

Patchwork Newsletter

Vernon Silver Star Quilters Guild Newsletter

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Greetings from our President

Welcome back, everyone, as we begin another guild year together from September through June. I always feel a special sense of excitement at this time of year — a fresh start, familiar faces returning, new members joining us, and so many opportunities ahead to learn, create, share, and serve together.

One of the great strengths of our guild is the variety of gifts our members bring. Some of us love organizing, some enjoy teaching, some are encouragers, some quietly get things done behind the scenes, and some bring creativity that inspires the rest of us. As we begin this year, I encourage each of you to think about where your gifts might be shared. Volunteering does not have to mean taking on something large; sometimes the smallest contribution makes a real difference.

This is also a wonderful time to become more connected. Consider joining one of our subgroups, where friendships grow naturally around shared interests and projects. Come out to our free open sewing days — they are a relaxed and welcoming way to make progress on your own work while enjoying the company and encouragement of fellow quilters.

For those who have been part of the guild for a few years, I invite you to consider becoming a **Member of Long Standing** and helping orient a new member to our guild. A friendly welcome, a few introductions, and a bit of guidance can make all the difference to someone just finding their place among us.

I am looking forward to a year filled with creativity, generosity, learning, laughter, and connection. Thank you for being part of this guild and for all the ways you contribute to making it such a warm and inspiring community.

See you at our first meeting, September 3rd. Warmly Deborah

Newsletter Editor – Louise Breneman Website: www.vssq
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

Community Caring – Linda Ensing



Early this summer the Community Care team delivered nearly two dozen quilts to the Osprey House, a local elder care centre. Our goal is to ultimately provide all the residents with a beautiful quilt. Again, the quilts were received with great appreciation and the care providers exclaimed over how lovely, how skillful, how generous the donated quilts are

As we prepared the quilts for delivery we too were struck by quality of these “charity” or “gift” quilts. There is nothing second rate about the colour choices, the pattern

decisions, the piecing & quilting quality you, the guild members are maintaining the craft to a high standard. Your efforts at making lovely quilts are valued and add a touch of beauty to many lives – thank you!

At the August planning meeting for the upcoming VSSQ guild 2026-2027 year there was discussion regarding how our guild can support those affected by the devastating local forest fires. The guild is consulting with local relief organizations to determine what the needs are and how our guild can contribute. Stay tuned for more information on that front.

Our next Community Care Sewing Day isn’t scheduled until November, but meanwhile, pick up a kit at one of our meetings or design your own and drop them off at the Community Care table at the back of the meeting room. Together we can get a lot done!

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Library – Rhonda Harvey & Marlene Lawrence

Hi everyone: Welcome back to a new guild year. It is the season of quilting, quilt retreats, sewing days, workshops, creativity and sharing. Of course that includes making use of the awesome guild resource, our library. Please return the books you signed out for the summer on our first meeting day, September 3rd. It will be the only opportunity to return books until October 15th meeting.

Our annual library book sale will be on September 17. On that day, the library will be closed for returns and sign out. If you have books or magazines to donate to the sale, please drop them at the multipurpose room when you arrive; it would be much appreciated. If you have items to donate and are unable to attend, please send them along with a member. You will have an opportunity at coffee break to come and browse these offerings. Bring your toonies and loonies and pick up some 'new to you' books, magazines and patterns. There are always a few jewels, and for newer quilters it is a good way to expand your resources. The proceeds from the sale are used to purchase new books for the guild library. I am constantly exploring new titles that have been released and that are due to be released in the next 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, please let me know.

Looking forward to a great year of promoting and utilization of the library.

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Membership – Susan Wilson

A reminder that the guild changed the Membership Year to run from Nov 1 to Oct 31 each year. What this means is that the membership does not have to be paid at the first meeting in September. IN FACT, the membership form is not yet on the website for you to complete and submit with your payment. The membership form has been updated and will be uploaded to the site for October meetings at which time we will then be collecting payments. And as has been the case for many years, you need to fill out a new form every year (even if you are life member) and hand in with payment.

At this time the membership list on the website is current as of the end of May, however the executive details have been updated to reflect the current known committee chairs.

Autumn Sale – Susan Wilson

On October 17 this sale will be held at Halina Centre. If you are interested in selling quilted items please attend the information meeting immediately after the regular meeting on September 3. This sale is very popular and if you choose to participate as a vendor you will be required to volunteer during the day. In addition, the guild retains 15% of sale price to cover expenses with the leftover amount being donated to local community charities. If you have any questions, please contact Anita Reimer or Susan Wilson.

Advertising Add-Ons – Susan Wilson

Quilting For You - Calendars now on sale - see Susan

Quilting Here & There - New workshops scheduled (bulletin board)

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Show and Tell - Lori Dhaliwal

Hello fellow quilters! My name is Lori Dhaliwal and I am your new Show and Tell coordinator. September and our first meeting are almost upon us and I just know many of you have been busy sewing. What better way to share your beautiful creations than at Show and Tell! But, alas, I need some help as it requires a minimum of 4 people (preferably 5) to make show and tell run smoothly. Two ladder comfortable people to hold the quilts. Two people to fold and one person to transport the quilt from the ladders to the folders.

I am looking for individuals willing to assist with these jobs. If that is you, please send me a quick email with your name, contact info and job preference for ladders, folder, transporter or all of the above to cldhaliwal@hotmail.com

Thank you, I am looking forward to a long list!

Show and Tell Photos & Albums – Louise Breneman

I take photos at Show & Tell – 1 of the quilt & 1 of the quilt & quilter. If you would like of photos of your quilts, there is a sign up clip board to the right of the bulletin board. I print the photos at the end of the month. In the past members paid \$.25 for each photo. A decision was made that there will no longer be a charge for the photos.



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Workshops – Pat Bennett

Our New Guild Year is coming up starting September 3, 2026. I know the Quilt Executive is excited and we hope you are too.

The Workshop committee is looking for ideas that you might be interested in taking and or teaching, so if you can think of anything please let the workshop Committee know.

Pat Bennett is heading the workshop Committee and Lorene Woronchak is back as well, new to the committee is Karen Penner and Heather Gamache. I hope you will approach any of us if you'd like to teach or have a request for a workshop you're interested in.

We have the Diane Jansson Workshop coming up on Oct 7th at the Church Multi-Purpose Room starting at 9am, cost of workshop is \$100.00. Please sign up at the Sept 3 meeting and pay to guarantee a spot. We will find out at the meeting if there are any changes to emailing money, please don't do it yet as we don't want your money not getting to the right place.

See you next week.

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Quilting Here & There

A Twist on Mystery Quilts

QuArtz – Cath Phillips

Quartz is looking forward to another exciting year. We will start it off with a visit to the VSSQ guild meeting on October 15 to show our Home Challenge quilts from last year. We will also be bringing along our Accordion Books, made to show the different techniques we learned during the year. One more display will have an assortment of the beads we made. The steering committee has a great variety of projects and talks planned for the new season. We will be looking into Art Styles, edge finishes and have a great Challenge planned.

A Trip Down Memory Lane

IN THE BEGINNING....

THE JOURNEY THROUGH LIFE BEGINS WITH ONE STEP.

What could be truer 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.

Commercial Synthetic Fabric Dyes (such as aniline and coal-tar derivatives) arrived in British Columbia during the late 1860s and 1870s, following their global invention by William Henry Perkin in England in 1856. As a booming frontier trading outpost and colony during the gold rushes and early confederation years, British Columbia received manufactured goods, textiles and chemical dyes via maritime trade routes from Britain & San Francisco by late 1860s and early 1870s.

Wine Country Quilters, who meet at the senior's centre in Winfield, are holding a Quilt Show on September 12th, to coincide with Art Walk. Poster from Diane Nakatsui

Wine Country Quilters Quilt Show



Saturday, September 12th, 2026
10:00 to 5:00

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