



# NEWSLETTER

Oct 2025

FOR THE MEMBERS OF CHILLIWACK PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

Monthly Meeting  
Wed 15 Oct 2025

Oct Program – 6:30 start



I am very excited to welcome Berene Campbell as our presenter for October. Berene is a modern quilt designer, speaker and community project instigator. Her sewing patterns feature inspiring messages of positivity and hope, with the goal of making the world a kinder and more peaceful place. She is a big fan of 'collective energy' and uses community projects to corral fellow creatives to work together for change.

This is your last chance to show off your Summer Library Challenge, bring your completed project and the book to the Oct meeting to be entered in the draw for a prize.

- Leah & Iris

## Presidents Message

I was so pleased to see the energy in the room at our September meeting. Our members were excited to be back together after the summer hiatus; there was so much laughter. Our presenter, Colleen did a great job sharing her passion for Penny Rugs, after the presentation there were lots of members gathered around her table searching for patterns and getting more tips from her, and it was lovely that she gave us each a little project to do at home.

I hope you have decided to renew your membership so you can come to our meetings, our sew days and enjoy our Facebook chats. Plus, we really like seeing you and your projects.

The executive met at the end of September for an in person get together and potluck lunch. Zoom meetings are quick, no driving needed, and you can be in your pjs and enjoying a glass of wine, but we don't get to know each other. Leah helped us out with a game, and we also told each other about other hobbies, other than quilting we have now or have had in the past. After a fabulous potluck lunch, we held our October Exec meeting. We had an extensive discussion on how we can get our members coming out to our meetings and more involved in the guild. Two suggestions were to have meet ups between meetings possibly at local quilt shops; and go back to having a monthly project. Iris will be introducing a block for a block lotto in December. Our library book challenge over the summer was well received. If you have an idea to help increase participation, please come and tell one of the executives, or send me an email to the guild address.



### Berene Campbell's Topic for our Evening Program

**ALL TOGETHER NOW:  
Harnessing hope by working  
together for change.**

When we work together, life stories are shared, understanding grows and ideas are sparked. This results in an amazing collective energy. Berene's work embraces this process along with creative and inspiring designs enabling makers to be a part of a greater good, helping them to feel empowered and more hopeful about their place in the world.



Hopefully you had fun with this challenge, photos of all who participated will be posted on the website along with the winner of the draw.

At our December potluck meeting we will be hosting a lotto block draw. This is another fun challenge to participate in. See further down in this newsletter for the details.

This month's meeting promises to be very exciting with Berene coming from North Vancouver to do a workshop for the day and our evening program.

Did you know you can bring a friend or friends with you to a meeting? It is guild policy that anyone can attend one meeting as a guest.

Remember the meetings will be starting at **6:30** as of this meeting.

- Lyn

### Membership/Registration

Our 2nd meeting of the year is fast approaching (Oct 15th) — new start time 6:30pm.

It was great to see you all at our Sept meeting and thank you to all that renewed your memberships. We will be accepting membership dues at our Oct meeting \$35. cash or cheque. An e-transfer can also be done by sending your dues to our guild treasurer [piecemakers.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:piecemakers.treasurer@gmail.com)

A big welcome to our two new members Mary T and Carol T. We are so excited you came out to join our guild. We are a group of gals that are so full of inspiration, encouragement and fun to be with. We also had two guests Joanne A and Marian V join our Sept meeting. We hope they will return and join our guild.

A Buddy/Mentor list will be at registration desk if you feel you can help with this very important role, please signup. Having a buddy for our new members to make them feel comfortable, included and navigating our meetings will help make them want to continue to part of our membership.



## Autumn Leaf Block Challenge

We're using the Scrappy Maple Leaf pattern from Canuck Quilter Designs. The pattern includes instructions for two block sizes. We suggest you make the larger 7 ½" block and add borders so your completed block measures 12" (unfinished). One 2 ½" strip of fabric is sufficient for the borders. Please note there is one error in the pattern – cut 2 - 3 ½" squares instead of the 3 squares listed.

Use any Autumn colours you want for the blocks, matching or scrappy. The background and borders can be scrappy too – anything goes!

Have fun making these Autumn Leaves blocks over the next two months.



[Click on this link to get a copy of the PDF pattern](#)

- Bev

Guild pins and Lanyards will be for sale at the desk \$5. each.

Thank you to our two local merchants Cozy Cottons Quilts & Quiltnut Creations for your continued support of our guild with your monthly prize donation. It's a special and fun part of our meeting that we all look forward to. Don't forget your name badge to make you eligible!

Sept Winners: Cozy Cottons Quilts- Norma H  
Quiltnut Creations - Trish V

Congrats to the seven door prize winners and thank you to all that contributed.

Membership - 41 paid members

- Darlene & Nancy

## Quilt Show 2026

Our bi-annual Quilt Show will be upon us sooner than we think. Not only is the show a great way to share your quilts, but it is also a great way to get to know other members. At our October meeting I will have the signup sheet for Quilt show committee leaders. Committee leaders are asked to participate in 2 zoom meetings before the show and be available during the Quilt show.

- Leah

It is time to start planning and sewing our Raffle Quilt project for the 2026 Quilt Show. A signup sheet will be passed around to collect names of those interested, please consider helping with this project.

- Karlie



## 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.

Oct 2025 – Norma / Joanne

Nov 2025 – Bev / Annette

Dec 2025 – Connie / ???

Mar 2026 – Terri / Jane

Apr 2026 – Terri / ???

May 2026 – Alita / ???

June 2026 – ???

Sept 2026 – ???

## We Care

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.

With the summer behind us and our gardens being put to bed we as quilters often do a re-set to begin hibernation in our sewing room! Colours are changing our landscape, and we are once again looking at our stash perhaps wondering where to begin. With a new budget (yes, we spent all last year's) we will have 2 prizes at the October meeting to be drawn from those members who participated in We Care for 2024-25 year. We hope to grow the list of participants this year!

The We Care Committee announced a new challenge for everyone if you haven't heard or are a new member we are calling it 'Autumn Leaves' in honour of the time of year and of course our Canadian Pride. The pattern link is in this newsletter, on the website and has been emailed to members. The pattern is a free pattern by Canuck Quilter!

As with our Heart Block Challenge last year – do a block, several blocks or a whole quilt the choice is yours. We will have a **We Care Sew day** to put them all together on **November 22<sup>nd</sup>** along with making some more Heart Pillows for Breast Cancer patients in our area! A sign up sheet will be available at the October meeting, or you can email the We Care address to reserve your spot! You don't need to just do Autumn Leaf blocks at the Sew Day; you are welcome to work on We Care quilts that date. Fabric, backing and batting is available at the Sew Day!

If you have any started or finished a Leaf Block or quilts, please post them on our Facebook page.... this keeps the motivation going for those of us participating and hopefully gain some new participants!

The Facebook page will have several quilts that have been handed in to 'finish' if you are able and willing please let us know so we can have it available at the October



## 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 October 24<sup>th</sup> - 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.**

meeting for pickup! Thanks to Barbara B. we have a couple 'finished' quilts come back at the September meeting! We are happy to collect flimsies you might never finish or sometimes 'half' finish, these could become an opportunity for a wheelchair quilt! Think about it next time you are sorting your UFO's!!!

Thank you to all the members who handed in quilts last meeting including several wheelchair quilts! If you are handing in quilts at Cozy Cottons please email the We Care committee so we can keep track of the many fabulous quilts that come in!

At the September meeting we did agree to support Victoria Quilts please check out their website. Upon chatting with the Friends group in Chilliwack who have sufficient quilts at this time, Kelly (the coordinator) did however suggest that many Cancer patients are not aware of the opportunity to get quilts from them once requested. Their group delivers quilts from Langley to Hope, and she certainly feels that 'awareness' would be helpful in moving more quilts into hands of patients struggling with Cancer. Please contact the We Care Committee if you have a quilt to support Victoria Quilts. There are some specific requirements for their quilts please check it out before handing one in! We do suggest that you read the story of how it all began on the website. [Victoria's Quilts Canada – Comforting people with cancer](#)

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.

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

## Guild Executive and Committee Volunteers

2025 - 2026

President:	Lyn R
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	Karlie M
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We Care:	Trish V
	Bev T
	Leah M
	Linda V
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Workshops:	Janet S
Youth Bags:	Janet S



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

### Youth Bags

This November we will fill the bags and deliver them to Chilliwack Community Youth Services. Items still needed are on the chart below, please bring them to the next two in person general meetings. If you wish, a cash donation is also welcome, it is used to buy the missing items.



Thank you again for your generosity.

- Janet

### **Youth Bag List Update.**

Item	Female	Male	Either Sex
Bags			50 <b>Done</b>
Small shampoo			19 (need 31)
Small conditioner			13 (need 12)
Body lotion			35 (need 15)
Combs			50 <b>Done</b>
Soaps/body wash			50 <b>Done</b>
Socks	25 <b>Done</b>	25 <b>Done</b>	
Deodorants		3 (need 22)	
Deodorants	7 (need 18)		
Toothbrushes			43 (need 7)
Toothpaste			50 <b>Done</b>
Gloves			19 (need 31)
Scarves			36 (need 14)
Toques			47 (need 3)
Sanitary products	6 (need 19)		
Notebooks			46 (need 4)
Pens			50 <b>Done</b>
Handbag size tissues			50 <b>Done</b>

## Fat Quarter Draw

Plan to participate you could be the winner. For each fat quarter you contribute you place your name in the basket (3 fat quarters 3 names and chances to win).



October colour – **Orange**

## Oct Meeting Checklist

- name badge (for possible prize)
- fat quarter – orange
- own coffee/water bottle
- door prize (voluntary)
- show and tell
- We Care quilts
- library books to return.
- sharing table items.
- youth bag items
- Autumn Leaf blocks.
- Library Book Challenge
- Improv Tree Blocks

## Workshop

Berene Campbell of 'HappySewLucky' will be teaching her workshop to signed up members and non-members.

# Improvish Trees Workshop

October 15, 2025 10:00am – 4:00pm

Held at Cooks Church on Wellington



We look forward to seeing the finished blocks and quilts at future meetings. Maybe there will even be some showcased at the October meeting?

## December Potluck Lotto Block

At the October meeting Iris will be presenting a new challenge for members to participate in, but here is a sneak peek in case you are not attending the October meeting.

The idea of this challenge is to make one or more blocks to go into a lottery draw. In the past we have had such good participation that there were enough blocks for more than one winner to be drawn.

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



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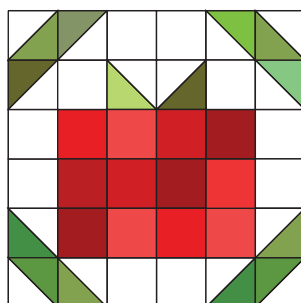
Check us out on Facebook  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/840042746122369>

The colours selected are anything blue, with white or cream for the background. Here is a sample block made up. It is a free pattern from Corey Yoder whom we have permission from to use her block design and pattern.



Here are the pattern and a link if you want to print one out for yourself to follow along.

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



Scrappy Gift Quilt Block  
12" Finished Block

Fabrics needed to complete 1 block

- (7) 3" green squares
- (7) 3" white squares
- (10) 2 1/2" white squares
- (12) 2 1/2" red squares

Designed by Corey Yoder of Coriander Quilts  
[www.corianderquilts.com](http://www.corianderquilts.com)

### Piecing Instructions

Press as illustrated  
RST = Right Sides Together  
Use a 1/4" seam allowance throughout

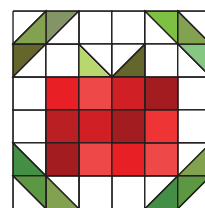
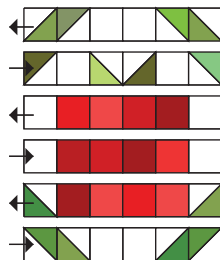
1. Mark a diagonal line across the back of a 3" white square. Place the white square RST with a 3" green square. Sew 1/4" away from each side of the marked line. Cut the unit apart on the drawn line. Press the seams open.

You will have two half square triangles.

Trim each half square triangle to 2 1/2" x 2 1/2". Repeat to make 14 green/white half square triangles (HSTs).



2. Lay out all of the HSTs along with all of the 2 1/2" squares as shown. Sew the pieces together in horizontal rows, pressing adjacent rows in opposite directions. Sew the rows together pressing the seams in one direction to complete the Scrappy Gifts Block. It will measure 12 1/2" x 12 1/2".



Tip: If you are making multiple blocks to use in one project, press all seams open.

- Iris



# **We Care Sewing Day**

**It's time to collect those leaf  
blocks and build beautiful  
quilts for the community**

**Saturday November 22, 2025  
10:00 - 4:00**

**Community of Christ Church  
9845 Carleton Street  
Chilliwack, BC**

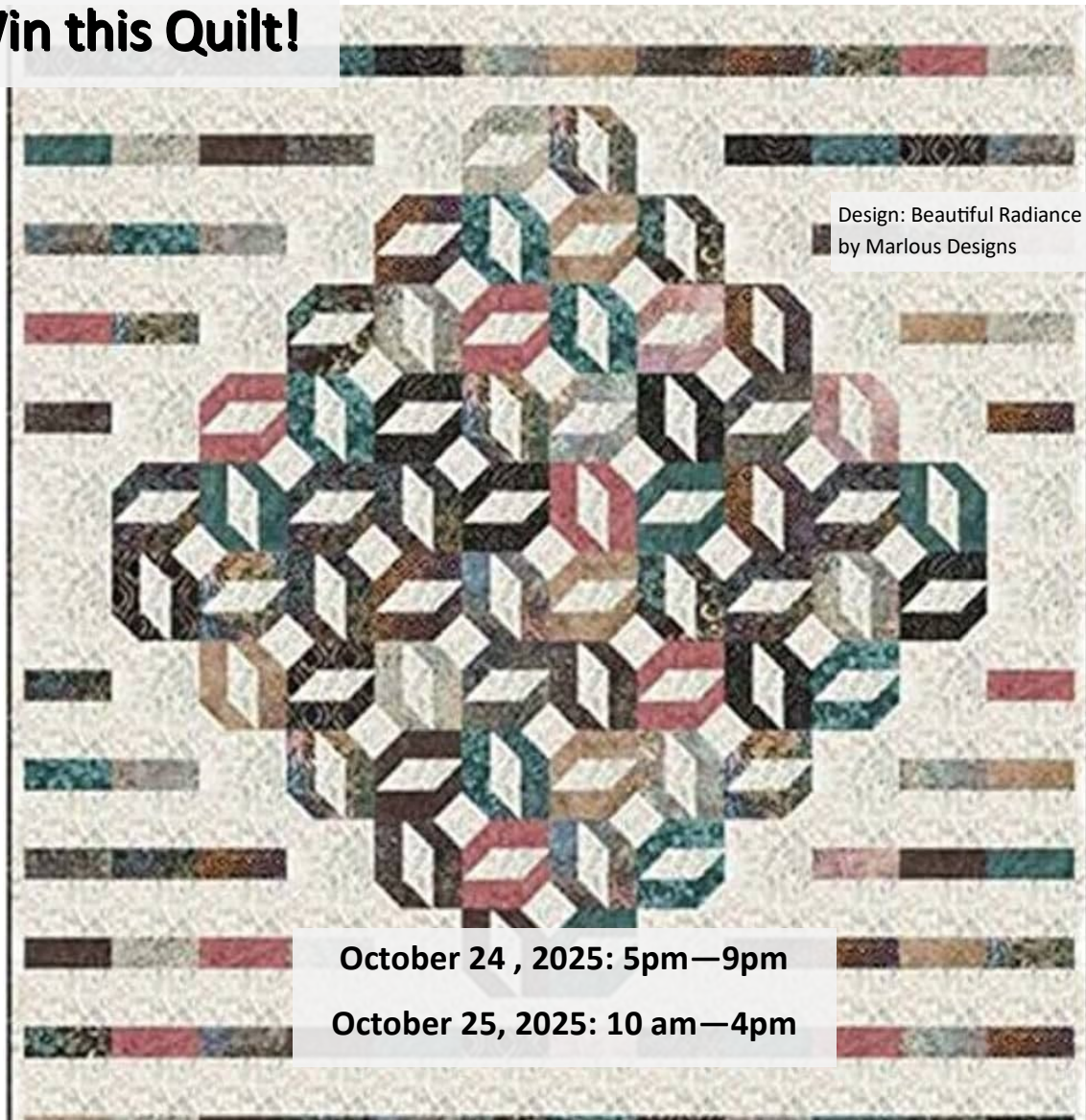


**We will be packing Youth bags starting at  
9:30 if you would like to join us for this  
please feel free**

Chilliwack Quilters' Guild Presents Quilt Show 2025

# 40 Years of Quilted Creations

**Win this Quilt!**



Design: Beautiful Radiance  
by Marlous Designs

**October 24 , 2025: 5pm—9pm**

**October 25, 2025: 10 am—4pm**

**Chilliwack Alliance Church — 8700 Young Road, Chilliwack, BC**

Quilts, Merchants' Mall, Raffles, Displays, Demonstrations

Entry \$10, free for children 12 and younger

Ample free parking!

<http://www.chilliwackquiltersguild.com/>