



March 2025

President's Message

Sitting here on this Sunday morning, sipping my coffee, and flipping through my favourite quilting books, I'm reminded of how incredibly lucky I am.

Finding such a wonderful community of friends at our quilt guild has been one of the best gifts.

Whether we're sewing at the hall on Thursdays, gathering for our monthly meetings, or sharing moments at retreats, I feel so blessed by the friendships I've made.

The sisterhood we've created is something truly special, and I'm grateful for each and every one of you. ♡

Sandra

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- * Watch for our Spring Classes starting in February 2025 - please visit our website or phone us for more information.



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Workshop Report -March

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.

March 13 – Carol Metner – Carol used a unique **Double diamond ruler** to create a stunning embellishment in the border of the quilt that she donated to the raffle quilts at our last quilt show. Several people remarked about this feature. Come learn how it is done. If you don't have this ruler, no problem because it will be donated, and stored at the guild.

April 10 – Raelene Robertson – **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.

GRANDMA'S SHORTBREAD RECIPE

Ingredients

- **1/2cup cornstarch**
- **1/2cup icing sugar (confectioner's sugar, in Canada it's 'icing')**
- **1cup all-purpose flour**
- **3/4cup unsalted butter, softened (= 1 1/2 sticks, no margarine or substitute**

Directions

- **Sift together corn starch, icing sugar and flour.**
- **With wooden spoon (or by hand as I do it), blend in butter until soft, smooth dough forms.**
- **Shape into 1 inch (2.5 cm) balls.**
- **Place 1 1/2 inches (4 cm) apart on an ungreased cookie sheet, flatten with lightly floured fork.**
- **Alternatively, roll dough to 1/4 inch (6 mm); cut into shapes with cookie cutters.**
- **Decorate with candied cherries, colored sprinkles or nuts if desired.**
- **Bake in 300 Fahrenheit oven for 15-20 minutes or until edges are lightly browned.**
- **Cool on wire rack.**

To make Crescents:

- **Add 1/2 cup (125 ml) ground almonds or hazelnuts to flour mixture.**
- **Shape into logs about 1/2 inch (1 cm) thick and 3 inches (7 cm) long.**
- **Twist into crescent shapes.**
- **When baked and cool, dip ends in melted chocolate.**

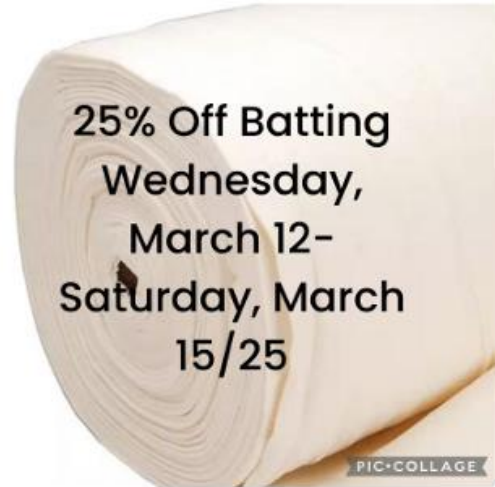
Brenda L.

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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](#)

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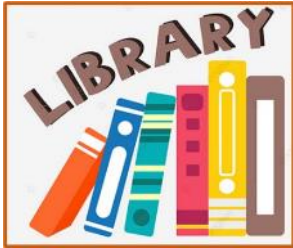
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LIBRARY AUDIT



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 C.

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Newsletter Article – Community Quilts – for March 2025 newsletter

Schoolhouse Quilters' Guild maintains an active Community Quilts Program and supports a wide variety of people in need in this community.. This ranges (but is not limited to) from quilts that are used in Fund Raiser raffles for groups such as Y.A.N.A., Hospice, MARS --- Breast Cancer Comfort Bags for our hospital to provide to patients baby and toddler quilts for Health Unit and Teddies & Toddler Programs at both Vanier and Lake Trail Schools. Seniors at both Cumberland Lodge and The Views Men's Support Group Stepping Stone And no doubt I have left some off this list.

Although there is one volunteer (Diane Cave) who acts as Coordinator for Community Quilts – in truth this program requires support of many members of the Guild in order to run well --- as the saying goes " It Takes a Village to ~~~~~ "

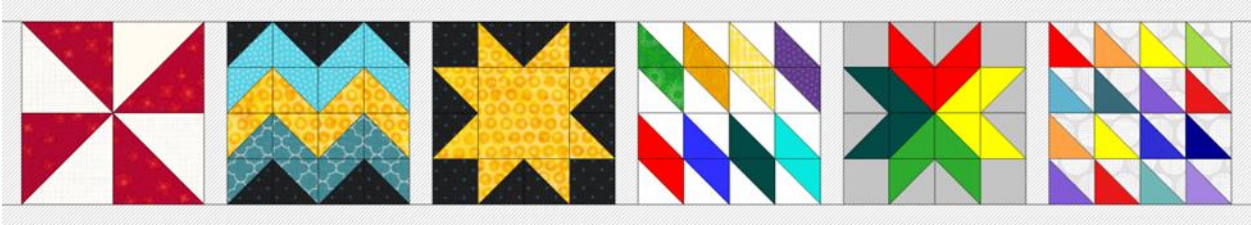
There are a variety of ways a Guild member can become involved with / support our Community Quilts Program ~~ if you feel you can help in any of these areas (or have some other suggestions) – please speak with Diane, who is working to cover all the bases.

- *Be a contact for a community group – deliver quilts as necessary*
- *Help with organization of fabrics in the storage room*
- *Make up quilt kits and / or breast cancer kits*
- *Write up newsletter articles*
- *Willing to do quilting, binding or sewing on of labels to complete project*
- *Sewing of quilts / breast cancer bags*
- *Sew small items that can be sold at Craft Fair under Community Quilts name (which helps to raise funds to purchase batting, stuffing for breast cancer bags – as well as some fabrics for backing and sewing fabrics, tools, etc)*
- *Participating in fund raising events (selling raffle tickets, manning a booth, etc.*
- *Arrange to host one of the " Bee Block " projects (approximately once per month someone arranges a specific block / cuts fabrics for members attending that day can elect to sew one or two blocks for a quilt that is a group project*
- *Sew one or two blocks at one of the Bee Block days*
- *Sometimes, a flimsy is completed and donated to Community Quilts who then needs to arrange for completion choosing a backing – making a sandwich – quilting of this quilt – binding of the quilt – sewing on the label. These steps are usually done by several volunteers – so if you can fill one of these steps – let Diane know that she can call on you when necessary.*

“ Many hands lighten the load “

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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

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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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Membership Chairman.

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Welcome 2025!

Check out all the New Arrivals!

New Tula Pink, Sue Penn & Sew much More

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start a Stamp Card, then



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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. QOV 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!

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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

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Happy March Birthday



Hope	Rychkun	3-9
Pat	MacEachern	3-13
Tara	Langlois	3-14
Coby	Sherstone	3-20
Sandy	MacDonell	3-26
Susan	Richert	3-29

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Membership Dues 2024—2025

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

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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



What to do if:

- 1.** You didn't receive the current newsletter
 - contact **editor@schoolhousequilters.com**
 - orcheck our website on the Newsletter page
- 2.** You don't know the new website Members Only Password or forgot what it is
 - contact **Membership**
- 3.** Any changes to your membership information such as phone number, home address or email
 - contact **Membership**

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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.

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Executive & Committees 2024–2025

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

Community Quilts Coordinator

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

HAW

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.

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Bring to April Meeting

Name: _____ Date: _____

Night Time



bath

blanket

fairytale

midnight

Pajamas

stars

ZZZZZZ

bathroom

brushed hair

hugs

moon

pillow

stuffed animals

bed

brushed teeth

kisses

night time

shower

Tired

bedtime

dreams

mattress

nightlights

sleeping

water