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The Vernon Silver Star Quilters Guild Newsletter—October 2025 Vol 19, Issue 2

Greetings from our President

Hi Quilters!

As I write this this morning, it is the 26th of September and that means most of us are busy submitting our quilts to the show. I'm sorry to say I'm going to miss the event because I am battling a nasty case of Covid. My husband has just left with my four submissions so I hope he finds the right spot.

Once again, we thank everyone who has been involved in the planning of the quilt show and all of you who have submitted your quilts and volunteered to make this show a success. It truly takes a village. I will be anxious to see the photographs that come our way after the show is completed.

I have been busy planning my projects for the upcoming holiday season and I dug out a pumpkin quilt that I pieced at last year's retreat. I'm just in the process of putting on the binding.

Our sub groups have been meeting this past month. I would highly encourage you to join one of our sub groups if you haven't already. It is a great way to meet others in the guild and to establish new relationships.

I'm happy to say that all of the vacant positions have been filled. Thank you to those of you who are going to give of your time to serve the Guild.

Happy Quilting!
Deborah



October Calendar Highlights

- October 2nd —Business Meeting, & Library Secrets, Newcomers follows.**
- October 6th — Scrappy**
- October 9th — Community Care**
- October 16 — Alternate Meeting, UFO Luncheon**
- October 14th — Quartz**
- October 20 — Classics**
- October 20—23rd — Fall Retreat**
- October 27 — Talk Around the Block**
- October 30—Dianne Jansson Workshop**

Quilt Show—September 26, 27, 2025

Quilt Show

Well, "*Quilters are Piece Makers*" is in the books. After three years of organizing by the committee of Kate Bennett, Sue Beaudry, Deborah Brown, Anne Drover, Linda Ensign, Anita Reimer, and Susan Wilson we hope you enjoyed the bounty of quilts. The overwhelming success of the challenge was a pleasant surprise – thank you to the members who took it up – you didn't disappoint. Brenda Dewonck and her committee did a wonderful job of mapping out a place for every entry. Rhonda and her crew did an excellent job of taking in all the entries, hanging and labelling them as well as getting down and ready for the return on Saturday. The Bed Turning was a success under the direction of Anne Drover, the Merchant Mall was full of new and old stores and lots of eye candy if you didn't make purchases and the two Special Events had great ambience and delicious eats.

Finally, without the help of all the volunteers before, during and after the show, we would not have been hearing great reviews. Thank you all.

As the deadline for the newsletter is immediately after the show, a further accounting of the show will be given at the business meeting in November.



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Caring—Angela Wood

Welcome back everyone!

Just a reminder, especially for the newcomers, “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

Green Sunflower Quilt

I promised a quilt to my little green car.
It doesn't go fast, but it's taken me far.
I've always loved sunflowers; they make me smile,
And I used up some scraps that I've had for a while.
It could keep me warm in event of a need
And protects the back seat from two doggies' feet.
The car runs all month on just one tank of gas,
So to make it a quilt was not too much to ask.
I promised this quilt since 2002
But it took a long time to actually do.
This quilt seems to showcase some skills that I lack.
With reversible quilts, can both sides be the back?

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For all those celebrating a Birthday in October—
Have a great day and many more!



Library News—Rhonda Harvey

Hi everyone:

Our annual library book sale was held on September 18. It was very well attended, and thanks to generous donations of books and magazines from Maxine Glover and Carol Cooney as well as our guild members we had a broad variety of books that were able to be rehomed. Your enthusiastic purchases realized a profit of \$399.30.

Also, a huge thank you to my amazing assistants Marilyn Buhler, Joyce Heard, Joan Muller, Bev Oglow, Karen Weighill and Susan Wilson for arriving early to help set up and organize the items for sale, as well as staying behind after the meeting to box up the remaining items. A huge effort in a limited amount of time. You are so appreciated.

I am constantly exploring new titles that have been released and that are due to be released later this year. If there is a title you are interested in, or a topic that you feel could use a few more titles added to, it let me know. Once the quilt show is behind us, I will turn my attention to purchasing.

The library will be open again at the October 2nd meeting. Please return your summer books and take time to browse the collection and reap some of the great benefits of our guild library.

Membership

Just a reminder that the membership year is from Nov 1 to Oct 31. You must be paid and submit a membership form by Oct 31 to be on the list on our website. (Even if you are a Life Member!)

Susan

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.*

Workshop Committee

We have been busy planning a number of activities for the coming year, which we hope you will all enjoy. Here is a list of the events we have scheduled for the next few months.

Oct 30 – **Dianne Jansson** Workshop on “Working with Colour Values”. Cost is \$50.00 for a full day workshop, with limited spaces available. Registration began at the Sept. 18 meeting, so make sure to sign up for this workshop as spaces are going fast. For those of you who have taken classes from Dianne before, you will know that even the most experienced quilter will still learn from her vast knowledge. For anyone who has not taken one of her classes, you do not want to miss this workshop. Full instructions will be sent out to all those registered as early in October as we are able.

Nov. 6 – Following the Business meeting, we will begin the first in a series entitled “**Library Secrets**”.

Nov. 13 – This will be an **Open Sewing Day** and we will be starting a new project with “**Orphan Blocks**”.

Nov. 20 – Following the alternate meeting, we have a **Trunk Show** scheduled highlighting the work of **Debbie McLeod**, one of our extremely talented quilters.

Nov. 27 – “**Make ‘n’ Take**”. There will be more information to follow with registrations beginning in Oct., so watch for that.

REMEMBER to also check the VSSQ calendar for a complete schedule of all that is happening in our guild, as there are many more activities scheduled for October and November

The Workshop Committee



WANTED: GUTTERMAN HAND QUILTING THREAD. A local hand quilter, Zoe Wakelin, who makes charity quilts, is in need of Gutterman Hand Quilting Thread. She has been told that it is being discontinued. If you have any in your stash please call Zoe at 250 542 7333.

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Retreat—Gardom Lake October 20—23, 2025

We are looking forward to seeing all the retreaters who signed up in June, or want to sign up on our first meeting September 4. We are pleased to announce that the cost is still \$310 per retreator. Your committee, Kate, Lori and myself are busy making samples for our retreat project. Formal registration starts at the first guild meeting.

Maggie



Photos from a previous Retreat



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Fat Quarter Draw—Debbie Briggeman & Daryl Pike

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Thank you for all the donating you have done.

Debbie & Daryl



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