

LANGLEY QUILTERS' GUILD GAZETTE

August 2020

From the President



Welcome all to the new LQG year of 2020-2021! I want to first thank the outgoing executive for all the hard work they have done. We had a good changeover meeting with the new executive and all the documents needed for the new incoming executive were handed over and explained in detail.

This will be a very unusual year for the LQG. Nothing is the same with our lower membership numbers (only about 60% have rejoined the guild), the Covid 19 issues closing our meetings, and the Township not reopening their buildings until at least September. In September, the Township will review the applicants for space in the

George Preston center and issue new contracts to those who are successful in obtaining rental space from them. A new contract will look different from what we had before and most likely will include a raise in rental. For now, we just must wait and see as they are not accepting occupancy/rental requests until the fall.

We also have new budget numbers to address. With a lower membership, and the loss of the income from the cancelled quilt show this year, we will be forced to revisit our budget and see where we can save money moving forward.

My goal for this year is to keep the LQG operating and having the funds available to continue forward as a strong guild. Everything will be effected—room size, limitations on numbers of members who can be in the room at any one time, number or meetings to accommodate the membership, programs, workshops, special projects, sit and stitch, and so much more will need to be addressed by the executive in preparation for the reopening of the George Preston meeting place.

We are mandated by our constitution to be a guild that gives back to the community. Therefore, the one program we must keep having in our Guild is the Community Quilts projects. So far, the past existing committee has been continuing to work in preparing kits for distribution and for handing out quilts when possible to different community organizations. Thanks so much for those dedicated workers who are being creative in order to meet our constitutional requirements.

If you still wish to renew your memberships or know of others who have not done so at this time, you need to print a membership renewal/new member form from the website and send it to Norma Olmstead to be included in the new membership listing. By being a member, you will continue to receive the newsletter and the Bunker report along with any correspondence from the executive to the membership.

The deadline for the next newsletter

August 20, 2020

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

lqgnewsletter@outlook.com

From the President Cont"

To renew your membership, Please be sure to send the registration money and membership form to Norma and not the guild mailbox address.

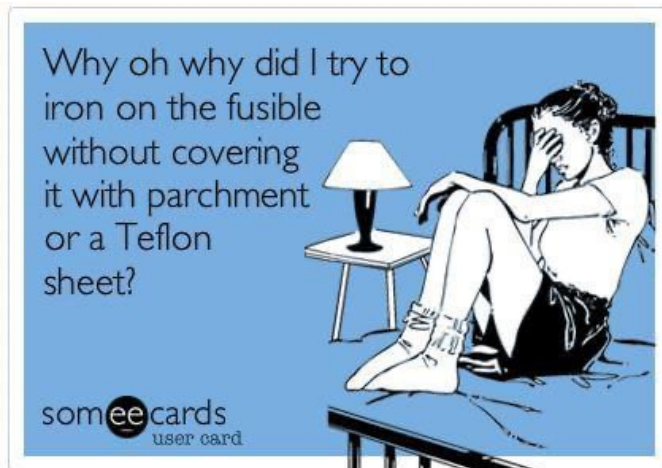
Norma Omstead

**#22 4725 -221 Street,
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We are no longer giving a pro-rated membership offer. The fee is \$50 for membership. There will be no half year membership. You will not receive a discount on your membership for the part of the year we can not meet physically due to Covid -19 restrictions. Your guild is still requiring the income to meet rent expenses and costs associated with the community quilts program. Your executive is also continuing to work on your behalf during this membership year even though we are not physically having meetings.

I look forward to the day when we can all meet again in person. Even though it will look different in the future, our meetings are a vital part of our organization. Hang in there, stay safe and stay healthy, and we will meet again in the future.

Respectfully, from your president
Yvonne Menear



When we were giving out the raffle quilts at LMH on the 8th of July, we met Cindy who had one of our scrub bags. Anyone know who made this? She would love to thank them! Apparently the folks who got them love

them ☐♡♡♡

If you know who made this, contact
Linda C. at lciebien@gmail.com

If you would like me to pass on your contact info to Cindy I will try. ♡



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News from the new fabric recycling program



Hi to all of you quilters. We now have our program up and running. I have already delivered a car load of scraps and some batting to Help For Children thrift store. Of course, Dinah, our contact, looks for larger yardage to create fat quarters and large pieces to sell. I've had five bags of scraps delivered to my door and luckily have been able to chat to a few quilters as they did drop offs. Again, my street address is 9124 Gay Street in beautiful Fort Langley. Any day, and any time. Many stores here are open so come for coffee and a walk along Bedford Channel. We villagers are doing our normal freshet/flood watch down at the tiny dock in the Marina park: we watch to see if the water rises to the park bench seat on the walkway just east of Glover and the bridge to Brae Island hasn't risen to the level of the feet of the park bench yet, so all is well.

The other request from the thrift store is that the bags we bring are smaller, unlike the other thrift store which wanted large black garbage bags. So those little grocery store bags of which we have too many are just perfect. And I had one request to look out for I Spy children's prints for a keen quilter; I've got a bag full, and I've lost the email from this quilter. Call or write me. And I will help anyone else who needs special requests. Don't we miss that Free Table at the Guild Meetings?

Wishing you happy quilting and sunny days.

Sandy H.

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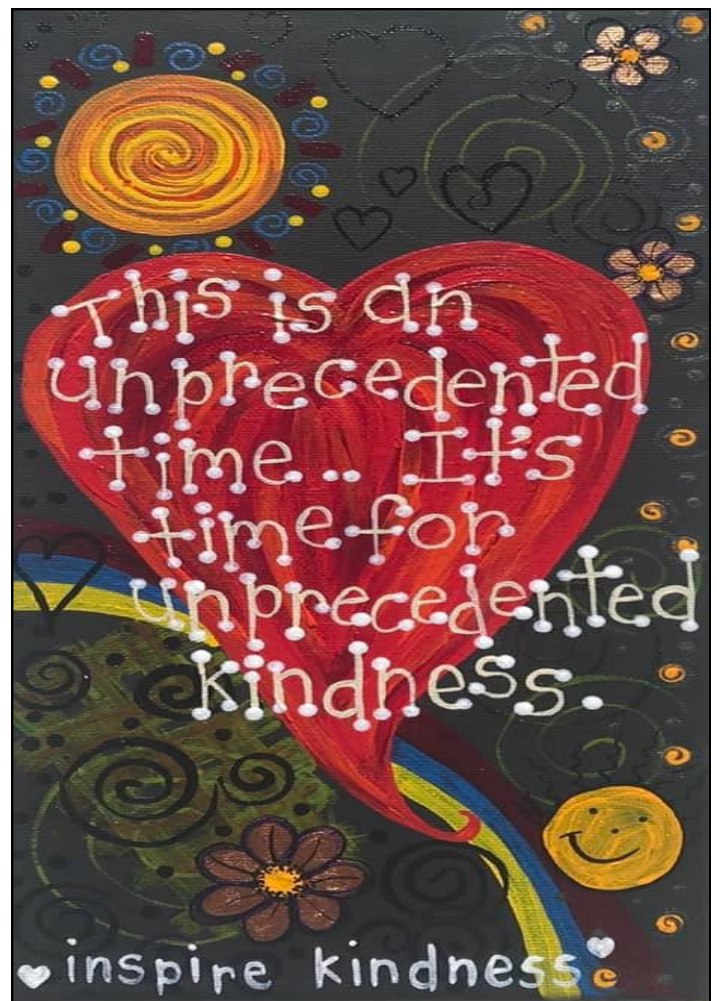


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Sunshine Committee

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 all programs, between and workshops have been cancelled through September, 2020. We still have 3 months to fill but due to the current uncertainties and unavoidable budget cuts, we are waiting to see how events unfold before making any more bookings.

Louise B-R



THE RADICAL QUILTING OF ROSIE LEE TOMPKINS

There was an fascinating article entitled "The Radical Quilting of Rosie Lee Tompkins" that was written by Roberta Smith and appeared in the New York Times on June 29th of this year. The article starts off: *In 1997 I walked into the Berkeley Art Museum to be greeted by a staggering sight: an array of some 20 quilts unlike any I had ever seen. Their unbridled colors, irregular shapes and nearly reckless range of textiles*

telegraphed a tremendous energy and the implacable ambition, and confidence, of great art. You can visit this link to read the complete article here:

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/06/26/arts/design/rosie-lee-tompkins-quilts.html>

thanks to Kathie R. for send this to us

★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

July Birthdays

Rosemary D
Karen E.
Linda E.
Helen H,
Lisa L.
Frances MacK.
Carol MacN.
Janet S.
Aina T.

Aug Birthdays

Edith A.
Cheryl B.
Audrey B.
Yolanda B.
Marie F.
Margaret G.
Jenny G.
Carol H.
Peg K.
Lynne K.
Margie J.
Marianne M.
Linda S.
Wendy VanH
Peggy W.
Alison W.

Sept Birthdays

Donna B.
Doreen B.
Kim E.
Dianne G.
Marilyn G.
Eleanor H.
Judi H.
Elaine H.
Leni H,
Cathy H.
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Membership
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Just a quick update on Community Quilts

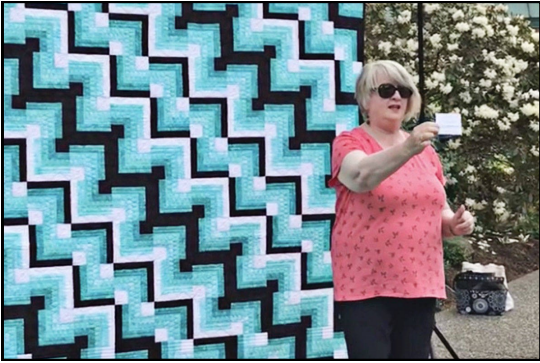


Thank you everyone who donated quilts for the victims of the Langley condominium fire. So far I have given Langley Emergency Support Services over 65 quilts, and they are extremely grateful. To quote Linda Johnson of our guild and LESS "Langley ESS is so appreciative of the dedication and compassion of the Langley Quilters Guild to the community. The evacuees just love them, it does give them a sense of hope".

Since the beginning of August 2019 until now, we have given out 421 quilts, and these do not include the air ambulance or tiny premie quilts. I think our Guild should be pretty proud of this accomplishment.

Linda E #72

From the Langley Advance Times



The Langley Quilters' Guild had the plans for its annual fundraising raffle all sewn up in January. The draw would be during its quilt show May 8 and 9. Then the global pandemic struck and the local arts group had to rethink how to reach its goal.

"Our quilt raffle has always been a major fundraiser for our guild since 2002 when we opened our doors to one and all as a quilters' guild," said guild show chairperson Carol MacNamara. "This year our raffle quilt was another beautiful prize waiting to be won."

The quilt itself was designed by Yvonne Menear and Faiza Elmayergi, the individual blocks made by members and Faith McLeod did the long arm quilting.

Ticket sales began in January, so when all public events were cancelled in March, MacNamara contacted the BC Gaming Commission to find out how to proceed.

The draw took place on May 9 on the grounds of George Preston Recreation Centre with six people present and four eager cheerleaders, all social distancing. President Ina Spinks made the draw. Doe Gillis, raffle ticket manager, was able to deliver the quilt to the winner a couple of days later. The guild has about 250 members. **Michelle Gallagher** was the lucky winner!

Prior to the pandemic, members were able to do some selling at venues and local "businesses opened their doors to us to sell tickets," MacNamara added.

Though the raffle proceeds are down this year, the group will carry on with its community quilts which are distributed to various community groups in the Township and City, including the Gateway of Hope, Best Babies of Langley, and Langley Lodge.

"We give, in the course of any given year, we give hundreds and hundreds away," she said.

Each member typically makes one quilt for donation per year with the guild supplying the raw materials. Sometimes up to half a dozen people will work on a given community quilt if the quilter needs help attaching the batting and backing or other steps to bring the piece to completion.

The raffle funds the materials for the quilts. The guild sells 10,000 tickets at \$1.

"This year, because of COVID, we haven't been able to raise anywhere near that," she said. "We're going to struggle a little bit."

As well the guild relies on an annual \$2,000 grant from the Township which it won't receive this year, but MacNamara is confident it will work out as members remain committed to making community quilts.

Many members will likely donate the supplies, and there are people in the community who contact the guild with fabric donations, she added.

The guild started planning for the 2020 show in March of 2019 but had to cancel it in this spring. As well the group members have not been able to hold their meetings. MacNamara said that as restrictions loosen, planning a guild meeting will be a challenge. The group would have to find somewhere that allows physical distancing and is big enough to accommodate the numbers. The daytime meeting often attracts more than 100 members.



Langley Memorial Hospital Quilt Lottery



At the beginning of our lockdown, a lot of members did the Mystery Quilt from Laundry Basket Quilts - it certainly gave me focus, and never before have I completed a quilt top in two weeks! I did, however, wonder what I was going to do with it.....my Sister suggested giving it to a Nurse at the Hospital. Well truth be told, it was a tough quilt, and I didn't want to give it away—but out of the discussion the idea was born to make a donation to our local hospital as being representative of ALL front line workers everywhere.

So I got the word out, and actually had a donation of nearly 70 quilts from our members. The Hospital Foundation were the organizing group that I was working with. They asked if we would let them have a few for their own fundraiser (for the Hospital), and I gave them 5 to raffle off. I also passed one of the quilts on to the organizer at the Foundation who put in a lot of work for us. They canvassed all departments at the hospital, and had people put their names into a lottery.

We handed them out on the 8th—had a booth in the car park at the Hospital, and all the winners of the lottery came and collected their quilts from 8 members of LQG who were there that day. The quilts were all laid out, and the winners picked their favourites!

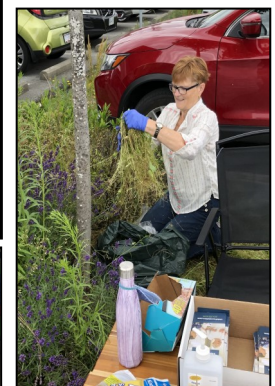
I also had sent a letter to Dr. Bonnie Henry telling her of our plans, and expressing that we would like to gift her with a quilt. She actually replied very quickly, and said she would be delighted to accept a quilt if she won it in a lottery.

Well guess what? She won! We couldn't decide between two different quilts which one to send to her, so decided to send them both, and will tell her that she should pass the spare on to Adrian Dix's family.

Since this whole thing started with my Sister's comment, she came along to help that day, and actually spent the day gardening in the much neglected garden areas at the hospital!!!



It was a great day! All the winners everyone who picked out a quilt were so pleased with their choice and wowed by the abundance and beauty of the donated quilts





On July 14th a Handover meeting was held to exchange documents etc from the outgoing Executive to the incoming Executive.

Our thanks to Valerie Sigler for graciously hosting us on her huge patio - safe distance was definitely not an issue !

During the meeting we took the opportunity to present our outgoing President, Ina Spinks with her 'Thank You' gift. To say that this was an unusual year would be an understatement and we were so appreciative to have had Ina as Vice President and President particularly these last few months of constant change and challenges.



On behalf of the entire Guild, THANK YOU, INA!

Excited to announce that we have a 3 part project coming to the newsletter starting in September!

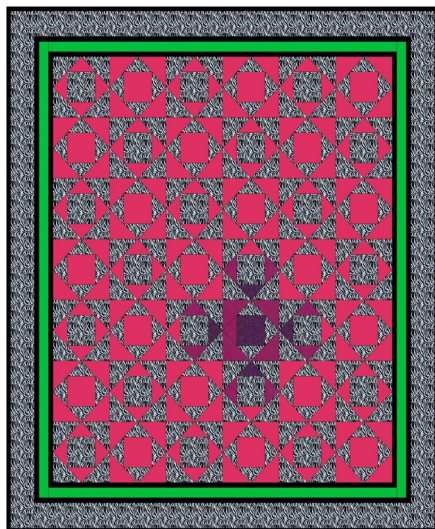


Do you have a special panel that you have been wanting to make into a wall hanging or a quilt but wanted something other than a plain border?

Marie F. has developed a comprehensive tutorial for designing a piece border! She is sharing this in 3 issues of our newsletter beginning in September.

Marie has developed a way to make this design process as easy as possible for the novice! Her clear written instructions and pictures will walk you through the method and you too will be able to create a beautiful border for your own special panel!

WHY THE HELL DID SOMEBODY MAKE ME A QUILT?!



It seemed like just an ordinary day. Ok, maybe it's your birthday. Heck, maybe it's only Thursday. In any case, this unexpected....package...shows up at your door. You didn't order anything.

You suspiciously eye the layer of packing tape that has encrusted what you're pretty sure was once a cardboard box. Being ever so careful, you saw through it with the nearest razor blade, and little by little, the mystery—and the gift—starts to unfold.

It's something made of fabric.

Hot pink and zebra print fabric, to be exact. It's not awful—at least, it wouldn't be if you were a 12-year-old girl....other than, perhaps, yourself at twelve years old...

As you pull it out of the packaging, you realize....someone has given you a quilt.

You don't understand. How did this happen? WHY did this happen? And what could possibly be an appropriate response?

Chances are, you are the loved one of a creative person. Many people might receive such a gift from an aunt or grandmother, or in some cases a distant cousin or friend. (If the gifter was your Mother, I certainly hope this doesn't need to be explained to you.)

In any case, what you have received, whether it is spot-on, or a million miles away from being, exactly, "you," is a gift of love. It may not feel like it right now, but allow me to explain.

Today, quilting is big—among quilters. Everyone else is in varying strata around the quilters, ranging in levels of understanding from "I totally get it!" to...."So....why on earth would you cut fabric apart and....and...and....sew it back *together*?" Like many creative endeavors, but maybe in some ways, more so—quilting quickly becomes an obsession. Almost an addiction. It's visual, it's tactile, and it's a way to create things—lots of them—all different, all with your own personal stamp, and all over the country and world. It's hard to explain if you're not involved. But, once you're a quilter, it's all you want to do.

So, let's tie this affront to your eyeballs back to where it came from.

First, the quilter has an innate desire—a NEED—to create, and spends plenty of time doing it. She also does not have unlimited storage space where she can hang onto her work for the rest of her natural life. That said, a quilt takes a good amount of time and monetary investment to create. You were chosen as a recipient NOT because you "didn't have one yet." If you have received a handmade gift from its maker, you are very special to that person, and are considered worthy of such an investment of time. Most quilters know and love a lot more people than they ever have the resources to make a gift for—even in their lifetimes. Often, they do this kind of work for hire, which limits their "recreational quilting" even further.

"Seriously though....can you at least explain the zebra print?!?"

When someone sets out to make you a quilt, they do it with you in mind, start to finish. A lime green scrap in the border might remind her of the dress you wore to prom in high school. The zebra print was included because it kind of looks like that fuzzy thing hanging from the rearview mirror in your car. The violet section in the middle is there because she remembers how much you love purple, and while she was stitching it, she thought about how Halloween is your favorite holiday, and wonders which haunted houses you'll be hitting this year—if she doesn't already know.

She remembers the decor in your living room, and thinks of how well the chosen color scheme will go with it. She added that wine bottle print to the backing knowing how much you love a good Cabernet, and thinking about how much this gift will lift your spirits to receive while your new husband is overseas. While she's sprawled out on the floor, pinning the top, batting, and backing together, she is thinking about that four-hour dinner you had at Chili's when you first became friends.

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WHY THE HELL DID SOMEBODY MAKE ME A QUILT?!? CONT'

Making a quilt for someone is not just work of the hands, but of the mind. Whether or not it actually shows in the piecing or fabric choices, this was a journey for the quilter, and one she took with you. She is now handing it over into your care, and hoping that you'll understand this is the best way she can give herself to you in her physical absence.

Quilting sometimes becomes the language at which the creator is her most articulate. It isn't meant to create any sort of obligation for you, (if you boiled it down to dollars and cents, it could be the most "expensive" gift you'll ever receive), but more an expression of gratitude. A quilt made especially for you may just be the quilter's way of thanking you for your presence in her life, and letting you know that who you are, and what you are or have been to her is valued...nothing more or less complicated than that.

So, this piece of loving art before you...you don't have to put it on your bed, or display it proudly in a prominent place if you really aren't fond of how it looks. But respond to her knowing all you've just read. If you can't thank her for the quilt itself, thank her for her time, and her love. Ask her about the process and what it was like to make it. Let it bring you closer. It's unlikely that she wants you to enshrine it in a glass case on your living room wall, but instead to curl up under it when you're watching a movie in the dark (...where you won't even SEE it). Snuggle under it with your fur babies, or your baby-babies. Take it to a football game to warm up a cold seat on the bleachers, and wrap yourself in it when you're having a bad day and need to feel loved. Then give it another gaze. Think again about your quilter friend or relative and the you-focused energy required. If somehow it wasn't before...isn't it suddenly beautiful?

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<https://www.facebook.com/DJsHouseofDenim/>



The 2019/2020 BOM has concluded and the finished quilt is ready to be donated to the Community Quilts program. Roman C. and Faiza E. worked tirelessly on this project and the quilt is quite spectacular with the colour change from top to bottom! Well done ladies! I love the way it looks and many thanks to long arm quilter Katherine Davies of Magnolia Quilting Studio. Here is the note I received from Faiza:

Here is the final picture of the BOM after Katherine Davies did the long arm quilting, it is beautifully done. Thanks to Katherine! So, our mission Roma and myself, is accomplished, for the year 2019/2020 BOM, hope some guild members has finished it as well.

We look forward to our next Block of the Month project. Hope someone steps up to the plate quickly! This is always a great year long adventure! Especially now when we are stuck at home trying to find new projects!



When you receive a handmade gift you should treasure it, not only does it contain hours of work and lot's of love ,it most definitely contains a whole lot of their cursing too.

Craftgossip.com



Here is another book for you to enjoy. Remember, anyone is welcome to suggest books that others might enjoy. If you wish to add your book to the “club”, just e-mail your recommendation, along with what type of story it is, a very brief teaser, and maybe why you liked the book. For fun, you can even give your book a rating based on five thimbles.

A Dog's Purpose

W. Bruce Cameron



This is a feel-good story told from the perspective of a dog. He starts out his life journey as a feral puppy with his siblings, Fast and Sister, and eventually goes through several transitions including a time as a police dog. The story at times is humorous as the dog tries to understand the ways and language of the people and animals he encounters, along with their relationships and emotions.

Submitted by: Joey W #342



From the Editor

So here we are at the beginning of another year of our guild—yet still in the middle of the pandemic.

We are grateful for the support from the members in their choice to renew their membership to ensure that we will survive into 2021. It is a very challenging time for sure! The Bunker will continue to be published weekly forward to keep us connected while providing a bit of levity and entertainment here and there. Your submission of articles and pictures is greatly appreciated by all readers!!!

I am confident that better times are ahead. Especially with the development of a good and safe vaccine. I know that I will be getting in line as soon as one is available. Fingers crossed for something in the near future.

Today as I write this, I should have been on a plane to Portugal. Well, that sure isn't happening! I don't know when or if I will want to take a trip overseas again. The carefree confidence of just hopping on a plane or a cruise ship has certainly disappeared. I think that I will be happy to stay within my own province for the foreseeable future. You know what? My own neighbourhood is a pretty nice place to be!

Well my wish is that all of you, stay happy, safe, keep quilting and send me pictures of your activities!

~Ed