

Door Greeters

Since the doors to the church lock automatically we need two members to be at the door to let members in.



If someone identifies themselves as a guest or new member one of the door greeters will take them to the registration desk to sign in.

Greeters should be at the doors for 6pm.

There are still openings for this easy job please see Lyn to add your name to the list.

Nov 2025 – Bev / Annette

Dec 2025 – Connie / Shirley

Mar 2026 – Terri / Jane

Apr 2026 – Terri / ???

May 2026 – Alita / ???

June 2026 – ???

Sept 2026 – ???

successes and concerns that guilds have, we also shared ideas for programs and workshops.

You will see 2 new advertisements in the newsletter, Cindy's Thread Works and Robyn's Nest both are online stores, they will be at our show next year. Please support our advertisers and let them know you are a member of the guild and have seen their ads in our newsletter. Cozy Cottons, Fabricland and QuiltNut Creations have supported us for many years with advertisements and continue to do so. Thank you!

Looking forward to seeing you all at the meeting with your favourite tool/notion!

- Lyn

Membership/Registration

As we head into our fall season it always feels so good to head into our sewing rooms with friends to work on our projects!! What a great hobby that lends to wonderful social gatherings with such talented and inspiring friends.

Our October guild meeting had 32 ladies come out with 54 paid members in our guild at this time.

We are always looking for buddies/mentors for our new members...if you feel you can help with this important role please come and see us at the registration desk.



Thank you to our two local merchants Cozy Cottons Quilts and QuiltNut Creations for your continued support and generous donation each month.

October winners: Cozy Cottons Quilts - Corinne W
QuiltNut Creations - Carol G

Guild pins are on sale at the registration desk \$5 each and if you need a lanyard please come and see us.



Quilt Show - Raffle Quilt

Sunday 9 November twelve members gathered to sew on the raffle quilt for the 2026 show.

We used a huge fat quarter bundle of fabric that was from past member Sandra L's stash to make the project.

Our pattern was an old-fashioned block, the churn dash. We managed to sew and iron all the blocks in one session along with 4 of the rows. Karlie did the final sewing of the rows the next day. The finished size is 84" x 96".

Barabra B will be doing our longarm quilting and Evelyn H will make the label on her embroidery machine.

The flimsy will be at the November meeting for show and tell.

So many thanks to all who have participated on this project.

Congrats to all the door prize winners and thank you to all that contributed to make this a fun part of our meeting.

See you at our November meeting (Nov 19th @ 6:30)

- Darlene & Nancy

Quilt Show 2026

Quilt Show - October 23 and 24, 2026 (the date is set)

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to be a committee chair for the 2026 show. We are still looking to fill the following committee chair roles: Advertising, Raffle Sales and Quilt drop off and returning. Please consider taking on one of these roles, if you haven't done it before, don't worry you'll have a fantastic support system to help you. It's a great way to get more involved in the guild and to get to know members. Feel free to ask Leah or Karlie for more information on the roles that are still available.

- Leah

December Potluck Lotto Block

At the December potluck meeting there will be a lottery draw for all those who make one or more blocks. For each block you make your name goes in the draw. How exciting will it be to be the winner of these pretty blocks.

Here are images of some made so far, they were posted on our Facebook page.



Raffle Quilt Sewing Day

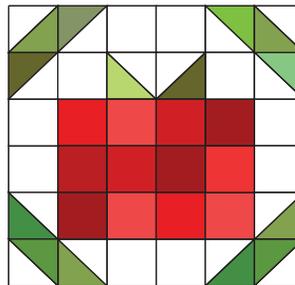


The colours selected are anything blue, with white or cream for the background.

It is a free pattern from Corey Yoder whom we have permission from to use her block design and pattern.

Here are the pattern and a link if you want to print one out for yourself to follow along.

<https://corianderquilts.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Scrapy-Gift-Block.pdf>



Scrapy Gift Quilt Block
12" Finished Block

Fabrics needed to complete 1 block

- (7) 3" green squares
- (7) 3" white squares
- (10) 2 1/2" white squares
- (12) 2 1/2" red squares

Designed by Corey Yoder of Coriander Quilts
www.corianderquilts.com

Piecing Instructions

Press as illustrated
RST = Right Sides Together
Use a 1/4" seam allowance throughout

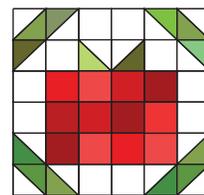
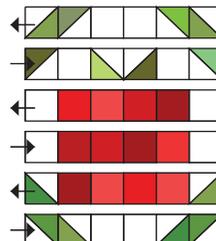
1. Mark a diagonal line across the back of a 3" white square. Place the white square RST with a 3" green square. Sew 1/4" away from each side of the marked line. Cut the unit apart on the drawn line. Press the seams open.

You will have two half square triangles.

Trim each half square triangle to 2 1/2" x 2 1/2". Repeat to make 14 green/white half square triangles (HSTs).



2. Lay out all of the HSTs along with all of the 2 1/2" squares as shown. Sew the pieces together in horizontal rows, pressing adjacent rows in opposite directions. Sew the rows together pressing the seams in one direction to complete the Scrapy Gifts Block. It will measure 12 1/2" x 12 1/2".



Tip: If you are making multiple blocks to use in one project, press all seams open.

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Mystery Bag Challenge

Those winter months can really drag on and on, on top of that we don't meet in person to foster inspiration for sewing and quilting. Nevertheless, we have an exciting mini project for you to participate in between December and March when we gather in-person again. Here it is if you want to join in:



- attend the November meeting to collect a brown paper bag
- fill the bag with one fat 1/8th of fabric (width of fabric or half of a fat quarter), one embellishment (button, zipper, rick rack, etc.), one surprise item
- return to the December with your closed bag and receive a new one
- make any project you like (potholder, pouch, wall hanging, etc.) you can add more items of your own and bring it back to the March meeting

You will keep whatever you made but the fun will be seeing if you can figure out what someone else made with your mystery items.

We Care

We have a **dedicated email** set-up for We Care - piecemakerswecare@gmail.com. We would appreciate you all using this email when you are communicating with the We Care committee.

As we pause to remember those we have lost in the month of November it is also time to remember those that are left behind and forgotten perhaps! As you all know the 'We Care' program does it's best to support those in need of a warm quilt for whatever reason! When I think of quilts, I've made over the past 30 years I'm sure many were cherished by the recipients, and many might have ended up in a dog's kennel! I truly hope that those we try to support and receive our quilts will know that someone

Fat Quarter Draw

Plan to participate you could be the winner. For each fat quarter you contribute you place your name in the basket (3 fat quarters 3 names and chances to win).



November colour – Christmas prints

Nov Meeting Checklist

- name badge (for possible prize)
- fat quarter – Christmas print
- own coffee/water bottle
- door prize (voluntary)
- show and tell
- We Care quilts
- library books to return.
- sharing table items.
- youth bag items
- Autumn Leaf blocks.



who cares out there is giving them a gift of love and with intention of a cozy warm hug!

I recently had a conversation with a guild member who was chatting with a Youth Service worker and the conversation reminded me that some people/youth leave circumstances they have no control over with absolutely 'nothing'. It broke my heart to hear of the devastating situations that some people face and made me feel truly blessed and wanting to do more to help alleviate in some small way the pain that others may endure. We often feel torn in trying to help every charity that might come knocking and 'if I had a million dollars' I certainly could do more...but I think often just a smile and kind gesture might just be enough or a quilt or two! As we enter the season of giving let us remember to give with our hearts first and with intention to make change and perhaps reduce our stash...lol.

The We Care Committee announced a new challenge for everyone if you haven't heard or are a new member we are calling it 'Autumn Leaves' in honour of the time of year and of course our Canadian Pride. The pattern is on website and has been emailed to members. The pattern is a free pattern by Canuck Quilter!

Our **We Care Sew Day** to put all our Autumn blocks is fast approaching and we still have a few spots available to help sew them all together! Please join us (see poster below) and if you're not committed to the full day and just want to stuff or sew a pillow or two, please drop by to help with our Heart Pillows for Breast Cancer patients in our area! A sign-up sheet will be available at the November meeting, or you can email the We care address to reserve your spot!

You don't need to just do Autumn leaves blocks at the Sew Day and we welcome anyone to work on We Care quilts that day. Fabric, backing and batting is available at the Sew Day!

If you have any started or finished a Leaf Block or quilt, please post them on our Facebook page...this keeps the

Days for Girls

We are always looking for people who are interested in helping with DFG whether you are a Sewer or perhaps just want to cut, label or string the bags or liners!!! If you are interested in the program, please check out the website – we are an international organization!

<http://www.daysforgirls.org/canada/>

Thank you to anyone who contributed fabric and your sewing skills – you are amazing for sharing your skills and fabrics for such a great cause and empowering women!!! Imagine what we could do with MORE helpers! Our next Sew day will be held on Friday November 28th - 10:00 – 2:00 pm (Bring your machine or serger and a lunch). Coffee & tea is available! Come and check it out stay for the whole time or just awhile. Once you have had some training on the pieces to be sewn, we always are happy to send items home with you to complete on your own time! We also need people who would be willing to “cut” (rotary) fabric. Westgate Apartments – 8955 Edward Street Chilliwack – Amenities Room off to the right side of the main entrance. This building is behind the Hospital area with plenty of parking!

We can always use quality cotton and flannel donations. All fabric should be at least 10” – 12” square or yardage. Whatever cannot be used we ensure that is donated to where it can be utilized.

Thank you to all the PieceMakers who support DFG we are truly grateful for your generosity!

Contact Ginger C or Trish V for any additional information.

motivation going for those of us participating and hopefully gain some new participants! Thanks to all the ladies who have already done so!

Thank you to all the members who handed in quilts last meeting including several wheelchair quilts! If you are handing in quilts at Cozy Cottons, please email the We Care committee so we can keep track of the many fabulous quilts that come in!

We are currently contacting several places where we could distribute more of our quilts and welcome any suggestions, please send any suggestions to the We Care email address. Suggestions should include a name, website if possible and contact person and contact information as our membership needs to approve of any ‘new’ recipient Agencies.

If you need **batting or backing**, please contact Leah M to make arrangements. Labels are available at the meetings and Cozy Cottons.

We are truly grateful to all the ladies who donate fabric, piece, bind and sew together all our wonderful quilts. You truly are an amazing group of women!

- Your ‘We Care’ Committee

Autumn Leaf Block Challenge

We’re using the Scrappy Maple Leaf pattern from Canuck Quilter Designs. The pattern includes instructions for two block sizes. We suggest you make the larger 7 ½” block and add borders so your completed block measures 12” (unfinished). One 2 ½” strip of fabric is sufficient for the borders. Please note there is one error in the pattern – cut 2 - 3 ½” A squares instead of the 3 squares listed.

Use any Autumn colours you want for the blocks, matching or scrappy. The background and borders can be scrappy too – anything goes!

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Have fun making these Autumn Leaves blocks over the next two months.



[Click on this link to get a copy of the PDF pattern](#)

- Bev

Bill Stearman – Queer Rights Project

In October I had the pleasure of attending a presentation by Bill Stearman, at the Fraser Valley Modern Quilt Guild. This is not an easy note to write, I know in the privileged life I lead I have minimal understanding of the story I listened to that evening. Bill and his husband Larry Taylor have spent the last year driving across Canada interviewing queer seniors and documenting their life experiences at a time when being gay was illegal in Canada. This is being undertaken for a project on the progression of Queer Rights in Canada. Bill will take the



information he gathers and make 12 quilts, each representing a Supreme Court decision that advanced Queer Rights in Canada. Bill has been a quilter for many years and while he shared his beautiful quilts with us, he told us some of what he had been through as a gay man, it

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2025 - 2026

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was not easy to listen to. On her IG page Berene Cambell described the presentation as 'emotional, fierce, brutally honest and yet truly inspiring'. On Bill's Instagram page he describes himself as 'Queer quilter, storyteller and activist.' Bill and Larry have attended many guilds over past few months to share their story.

In 2025 Canadian Quilters Association launched the True Colours Quilt Along to make everyone feel welcome in the quilting world, Bill Stearman was part of the 3-person committee who selected the blocks that made up the rainbow quilt. A fabric line was developed for quilters to choose to use for the quilts they were making. At the end of Bill's presentation each guild that was at the meeting was invited to take a bundle of the fabrics to share with their guild. I have decided to make this part of the draw at our December meeting. I encourage you to look at Bill's website billsterman.ca and his IG page @bill_sterman. Also, Canadian Quilters True Colours Quilt Along page has a lot of further information. If you would like to chat to me about this, I am very happy to do so.



Canadian Quilters True Colours Quilt along

- Lyn



We Care Sewing Day

**It's time to collect those leaf
blocks and build beautiful
quilts for the community**

**Saturday November 22, 2025
10:00 - 4:00**

**Community of Christ Church
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**We will be packing Youth bags starting at
9:30 if you would like to join us for this
please feel free**