



NEWSLETTER

for the members of Chilliwack PieceMakers Quilting Guild

March Meeting Cancelled!

We are no doubt all aware of the COVID-19 situation. We each have to do our part to protect ourselves, and community. Therefore the executive has decided to cancel our monthly meeting this coming Wednesday. Social distancing is most important. Canada's Chief Public Health Officer Theresa Tam says: "This means avoiding crowded places and non-essential gatherings and where possible, increase social distancing with others to two arms' length."

As much fun as our guild is, our meetings are definitely non-essential gatherings, and we have many members in the high-risk categories of being over 65, having a compromised immune system and/or having underlying health issues.

We will reassess the situation in the coming weeks and cancel more events, if necessary. For now, please stay healthy and try to do your part in preventing/slowing down the spread of COVID-19, so our health system will be able to handle the number of cases.

Presidents Message

I would like to start by thanking Cherri for her excellent presentation on the Underground Railroad at the February meeting. I had heard of it before but always assumed it was mostly urban legend territory. It was very interesting to hear about the historical context. If you missed the presentation, you can check out the Underground Railroad Sampler book from our guild library.

Our We Care Sewing Day is scheduled for April 4 at the Sardis Library - if it is decided to cancel this event we will send an email and post a notice on our FaceBook page. If you haven't signed up already you are welcome to join us at the library without signing up first.

We are only seven months away from our quilt show in October. This issue of the newsletter will have a lot of information about the show, please take the time to read the articles. Start working on your challenge piece and register your quilts early. Time flies, and October will be here faster than we think. A special thank you goes out to Karlie who puts a lot of work into organizing the show and keeping us all on track and also to all of you who have volunteered their time to help with this event.

This year, the quilt show will take place on the **fourth** weekend in October (October 23/24). Please mark your calendars, we will need lots of volunteers to make it all happen.

Happy Quilting,
Beatrice

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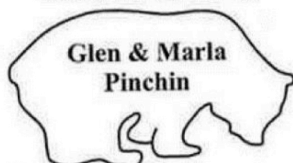
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We Care

The We Care Workshop is scheduled for April 4, 10am to 4 pm, at the Sardis Library. The guild will supply pre-cut kits, backing and batting. There will be ironing boards, irons and some cutting boards. If you wish you may bring your own lunch. There is a fridge and microwave available. There will be coffee and tea as well as some snacks like cheese/crackers, cookies, fruit plate, chips etc.

Anyone requiring labels, please see Gail or Leslie at the meeting. It is very much appreciated when the labels are attached prior to distribution.

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Library Report

This month I thought I should point out some of the great books we already have in the library. Some of our books are older, some newer, but the techniques are still useful.

Did you know there are 36 books listed in the Modern section of our library? Lots there to choose from when looking for a simple design using larger blocks, or lots of negative space and bright bold colours.

The Canadian Quilters Association has called for postcards for this years show in Edmonton. We have a book in the library "Quilt Designs for Postcards" if you are thinking of making one and don't know

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"Quilting your Quilt" - here you will find several books on machine quilting.

If you have any suggestions for new books please let us know.

Submitted by Diane H.

Make One - Take One

We will move our March project a **POUCH** to April - more time to create! Please bring your pouch in a brown paper bag and sign the list when you put it on the table.

Ugly Fabric Challenge

Please cut a 3" square from your "ugly fabric", pin your name onto it and hand it to Janet at the April meeting. Please place the rest of your "ugly fabric" in a brown paper bag, leave it on the table and sign the list. Please do not reveal the fabric you have picked as this will be a lovely surprise when you return the finished article in June. Have fun. Any queries talk to Janet S

Retreat Recap

Our annual retreat was held at Springbrooke in Langley. You can check out lots of pictures posted on our website [http://](http://www.chilliwackpiecemakers.com/retreat-2020)

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None of the married ladies seemed to mind that it was held February 14-16, including Valentine's Day! There was an extreme lack of snow this year that made arrivals and departures easy to accommodate. Everyone arrived at different times so the early birds settled into their desired spots. Cheese and crackers were served to create a mix and mingle before dinner. Everyone settled into serious sewing for the evening. Part of the event was to participate in a secret Valentine, that involved the giving of small gifts over the course of

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the weekend. Everyone enjoyed the fabulous abundance of food: breakfast, lunch, dinner and tons of snacks. All were encouraged to sit with different members at each meal to connect with someone they may not know well. Saturday it poured rain keeping us all inside at our machines, perfect retreat weather. Throughout the weekend there were many walk throughs showing and sharing projects. Highlights were: Rachel staying up until 3am dancing or was it sewing under the disco ball, Lyn being the one and only person to brave the hot tub, Sonja and her wonderful story telling enlisting gales of laughter, Carla and her copious number of projects, Joan who arrived with tons of pre-cuts ready to go on queen size quilts, Sandra sewed quietly along on her 'huge' handwork project, Kate found a new bedroom, Fay mentioned how much she loves the guild and thanked everyone for saving her life, and Janet the self professed non-piecer finished piecing yet another top. Everyone enjoyed it so much they have signed up for next year.

Make a block - support a family fighting cancer



A reminder that Rachel is still collecting blocks to make a quilt for this family. A good friend of Rachel B's, her son, Ethan, after nearly 5 years of being cancer free has been diagnosed with cancer again for the second time. Here is a link to a video on the ribbon block. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=506qwxqhkWE>

Please see - Rachel B for details and a pattern.



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QUILT SHOW 2020

Committee Meeting

There was a terrific turn out of committee leaders at our first Quilt Show meeting on Feb 12 at Janet's house. Everyone displayed great interest and enthusiasm for all that was discussed. Those who are doing repeat jobs were valuable in extending information to those who have taken on a new to them job for the quilt show.



There will be many reports by the various committee leaders in the future newsletters. Please be active members and give consideration to all their requests. Our next meeting will be May 13 - 7:00pm at Janet's house.

If you haven't seen them yet our Quilts for the Raffle Sale are posted on the webpage.

<http://www.chilliwackpiecemakers.com>

-Karlle

Demos

We have three volunteers to do demonstrations at the quilt show but welcome anyone else that might like to join us.

Please contact me if you are interested in doing demonstrations at our quilt show in.

-Ursula

Raffle Baskets

If you have items to donate to the raffle baskets, please bring them to our next meeting and/or the following meetings. You can donate notions, patterns, fat quarters or any related quilting items. Kerri and I will have a box in which you can leave your items in it. We will have a box at every meeting from now on until the quilt show. As you know, the baskets have always been a great success. Thank you for your generosity.



-Carla

QUILT SHOW 2020

Quilt Challenge

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

Quilts will be displayed at our quilt show.

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.

Please see the Chilliwack Piecemakers Web site <http://www.chilliwackpiecemakers.com> for a complete write up on the challenge and the Rules of the Challenge. Any questions please contact Jean P 604 795 9338 or Deb P 604 792 0920.



Piecemaking in the Valley 2020 - Quilt Registration

Registration for the 2020 show will open after the March meeting. The registration form will be available as a digital file (pdf) only. Registrations will only be accepted via email.

If you need help, I will be available to answer your questions and help you learn how to do it. This will save us a lot of time in the long run as it eliminates the need to transcribe all the forms.

The form will be sent out as an email attachment from the address quiltshow@pumpkinpatchbc.com on March 19, to all guild members. This email might end up in your spam folder. Please keep an eye on your spam folder or add the address to your address book, then it won't be classified as spam.

To make sure that nobody misses the email, we will send out an email from the regular guild address afterwards to let everyone know the registration form has been sent and to remind you to check your spam folders if you haven't received it.

You can click on any of the blue/grey fields in the form and type in the required information. Please leave the item # blank (field in the top right corner), this will be assigned later. Save



the form and email it back to me. A separate form is required for every item you would like to enter.

This year I will also be accepting digital entries in other formats if they have the required information. This means that if you have trouble with the pdf, you can use a text document or put the information in an email. If you do this, **please ensure that you have included all necessary information and made clear which of your measurements is the width and which is the length of your quilt.**

Scans of the printed form will **NOT** be accepted. All information has to be typed (no handwritten entry forms, please), and I need to be able to copy and paste the information.

You will receive a confirmation email that I received your registration, and I will list the items you registered. I will reply to every single email but please be patient and give me at least 48 hours before writing again.

If you don't hear back from me within a reasonable time frame, I haven't received your email. Please contact me again, and we will figure it out. Call my business number at 604-701-3203 and leave a message or email me, and I will get back to you.

Registration will close on September 30, 2020 **or possibly earlier if the number of required quilts is reached before this date.** The day guild ended up with way too many.

Membership

February Meeting attendance = 50

- Fat Quarter Winners – Maureen W, Ursula Y
- Door Prize Winners – Joanne B, Catherine P, Ida M, Maureen W, Susan S, Barbara P
- Country Folk Winner – Wendy L
- Hamel's (Badge) Winner – Jean P

- Karlie

