

Comox Valley Schoolhouse Quilters' Guild www.schoolhousequilters.com

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#### Presidents' Address

Spring has (finally) sprung & with it comes spring cleaning. It's one thing to work on the house, both inside & out, but also at this time of year, I want to go through my (sizeable!) stash.

I'm motivated to deplete the piles in the storage cupboards by sewing scrappy quilts. This is heartily encouraged by my Community Quilts partners in crime.

Those ladies are pros at making "silk purses out of sow's ears" and I am very grateful for their coaching & support as I do much better with a definite pattern to work from.

I've noticed lately that I'm not alone in my mission & that several other members are madly cutting squares & strips & sewing them together with amazing results.

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Quilt On! Nerissa & Carol



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Jessie's Fantasy Challenge





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## From the Editor's Desk

## **Newsletter Advertising:**

To advertise in the newsletter please contact Joan Johnsen.

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#### **Newsletter Deadline:**

Please submit all entries for the newsletter by the **20th** of the month for inclusion in the next month's newsletter.

Submit articles to the editor's email: editor@schoolhousequilters.com

### **Guild Meetings**:

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

General Meeting **1st** Thursday of each month at 7:00pm

Executive Meeting **3rd** Thursday of each month at 1:00pm

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# Intersections: Where words and quilting meet In the beginning ...

By Jessie Schut

"All beginnings are hard."

This quote forms the first sentence in Chaim Potok's novel *In the Beginning*. It's been echoing in my mind for the last few weeks as I tackle a new project.

I was looking forward to this new project, an artistic depiction of a Spring Sapling tree to accompany the Winter Tree piece I did in March. I had a vision of the tree, and knew what I wanted to show in the background: sunshine, raindrops, rich soil and a protecting group of mature trees, everything that is needed to nourish a new sapling. I'd scouted out fabrics for the background, and I'd set aside a day to begin. What could be better than that?



But a funny thing happened. nothing. Oh, I tried this and I tried that, and I fiddled my day away with my tries. I pulled out more fabric from my stash and tried again. At the end of the day, all I had hanging on my design wall was a sorry collection of discards. Nothing made my heart sing...or even hum the first note quietly. It was a sad beginning.

I was pretty discouraged and I began to question myself. Maybe my vision was wrong? Maybe my Winter Tree was a lucky fluke? Maybe I wasn't creative enough? Maybe I had delusions of grandeur – after all, lots of quilt artists are more gifted than me...what made me think I could ever do such a thing? Maybe I should quit?

That's when the sentence "All beginnings are hard" pushed through the grumbles in my head. "Pay attention!" it seemed to be saying. I turned my back on the discards and decided to spend some time with my trusty friend Google. I found out that this phrase, or variations of it, are found across many cultures, stretching back a long way. It's not just our "instant" culture that finds beginnings hard – it's a fact of life, a universal truth. Almost all the time, beginnings are hard.

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Why this is so is a mystery. One writer suggests that at the beginning of any endeavour, we haven't built up the momentum that will carry us on through the rough patches. Another guru says it's fear of change – whatever is worthwhile doing will challenge you to take new paths, but most of us like familiarity and comfort. Yet beginnings happen to all of us – it's how we grow – and almost always, we find them hard.

A new member comes to the guild, and wonders if anyone will talk to her, or if her work will measure up. A quilter tries a new technique and just can't seem to get it right. Someone agrees to volunteer for a position at the guild they've never tried before. We decide to cut back on our food, or alcohol, or chocolate intake. We want to get fit and decide to walk every day. All beginnings are hard. Oh, sure, we have great visions of how it will be, but the bloom comes off the roses pretty darn fast. And that's when the hard work begins.

Does it mean you should never have begun? I don't think so! The rewards of pushing through the hard parts are many: a feeling of achievement, a new skill learned, new friends made, a conviction that fear will not rule us.

As I stood looking at my Spring Sapling discards, I remembered that the background of my Winter Tree had been hanging on the design wall for 2 months before I dared to continue to work on it. Sometimes, waiting and pondering and being open spawn new ideas. While I was waiting for new ideas, I sewed up a storm on other, easier projects – creativity in one area often begets creativity in other projects. When I finally did pick up my Winter Tree project, I knew I might fail, but I was ready to try again.

Spring Sapling version 4 now hangs on my design wall, waiting for me. I loved the result of my Winter Tree, and I'm thinking eventually, when I push through the hard parts of beginning, I will love my Sapling too.

**Jessie** 



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## Nerissa's Chart ....

So, for the stash buster in all of us, I found these handy charts on:

<u>Quiltville's Quips & Snips</u>" (quiltville.blogspot.ca)

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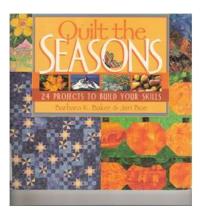
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## Book Review

## **Quilt the Seasons**

24 projects to build your skills

Barbara K. Baker and Jeri Boe C + T Publishing Quilt Guild Library # 306



"Quilt the Seasons" covers 12 months of the year with interesting projects appropriate to each month. The book offers an array of quilts, wall hangings, table runners, pillows, pillowcases, mantle toppers and door hangers. Each month begins with a small project that teaches new techniques, giving you confidence to build your skills with the following larger quilt project.

This book is intended for both beginner and experienced quilters. Techniques explored in the quilt projects are noted a the beginning of each month. The "Spring Flowers" (March) is recommended for beginners, giving instructions on easy piecing and machine applique. For a more advanced quilter, October's "Pumpkin Patch" demonstrates paper piecing and three dimensional embellishments. This book does NOT begin with simplest techniques working up to more advanced techniques. You should review the complete 12 months to determine what it is you would like to learn.

Each project supplies you with a list of necessary materials, finished project size, cutting instructions, block assembly and finishing directions. In addition, "Essential Instructions" at the beginning of the book provide basic information and many useful tips. Other tips pertinent to a particular project are included in the instructions for that project. Specific techniques are clearly shown using photos, diagrams and good instructions for each smaller project.

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In addition to the projects, take a look at the lovely photos accompanying each month. They certainly set the mood for that particular month's project! The title of the book includes the words "24 projects to build your skills". Quilt the Seasons delivers on its commitment to teach your more skills and does its job very well. Even if the projects don't interest you, do take a look at this book for its wealth of information and inspiration. A thumbs up for this book!

Lois



# **HAW** 2013 THE WHEEL GOES 'Round and Round'

Many of you have been going round and round at our work bee days and at home making the coasters. You are amazing! Thank you! We have completed over 700 and are confident that we will be able to give each HAW participant a set of four. The next work bee will be **May 9**th

The sign up to volunteer to help for set up or on day of the event has started. You can add your name to the colourful (with circles of course!) charts prepared by Marilyn Schick. The charts will on display on Thursday.

Registration for attendance will start at the May meeting, price is still \$15:00.

We have lots of plans for fun, friendship and a few surprises at HAW thanks to the hard working and creative committee that I've been fortunate to work with. If you have questions or ideas please let us know.

Haw committee members: Sheila Scrase, Shirley Woodbeck, Louise Argyle, Bev Michaluk, Barb Messer, Karen Ross, Don Sparks, Teryl Essery, Judy Morrison, Margaret Yells, Brenda Levirs, Marilyn Schick, Anne Mamers, Claudette Picot, Lynn Gray, Carol Metner and , Lynda Reid

Mark October 19th on your calendar, It will be a fun!



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## Comox Valley Exhibition (CVEx) Quilt Show August 23, 24 and 25, 2013

Once more a number of our quilters are involved in this annual event. The official entry book is out in May so quilt entries can be made any time after that.

In the meantime our number one requirement is Quilts, Quilts, Quilts. Support your community in this event and showcase your creations. Be they king size quilts or journal quilts or any size and type in between, a category in the quilt show will be applicable. As in previous years Margaret Yells is in charge of registration of the entries.

Our second requirement is volunteers. Marilyn Schick, the volunteer coordinator, has a volunteer board available each Thursday at the OAP Hall. Please, if you can spare the time for these dates, volunteer for some aspect of the Quilt Show.

Of special interest this year is the Challenge Quilt category. The Theme for this year's CVEx is 'Where Island Roots Grow' and the quilt must reflect the theme. The Quilt can be any size or technique and is open to any quilt, fiber art piece or wearable.

In the Needle Arts portion of the Exhibition, under sewing, the BC Association of Agricultural Fairs & Exhibitions has created a special category for an Apron. The theme for the apron is Agricultural Products of BC. There are a number of aprons being created by quilters recently so the category might be applicable to some of us. The winner of the category goes on to compete at the BC Fairs Conference in October.

We look forward to another successful Quilt Show at CVEx 2013 so please bring in your quilted items for display and/or volunteer your time. And even if you are unable to do either of those mark the dates on your Calendar and come and admire.

Judy Morrison

For more information check out their site at: **WWW.CVEX.Ca** 

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# HANDS ACROSS THE WATER QUILT CHALLENGE!!!

THEME: The Wheel Goes 'Round and Round'

You are hereby challenged to create a quilted item – quilt, bag, table topper or whatever – that represents the theme: "The Wheel goes 'Round and 'Round" for Hands Across the Water 2013.

The colours that must be included are orange and black, but any additional colours may also be used. The quilt, if that's your choice, must not exceed a circumference of 160 inches. Your design may be circular, but must at least include some circular arcs. Embellishments are encouraged.

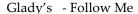
Here are a few ideas that might help get your designing started. How about bicycles, steam locomotives, the circle of life, a roulette wheel, the spin-to-win wheel from The Price is Right, a wagon wheel, planetary orbits, etc. There is no limit to the possibilities: let your imagination run amok.

Bring your finished project to Hands Across the Water in Cumberland October 19th, 2013. Be sure to attach a name tag or label. The quilts will be put on display and a viewer's choice prize awarded.

Please direct any questions to Don Sparks (Yes, that's right! I'm the captive male quilter.) at donsparks@shaw.ca.

## April Show n' Tell







Karen's Wooly Table Runner



Diane's 1st Quilt

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## Block of the Month for 2012/2013

I hope more people will participate in the Block of the Month exchange. The idea is to make a different nine patch block each month with the colours from the chart found in the newsletters. The blocks are 9 ½ inches unfinished for the block draw. If more people participate, whoever wins will have enough to make a small quilt, instead of a placemat or table runner.

Please participate...it's fun and easy! Sharon Latham

#### Note:

For 9  $\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished blocks, Squares are 3  $\frac{1}{2}$ " and then use 4" squares to make  $\frac{1}{2}$  square triangle & then cut down to 3  $\frac{1}{2}$ "

For 12 ½" unfinished blocks, Squares are 4 ½" and then use 5" squares for ½ square triangle & cut down to  $4 \frac{1}{2}$ "

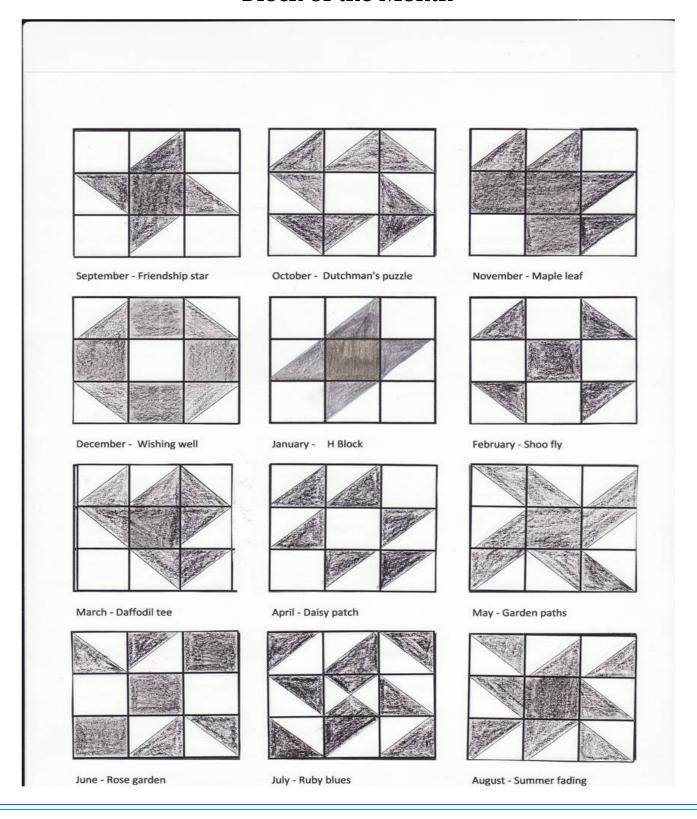
BLOCK OF THE MONTH 2012 2013					
MONTH	BIRTH- STONE	COLOUR		FLOWER	COLOUR
SEPTEMBER	Sapphire	deep blue		Aster/morning glory	mauve, reddish brown
OCTOBER	Opal	multi/pinkish blue		Marigold/calendula	golden yellow
NOVEMBER	Topaz	amber		Chrysanthemum	golden brown/rust
DECEMBER	Turquoise	mid blue		Narcissus or Holly	white or Red/green
JANUARY	Garnet	dark red		Carnation or snowdrop	red/pink/white
FEBRUARY	Amethyst	purple		Violet or primrose	violet blue/yellow
MARCH	Aquamarine	pale blue/teal		Daffodil	yellow/white
APRIL	Diamond	white/clear		Daisy/Sweet pea	white/yellow/red
MAY	Emerald	green		Lily of Valley	creamy white/green
JUNE	Pearl	creamy/pink		Rose	red& deep pink
JULY	Ruby	red		larkspur or water lily	blue/purple or russet
AUGUST	Peridot	light lime green		Gladioli	Orange red



Don's BOM



## Block of the Month



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## News from the Program Committee

**May** 2013

Our May program will feature our own Raylene, preparing us for an amazing Bingo game which will take place at the wind up Pot luck **dinner** on Thursday June 13th 2013.

Raylene is going to demonstrate how to make a great bingo card to bring to the potluck, play bingo and perhaps win some great prizes. There may be fabric, notions, gift certificates for a workshop credit or free membership for next year.

Make and bring your own bingo card(s) and do not forget your markers (button box)

There will be no program at the **June** business meeting as we will be electing officers and committees for the coming year.

# POT LUCK DINNER June 13 2013. 5.30 p.m.

Remember to bring an appetizer, main dish, or a dessert. Please, nothing that requires heating or reheating as we are limited due to power. Also remember - your dishes, cutlery and a placemat.

The program that night will be the bingo game with amazing prizes.

The program committee hope to see you at the meetings. Do you have some great ideas for programs for our guild? Let the nominating committee know as we will be needing quilters for the committee for next year.

Program Committee June Boyle Gayle Lobban Florence Labrecque

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## 2013 Sew Coastal Island Shop Hop

Wednesday, August 7- Sunday, August 11/13



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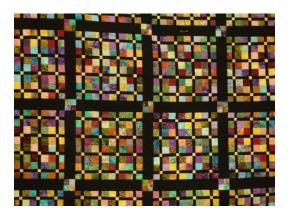
## More April Show n' Tell



Johanne's Table Runner & Placemats

Margaret's Tango Tiles





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## Happy May Birthday

Joan	Johnsen	May-16
Vicki	Major	May-16
Mary-Jean	McEwen	May-17
Tina	Manders	May-20
Brenda	Levirs	May-30
Jeannette	Morneau	May-31

## **Upcoming Events/Quilt Shows**

#### **Quilt Canada 2013**

Penticton Trade & Convention Center May 15—18 2013 www.canadianquilter.com

Check out the <u>www.canadianquilter.com</u> website calendar of events for more shows...



Ardythe's Bag

## Refreshments 2013

Month	Surnames beginning with
February	M
March	N, O, P
April	R
May	S, T
June	U, V, W, X, Y, Z

#### **Refreshment Committee**

Thank you all for bearing with your Refreshment committee since last September. We have had a few "Ooops" moments, and you have been very forgiving, or perhaps you thought we would dragoon you into being a part of the committee if you said anything?

As always we need refreshments for the next meeting, so members whose surnames begin with the letters "S" and "T" are invited to bring snacks to the May meeting.

Donations of 50 cents per cup of tea/coffee, hot chocolate etc per meeting, or a \$5.00 per year of meetings, are gratefully accepted and keep you in the tea, coffee, cream and sugar at each meeting.

Respectfully submitted Carreen Webber

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## Workshops 2012-2013

September 14 & 21, 2013 10:00 am to 4 pm

"In Living Color" Cost \$100

Two day workshop with Coreen Zerr learning an easy method of designing and piecing quilts from pictures of flowers .... all done by machine! Suitable for confident beginner and beyond.

November 16, 2013 10:00 am to 4 pm

"Sweatshirt Fan Jacket" Cost \$25

Sandra Forsayeth will teach us how to create a quilted jacket from a sweatshirt.

Samples of these workshops are available at the general meeting and most Thursdays.

Contact someone on your workshop committee if you have any questions. Sign up for workshops any Thursday between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m., or on Thursday evenings if Judy Morrison is there or at the general meeting.

#### Your Workshop Committee

Florence Labrecque, Judy Morrison, Margaret Yells, Sandy MacDonell, Carol Metner, Hennie Aikman

The Workshop Committee is looking for a couple of **recruits** for next year's committee. Carol Metner and Sandy MacDonell will be continuing but the other committee members are moving on. It would be helpful if the new committee members were able to apprentice for the remainder of this year to be ready for action next year. If you are interested, please give **Margaret** Yells a call at 339-2227.

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## **May 2013**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 General Meeting	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 Executive Meeting	17 CQA	18 CQA
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	



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9	10	11	12	13 Pot Luck Dinner	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Executive Meeting	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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## **Creative Threads Conspiracy**

## Dear Quilters,

We would like to invite your guild to join us on Denman Island for a special event this October. It is called the "Creative Threads Conspiracy" and this will be its second year running. The event will include three full days of classes, catered meals and a free Wearable Art Fashion Show as entertainment included in the Saturday evening dinner. The dates are October 25th, 26th and 27th 2013.

Classes include several by well-known and loved quilting teachers from the area – Sharon Pederson, Ionne McCauley, Barb Mortell, and Carol Piercy as well as many different streams of fiber arts: Basketry with Cynthia Minden, felting with Christine O'Neill, Knitting with Jean Cockburn and Kerri Boland, Hardanger Embroidery with Judy Briosi, Rag Rug Braiding with Phyllis Fabbi, Paper Cloth making with Pelka Wiltshire and Natural Dyeing with Anna Heywood-Jones. In addition Marilyn Jensen, a local multimedia artist will teach an all-day class in using your sewing machine as a drawing tool... a great way to truly learn free-style quilting for those who don't yet.

For more information or to register check out our website at: <u>creativethreadsconspiracy.com.</u>

Please note, some of the class sizes are very small and therefore will fill quickly.

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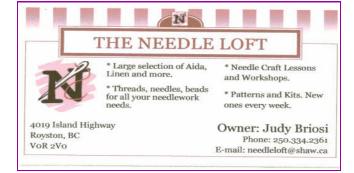
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