



NEWSLETTER

Mar 2026

FOR THE MEMBERS OF CHILLIWACK PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

Monthly Meeting
Wed 18 Mar 2026

Program

6:30 start In Person -



Our speaker for March is Kiranjot Kaur. She is a multi-disciplinary artist, author and engineer. Her work aims to celebrate her background in engineering, inspirations from Sikhi, her Panjabi and Canadian heritage and her lived experience growing up in a family fabric store. She will be telling us how uses remnants in her work.



- Leah & Iris

Vice Presidents Message

Hello everyone! Lyn is away on a wonderful vacation visiting family and friends. She'll be back for our March meeting with lots of interesting stories, I'm sure. March is a favorite transition month. The winter blahs are behind us and spring is just ahead. Time for new beginnings – new exercise ideas, new gardening ideas, new quilting ideas! I for one am looking forward to trying some diamond quilt patterns after the fabulous February presentation. I already have my new diamond ruler!

We will be back 'live and in person' for our March meeting, a chance to say 'Hi' to those we haven't seen over the winter. Don't forget to bring your completed mystery bag project. Mine is 90% finished. It's been on the back burner for a few weeks with We Care and Tumbler Ridge taking precedent. Our guild has shown amazing compassion and community spirit with the push to make quilts for the folks up north. A huge thank you to everyone for organizing and participating in this effort.

A reminder that our meetings begin at 6:30 now – see you March 18.

I am so glad to be a part of this wonderful quilting guild!

- Bev

Mystery Bag Challenge

Time to return those projects for all to see at the March meeting. Will you be able to recognize the items you gave in a project?



About Our Presenter

Kiranjot Kaur



Kiranjot is a Surrey-based artist who, among many artistic adventures, enjoys painting vibrant, exploratory pieces and drawing high-contrast and bold ink designs. She is a self-taught artist who explores a multitude of techniques to serve inspiration and provide truthful, artful renderings to ideas, emotions and statements. Her recent art experience includes public art projects for the City of Nanaimo and City of Abbotsford, as well as a solo exhibition at the Chilliwack Museum and Archives.



Charitable Donations

On arrival at the March meeting, please vote for one of the charities on the list. In the event of a tie for the 3rd and 4th highest votes, the \$200 will be divided between the two charities (\$100 each).



The money will be delivered to the charities once the voting is completed. Thank you to everyone for your help in this very important part of our community support.

Quilt Deliveries

In total we delivered 40 Quilts to Cozy Cottons for Tumbler Ridge! So Proud of all of you!!!

Hospice requested some quilts, so we delivered 15 quilts and 10



quilts for their June Horse Camp they run for grieving children.



I believe that our inventory will be replenished come the next couple of meetings.

Ann Davis - After our presentation in the Spring where they indicated that they would reach out to us when quilts were needed, we hadn't received a request so I reached out to them, and we will once again be delivering quilts to their location. I will read out the Executive Director's email at the meeting.

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Sardis Library Sew Day

Our recent Sew Day certainly was bustling with enthusiasm, laughter and productivity. The day was beautiful outside but that didn't keep 13 ladies plus 7 drop-in public from cutting, sewing, sandwiching quilts and stuffing Heart Pillows (21 completed). 22 Quilts came in that day! Wow!



Our Progress newspaper article sparked some curiosity as well as Leah's poster outside the library. Some drop-ins stopped in to see what was happening and others stayed to sew or stuff something!



We had 2 fabric donations that came in prior to the Sew Day. The fabric was made available and a great amount of it was used and went home that

day to finish up quilts. Barbara B. brought back some of the flimsies I delivered to her for long arming! Thank you all for making the day and enjoyable and productive one!

The We Care Team was very happy with the success of the Day!

We Care

Wandering through my neighbourhood signs of spring are certainly there from crocuses and daffodils blooming to eager guys a week ago getting in the first grass cut (I know, what was he thinking?) We all await the first signs of

February Zoom Meeting



What an exciting meeting February was with Krista Moser as our speaker. If she didn't inspire you to make a quilt with diamonds then I don't know who would, she was so bubbly and enthusiastic. Cozy Cottons sells the 60-degree diamond rule that Krista designed if you want one for yourself.



spring and in our hopefulness of better days to come we start our lists of items to accomplish as the days get longer ... from an after-dinner walk, indoor seed starting, veggie garden plans, visiting the Garden Centre and hopefully quilting. We seem to get a renewed energy when Spring is around the corner!

Cozy Cottons has a labelled clear bin available for those of you who drop your quilts there. Bev has agreed to pick up any of the items dropped there and bring to the meetings in the future – thanks Bev! We are doing this so quilts can be put into the parade we have at meetings and blocks/items dropped for meeting events could be included!

We will have **2 draws** for all the ladies who completed Autumn blocks at the March meeting – **but you must be in attendance to win!**

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, long arm, bind and sew together all our wonderful quilts. You truly are an amazing group of women!

- Trish & Your We Care Committee

Days for Girls

'In 2025 we sent out 780 kits to World Vision Canada for distribution in two African refugee camps. In the next week or so Chilliwack DFG will be sending 500 kits to WVC once again. WVC will distribute kits in accordance with DFG requirements. WVC gradually fills a container with kits from across Canada. That is the reason all kits must meet strict criteria for sewing and contents. The Chilliwack DFG team passed Gold Standard Certification

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by DFG Canada's sewing specialist earlier this year. We are now certified for 3 more years! Our volunteers are truly wonderful!

Check out the website for any additional information – we are an international organization!

<http://www.daysforgirls.org/canada/>



Our next Sew day will be held on Friday March 27 @ 10:00 – 3:00 pm (Bring your machine or serger and a lunch). 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.

Quilt Show 2026 –

October 23 and 24, 2026

We'll be having our first meeting for the 2026 quilt show on April 7th at 7:00pm via Zoom.



Membership/Registration

Our February guild meeting was by zoom and had 25 ladies attend to listen and learn from a great presenter Krista Moser on quilt design and colour theory... very inspiring!!

Thank you as always to our two local merchants for their continued support of our guild and their monthly donation.



February winners:

Quiltnut Creations — Daisy S (one meter of fabric)

Cozy Cottons Quilting — Evelyn D (gift certificate \$10.)

Our guild is always looking for new members So, if you have a friend, neighbour or relative that likes to cut up fabric and sew it back together bring them along to our next meeting as a guest ... our talented group has so much to offer.

Our guild has 53 members at present.

- Darlene & Nancy

I will send out an agenda and the zoom link closer to the date.

Thank you so much for volunteering, the quilt show is my favourite time of the year, and I can't wait to get to work on it with you. Please consider helping, we are still in need of assistance with: Advertising, Raffle Quilt Sales, Receiving / Returning Quilt.

- Leah

New Mini Project

We will be presenting a new mini project idea at the March meeting; it is in conjunction with our guild's 30th Anniversary.

This project will run from March to September so there will be plenty of time for the creativity and making to happen.

Our hope is there will be many members participating as we would like to make a display of them at the coming quilt show.



- Iris

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