



Chilliwack PieceMakers Quilting Guild

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News from the Chilliwack PieceMakers Quilting Guild

February 2019

PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Well it looks like winter has arrived with a vengeance just when I thought Spring and warmer weather was just around the corner!!!!

I am looking forward to the better weather and with that comes thoughts about next year's executive committee. Our Guild constitution only allows for officers to serve two terms of two years each. I will be finishing as president, Cathy as secretary and Shirley as treasurer in June. Beatrice is willing to stand for President so we will be looking for a vice president, treasurer, and secretary. Elections are held in may so please think seriously about how you can support the Guild. Other committee members are also standing down so many positions will be available. Remember many hands make light work!!!!

This month we need one more member to help Cheri and Hannah with hospitality. Also if you are one of the five members who volunteered to help with Show and Tell please make

sure you are available to hang and take down the quilts for Show and Tell.

I am looking forward to going to our Guild Retreat although it seems as if we may have winter weather like last year. Still once we are there all we have to worry about is our sewing!!!! In Stitches

Janet

The logo for Hamel's Fabrics & Quilting features a stylized stack of fabric on the left. To the right of the stack, the word "Hamel's" is written in a large, black, serif font. Below "Hamel's", the words "Fabrics & Quilting" are written in a smaller, black, cursive font.

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Our program for February is “Stash Liquidation”. Time to clean out that sewing room & bring the fabric or notions that you no longer have use for. You can take partake in the buying or selling or both! Please bring cash in small bills & change & have fun!

In March we will have a trunk show presented by Wilma Brock who will show a variety of quilting projects.

Carla and Joanne

WE CARE

15 quilts collected in January.

Quilts donated to:
Hospice
Chilliwack RCMP
Better Beginnings
Ann Davis Transition House

Reminder: Don't forget to sign up for
the We Care Workshop on April 6
from 10am-4pm.

Ginger C

FAT QUARTER DRAW

The theme for February is

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January meeting update:

- ❖ Current total guild membership is 91

Membership - Registration

- ❖ Fat
Quarter winners – Debra P,
Wanda L, Wendy L
- ❖ Door Prize winners – Merrilee
M, Micheline G, Ineke VG,
Kate D, Jean P, Grace M,
Sylvia D, Dianne S
- ❖ Hamel's (badge) – Janet S
CountryFolk – Joan J

Darlene & Karlie



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indigo shibori and a visit to a weaving village.
Shopping trips to several hard-to-find fabric outlets specializing in batiks,
plus many more wonderful opportunities to make this tour exceptional.

❖ Just 10 women per tour ❖

Two tours a year – April and May
Details at www.balifibertours.merit.ca
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Pacific Northwest Quilt and Fiber Arts Museum



Hartsfield Quilt Collection

January 30 - April 28, 2019

"The Hartsfield's collection's roots date back to the early 1850's with my great, great, great grandmother who lived in Whitlock, Tennessee, and whose name was Ms. Molly. She was the seamstress for the plantation's master and she was his property..."

Richard Caldwell was 9 years old when he became a free person. He kept his mother's quilts and passed them down to his son Philip. The collection was added to through the years by other members of the Caldwell-Hartsfield family and eventually came to Jim Tharpe, who is sharing these treasured pieces and their stories with the public

YOUTH BAGS

We have already started collecting items for the Youth Bags and I thank all the members who have already passed on items. For our newer members, every second year we make up 50 cotton bags of items we hope are useful to disadvantaged youth in our community.



Below you will find a list of items we are collecting. We collect over the year and fill the bags in early December and deliver them to Chilliwack Community Services Youth Services and the Cyrus Centre

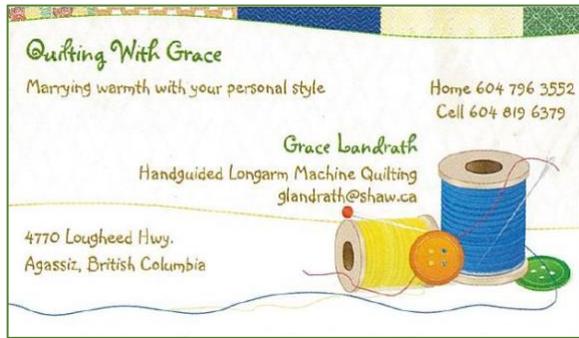
Item	Female	Male	Either Sex
Bags			14 (50)
Small shampoo			71 (50)
Small conditioner			24 (50)
Body lotion	39 (25)		
Combs	8 (25)	0 (25)	
Soaps/body wash			174 (50)
Socks	0 (25)	0 (25)	
Deodorants	1 (25)	0 (25)	
Toothbrushes			74 (50)
Toothpaste			110 (50)
Gloves			7 (50)
Scarves			07(50)
Toques			44 (50)
Sanitary products	0 (25)		
Note books			0 (50)
Pens			22 (50)
Handbag size tissues	0 (25)		

The bags are approximately 16 inches by 18 inches with a draw string fastening. The numbers in the boxes, before the brackets, indicate what we have already collected, the number in brackets is what we are aiming for.

There will be a box by registration for you to drop off your donations.

Thank you again for your generosity.

Janet



8 Reasons to have a Big Fabric Stash

By Kathy Mathews

Many of us who quilt like to buy fabric. That is pretty understated, yes? Let's try again and I'll be more honest. Many of us who quilt adore fabric like crazy fools and buy fabric like drunken sailors whenever possible. Little closer to the truth or are you in-between? I am a certified fabric fool and I have a huge, lovely stash. I used to have a bit of guilt but no more. No, I am thrilled I have a big fabric stash and think everyone should.

Let me explain a bit. Last Wednesday I was out to lunch with a friend and I received a text from my 17 week pregnant daughter that she was going to the hospital. She was dizzy and feeling odd with high blood pressure. I was very worried so I called my husband and told him to go to the hospital He replied that worked for him because he had lost his job 15 minutes ago.

Whoa. That was all a lot to take in over the space of about a minute.

The important thing is that both Emily and the baby are perfectly fine, she was dehydrated but all is fine. And indeed, my husband is no longer employed. In fact, he is retired.

There are many advantages to retirement and we plan to embrace them all. One of the advantages, however, is not financial.

As I adjust to a new normal I am glad to have a big fabric stash and I think you should also. Why? Here are 8 reasons to have a big fabric stash.

- 1. Because you never know what's just around the corner.** It might not be all the money you want to buy fabrics. If you have a big stash, no problem.



- 2. Because a big old stash aids creativity.** Look at this picture of fabric in my armoires. I have yards, scraps, charm packs, holiday fabrics and flannel.

3. **Because I can make a lot of different projects.** I don't have to run out in the middle and lose my flow.
4. **Because the weather** here can be really lousy. We can have cold, snow and rain. I can stay in and sew.
5. **Because in the long run, I save money.** I have stocked up at sales and use my stash for presents. I have every color, I don't need to buy yardages for a tiny square of orange.
6. **Because my mental health and I just happen to deserve it!** I sew every day, just like I wear clothes every day. I should have as much fabric as I do clothes, shoes, socks, underwear and coats. It keeps me sane.
7. **Because fabric makes me happy.** I have spent money on traffic tickets, replacing broken items, taxes and bug spray. None of those made me happy. Fabric does.
8. **Because it makes me calm** to know that although I might not have as much cash to throw around on fabrics, it doesn't really matter. I have one huge stash to tide me over!

Next time you have the money to add to your stash, do it. Build up that stash and you are set for a rainy day, whether that rain is literal or metaphorical.

I'm pleased as punch I have all these glorious fabrics to enjoy in our retirements!

Sew happy!

