



NEWSLETTER

October 2023

FOR THE MEMBERS OF CHILLIWACK PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

Monthly Meeting Wed 18 October 2023

*In person meeting at Cooke's
Presbyterian Church, 45825
Wellington Ave, Chilliwack, 7pm.*

October Program

Never mind 'Pumpkin and Spice'. You have UFOs to deal with! Bring your unfinished objects and a toonie to enter at Wednesday nights guild meeting. Be prepared to show them off and have them photographed. Bring your worst and do your best. Looking forward to all that will be revealed.

Also on the program is the introduction of the Block of the Month, a sample will be on display and Nancy will be available to answer questions. We hope you will want to join in.

Read the special write-ups about these two projects in this newsletter.

Additionally, we will have our regular Show & Tell and We Care Parade.

Presidents Message

Fun Fact: Did you know that actress Maureen McCormick, known as Marsha Brady from the Brady Bunch is a fabric designer for Moda? And her favourite design style? You guessed it: 1970's retro. For Maureen and Moda, it has been a very successful collaboration.

What I like is our love of all things 'quilty' also includes those who embrace their own creative skills and share it with us in the most fundamental ways.

One of our program ideas is to have a gentleman by the name of Laurier. Thank you to Angela from Cozy Cottons for the connection. He will speak on the topic of the fabric side of the quilting business. Again, another facet of the quilting world. So, I encourage you all to "stay tuned" for that in the near future.

By the time we meet again Thanksgiving will be behind us but I want to wish you and your loved ones a wonderful time together this year. I think the following quote says it all.

'Bless the food before us,
The family beside us
And the love between us.'
(Author unknown)

Proud to be a PieceMaker
- Cherri M

Membership Dues

Just a reminder if you have not yet paid your dues they can be paid in the following ways.

Membership/Registration

Our September Meeting attendance was 36. So far, we have 45 registered members in our guild but I'm sure by the end of our next meeting our numbers will be way up.

We would like to welcome two new members Marianne P & Cheryl G ... we hope you feel at home at our meetings and encourage you to take advantage of the wealth of knowledge and talent the ladies of our guild have to offer.

Welcome back past members, ladies with incredible talent -
Darlene C, Donna H & Regena E.

We had three ladies as guests at our first meeting of the year and hope they will return and become part of our guild. - Shawna S, Lynn J, and Lorrie D

Congratulations to all the Door Prize Winners and a big thank you to all the members that contributed to this draw.

- thanks, Darlene & Nancy

September Gift Certificate Winners

Cozy Cotton \$10. Gift Cert -

Dianne S

Carola Gift Cert -

Cherri M

QuiltNut Creations 1m fabric -

Wendy L

Chitter Chatter Fabrics \$10. Gift Cert -

Susan S

The membership list and more **importantly the email list** will be updated at the end of October.

E transfer to:

piecemakers.treasurer@gmail.com

Security question: what we do

Security answer: quilts

Amount: \$35.00

Message: for membership

Additionally, we will accept \$35 cash or cheque at our September meeting at the registration desk. Please place in an envelope with your name and member # on it.

The last option is to mail a cheque to Chilliwack PieceMakers
C/O Lyn Robinson 45330 Stevenson Rd, Chilliwack, BC V2R.

Block of the Month

The block of the month program begins this month and continues to June 2024. For this series, there will be a total of 9 all new blocks, from October to May, with ideas for sashing and borders available in June. Individual finished blocks will measure 12" square.



Each month, you will receive a dedicated email a week ahead of the monthly meeting...it will contain the pattern and instructions for the latest block. Please review the information, and print it out for future reference. The blocks will range from beginner to intermediate to help encourage our new quilting members to participate.

Fabric requirements will be block by block, so dig into your stash, pick a colour scheme, or go completely scrappy...it's up to you.

At each of the monthly meetings, you will be able to view a sample of the monthly block...and Nancy will be available during the break to answer questions.

Meeting Checklist

Do you have everything in your bag?

- UFO projects & \$2.00
- name badge
- Show & Tell projects
- We Care quilts
- library books to return
- mug for coffee or tea, or your water bottle
- door prizes (voluntary)
- items for the give-away table
- fat quarter - Autumn Orange
- youth bag items
- cash/cheque for the workshop

Workshop Opportunities

The 'Improv Workshop' to be taught by Nancy R that was cancelled in the spring has been rescheduled for Nov 4. It will be held at the Community of Christ Church on Carleton St. Samples will be on display to show everyone what we will be working on and questions can be answered by Nancy. The sign-up is only half full, if it is not full after the October meeting the workshop will be cancelled. Please bring cash, cheque or you can e-transfer if you sign-up.

See all the fun at the last workshop 'Spring is in the Air' by visiting this page on the website.

<https://www.chilliwackpiecemakers.com/spring-is-in-the-air>

It is entirely up to you how many blocks you make...one of each block plus sashing and borders will result in a small quilt approximately 45" – 50" square. Or create a table runner...or add multiples of your favourite block to create a larger quilt.

With finishing details available in June, you will have ample time to complete your quilt in time for Quilt Show 2024.

Look for the first block in your email on Monday 16 Oct! To be made for the November meeting.

I can't wait to see what you all create...

- Nancy R

UFO Challenge

The program for the October meeting will be a special Show & Tell of the UFOs. It is so much fun to see what people have stashed away, sometimes very old projects see the light of day again, and the accompanying stories are often hilarious. Please remember to let me know if you are bringing something if you haven't already done so. Email me or the guild address, so we know that we have enough to fill the program part of the meeting.



At the October meeting I will have a list for the UFO Challenge sign up. Please bring a toonie if you would like to join. For \$2 you can register as many projects as you want. The projects are supposed to be finished in time for the May 2024 meeting. If you finish at least one of your projects, you will get your toonie back. Remember, this is just supposed to be a way to motivate each other to actually finish the things we know we should have finished a long

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



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time ago. There is no pressure to finish everything, life happens, and there will always be unfinished projects. If you don't finish anything by the deadline, nobody will judge you for it.

- Beatrice R

Youth Bags

Please keep collecting items for the Youth Bags. The big push is on now to make sure we have all that is needed. We are still collecting items for this month and in November. Our bag filling day will be Nov 18 at the Sardis library (We Care sew day).

Below you will find a list of items we still need. A blue box will be by the reception table for donated items.

Item	Female	Male	Either Sex
Bags			4
Combs	23	25	
Socks	1	7	
Deodorants	22	22	
Toothbrushes			30
Gloves	20	21	
Note books			44
Pens			45
Handbag size tissues			42

Please note we still need cotton bags to put the items in. The finished bags should measure approximately 18" by 20" with a draw string top.

Thank you to Trish for making make up bags for the girls, 17 bags and 25 scarves.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

- Janet S



Day Retreat

Chilliwack PieceMakers are inviting all guild members to a **free Day Retreat, Saturday October 21** at Community of Christ Church Hall on Carleton Street, Chilliwack from **10am to 5pm**.

This is a free day of sewing so guild members can socialize in a relaxed atmosphere. Members can bring their own sewing machines or hand sewing or just drop in for a chat. The guild will provide an ironing board and iron.

Also provided will be tea and coffee, please bring your own lunch. We are asking if some members would be willing to bring a small plate of goodies to share with everyone.

There will be a sign-up sheet next to registration at the Guild meeting. Looking forward to seeing you there.

- Janet and Karlie

We Care

Beatrice, Trish and Ginger were so pleased to donate 40 quilts this past month to Hospice, Ann Davis, Community Policing and Better Beginnings. It was a moving experience for us to hear how they are received and when they might distribute the gifts we give. Pictures were posted on our website very quickly thanks to Karlie!

At our September general meeting the membership agreed that we will no longer distribute to Better Beginnings and Community Policing as the Day Guild also gives to them. When there is a need we have left information for them to contact us.

It was also decided at the September meeting that we would send 15 quilts to the Shuswap Fire victims as the Day Guild donated to Kelowna and keep 15 quilts aside for Emergency purposes should the need arise. With the increasing disasters of flood and fires the need is great at times and with having this accepted we are able to do this at moment's notice without having to go to the membership for approval.

We are in the process of contacting several other agencies regarding quilt distribution and they will be presented to the membership when contact and their needs are determined.

Thank you to the people who donated the 14 quilts at the September meeting.

We will be presenting some new ideas in the coming months for "We Care" and the first will be at the October meeting. Leslie Z will have a wheelchair quilt they have been working on with some of the Care Homes in the Agassiz area. They will have a template available in the future for those wishing to help!

See some additional information in the poster created by Leah! We hope you can all join us for the **'We Care Sew Day' November 18th** at the Sardis Library following the Youth Bag filling! Sign-up sheets will be available for the Sew Day & Specific quilt portions.

Library

Our guild library has been run very efficiently by Diane H and her helpers for many years and we thank her very much. She has stayed on graciously as librarian for the last two years hoping someone would come forward to take over from her, unfortunately this has not happened.

This month you can return library books but the library will **not be open** for borrowing and will **remain closed** until two or more members step forward to volunteer. Diane is more than willing to do any training that is needed and answer any questions during the transition if there are volunteers that step up.



Fat Quarters

Winner at the September meeting was - Megan P

October colour - Autumn Orange

Quilt Portions – some of you have expressed a desire to sew for 'We Care' but are perhaps unable to completely quilt it creating flimsies only, others enjoy just doing binding, others like to quilt them so we will have sign-up sheets for those only wishing to complete portions of quilts!

Please remember to label your quilts with either your initials or your Guild # so we can track entries for our year end draw as per our Constitution! Our gifts are precious to the recipients! We never know how much that quilt might touch someone's life!

Labels are available at the meetings and at Cozy Cottons in Chilliwack! Remember to pick-up your kits at the meetings! Contact Leah M if you need backing & batting to complete a project. She will have labels available as well.

Many thanks,
- Your We Care Committee



We Care Day



November 18, 2023
Sardis Library
11 - 5

Shop Our Stash

The We Care Committee will be bringing our stash for members to "shop" from and *build their own kit* with fabrics of their choice

Pre made kits, batting and backing will also be available

Sew with us

Spend the day sewing with us before the busy holiday season



Register with the We Care Committee at the October meeting



** Youth bags will be filled that morning starting at 10 prior to the We Care Day **

Sunshine/Hospitality

The role of the Sunshine Committee is to send out sympathy and get-well cards to our members. Please contact me to share awareness of any need.

Hospitality

The coffee served at all of our meetings will be decaffeinated. Enjoy, but please bring your own mug.

- Wanda L



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Check us out on Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/840042746122369>

Quilt Show 2024

Yes, it is that time again when we start to think about our quilt show in 2024. Our first task is the making of the raffle quilt. Last quilt show we made over \$1500 dollars on the sale of the tickets and we ran out of tickets to sell during the quilt show leaving many visitors disappointed. We will have to print more for the coming show.

It seems early to be starting the raffle quilt process a full year in advance but I know from experience it takes several months to finish all the work and have the tickets ready to sell for late spring.

At the October meeting there will be a [sign-up sheet](#) for anyone interested in cutting the block pieces, sewing the blocks together and completing the ironing.



I have run the last three quilt shows and am willing to continue in this role for two more years, however we need a [quilt show mentee](#) who will work along-side me for the 2024 show to learn what is involved and to take over for the 2026 year with me as an advisor only. Please ask me any questions if you think you might be interested. If no one steps forward that will be the end of our quilt shows.

- Karlie