



April 2025

President's Message

Spring has sprung, and the smell of fresh blooms is in the air! The buds are starting to pop up, and the days are getting longer, which means more time for quilting!

I find myself sorting through my fabrics, dreaming up new projects (so many projects)...maybe a little spring cleaning is in order too. It's the perfect time to refresh our stashes and get inspired for lighter, brighter creations.

What's on your quilting table this season? Share your Spring projects with us, Come out to our next meeting and show us what you're working on, we love Show and Tell! Happy Easter everyone 🐰

Sandra



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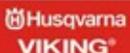


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Workshop Report

We are **needing input** from the membership. We are looking for more ideas for our Thursday demos. Do you know a technique or idea that you use frequently that would benefit members? Not only do we need these ideas, **we need presenters!** Our membership is a huge resource we have barely tapped. Please consider approaching us to offer your expertise as others have done.

April 10 – Raelene R. – **QAYG or Quilt as you go**. We all know how difficult it is to quilt large items under the arm of our domestic machine. Instead, quilt small sections of your project and join them using a method Sharon Pederson uses in her Reversible Quilts book. You may have used this method before. Come see how easy it is to plan out your sections, join blocks by machine or hand, and complete your quilt, start to finish!

Breast cancer bags

Reminder - Please bring in Completed Breast cancer bags and pillows as soon as possible so we can deliver 30 to the hospital.
Kits may be signed out/returned any Thursday.

Raelene

Six Halves Make a Whole

6 projects each using 6 half yard cuts
The Quilt Branch 2007
Quilt Guild Library #133



This book review will have to be short since "Six Halves Make a Whole" is a short book! However, the projects are all so varied. Several guild members have made the Mexican Tile placemats - so different yet made from the same 6 fabrics. Keep in mind that we don't have "half yard cuts", but rather "half metre cuts" which can give you a bit of leeway in case of a cutting mistake. The cutting instructions utilize almost all the fabric, and for one project (Whirlwind Tour) you are advised to be sure you do have half a yard.

The projects are all based on the idea that six coordinating "half yard" fabrics plus a couple of additions for borders can make a large lap size quilt. Then, depending on fabric placement choices, two absolutely different quilts could appear - see photos on page 19 for "Turning Point".

With the layout of "Hopscotch", photos page 17, a very different bonus project can be made using the scraps.

The general instructions are certainly worth reviewing. Using a diagonal seam when piecing together border strips really does help to hide the seam. Instructions for quickly (and easily) constructing flying geese units are clearly shown.

"Whirlwind Tour" photo, page 18, appears to be a real challenge, but look at how the strips are sewn, cut and placed - looks like a walk in the park. Hints throughout the book, whether color choice or construction ideas are very helpful.

What fun to cut exactly as instructed and see what emerges as you follow the directions. Having made two sets (6 each) of Mexican Tiles, I found the project information easy to follow, with little leftover fabrics. The backings were cut from

the six pieces of fabric, giving another view of the six coordinating fabrics used. Perhaps you have coordinating Christmas fabrics which would lend themselves to one of these projects? Enjoy!

Lois

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Wednesday, April 9-

Saturday, April 12/25

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scissors, markers, zippers, purse notions, etc.. Does not include Bernina Notions or feet.



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Breast Cancer Bags

Our hospital needs 30 Breast Cancer bags, that our guild makes, **every 3 months!** As Myra has stepped down, Carol Metner, Raelene Robertson, and Janis Davis have taken on this committee's mandate.

To this end, every 3 months, we will be hosting a sew day where members may make one (or more) of these kits.

Instruction if needed, will be available on these days.

These will be held on April 10 and July 10. (These are all the second Thursdays of that month).

We shall be making kits on the first Thursday of those months in preparation for these sew days.

We are hoping that several of you will accept this challenge to make these much needed and appreciated items.

Raelene

[Click here for pattern & instructions](#)

Community Quilts - The Baby Quilt Project and its' 25-Year History

In 2000 Jennifer Harrison was told of a need for "baby quilts" at St. Joseph's Hospital maternity ward. She got two neighbours and a few sewing friends together and they started donating quilts. Jennifer is a past president of our guild. When the guild got involved with this "Community Quilts Project" I am not aware.

The quilts we made were stored near the nurse's station and when delivered were neatly placed on a shelf. The nurses were the ones who distributed the quilts to those patients (moms or babies) who were "struggling". We also made two wall hangings for the Maternity ward and the Young children's ward.

When St. Joe's Hospital closed, we started donating quilts to the new hospital. There was not a designated spot for our quilts near the nurse's station and they were mostly forgotten and not given out. A possible reason was that moms were being discharged with their babies very soon after giving birth.

Sharon Hansen was working at Public Health at the time and said that the Public Health nurses visited every baby born in the Comox Valley. (I'm told that over 300 babies are born in the Valley every year). I spoke with the Head Nurse at Public Health and she said that with a quilt in hand they would often be invited into a home and they could then see how Mom and baby were doing. The Public Health nurses also make up "Baby Boxes", they're about bassinet size. These boxes are filled with a baby quilt and baby items. These "Baby Boxes" are also distributed by the nurses to those who need them.

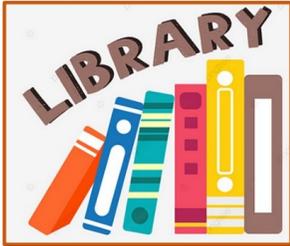
Our quilt guild members have donated over 60 quilts to Public Health for the nurses to distributed to struggling moms and babies in 2024/2025. Everyone ooh's and aah's at the quilts when I deliver them, and there is always a story about some little one who got a quilt and still drags it around everywhere they go. Moms mention how grateful they are for the quilts

The Moms and babies that receive our donated quilts thank you for your continuing support.

Submitted by Coby S.

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Hello everyone,

Ladies it's that time again. Jean and I are getting ready for our Spring audit, and in order to successfully perform this task we will be asking everyone with library books to return them no later than the April 3rd meeting.

The following Thursday April 10th we'll get our work done.

If all goes well, we should be able to reopen the library by afternoon.

Thank you everyone,

Diane

Show & Tell



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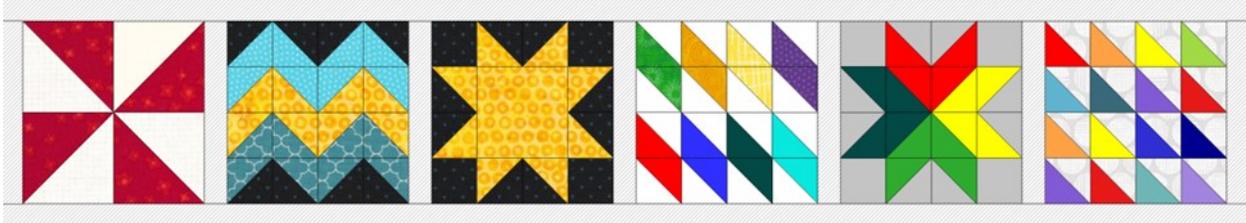


Larche Presenter



Carol's Demo





Have you heard ???

President's Challenge this year is the " HST "

(half square triangle – one of the most common, most versatile quilt blocks).

What is your favorite layout for these ? – stars ? chevrons ? flying geese ? – or are you ready to try some new layout ? Do you have a preferred method for trimming these to size ? Sometimes, the options seem unlimited.

To Enter this year's President Challenge :

Register with Gayle Hampton – cost is \$ 5.00. If you complete your project by June, your \$ 5. is returned - --- but, if you don't – the money goes to Community Quilts

Use your scrap HST's from previous projects – or make new ones

Any size project will be accepted – as long as the main focus is HST (although you can include other blocks in your layout)

The Library has many MANY books / patterns to provide options and ideas for you.

Books can be signed out for 1 month periods – if you need to keep it longer, then please return it to ensure no one else has requested it – and then sign it out again.

To request a book – there are small post-it notes on the cupboard door – write your name on it and then stick it to the card in the sign out book

If you return a book and find a request on your sign out card – please let the person waiting know that you've returned it.

If you don't know how to sign books in / out of Library, just ask another Guild member of the process.

Diane, Jean

Membership

It's time to renew your membership. We have missed seeing you and look forward to another great year of sewing and friendship.

The fee of \$60 has not changed, but this year you can pay by Debit if you want, the total cost for a debit transaction will be \$61.00 to cover the fee. Please note Debit only. We will still gladly accept cash or cheques.

Please bring your membership card and we will update your sticker. The card is good at The Black Sheep for a 10% discount.

Also, please fill out a new membership sheet from the website if your contact information has changed. This information is password protected and only for our members.

We will ONLY be using the "Square" to pay by debit on meeting days.

If you can't make it to the meeting it's best to mail it in to

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Sharon H.
Membership Chairman.

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CAMPBELL RIVER FRIENDSHIP GUILD

- THEME:** CELEBRATING CANADA
SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 18th, 2025
LOCATION: EAGLES HALL 1999 14th AVE. CAMPBELL RIVER
TIME: 10:00am-approximately 3:00pm
COST: \$25.00
QUILT CHALLENGE: "CELEBRATING CANADA"

I will have the registration form at guild meetings if you want to sign up early.
Hope

This is the quilt block if you choose to make one. I have the pdf file and can share and I will put it on our website.



SUNSHINE

It is good to see so many quilters coming out to enjoy our Thursday sew days and business meetings. Hopefully this is an indication that we are all remaining healthy.

However, as we know, "life happens" and sometimes we all need a little CHEER.

If you know of any of your fellow quilters who are in need of a little cheer, for whatever reason, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Also, a reminder that if you know of anybody who would like assistance in getting out to a meeting, please let the executive know so we can arrange for that assistance.

Thanks, stay safe and healthy.

Beverly L.

Email : sunshine@schoolhousequilters.com

Do you have a longarm/midarm, or do you enjoy machine quilting on your domestic machine? Quilts of Valour Canada (North Island) is in need of volunteers to quilt finished tops. QOVC provides the batting & backing. We have a lot of Vets in Comox, Courtenay & Campbell River who are deserving of these hugs.

For more information, please contact Nerissa - quilterthomas@gmail.com

Thanks!

Camp Homewood Quilt Retreats

SQG Retreat at Homewood 2025

RETREAT

Homewood has been booked for October 1 - 5, 2025.

We will need a minimum of 30 people.

Deposit is \$100.

Full payment will be due by 25th of June 2025.

I will pass on the 2025 prices for the different rooms as soon as Homewood lets us know.

If you have any questions, I am usually at the hall every Thursday.

I am looking forward to a Retreat in Oct. 2025, how about you?

Sign up now!

Barb M.

Debbie

Brenda

[Guest Groups • Camp Homewood](#)

Tips, Tricks & Tools

Have you learned a new trick/method of doing something for your quilting, or perhaps discovered a new tip or tool? Why not share that with your fellow guild members in this newsletter?

Jean recently showed us a very useful product to stop your ruler from slipping and sliding on your fabric, making cutting so much easier. It's called Grippy and available online and hopefully at your favourite quilt store.

Jelly Roll Rugs

I decided to try one of these and found an interesting tool to make it easier. This one is by Clover and really easy to use.



Happy April Birthday



Leslie Jagat	4-2
Terry Duval	4-12
Colleen Love	4-22
Heather Hodge	4-23
Shirley Engerer	4-27
Marilyn Schick	4-28
Sandra Forsayeth	4-30

Busy quilter

A small project but not quilting. Made a t-shirt for grandson.

Tks
MJ



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Membership Dues 2025—2026

Time once again to submit your membership dues. We are so lucky to have the hall every Thursday from 9 to 9, not many guilds do.

Membership dues are \$60 and please fill in a NEW form with current information and submit with your payment.

Membership form can be found on the first page of our website, just scroll down, click on the link and print the form.

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Looking forward to seeing everyone at the guild.

Newsletter Advertising:

To advertise in the newsletter please contact Hope Rychkun for rates. Submit advertising by the **15th** of the month for inclusion in the next month.

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Newsletter Deadline:

Please submit all entries for the newsletter by the **15th** of the month for inclusion in the next month's newsletter.

Submit articles to Hope (current editor) using the email:

editor@schoolhousequilters.com

Normally our guild meets every Thursday from 9:00am to 9:00pm for quilting at the Cumberland OAP Hall.

General Meeting (September to June) on the **1st** Thursday of each month at **6:30 pm**

Executive Meeting (September to June) **3rd** Thursday of each month at 1:00pm

Our Website:

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Meeting Refreshment Goodies



This revised schedule takes us into the two meetings in December and June that are "pot Luck".

Please remember to bring your own mug. Fee is by donation and recommended at \$5.00 for year (or 0.50 per cup).

New schedule for goodies donations for refreshment table at our monthly meeting is as follows:

LAST NAMES STARTING WITH

SEPT	A, B, C
OCT	D, E, F
NOV	G, H, I
DEC	ALL - POTLUCK LUNCH
JAN	J, K
FEB	L, Mc and Mac
MAR	M
APR	N, O, P, Q, R, S
MAY	T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z
JUNE	ALL - POTLUCK DINNER

Refreshments

Hello ladies,

Coffee and tea is provided at the monthly meetings for a nominal fee of \$5 per year or 50 cents a cup. We offer both caffeinated and decaffeinated options.

You may also make your own coffee or tea on the Sewing Days. Please deposit your money in the red and white money mug (in the cupboard or on the coffee table at the meetings). If anyone has any special teas they would like let us know as we will be replacing some of them soon.

We also all enjoy eating the treats brought by the members throughout the year.

Thank you

Kathy Rankin and Colleen Barker



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You didn't receive the current newsletter

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- or

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Guild Member's Personal Information

If you need to contact any of our guild members, executive or committee members please go to the **Members Only** page and then to **Memberships** on our website for the most up to date list of all email, addresses and phone numbers of current guild members. Remember you will need to be a paid member to get the userid and password to enter this area.

To protect the privacy of our guild members' personal phone numbers or email addresses will not be published in the newsletter unless specifically requested by the committee member. Most committees have a guild email address that is redirected to their personal address.

If your committee does not as yet have one or you are organizing a special event please send an email to our webmaster using webmaster@schoolhousequilters.com to request one.

As a paid member you have received the login and password for this members only section.

For newsletters you do not need to login to the Members Only section. They are available on the main page and you will also receive the file (pdf format) via email from our Secretary.

Personal Information Changes

Please notify the Membership Committee of any changes to your email, phone number or address.

The Membership Committee will then pass this information on to those who need the information to update email lists, and membership files.

Keep your information up to date in order to receive email regarding guild events.

Executive & Committees 2024—2025

President	Sandra C.	Treasurer	Peggy H.
Vice-President	Gayle H. Past President	Secretary Debbie M.	Marlene H.

Community Quilts Coordinator

Hall Open & Close Carol M., Judy M. & their teams

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In-House Draws Brenda L.

Library Diane C., Jean & Beth

Membership Sharon H. & Pat Mc.

Newsletter Editor—Hope R. Advertising—Hope

Photography Barb M.

Programs Part Time Facilitator vacant

Refreshments Kathy R. & Colleen B.

Retreats Barb M. (Debbie M. & Brenda L.)

Sunshine Beverly L.

Village of Cumberland Liaison Diane C.

Website Hope R.

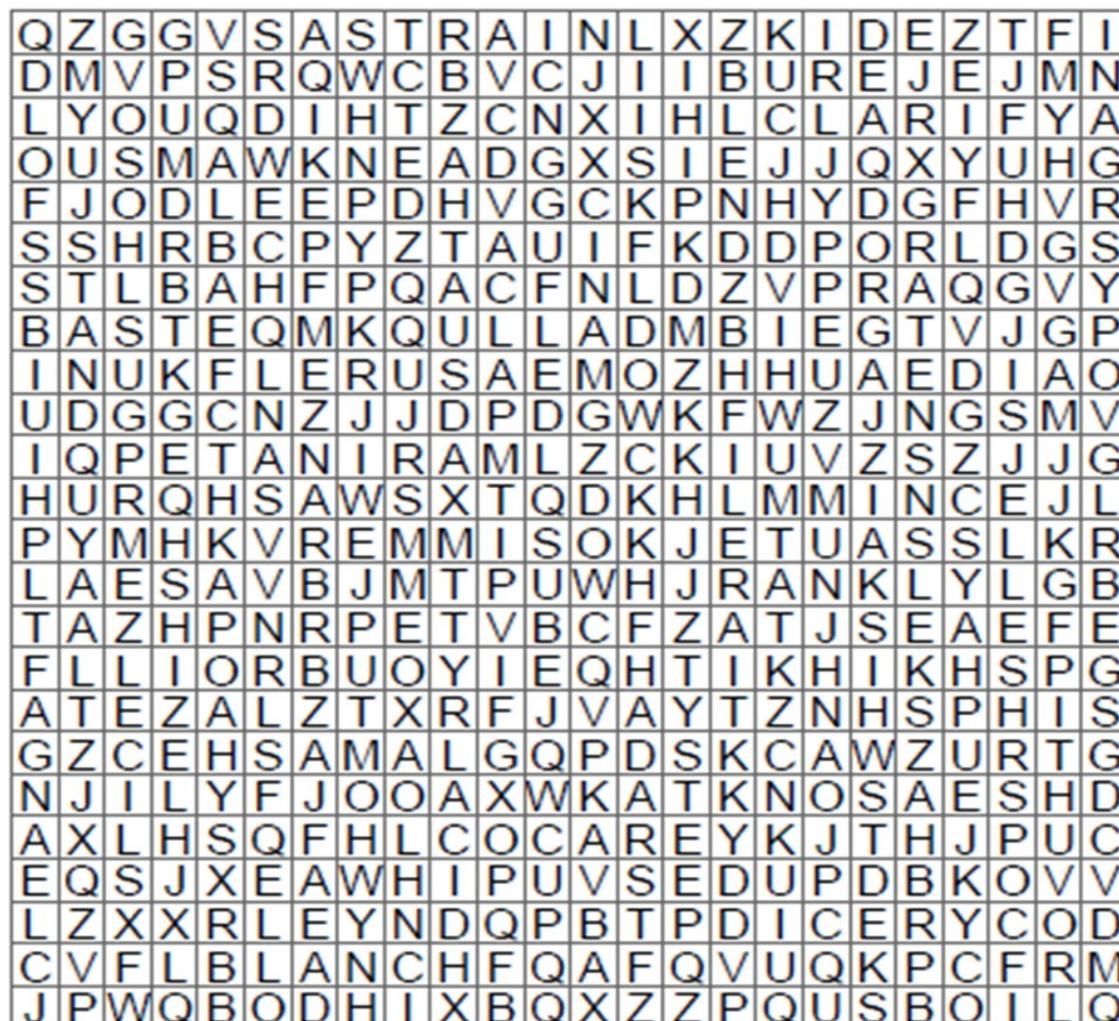
Word Search Puzzle Bev M.

Workshops Raelene R. & Joan G.

Bring to May Meeting

Name: _____ Date: _____

Food Preparation



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clean	dice	fold	grate	knead
marinate	mash	measure	mince	peel
saute	season	simmer	slice	steep
strain	wash	whip	whisk	