



Quilting Guild

# NEWSLETTER

Dec 2025

FOR THE MEMBERS OF CHILLIWACK PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

Monthly Meeting  
Wed 17 Dec 2025

Program - 6:30 start



Christmas is getting oh sew close and I don't know about you, but our potluck dinner has become one of my favourite parts of the holiday season. Bring your appetite and dish to share with the group, as well as your own plate, cutlery and glassware. It wouldn't be a social potluck event without a little friendly competition and this year we'll be testing our quilting and PieceMaker's knowledge with an old game but with a fun new twist. What is your favourite evening game show that's been on tv since 1984?

- Leah & Iris

## Presidents Message

It's that time of year where trees are up, lights are twinkling and kitchens smell of home baking. Some of you are putting those final stitches into a quilt or two. It's a time when many acts of kindness are happening in our communities as we realize that there are those among us who find this time of year quite difficult. Our members are a very generous group; through the year we provide 100's of quilts for people who need the comfort of a quilt.

At the end of November, We Care hosted a day that embodies the kindness we have as a guild. To start the day Janet led us in the filling of the youth bags. Prior to that day she had also sorted the donated items and purchased the items we were short on, because of Janet's organizing the process of filling the bags was very quick. Community Services was over the moon to receive them the next week for distribution to youth in the community who need them. This could not have happened without the generosity of the guild members who knit hats, made scarves and donated all the items needed, as well as some cash to purchase what was missing.

Our We Care Day continued with over 12 members sewing together the leaf blocks we'd been working on in previous months into quilt tops; several were finished that day and others went home to be completed later. To be honest I don't know how many blocks we started with, but I believe Trish said there were 12 quilts worked on that day, again thank you, it couldn't happen without the work you do to make the blocks. Several members were also stuffing and stitching heart pillows, there were 21 completed that day. Our members really are amazing!

## Fat Quarter Draw



December colour – purple

## Dec Meeting Checklist

- own coffee/water bottle
- potluck item (plus serving utensil)
- plate, cutlery, napkin
- door prize (voluntary)
- name badge (for possible prize)
- fat quarter colour – purple
- 'Present' lottery block
- Scrappy Christmas ornament
- Mystery Bag & items inside
- food drive items/cash/cheque
- show and tell
- We Care quilts
- library books to return
- sharing table items



It's said that one of the greatest gifts we can give someone is our time and that is just what several of our members will be doing during the next two weeks as we work alongside students at Imagine High. Thank you to everyone who will be sharing their love of quilting with the students perhaps this act of kindness will spark someone's love of stitching.

I love potlucks so I am really looking forward to the meeting this month it's a great time to come together to visit, eat, relax and have fun. I am in the process of reworking my Christmas sweater! I'm not sure how Leah is going to pull this off, but she assures us she has a great Quilting Jeopardy game planned.

I know there are several things... make that quite a few things.... we must remember to bring to this meeting so look for Karlie's list in the newsletter.

Merry Christmas.

- Lyn

## December Mini Projects

Three mini projects are available to participate in. We hope you will want to do at least one or all three. They are fun easy and quick to do. Here are the details to remind you.

### 'Present' Block Lottery

A lottery draw for all the 'present' blocks constructed. The colours selected are anything blue, with white or cream for the background. Here is the pattern link.

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

### Scrappy Christmas Ornament

Make a scrappy Christmas ornament and bring it to the meeting, you will go home with a new ornament for your decorating.

## We Care Sew Day



## Mystery Bag Challenge

Homework for between December and March. Here it is if you want to join in:

- in a brown paper bag
- fill the bag with one fat 1/8<sup>th</sup> of fabric, one embellishment, one surprise item
- take a new bag home, make any project you like (potholder, pouch, wall hanging, etc.) you can add more items or fabric of your own
- you will keep whatever you made

## Autumn Leaf Block Challenge

Our summer and fall challenge was to create Autumn Leaf blocks. Everyone must have really enjoyed this block challenge as we received 88 finished blocks by the time of the sew day.

We had 14 ladies come to the Sew Day at Community of Christ Church that Saturday November 22. Eleven tops were completed that day and 2 were completely quilted and bound! Wow! I look forward to seeing them all come back in the coming months!

Yes, you can drop them at Cozy Cottons during January and February just let us know they are there!

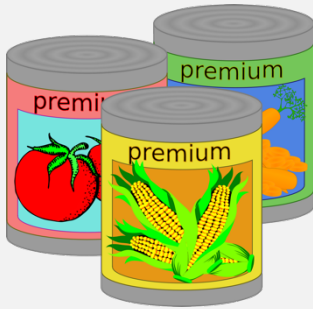
We will have a draw for all the ladies who completed blocks at the March meeting – **but you must be in attendance to win!**

21 heart pillows we stuffed and hand sewn together ready for delivery to cancer patients.

Thanks to everyone who made blocks and



## Food Bank Donations



It is that time of the year where we can help families have a more special Christmas season and assist with needy families in the months beyond.

We will be collecting donations for the local food bank. Non-perishable food items will be accepted at the December meeting. Lyn will provide a box and take the donations to the food bank.

We will also be accepting cash/cheque donations again this year. Monetary donations are preferred because the food bank can purchase the items they need most. They also get discounts at certain stores, so your money purchases more this way.

**Cash/cheque donations should be placed in an envelope. Donations over \$20 qualify for a tax receipt, so don't forget to add your name and address if you would like to receive a receipt.**

to those who came out to sew on this day of community project making.

- Your 'We Care' Committee

## Membership/Registration

Such a busy time of the year but there is always a bit of time to get into our sewing rooms to enjoy the sound of our machines and getting one more block completed! Such a great feeling ... what a wonderful hobby!

Our November meeting had 33 members come out with one guest Leslie H  
Membership is 55 members.

As always, a big thank you to our two local merchants that continually support our guild monthly.

November winners: Cozy Cottons Quilts - Connie D  
Quiltnut Creations - Carol G

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 December meeting (Dec 17th) @ 6:30

- Darlene & Nancy

## Quilt Show 2026

Quilt Show Date - October 23 and 24, 2026

Thanks to those who have signed up to help on the quilt show. We have three positions that still need filling, please consider helping.

There is a lot of support available if you need it.



**Advertising** – sends out emails, delivers a few posters

## 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 – ???

**Raffle Quilt Sales** – distributes tickets, collects money from the sales, arrange for 2 or 3 sale days

**Receiving/Returning Quilts** – collects quilts Friday, returns quilts Saturday

Show Co-Chair - Leah M  
Show Co-Chair - Karlie M

Advertising - **vacant**  
Challenge Quilt - Iris Z  
Decorations - Trish V  
Entrance Table - Janet S  
Guild/Boutique Table - Bev, Wendy, Carol, Debbie C  
Merchants - Lyn R  
Photographer - Jessica H  
Prize Baskets - Debbie D  
Quilt Registration - Karlie M  
Raffle Quilt Sales - **vacant**  
Receiving/Returning Quilts- **vacant**  
Treasurer - Kate D, Iris Z  
We Care Display - We Care Committee

- Leah

## Youth Bags



The bags were filled on the We Care Sew Day. Thanks to all who brought in items and donated cash for the missing items.

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



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They were delivered to Chilliwack Community Youth Services.



- Janet

### [Deep Dive Volunteering](#)

This Christmas season we have been asked to help the students at Imagine High with their Deep Dive into Quilting. The volunteers 11 in all (thank you) have started the Dive this week with 14 students!

The challenges of getting all the machines in order and students on track was led by Jessica H, Nancy R our machine expert and Bev T by the end of the two days students were confident in their machine skills, were mastering the 1/4" seam and had their strips cut out for their Rail Fence lap top quilts. The machines are humming and the chatter is high, but all things are looking to having some wonderful quilts assembled for our We Care Program.

## 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 January 23 - 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.**

Students were also given a Trunk Show by Karlie M on Monday, and we will have several more before the weeks are done! We also have managed to get Wanda L who was a previous member to come and show her Award winning 2025 Quilt Canada Quilt!

The students will complete their weeks work by completing a landscape/artsy quilt for them to take home with them!

We are very fortunate to have this opportunity to share our time and talents with the future of quilting/sewing! We just never know who the next award-winning quilt maker might be! Knowing that we may have inspired a young person to explore their creative side and continue with our art of quilt making should bring a smile to our face!

Thank you again to all the ladies who have volunteered for this event!

## We Care

It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas everywhere we go.... well doesn’t that start earlier every year! As you all know the ‘We Care’ program does it’s best to support those in need of a warm quilt for whatever reason! Thank you to all the members who handed in quilts last meeting including several wheelchair quilts! **There were 12 in total.** 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.



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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!

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

- Your 'We Care' Committee

### Zoom Meetings

Just a reminder our **January and February** meetings are held on Zoom with two amazing guest speakers attending.

We also ask that you take pictures of your completed We Care items, finished quilt projects, block of the month and completed UFO projects.

Please send these to the guild email address so they can be included in PowerPoint shows that will be shared as part of our zoom program.

[chilliwackpiecemakers@gmail.com](mailto:chilliwackpiecemakers@gmail.com)



### Recipe Favourites

I bet you didn't know that we have our very own recipe collection on the website. These are favourites that have been brought to our past potluck meetings. Once tasted the recipes were requested by several members, so what did we do gather them up and shared them. So, if you are looking for something different from the usual to prepare this season have a look at these tried-and-true delicious dishes.



Here is the link the website page.  
<https://www.chilliwackpiecemakers.com/recipes>



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