

# Sew & Tell

May 2024

## SPOTLIGHT ON AN EVERGREEN CLUB MEMBER

# Marjorie Arnold

Our Spotlight this month is on Marjorie Arnold, a long time member of the Evergreen Club and the former Rep of the Quilters and the Friday Night Dancers. Just recently, we were sad to hear that she is stepping down from being the Rep of the Fabric Arts Club (former Fabric Painters).

Marjorie was born in 1928 and raised in Hanna, Alberta (near Drumheller, the former stomping-ground of dinosaurs). She was the oldest of nine kids. Although living in town, the family had a fair sized plot of land for growing vegetables and always managed to keep a cow and a clutch of noisy chickens. At the age of 10 she got a part time job in the town's diner, at first only being allowed to wash dishes but, as she grew older, she advanced to being a waitress. When she finished school at age 16, her father was determined that she would become a teacher.



But Marjorie did not agree: she had her heart set on something much more exciting. So she left home and moved to Calgary hoping to join the RCMP. This time it was the RCMP who did not agree. They said she was too small, didn't have enough heft and brawn to be out there wrestling with the cowboys. Marjorie cleverly circumvented that hurdle by joining the RCAF, the Air Force Police for three years to be exact, and started her adventure. Along the way she met and married Tom who was also with the military. As a married woman, Marjorie could no longer be a member of the Armed Forces but continued to work for them as a civilian, doing whatever was needed at Tom's various postings; secretary, bookkeeper, motor mechanic! Since then she has lived in all but two Canadian provinces, as well as a four years in Germany with her husband's posting.

They had always wished to be posted to Comox and in 1966 they finally got lucky. In Comox, they put down roots, adopting first a daughter and the next year a son. They joined a church and took up square dancing. In fact, Marjorie says that on Sundays they would attend the church service in the morning and return in the afternoon to square dance. Marjorie and Tom kept cats and guppies, and for years bred dachshund puppies. Marjorie joined a quilting group called the Schoolhouse Quilters back in the '80's. The group is still active and Marjorie attends weekly as an honorary member.

Six decades on, Marjorie continues to contribute to this community on a daily basis. She joined the Comox branch of the Canadian Legion and became their first woman president. To date, she has been voted their president three times. Marjorie's interest in policing has been life long: here in Comox she became an active member of Citizens on Patrol, helping the RCMP keep our neighbourhoods safe. She is now an honorary member. Without a doubt, her weekly calendar is fully booked. Her donation to the Evergreen Club is huge and we thank her for her amazing contribution of time and energy. We look forward to her continued attendance here and wish her happiness in her future adventures.

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# 'Celebrating Quilts' Schoolhouse Quilters Quilt Show May 18-19, 2024

We are looking forward to holding our Quilt Show, 'Celebrating Quilts' this year. It's coming soon and the Quilt Show Committee has the project well underway. Past experience shows that it will take the support of all of us as guild members to make this Show a success. Here's how you can get involved:

Quilts for the show will be dropped off on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> of May between 9.00am and 12.00noon. They will be available for collection after the show on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> after 4.00pm.

The Tea Room coordinators are requesting donations of cookies or squares that will be available for sale on Saturday and Sunday (18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> May). Kathy and Colleen are the coordinators for the Tea Room. You can also sign up to help in the Tea Room on the Volunteer list.

The Boutique is requesting items made by our members for sale to the public on Saturday and Sunday. Anne is the coordinator of the Boutique if you have any questions. Please note the Boutique will not be accepting full size quilts for sale for this event.

# Sign up to volunteer:

- to set up, or take down the show
- register and take in quilts before the show and return them to members after the show
- be a Quilt Angel/White Glove for the displayed quilts
- help at the Admissions table, at the Raffle table, or in the Tea Room.

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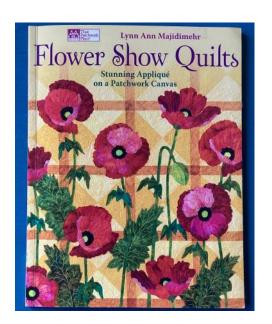
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# Flower Show Quilts stunning applique on a patchwork canvas

Lynn Ann Majidimehr 2010 Martingale & Co. Quilt Guild library #389

Time to think about the garden, especially flowers, now that Spring has sprung! **Flower Show Quilts** features everything from Sunflowers to Periwinkles, with magnificent pictures to tempt you.

Projects include a brilliant assortment of table runners, wall quilts and lap quilts. Not time consuming to make, to allow you lots of time in the garden tending your 'real' flowers.



Flower Show Quilts begins with quilting basics before proceeding to the 10 projects. All instructions relate directly to the projects, including how to foundation piece part of the background for the Asymmetrical Clematis (pg. 54). Take note that these foundation piecing instructions show you how to use freezer paper for greater accuracy - no picking out bits of paper once the block is completed.

Two methods of assembling the flowers are shown in great detail - 'fusible applique' and 'freezer paper, glue basted applique'. For each project, a 'Techniques Used' box shows which type of applique was used, as well as any special addition such as the use of hand embroidery or beading. Out of the 10 projects in this book, seven used the fusible applique method - quicker!

Part of the attractiveness of the projects is due to the wonderful use of color, both in the pieced backgrounds and in the appliqued flowers. Colors used are true to the type of flower, resulting in very realistic results. The

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pieced backgrounds showcase the flowers by using colors and patterns which compliment the applique.

Not only does each project include detailed information on materials needed, cutting instructions and assembly directions, but 'Quilting suggestions' are included. The author has devoted four pages to Machine Quilting at the beginning of the book. Rather than being faced with 'quilt as desired', you can now refer to suggestions for quilting in order to see how the quilting was actually done on each project.

This book is a wealth of information. Not only are the completed projects inspiring, but they are very do-able and don't appear very time consuming. 'Flower Show Quilts' is a winner!

#### Lois Warner



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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



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# **Quilt Show Boutique**

We will be opening our 'Boutique' shop at the upcoming quilt show for anyone wishing to sell small quilted items.

Because room is somewhat limited, we will not be able to accommodate quilts larger than small lap quilts. Wall hangings, placemats, coasters, wallets etc., are always popular so have fun using up your scraps!

If you wish to sell items, please let **Anne McCullough** know via **email** ASAP so that she can get the information out to you in plenty of time.

Anne M.

# Schoolhouse Quilters Guild Year End Report Reminder for 2024

This is a reminder to start working on your year end report for your committee.

Your report is to be read at the June 6, 2024, General Meeting and then handed into the secretary for filing. See the attached year end document.

Thanks
Schoolhouse Guild Secretary

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# **Schoolhouse Quilters Guild 2024 Year End Report**

Each committee submits their year-end report prior to the June General Meeting and reads the report at the June General Meeting. If the committee chair is away – they are to make arrangements for the report to be prepared prior to the June General Meeting and presented by another committee member. The report is then given to the guild secretary for filing.

Committee Name:	
Committee Chair Name:	
Committee Members:	
Committee's yearly budget amount:	
Detailed financials for the year: If not enough space - please attach your separate budget formation document	in-
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#### **Committee Details:**

Each committee to provide a quick overview of the year's activities in space provided or attached:

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Schoolhouse Quilters Guild Executive thanks you for your yearly committee report.

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# **Camp Homewood Quilt Retreats**

# **SQG Retreat at Homewood 2025**

Homewood has been booked for February 2025: Feb. 19 - 23 2025.

We will need a minimum of 30 people.

"Non-refundable deposits will be going up to \$100. Full payment will be due by the 7th of November 2024. I will find out the prices for the different rooms as soon as Homewood lets us know."

IMPORTANT RETREAT NEWS!

I have Retreat dates for February and October 2025 at Camp Homewood.

I will have a sign up sheet at the May 2nd Meeting. Please decide if you would like February 19th - 23rd and/or October 1st - 5th 2025.

I will not have prices until closer to the time.

Time is very important, I must give them signed contracts by the end of May. I know this is a long way away but without sufficient interest we will not have retreats next year.

I will have a sign up sheet at each month's meeting.

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

"If you are not going to be at the Meeting, please contact me: Barb Messer to let me know if you are interested in one or both of these Retreats?

retreat@schoolhousequilters.com"

I am looking forward to a Retreat in Feb. 2025, how about you? Barb M.

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# Library

Last month, Diane and Susan made a presentation at the General meeting – reviewing how to look up a book – how to sign out or return a book, and how to request a new book be purchased for the library.

Two more books are currently on order – and that will likely be the last new books purchased this year ........ it is already time to complete this year's reports and start planning for next year. Thanks to all who submitted requests and ideas as well as to Lois, who does a monthly book report to tempt you.

Watch for these two new books to arrive soon.

- Pillow Talk by Edyta Sitar
- Spelling Bee by Lori Holt

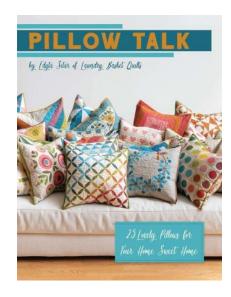
We hope to have a presence in future newsletters as well as update information on our webpage.

If you have any questions – please speak with us at the hall – or drop an email to us and we can address the question directly – in a future newsletter item – or during a meeting report.

Library email address: <a href="mailto:library@schoolhousequilters.com">library@schoolhousequilters.com</a>

Diane Cave, Susan Tutt, Jean Lewis





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The Breast Cancer bag demo / sew day was well attended – with approximately 20 bags taken for this very worthwhile cause. Thanks Myra for all the work you have put into this project!. A number of breast cancer bags are usually sewn during Feb retreat – but with the retreat having to be cancelled this year, this sewing bee helped to fill that void in supply. These are donated to our local hospital on a quarterly basis – 120 in total over a year.

# May 9<sup>th</sup> - 10:00 am Stripology Rulers ...... Deb & Joanne from Huckleberry's

You won't want to miss this demonstration – stripology rulers might just blow your mind !! Become a stripologist and learn how to go beyond cutting multiple and accurate strips. Any pattern can be adapted to using one of the four stripology rulers. Learn how to cut strip sets, square up any block up to 12 ½", fussy cut squares, cut triangles, diamonds, bias strips, flying geese and more! The Guild does have a large Stripology Ruler at the Guild – for you to use at Guild if you don't have one at home. We also have 2 of the books in our Guild Library

## June 13<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 am Cooling Neckers with Jean Lewis

Summer – and those hot days, will be here soon. Cooling Neckers can be very helpful on those hot days – for hikers – gardeners – golfers – or even when it's just too hot in our homes! Quick and easy to make. Jean will provide the pattern & instruction – as well as the 'water beads' you will need to create these – You just need a strip of fabric 4.5" wide x WOF --- your sewing machine and basic sewing supplies. Copies of instructions and supply of water beads will be available at the hall for those 'evening sewers' who just can't make the morning sew times.

**July / Aug** ------ it's summer time and many Guild activities usually take a break ...... although we don't have set dates / activity set as yet – the Guild is hosting HAW in October – so we will be planning one or two sessions to support that group – more details when they have decided what to do about table gifts for attendees.

## Sept 21 - Free Motion Quilting - with Deb Morrissey

This workshop will be held on a Saturday – at our usual hall. Time / price will be announced soon – registration will be required. We've done the beginner classes for FMQ – now it is time to explore some more advanced work – feathers anyone? Deb is planning a whole cloth project – about the size of a table runner – and help us learn some interesting designs.

Raelene will remain on the Workshop Committee for next year – and has been busy setting up topics / teachers for the monthly mini-sessions that are held on sew days --- and working to set up Saturday workshops. Jean will be stepping down as Workshop assistant at the end of this term – so a new assistant is required – the request in particular is someone to support the paperwork side of things – this involves doing up the newsletter report once a month – keeping track of finances & ensuring we have contract with any Instructor that requires payment.

Workshop Committee - Raelene Robertson / Jean Lewis

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# **Community Quilts**

Thank you to everyone who is supporting Community Quilts through donating a quilt you have completed, making the monthly blocks, working on a kit, and selling raffle tickets. We have had so much positive feedback from the community about how wonderful it is to receive handmade quilts made by our members. 15 quilts were handed in at the April meeting.

Heather and Joan delivered 13 quilts to The Views and 8 quilts to Cumberland Lodge. The staff at the centres are so appreciative of the quilts they receive for the residents.

A huge thank you to Myra for presenting a workshop on how to complete the Breast Cancer Kits. It was so well received and many kits were completed after the workshop. Thank you Myra for all of your work ensuring the Breast Cancer Kits were completed and delivered. Carol Metner has volunteered to be the contact for next year. Thank you Carol.

Also, thank you Sandy for her work delivering quilts to the Transition Society, Coby for her work with delivering Baby Quilts and Nerissa for her support to Community Quilts through delivering Baby Quilts and Quilts of Valour. Nerissa will continue to be your contact for Quilts of Valour. If you are interested in delivering quilts for Community Quilts, please let Lorraine know.

We are also collecting placemats for the Courtenay Soroptimist organization. Placemats can be dropped off at the Community Quilts table on Thursdays.

The webpage for Community Quilts has been updated and the email to contact Community Quilts is communityquilts@schoolhousequilters.com

Quilt Sizes (Approximately). Adult/Teen - 50" x 60 " Seniors - 40" x 50" or 45" x 45" Children - 40" x 50" Babies - 40" x 40"

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# **HAW 2024**

Comox Valley Schoolhouse Quilters' Guild We have a date October 26th at the Buchanan Hall.

Details to follow but mark the date as this event is a lot of fun.

Questions ask Hope



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# **Myra's Demo - Breast Cancer Bags**













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# Clare's Goodbye













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#### Hello ladies

For the May meeting we ask that anyone attending with the last names starting T, U, V, W, X, Y or Z bring a small sampling of goodies for our refreshment break.

The June Pot Luck Dinner will be held on June 13th and more information on that will be included in the June newsletter. It will be an evening event.

Colleen and Kathy have been busy getting organized for the Quilt Show Tea Room. If you would like to volunteer in the Tea Room we still have a few shifts available both Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning and afternoon.

The success of the Tea Room greatly depends on the treats that are served. That is why we are asking for donations of homemade cookies and squares to serve our guests. They may be dropped off at the hall anytime Thursday May 16 to Sunday morning May 19th. If you are not a baker some nice store bought cookies would do. If you send your baking in one of your own containers, please label your name on it so we can return it to you.

At the last meeting we asked if anyone had any tablecloths with spring or summer motifs that they are no longer using. If you would like to bring them to the hall any Thursday that would be great. If you would like them back we will make sure to return them to you in September.

Thanks to everyone for your help in the kitchen this year.

Kathy Rankin Colleen Barker

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# **Happy May Birthday**



Carreen	Webber	5-1
Clare	Ireson	5-3
		5-5
Terry	Hooper	5-6
Kelly	Dombroski	3-0
Karen	Steeves	5-12
Tavey	Robson	5-13
Mary-Jean	McEwen	5-17
Brenda	Levirs	5-30
Jan	Hill	5-31

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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.

editor@schoolhousequilters.com

#### **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	<b>ALL - POTLUCK DINNER</b>
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	<b>ALL - POTLUCK DINNER</b>

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  - or
  - check 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 2023—2024**

President Debbie Maxwell Treasurer Peggy Hawkins

Vice-President Sandra Castiglia Secretary Marlene Hooper

Past President Diane Cave

Community Quilts Coordinator Lorraine Terretta

Hall Open & Close Carol Metner, Judy Morrison & their teams

HAW Hope Rychkun & Team

In-House Draws Brenda Levirs

Library Diane Cave, Jean & Susan

Membership Sharon Hansen & Pat McEwen

Newsletter Editor—Hope Rychkun Advertising—Hope Rychkun

Photography Barb Messer

Programs Part Time Facilitator vacant

Refreshments Kathy Rankin & Colleen Barker

Retreats Barb Messer (Debbie Maxwell & Brenda Levirs)

Sunshine Beverly Luck Village of Cumberland Liaison Diane Cave

Website Hope Rychkun
Word Search Puzzle Bev Michaluk

Workshops Raelene Robertson & Jean Lewis

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# **Bring to June Meeting**

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