



NEWSLETTER

Sept 2025

FOR THE MEMBERS OF CHILLIWACK PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

Monthly Meeting
Wed 17 Sept 2025

Sept Program



Colleen MacKinnon
of Penny Rugs and More

What is a Penny Rug? Colleen will share with us all about Penny rugs, what they are, how to make them and what makes them so special and unique. She will also have a small pop-up shop set up with books, patterns, kits and more. Cash only - credit cards and debit are not available.



Show off your Summer Library Challenge, bring your completed item along with your library book back to the September or October meeting to show the group and be entered in the draw for a prize.

- Leah & Iris

Presidents Message

Today, as I finish this message ready to send to Karlie for publishing in the newsletter, there has been quite a sudden weather change to what feels more like fall than the heat of summer we had last week. I'm hoping we will have a warm dry spell before we settle into steady autumn weather. I have had a lovely summer spending time in my garden, sharing veggies with friends and neighbours, river walks and lovely mornings at the lake with the kids. My sister was here from NZ for 3 weeks for lots of family time, we took the 2 oldest grandkids to see the Lion King, their first live theatre. On one of the cooler days, we wandered around the murals in downtown. I hope your summer was what you wanted it to be.

It's now time to settle back into routines that start up again in September, of course for this group that includes quilting. I've said it many times that for me the joy of quilting comes from the camaraderie of being part of a group of people who have the common interest of putting thread into fabric in some manner. I thoroughly enjoy being a member of Chilliwack PieceMakers Quilting Guild, there is so much variety in the types of stitching we do; we share our knowledge with each other; have great programs and give to our community through We Care. It's obvious from the photos of our June potluck that we have a lot of fun Those hats!

The executive had their first meeting on Wednesday; we reviewed the proposed budget and approved it to go to the membership for voting which will happen at the meeting this month. The other big decision we made was to commence the general meetings at 630pm starting in October. We cover a lot of ground at our meetings and want to give every activity its due amount of time, we also

About Colleen MacKinnon

Colleen has been making and creating since she was very little. Her Irish mother taught her to knit, and her French-Canadian grandmother taught her to crochet. Along the way were sewing and quilting lessons. Then many years selling her handmade dolls and Santas in craft shows and small shops, and eventually running her own small craft show for several years. All this while raising two beautiful daughters and managing an irrigation service company with her husband for 40 years. During that time came the Internet, opening new friendships in craft. Colleen found herself buried in stacks of wool and blogging about her exploits. Throughout those years of making, experimenting, and teaching about penny rugs, Colleen has published many patterns both for herself and for her Nova Scotian friend, penny rug master Cee Rafuse of Old Penny Rugs.

Never one to be idle, Colleen continues to teach online through her blog, Penny Rugs and More, her Penny Rugs and More Facebook page, and her Penny Rugs and More YouTube channel. Find Colleen selling her patterns and supplies in her Etsy shop 'Penny Rugs and More.'

Colleen lives in historic Fort Langley, British Columbia, Canada.

think it's important that we can take some time to socialize, look more closely at show and tell and to visit the library. The various committees have lots of great ideas planned for the year... find more information regarding these in the newsletter. Please be patient with the Executive as we find our way into our positions (3 of the Directors are new to their roles). I encourage you to take a look at the guild Constitution and Bylaws and the Mission Statement and Code of Conduct, they can be found here -

<https://www.chilliwackpiecemakers.com/constitution>

I personally will endeavour to uphold the ideals of the guild. If at any point if you would like to speak to me about anything happening in the guild, please feel free to contact me.

- Lyn

Membership/Registration

We hope you all had a great summer, but now that September has arrived it reminds us that fall is on the way and it's time to look forward to renewing our membership for Sept - June 2025-26 and we are ready to welcome you.

Your annual membership helps support and gives you access to our meetings, activities, our programs, workshops for members only, monthly gift certificates and prize draws and of course the privilege to be part of our biannual Quilt Show (October 2026)

Our first meeting is right around the corner (Wed Sept 17th) We look forward to seeing all our familiar friends and faces. Come join us to see what's new for this year.

To make it easier for the registration table it would be great if you could rejoin ahead of time. We prefer to accept e-transfers, but we will also accept cheques and cash at our monthly meeting. **Here is the info you need -**

E transfer to: piecemakers.treasurer@gmail.com

Amount: \$35.00

Message: for membership (plus your name)

Autumn Leaf Block Challenge

We're using the Scrappy Maple Leaf pattern from Canuck Quilter Designs. The pattern includes instructions for two block sizes. We suggest you make the larger 7 1/2" block and add borders so your completed block measures 12" (unfinished). One 2 1/2" strip of fabric is sufficient for the borders. Please note there is one error in the pattern – cut 2 - 3 1/2" A squares instead of the 3 squares listed.

Use any Autumn colours you want for the blocks, matching or scrappy. The background and borders can be scrappy too – anything goes!

Have fun making these Autumn Leaves blocks over the next few months.



[Click on this link to get a copy of the PDF pattern](#)

- Bev

Additionally, we will accept \$35 cash or cheque at our September meeting at the registration desk. Please place in an envelope with your name and member # on it.

The last option is to mail a cheque to Chilliwack PieceMakers C/O Lyn Robinson 45330 Stevenson Rd, Chilliwack, BC V2R

See you at our first meeting - Darlene & Nancy

Guild Buddies



Having Buddies plays such an important role in our guild. Welcoming our new members, helping them feel comfortable and included and to navigate thru our meetings is what our guild is all about. If you feel you could help it would be greatly appreciated...

A sign-up sheet will be at the Registration table at our first meeting, or you can email the guild address.

Quilt Show 2026

It is time to start planning and sewing our Raffle Quilt project for the 2026 Quilt Show. I know it seems a long way off but there are many steps to have this ready for ticket sales in the spring. At the October meeting I will pass around a sign-up sheet to collect names of members who would like to be part of the block sewing party, please consider helping with this project. Alternatively, you can send your name to the guild email address indicating your interest.



- Karlie

Summer Library Challenge

We hope you have your summer library challenge completed to show at either the September or October meeting. Show us the book and the project.

BUT it is not too late to participate in this challenge if you are a speedy sewer. At the September meeting take out a book and bring the finished project to the October meeting.

Make a project based on something you learned from the book, it could be a quilt, a block, a pillow, a bag or anything else at all if it pertains to the book.

All those who complete the challenge will be entered to win a **prize**.



Coffee News

We are advertising our guild in the Coffee News publication. It is sent to Chilliwack and Sardis subscribers and invites the public to be part of our guild or just come and find out more about our group. Thanks to Trish V for sending in our PieceMaker info and registering us.

We Care

We have a **dedicated email** set-up for We Care - piecemakerswecare@gmail.com. We would appreciate you all using this email when you are communicating with the We Care committee.

Wow where did the summer go? It seems like just yesterday that we were enjoying our June potluck. At that meeting We Care announced another challenge to wrap up in November. If you haven't heard, we are calling it 'Autumn Leaves' in honour of the time of year and of course our Canadian Pride. The pattern is on website and has been emailed to members. The pattern is a free pattern by Canuck Quilter!

As with our Heart Block Challenge – do a block, several blocks or a whole quilt the choice is yours. We will have a **We Care Sew day** to put them all together on **November 22nd** along with making some more Heart Pillows for Breast Cancer patients in our area!

You don't need to just do Autumn leaves blocks at the Sew Day, and we welcome anyone to work on We Care quilts that date. Fabric, backing and batting is available at the Sew Day!

If you have any started or finished blocks, please post them on our Facebook page.... this keeps the motivation going for those of us participating and hopefully gain some new participants!

Deliveries were made to Child Development Centre for the Infant Massage program and Meadow Rose over the summer.



Meadow Rose & Child Development

Quilt Executive and Committee Volunteers

2025 - 2026

| | |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| President: | Lyn R |
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| Show and Tell: | Kim M Ginger C Linda V |
| Sunshine: | Cherri M |
| We Care: | Trish V Bev T Leah M Linda V |
| Webpage: | Karlie M |
| Workshops: | Janet S |
| Youth Bags: | Janet S |



Wheelchair and other quilts were delivered by Leslie Z. to the homes in Agassiz.



Glenwood, Cheam Village, Family Place

We are now out of Wheelchair quilts so perhaps making something smaller can get you on board to help the We Care Committee!

Our August planning meeting gave us many new ideas to develop some new sewers focusing on our Youth so keep an eye out as our plans develop throughout the year! We welcome Linda V to our committee for the coming year and always appreciate any additional help as many hands make light work. Please consider being part of the Committee who has the privilege of making quilts and distributing them to those in need.

We are currently contacting several places where we could distribute more of our quilts and welcome any suggestions. We will need to vote at the September meeting for additional quilt distribution areas. Please send any suggestions to the We Care email address. Suggestions should include a name, website if possible and contact person and contact information.

If you need batting or backing, please contact Leah M to make arrangements. Labels are available at the meetings and Cozy Cottons.

We are truly grateful to all the ladies who donate fabric, piece, bind and sew together all our wonderful quilts. You truly are an amazing group of women!

- Your 'We Care' Committee

Fat Quarter Draw

We are continuing with this great draw for the coming year. For each fat quarter you contribute you place your name in the basket (3 fat quarters 3 names and chances to win).

September colour – Autumn Colours

Door Prizes

It is always fun to go home with a gift at the end of the evening. Door prizes are contributed voluntarily and can be handmade items, gently used or brand new. They don't have to be strictly quilting related, if you think someone might love to receive it then anything goes. A big thank you to all the members that contributed to this fun part of our meeting.

Guild Email Addresses

chilliwackpiecemakers@gmail.com

piecemakers.treasurer@gmail.com

piecemakerswecare@gmail.com

chillpmnewsletter@gmail.com

Check us out on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/840042746122369>



Library

If you borrowed books over the summer, please remember to return them at the coming meeting.

- Your 'Library' Committee



Free Sharing Table

The sharing table is a fantastic place to upcycle items you want to have out of your sewing room. You would be surprised what is put there and taken home – one person's junk is another person's treasure. The table is located right across from the registration table. We do ask that if the items you brought are not taken home that you remember to take them back home with you, so don't forget to check the table at the end of the evening.

Heart Pillows

If you would like to support patients who have undergone breast surgery for breast cancer, then you might like to make a heart pillow.



I have volunteered to be the contact person for PieceMaker Quilting Guild. I will collect the pillows at our monthly meetings and have them delivered.

The link to the pattern is below if you do not already possess one or I can bring a copy of the pattern to a Guild meeting. The pillows should be made in a variety of new cotton fabric and filled with 170 grams of new fibre fill.

Here is the direct link to the pattern

<https://pumpkinpatchbc.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Heart-Pillow-Pattern.pdf>

Thank you for your participation in this important program
- Janet

Door Greeters

Once again, we are looking for door greeters. This is a very easy way to volunteer at the guild. The hall door has an automatic lock, so someone needs to let members in.



A door greeter arrives at the meeting early along with the others who do the meeting set up in the hall before the members arrival.

If you would like to help in this way, please add your name to the signup sheet, see Lyn or email the guild address. We will post the list of monthly volunteers in the newsletter.

Workshops

We have a workshop in the works for the Fall. Currently, we are looking for a venue to make this go ahead. If we find a location an email with the workshop information will be sent out followed by details in the October newsletter.

- Janet

Days for Girls



We are always looking for people who are interested in helping with DFG whether you are a Sewer or perhaps just want to cut, label or string the bags or liners!!! If you are interested in the program, please check out the website – we are an international organization!

<http://www.daysforgirls.org/canada/> Thank you to anyone who contributed fabric and your sewing skills – you are amazing for sharing your skills and fabrics for such a great cause and empowering women!!! Imagine what we could do with MORE helpers!

Our next Sew day will be held on Friday September 26th - 10:00 – 2:00 pm (Bring your machine or serger and a lunch). Coffee & tea is available! Come and check it out stay for the whole time or just awhile. Once you have had some training on the pieces to be sewn, we always are happy to send items home with you to complete on your own time! We also need people who would be willing to “cut” (rotary) fabric.

Westgate Apartments – 8955 Edward Street Chilliwack – Amenities Room off to the right side of the main entrance. This building is behind the Hospital area with plenty of parking!

We can always use quality cotton and flannel donations. All fabric should be at least 10” – 12” square or yardage. Whatever cannot be used (we do have some strict guidelines issued by DFG International) we ensure that is donated to where it can be utilized.

Thank you to all the PieceMakers who support DFG we are truly grateful for your generosity!

Contact Ginger C or Trish V for any additional information.

These fantastic local merchants support our guild. Be sure to show your appreciation by supporting their businesses!



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Youth Bags

This November we will fill the bags and deliver them to Chilliwack Community Youth Services. Items still needed are on the chart below, please bring them to the next two in person general meetings. If you wish, a cash donation is also welcome, it is used to buy the missing items.



Thank you again for your generosity.

- Janet

Youth Bag List Update.

| Item | Female | Male | Either Sex |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Bags | | | 50 Done |
| Small shampoo | | | 25 (need 25) |
| Small conditioner | | | 12 (need 13) |
| Body lotion | | | 35 (need 15) |
| Combs | | | 50 Done |
| Soaps/body wash | | | 50 Done |
| Socks | 25 Done | 25 Done | |
| Deodorants | 0 (need 25) | 1 (need 24) | |
| Toothbrushes | | | 43 (need 7) |
| Toothpaste | | | 50 Done |
| Gloves | | | 13 (need 37) |
| Scarves | | | 36 (need 14) |
| Toques | | | 47 (need 3) |
| Sanitary products | 6 (need 19) | | |
| Notebooks | | | 46 (need 4) |
| Pens | | | 50 Done |
| Handbag size tissues | | | 50 Done |

Sept Meeting Checklist

- name badge (for possible prize)
- fat quarter – Autumn colours
- own coffee/water bottle - door prize (voluntary)
- show and tell - We Care quilts
- library books to return. - sharing table items. - youth bag items
- Autumn Leaf blocks. - Library Book Challenge

Improvish Trees Workshop

with Berene Campbell of HappySewLucky



October 15, 2025 10:00am - 4:00pm

Yarrow Community Centre Southside Room

4670 Community Street, Chilliwack BC

Berene is a modern quilt designer, speaker and community project instigator. Her sewing patterns feature inspiring messages of positivity and hope, with the goal of making the world a kinder and more peaceful place.



This is a fun class involving learning curve piecing and how to create customized improv FPP trees - based on a general plan for the design. This is a really playful class, suitable for those that like to be involved in the design process of a quilt.



Level: Intermediate - participants need to have a basic understanding of FPP.

Block size: The block size is completely customizable, so each participant creates their own design / shape.

Workshop fee: \$36 Chilliwack Piecemakers Guild Members, \$45 Non members

Pattern fee: \$10

Register by sending payment to reserve your spot

Payment by e-transfer preferred - piecemakers.treasurer@gmail.com

We are set for auto deposit - no password needed

Message: for workshop (plus add your name)

Fabrics: This is up to each maker. Botanical prints or textures that might represent the four seasons, choose two tones of solids for a more modern feel or choose to sort your scraps into colour palettes and make a forest of scrappy trees, each in its own scrappy colour way.





Harrison Mills Country Quilt Show

25th Anniversary

Saturday & Sunday October 4 & 5, 2025

10:30 – 4:00 pm

Raffle Draw: Sunday 3:45

Proceeds to Student Bursary Fund & Hall Improvements

Admission by Cash Donation

Vendors to include:

Artisan Pottery

Countryfolk Fabrics

Cozy Cottons Quilt Shop

Woodside Honey

Various Arts & Crafters

Tables

**Harrison Mills
Community**

Hall

1995 School Road

Harrison Mills

Raffle Tickets \$2

Available from:
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Harrison Mills Post Office

Prizes:

Handmade Quilt
Cabinfever Junction (pie a
month for a year)
Kilby Historic Site Family
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Sasquatch Pub & Inn Gift
Card
Local Canadian Goods Gift
Basket

Vendor payment varies –
most will accept cash,
some have debit/credit
available



Have a Quilt that you
would like to Show:

Contact: Jean @ 604-796-2710

or Sheryl @ 604-302-2143