



NEWSLETTER

for the members of Chilliwack PieceMakers Quilting Guild

Monthly Meeting
January 20th 7:00 pm, via Zoom

Show and Tell
send in your pictures!!

The Show & Tell will be presented at our meeting by PowerPoint. Email your pics to chilliwackpiecemakers@gmail.com
Photos will be accepted until **JAN 19** the Tuesday before the meeting.

JANUARY PROGRAM

Susan Madu of MODERN BLENDED QUILTS will be our guest speaker this month. Susan is a CPA by day and a passionate creator and quilter by night. Susan has been quilting for over 25 years and garment sewing since she could reach up to a sewing machine. Susan is never without a sketchbook or some project in her hands.

Her quilting has evolved from making quilts from commercial patterns to designing her own patterns under the Modern Blended Quilts banner. Susan's patterns appeal to both traditional and modern quilters alike.

A central theme of Susan's patterns is blending together elements of traditional and modern quilting.



Presidents Message

After the unprecedented events of 2020 I am sure we are all looking forward to what will hopefully be a better new year 2021. The news on the medical front are still encouraging, even with the new variants of the virus that are showing up in different parts of the world, the vaccines that have been developed still seem to be effective. And although we will have to be patient quite a bit longer, we should see the numbers go down at some point in the not so distant future. Let's hope for the best. One of our relatives, an 85-year-old cousin of my husband who is living in a senior residence in Germany, already received the first dose of the vaccine a few days ago. He is feeling fine and looking forward to receiving the second dose soon and a return to some kind of normalcy. Isn't it amazing what science is able to achieve when we all work together?

We are also very lucky that the pandemic hit us at a time where technology made it possible for us to stay in touch virtually. I keep wondering what we would have done in the 80s, before the internet and cellphones. Of course we would have found a way to get through, humans are quite resilient and innovative but many aspects would have been much more difficult to handle.

Gail and Ginger will step down from the We Care committee at the end of this season in June. They are cutting and preparing lots of kits to make the transition easier for those who will take over from them. We need a few volunteers who would be willing to continue their work on the We Care committee. If

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ZOOM SEW DAYS



If you are interested in connecting and having some fun on an otherwise dull Thursday or Saturday - why not join in on our Sew Day via Zoom?? We host a sew day each week, alternating Saturdays and Thursdays.

You might have noticed if you are on our Facebook group that Rachel added the sew day dates as "events". While she was there, she came up with a snazzy new name for our Thursday Sew Day. So now we have **SEW FUN SATURDAY** and **THREADER THURSDAY**.

You can easily find upcoming guild sew day events on the guild Facebook page by clicking "more" on the top menu bar to find events OR look for "upcoming events" which are listed down the right side of the page - and we've also just added the zoom link to the sew day event posts.

Sew Day invitations are emailed to all members prior to each sew day. The Zoom meetings have been set up as recurring, meaning all future meetings will use the same invitation. If for some reason I forget to send you an invite a day or two before you can always join using a previous invite in your email or join from the link in Facebook event.

Upcoming dates are Thursday, January 21 and Saturday, January 30.

you have questions about these positions, please contact Gail or Ginger, they will be happy to answer them. And if you would like to volunteer for a position on the committee, please let the executive know.

Thank you and happy stitching,
Beatrice



Prizes Every Month!

As you know our very own Grace M who has a fabulous shop in her home has donated a monthly prize for the year. Grace has decided to change her prize from a gift certificate to a package of 4 coordinating Fat Quarters. She will make this available via a porch pickup, if you are the winner just give her a heads up call before you are on the way.

Thanks, so much Grace M for your continued support!

Also remember that each month we will be awarding a "FaceBook" prize - the winner chosen by random draw from posts made throughout the month.

December's Prize Winners

Cherri M - Graceland Quilts, Sandra L - Country Folk, Shirley V - Carola's Quilt Shop.

How Many UFOs do YOU have??

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Janet S - I have 14 no make that 18!

Ineke - 4-quilts waiting to be put on the Longarm machine, that's all.

Evelyn R - I have 16 (ugh). Got checking around and can't believe it's that many. !! Some are only an hour from being finished. Some are cut and ready to put together. Others are needing quilted. Oh dear !

Deb P - My count for UFOs is **42**. After hearing Maureen's number, I knew that I would be in the safe zone. This number includes some unfinished small projects.

Maureen W - I have **47** of them !!!

Donna H - Let's go with **10**. There are probably more!!

JeanPuffer - Well I have **1** embroidery quilt to finish- Still have more blocks to embroider and then sandwich. Also have **2** quilts to sandwich and quilt. Not too many

Gerry de W - I finished **2** UFO's and I have **2** more to do.

Cherri M - My UFO magic number is **4**.

Gail W - UFO's, I have **3** I can find and there are more stashed away, so let's go with 3.

Connie D - I have **4** UFO's. That does not include the kits I've purchased but haven't started. And we won't go there ;-)

Carla C - I have **15** of them.

Grace M - Ok....what I have learned....I am a great starter...yes, GREAT....how do I know that?? Well, I started counting my ufo's....I quit at **29**, I just could not open that last closet.

Sonja C - I have **3** UFO's in my closet - a Judy Niemeyer bed runner (I need Maureen's help), a Jacqueline Delong quilt (I need Maureen's help), and a really ugly paper piecing that I just can't seem to muster up energy to even look at!

Wendy - At last count I have **10** unfinished projects, hope they are not replicating in their hiding spots. I will not be bored.

WE CARE

Considering COVID 19, our Guild donated 138 quilts to our charitable organizations. Well done ladies!



All of the organizations are very appreciative of our generosity and commitment in helping others in need.

A special thanks is extended to Ursula for donating a number of her personal quilts to Ann Davis Transition House as per their request as their needs

have increased during these unprecedented times. This is so unfortunate!

Also, many thanks to Betty Ferguson for her amazing and very generous donation of fabric and many sewing supplies which we will use in a variety of ways. These will include items to be sold at the next quilt show's boutique table.

Despite the fact that the We Care committee cannot get together, the cutting for We Care kits continues. There has been a lot of sorting of fabrics especially by Gail. Thank you Gail! We will have many kits ready for distribution when the We Care committee changes hands.

Please consider being a part of this very important committee as the current committee members will be stepping down in May.

To contact the committee to request We Care fabric or to volunteer, please email chilliwackpiecemakers@gmail.com

How Many UFOs do YOU have?

Karlie M - One of those rare birds, that's me. UFO's = **0**

Beatrice - I went through all my boxes and drawers today and found only **1** true UFO. I am one of those people who only rarely have UFO's. I usually don't start projects on a whim, I need to have a plan first. And if it doesn't make me happy, I give it away - it has to go. If you don't love it, get rid of it. Don't let it drag you down!

Ursula - At the moment I have **4** quilts layered and pinned ready to quilt, **4** completed tops, **7** easy "We Care" quilts ready to sew together and **15** tubs with projects in various stages of completion. That makes a total of **30** projects at various stages. I am the kind of quilter that loves to have lots of things on the go at many different stages.

Sandra L - Sandra submitted a fully documented list of **107** UFOs! - I had a great time going through all the boxes, shelves and drawers looking for UFOs. It was just like Christmas discovering all those forgotten treasures. It was also a huge incentive to pull out some of the favourites and get sewing. But it will take months to put the studio back together.

Kate D - I always say, "I'm a starter and finisher - I have no UFOs" - well I lied!! After a thorough search of my sewing room, forced by this article, I found I do, in fact, have quite a few UFOs. **4** pin cushions filled and just needing the hand finish of the final seam, **4** quilt as you go, Australian aboriginal print, blocks to be made into something as yet unknown, and **3** paper pieced large blocks, still to be quilted and finished, for mug rugs, cushions, wall hangings or something!

2021 UFO CHALLENGE

My how time flies, two years has passed since we had our last UFO Challenge. So, it is time to host another, especially with all the lockdown hours we have to use up while staying close to home. We thought it would be fun to ask you to share a count of how many UFO's you have hidden away in your sewing rooms. We know you have 'em! - so now is the time to get motivated to pick one or more to work on.



Our member *Maureen W* has generously donated a prize for the winner, something to motivate you even more to participate.

UFO TRADE - added twist to the challenge is to

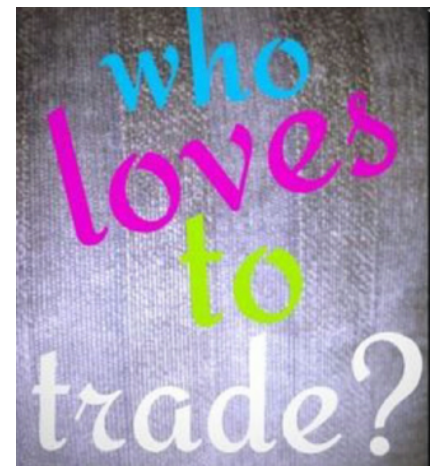
work on and complete someone else's UFO - this twist it totally optional.

After all, the reason it is still sitting there might be you just don't like it anymore, don't want to finish it, want it out of your stash and are happy for it to have a new home. If you want to do a UFO TRADE you will need to have your UFO *project ready to show*

during the January meeting to see if someone there would like to trade with you. Then make arrangements with your trade partner for a drop-off.

Here are the 2021 UFO CHALLENGE details!

- Pick one or more projects to register for the challenge, or the UFO Trade twist.
- Send a **photo of each partly finished** or still



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- Work on and complete as many as you can until May 31, 2021
- Send a **photo of each finished project** to the guild email address - each one will get you an entry into the random prize draw for a winner

Any questions ask at the January zoom meeting or email them to the guild address listed above. Happy sewing!

Favourite Guild RECIPES

Way to go with all the baking and cooking done for the December sharing of the Holiday Cooking. Even if you have not tried one of those delicious suggestions yet remember there are always birthdays, anniversaries and Valentine's day coming up where you could try one out.

An email was sent to everyone with the photos and recipes but in case you can't find that email when you want to make one, they can also be found on the guild website on the Recipe page. It is at the end of the menu bar under **Useful Links**.

<http://www.chilliwackpiecemakers.com/recipes>



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What I Learned

We asked members to send in examples of things they learned from other guild members - quilting related ...or not! Here are the responses.

Sonja C - The awesome bit about retreats, ZOOM visits, and guild meetings is the information we learn to improve our craft. I have learned the fine art of paper piecing from Maureen and have been introduced to some stunning patterns - i have completed two that are proudly displayed in my home. I also have some glass head very sharp pins (sold by Maureen) that are the bees knees. I also learned about Fibre Art and another creative dimension of quilting through the powerpoint by Karlie and her talented group. I have also expanded my quilting shopping experiences by stopping by Carolla's, Graceland Fabrics, and Chitter Chatter. I still purchase through the on-line Hamels store, but feeling and looking at the material is my preferred method of buying. I also learned the importance and love my Purple Thang! I received one in a gift bag and had no idea what to do with it.

Thanks everyone for your willingness to share tips, tricks, and expand our learning!

Cherri M - What a timely topic!!! I am learning paper piecing and when Carla asked me what I was working on during one of our sewing days I said that the operative word was actually RE-WORKING my project.

I am doing paper piecing as part of the murder mystery quilt. Working from back to front and flipping the piece over to trim, press, and in my case, rip it out. At first I wasted a lot of fabric not to mention re-printing the pattern NUMEROUS times. But I was determined to learn this because I am doing a Seattle Seahawks quilt

and now I can use this method to do a better likeness of the team's logo. I went onto You Tube for a tutorial or two and yet I still struggled with the concept of paper piecing. That is until I found the best tutorial for me because the way the quilter communicated the method and her demo was spot on. So if anyone wants to try or "re-try" paper piecing I highly recommend her. Her name is Jennifer Ofenstein and the title of her video is "Paper Piecing Art: Beginner and Beyond."

Donna H - Learned from Kate and Karlie: When straight line quilting with a walking foot, use a larger stitch length, between 3.5 to 4.0. Thanks ladies! It looks much better!!

Karlie M - Long time guild member Enid K taught me that any form of textile: fabric, wool, paper, tyveck, lutradur, evolon, plastic, etc could be used in the making of a quilt not just the traditional 100% cotton.

Gail W - From Karlie M I learned how to avoid wavy wobbly edges on my quilts by "properly" measuring first the quilt at multiple spots and then measuring the border fabric before sewing.

And from Kate D I learned about my new favourite Rosè wine - you will recognize it because the bottle bottom is like a Rose!



BOM from Pumpkin Patch



Monkey Business Block of the Month 2021

Once again I am offering a Block of the Month project on my blog in 2021. This year's BOM is called "Monkey Business", and features cartoonish monkeys engaging in summer activities. There are twelve blocks, all appliqué (the fusible kind). Each block will be posted on my blog on the first day of the month at 9 am and will be available for free download until the end of the month. The finished quilt size is approx. 52" x 64". I will provide the finishing instructions with the last block. They won't be anything special, just plain old sashing and a border. Of course you are welcome to put the blocks together any way you like or use them individually for other projects.

(The green and yellow border in the logo is NOT part of the block/quilt, there just wasn't enough room for the text on the plain block.) Beatrice
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