



NEWSLETTER

Jan 2026

FOR THE MEMBERS OF CHILLIWACK PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

Monthly Meeting
Wed 21 Jan 2026

Program

6:30 start via Zoom



We will be joined via Zoom by Rhonda Pierce, the VP/Marketing director of Euro-notions and Spokesperson for SCHMETZ needles.

Confused about what needle to use? What do all those numbers mean on the needle package? Is changing the needle really important before it breaks? What needle should I use? Successful sewing is often about paying attention to the little things – like the needle in your sewing machine. Get the low-down about how this little piece of steel can solve some very BIG problems, including broken threads, skipped stitches and puckered fabrics. Your sewing machine is an investment, and protection begins by using the very best needle. Sew SCHMETZ!

- Leah & Iris

Presidents Message

Happy New Year to everyone.

I just looked briefly at my Christmas note and I see I mentioned that there was a possibility of snow.... well, that didn't happen and now I see we have summer arriving this week with temperatures as high as 14 by the end of the week. That could make for some interesting temperature quilts, I wonder if anyone is working on one.

Talking about new projects did you start a new quilt? I was looking for a project to do while I'm away, a friend shared a pattern with me, so I have actually commenced some of the cutting. Since it involves hand applique, I doubt it will be ready for the quilt show in October!

I know we will have a fun year together! Leah has some great programs lined up and I know Trish has a We Care Workshop booked and of course there is our Quilt Show in October to be working towards.

On a personal level Neil and I are heading south for a few weeks to spend time with my sister and some friends in New Zealand. I will have a week in Australia with my brother first, he lives a kilometre from a beach, so I am looking forward to some beach walks. Have a great month, see you on zoom on the 21st!

Happy Stitching.

- Lyn

About Our Presenter

Rhonda Pierce



Rhonda Pierce has a dream job ... teaching sewing enthusiasts about the hardest working 2" piece of steel in the sewing machine – the SCHMETZ needle. She lives in the Chicago area. Whether presenting SCHMETZ virtually or in-person, she averages 100+ presentations annually and happily provides SCHMETZ facts to make your stitching easier. Rhonda created and published 100 issues of SCHMETZ Inspired to SEWezine. She publishes the 'must read' SCHMETZ needles monthly newsletter. Her quilt, Color Splash, hung at three International Quilt Festivals. Rhonda's personal website is www.SewMoreStitches.com. With quilt shop, wholesale management experience, and the love of sewing, Rhonda delivers a unique perspective as VP/Marketing Director of Euro-notions, and Spokesperson for SCHMETZneedles.com North America.

Meeting On Zoom



Whether you are an experienced zoom user, or this will be your first time rest assured it is a super fun way to stay connected with the guild.

If you have not used zoom before simply click on the link in the email you will receive next week and you will be redirected and hooked up to the zoom meeting. You can use your desktop, laptop or tablet (your phone would be a last resort as viewing is difficult).

If you haven't connected to zoom in a while you may be prompted to do an update for zoom, click on the update. When it is completed, I recommend closing that window and returning to the email link, opening it a second time. This should bring you to the meeting, don't forget to accept the button asking to use your device audio.

The zoom link is an open link, that means you can try it out ahead of the meeting during the day or anytime as soon as you get the email with the link. If you are really struggling to figure it out, please email the guild address and I will try to help.

Please join the meeting well before 6:30 pm as the presentation will start promptly at that time. We suggest coming to the meeting around 6:15pm. This way we can also offer any last-minute help ideas for your best zoom viewing experience.

See you on the 21th - Karlie

Membership/Registration

Happy New Year from the Registration Desk.

We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season with a little time in there for some holiday sewing!

Our December meeting had 27 ladies out to enjoy a yummy potluck dinner, fun games, lots of laughs and a food bank box that was overflowing! What a great evening!

Thank you as always to our two local merchants Cozy Cotton Quilts and Quiltnut Creations for your continued support and generous donation each month.

December Winners:

Quiltnut Creations — Debbie C
Cozy Cotton Quilts — Angela H

Our next two guild meetings will be via Zoom, but we will continue to have these two draws so make sure you are there.

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

Our Guild Membership is 54 talented members.

Hope to see you January 21st at our next meeting 6:30 via Zoom.

- Darlene & Nancy

December Mini Projects

What fantastic participation for these two activities at our December Potluck. Here are the photos of the Scrappy Christmas Ornament Swap.



The winner of the lottery draw of all those beautiful Present blocks was Barb B.



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[We Care](#)

Happy New Year from the We Care Committee – we hope the year started out with some celebration and revelry! Well can't say that happened in my house but we thoroughly enjoyed the peaceful evening and the Chilliwack Fireworks that we can see from our deck! I did manage to participate once again in our local Penguin Plunge at Kilby! It was a balmy day, and the water was a warm 2 degrees! I did plunge backwards fully into the water and boy it sure lets you know you're alive and well! We had 35 'crazy' people according to the crowd which was a record for the organizer! This was the 14th year and it grows each year!

On that note our We Care Committee is hoping that we 'grow' our group of faithful supporters who make, bind, and quilt our We Care Quilts. We can always use people to help with different aspects of the process and welcome all to our **February Sew Day** scheduled for February 28th at the Sardis Library from 10:30 – 3:30!

More details to come about our plan for the day but for any newbies all you need to bring is your sewing machine favourite rotary cutter and lunch or maybe a snack to share! We have ample fabric, rulers, mats, irons, ironing boards, extension cords, batting and backing to get your started on a 'We Care' quilt!

Last December we collected 19 quilts at the meeting. 2 quilts were dropped at Youth Services who asked Janet S. when she delivered the Youth Bags if we would be willing to support those who come in! We said Yes!



Last week we did an inventory at Cozy Cottons and re-organized our quilts to the various charities we intend to support for the coming year – more to follow at the general meeting about this! We will in the coming months

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.

re-organize the fabric being stored and have a plan to utilize the remaining stash at the Sew Day in February! We will be posting on our Facebook Page several flimsies that have been adopted by the We Care Program that need to be completed. Please let us know if you are interested and we will arrange a time to pick up the flimsy along with batting, backing and binding!

Cozy Cottons will have a labelled bin available for those of you who drop your quilts there. Bev has agreed to pick up any of the items dropped there and bring to the meetings in the future – thanks Bev! We are doing this so quilts can be put into the parade we have at meetings and blocks/items dropped for meeting events could be included!

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

10 quilts were delivered to Meadow Rose Society! When talking to them they indicated they need winter coats for toddlers and babies and can always use formula if you would like to help out.



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

Our Deep Dive at Imagine High will have a full report in the February newsletter – thanks again to all who supported this endeavour!

In speaking with Kaleigh from Youth Services, I asked her if we were willing to give them some Toiletry bags for Youth coming in, she said that would be appreciated as most come to them with absolutely nothing. For those of you who like to do something small please consider making one that we can deliver to them (male & female oriented). This is not a revolving door environment the youth who

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come are between the ages of 16-19 and commit to the 2-year program. We hope to have someone come to a future meeting to explain how best we could support our Chilliwack Youth in this facility and others!

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

Mystery Bag Challenge

Were you one of the many who took a Mystery Bag home with you from the December Potluck meeting?

Remember the rules, yes there are rules! You must use the fabric, embellishment and mystery item in your project. You can add anything of your own to finish it up. The project will be yours to keep and you can make literally anything you want with the items. They are due finished for the March meeting so we can see if we recognize the mystery bag we gave away. Have fun. Mine is done!

- Karlie

Quilt Show 2026 - October 23 and 24, 2026

Still looking for volunteers for these three positions! Please step up.

Advertising – sends out emails, delivers a few posters

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

Barb B did an amazing job at longarming the first prize raffle quilt, the binding is being completed by Gail W. Barb also volunteered to longarm the second prize quilt. Thanks so much ladies.

- Leah



We Care Sew Day

February 28 2026

10:30 – 3:00

Sardis Library

More Details to Follow

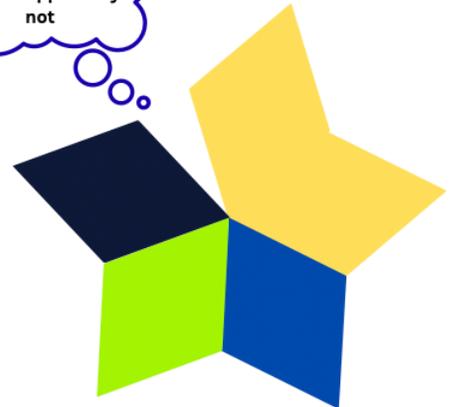




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Krista Moser of The Quilted Life

Krista is a sewing enthusiast and quilt pattern designer with over thirty patterns to her name since 2016. She's the creative mind behind the popular Creative Grids 60 Degree Diamond Rulers and has taught sewing and quilting for over 25 years. Krista will be sharing with us why "Diamonds are a quilter's best friend"



When: February 18 2026

7:00pm

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