NEWSLETTER

Nov 2026

FOR THE MEMBERS OF CHILLIWACK PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

Monthly Meeting
Wed 18 Nov

Nov Program



Kellie Kaczmarek from Silly Moon Rulers will be joining us in November for a presentation **Quilting with rulers - It is not scary!**

There will be a small pop-up shop with Kellie's products, and she will accept cash, e transfer or credit card.

We will be celebrating our winners from the quilt show at the meeting, please bring the winning quilts.

Leah and Iris

Presidents Message

WHAT A SHOW! It took several days for me to come down from the high that being part of that amazing quilt show gave me.

Congratulations to everyone who participated whether it was by submitting a quilt or volunteering in some small way, we were all winners that weekend. So many people told us how beautiful it was and all the little things they loved about it. There are two reasons to hold our biannual quilt show … share our love of quilting with the community and raise funds. We were very successful on both fronts, it's hard to quantify the first one, except from the smiles on the faces of the over 300 guests we had come through the door and their positive comments. The over $6000 we raised is an absolute fact that it was a financially successful event.

Congratulations to all the prize winners, what an honour it is to receive acknowledgment of your quilting skills, I suspect many of you never even imagine this possibility … I know it's not why we quilt.

Welcome to our new members who saw something within that show that encouraged them to want to join us. I am really looking forward to meeting you at this month's meeting.

- Lyn

Quilt Show 2026

We will be celebrating our winners from the quilt show at the meeting, please bring your winning quilts to the meeting for awards and photographs. We'd also like to

About Our Speaker

Kellie has always loved crafts! She has pretty much done them all! In 2018 she went from a house full of people that needed to be cared for, to having free time on her hands and needed to fill it with a new hobby. She was done with the scrapbooking thing and had enough needlepoint and cross stitch pictures, given to her by her mom, to fill a museum. Luckily, a dear friend introduced her to quilting and there has been no turning back! She started by making rag quilts for everyone in the family and then moved on to piecing and quilting larger quilts on her mother's hand me down Bernina 801 Sport (think 1970s). She quickly found that an upgrade was needed, so a longarm was purchased! Her longarm came with rulers but there were things about the rulers she was not happy with. She is fortunate to have a machinist for a husband, and he quickly designed and made her new ones that served her purpose a little better. She loved what he made, and showed them to guild mates, and then at a local quilt show and quickly found that others loved them as well! She figured, if her small group of contacts liked them, perhaps more people would enjoy them and so she started Silly Moon Quilting Co. and now design and make rulers as well as teach others that ruler quilting is not scary!

see all the Challenge Quilts that were made, so if you made a 'What Chilliwack Means to Me' Quilt please bring it along. The volunteer prize will also be awarded and the Social Media prompts prize.

Best in Show - Cynthia Long - Fleur

Large/Medium Quilt
1st Place - Debbie Dillon - Jungle Magnolia
2nd Place - Cynthia Long - Hextravaganza

Small Quilt
1st Place - Debbie Cassells - Dolly Llama
2nd Place - Kate Davies - Klover

Show Challenge
1st Place - Carol Taplin - Vedder River Trail
2nd Place - Iris Zeller - Challenge Quilt

Bag/Tote/Wearable
1st Place - Angela Hrusik - Quilted Jacket
2nd Place - Leah McDonald - Tula Homemade Bible Bag

Membership/Registration

It's been an exciting few weeks for our guild. Along with the huge success at our quilt show, 13 ladies while at the show decided to join our guild and become a member. We are so excited to have you join us. We look forward to meeting you all at the next general meeting Nov 18. Welcome Welcome!!!

While checking in on guild meeting night please make any new address/phone/email changes to the membership list. Please bring your Emergency Contact Info to be added to your existing registration form if you have not already done so.

Don't forget your name tag …. you don't want to miss out on any of the wonderful prizes.

Our current membership is 60 paid members.

- Dalene & Nancy

These fantastic local merchants support our guild. Be sure to show your appreciation by supporting their businesses!

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Library Book Challenge

Our first Library Challenge was a great success, so we have decided to do it again. Did you know that our library has over 500 books in our collection? Have you taken a book out lately? Before we pause our in-person meetings, join in on the Winter Library Challenge, take a book out of the guild library that has a pattern that interests you. Make a project based on something you learned from that book, it could be a quilt, a block, a pillow, a bag, anything at all so long as it pertains to the book you've checked out. The library is wonderful resource to learn something new or brush up your skills on a technique you haven't used in a while. Keep the book until we come back together in March and bring the project and the book to the meeting and share it with the members. All those who complete the challenge will be entered to win a prize. Just another perk of being a PieceMaker!



Our library uses Libib, a search tool to find books on the shelves. The link is on our website under the library tab.

https://www.libib.com/u/cpqg

Where available there are images of the book cover along with short descriptions. You can use the search tool for any keywords. If you find a book that interests you record the number to easily find it on our bookshelves.

Public Pages – Facebook & Instagram

We now have a public Facebook page and Instagram account, if you use social media please like and follow our pages. Look for this logo.
Chilliwack PieceMakers Facebook page
PieceMakers Instagram Account

Door Greeters



We are looking for door greeters. A door greeter arrives at the meeting around 6pm.

November – Kim H, Janet S
December – Joanne B, Gerry D
January – Zoom meeting
February – Zoom meeting
March – Susan S, Bev T
April - ?
May - ?
June - ?

If you would like to help in this way, please see Lyn or email the guild address. We would like to post the list of monthly volunteers in the newsletter.

Fat Quarter Draw

This month is Christmas prints.



Youth Bags

Every two years the guild assembles 50 bags of essential supplies for disadvantaged youth in our community. We collect items over the next 12 months and give them to Community Services Youth Services in individual cotton bags. We collect the following items, those in RED are what we still need -

Item	Female	Male	Either Sex
Pouch Kleenex			49 (50)
Small shampoo			49 (50)
Small conditioner			49 (50)
Body lotion			50 (50)
Combs			27 (50)
Soaps/body wash			48 (50)
Socks			43 (50)
Deodorants	24 (25)	25 (25)	
Toothbrushes			37 (50)
Toothpaste			49 (50)
Gloves			49 (50)
Scarves			49 (50)
Toques			36 (50)
Sanitary products	24 (25)		
Notebooks			43 (50)
Pens			43 (50)

A blue box will be placed by the reception area to accept donations.

Thank you in anticipation of your donations.

- Janet Skulsky

We Care

Thank you to all the ladies who helped set-up and take-down of the We Care display at the Quilt Show it was very much appreciated. We had so many favourable comments

We Care Sew Day

We still have room for a few more ladies at the upcoming Sew Day on November 21. Currently we have 14 ladies signed up!

If you are new to the guild, you are welcome to come even if you can only spare a few hours, or just to visit. We have split the work this time into a few different areas so if you don't want to sew you can **CUT, PRESS, BASTE, SANDWICH!**

We will have all the tables set-up with ironing stations and cutting mats and rotary cutters available. Leah will bring batting!

If you are unable to attend but still want to help, bring some cut strips to the Wednesday Meeting and we'll add them to the pile!

If you want to come and need a ride let us know and we'll see if we can help you out!

If you need more info please feel free to contact the We Care email and check out the poster in this Newsletter!

If you are interested in joining this Committee, please feel free to speak to one of us or contact the We Care email.

Your We Care Committee -
Bev T. Leah M. Linda Van L.
Trish V.V. Leslie Z.

on the good work the We Care does and how many charities we support with our quilts. With the Quilt Show behind us we are in the process of distributing our quilts to some of our charities!

47 Quilts Delivered by Leslie Z. & Bev T.

5 Quilts – Better Beginnings – Agassiz

10 Wheelchair Quilts – Cheam Village (Parkwood) – Agassiz

13 Wheelchair Quilts – Glenwood Facility – Agassiz

8 – Child Development Centre Infant Massage Program – Chilliwack
8 – Meadow Rose Society – Chilliwack


Cheam Village.


Better Beginnings

We have more quilts waiting to be delivered to Ann Davis in the coming weeks!

We had 20 quilts collected at the October meeting. So grateful for all your and continuing support of the We Care Program. As the saying goes many hands make light work!

We had a very large donation of fabric that was dropped at Cozy Cottons this past week. We are in the process of sorting through the fabric, and some of the yardage pieces will be available at Sew Day for backing our We Care quilts!

Christmas Tree Block Lottery

At our December meeting we would love to have a Christmas Tree Block Lottery.

What does this involve you ask?

- Make a block or two or three or more
- The block can be any size or shape / square, rectangle, portrait or landscape orientation
- It must be of a tree/s
- The block can be made with any quilting technique
- It would be nice if there were Christmas prints used but it is not a requirement

The blocks are brought to the December meeting. If there are lots, we divide them so there can be more than one winner. For each block you made your name goes into the draw. There are tons of free patterns on the internet if you do a quick search or make up your own design.



Please contact Leah M if you need backing and/or batting. Please give her a few days prior to our meeting as she works full time!

Each We Care Quilt is labeled and we appreciate including your initials and/or your Guild number on the quilts. This makes the quilt a bit more special to the recipient and gives them an opportunity to send a thank you which we often get via email or cards!

Your We Care Committee,
Bev, Leah, Linda & Trish

Meeting Checklist

- name badge (for prize draw)
- fat quarter – Christmas print
- door prize (voluntary)
- show and tell
- we care quilts
- library books to return
- sharing table items
- Winning Quilt from the show
- Challenge Projects from the show
- Youth Bag items

Days for Girls

Our Sew Day on Thursday, October 22nd was a great success! Many thanks to those of you who were able to join us at our new location at Hazelwood Grove - 8485 Young Road, Chilliwack - The Clubhouse. Our home sewers/sergers were also a big part of the amount of kits we were able to complete - thank you for your contributions.

Our initial goal was to prepare 200 kits but on recounting our packed kits, I realized that we only needed 150 kits in order to reach our 2026 goal of sending 1000 kits to





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World Vision Canada. We actually packed 111 kits because we were short 39 transport bags. There are enough components to easily complete the remaining 39 kits, just need to sew the 39 transport bags by the end of November. I'm sure this will happen.

We had a display at the Chilliwack PieceMakers Quilting Guild over the weekend and were able to chat to many folks about DFG. We received cash donations over $200. It was a great way to spend a fall weekend. Many thanks to the PieceMakers Quilting Guild for their continuing support.

Save the Date: Our Next Sew Day will be Thursday, January 28th

If you want more information about this, please contact Trish V.

