



NEWSLETTER

for the members of Chilliwack PieceMakers Quilting Guild

Look what's happening at the February Meeting!

Our speaker for February will be Cherrri Mathieson who is an historian (B.A., M.A. in progress).

The topic will be about the Underground Railroad (1810-1850) which is how many American slaves escaped from the US to come to Canada.

It was the use of quilts and the hidden messages embedded in them that played a pivotal role in guiding slaves safely out of the American South.

The courage of people such as Harriet Tubman and others who risked their own lives to assist approximately 100,000 slaves out of the south underscores the truly unique history / herstory and contribution of quilt makers to the early beginnings of emancipation for African American slaves.

Presidents Message

I am so ready for spring! I am not particularly fond of snow, that's why we moved to Chilliwack and not Alberta, and having all recreational events cancelled for a week because of snow gave me cabin fever immediately. I was looking forward to the trunk show that Sonja and her mother-in-law had prepared for our January meeting, hopefully we will be able to enjoy their quilt journey at a later date.

On the other hand, being cooped up at home is a good excuse to work on our quilting projects. Our quilt show is coming up in October, and it is never too early to consider which quilts and other projects to enter in the show. I will be doing the registration again, and I will be grateful for every submission that I receive before September. Both raffle quilts have been quilted in the meantime, and we hope to have them bound and ready to be shown off at the February meeting.

Have you started making postcards for the CQA challenge yet? I would like to encourage everyone to get these done as early as possible. They have to be mailed to Edmonton right after the April meeting. We would like to display the postcards at the meetings for all to admire and hopefully be inspired, so please bring any finished postcards to the February meeting. The theme is once again "Inspired by Nature", and you are welcome to use any technique you like. More information can be found on the CQA website.

Happy Quilting,
Beatrice

Things to remember for the February meeting

- **Greeters** for February are Fay S and Sharon B.
- Bring your own **Mug** to enjoy the free coffee and tea
- Meetings are a **scent free zone**. Save that lovely perfume for a special night with your hubby!
- Wear your **Name Tag!** We all forget names right? Plus you could win a prize!
- **Fat Quarter** Draw colour this month is **STRIPES!** You get an entry for every FQ you bring.
- Bring a **Door Prize to donate** if you are able - thank you!
- Bring your **Show & Tell**. We want to see what you have created. My favourite part of the meeting!
- Don't forget to **return your Library Books!**
- Every meeting we have a **"FREE" Table**. Is your quilting room bursting at the seams?? Need to downsize your stash?? **Bring your unwanted fabric** for the free table. Poof! ...it will disappear!

We Care

Reminder that the We Care Workshop will be April 4 at the Sardis Library. A sign up sheet will be circulated at the meeting. Rules of the Cynthia Project will be presented and look forward to the reveal at the May mtg. We Care quilt kits and labels will be available at the meeting. All the organizations that are recipients of the generosity of our Guild is very much appreciated. Please keep up the amazing effort! Ginger



Quilt Show 2020

The Raffle Quilts have the quilting completed they are now ready for the binding and labels, almost done!!!

Thank you so much to Darlene T and Cherri M who have filled the lead positions of Advertising and Raffle Ticket Sales.



We are in need of only one more committee leader for the following position: Decorations.

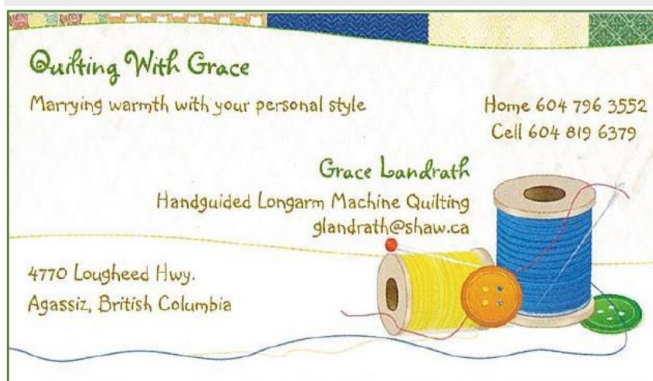
Please let me know if you would like to be part of our team and which job you would like to do.

-Karlie

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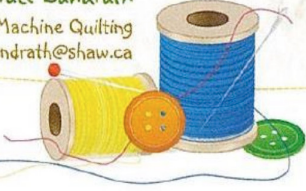


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Make One / Take One

For February meeting, please bring your **pin cushion** in a brown paper bag and sign the list on the table.

Our **March project** will be a pouch, can be any size and any shape, any kind of fastening, please bring your project in a brown paper bag.



Ugly Fabric Challenge

We all have a piece of fabric which makes us wonder why we purchased it!!!! For our Ugly Fabric challenge bring a fat quarter of your "ugly fabric" in a brown paper bag to our March meeting. You will take home a bag containing somebody else's fabric and the challenge is to make something beautiful to bring back to our May meeting.

LIBRARY REPORT

I don't have any new books this month, just the ones you didn't get to see in December and January. Check out the previous newsletters to view them. We have an extensive library with over 500 books and magazines.

How to use the library

All our books are listed on the libib library website which you can access from the chilliwackpiecemakers website.

1. find the library page and click on the cpqg.libib.com link.
2. we have two libraries, Piecemakers and CDs. Click on the one you wish to view.

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4. Some books will not have a picture of the cover to view, but behind the blue icon with an open book you will find a description of the book. Don't be afraid to look.

Don't forget, check out the library, write down the name and number of the book, come to the meeting and find your choice on the shelves. Any questions, just ask. Submitted by Diane H.

*Make a block -
support a family
fighting cancer*



A good friend of Rachel B's, her son, Ethan, has been diagnosed with cancer again for the second time. At age 7 he was diagnosed with Osteosarcoma (Terry Fox cancer) and battled for almost 2 years, including multiple chemo treatments, an amputation of his leg with a rotationplasty, and a severe infection post-procedure. After nearly 5 yrs of being cancer free he was recently diagnosed with Myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS), and has now advanced into leukemia . In Ethan's case, his MDS is the result of the chemotherapy he received in his previous battle with a different type of cancer. Which is a 1 in a million chance of getting another type of cancer! What makes this situation even worse, is the chemotherapy typically used for fighting MDS has already been used for treating his



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Quilt Show
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osteosarcoma, so Ethan's body won't be able to tolerate much of it. He'll need a bone marrow transplant in the next couple of months.

So begins another battle with cancer for Ethan and his family...Cancer sucks!! But maybe we can help?!

I would like to see if anyone would be so kind as to make a red ribbon block with a white background to donate so the family can use the quilt to raise funds for their long journey. Or if anyone who owns a long arm would be willing to donate their time to quilt it that would be awesome! Here is a link to a video on the ribbon block. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=506qxwqhkwE> Please see - Rachel B for details and a pattern. Thanks in advance here is a picture of Tanna and her son Ethan.

