



NEWSLETTER

for the members of Chilliwack PieceMakers

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS!



Initially we thought of waiving membership fees this year, but realized that will we be in need of the membership dues, especially since we will not be hosting a quilt show to raise money for the guild to use.

With your fees we will be able to offer virtual programs and pay for our other guild expenses to keep operating.

The membership fees will be paying for our Zoom account so we can stay connected, our website hosting, CQA membership, post office, programs, prizes, etc.

The membership cost will be the same a last year just \$30, paid to the guild via an e-transfer (strongly preferred) or cheque to the guild post office box. PO Box 618, Chilliwack, V2P 7V5.

Thanks for making our guild great and keeping us going! -Karlie

Presidents Message

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a good summer in these unusual times. Life is certainly very different these days but I hope you all still had the chance to relax and enjoy some good times.

Covid-19 will probably be with us for quite some time, and we will have to adjust and make the best of it. We had our first executive meeting in mid-August already, it was a great meeting with lots of energy and good ideas. So how are we going to handle our guild life this season?

It was unanimously decided that there will be no in-person guild events until the Covid restrictions are lifted. You are all aware that the case numbers are rising again in BC. People are tired of the Covid rules and regulations which is understandable but not an excuse. We all have to do our part and be responsible in our daily decisions. The BC CDC states on their website that "all in-person gatherings of any size are strongly discouraged". All our meetings and events will have to take place online, on Zoom.

This might sound intimidating but it is much easier than you probably expect. We are sending this information and the newsletter out early this month to give you time to prepare. All you need to do is install the Zoom app on your device. You don't need to sign up for an account, and you don't even have to figure out where to download the software. We will send out a meeting invitation that contains a

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e-transfers

the preferred way to pay

We are very pleased to announce that the guild is now all set up to accept e-transfer payments.

In this Covid-19 world we are in, using a NO CONTACT payment method is not only convenient, it's a SAFE and HEALTHY way to pay. e-transfers are easy and are used by millions around the world to securely transfer money. This payment method will reduce the need for our treasurer to handle cash or to go to public places to pick up and deposit cheques. We encourage you all to use e-transfer and help keep our Treasurer safe and healthy!

If you are unfamiliar with how to set up and send an e transfer, your financial institution can guide you through it, or, maybe even better, just ask your tech savvy child or grandchild to help! Also our Treasurer, Connie D. as created a step by step, set up instruction sheet, so watch your email for more helpful info on e transfers.

Here is the key info you will need:

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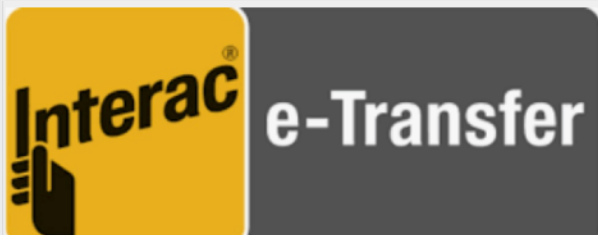
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For Membership



link that you have to click to join the meeting. When you click that link and you don't have the app installed, it will automatically direct you through the download and installation process for your device. Zoom runs on desktop computers/laptops, tablets and smartphones but the bigger the screen, the more you can see, so I would recommend using the biggest screen you have available and not your phone.

There is a lot more that I would like to say but this is already long enough, so keep your eyes peeled for our next update and the Zoom invitation link, which will come through the normal guild email address. Happy stitching, Beatrice

Zoom Practice Sessions

Wednesday Sept 9 at 7:00 pm

Thursday Sept 10 at 10:00 am

We will run a couple of test meetings before the general meeting to give everybody the chance to try out Zoom, get their questions answered and iron out any wrinkles that might occur. Please don't be afraid of joining digital meetings and using Zoom, it is very easy, and we will be available for phone support to guide you through the process, if necessary. We can also do one-on-one test meetings on short notice. If you want to join us on Zoom, we will help you get there in any way we can.


Programs Overview

Your Program Committee (Sonja, Cherri, and Cindy) along with your Executive are planning programs for the 2020/2021 season. Your input is valued and we appreciate feedback.

For the foreseeable future we will be meeting virtually via Zoom. A link will be provided for our members to join in with our usual third Wednesday

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of the month meetings. The meetings will follow the usual format of our "live" meetings with some modifications. Please have patience while we figure it out with you - some of us are not that techno savvy!

For the **September meeting we'd love to see what you've been working over the summer and encourage you to participate in the**

Virtual Show & Tell during the meeting. There will also be some small break out group sessions to get to know members.



Some of the possible program activities for the year ahead include an online auction, guest speakers from the Global Quilt Connection, Quilts from Old to New, a lottery themed Christmas block and raffled baskets for our Dec. meeting, a trunk show of bags, clutches, purses, Silly Moon quilts in Mission to provide a discussion on use of rulers in quilting, Tapestries and Treasures from around the World, a button blanket master crafter to discuss the significance of these cultural creations, a longarm demonstration, and a Sashiko seminar. These are just a few of the ideas we cultivated and hope to provide you with. As always, we welcome any suggestions from our members and always looking for new ideas and trunk shows.

HAMELS

Most of you have probably heard the big news: Pauline is retiring, and Hamels is closing its retail shop. After 63 years in business in various locations across Chilliwack this is truly the end of an era. Hamels was my first stop in Chilliwack

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Show & Tell



Chilliwack when we came here for the very first time in 2013, and Pauline gave me my first job in Canada after becoming a permanent resident. I had a lot of health issues during the time I worked at Hamels, and Pauline was the most understanding and accommodating boss you could imagine, and I am very grateful for all her support. I wish her all the best for her retirement and I am happy that she finally gets to do all the things she never had the time for but not having Hamels five minutes away from my house anymore will be very sad indeed.

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Our own Grace M. runs "Graceland Fine Quilts", give her a call when you are looking for that special material for your next quilt.

And you may know Carola from "Carola's Thread Company". She used to have a quilt shop in Gibsons and could be found at all major quilt shows in the Lower Mainland. After moving to Chilliwack earlier this year, she is now running her quilt shop out of her house in Ryder Lake. Due to Covid restrictions, the shop is currently open by appointment only, so call ahead if you are planning to visit.

We Care

For the first time since February we were able to deliver quilts to organizations in our Community. All organizations were so grateful of receiving them again! In total 34 quilts were distributed to the following. Chilliwack Community Services / Community Policing / Hospice / Ann Davis Transition House. How exciting for our community minded organization! Anyone wanting a We Care Kit to work on can contact Gail at chilliwackpiecemakers@gmail.com



Community Policing



Community Services - Chwk



Hospice Centre

Countryfolk Fabrics, a branch of Tom's Sewing Center in Surrey, is located on Luckakuck Way, across from the Superstore, and of course we also have a Fabricland chain store at the corner of Luckakuck and Topaz. Beatrice

Library Report

Well, the summer has come to an end and we find ourselves in the same situation as the spring. We will not be purchasing any new books during this time and our two magazine subscriptions will not be renewed until we are able to return to our regular monthly meetings.

If you have borrowed books and were unable to return them, feel free to share within your quilt bubble, and be prepared to return them when we meet again.

If you are looking for a fall projects, Center Street Quilts has three fun blocks to make a table runner. Starting with a bat...so check it out. There are three free tutorials for a bat, a ghost and a pumpkin.



<https://centerstreetquilts.wordpress.com/2017/10/04/spooky-parade-halloween-bats-quilt-block-tutorial/> Submitted by Diane

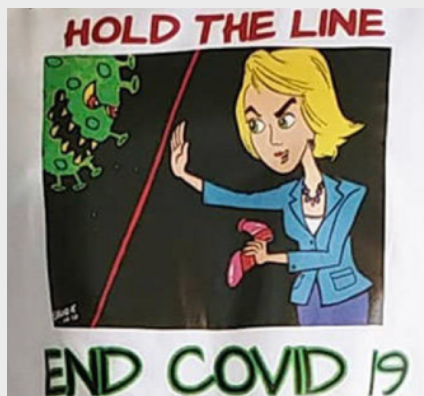
We Care

Ann Davis Transition House is in need of cotton face masks. An email request was sent out to members asking for masks to be made and donated. As predicted during these unprecedented times, their demand for housing has increased.

Once again, many thanks goes out to the dedicated members of our guild for making quilts with our labels attached and for those of you who also made masks which are so needed to help prevent the spread of this wretched Covid19.



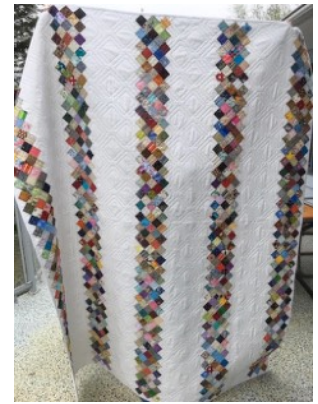
Ann Davis



Art by Steve Elliott, Chilliwack

Cynthia Project

Cynthia Project....please email your photos to chilliwickpiecemakers@gmail.com with your name and state whether or not they are to be donated to We Care. Anyone donating their quilt will have their name entered in a draw for a prize (4 names to be drawn and prizes awarded at the October Meeting).



Challenge QUILT 2020

I hope you are working on our Quilt Challenge. Now is a great time to get your thinking caps on and start the Challenge.

With having to stay home this is a great project. Let's get going on those Challenges!!

To Celebrate the year 2020 the theme for our Quilt Challenge is "Twenty Twenty"

Rules of the Challenge

- #1 Rule: Have Fun!!! Use your imagination!
- You must include at least one of each of the 10 items on the list (see the guild web site for a complete list) plus 10 items of your choice for a total of 20 items. Quilt must measure 20" x 20" finished.

Any questions please contact Jean P or . Deb P



Who's Who in the Zoo? Your Guild Executive

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Show & Tell

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Cherri M / Hannah B / Ineke V

Quilt Show

Karlie M / Janet S

Two-Minute-Statement

The BC Legislature offers its members the opportunity to make two-minute oral statements on a topic of their choice on each sitting day. Laurie Throness, our MLA for Chilliwack-Kent, wanted to honour the work of our two guilds and gave the following statement on August 11:



Two minute statement - Quilters of Chilliwack

Today I want to pay tribute to some really outstanding artists in Chilliwack; our quilters. We have two nonprofit quilting guilds in our City that meet every month. The PieceMakers Guild meets in the Presbyterian Church, and Chilliwack Quilters' Guild gathers in the Mount Cheam Lions Hall. Together, over 160 active members have been creating masterpieces for as long as 35 years.

At their meetings, quilters have a lot of fun sharing ideas, learning new skills and showing off their handiwork, and every year they host a big art show that fills an entire gymnasium with 200 beautiful quilts.

The purpose of the show is not just to showcase talent, but to raise money for a charity they call 'We Care Quilts.' Members make nearly 300 colourful quilts every year to give away. Their quilts comfort and encourage people in hospice and palliative care, children who come into contact with community police, women in Ann Davis Transition House, and several indigenous centers. They make placemats for Meals on Wheels, heart pillows, and cloth bags filled with toiletries, gloves, socks and hats for disadvantaged youth.

And they have been active during COVID. Agnes Loewen, a member of Piecemakers Guild, told me that over the past few months she alone has made 6 We Care quilts and over 100 masks.

I was amazed at the sheer size of their organizations. Their large boards organize everything from the We Care effort to their newsletter, website, library, workshops, bus trips, quilt show and more. It would be hard to find a more active and involved group of volunteers, passionate about their work.

I want to thank PieceMakers President Beatrice Rieske and Chilliwack President Lynn Garbay, all their board members, and members at large of both quilter's guilds, for using their time and skills to give beauty, life, charity and comfort to the people of Chilliwack.

Note: This is the draft statement he sent me via email. The video of his speech was posted on his Facebook page on August 12, if you want to watch it.

It's A Garden Party Row Along 2020



Every year in September and October Marian of Seams To Be Sew hosts a Row Along featuring a different theme. If you have never heard of a Row Along, it is like a blog hop, just that every blog has to feature a pattern for a row and make it available for free download. This year's theme is "It's A Garden Party", and 50 designers have been busy for months creating rows and patterns for this event. All patterns are for a 30" wide row and available for free download **for one week** only. Lots of sponsors have donated a wide array of

giveaways. Come and join the fun! The Row Along starts on September 8, 2020, and I am scheduled to post on the very first day. The links to the other participants will be available on my blog and also on Marian's website "Seams To Be Sew".

Note: This event is **not** affiliated with Row by Row. Beatrice