Sunshine Coast Quilters' Guild

Where Creativity Meets Community

P.O. BOX 2083, Sechelt, BC V0N 3A0 www.scqguild.com

Next Newsletter CUTOFF: October 2

Next Resource Day: SEPTEMBER 26

President's Message

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a great, relaxing summer and is ready to hunker down sewing. This year will be an exciting one and I look forward to seeing you at our September Resource Day. I will be introducing my president's challenge.

Have you signed up for the Studio Tour on September 27? Just a few days later, on October 3, we'll be hosting Hands Across the Water (HAW). This will be my first time attending, and I'm excited to meet more quilters. HAW's theme this year is tea, so perhaps there will even be scones—I hope so. I love scones!

We're also preparing for our 2027 Quilt Show, and many of you are already involved in the planning. If you haven't volunteered yet, please consider joining in—you won't regret it. The Artist Challenge will return as well after being popular at the last show.

I'm honoured to serve as your president and welcome your ideas and suggestions. Please feel free to contact me at any time. I'd also like to remind you that executive meetings begin 15 minutes after the Resource Day meeting ends. We meet in a room next to the main hall, and all members are welcome. So bring a mug, wear your name tag, and have a bit of money in your pocket to donate to the satellite group providing munchies. See you soon!

Keep quilting,
Chris

8:45 – 9:00	**Set up tables/chairs/equipment** (Help from members is appreciated!)
9:30	**Doors open**
10:00 – 10:45	**Magic Scarves: Marian Williamson ($5.00)** Sign-up sheet at door; seating limited
11:00 – 11:55	**Lorelai Kuecker: Pigs in a Blanket (via Zoom)** **Youth-inspired Quilting** Website: pigsinablanketquilting.com Request link to attend Zoom remotely
12:00 – 1:00	**Guild Business Meeting** Quilt Challenges: Intro/Reveal Quilter To-Do Jar – (Sue & Karen) President's Challenge – (Chris)
Fat Quarter	**Circles:** Bring a FQ ... you may win the draw!
Snacks By	Halfmoon Crazies
Reminders	Name tag, display quilts, coffee/tea mug, money for snacks, and any library books for return!

Contents

Snacks and Coffee	2
Hands Across the Water	3
Quilt Show 2027	4
Program	5-6
Comfort Society	7
Last Resource Day	8-9
Satellite Quilt Group Contacts	10

Fibre Expressions
Quilt Shop
604-885-6677

Home for Christmas is here!

A lovely Traditional Christmas Line! What will you make! Tablerunners? Placemats? Quilts?

NEW! LAYER CAKE STAINED GLASS KIT with IMPRINT FLANNELS!

This kit will have all your 10" squares cut as well as all the 1.5" sashing strips! Just open it and start sewing!!

www.fibreexpressions.com

Snacks and Coffee/Tea**	
September	Halfmoon Crazies
October	Fat Quarter Quilters
November	Cotton Club
January	Gone to Pieces
February	Halfmoon Crazies
March	Fat Quarter Quilters
April	Cotton Club
May	Gone to Pieces

**Coffee & Tea supplies reimbursed by Guild

Resource Day Volunteers needed for set up and take down.

Miss Bee Designs

Locally-made women's casual wear in linen, hemp, and cotton.

Quilting and dress-making fabrics by the 1/2 meter.

Locally-made fine art and crafts

Open 11am-4pm Tuesday-Saturday Through October 31st
Please see our website for November/December hours

In the heart of Lower Gibsons at 287 Gower Point Rd
Please visit us on-line at www.missbee.ca or @MissBeeInGibsons

Hands Across the Water

We have had a great response for Hands Across the Water. Attendance is now full, but we are accepting names for a waiting list.

The committee has met to review all event details, and we would like to thank everyone who has volunteered. Additional volunteers are always welcome, and we will be sending emails outlining volunteer duties.

We are still looking for a few more crazy quilts for the centrepieces. If you have any new quilting-related items that could be included in the gift basket, they would be greatly appreciated.

We hope all HAW participants are entering the Challenge Quilt and sewing two teapot blocks.

A few reminders:

- Bring an antique quilt to share and discuss.
- Wear your hat or fascinator, and gloves if you have them.
- Visit and support our five vendors.
- Please let us know about any food allergies.

Our committee—Jeannette L., Karen B., Darlene F., Lynda W., Bernardine S., and Co-Chairs Anne M. and Moira S.—looks forward to welcoming you to Hands Across the Water on Saturday, October 3.

Over the summer, the Sunshine Coast Museum and Archives used this donated Comfort Quilt made by Noriko for their membership drive.

Not only did offering a raffle prize increase membership sign-ups, the recipient of the quilt was absolutely delighted!

Also this summer, a local Girl Guide leader received a donation from the guild of three sewing machines, one serger, and a large collection of thread. This donation arrived at a timely moment, as a Guide camp was being held that very week and the leaders were hoping to teach the girls some sewing skills.

Many thanks to the ladies who donated the machines. Although they are older models, they are ideal for young girls learning to sew. The machines will be gifted to deserving girls.

QUILT SHOW 2027

Dates: June 25 & 26, 2027
Hours: Friday, June 25: 10 am to 5:00 pm
Saturday, June 26: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

AVAILABLE at SEPTEMBER RD **Cash only**:

- Quilt Show Challenge Kits $5. Theme: Honoring First Responders. Cash Prize!
- Quilt Show Fundraiser: $10/$20 items sale plus entry for 1 vehicle + 2 passenger ferry gift cards for one way lower mainland routes (includes Vancouver Island). There are 2 sets to win. ***DRAW will be at Hands Across the Water: October 3, 2026***.

There are some small but significant changes for QS 2027.

1) Show date and times are different. Creative Collaboration: REPEAT performance. There will be a small entry fee this year. You can register, pay the fee and let us know who you will be collaborating with later.

2) Guest Speaker and Judge: Brandy Maslowski. Website: quilteronfire.com

3) Boutique and Basket Raffles: submit your creative products to sell & think of baskets to create. These funds help offset costs to host this event.

4) FREE entry for all good-standing (paid up in all their fees) members for 2026/2027 membership year for QS 2027.

5) October Resource Day will outline the details of the registration and plus more!! Not to be missed.

6) Registration packages will be ready OCTOBER RD.

WE NEED a Team Lead or 2 members in helping with organizing our Volunteers during the show.

Program - 2026-2027

Hello all, your program committee consists of: Karen B. (Chair); Members: Jude G., Darlene F., Jennie S., Marian W., and Sue L.

RECAP MAY: I polled many of the vendors who were selling items from the **table sale** – and heard that it was a successful time. Thank you to those who participated both selling and buying items!

FINALIZING **Pump up your Colour Wheel** CHALLENGE: This challenge was quite informative and generated quite a variety of results. Congratulations to those who participated.

GAME: The game we played was quite a lot of fun from the amount of laughter that was heard. Hoping to have more of these interactive events.

BUSINESS MEETING: The meeting and positions were done. However, the Guild is missing one especially important position that is needed to be filled as soon as possible and that is the **Vice-President position**. Please talk to anyone of the Executive team to see what is involved in this position. Critical that the guild has all the Executive positions filled.

RECAP SUMMER ACTIVITY: **Quilted jacket workshop** with facilitator Julie Faulkner. Hoping to have a showing of these jackets at the Sept meet. CHALLENGE: If you have a quilted jacket/vest or other garment please consider bringing to the Sept. meeting.

****

STILL OUTSTANDING *IS: participation from Guild members for mini workshops for the 2026-2027 year.*

****

SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES: CAROLA RUSSELL: **SCRAPPY MODERN MEDALLIONS** This event is set for Sunday September 20, 2026. We should learn some fun techniques from Carola during this event along with having the opportunity to participate at her Pop-Up shop! There is room for more participants in this class.

STUDIO TOURS: Sunday, Sept 27, 2026. We have some wonderful studios (7) to go to on this fun day. More details will come out to those who sign up ($20.00 fee). Additionally, our 2 Quilt Shops here on the Coast are participating and will have something for each participant to select. There will be a maximum of twenty participants able to sign up for the tours. And at the time of the newsletter deadline there was still space available.

FAT QUARTER DRAW: Every month there is a fat quarter draw. Bring a fat quarter with the monthly theme (on front page of newsletter and on website) and be in the draw to win them all!

PROGRAM SPEAKER (will be at 11:00 am): We are extremely excited to introduce Lorelai Kuecker. Lorelai will be coming to us via Zoom at the Sechelt Centre. She is a 16-year-old owner and artist behind Pigs in a Blanket Quilting and makes one of a kind quilted garments and has released her first fabric line with Northcott Fabrics called “Quilting in Bloom” Her website: pigsinablanketquilting.com.

Program - 2026-2027 continued

UP AND COMING EVENTS: Please visit the Program table or go onto our website to see what workshops are coming during the 2026-2027 guild year. We have a full calendar of fun events to join in and need participation to make the year successful.

PROGRAM SPEAKERS 2026/2027 year: As far as the speakers we have lined up for the year, we have been able to secure contracts with some exciting speakers, and we will have a combination of in person, zoom, and informative sessions.

OF special note is our **October 2026 meeting. The Quilt Show committee** will be presenting the members each area of the 2027 Quilt Show and what is needed to enter into the show along with how you all can participate.

Respectfully submitted Karen B.

TIPS for TOPS

Quilters should prepare their quilt tops by ensuring the following before sending them to a longarmer:

- Pressing seams flat: This helps avoid bumps and bunching during quilting. Use an iron with steam or a spray bottle with water to press.
- Trimming excess threads: This prevents shadows or show-throughs on the quilt top.
- Ensuring batting and backing are larger than the quilt top: This accommodates the longarm machine. Recommendation is for 4" on each side larger than the top for both batting and backing.
- Checking for high contrast colors: Pressing to the dark side can prevent shadowing.
- Sewing around edges: This helps keep seams from popping open when stretched on the frame.

These steps ensure that the quilt is ready for the longarm machine and will result in a polished finish. Quilters should also consider the longarm's requirements and any additional tips provided by the longarmer for the best outcome. (Karen B.)

Source: https://www.sixkidsquilts.com/post/how-to-prep-your-quilt-top-for-a-longarm-quilter-without-stress

CQA Puzzle

Did you know that the monthly newsletter from the Canadian Quilters Association (CQA) includes a link to a quilt-themed online jigsaw puzzle? This puzzle, submitted by our member Moira S., was featured in the June 2026 edition. As a puzzle enthusiast, Moira thought it would be fun to contribute one.

Moira shares: "This wall hanging was created for a Magazine Challenge organised by the Program Committee of the Seymour Quilt Guild. Participants selected a random magazine from a collection and used it as inspiration for a wall hanging or full-size quilt. My project was inspired by the 'Floret Quilt' by Jen Daly, featured in the March/April 2022 issue of McCalls Quilting Magazine. It was a fun project that encouraged me to use appliqué, which is not a technique I normally use."

Comfort Society

It has been a busy summer for the Comfort Society making **kits** for members to assemble! Some kits are to be pieced together and others are to be quilted. There will be a sign out sheet for the kits at the CS table at the September meeting..

Also at the CS table will be **SCQG labels** and **registration labels**. We kindly request that new quilts donated to the Comfort Society be registered and labelled BEFORE the general meeting. This helps accurate recording and tracking of precious inventory.

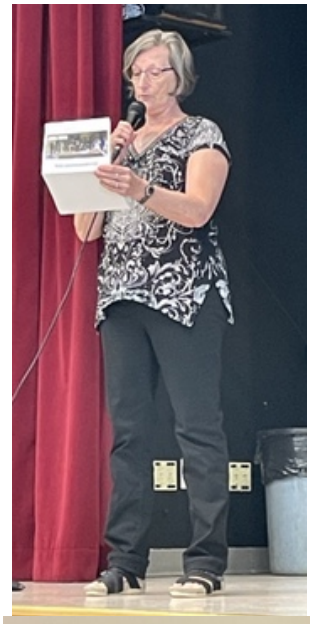
There were 329 quilts made last year and 238 were donated!! Fantastic!

We will have a **quilt reveal** for the quilt prizes for the 2027 Quilt Show!

Raffle tickets to be sold for the 2027 Quilt Show will be ready to hand out as well. There will also be a sign-up sheet to volunteer on Oct 10 & 11 to be at the Quality Farms Fall Fair to sell 2027 Quilt Show tickets.

Last Resource Day

Your Moira and Anne prepare us for Hands Across the Water (HAW).



Terry reads letter to quild & Comfort Quilts

Our new Membership Committee

Terry wins President's Challenge

Sue wraps up Pump up Your Colour Wheel Challenge

Wendy's quilt made for the LGBTQ2s+ Community!

Gail made her first Woolies project!

CANADIAN Quilters Courtepointes CANADIENNES

THE PAINTED LADY
ART SUPPLIES AND FRAMING
WWW.PAINTEDLADY.ART
778-462-3330
#105-622 HOUGH RD GIBSONS

SCQG History

In 1982 a group of women on the Sunshine Coast got together to share their love of quilting. Pat Crucil, an accomplished quilter and teacher, established this first quilt group on the Coast.

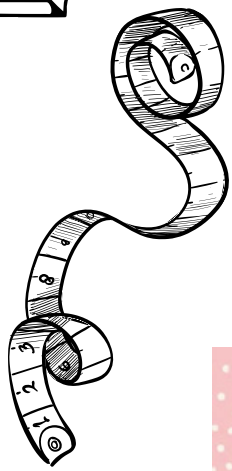
We continue to meet once a month from September to May. Our meetings consist of Mini-Workshops, Business Meeting, Comfort Society, Block of the Month, Show N' Tell, Library, and a Program.

The purpose of the Sunshine Coast Quilters' Guild is to promote the joy of quilting to the Sunshine Coast and to provide for the community's enjoyment: quilt shows, classes, demonstrations and displays; to provide an umbrella guild for the Satellite Quilting Groups; and offer Resource Days which include workshops, demonstrations, education and guest speakers.

Satellite Groups Contacts

Cotton Club	Bev Butchart	604-886-8449
Fat Quarter Quilters	Rita Hunt	604-885-3601
Gone to Pieces	Linda Evans	604-886-3164
Halfmoon Crazies	Karen Biddlecombe	604-313-1820
Pender Harbour Piecemakers	Lee Ewing	604-883-2620

Newsletter Advertising Rates

PI = per issue; for period September-May, excluding December

Size	Rate
Classified	$11 PI
Business card size	$11 PI / 8 issues $55
¼ Page	$15 PI / 8 issues $100
½ Page	$23 PI / 8 issues $138
Full Page	$46 PI / 8 issues $220
One time email to all members	Quilting related $17 Commercial $39