



Quilting Guild

NEWSLETTER

for the members of Chilliwack PieceMakers Quilting Guild

MONTHLY MEETING

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 18 VIA ZOOM

Show and Tell

send in your pictures!!

The Show & Tell will be presented at our monthly general meeting by PowerPoint. We assume you have not been sitting idle all month, so please share what you have been working on. Please email pics to chilliwackpiecemakers@gmail.com Photos will be accepted until **Nov 17** the Tuesday before the meeting.

NOVEMBER MEETING PROGRAM



Bags, Totes & Caddies

Members and best friends **Ineke V** and **Hannah B** have been sewing together for years. Their love of making bags, totes and caddies is evident in the sheer number they have produced. Many of them have been made in bright colours, including Kaffe Fassett fabrics, their favourite. Member **Karlie M** has produced and edited some of these creations into a home movie. So sit back relax and enjoy viewing their fantastic collection!

Presidents Message

Who could have imagined a year ago how much our lives would change in 2020? Sometimes time seems to stand still with all the restrictions and not being able to go anywhere, and then you turn around, and suddenly it's November, and Christmas is just around the corner. Are you working on your Christmas projects? This year, maybe we'll be able to finish them without a last minute rush since there aren't as many distractions? I know, who am I kidding. If you are a procrastinator like me, the last minute rush is half the fun.

We have had two successful general meetings on Zoom so far, and I would like to encourage those who haven't attended yet to give it a try. It is really easy, and we are available to help you get connected. While virtual meetings are not as good as the real thing, they are much better than nothing, and it feels great to see all the familiar faces. The programs committee has been working hard to adjust to the virtual situation, and they have many great ideas for the months to come.

I would also like to thank all of you for joining our guild again this year. We had a very conservative estimate for our membership number when we calculated the budget, just to be on the safe side, and we almost have twice as many members right now. Thank you so much for your continued support. A special thank you goes out to Karen W, who was a new member last year. She has decided not to join us again this season for personal reasons but felt very welcome in our group and made a

DECEMBER MEETING PROGRAM



A **Holiday Recipe Swap** will be part of our Christmas party program for December 2020. Please join in by emailing in your favourite holiday recipe along with a picture of your **success** at creating it ...

... or maybe even an **epic fail**? We've all had those right!?



We will be creating a slide show to drool and laugh over during our meeting and will make the recipes available to everyone.

So dig through those recipe files, create that special holiday treat and email your recipe and picture **by December 12** to the guild at chilliwackpiecemakers@gmail.com

We also are planning a few other surprises for the December Zoom meeting. We will share details in the next newsletter.

donation to continue to support our guild. We hope to be able to welcome her back when we can meet in person again. Happy stitching, Beatrice

Membership/Registration

Our membership has seen a steady increase of ladies rejoining the guild, we currently have 57 members. The new membership list has been compiled and emailed to each of you. Please print out a copy to use as a reference. If you would like a membership card that you can print out, these are being sent by request only, please send me an email to the guild address and I will forward one to you. - Karlie



Prizes Every Month!

Thank you so much to **Graceland Fine Quilts and Carola's Quilt Shop** who are donating gift certificate prizes each month to the end of the year! We will also be giving out gift certificates from Country Folk again this year by random draw. It's super easy to enter to win just by attending meetings or posting on Facebook. Everyone loves a prize, maybe you will be a lucky recipient!



WE CARE

Last month 26 quilts were distributed to our community and were greatly appreciated. A special thank you is extended to Shirley VanderKooi and Betty Ferguson for the significant numbers donated by them. Anyone wanting a pre-cut We Care kit can contact Gail at chilliwackpiecemakers@gmail.com

November 15, 2020



We have completed four Sew Fun Saturday's with a steady increase of members attending each time. Our next date is November 28, an invite will be sent via the guild email address a few days before the Saturday. This is such a fun way to stay connected with other quilters. For those of you who used to attend the sewing days at the Sardis library or a guild sew day, the Zoom day has the same feeling. There is lots of chatter and a little sharing. It is also a great source for advice, Cherri M asked about using metallic threads and received tons of fantastic information, Elizabeth G asked for ideas on quilting her row by row project and Donna H got suggestions on layout ideas for the blocks she had put together. You can join the day for 15 minutes of quick chat time or stay all day. Hope to see you there!

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

Are you interested in discussion from the executive meetings? Our notes are posted on the webpage, to read them go to Members Info, Exec Meetings.



<http://www.chilliwackpiecemakers.com/members-info-2020---2021>

and a meeting place can be determined. Also, batting and backings are available. Quilt labels are available at Lyn R's. All completed quilts may be dropped off at Lyn's as well. Check the membership list for Lyn's contact info or message her on FaceBook. Once again, thank you to our guild members for their dedication and caring for those in need in our community. Special thanks to Elizabeth Gillies and Betty Ferguson for the amazing collection and abundance of fabric donated to We Care!

Round Robin Project

The Round Robin is off to a great start, all groups have met either in person or virtually and have their plans set in place. A webpage has been set up to view the starting pieces of the projects. Each person participating has been asked to send in a photo of their starting piece before they send it on to the next person in their group. We thought it would be great to see where these projects started off. At the end of the round robin in May we will collect photos of the finished projects and post those pictures for a viewing of where they ended up. Won't that be fun when the reveal comes. To see the starting photos on the webpage, select Events, Challenges. <http://www.chilliwackpiecemakers.com/round-robin>



Challenge QUILT 2020

As you know there was no Quilt Show for us this October, so sad; however, that means our next show will be amazing as everyone will have four years' worth of projects to select from to enter for the show. On the brighter side we



Youth Bags

In this time of yet another "stay at home" directive I thought about the toques for the Youth Bags. For members who are not aware of the bags, every second year the Guild puts together a cotton bag containing items for disadvantaged youth in our community. Our next delivery is still a long way off - December 2021 - but it's never too early to start!

We will need 50 toques, 50 scarves and 50 pairs of gloves/mittens so if you can knit an item or two they will be appreciated.

It was suggested to me that I include the pattern I use but as it is copyright protected that is not a good idea.



Having said that, there are loads of free patterns on line and on Pinterest so you could find one suited to your level of knitting/crocheting.

Items can be dropped off anytime on my doorstep, after all I am not going anywhere!!!!

Thank you for your generosity
Janet S

did continue with the traditional Quilt Show Challenge. You are likely tired of all the emails I've been sending to you about this so you be happy to know that has come to an end, for the quilt show challenge at least.

We had six projects completed, they are posted on a webpage under Events, Challenges. <http://www.chilliwickpiecemakers.com/20-20-quilt-show>

If you would like to read all about the extra 10 items they added, the title of the each and who made which entry please visit the webpage. An email survey was sent to the members to select a winner, thanks to all 32 members who participated by returning a response.



The winner of the challenge and the \$25 cash prize is - drum roll please **Wanda L** with 74% of the votes. Congratulations Wanda!

Fabric Shopping in 2020

Kate

Pre Covid -19 I was never much for online fabric shopping. I do enjoy browsing and "petting" the fabric in person in a store! However, I pushed myself to online shop in order to just "stay home" and be Covid responsible. And what do you know? I've found this online shopping thing to be a LOT!

The cost of shipping can be an issue, but often easily solved by just buying enough to reach the free shipping amount! Here are some shops I've gotten good service and quality products online.

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I needed Essex linen in a specific colour to finish a project and couldn't find it anywhere locally - Thread Count Fabrics had it - yay! When you can't browse to choose fabrics in-person Kits can be a safe bet to satisfy the shopping urge and ensure the perfect fabric selection. I'm a sucker for "boxed" kits so was drawn to the Comet Quilt kit from Cherry Tree ... and was not disappointed! And this Happy Together kit from Purple Katz has a TON of fantastic fabrics.



This Project Case was from a Kit from Troll Brothers - a fun easy project with super cute fabric!



All in all I have to say I prefer shopping in person but especially in these times thank goodness for online! Plus it's pretty cool that online shopping allows small business in tiny towns in rural areas of Canada to thrive.

Fabric Shopping in 2020

Beatrice R

I have always purchased most of my fabrics online, mostly from the US. At first out of necessity, there weren't many sources for quilting fabrics in Germany when I first started. After moving to Canada, I

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enjoyed having a quilt shop just around the corner but wasn't able to always find the bright fabrics that I love in just the right colours when I needed them. I stopped buying fabric just because it is pretty a long time ago, after discovering that I never had the right fabric anyway or - if I did - I hadn't purchased enough. After Covid made it impossible to have fabrics shipped to Sumas, I finally took the time to find a Canadian online source with lots of bright and cheerful fabrics. It took me a while but I was lucky, and my new favourite online store is Willow Creek Quilts in Claresholm, Alberta. I have ordered from them four or five times now, and their customer service is excellent. They offer great quality fabrics, always ship within 24 hours, have free shipping when your order is more than \$79 before taxes, and my purchase always got to me in less than a week.
<https://willowcreekquilts.ca>

Fabric Shopping in 2020

Lyn R

It's kind of sad to drive past Hamels and not see the sign out front now, I wonder what is keeping Pauline busy. But as they say when one door closes another opens. I have taken the lovely drive up into the community of Ryder Lake where Carola now has her quilt store and retreat centre. She said she is open most days but to call before you drive up there. It's a small space in her garage but she has a great selection of fabric and all the Aurifil threads.

And our own Grace M at Graceland Fine Quilts has a really good selection of fabric and was able to provide me with a really nice flannel for the backing of a quilt I am finally finishing after about 8 plus years!

Who's Who in the Zoo? Your Guild Executive

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Beatrice R

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Lyn R / Kim L / Cathy V / Jean P

Sunshine / Hospitality

Cherri M / Hannah B / Ineke V

Quilt Show

Karlie M / Janet S

Fabric Shopping in 2020

Ursula

So here are my "Covid times" quilt shopping events. I helped Hamel's fabric shop empty their store by picking up some sale items that I needed. Then I got lucky to accidentally hit a Fabricland sale on cheerful flannels for "comfort quilt" backings when I had to go buy a new rotary cutter. I emptied a bolt of a gorgeous floral fabric at Country folk that I just loved because of all of its potential. Finally, I called Carola up at Ryder Lake and was able to go up to her new store and restock my supply of Aurifil threads. She just happened to have an old rose fabric that I have loved and "needed" more of. I think I am stocked up with the things I need for quite a while. I dread the day I run out of my favourite batting but I guess I will figure that one out when it happens.



Fabric Shopping in 2020

Rachel

I've done some shopping at Fabric.com . Their fabric is really good quality and prices are pretty good. They have sales and discount items. Their website is easy to navigate with lots of filters. They ship from the states but it arrives fast. I have been very satisfied with the purchase that I've made for an online store. www.fabric.com

Fabric Shopping in 2020

Grace M

Fabric shopping....oh my dear....what shop shall I visit today? Well, I believe I shall pop into Graceland Fine Quilts. She might have a few things on sale!! She has a bit of an eclectic mix...one never know what she has hiding!!! Oh look...there is a new bolt of that Kona super black...and a new bolt of Hobbs 80/20... and oh my goodness...those charm packs of Stilettooooooooo...delightful...and I see some matching bolts as well... You should pop in there one day as well...call her first... and bring your mask.

She would be happy to see you....and bring a friend along too.



Fabric Shopping in 2020

IDA

I have been using up some of my quilting stash. It has been a challenge but brought the artistic skills up to speed. Carola's Quilt Shop from the sunshine coast has moved to Ryder Lake so I am lucky to have a supply of fabrics on my doorstep!! However I have popped into Dragonfly Quilting store in Surrey and found it quite reasonable with good selection. It is only open on certain days so check first. Happy Quilting

Fabric Shopping in 2020

Sonja

I have placed an order online with Hamel's in Sooke (Stiletto was on sale and couldn't resist!), I have checked out Chitter Chatter in Abbotsford, and I have been to Grace MacDonald's home store. I still miss our local Hamel's storefront, but am pleasantly surprised with the selection and set up of Chitter Chatter. I must also tell you a trip to nearby Tanglebanks (a nursery, shop, and restaurant) is a must for a good cup of coffee and a meal after your Chitter Chatter visit. I strongly encourage you to check out Grace's home selection as she has a variety of material, jellyrolls, honeybees, layer cakes etc. All in all, there are a number of options and I don't think I will be lacking for fabric or projects for the next 40 years.

Fabric Shopping in 2020

Karlie

Like everyone else who had a gift card still in their wallet for Hamel's I did what was expected. I visited and used the remaining cash on my card plus a little more of my own. I didn't really need fabric, I have hordes of that waiting on my shelves to be used up but I did find 2 packages of those nifty little clips for holding your binding after you pressed it and before you have sewn it. They are fantastic for basket making too. Also making their way to my supply shelf were replacement rotary blades, of course I haven't got around to swapping out the REALLY bad blade I have currently in my cutter, soon though. Plus a few or so new spools of thread, not telling how many!

