



NEWSLETTER

for the members of Chilliwack PieceMakers

PARKING LOT MEET-UP!

You Are Invited!!

What: A Socially Distanced Meet-Up for the members of PieceMakers Quilt Guild

When: Wednesday, June 17 th

Time : 7:00 pm

Where: Alliance Church, 8700 Young Road.
(That's the Church where Quilt Show is held)

Make One Take One

Have you completed your pouch for our Make One Take One? Please bring it to the Meet-Up in a brown paper bag, place it on the table, and when it's announced you can claim your treasure.

We Care

Need a new project to sew? Pick up a We Care Kit at the Meet-Up. Or if you need batting or backing contact the We Care team to let them know what to bring.

Show & Tell

Bring a small creation to share for Show & Tell. We'd love to see what you're working on!

Drop In

Even if you are not doing a Make One Take One or We Care, or Show & Tell, feel free to drop by the Meet-Up for a chat with your fellow guild members.

Stay Safe and Stay Connected!

Remember: Wash your hands before arriving maintain a distance of 2 meters, wearing a mask is optional and if you are not feeling well please stay home.

Presidents Message

It's June, and summer is here! Although judging by the weather it looks like spring decided to stay around a bit longer. I do much better in this kind of weather than in summer heat but I have to admit that I wouldn't mind a few degrees more.

Traditionally, we hold our last meeting of the season in June with a potluck supper and games and prizes. I am going to miss the delicious buffet and the fun our programs committee always plans for us. But maybe after months of trying to social distance from my fridge, not being tempted by all those fabulous dishes our members prepare is a good thing?!

Aren't we lucky that we live in BC with Dr. Henry in charge of the Covid-19 situation? I am really amazed at how she has the situation under control with her knowledge, experience and calmness. She only issued the orders that were absolutely necessary, tried to listen to our concerns, explained her reasons in detail and generally just kindly asked us to do what was right. And the majority listened, followed the rules and helped to keep the virus in check in our province. Let's all keep up the good work over the summer and protect each other by staying apart.

I would like to thank everyone for being patient while we tried to figure out this new situation. Special thanks go to Kate and Karlie who went out of their way to keep our Facebook group and our

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website updated. And of course to all of you who posted pictures and emailed content. There won't be weekly themes to post about during the summer months but I encourage all of you to keep posting and sending pictures, so we can stay connected virtually. Wishing you all a great summer, "see" you in September!

Beatrice

Make One Take One

Have you completed your pouch for our Make One Take One? Please join us at our Socially Distanced exchange to take place on Wednesday June 17, at Alliance Church parking lot.

Please bring your pouch in a brown paper bag, place it on the table. Please put your name on or with your pouch, it is always nice to be able to say thank you to the member who made it.

Soo looking forward to seeing you all, any questions please call me.

Janet S

June Program

Well ladies your program committee had a theme planned for our June potluck. Since we started a new decade we thought we would step back in time to The Roaring 20's of the last century. It was a fascinating decade with significant social change especially for women and it looks like these 20's will also go down as a time of immense change. So we will not let Covid get in the way! We hope you enjoy the quiz. We also invite you to show and tell something you have that is from the 1920's. So send a photo of it with a short explanation about your item.

The Roaring 20's: How much do you know?

1. This was one of the most important challenges that involved 5 Canadian women who took their grievance to the highest court in the land which was



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the Privy Council in England. What was the name of the law suit?

- Canada (along with the rest of the world) was hit hard economically. What year did this happen and what has this difficult period called?
- Canada had something that many Americans were desperate for. In what would be an early form of "free trade" there was a famous US criminal who would come to be well known for his forays into Canada and for supplying Americans with a product that was forbidden in the US. What is the name of the criminal and what was the issue that drove this trade agreement?
- She was one of the biggest Hollywood stars of all time. She was known as "Americas's Sweetheart" which is ironic because she was born in Toronto. What was her name?
- The 1920's brought many new social activities that seriously challenged the conservative status quo. One of these new activities included something called The Lindy, Foxtrot, and Charleston. What is this activity?
- Who were the group of women who are most associated with the new dance craze?
- What else in did they do to shock many people in Canada?
- Along with the dance craze a new genre of music became part of mainstream life but was originally created by African Americans. What is the name of this musical genre?
- This Canadian schooner won the International Fisherman's Trophy and is immortalized on one side of the Canadian dime. What is the name?

JUNE POTLUCK

We have enjoyed so many wonderful potluck dinners at our guild either in December or June. But did you know many of those super delicious dishes



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have their recipes posted on our webpage? Here is the link www.chilliwackpiecemakers.com/recipes Maybe you want to cook or bake one this month to remember the fun guild potlucks.

Membership/Registration

An executive decision was made to carry over all memberships to the September 2020 - June 2021 year at no cost to anyone; however, if you would like to make a voluntary payment of the usual \$30.00, we would gladly accept it. Payments will not be taken until the new Guild year starts up in September that will give Connie our treasurer some time to figure out the logistics of collecting the money. We will keep you posted on the procedure. Have a great summer. - Karlie



We Care



We are looking forward to the Parking Lot Meet-Up! We will have labels for you to attach to your completed projects, as well as kits and we will have batting for you if you let us know what size you require email us chilliwackpiecemakers@gmail.com. NOTE: Both Community Services and Hospice are currently not able to accept our donations. Therefore, we will NOT be accepting your finished quilts. Please keep them at your home until we are able to begin donating once again.

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Cynthia Project....please email your photos 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 (5 names to be drawn). Ginger

Library Report

I haven't had much to report to you over the past few months, but I would like to take a moment to discuss the library books that are currently out on loan. I have had a question about passing those books on to other guild members who would like to read them. As the borrower of the book I feel you are responsible for that book.

So, if you and a friend would like to share, do so, keep a list of the books you have borrowed, who you loaned it to, so when we meet again you can return it to the library.

I hope you are creating or drawing inspiration for some quilting project you have seen in one of our books. I encourage you to write a review of the book you have used and submit it to the newsletter.

Have a good summer.

Submitted by Diane

QUILT SHOW - Off in the Future

I know it is very disappointing to not be hosting our biannual quilt show this October. That doesn't mean we won't be having one in the future, either in the spring of 2021 if our province approves large gatherings or at the very least October 2022. When we do put together another showing of our fabulous work just think how



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spectacular it will be with all that we have produced over this longer period of production.

The Quilt Challenge is going ahead as planned. When we collect all the photos of the finished projects, they will be posted on the webpage for you to vote for your favourite and a winner. Oh yeah, and that winner will receive a **cash prize** just like we would during our quilt show. You have all summer to be creatively designing and finishing up your challenge. Photos will be collected during September and voting in October. Please plan on joining in. Oh yes and don't forget to keep a list of the extra 10 items you include. All instructions are available on the website at

www.chilliwackpiecemakers.com/quilt-show-2020

Karlie - Quilt Show Chair

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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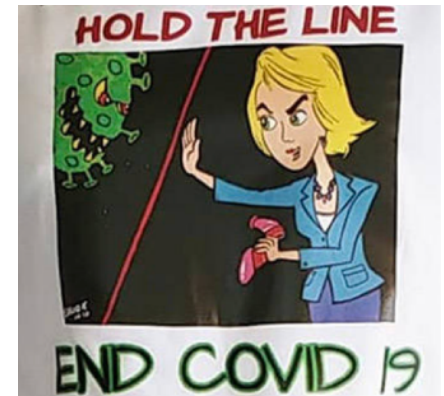
Karlie M / Janet S

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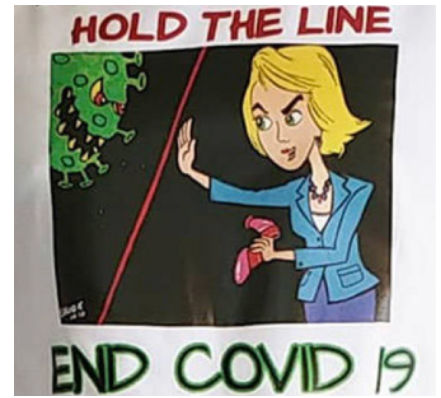
Sonja C

I left for Las Vegas February 17 with my husband for two months, but returned March 17, a month early, to Canada when the pandemic was in the early stages. I have been working 4-5 days a week in ICU at the hospital since then. Although this was an upset to end the holiday abruptly, we embraced being home and safe in familiar surroundings. I have plunged myself into finishing 6 quilts, making 6 selvage bags, 5 baby quilts, and 3 We care quilts. I have a Judy Neimeyer bedrunner on the go now. I have completed 18 masks and learned how to make sour dough bread - it is a long process and the have discovered 2 local bakeries that make an equally tasty loaf. I have found that people are generally more patient and kind now and try and make the best of these challenging times. I also have a new cookbook that I received at Christmas, Fraische Food, that I have enjoyed making new delicious meals/snacks with. The Sunshine muffins, containing beets, zucchini, carrots, raisins, is the best muffin recipe that I have made. In the end, I have also gained a few pounds, but alas, summer is here and time to get out in the fresh air and start walking. I am now off to my first haircut in 5 months. My hubby and I cut each others hair a few weeks ago - let's just say his looked better than mine!
Stay well and safe,

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Cindy W

My partner had a heart attack while I was sunning with a friend in Mexico. And I've been isolated at home since march. I haven't had much time to quilt except for weekends as I'm still working from home. I miss everyone and wanted to share my great news that We got married on June 6. I am now Cindy Sale

Debra P

I am finding that most days are pretty much the same.

- get coffee
- check out facebook
- shower
- go to sewing room, get distracted by something interesting
- sew
- watch the news
- dinner
- waste time
- bed

The one thing that I have become good at is wasting time. There's no timelines. Maybe I should set a few! lol!

Have gotten a few projects accomplished - quilt top, We care quilt, pincushion, 2 owl wall hangings, some little things for my granddaughters. Working on a few little projects right now, then going to finish some UFO quilts.

One thing I have enjoyed is talking to friends that I haven't spoken to in awhile.

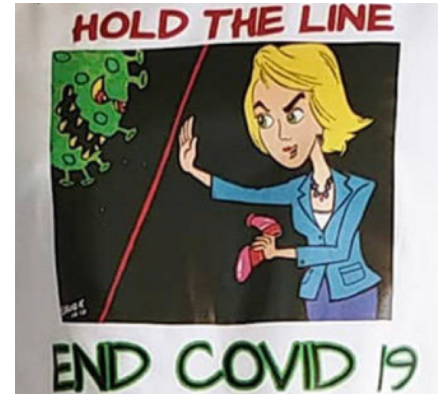
Another thing that I'm enjoying is not going shopping. Just get the groceries that we need and then going home.

On the other hand I am missing the socialization with my friends and partaking in all my quilting groups and guilds. Can hardly wait for things to get back to a somewhat normal life. Hope everyone is doing well.

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Beatrice R

I did make approximately 50 masks but didn't get much sewing done otherwise. I have however

- started a vegetable garden (it took a pandemic to turn me into a gardener) with my usual approach of "if it's worth doing, it is worth doing well". I have planted everything from lettuce to potatoes, from leeks to peppers, from peas to squash. I even ordered Brussels Sprouts seeds... we'll see how that goes. If everything I planted actually survives, I might have to run a farm stand out of our driveway.

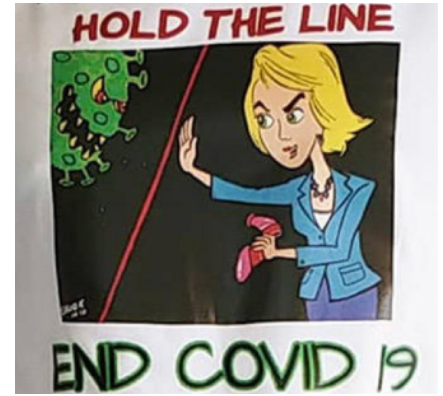
- practiced round dancing and cueing every night for at least an hour. Round dancing is cued ballroom dancing and usually takes place between tips in square dancing. I had just started cueing in January before Covid-19 stopped my efforts, so I am practicing at home now. We practice dancing a different rhythm every night and have covered Cha Cha, Rumba, Jive, Mambo, Two Step and Waltz so far. Foxtrot and Slow Two Step will be added next.

- learned/refreshed a LOT of math. My son (computer science/math double major) came home from UBCO at the end of March and was eager to teach me calculus "for fun". I needed to brush up on my algebra/trigonometry/pre-calculus skills first. Every day after lunch he gets out his whiteboard and gives me a short lecture about whatever topic strikes his fancy. I have learned a lot about encryption and number theory and all kinds of things that I didn't even know existed. Keeps the brain fit for sure!

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Gerry

Hello Everyone.

While I have been distancing I finally finished a king size quilt I started 15 years ago. Beatrice quilted it for me and I put the last stitch in the binding a couple of weeks ago. I am now working on the next project I started about 10 years ago. I am making headway.

I have also become very aware of how fortunate we are with our medical system and being able to get our groceries and medication. It was funny for me in the beginning when toilet paper was a very real currency! I was wondering what I was missing and even asked one of the workers at Costco that very question. His response was he didn't get it either. So I didn't worry so much about not having a years worth of TP but got a kick out of watch carts of toilet paper, paper towels and napkins leave the store!

I have enjoyed a coffee with a friend or 2 at a distance on my deck in the last month. I will never take for granted again the ability to go for groceries without the lineups, masks, and being able to go for lunch or coffee with my friends. And to go to the quilt shop to see and touch fabric!

I hope all of you are well. Stay safe and we will see each other again soon.

Janet S

Here is my run down for the lockdown

I have made 25 masks sent to the UK, 4 for home, finished 5 quilts and 2 tops.

My favourite new recipe is spinach and artichoke quiche.

I have completed 3 by 1,000 piece puzzles and joined zoom!!!!

My grocery shopping is once every 10 days.

My favourite book so far is The Rosie Project by Graeme Simsion.

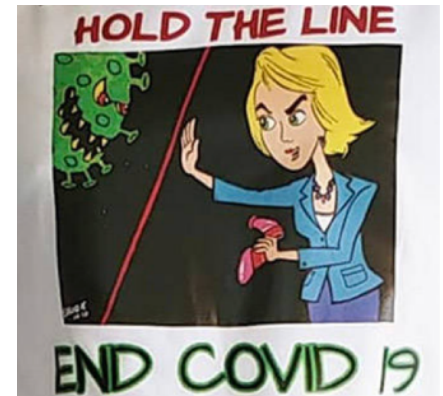
I spent a week scrubbing my deck so I had a nice place to sit and sew this covid summer. It has rained every day since!!!!

Lastly I did clean and tidy my sewing room although you wouldn't think so looking at it today!!!!

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Laura B

My husband and I were away since December 1st. Spent our winter in Mazatlan, Mexico and came back across the border at Sumas in our RV on March 22nd and were handed a piece of paper that clearly stated we had to isolate for 14 days. We knew that would be the case and had done most of our food shopping in the USA and our little fridge and freezer were also loaded up.

I was delighted to think I could totally hide away in my sewing cave which I certainly did. Finished a couple of UFO's and launched into making Dream Flight, a Judy Niemeyer pattern, top is done and my Longarm is so happy to be running again. My husband is very happy for me as he felt I was deprived for way too long. Quilting in Mexico in the heat just did not work for me.

COVID did hit us when a friend of ours at the Langley Lodge passed away. Only the day before we were there parked outside his window supporting his daughter and hoping he would know he was not alone.

Let's all stay safe, healthy and support each other. Quilters have so much to give.

Darlene B

I think the best thing I got done was my garage. What a job that was, Got cupboards hung up many large hooks up so everything is up off the floor. Even found some big hooks at Dollarama so my tires are off the floor. As for sewing trying to finish one quilt top, but got bored with it so I started a wall hanging. This is not me to have a couple of projects on the go. Most of the time I finish one before I start something else. I made 20 masks. and 20 scrub bags for the hospital nurses. Happy sewing everyone. Be safe.

Jean

During my time off with Covid I have made some Surgical gowns and caps which are required where I work. Never thought I would be making these.

I am also working on a king size quilt. Slow go.

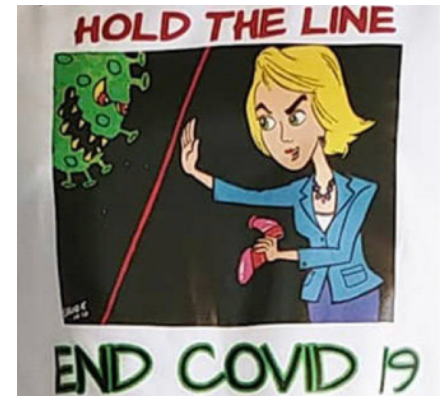
Completed my We Care and also completed a quilt for my sisters 65th birthday.

I have also made Granny Craig buns(Recipe from my grandmother). My mom always made them and they were loved by everyone, so I decided it was about time to make them and the buns were just as good as I remembered.

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Elizabeth G

My first thought was how little I actually have got done in the quilting world. Whether from shock in the initial stages of the "stay at home" idea or just a sense of "what now?", my sewing room saw little of me. I did make bags for nurses (when the call came in), I have made several masks for family and friends, and a doll quilt and doll clothes for the granddaughter.

Lots of baking - but that is normal. Maybe not the 3 plus extra pounds but... lots of soup... again normal.

And of course.. the garden.. like many around has never looked better.

But boy has my walking ramped up! My friend and I (appropriately physically distant) go almost every day around our neighbourhood for about 45 minutes - 1 hour. It has been our therapy - both physically and mentally.

To further take up our time (of late), my husband and I have for the last 2 weeks (now until the end of June) been the daily babysitters for our teacher daughter and husband's 2 1/2 year old daughter. I know everyone says this about their grandchild but she really is very cute. Basically well behaved (except for the odd "no" as we are in the 2 year old stage) and oh so active! I was much younger when our kids were that age. LOL.

Perhaps the most "projects" completed (well more like added to) have been my genealogy finds! Including one day the sudden shock/realization as I was adding info about my great aunt Mabel (Mum's aunt) of just how connected I am to her in a physical sense. The silver bracelet I wear on my right wrist is hers. It was given to my mum and then to me. I always knew, but somehow, it was a visceral response looking at it and thinking of this person that lived so many years ago as I typed the info about her life into Ancestry etc.

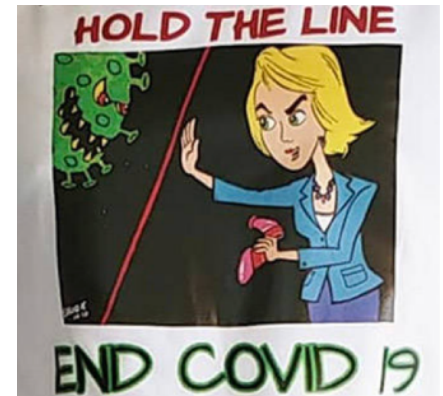
And there we have it.. days pass and time goes on, and sometimes I wonder what I really accomplished. One thing I have decided though, through this forced adventure, I never want to be as busy as I was before. The rushing here, there and everywhere (while retired) is just not for me any more. As my husband has said, "who is in charge of your calendar?"... that would be me!

Take care all and be safe.

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Gail W's weird chronicle. One plus of this crazy time is that I can wear perfume. Some of my numbers:

Books read - 18 - 7760 pages

Masks made - 57

"Days for Girls" shields made - 68

Hours of gardening - 87

Pushups - 1155

Cleaning project most proud of - washed foyer floor for 1st time in 30 years

HGTV hours - about 154

Take care everybody. Until we meet again.....

Kim M

During the Covid 19 outbreak I made:

30 Large Laundry Bags for the Covid Unit in Chilliwack

10 Large Laundry Bags for the Hope Hospital Old Age Care home

1 X-Large Surgery Cap for a Nurse in Chilliwack Covid Unit

4 Baby Quilts

4 Assorted Quilts

Had my 2 year old Grand Baby at my house for 2 Weeks at the worst of the crisis because my daughter is a nurse and wanted her safe

Read Pride and Prejudice

Binge watched A Discovery of Witches on Sundance . Keep Safe!

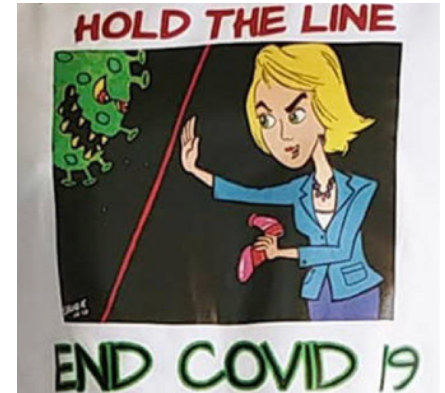
Leslie Z

Thank god for quilting!! 2 We Care quilts completed, 2 UFO's, completed piecing and sandwiching a king quilt, have started hand quilting, loved a quilt Wendy Lyon posted she gave me the pattern and I've sewed 144 blocks 1 inch wide strips log cabin .Great use of scraps. The blocks are done, now I have to join them. Gardening, gardening and more gardening. Cleaned drawers and cupboards. Great deal of "stuff" to go to the thrift store when it opens. Many trips to Hope (just to get out of the house) to Timmy's Drive thru for coffee ,husband was going stir crazy. Really missed not seeing my kids and grandkids, friends and my normal life. Absolutely hated what we had to do but also know this is what had to be done.

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Sandra L

As my activities have been severely restricted I have spent the last 2 1/2 months reading and here is a list of some of the books I have read.

Sandra Lounsbury

This Tender Land. William Kent Kruger

The Life We Bury. Allen Eskens

The Glass Ocean. Beatriz Williams

The Winemaker's Wife. Kristen Harmel

The Dutch House. Ann Patchett

Westering Women. Sandra Dallas

The First Lady. James Patterson

The Home For Unwanted Girls. Joanna Goodman

The Light Between Oceans. M L Steadman.

Teresa S

Hello everyone, I hope you have had a reboot in your life during this time. I find that my life has slowed down beautifully. I don't feel as rushed as I used to. I don't need as many things as I used to. And I have not missed shopping like I used to. I have completed a few quilts. Grace tried to launch those for me, as I don't have a cell phone or ways to download as some of you do, but some kind of failure happened there. Half the time I can't get on Facebook to have a look at all the creative stuff being done. I have made 10 wee care quilts, and given 2 away to pregnant girls at work. I started hand piecing a hexagon quilt. I am loving every minute of this. Who knew I would settle this much. I also started knitting a sweater, first one. I have the back done and half way up the front. I am very thankful for this change. I feel more "free", and I hope many of you do as well.

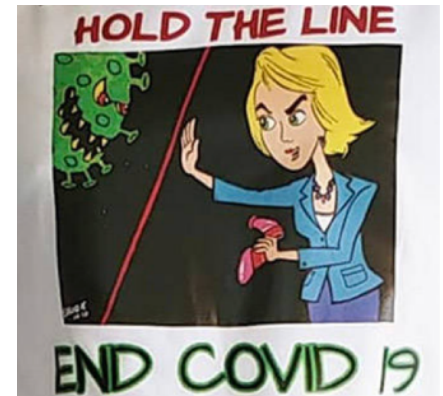
Kate D

I think this has been the longest 4 months on record!! I am thankful for all the really wonderful quilting connections I have made over the years. You ladies mean so very much to me! I have learned a lot about staying connected online Zoom Zoom! And I am also thankful that I had a closet full of fabric to play with. I have actually enjoyed the slower pace of life that Covid - 19 forced on us. My only almost "finish" lately (my quilting is slow paced too!) has been the self-portrait collage you can see in the Show & Tell column. Be kind be calm and stay safe everyone!

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Karlie M

I've golfed 22 times starting on Mar 16 with my mom (86) and son (36) and daughter-in-law, they are in my family bubble and we social distance on the course. When it has been sunny I've been in my flower or veggie garden for 4 to 5 hours a day. Started indoors from seed more than 500 plants, all in the garden now or given away. I have only ventured to the grocery store 5 times since March, lots of stocking up. Enjoyed three social distancing visits only in the last month with my sewing friends, one in Lyn's back yard, one at the Entrance Bay beach and one in Wendy's yard making plant containers from concrete.

- 4 completed We Care projects
- 2 art projects - containers
- Favourite Netflix show - Schitts Creek - hilarious
- Baked cinnamon twists - so yummy
- 6 masks sewn - one for my husband so he could go to the barber

Jane E

When we were first asked to work from home I thought that I would get so many personal projects done in addition to my paid work but I was wrong ... paid work expanded to fill most of my time so my list is short:

- How many UFO's completed - one that has been pulled out many times and put back - so I am happy that it is done
- What cleaning project has been tackled - removed rust spots from the front of the fridge/ painted the side fence/re-sealed the drive
- How often you went to the grocery store - changed my shopping habits to local smaller stores and the occasional delivery - also from local stores
- Title of a great book you read - joined Kindle Unlimited and read a lot of enjoyable but not particularly memorable novels
- New blog you started following - Deliciously Ella podcasts
- Ways to keep in touch - I am now familiar - mostly through work - with every videoconferencing platform ever invented!
- # of masks made - 4 (personal use only)
- # of puzzles completed - three 1,000 piece puzzles (#4 arrived today)
- Favourite TV show - joined AcornTV and worked our way through a lot of British crime dramas - just finished "No Offence"
- Best new recipe - trying to find the ultimate ginger biscuit at the moment - still enjoying eating the failures

The Roaring 20's: How much do you know? Answer Key

- 1) October 18 1929. The Persons Case. Louise Kinney, Nellie McClung, Emily Murphy, Irene Parlby, and Henrietta Edwards are known as The Famous Five. Their case, which was about women having the right to hold public office, was turned down by the Canadian Supreme Court. Their determination meant that they took their case to the Privy Council in London seeking to be acknowledged "as persons" because under Canadian law women were not persons therefore they could not hold public office.
- 2) October 29 1929. The crash of the stock markets around the world would see the beginning of what is still known as "The Great Depression." It lasted until June 1938.
- 3) The commodity in question was booze! This was because the United States was in a period of prohibition in which alcohol was banned. The infamous American visitor was none other but Al Capone who smuggled huge quantities of rum, whiskey and beer to the US. It was "liquid gold" for Capone and his gang and there was plenty of demand for the Canadian alcohol.
- 4) Her name was Mary Pickford but her real name was Gladys Louise Smith born on April 8 1892 in Toronto. She would go on to marry another very well known movie star of the day and his name was Douglas Fairbanks. 1920-1936.
- 5) The new craze was dance. These dances were very upbeat but there was too much physical contact for those who lived through the Victorian era.
- 6) They were known as Flappers.
- 7) They challenged old ideas of social mores by raising their hem lines and exposing their calves. They also cut their hair into a sharp bob. Smoking and drinking were other ways to stir up and shatter the old expectations about how women should behave in public and private.
- 8) Jazz would be the musical soundtrack to the Roaring 20's. It would become embraced and appreciated by many people around the world and Canadians were no exception.
- 9) It was known as The Blue Nose. What was so extraordinary about the Blue Nose is that it was a fishing boat and a racing boat at the same time. It won almost every race she was entered in but the Blue Nose would eventually be sold and it sank in the Caribbean in 1946 after hitting a reef.