



Quilting Guild

NEWSLETTER

for the members of Chilliwack PieceMakers Quilting Guild

Monthly Meeting

April 21st 7:00 pm, via Zoom

Show and Tell

send in your pictures!!

Photos will be accepted until April 20th,
the Tuesday before the meeting.

Email to chilliwackpiecemakers@gmail.com

APRIL PROGRAM

Melissa Marginet,

My Journey as a Quilt Maker.

"My creative journey from growing up next door to a creative and resourceful grandmother in rural Manitoba to how I became addicted to quilting and ending where I am now. A trunk show filled with quilts and stories."

Melissa is a Canadian Quilt Maker, Author, Teacher, and Quilt Pattern Designer. She has published two books: *Walking Foot Quilting Designs*, and *Edge-to-Edge Walking Foot Quilting Designs*. Both books and many patterns are available in her Etsy Shop. She has a passion for teaching with her main focus being helping people gain the confidence to quilt their quilts on their home sewing machines with a walking foot. She has taught for Quilt Canada, the Saskatchewan Stitches Conference and for Guilds and across Canada. Since June of 2020 She has been teaching online throughout North America Visit Melissa's website, www.melissamarginet.ca, find links to all her social media including her Etsy Shop.

Presidents Message

Spring has arrived, or should I say summer? As I am writing this, a week of temperatures around and over 20°C is in the forecast. The sun is shining which always lifts my spirits, and more of us are getting vaccinated.

We are still a long way from getting back to normal though, especially with the more transmissible variants and the high case numbers, so please stay vigilant and follow the rules. We certainly don't want to catch the nasty virus now that we are getting closer to the finish line.

The end of our guild year is approaching fast, and we had to start making tentative plans for next season. We discussed this at our last executive meeting, and it was decided to plan for virtual meetings until the end of the year. It will take time until everyone is completely vaccinated, and large indoor gatherings like our monthly meetings will be one of the last things to come back. Should restrictions be lifted earlier we will organize in person meetings on short notice. But our programs committee needs to plan ahead and book speakers, so it was decided that Zoom will be the way to go just a little bit longer.

We continue to search for volunteers to work on the executive committee for next year.

Thank you to Dorinda, who stepped forward for the We Care committee! We need at least one, preferably two more people to help out. It is not a huge time commitment and a very rewarding task.

Prizes Every Month!

March winners:

Graceland

Quilts Gift -

Gerry D

Country Folk

Gift Certificate -

Laura B

Carola's Quilt Shop - Cindy W

A reminder Grace's Gift and Country Folk's gift are only awarded at the meeting by random draw. Carola's gift is won by posting on Facebook between the meeting timeframe. It is also awarded by random draw. Not on Facebook, no problem, send your image and info to the guild address and we will post it for you. Good luck



ZOOM SEW DAYS

SEW FUN SATURDAY

THREADER THURSDAY



We hope to see you on a sew day! Sew Day invitations are emailed to all members prior to each sew day. The Zoom meetings have been set up as recurring, meaning all future meetings will use the same invitation. If for some reason I forget to send you an invite a day or two before you can always join using a previous invite in your email or join from the link on the guild Facebook page event.

Upcoming Sew Days

Saturday April 24 / Thursday April 29

Saturday May 8

April 16, 2021

We also need someone to volunteer for the position of vice president. Please consider helping out with these positions.

Happy Stitching,
Beatrice

Up Coming Program

**GOING, GOING,
.... GONE!**



Piecemakers Auction June 2021

Ladies the bidding starts soon but, we need your support and donations of items worthy of an auction. All proceeds will support the Program Committee for future program speakers. Cherri and Sonja, along with Karlie's expert technology support, will have either a live auction (weather and social distancing dependant) or virtual auction for the June program. How will it roll out? All auction items need to be dropped off to either Cherri or Sonja prior to the auction by June 2 for the auction on June 16. These items must have your name on them with the approximate value. Sonja or Cherri will take pictures of your items and sent them to Karlie for the slide presentation. During the auction, the highest bidder will "win" the item. Payment for all items can be transferred to our treasurer, Connie.

Once payment is made, you will need to make arrangements to pick up

the item from either Sonja or Cherri. Use your imagination and creativity with your donations.

Perhaps you would like to support a local business by



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purchasing a gift certificate for someone else to enjoy. Maybe you enjoy gardening and would like to help someone with yard work or donate plants or flowers. I am sure almost everyone has quilting magazines, material, a kit, or material that you would love to get rid of. I am pledging a \$50 gift certificate from Anitas bakery, a fat quarter pack of 15 tone on tone whites/silver, 2 pairs of new hand

knitted wool socks, and a medium red "31 Bags" tote. More information to follow. For now, please consider supporting this worthy and fun activity that will benefit all our members.

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**CAROLA'S
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& THREAD COMPANY

**ROUND
ROBIN
UPDATE**



Another Round Robin group has swapped back their work. Laura B, Grace M, Diane H and Maureen W took a different approach from the last two groups, who did the medallion style.



**Pumpkin
Patch**

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These ladies did a row-by-row exchange based on a theme of their choice. It was then up to the owner to sew the blocks or rows together into a flimsy. Here are Laura's snowmen and Maureen's wonky houses. Aren't they wonderful?

If you want to see the starting place of these projects visit the webpage set up to view all the projects. Here is the link. <http://www.chilliwackpiecemakers.com/round-robin>

WE CARE



Eight quilts were distributed between Hospice, Ann Davis Transition House and Community Services Better Beginnings last week.



We are thrilled to announce that Dorinda G has volunteered to be part of the new We Care committee! At least one more person, preferably two more people are needed to assist in this most important committee.



Once again thank you to those who continue to make and donate quilts to our community and for being diligent in sewing our labels on. Please feel free to contact Gail or Ginger if you have any questions. chilliwackpiecemakers@gmail.com.

Who's Who in the Zoo? Your Guild Executive

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Beatrice R

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We Care

Gail W / Ginger C / Leslie Z

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Karlie M / Darlene T

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Karlie M

Bus Trips

Karri W

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Kate D

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Lyn R

Photography

Kate D

Show & Tell

Lyn R / Kim L / Cathy V / Jean P

Sunshine / Hospitality

Cherri M / Hannah B / Ineke V

Quilt Show

Karlie M / Janet S

UFO CHALLENGE UPDATE

Oh my, our Sandra L she is on a roll. Every week she sends in more photos of projects to add to her UFO list and also sends photos of completed projects.



When I was updating the UFO page on our website, I received a notice stating 'you have exceeded the number of items per page, time to upgrade your account'. Well, I'm not doing that so I had to do a work around to find a solution. What was the solution you ask? Make a webpage dedicated to Sandra's UFO's, that was the answer. While everyone else has their UFOs on the main UFO page you will see a link there to Sandra's page if you want to see specifically what she has been doing.

Keep those machines working away. Reminder the you have only until May 31 to complete as many as you like to be entered in the draw for a random prize donated by Maureen W. The announcement will be made at the June meeting.

If you can't remember what your UFO projects were that you submitting you can see the photos posted on the website. Find them under the menu Events - Challenges. <http://www.chilliwackpiecemakers.com/ufo-challenge-2021>

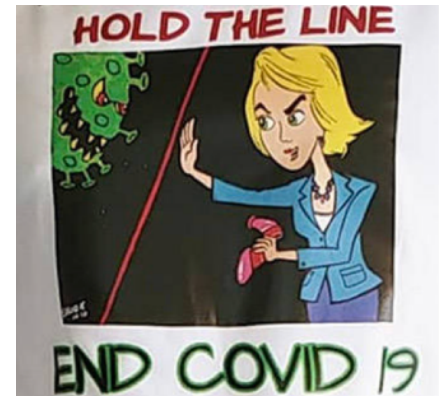
COVID CHRONICLES

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Art by Steve Elliott, Chilliwack

Karlie

It is that time of year when the sewing machine runs a little less and the call of the garden is a little more. For those of you who have been to my studio imagine this scene - in front of those very big south facing windows I have set up 4 long tables, they are filled with trays of little plants (annuals, perennials and veggies) in all sizes of growth, well over 300 of them so far and more to come. Good thing I have friends to share the overflow with as I always end up with more than I need but I just can't seem to throw out any that germinate and thrive. From February to April I was very busy producing four new projects in my origami series, these will be added to the others I have. They will be on display at the Art Gallery in Mission starting May 4 during my solo exhibition titled 'Fold & Crease'. And as the warmer weather comes along the golf course will call my name. Happy Spring everyone.



Jean

I got my first vaccine on March 8. Kinda exciting

Jane

I have been playing with fabric, when work permits, but have not completed anything for ages. My latest project is a hexagon quilt as you go Christmas tree skirt (picture attached) that I saw demonstrated on a Missouri Star Quilt video. I am putting it together by machine. My new motto is "Forget Perfect" . Or should it be "Finished is Better than Perfect"? I have had my first vaccination - I had to go to Burnaby for the Pfizer vaccine. (I come under the CEV category so I was vaccinated ahead of my age group.) Looking forward to being able to travel again, when it is safe, and spending time with my not-so-new granddaughter.



Sonja

With no travelling, excursions, or socializing, I have been busy working and have shifted gears from working at Chilliwack ICU to full time immunizing in Chilliwack, Abbotsford, Hope, and Agassiz. Quite a refreshing change with shorter workday hours which is welcomed. It was awesome to work with Leslie Z and Lynn who are volunteering at two of these sites. These two ladies kept the flow going and were essential to running the clinics - a huge thanks to both of you. I have ventured outside of my comfort zone and finished up my first Round Robin Quilt, started a Mystery Quilt (thanks Cherry Tree Quilts), and used Carola's thinking outside to box to create a quilt with ugly material sent to be by a friend to make my own unique design - cutting a nine patch on the 45 degrees and connecting to an ugly 1/2 square triangle! I also look forward to the Walking Foot class April 23 by Melissa Marginet. I have also completed 3 unfinished projects. I have enjoyed the daffodils in my garden this spring and planted my pots two days ago. I look forward to warmer weather and next month planting the veggie garden.

Gail

Yes, I've been vaccinated and I'm going to write about being positive instead of my usual whiny because I'm sick of all the restrictions.

Good news:

Masks cover up wrinkles

My 80 year old sister just completed a ski racing program at Whistler

The trees in downtown Chwk and all other pink and white trees are stunning

The Round Robin event was both fun and challenging

I gave up cookies but it only lasted 1.5 days but now I know I can do without cookies if I end up on a deserted island

Trump is gone (sort of)

Keep smiling, Ladies.

Beatrice

I can't really say that much has changed for me since our last Covid Chronicles. I often joke about my OCD in connection with quilts and colours and block placement, and in normal times it doesn't affect my life very much. But when I feel stressed it can get much worse, and the best way to deal with it (for me) is to have a very structured schedule that is pretty much the same every day. My customers have kept me very busy, and I am still quilting all day long. I take breaks for gardening and have started lots of vegetables from seeds this year, with mixed results, but I am really enjoying it. Luckily there is always the option to just go and buy some seedlings when I mess up. My husband is patiently building raised garden beds according to my wishes, and we are making good use of our small backyard. And we are still teaching ourselves cued ballroom dancing every night for an hour or so. We have now added Foxtrot, West Coast Swing and Tango to the list, especially Tango is a lot of fun. By now we have become experts in taking shortcuts to accommodate the small space available in our living room... we might not even be able to dance in a big hall anymore ;)

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Kate

I have to admit this Covid winter has been tough. With all the restrictions on gatherings and having no family members close by, it's been very isolating :- (. And with case numbers so high I've pretty much hibernated in my home all winter!

I knew it was going to be a loooong pandemic winter and I would need to keep busy and stay connected somehow. So I actively signed up for several online workshops and conferences and also participated in Zoom meetings and activities with multiple guilds (Piecemakers, Fraser Valley Modern, Vancouver Modern, and SAQA) That in addition to holding my own small group sew in day on zoom every week, I did manage to stay busy and spent lots of quality time in my sewing room. Thank goodness for Zoom, and I sure appreciated all my quilting pals this winter ... even more than usual! I practiced all the things I learned in the workshops and zoom days and even got some UFOs finished. But doing so many workshops created even more UFOs. Here are a couple of still unfinished Portrait collages using a technique I learned in a series of workshops with Phyllis Cullen. These are my Mother and my Son, both of whom are no longer with us, but I did enjoy the creation of these portraits as it felt like spending time with loved ones. The portraits are done in layers of fabric in different values and it's pretty amazing as you get to the 4th and 5th layers their features really emerge - uncanny likenesses of them!

