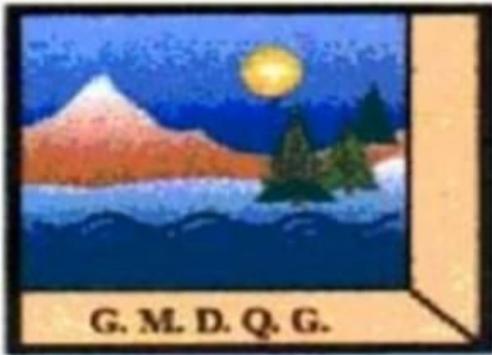


Grouse Mountain Day Quilters Guild

September 2023



President's Message

Welcome to your September newsletter, and to a new year of quilting. I quite enjoy this time of year, as the temperatures drop and our sewing rooms become more cosy against the rain. I have had quite a break from sewing this summer and I am excited to get back to my projects. My PLAIDISH quilt is in the process of being quilted and I hope to show it in September. If you have made a PLAIDISH quilt or even just a flimsy, please bring it to the September meeting for a show and tell photo.

I am hoping to complete my Dresden neighbourhood in time for Christmas, so far I have only chosen the fabrics! Thanks to our program committee and to Kathy M and Joy, for bringing this project to us.

I am also looking forward to stepping down from the President position in September so that I have more sewing time. I have offered to run the zoom stitch in's once a month starting in October. The sew outs in the park over the summer were fun, although not much sewing got done.

This Year's ExecuBve

President - Wendy L

Program – Kathy A.

Secretary - Judy W

Treasurer - Sharon W

Newsle;er - Janet C

Membership - Joy B

Library - Jacquie M

Thanks to the old and new executive for the time that they contribute to our Guild, and thanks to the unsung heroes including Gail M and Gail H, Lois and her coffee ladies, and the new library volunteers, Bonnie, Barb and Margo. I must also thank our comfort quilt coordinator and also members of the program committee.

It was lovely to receive for my gift of a mystery box from Dragonfly which Kathy A kindly delivered this week. I was delighted with the contents and include a photo.

Happy sewing

Trish (acting president)

Trish's Mystery Box



Programs

Sept 14th The Dresden Neighborhood is being held.
Sept 21st The Dresden Neighborhood will be shown
and can be worked on after the meeting.
Thank you to Joy and Kathy Mc

I will show the tree that Sandi will be showing. I need to know how many want to do the class
so she can make and bring the bases. \$5 and \$5 for the class

Oct 19th The Tree Meeting. Sandi from Tom's Sewing Center will show and hands on a
layered Tree

Bonnie Barker will be showing her lovely tree wall hanging
Gail MacKenzie will show her difference tree wall hanging also.

Oops!! I forgot to put UFOS again this year.

The draw for last year's program will be drawn at the Sept meeting

Cheers
Kathy

Membership

I would like to thank Sharon for the handover of the membership management and details.

If you have not renewed your membership for the coming year, please do so at the September meeting. We accept cash, e-transfer of cheques made payable to the Grouse Mountain Day Quilters Guild. The fee is \$75.

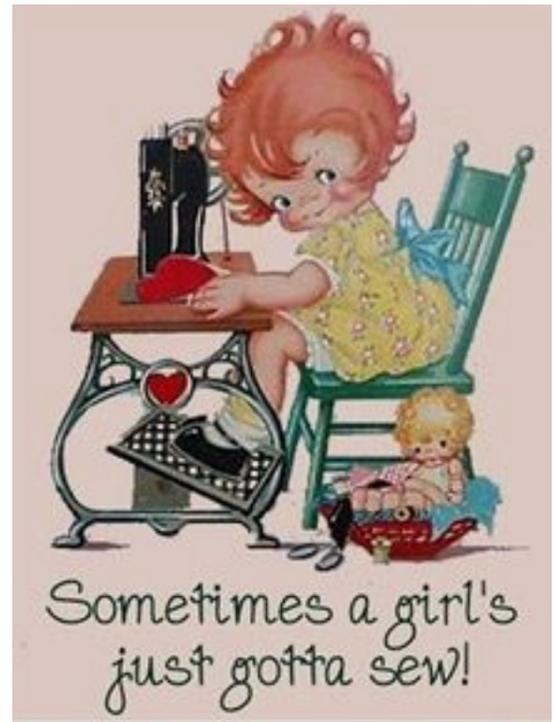
We welcome any new members so if you have a friend who may be interested in joining, bring them along to a meeting.

Joy

Library

Here it is September already! I have taken over the care of our library and am working towards making it more accessible for us all to use. As you know it is currently in a separate room from our meeting room so we are working towards bringing some of the books to you with a trolley. Thank you to Bonnie, Margo and Barb for volunteering to help with the library. We will be bringing more news to you over the coming months

Jacquie



Comfort Quilts

Many thanks go to Sheila for the many hours and effort coordinating comfort quilts.. especially during COVID.. and always being available to help ..it was a pleasure to work with her and we all wish her the very best in her return to Africa.

...Move to our new location...

Settling in to the new space has been a challenge for everyone. Finding space for supplies and locating them in convenient places has been a huge challenge.

Many thanks to Marsha.. from us all.. for sharing her home space and her help sorting what was there till she sold her home.. we do hope you are contented in your new residence on the Parkway.. Thank you Marsha.

A new home for our supplies was volunteered by my right hand Lady.. Lois.. in her closed in garage. Thank you.. thank you.

Updated our storage containers to accommodate the new location and now the hunt to complete the location of all the scattered supplies will hopefully be done and recorded to an equipment log book.. thank you Barbara for your updated list of items.

With the help of funds from programs.. set up stitch-in time the Thursdays after the general meeting for members needing help pinning quilts.. selecting fabrics.. arranging fabrics on hand.. receiving batting and backing fabric.. quilting of quilts and help with on going programs projects. Some ladies bring hand sewing, others share ideas and tips and after locating our table risers.. less painful backs from pinning. We are in room #202 and have tables and chairs for our use plus the supply cupboard. This is a day you can scan what's available for backings and get batting cut.. we are there from 10:00 am till 2:00 pm. The confirmation of the availability of the room will be (if possible) posted in the newsletter or announced at general meeting.

*Comfort Quilt Day.. was an interesting day in our new location.. finding power source locations for our machines, irons & ironing boards was an adventure. Ladies grouped in quilting bees to hand sew a couple of the quilts. We completed 16 Quilts which were delivered..donated. Was a good day.

*Rented space at Dragonfly Quilt Shop for 4 Stitch-Ins..

Great location.. design walls, irons and ironing boards, cutting mats & power stations were provided for us.. lots of set up space for your machines and sewing gear at a reduced rate of \$50.00 rental for each of the 4 Stitch-Ins.. then Dragonfly gave us \$2,000.00 worth of fabric for use making our comfort quilts.. especially backing. Thank you to all the ladies and their friends that made the trek for one or multiple days.. thank you to Gail McKenzie for organizing the attending lists and beautiful surprise gift bags presented to each lady as they arrived. I sure she did so much more behind the scenes and we thank her and Kathy Alexander for providing us with 4 terrific stitch ins.

For the coming year ladies have volunteered to help make up kits to make use of scrap fabrics that we have on hand. Will be working on getting together when dates that work for all can be arranged. Thank you ladies.

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Comfort Quilts - Cont'd

*Have found the need for an availability schedual for myself and the ladies that give us a few hours of there time each month.. as have found that was dealing with 5 to 7 days on the go every month.

Please help with this with the following:

-Batting requirements:

email.. wmer.is@icloud.com .. 4 or 5 days BEFORE the General meeting with your request..please & thank you.

-Requested batting will be on hand to be picked up at the meeting.

-If not able to attend the upcoming meeting.. directions to our storage area near Victoria Park for YOU to pick it up.. can be arranged.

-Planning to attend Stitch In (at this time planned for last Thursday of the month) email that you will attend and or drop in.. batting can be cut at that time.

-Wednesdays are usually saved for deliver of donations of quilts.. so will not be available.

**If you have a location you'd like to request for donations please email.. wmer.is@icloud.com .. with the contact information and we will look into the site. COVID has changed many of our previous locations but still keeping an eye out for possible returns of some of them.

***Would like to keep our time down to maximum of 4 days a month to free all the ladies helping, for their regular functions and commitments. ***

(Eg. As a medic I transport Seniors to serious medical appointments.. usually in Vancouver and it takes most of a day between the appointment and the wait time.. and with the increase in the COVID positives at this time.. we are returning to isolating for 5 days after each trek- so myself must schedual Guild commitment between these time frames).

Thank you for your help with this.. it will make the months run much smoother for everybody.

Comfort Quit Co ordination Wendy Ratcliffe and the amazing ladies that pitch in when the call for help comes in.. Thank you

Have a great day, if needed- mask up, stay safe, healthy & be kind to each other..

Wendy R

Here's Another Riddle

I'm easy to lift but hard to throw. What am I?

Newsletter

Summary of newsletter Events

Sept 14 - Dresden Neighborhood workshop 10:00 am Church downstairs

Sept 21 - Time to show off your Dresden Neighborhood finished or not

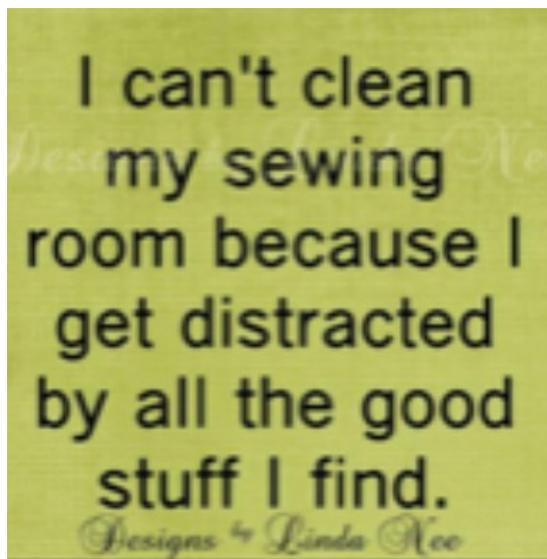
Oct 19- Trees – Sandy from Tom's sewing

November 16- Nick Turcan trunk show

December 21- Christmas party

Time to get your Christmas sewing started - Next newsletter in

October.....Janet



Here's Another Riddle

What is more useful when it is broken?

Look for our guild Facebook page under Grouse Mountain Quilters. It is a private group so only members of the Facebook page can see the posts. Contact Trish to be admitted to the Facebook group.

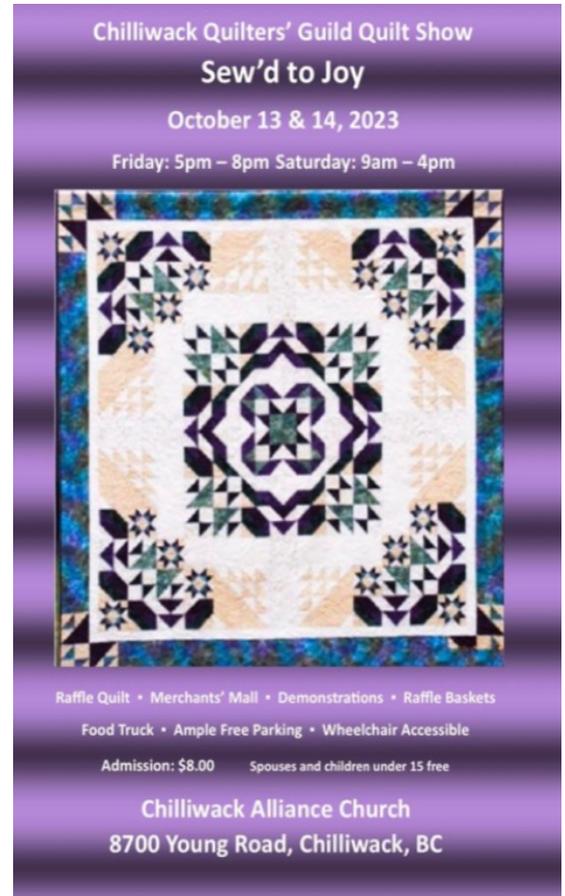
Reminders

*Remember to bring your own cup

*Wear a name tag

*Bakers this month:

Una, Roz, Barb, Suzanne





Sew Magic
Quilt Show & Gala

Evening Gala
Thursday, Oct. 12th, 2023 7 - 9 pm.
Tickets: \$15 (valid for Gala and Quilt Show)

Quilt Show
Friday, Oct. 13th, 2023 10am - 5pm
Saturday, Oct. 14th, 2023 10am - 4pm
Admission: \$10 (valid both days)

Eagle Ridge Community Center
1089 Langford Parkway, Victoria, BC

For more information visit: westshorequiltersguild.ca
or on Facebook at facebook.com/WQGShow

As I get older, I'm always walking into things.

Quilt shops and fabric stores mostly...

... so no complaints really.



Harrison Mills Country Quilt Show

Saturday, September 30 & Sunday, October 1st, 2023
10:30am - 4pm

Admission by donation
Proceeds to Student Bursary Fund

Harrison Mills Community Hall
1995 School Road, Harrison Mills, BC

Raffle tickets
Lunch and Refreshments available
People's Choice Awards

Have a quilt you would like to show?
For more information please contact Jean @604-796-2710

Best wishes Sheila on your new adventure.



Dragonfly Stitch-in

