

# LANGLEY QUILTERS' GUILD GAZETTE

## November 2020

### From the President Yvonne M.



I can't believe it is December! Where has the time gone? I miss everyone so much. We have not seen each other since March and now the year is almost gone by.

Covid 19 is starting to get to me. With the mainstay of communications being through the internet, I find myself on the computer continually. With Zoom, You Tube, Facebook Live, Webinars, screencast learning sessions, and so much more, I have a headache and my eyes are so dry from staring at the computer screen. One day, I had four meetings online, one after the other and was on the computer for 8 hours straight! When I have meetings with people from back east or even overseas, I am often up at 5 a.m. to catch my first meeting and I do not finish until 9 p.m. at night. The day is just too long.

I really am ready to run away and do nothing but sewing for a week straight to catch up with my projects that are waiting for me and to just get some creative juices flowing again. I was excited to think we could have a Sit and Stitch for a few days, but Covid 19 case increases closed that down. I know some groups have sewing days virtually, but I really want to get away from my computer.

I am so glad we have the newsletter and the Bunker Report to keep us informed as to what others are doing. I joined Jean Jones block exchange for the guild and look forward to creating blocks for other participants.

Nuala Adderley has a teddy bear challenge for us that will have us creating little bears with comfort messages on them to distribute in the community. That will help me to focus outwards instead of thinking of all the stuff I have to do myself. Others can always be worse off than myself and sending blessing to them raises my spirits.

I do hope we have a chance to get together again soon. I am always inspired by what others are doing with their sewing. It helps to get my creative juices flowing when I observe the creativity of others.

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season and can celebrate it in a cautious, safe way. I know we all miss family and friends.

Yvonne M.

The deadline for the next newsletter  
**December 20, 2020**

Please send reports, articles, tips,  
etc. to:

**[lqgnewsletter@outlook.com](mailto:lqgnewsletter@outlook.com)**

## IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT PLACEMATS

We will once again be delivering Placemats to the Meals on Wheels.

If any member has some to contribute the Community quilts team will be meeting on tomorrow!

**Wednesday December 2nd**  
**Shepherd of the Valley Church Annex**  
**20097 72nd Ave**

**From 10:30 to 12:00**

Please park at the very back of the parking lot (access from 74th Ave) and as with Covid instructions, please knock on the door or window and we will come out and collect.

We have 80 Placemats so far.

Thank-you to everyone who has contributed.

Rita R.

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**Hello CQA/ACC Members,**

Due to health and safety concerns surrounding the global pandemic, we have made the difficult decision to cancel the in-person Quilt Canada 2021 in Toronto. We are currently looking into an alternative virtual event for 2021. We will keep you up to date, through e-newsletters, our website and social media, as our plans develop.

Keep on quilting and stay safe,  
Carole McCarville  
CQA/ACC Executive Director

In previous years at the Langley Quilters' Guild annual pot luck dinner in November, we have collected money for the food bank. This year is so very different, but the need is still there and even greater due to Covid-19. We want to continue with this event and have made it even easier to donate! Here is a letter from Lana K:

Hi ladies – as we get closer to what is a most abnormal Christmas, I wonder if you would favourably consider keeping up one tradition that we have had since the early days of the Guild. If we were meeting, we would be doing up a collection for the Food Bank for Christmas. We may feel deprived right now—I know I do.....I miss everybody like crazy. But we are lucky in that we have a roof over our heads, and food in the cupboards. What about those people that don't? I'm proposing that we do a collection, and to make it easy, you can eTransfer money now to the Guild! E-tran your donation to with the password Quilting if you need one!

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I've got \$20 to spare – who is going to join me?





## Block of the Month— or maybe more frequently!

My name is Lisa Layzell (# 636) and I have volunteered to do a B.O.M. for the guild.

I am a fairly new member and I have 12 blocks which will be 12" finished.

They will make a lovely quilt with a theme that is very appropriate for these times.

Here are the links to the first three blocks in this project. The plan is all of them to finish to 12 inches, however sometimes a small border will be required to make it up to the 12 inches!

<https://www.allpeoplequilt.com/quilt-patterns/quilt-blocks/sisters-choice-quilt-block>

<https://fabric406.com/blogs/fabric406-blog/mothers-choice-traditional-quilt-block-pattern>

<https://fabric406.com/blogs/fabric406-blog/how-to-sew-an-aunt-sukey-s-choice-quilt-block>

## HAVE FUN!

**Send pictures of your finished blocks to [lqgnewsletter@outlook.com](mailto:lqgnewsletter@outlook.com) to be published in the Bunker Bulletin!**



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## Sunshine Committee

Knowing that someone cares can really make a person's day brighter. If You know someone who Could use a card for the

LQG, please contact the Sunshine Committee by phone or email.

Penny Chan-Kent

**All Programs, Workshops, and Betweens are cancelled for the balance of the year.**

**We are awaiting information from George Preston Recreation Center and the Guild Executive before making any further bookings. The BeWoPs Committee will be meeting soon to discuss future plans. In the mean time, any suggestions from members are welcome.**

**Louise B-R**



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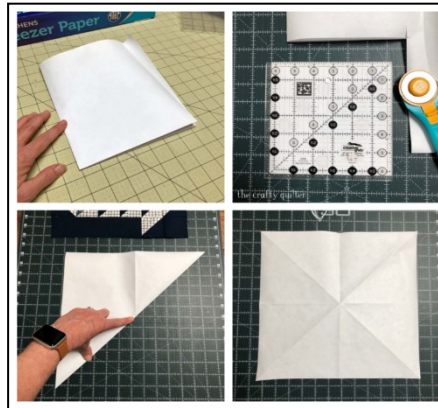
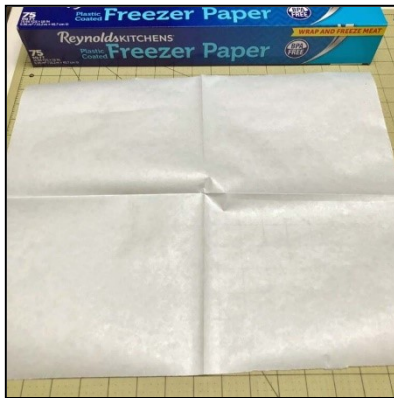
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*Ladies: Get your quilt tops done.  
It's time for some new fabric*

## Squaring up a Quilt Block Larger Than Your Ruler by Julie Cefalu

After every quilt block I make, I check to make sure it's the correct size - usually with a square ruler that is the same size I want the quilt block to be. But how to square up a quilt block that is larger than your ruler? We don't all have a square ruler in every size available (wouldn't that be nice). I have a simple solution to share with you, plus another option that works well too.

You're going to need some freezer paper and a square ruler that is at least half the size of your desired block size. I've been making lots of 12 1/2" square blocks lately, so I'm going to use a 6 1/2" square ruler in this example.

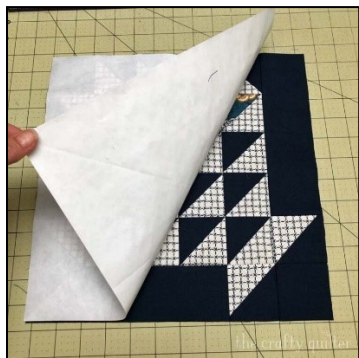


- ♦ Cut a piece of freezer paper that is larger than your desired quilt block. **Note:** Some freezer paper can shrink slightly. You can iron it flat (always iron the paper side) to "preshrink" it before going on to the next step.
- ♦ Fold the freezer paper in half and then in half again.
- ♦ Place the square ruler so that the 6 1/4" lines of the ruler are on the two **folded** sides of the freezer paper. To calculate where to place the ruler for any size quilt block, you divide the desired square size by 2, so 12 1/2 divided by 2 = 6 1/4.
- ♦ Using a rotary cutter, cut on the two sides of the ruler. Unfold the freezer paper and you have created a 12 1/2" square.
- ♦ Fold this square diagonally, from corner to corner, twice. This creates additional centering guidelines.
- ♦ Iron the freezer paper (shiny side down) onto the right side of the quilt block, using the folded guidelines of the freezer paper as a centering guide. You could also fold your quilt block on both diagonals, press it, and match the creases of the fabric to the paper. Check to make sure everything looks straight and lined up.



Transfer the quilt block to a cutting mat. Place a long ruler even with one side of the freezer paper and trim. Repeat for the remaining sides.





Peel off the freezer paper and admire your beautiful block! You can re-use the freezer paper many times, so don't throw it away.



The second method of squaring up a quilt block that is bigger than your ruler, is to use two rulers and a cutting mat. Within this method there are several ways to go about it. I typically don't like to use the lines on a cutting mat to measure and/or place my rulers, but it works in a pinch.



Place your block on the cutting mat. If you have a long ruler that is at least  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " wide, you can place the  $6\frac{1}{4}$ " line of the ruler down the center of your quilt block. Depending on the construction of the block, you might have some seams or points that would be considered the center of your block and will subsequently guide the placement of the  $6\frac{1}{4}$ " line of the ruler. If not, then you can fold the block in half in both directions and make a crease to use as the placement guide.

If you don't have a ruler that is wide enough, you could use two rulers. In my example below, I have a 6" x 12" wide ruler, so I placed the  $\frac{1}{4}$ " line of my  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " square ruler at the center of my block and butted my larger ruler next to it to give me the full  $6\frac{1}{4}$ " (from center) width.

At this point you can trim that one side, but I would first place another ruler next to the one already there and make sure there is enough width so the opposite side can be trimmed without losing any points, etc.



For an additional "safety net", you could draw the cutting lines with chalk on all four sides before cutting anything. Once it looks okay, then trim inside those lines (my chalk is thick and cutting on the line would make my block too big).



Since I have a 12 1/2" square ruler, I decided to check my chalk lines and they were accurate.



Now I have a nicely trimmed "Groovy Granny" square.



Just remember, that both of these methods can be used to square up most any size quilt block. I've used it on a 16 1/2" quilt block that needed trimming, and it was really easy with the freezer paper method. I hope you give this a try next time you need to square up a quilt block that is larger than your ruler.

*Julie*

This article was reprinted with Permission from Julie Cefalu of the Crafty Quilter. Her Blog and more instructional pieces can be seen by following this link: [The Crafty Quilter](http://TheCraftyQuilter.com)

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# T'was the Month before Christmas

as written by Shawna Hickling—  
Calgary, AB Canada November 19, 2020

T'was a month before Christmas,  
And all through the town,  
People wore masks,  
That covered their frown.

The frown had begun  
Way back in the Spring,  
When a global pandemic  
Changed everything.

They called it corona,  
But unlike the beer,  
It didn't bring good times,  
It didn't bring cheer.

Contagious and deadly,  
This virus spread fast,  
Like a wildfire that starts  
When fueled by gas.

Airplanes were grounded,  
Travel was banned.  
Borders were closed  
Across air, sea and land.

As the world entered lockdown  
To flatten the curve,  
The economy halted,  
And folks lost their verve.

From March to July  
We rode the first wave,  
People stayed home,  
They tried to behave.

When summer emerged  
The lockdown was lifted.  
But away from caution,  
Many folks drifted.

Now it's November  
And cases are spiking,  
Wave two has arrived,  
Much to our disliking.

Frontline workers,  
Doctors and nurses,  
Try to save people,  
From riding in hearses.

This virus is awful,  
This COVID-19.  
There isn't a cure.  
There is no vaccine.

It's true that this year  
Has had sadness a plenty,  
We'll never forget  
The year 2020.

And just 'round the corner -  
The holiday season,  
But why be merry?  
Is there even one reason?

To decorate the house  
And put up the tree,  
When no one will see it,  
No-one but me.

But outside my window  
The snow gently falls,  
And I think to myself,  
Let's deck the halls!

So, I gather the ribbon,  
The garland and bows,  
As I play those old carols,  
My happiness grows.

Christmas ain't cancelled  
And neither is hope.  
If we lean on each other,  
I know we can cope.

*Thanks to Pam S. for sending this my way!*



# Community Quilts

I would like to thank Linda E for the wonderful job she has done over the years in running the Community Quilts outreach program. As I discovered when I received my orientation, this is a complex task, requiring logistics, organization and compassion. Linda was incredible at all these things and the letters and cards from the many organizations that received our quilts shows that she was a great ambassador for Langley Quilters Guide. Personally, I appreciate her thoughtfulness in ensuring that all of the organizations were "stocked up" with quilts and the storage room perfectly organized so that I have a chance to start as the new coordinator with everything under control. And the work goes on!

We have over 100 quilts of various sizes requiring quilting or longarming and then binding. We are at the Shepherd of the Valley Church Annex, the first Wednesday of the month, (December 2nd and January 6th) from 10:30 AM to 1 PM. You can drop off quilts and tops and/or pick up a project kit or top that needs finishing. If you want a project but can't make it in to the church, contact me and we will arrange a way to get it to you.

We have also had a request for empty wooden and plastic thread spools from Zion Park Manor. They use them for a sorting game for their clients with dementia. You can bring them to Shepherd of the Valley Annex as well.

Thank-you to each and every one of you who has contributed your time and talent to providing quilts to those in need in our community. A quilt is so much more than bedding, a quilt represents real support and the tangible proof that someone cares.

Sharron G. #518

## *Cookie Plate Crumb Catcher*



Finished size: 15" diameter  
All seam allowances are 1/4"

If you would like the pattern for this Cookie Plate Crumb Catcher, just click anywhere on the picture and it will take you to the PDF File and you can print it out for your use. This is a free pattern on the internet. Thanks to Louise B-R for sending this to us!

# ★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

## December

Nuala A.  
Torrienne A.  
Jo-Ann B.  
Joan B.  
Irene B.  
Barb C.  
Leona C.  
Roma C.  
Linda C.  
Susan C.  
Doe G.  
Rebecca K.  
Cherie McK.  
Rhonda P.  
Valerie S.  
Carolyn S.  
Nancy W.  
Marjorie W.

## January

Karine B.  
Penny C-K  
Pat H.  
Linda H.  
Sandra M.  
Barb M.  
Darlene M.  
Norma O.  
Nancy S.  
Sandi T.  
Evelyn W.

**Currently  
we have  
173  
Members**



## Happy Birthday to Everyone!

Today, every person in the whole world is the same age!

There's only one chance every 1,000 years.

Your age this year + your year of birth, will total 2020. It works for everyone!

It's a thousand-year wait!



**Christmas is  
now gonna be  
mid-January.  
Due to Santa having  
to quarantine for  
14 days when he  
arrives in the  
country.**





## "Twas the Night Before Christmas....a Quilter's Poem"

(Author Unknown)

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house,  
The only one sleeping was a Quilter's dear spouse  
The Log Cabin stockings were almost completed,  
"Just a few stitches left," our sweet quilter repeated.

"Then I can hang them and head off to finish  
the pillows I'm making, fulfilling Mom's wish  
For something quilted to put on her couch",  
as she pricked her poor finger, our quilter said,  
"Ouch!"

"Sit down. Have some tea. It's relaxing, you'll see.  
My friends and I've come a long way to help thee."  
She thought she was dreaming, our dear Quilter did,  
In fact she quite feared that she'd near flipped her lid!

But the flash of the needles and the twist of the thread  
soon gave her to know she had nothing to dread.  
They spoke no more words, but went straight to their sewing.  
How the work went so quickly she had no way of knowing.

The stitches, how fine! The corners, how straight!  
This Claus-woman's talent was awfully great.  
They finished the pillows, then started to quilt.  
Before they all knew it, the whole thing was built!

Now old Mrs Claus, she knew quilters real well,  
and she knew they'd need help on this night most of all  
so she said to our quilter, "Just move over dear,  
I've brought my own needle. We'll get done, never fear.

When from out in the kitchen there arose such a crashing,  
she sprang from her work, and she dropped all her sashing.  
Away to the doorway she flew like a plane,  
wondering just what was happening and who she would blame.

When what to her wandering eyes should appear,  
but Old Mrs Claus and her bag of quilt-gear...  
With her elves bearing gifts, through the kitchen she came,  
she directed and pointed and called them by name.

"Now Elna, now Pfaff, now Bernina and Viking,  
the Hoffman and Mumm should be just to her liking.  
To the sewing room - there, it's just back of the hall,  
now dash away, dash away, dash away all!"

"My Dear," said The Claus (as she liked to be called),  
"There really is no need to worry at all.  
Your projects will all be completed this night,  
I'm terribly sorry we gave you a fright."

I told dear old Santa about what quilters do.  
How they plan all these projects but have other work too.  
So her taught me his magic for doing things fast.  
There, that pillow's done. Now this is the last."

They tidied their thread snips, and picked up the scraps  
and chased our dear quilter's six cats from their laps.  
As they scurried away with their thimbles still gleaming  
dear Mrs Claus paused, her cap ribbons streaming.  
"Merry Christmas, my dear, now just have a ball!"



*Thanks to Melanie D for sending this actually last year, but I saved it for now!*

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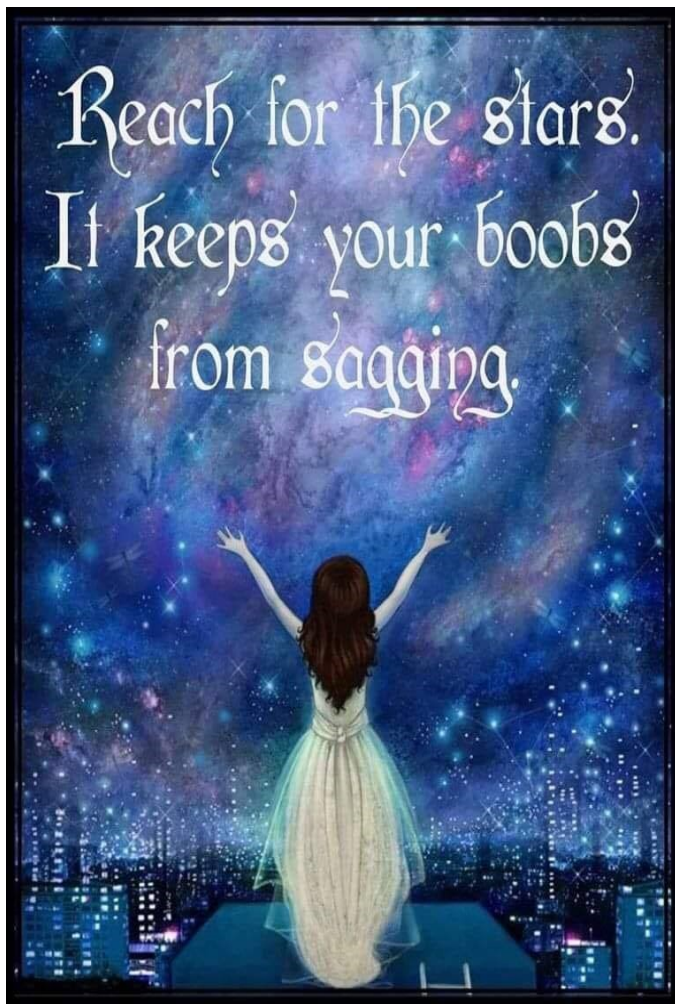
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It keeps your boobs  
from sagging.



### From the Editor

*Here we are at the beginning of December! I still haven't finished the Fall quilted hanging I started! First it was the weeks that were flying by, then the months and now the seasons!*

*Maybe soon, we will out from under Covid 19 in the coming months and be able to get back to normal. Now I am starting to wonder what normal will be like. I think it will be less hectic. Like you, I am so looking forward to seeing friends again..and being*

*able to browse when I shop. Any kind of shopping other than groceries has been quite limited.*

*I know I will be more appreciative of enjoying coffee with a friend and being totally in the moment with whomever I am visiting. I know I will enjoy hugs. I miss hugs. I am grateful for much during this time, but technology can't replace close contact with family or good friends.*

*So let's hope for a good news about vaccines and lower numbers and please, my friends, stay safe and healthy over the holidays and the winter so we can all be together in 2021!*

*~Ed*