



NEWSLETTER

May 2026

Quilting Guild

FOR THE MEMBERS OF CHILLIWACK PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

Monthly Meeting
Wed 20 May 2026

Program

6:30 start In Person -



This month Rhonda Morrison from QuiltNut Creations will be joining us. She'll be presenting all things longarming your finished quilt top. How to get it ready, what longarming is all about and what you can expect when you take your quilt to a longarmer. It's time to start getting those quilts done so they can be quilted for our show in October. Rhonda will also have a small pop-up shop available and accepts cash and card.



- Leah & Iris

Presidents Message

It's 12 months since I accepted the position as President of our guild. I have so enjoyed this role, I love the liveliness within the room at each of our guild meetings, it seems to me like everyone there is so excited about everything going on.

This would not be possible without everyone who volunteers within the guild, yes there are 'big' roles that keep the guild running but it's the little things our members do for each meeting that give the guild its heart! Like the greeters at the door, bringing a door prize or a Fat quarter, contributing to the Youth Bags, helping with show and tell, making a quilt for We Care, I could go on and on, but I won't. This month we are going to have a little celebration of all the volunteers in the guild, perhaps right now you don't think you are giving a lot to the guild, but you may have in the past and you possibly will in the future. We will have a cake and some extra door prizes (you do not need to be present to win a prize but if you want to eat cake, please come to the meeting).

We still need someone to shadow Kate and learn about being the guild Treasurer, could you be that person?

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

- Lyn



About Our Presenter

Rhonda Morrison

In 2006 I bought my first longarm quilting machine for a hobby and I haven't looked back.

Within six months, I ended up not returning to my post-secondary schooling and what was to be a hobby, became a full-time job.

My skills earned me ribbons and awards, the highest honor placing first and earning the Canadian Quilters Association Rosette.

I'm often asked how I came up with QuiltNut.

It was a nickname that stuck! Back in 1999, I started blogging to have a place to share all my quiltie creations and QuiltNut Creations was born.

My dream was always to open a quilt store with a coffee shop so the husbands wouldn't be bored while their wives shopped. A place where I could continue with longarm quilting and help others start their quilting journeys.

In 2021, that became reality when we opened QuiltNut Creations Fabrics and Longarm Quilting.



Fat Quarter Draw

This month's colour is **PINK**.

We Care

I recently attended a retirement party for our neighbour who has spent 42 years in military service! He is also the person who delivers Quilts of Valour to our veterans in B.C. He still plans to continue to do this in his retirement as he says it's very important to him! At the party I was able to see him gift a Quilt of Valour to someone retiring and witness his gratefulness for this gift. It was quite moving to see his face as they unfolded the quilt. If you are one of those who makes quilts for them, please know that they are greatly appreciated and more of them are needed to reach more veterans!

We Care has said before we never know how much a gift of a quilt could mean to the person who receives it. We all hope that each quilt will comfort someone in one way or another! At our April meeting we collected 32 quilts – Wow way to go!

I was also lucky enough to attend 3 Guild Quilt Shows in the past month and was reminded at each how many We Care quilts are made throughout the lower mainland and island, we truly reach a vast number of charities. Hundreds of quilts go out each year to numerous charities in our Province, and our Chilliwack Committee members are extremely proud and grateful to be part of fabulous group of quilters! Just a note that at most Guilds the Committee that is responsible for the charity quilts include the word 'care' in their name it is not just our Guild.

If you are new to us, please visit the website to see what and how We Care supports the community, the sizes of quilts we provide and the patterns that are available. You are welcome to use your own patterns but please keep within the sizing guidelines.

Reminder of the List of the Charities we have Supported this past year - Chilliwack Hospice, Child Development

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Centre (Infant Massage Program), Meadow Rose Society, Ann Davis Transition Society, Ruth and Naomi's Mission (Men's & Women's Recovery Centre), Chilliwack Literacy (2 prizes for contest). In Agassiz – Better Beginnings, Victim Services, Cheam Village, Glenwood Senior's Centre. In addition, 40 quilts were sent to support Tumbler Ridge residents.

Please contact Leah McD to arrange for backing & batting. Labels can be picked up at Cozy Cottons and the meetings.

If you are de-stashing, We Care is always happy to accept cotton and flannel pieces as well as unfinished quilts. Please contact us if you have any questions via the We Care email address!

If you are interested in only doing a portion of a quilt, we often have various parts of the quilt to be completed – i.e. quilting, binding, some piecing - speak to us for more info! Thank you to all the wonderful women to donate time, talent and quilts completed or not!

- Your We Care Committee

New Advertiser

We have a new quilty business coming to our 2026 quilt show, Quilt Bitz. In the meantime, take a look at Kim's online store which located in Kamloops. Welcome Kim!



Days for Girls

The Sew day for **May** has been cancelled our next Sew day will be held on **Friday June 26 - 10:00 – 2:00 pm**. Attend at the usual address and bring the usual supplies to participate.



Door Greeters



Greeters should be at the doors for 6pm.

May 2026 – Alita S / Bev T

June 2026 – Daisy S / Evelyn R

New Mini Project

Since our guild will be celebrating thirty years and we have our show this fall, we would hope that you will make a placemat for our 30th year. They will be registered for the show using the on-line entry form that will come out in May. We will display all the placemats at the quilt show. This placemat can be kept by you or donated for the Meals on Wheel program in Chilliwack after the quilt show. Hope to see lots of participation and many placemats.



- Iris

Membership/Registration

Hello fellow guild members from the Registration Desk.

We would like to welcome Kim H and Jenelle F as new members to our guild ... so nice to have you come out and join our incredibly talented group of ladies ... always lots of fun and so much to learn!

Our guild membership is 55 paid members.

Thank you as always to our two local merchants for their continued support of our guild with their monthly donation.

April Winners:

QuiltNut Creations —Sharon B (one meter of fabric)
Cozy Cottons Quilting — Iris Z (\$10. Gift Cert)

We are looking for 'Buddies' for our new members ... a very important role in our guild to make new members feel welcome and at home as they navigate our meetings ... if you feel you would like to help please let us know.



Hope to see you at our next in-house meeting

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- Darlene & Nancy

Quilt Show 2026

October 23 and 24, 2026

Raffle Quilt Basket Collection

Please raid your sewing room and look for items or fabric you can donate to the raffle baskets. This collection will continue right up to our October meeting, but getting a head start on the sorting is always helpful so please don't leave your donation to the last minute. Look for a drop off box on the table where the door prizes and fat quarters

Quilt Show Challenge Project

Iris is overseeing the challenge for the quilt show, read all about her terrific idea.



Theme: What Chilliwack means to me.

Size: Perimeter of finished piece must not be larger than 24" square no matter what shape you choose. So total perimeter 96".

Your small quilt must have three layers; top, batting and backing. Will require a hanging sleeve as well.

You can use any method: example traditional blocks, improv, collage, paper piecing, appliqué whatever you desire. Examples ideas are the mountains, the river, the farms, 1881 and so on.

They will be registered for the show using the on-line entry form that will come out in May.

Consider joining in on this challenge as it will be interesting to see the quilts and it should be a lot of fun.

- Iris

are collected. Pretty much anything goes, fat quarters (lots of lots of those are needed) and gently used sewing items that quilters might use. If there are items brought in and they cannot be used, they will be sold on the boutique table, so nothing goes to waste. Our vendors also contribute generously to make these even more win worthy. The ticket selling takes place during the two days of the quilt show and always draws in over \$1000 dollars. Please be generous.



This is what they look like when they are bundled up.

Boutique Table

As at past shows we encourage members to donate items to the boutique sale table. They can be items you no longer want or newly made items large or small. You can also donate fabric as fat quarters, half metres, or larger pieces. Please do not include fabric scraps.

Items can be donated with 100% of the sale going to the guild or sold on consignment. The guild will retain 20% of all consignment items.

So, it is not too early to start making some small items for the table or to go through your quilts to see if there are any you want to sell.



All items are to be priced by you and delivered on the Friday of the show.

Books and magazines will also be collected to be placed on a free table.

Raffle Tickets for the Two Quilts

The tickets will be available at the May meeting ready for distribution. It is hoped that each member will sell one or more



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books of tickets (10 in a book \$2.00 each), but there is no pressure if you don't like doing that sort of thing. We are all set to sell tickets at the Gwynne Vaughan Park Sale, we usually sell about 100 at that location throughout the day.

Registering Your Quilts

All items will be entered with the on-line form as we have done for the last two quilt shows. These items include - quilts all sizes, challenge project, placemats, bags/totes, made by children, Deep Dive and anything else we think of. The form will be sent via email to you from the guild address in May and a few other times before the Sept 30 deadline in case you need it. We will need approximately 125 – 150 quilts along with the other items for on the table displays.

Workshop Opportunity

The A.B.C. Bag...Applique, Beading, Curves, Couching

Choose a blend of assorted fibres in your favourite colours, fabric bits, yarns, decorative threads, trims plus beads and more. Then use your sewing machine to weave it all together while learning new techniques. Create a unique piece that can become the face of a bag, a notebook cover or a small art piece.



Date: Saturday, May 30th
Time: 10 am to 4 pm
Cost: \$30

Sign up by emailing the Guild email:
chilliwackpiecemakers@gmail.com
Janet will reply with further details.

- Janet & Nancy

Craft Sale

May 23, 2026
46102 Davis Street, Chilliwack
9:30a.m. – 2:00p.m.
(No early birds, please)!

An industrious group of day guild members have been working hard to prepare for the sale of former member and original founder of the Chilliwack Quilters' Guild, Jeanne Harmer's craft and quilting supplies. The sale includes quilting supplies, machine quilting as well as hand and machine embroidery supplies, etc. The guild and the family will share the proceeds of the sale. We hope to see a large turnout.

Deep Dive

Several of our members participated in quilting instruction at Imagine High. Here is an invite to all our guild members to attend an Open House at the school to celebrate the students learning.

LEARNING

EXHIBITION



JUNE 23, 2026
12 - 2:30 PM

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