. If you have had positive feedback from something you have shared with the guild and would be interested in sharing "the how to" with others, fill out the form (which is on the website - Members Only Page - in the shaded box on the right-hand side) and pass to one of the Workshop Committee members. If you are unsure, just talk to us and we are more than willing to help.

Thanks for your consideration in this matter. Wishing each and everyone a very safe and happy holiday season! Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Sue Beaudry, Deborah Coffey, Julia Jones & Susan Wilson

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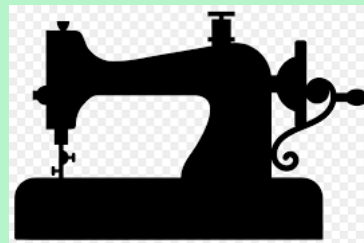


Please remember! All our meetings are scent free. Thank you!

Newcomers—Shirley Weishuhn

At our November 16th meeting we had the pleasure of introducing 13 of our present 23 newcomers. We were missing some of our members for various reasons such as road conditions as well as a few had been introduced at an earlier time. There may be time to do a second introduction in the spring as we are steadily become a very large group.

Our sewing day in October was lightly attended partly due to the road construction. The smaller group turned out to be positive as we were short of equipment that day. Plans are in the works for a Christmas get together on December 7th and we are looking forward to a good turnout. At that time the members will receive a list of supplies for the newcomer tote. The construction of the tote will begin in January of the new year.



December Birthdays

December 1	Susan Pliszka
December 5	Linda Garrett
December 10	Joanne McVagh
	Cathi Litzenberger
	Cathy Phillips
December 16	Brenda Barritt
December 17	Lori Hansen
December 22	Debbie MacLeod
	Lei Shaw
December 28	Mona Ball
	Nancy Bradley
December 29	Dorothy Boyd
December 30	Kimberly Greenizan

Happy Birthday

DECEMBER
GIRL!



Christmas Party— December 14, 11 am—2 pm

The yearly Christmas party will be held at the church 11:00 till 2:00 pm. Dec 14. We have some wonderful quilters busy making table centres that will be raffled at each table among the table occupants. However, if you are not part of the table center parties please join us anyway. Cost of admission- one food stuff. Punch, turkey, ham, and cranberry sauce provided so salads, potatoes or rice dishes, and desserts are welcome. Rolls, hors d'ou- vres and other accompaniments are always welcome. We love any tasty treat. We will also be raffling a quilters quilt courtesy of a fellow quilter. See you there. The whole guild is welcome. Remember to bring your placemat, plate and cutlery.

Maggie

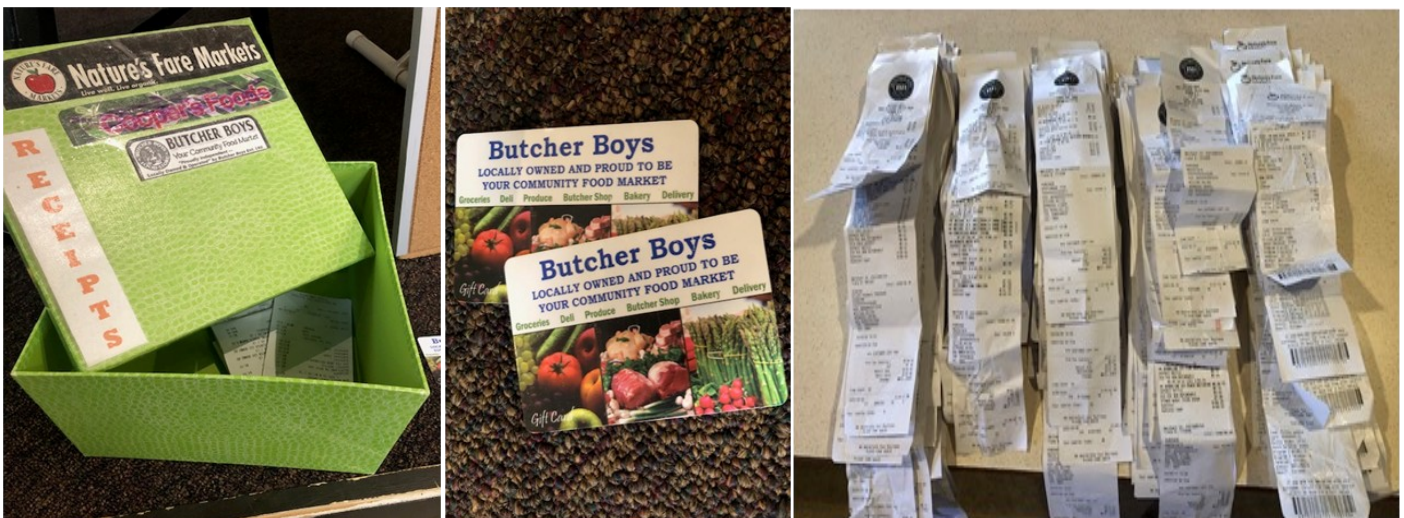


Grocery Receipts!!! Linda Ensing

What's in the Green Box?

During the VSSQ guild meetings there is a collection of items on the stage at the "front of house." If you are new to the guild, you may have wondered about the green box! It is a container for you to drop off any Butcher Boys or Nature's Fare grocery receipts. Both businesses very generously offer gift cards in exchange for receipts collected. Every guild meeting these receipts are collected and totals tallied. Every \$5000 purchased at Butcher Boys provides us with a \$50 gift card. Nature's Fare offers 3% of your purchases back to our organization. The cards are used at the guild's discretion. They may provide grocery help to a needy family that our host church is aware of, they may be donated to a nonprofit organization like the Salvation Army, they may purchase sugar and cream for our coffee break. If you shop at either of these stores please say "yes" to receiving the receipt, collect them, and bring them to the guild meetings to put in the "green box." It's easy and it's good for our community.

Thank you! *Linda*



Canadian Fat Quarters—20" x 22"

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Fat Quarter Draw

- The theme for the fat quarter draw for 2023-24 will be "Shades of Colour".
- **December** will be shades of Red. Anything in the red family.
- January will be shades of Blue.



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*Still have a few openings for
 December quilting.*

Festive chocolate chip cookies—with a kick!

As tasted at the Make and Take, this recipe adds a bit of colour to the everyday chocolate chip cookie and a kick of flavour as well. The 'kick' can be adjusted to taste but it pairs well with the chocolate chips I use – Chipits 70 % Dark Chocolate Chunks!

Cream until fluffy: 1 cup butter, 1 cup brown sugar, 1/2 cup white sugar, 2 tsp vanilla. Beat in one at a time: 2 eggs.

Combine and stir into wet mixture: 2 1/4 cups flour, 1 tsp baking soda, 1/2 tsp cayenne

Stir in:

2 cup chocolate chips (see note above), 4 – 5 diced seeded jalapeño peppers

Drop by teaspoon onto parchment lined cookie sheet.

Bake at 375° for 10 to 12 minutes

Set out for guests and watch their faces light up with joy!

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