

Grouse Mountain Day Quilters Guild



March 2026 Newsletter

President's Message

Gayle C



Greetings Ladies!

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas as I write this morning... here in Burnaby, anyway!

March is here with bulbs, shrubs, and trees blooming, yet a late soft snowfall makes me feel that we did actually have some Winter! Hope you are all enjoying the mild weather and preview of



Spring

I just returned from our 2nd Annual Spring Sechelt Retreat, where there was time for sewing, eating, walking on the beach, sharing with others and just plain loving life in a gorgeous location. Photos will help you see the site, and perhaps encourage you to plan for it next year. Or, should we consider doing more than one Retreat here a year?

Upcoming Meetings

Date: March 19

Meeting Location:

Lions Gate Community

Recreation Centre

Room: Canyon Room

Venue Address: 1733

Lions Gate Ln, North

Vancouver, BC V7P 0C7

EXECUTIVE

President Gayle C

Program Margo N

Treasurer Wendy L

Membership Kathy F

Secretary Kathy Mc

Library Jacquie M

Newsletter Barbara M

This month, we have already lost an hour (for the last time



), celebrated International Women's Day, (8th) but we

also have St. Patrick's Day



(17th), International Quilt



Day (18th), and the first official day of Spring



(20th) to look forward to. Hope that on Quilt Day you will share some of your creations with friends & neighbours.

There is much to look forward to in the next few months in our own Guild ladies, thanks to our wonderful Programs chair Margo. Our programs and workshops are vital to the success of our guild, as they are what bring new ideas and inspiration to us all. I hope that one or two of you are considering this position as we come to the end of this year, looking towards the next! Perhaps you have ideas for Workshops or Speakers that you want... Here's your opportunity to speak up!



See you soon

Comfort Quilts

Trish V

First of all I want to thank everyone who came to the CC meeting in February- I think there were 27 or 28 quilters helping to cut batting and layer 10 quilts, as well as hand sewers and those who took a kit or quilt home to work on. I learned a few things this year, including piecing backs before the meeting, and having batting sizes available on the project bags. This made the process very much quicker. I have included some photos.

Many people have requested that we show the two slide shows again, which we will plan for the June meeting.

I am also delighted to announce that we have a new storage spot for our CC stash. **Karen H.** has stepped forward and offered her garage as storage so we will be moving it in April. She lives in Dundarave so it will be central for access. The executive has decided that the large wooden library box is too expensive to move, so I would like to offer it free of charge to any member who can remove it from Lois's garage. If no one wants it, I will try to sell it. We will be getting lighter shelving for the new storage facility.



Large wooden book cabinet that closes for storage. Very heavy and sturdy. Must be removed by April 30th. Email trishvickery@hotmail.com.

Comfort Quilt Day photos next page. Enjoy



Program

Margo N

This month's program is a Zoom presentation from Cristina De Miranda of Ships and Violins , called **"Thru Quilting: My Journey Thru Modern Quilting"**. The journey begins with a look at her improvised patchwork pillow covers inspired by a thru-hike of the East Coast Trail, and continues through her designs as a burgeoning modern quilt pattern designer. The trunk show will include details about her inspiration, her approach to design, and how pursuing a creative business is not so different from a long walk in the woods.

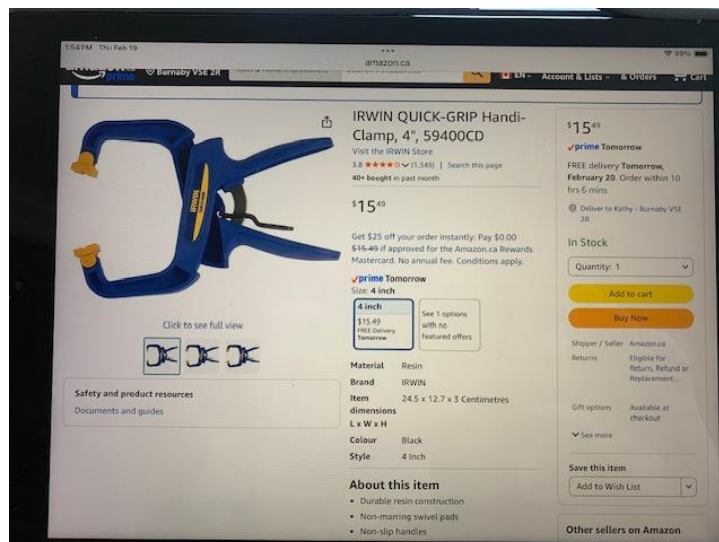
Membership

Kathy F

We are steady with the same number of members, 45, averaging around 32 at the meetings. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please invite them to come to a meeting as a guest. If you would like a postcard with the guild information to give to anyone, find me at the meeting as I will have them. As well, if anyone is interested in joining, please have them contact me before sending any money so I can let them know their prorated fees. Looking forward to seeing everyone this month.

Kathy F

There was interest in the clamps used for securing the backing, batting and tops during Comfort Quilt Day.



Library

Jacquie M

We have some wonderful books available for you to borrow from our library. Go to our website to see the full list of books. If you see one you would like to borrow just sent me an email at jacquem17@gmail.com and I will have it ready for you at the next meeting.

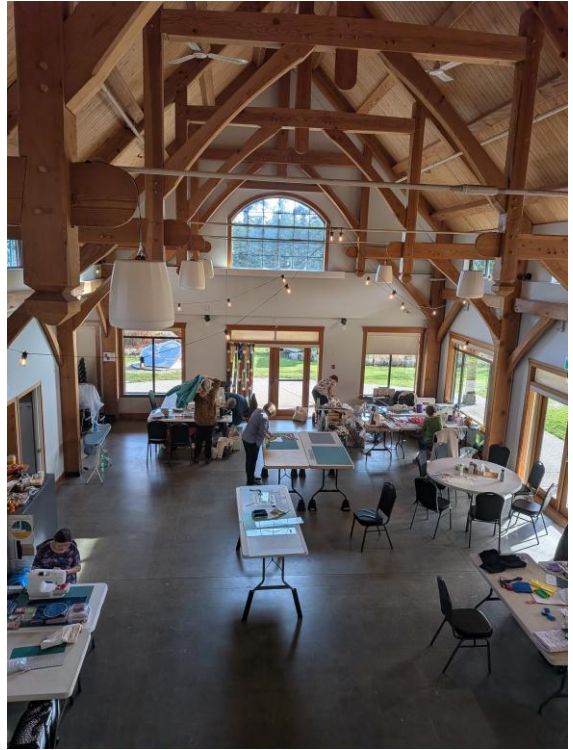
A number of books will be laid out on a table for you to look at and **Borrow**. Do not forget to sign them out.

Retreats

Sechelt Retreat.

An amazing retreat with a wonderful group of quilters!







Members News

There is a change of four positions on the executive happening in June. Please consider volunteering for one of them. The description of the positions are:

PROGRAMS and WORKSHOPS CO-ORDINATOR

With input from Guild members and a Program team, the Co-ordinator plans and organizes a program each month with the exception of “Comfort Quilt” month. The Co-ordinator is also responsible to organize two social events each year (December and June meetings).

Programs can include trunk shows from local quilters, ZOOM presentations from quilters from further afield and/or projects for guild member participation. The Co-ordinator will contact potential presenters, make any necessary arrangements for the presenter and ensure payment.

The Coordinator will also arrange for workshops of interest to guild members. This involves finding a instructor, arranging for a location to hold the workshop and ensuring that there is sufficient interest/participation by members to cover the costs of the instructor and workshop venue.

Executive Secretary Job Description

Monthly the Secretary takes the minutes of the Executive Meetings and distributes them to the Executive members and the Minutes of the General Meetings and their distribution to the members.

Yearly the Secretary registers the Guild with the BC Societies and pays the fee. BC Societies will email a reminder to file in October. This will be the change of directors, year end financial statement and the minutes of the AGM. The fee is reimbursed by the Treasurer.

As well, the Secretary sends out the notice of AGM to membership at least 2 weeks before date of AGM (usually in October)

Ongoing the Secretary develops the email distribution to all members and executive and sends out the monthly newsletters, meeting agendas, meeting minutes and other information as requested by the executive.

Newsletter Coordinator

The newsletter person produces a monthly newsletter, generally at the beginning of every guild month, which keeps the membership informed re upcoming events and presents the works of the membership for all to enjoy.

This is accomplished by encouraging the sharing of photos and interesting items by the membership.

A familiarity with a Writing program or a **willingness to learn some new computer skills** is probably a necessity for this position.

Library

All the books in the library are sorted by subject.

At each meeting take out a few books for members to browse and possibly borrow. Have the "How to borrow a book" information page out for members to see how to borrow a book, along with pens and a place to put the book cards.

All books have a card inside the first few pages. Members must fill in the card when borrowing a book and place it in the box provided. Information on the card includes the date the book was borrowed and the name of the member borrowing the book. Books are to be returned at the next Guild meeting.

Keep all books in the order they have been filed in.

Buy new books as requested by members and issue receipt for books purchased to treasurer for reimbursement. There is a small budget allocated each year for the purchase of books. Do not go over your budget.

When books are returned mark the card with return date, replace the card in the book and return the book to its spot in the library.

Show and Tell

Quilts from the Comfort Quilt Day PLUS some already finished!





Final Words

It has been a very busy month with Comfort Quilts , a Retreat, and getting ready for the last few months of this guild year. I hope that all those who have registered for UFO's have been busy bees. **Do not forget to tell Gail M when you have completed your UFO.**

Please think about volunteering for one of the soon to be vacated executive positions. This is a great way to get to know other quilters, and to keep up to date with what is happening in the guild.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as Newsletter Coordinator and have acquired some very useful computer skills in the process.

Bakers for March

Joyce

Mona

Trish

Hope you have enjoyed the read

