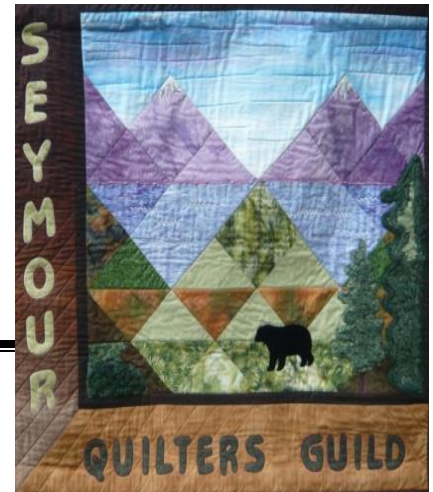


Seymour Quilters Guild Newsletter



June 2021

NEXT ZOOM MEETING:
June 16, 2021

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Purposes of the Society are:

1. To bring learning experience and inspiration to its members by way of workshops, demonstrations for the public, show and tell, speakers, and other programs.
2. To provide a service to the community by the creation of quilts for those in need.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT *Maureen O.*

This is the month for the Canadian Quilters Association Annual Conference and it looks really interesting. Going virtual has been an interesting challenge for organizations and this one looks well organized. Remember that all postings are Eastern Daylight times. That is THREE hours ahead of us...so be mindful of signing up for a "Tour" at 8am or a "Class" at 9am. You may have access to a recording for 2 hours after the event if you have registered.

Remember we did a SWOT analysis? (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats). Although the responses were minimal, the results spoke volumes. The Vice President and I analyzed the results and we determined that our strengths ought to be maintained and the threats seemed too minimal to worry about. So we focused on Opportunities and Weaknesses.

To reduce our Weaknesses, we have established on line banking at your request, and have worked to enhance our (my) skills on Zoom: Fun break out rooms and no more "ringy-dingy" when someone joins the meeting. In Opportunities, there seemed to be a theme of **Inclusion**. "Inclusion refers to how diversity is leveraged to create a fair, equitable, healthy, and high-performing organization or community where all individuals are respected, feel engaged and motivated, and their contributions toward meeting organizational and societal goals are valued."¹

We will talk more about this theme for the guild at the general meeting June 19. SWOT results are available on our website under the member's only link.

Have a wonderful summer, enjoy the weather, stay safe and be well.

Happy Sewing!!

Maureen O.

¹ *Global Diversity and Inclusion Benchmarks: Standards for Organizations Around the World* by Julie O'Mara, The Diversity Collegium, 2014.

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Newsletter

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Quilts of Valour

Suzanne P., Norine McC.

Free Table

Lorna L-J., Esther E.

Refreshments

Marianne W., Gail McG.,

Wendy W.

Website

Judy S.

<https://seymourquiltersquild.ca/>

Next Board Zoom Meeting
Wed., August 25 @ 1:00 pm

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Wed. September 8 via Zoom
12 Noon – 2:30 pm

Zoom details will be emailed to all members two days prior to meeting.

NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE

We are now looking for members to fill the positions of **Vice President** and **Treasurer** for 2022 as both terms come to an end in December 2021.

Being on the executive is a great opportunity to provide input into decisions and help set the course for guild activities.

Our web site has job descriptions under "our documents". There is a specific requirement for computer skills for the treasurer position. Please contact anyone on the executive to discuss your interest.

The executive meets the fourth Wednesday of the month at 1300 to 1430 by Zoom or we may meet in person by October.

COVID -19 Update



The Vice President is in process of connecting with the Gloria Dei church to determine what our role and theirs will be to ensure a safe meeting location and process for us.

We are hopeful that by October 13 we may be able to meet in person. Please register for your second dose of vaccine.

New Meeting Dates for the Future

We are fortunate to retain our current space at the church but we had to give up our regular meeting time for another organization.

Our general guild meeting will now be the **SECOND** Wednesday of the month: September 8, October 13, November 10 and December 8. Please mark your Calendars.

REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP

Moira S. and Sharon R.

We now have three people on the Waiting List. The Breakout Room “meet ups” seem to be quite a success and we would like to continue with them. We are considering a [quick discussion](#) topic for our June meeting.

We have two more "Who Am I" articles for you to enjoy. Thank you all who are supporting this endeavour. We have never done this before in the Guild and we hope it is helping to bring us together in this time of separation. [Please](#) show your support by sending your story/life event.

When we do the door prize draws at our Zoom meetings it would be appreciated if you could acknowledge receiving them as we are never sure about the mail these days (thanks for doing that). Our winners for the fat quarters, drawn during the May meeting, were: Mary Elise C.; Jan D and Gail McG.

Here are this month's "Who Am I" Articles.

First Story:



"I haven't been a member of the guild for very long. I live on a farm in Ontario with my partner Roy and in a condo in Vancouver. I've been in Ontario since last August thanks to Covid. We are now actively putting in the vegetable garden and I've planted a strawberry plant garden that hopefully will be bountiful next year.

I work as a land development consultant in the Okanagan. I was introduced to the guild by my dear friend - we've known each other for almost 40 years and we worked together in downtown Toronto at McLean Hunter in the bowels of the building. My daughter is a nurse at VGH in the emergency room so is working very hard and often has 3 COVID patients in one shift. (Please don't believe the pandemic is over because it isn't).

I like to travel periodically and my last trip was to New Zealand in February 2020 where I stayed with my sister and husband at an Air BNB near her step-daughter's home in Auckland for 1 week and then I travelled for 10 days on my own by train and bus - my most memorable excursion being the train from Auckland to Wellington and staying at a B & B for 3 nights on an avocado farm near the ocean in an area called Hawkes Bay.

My favourite and most supported charity for the last 30 years is Sleeping Children Around the World - 100% of the donations are used for "bedkits" - no administrative costs are funded by donations."

Second Story:

"When I was a teenager, my family lived in a small community in the interior of BC. I was in need of orthodontic services but they were not available in town. My parents arranged for me to attend an orthodontist in Vancouver. After the braces were fitted, I needed to travel back to his office once a month to get the braces tightened.

At that time, the only road to Vancouver was the Fraser Canyon highway which was a two lane road with several sections built on wooden platforms that jutted out over the river. After reaching Hope, the two lane road continued through the Fraser valley calling at all the communities from Chilliwack on with the traffic lights and stop signs one would expect. It was a really good drive if one got to Vancouver in 9 hours.

My father worked and spent a lot of time away from home because of his job. Even if my mother was willing to drive to Vancouver monthly, she had my younger sister to look after and so that was not an option. As a result, I caught the train late at night on the day before my appointment and got to the city around 6:30 in the morning. I took a street car to a cousin's house and had breakfast with her before going to the office. I always had a good breakfast because I knew my mouth would be too sore after the braces were tightened to eat much. After the appointment, I made my way to the train station and caught the late afternoon train home.

My parents paid for me to have a seat in the lounge car and so I was also able to eat in the dining car. The waiters were always surprised that a teenager would only order soup but that was all I could manage. On one occasion, I had been served my soup. The dining car was full with people in every seat. I opened my mouth to take a spoonful of soup and then it happened. One of the joys of braces is the elastic bands that help keep everything tight. When my mouth opened out shot an elastic band. It flew through the air and landed in the middle of the dinner of a passenger two tables along the car. I wanted to fade through the floor but no one seemed to know where the elastic came from. The waiter took the offending plate away and replaced it. I left the dining car and there were no repercussions except for my life-long memory of that elastic flying out of my mouth and the cringe that still comes 60 years later."



Respectfully submitted by Sharon R. and Moira



Our Public Library online application called “Libby” has many quilting magazines available:

“Quilting Step By Step”, “McCall’s Quilting”, “Fons and Porter Love of Quilting”, “Love Patchwork and Quilting”, “Quilting Arts Magazine”, “Quiltmaker”, “Today’s Quilter”, “Quilter’s Companion”, “Great Australian Quilts”, “Quilts For Today”, “Weekend Quilting”, “The Quilting Book”, “Quilts from Precut Fabrics”, “The Ultimate Quilt Block Collection”, “Quilting Arts Holiday 2015”, “Inspired by Vintage Quilts”, “Quilts From Around the World”

in addition to many other Arts and Craft Magazines. You can also set up your magazine loan so that when the next issue is available you are automatically notified and able to borrow it.

I’m looking for volunteers to help with book inventory in September. Please contact me through the [Contact the Librarian](#) portal on our website membership page if you are willing to help. We’ll chose a date that works once the volunteer team is assembled.

Thank you, Riva

NOTE from Marilyn’s friend, Techie Tess

Did You Know?

You can read digital copies of several quilting magazines on Libby. Libby / Overdrive is the app used to read eBooks from your local library.

If you don’t have Libby it is easy to acquire: <https://www.overdrive.com/apps/libby/>

- Download Libby from your App Store or Google Play
- Open Libby and select your local library.
- Enter your library card number
- You are in!



Search *quilt* or *quilting* and several quilting magazines will come up and you can borrow any one of them for three weeks.

Enjoy your summer, Marilyn



Have a wonderful summer and if all goes well we will have in-person meetings starting sometime in the fall. We will be there to serve you coffee and tea.

Your Refreshment Committee.



June already! Sunny days and enough rain to keep our grass green and to subdue fires for now. And, at SQG we are looking forward to the luncheon.

MEETINGS - <https://seymourquiltersguild.ca/meetings/>

In **May** Cristina De Miranda was interesting and her enthusiasm was infectious. It was inspiring to see that quilting is alive and well in younger quilters.

16 June General Meeting - The Luncheon

- ✓ The theme is colour and especially the colours of the Lynn Valley Love Project banner colours, so, you could wear something with any hue on the colour wheel from purple via red to yellow.
(<https://happysewlucky.wordpress.com/2021/05/11/lynn-valley-love-banners/>)
- ✓ Organize your lunch, set out a placemat, and set an elegant table with china plates and cups. Perhaps a glass of wine as you won't need to drive home. Remember your table centre.
- ✓ You could make a placemat, maybe, in the theme colours. Linda F would collect any that you make just for fun but are not keepers.
- ✓ We will be providing entertainment. There will be games, door prizes and a slide show.
- ✓ UFO Draw - Barb M is still accepting notations of finished quilts. One entry towards the prizes for each quilt Barb has listed as finished.

8 September General Meeting (note date is 2nd Wednesday of the month)

- ✓ Zoom speaker Karen Brown will give her lecture "Be the Best Quilter You Can Be".
- ✓ Karen of the popular Just Get It Done Quilts <https://www.justgetitdonequilts.com/> has a website and a YouTube Channel on all things quilt-y.
- ✓ Listen to Brandy's Quilter on Fire podcast episode 29 interview of Karen at <https://www.quilteronfire.com/podcasts>
- ✓ Find out more about Karen on the SQG website under Meetings.





WORKSHOPS - <https://seymourquiltersguild.ca/workshops/>

In May we had a successful Cityscape Improv workshop with Peter Byrne. (<https://peterbquilts.com/>). Please send a photo of your finished Cityscape Improv to Judy for "Staying Connected".

5 October Introduction and 20 & 22 October Half-days - Canadian Icon Workshop with Jennifer Houlden.

- ✓ There are 5 spaces left.
- ✓ Come and learn more about using colour, making a background, and appliqué. There will be patterns for the Lone Pine, the Inuksuk, and the Polar Bear, or design your own Canadian icon.
- ✓ Cost \$45, non-members \$50. Includes two 8.5" x 11" sheets of the stabilizer. Get more sheets for \$2 each.

Lone Pine 18" x 27"



Inuksuk 23" x 24"



Polar Bear 20" x 20"



- ✓ We have more information about the workshop and an excellent bio of Jennifer Houlden on our website at <https://seymourquiltersguild.ca/workshops/>



PROGRAMME/WORKSHOPS COMMITTEE (CONT'D)

GROW-a-QUILT - Gallery - <https://seymourquiltersguild.ca/grow-a-quilt-gallery/>

- ✓ Our quilts are growing and we had a bonus row on 4 June in Judy's "Staying Connected" email.
- ✓ The next block will be announced at the luncheon and there will be another bonus block later in one of Judy's Staying Connected emails.

SOSAH DAYS - <https://seymourquiltersguild.ca/sew-our-stash-at-home/>

- ✓ And a good time was had by all. Topics included chats about families, including a wedding, progress on "GaQ's and banners, and, tools for quilting.
- ✓ Mark your calendars for summer Sew Our Stash At Home Days on June 23, July 14, and August 11 and join us.

Happy Quilting,
Marilyn C, Barb M, and Les O

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- ❖ Re the "Staying Connected" blog posts, keep sending me photos of your quilting to share in a post or in the Grow-a-Quilt Gallery.
- ❖ My current plan is to post at random over the summer and see how that goes.

Have a lovely summer. Judy

QUILTS OF VALOUR

Suzanne and Norine



I recently saw a presentation and trunk show by Cheryl Arkison ('Sunday Morning Quilts') and she had some great layout ideas for HST quilts – I was inspired! Over the summer, I'm going to be working on making some blocks using the Canadiana Charm Pack together with an off-white fabric. If any of you would like to join me, give me a quick call or email and I can put together some sets to pick up.

Once we are again together for in-person meetings, I'm looking forward to really getting back on track with our Quilts of Valour. Hope all of you have leisurely and enjoyable summer.

Suzanne

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COMMUNITY QUILTS

Linda F, Nancy J & Connie

Janet's Report re: West Van. SPCA pet bed drop-off (which Janet kindly volunteered to do).

“Met up with Jesse this morning. She was soooo happy and grateful for the quilts. They will go to those who are fostering animals at the moment, as well as a “welcome to your new home” quilt when they are adopted from the SPCA there.

We have a lot of talented quilters for sure. We looked at every single one and commented with delight. As well, Jesse will be posting these on their Facebook page for everyone to see.

Thank you for the opportunity to deliver them Linda. It was truly a joy.”





<https://canadianquilter.com/>

From Summer 2021 Canadian Quilter magazine:

- ✓ Tulip Time Placemats pattern by Jackie White on page 66. This is a handy pattern for a placemat for the luncheon, or for your summer table.

Virtual Quilt Canada 2021 is here.

- ✓ Register at - <https://canadianquilter.com/quilt-canada-2021/>
- ✓ The Welcome and NJS Awards Ceremonies start at 4 pm Pacific Time on the day of our luncheon meeting.
- ✓ Members can let Marilyn know if they will attend any of the webinars or tour. She is making a group email so we can imagine sitting together.

CQA Summer Webinars - Wonderful Wednesdays – register online on the CQA website

- ✓ July 14 – Paul Leger, “My Journey in Quilting” at 7 pm EDT.
- ✓ August 11 – Kellie Kaczmarek, Quilting with Rulers for Domestic and Long-arms - 7 pm EDT.

The **TrendTex Auction** Is not until September!

- ✓ It will be 23-26 September 2021. Bids will be taken on Bidding Owl and you can already see the 76 quilts here - <https://www.biddingowl.com/Auction/index.cfm?auctionID=21866>

Happy Quilting, Marilyn

NOTE FROM NEWSLETTER EDITOR

- ❖ There will be no newsletter for the months of July and August.
- ❖ The next Board meeting will be on August 25 via Zoom, starting at 1:00 pm.
- ❖ The next General Membership Meeting will be on September 8, starting at 12 noon – 2:30 pm via Zoom.

Attachments:

Minutes of SQG General Meeting – May 19, 2021

Agenda for June 19 Meeting

SWOT Results and Recommendations



Have a wonderful summer!