



# Patchwork Press

Sagebrush Quilters' Guild PO Box 392, Kamloops, BC V2C 5K9 May/June 2004

## Words from the President

There was an old woman who quilted in Kamloops  
They made her the president of the Sagebrush quilt  
groups

On Mondays at seven she led them at play  
Until it was time to put her gavel away!

She loved every moment she spent as their leader  
They went out of their way on the street just to greet her  
She'd look at their faces and smile as they came  
And rack her old brain to remember their name!

She thought about ways that she could say 'thank you  
For grateful, she was, that their trust pulled her through  
Satisfaction she felt while filling those shoes

Now its up to the group a new leader to chose!  
So fill out your forms with your own name included  
Give back to this quilt group as more than a few did  
Satisfaction you'll find, rewards you will reap  
Friends you will make and new memories to keep!

O.K. so I'll keep my day job! I urge you to consider putting your own name in one of the spots on the nomination form. That way you have a chance to serve on a committee you enjoy even if you don't want a chair position. Remember that each committee has several members and the more hands available the easier each job becomes. I



have greatly enjoyed my two years as president and would recommend the experience to anyone. It helped that I had a wonderful group of women working along side of me making the job easier than it could have been. Thank

you to all of you for your willingness to help with anything I asked.

✧ Julie Ottosen ✧

## Message from the Vice President

Time flies when you are having fun. The last two years have been eventful for me as a member of our Guild and as Vice President. I feel that my quilting skills have grown through the workshops and program evenings that the Guild has sponsored but making the acquaintance of many new people who share my addiction was the highlight.

Does any quilter ever start a new project knowing that everything else is totally completed? I gave the ASAF a list of 12 projects and now find a number not on the list. Yet, there are many other aspects of quilting that I would like to try but have to put onto the back burner: Maybe 2004 - 2005 will be when I catch-up!

Are you able to help another group of people? Have any thread you no longer use? How about machine needles, used or new? Please pass them onto me and I will ensure that they are given to people visiting the less fortunate in the developing world. I will make this an on-going project and will contact the people who can deliver our "gifts".

Happy quilting this summer.

✧ F. Claire Johnson ✧

## Guild Meetings

Meetings are held every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at the Hal Rogers Community Hall, 2025 Summit Drive from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.



## Dates to Remember

- ❖ May 10<sup>th</sup> – All library books are due.
- ❖ May 10<sup>th</sup> – Bring all community quilts to meeting
- ❖ May 24<sup>th</sup> – Summer sign-out of library books
- ❖ May 24<sup>th</sup> – Mystery Quilt show & tell
- ❖ May 31<sup>st</sup> – Spring Fling Garage Sale
- ❖ June 14<sup>th</sup> – Potluck
- ❖ September 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Quilting in the Mountains, Sun Peaks
- ❖ September 13<sup>th</sup> – First fall guild meeting



### Executive 2003/2004

President — Julie Ottosen  
 Workshop — Pat Olmstead  
 Vice President — F. Claire Johnson  
 Community Projects — Bev Maize  
 Secretary — Islay Oatway  
 Library — Renee Renkema  
 Treasurer — Hazel Green  
 Historian — Leslie Welch/Susan Ball  
 Program — Chris Amon  
 Day Quilt-ins — Barb Laing  
 Membership — Lila Foley  
 Evening Quilt-ins — Glenna McDougall  
 Newsletter — Sylvia Currie  
 Friday am Quilt-ins — Sandy Madden  
 Hospitality — Noeline Kerr  
 Past President — Neila McKee

### Editorial

I've learned a lot over the last year in this job as newsletter editor. One thing is that it's easy when you have such great people dishing up interesting tidbits...and well ahead of the deadline! Also, on behalf of the committee members, Janet Currie and Pam Sheridan, I thank members for supporting the idea to distribute the newsletter electronically. Less time photocopying and stuffing envelopes has allowed us much more time to shop for fabric and find the best lunch spots in Kamloops!

The website, although still very much work-in-progress, is up at <http://sagebrushquilters.ca> If you have any suggestions for layout, or have content to add, send it my way. [sylvia@webbedfeat.com](mailto:sylvia@webbedfeat.com)

❖ Sylvia Currie ❖

## Program

Wow, I can't believe that the year is almost over. I have been really busy and I am certainly wearing out, but I have had lot of fun. Thanks to our president, Julie, for the great talk on recycling. That was so great.

The 9 patch blocks only have May and June left. I sure hope some 9 patch quilts show up in the fall. I thought it would be nice to have a 9 patch night, sort of like a 9 patch reunion. The mystery quilts are due again for another show and tell on May 24, and we will have another block challenge draw also for those of you that forgot your blocks.

I thought it might be interesting if some of you remembered to bring the May 24th meeting one the first quilts you made and the latest one. Be prepared to show and talk about your growth in quilting.

Don't forget that part two of labels is coming up and I have a bit more up my sleeve.

BRING ON May 10	BRING ON May 24
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Coffee mug</li> <li>✓ Show and tell</li> <li>✓ Nine patch exchange</li> <li>✓ Smile ☺</li> <li>✓ Boomerangs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Coffee mug</li> <li>✓ Block challenge</li> <li>✓ Block of the month</li> <li>✓ Show and tell: new and old quilts</li> <li>✓ Pencil crayons &amp; wax crayons</li> <li>✓ Mysteries</li> </ul>
BRING ON June 14	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Coffee mug</li> <li>✓ Food</li> <li>✓ Plates and cutlery</li> <li>✓ Show and tell</li> <li>✓ Nine patch exchange</li> <li>✓ Boomerangs</li> </ul>	

❖ Chris Amon ❖

### Library News

May 10 – **All library books are due** at this meeting. If you did not return your books at that meeting please call me (374-0221) and make arrangements to drop them off at my house so that we can do inventory and have the books and magazines ready for summer sign-out.

MAY 24 – **Summer sign-out of library books** - Bring your cheque book! Would you like to use a guild book or magazine during the summer? You may by

leaving your post-dated cheque (September 15th) for the value of the books with the Library Committee at this meeting. We will return your cheques at the first meeting in September when you return your books. This will be the last meeting the library books will be available until September.

Thank you to the members who have helped at the library tables during meetings this year:

- ❖ those who have carted book bins back and forth from meetings,
- ❖ guild members who have signed-out and returned books in a timely fashion, and
- ❖ ladies who have donated books and magazines to the library.

Please note my new e-mail address:  
[renee@ocis.net](mailto:renee@ocis.net) Hope you all have a great summer!

❖ Rene Renkema❖

## Workshop

Spring has arrived and we are approaching the end of a great year of activities. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my committee for everything that they have done for workshops this year. It has been a pleasure working on this committee. A big thank-you to everyone who has participated in both the Workshop Classes and Quilt Till You Wilts. I hope you have enjoyed these quilting times as much as I have. Our last duty for this season is to pass on recommendations to your next year's committee. I would appreciate any suggestions or input any of you may have to help us out. Your emails or phone calls will be welcomed. We would like to know if you feel there were enough QTYWs? Ideas of what classes you might like offered next year? Please take a few minutes to think about this and let me know.

The Orphanage is ongoing and Audrey has the Basket at all the meetings. Take a look and pick out a little waif to care for! Small bits of fabric will be welcomed as well as blocks of any kind. This is a wonderful opportunity to recycle, recycle and recycle. Have some fun! Have a great summer everyone!

## Community Projects

It has been a busy year for the guild what with fire quilts in September and community projects starting in January. The work, enthusiasm and love you have put into making quilts has been truly inspiring. On behalf of our committee I want to thank you for your overwhelming support of these projects. Your quilts will be a source of much comfort for many people.

Our May 10th meeting will, hopefully, see all the quilts in and we will take care of the distribution of them. The cancer and women's shelter quilts are

given as they come in and the ministry date has yet to be decided. Our tally thus far is cancer quilts 89, ministry 30, woman's shelter 6, and Preemies 4 so you have done a tremendous job. Congratulations!!

❖ Bev Maize ❖

❖ Pat Olmstead ❖

## Hospitality

Summer seems to have come early and I'm sure no one is complaining. Please remember to bring your own tea cup/ coffee mug for break. First person on the list brings a litre of milk/creamo. All four people bring approx. 3 dozen treats.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone this past two years for making this job for me a pleasure. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me, Noeline Kerr at 319-2722 or 554-2201.

Remember our year end **POTLUCK** is June 14, 2004 6:30 pm. Everyone brings a dish of food. Don't forget your plate, cup & utensils. I takes care of the beverages. Have a great summer. Happy Quilting.

### May 24<sup>nd</sup>

1. Evelyn Bennett 851-2810
2. Pat Miller 319-0638
3. Lorraine Wiczorek 579-9729
4. Wanda Storey 573-2252

❖ Noeline Kerr ❖

## Day Quilt-Ins:

Wednesday mornings from 9:30 am to Noon.  
Contact Barb Laing 374-4680

May 12 — Doreen Frederick  
May 19 — Doris Blundell  
May 26 — Kay Mori  
June 2 — Barb Laing  
June 9 — Neila McKee  
June 16 — Jeanne Chambers (potluck wind-up)

## Friday Morning Quilt-In:

9:30 am to Noon. Contact Sandy Madden 374-9290

May 14 — Doreen Frederick  
May 21 — Barb Laing  
May 28 — Delores Owen (all day, bring lunch)  
June 4 — Joyce Worsfold  
June 11 — Susan Ball (potluck)

## Evening Quilt-in:

Mondays 7:00 – 9:30 pm. Contact Glenna McDougall 828-6214

May 17 — Barb Baker  
June 7 — Jane Barley (pot luck, starts at 6:30)

## Spring Fling!



Bring your friends and relatives to the Spring Fling Garage Sale, Monday May 31 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Hal Rogers Community Hall, 2025 Summit Drive.

Sellers can contact Jean Chambers 372-1146

[jhandrac@shaw.ca](mailto:jhandrac@shaw.ca) to reserve a table (only \$5!)  
Set up is from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Please leave parking spaces close to the building for our shoppers. Contact Shirley Gordon (372-2786) for information.

✽ Shirley Gordon ✽

## Quilting in the Mountains

First Annual *Quilting in the Mountains* will be held September 10th & 11th, 2004 at Sun Peaks Resort.



There will be something for everyone: classes, lectures, quilters' dinner, trunk show, as well as a village-wide outdoor & indoor quilt show on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Early discounts and a VIP Quilter Pass are available until June 30, 2004. For more information call 1-800-807-3257 or e-mail [events@sunpeaksresort.com](mailto:events@sunpeaksresort.com)

If you are interested in having your quilt displayed this year, please contact Jennifer Fernie at 250-828-1713

✽ Pat Miller ✽

## Amendment to the Constitution

Those of us who have been to retreat know how wonderful it is to get away, to totally relax and to share our passion for quilting with others...all this and our meals are prepared, too!

Our members have enjoyed retreats so much, we have been asked if we are interested in having a retreat in the fall. Who could turn down another opportunity for R, R and Q? This got me thinking about retreat and whether or not we should amend our constitution to include "Retreat" as one of our standing committees. When I raised the question in the meeting, my rationale included the following:

1. Organizing retreat(s) can be a lot of work for one person.
2. If the guild decides to hold more than one retreat per year, there will be a shared workload among committee members and a coordinated scheduling of retreats.
3. By formalizing "Retreat" to a Standing Committee of our guild, the Retreat Chairperson becomes a member of the larger executive as are the chairs of hospitality, quilt-ins etc. In addition, the reporting structure to and from the executive is formalized.
4. Most importantly, creating this position as part of our executive ensures that retreat(s) continue to be an ongoing part of our guild activity.

For those who are not sure about the process to amend our constitution, we need 30 days written notice followed by a secret ballot vote. To this end, I am moving the following amendment to our constitution to be voted upon, by secret ballot, at our AGM in June:

**Motion:** Moved that the constitution of the Sagebrush Quilters' Guild be amended to add a Retreat Committee to the Standing Committees of the guild. In addition, this new committee would have a Chairperson duly nominated and elected at our AGM.

Moved: Kathy Mitchell

Seconded: Julie Ottosen

## Classifieds

### *Wanted:*

Do you have a slightly used (or new) Black & Decker 2 lb. Bread maker that is not being used and you would consider selling? I am looking for one. Deanna Coates 828-2966 (away May 7th to 16th )

### *For Sale*

Three wall hanging thread racks, white coated wire, new condition. Hold 63 spools each. \$5 per rack. Deanna Coates 828-2966 (away May 7th to 16th)



## Birthdays

### May

Linda Warrington – 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Vicki Gray – 12<sup>th</sup>  
 Claire E. Johnson – 15<sup>th</sup>  
 Donna McMillan – 16<sup>th</sup>  
 Linda Thomson – 17<sup>th</sup>  
 Rochelle Oliver – 21<sup>st</sup>  
 Brenda Sanden – 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 Zoe Albert – 27<sup>th</sup>  
 Islay Oatway – 27<sup>th</sup>  
 Fain Weiss – 31<sup>st</sup>

### June

Hazel Green – 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Noeline Kerr – 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Patti Bentley – 11<sup>th</sup>  
 Joyce Worsfold – 11<sup>th</sup>  
 Darla Hunter – 12<sup>th</sup>  
 Maureen Shields – 12<sup>th</sup>  
 Doreen Czerkawski – 13<sup>th</sup>  
 Susan Bossert – 19<sup>th</sup>  
 Barb Laing – 20<sup>th</sup>  
 Leanne Mackenzie – 20<sup>th</sup>  
 Michelle MacDougall – 21<sup>st</sup>  
 Barb Blumenauer – 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 Glenna McDougall – 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 Lynda Mackenzie – 25<sup>th</sup>

### July

Susan Ball – 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Elaine Woods – 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Lelley Boettger – 8<sup>th</sup>  
 Leslie Welch – 8<sup>th</sup>  
 Sandra Presbury – 9<sup>th</sup>  
 JoAnn Whittaker – 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 Joyce Woodburn – 26<sup>th</sup>  
 Sandra Laughland – 27<sup>th</sup>  
 Doffy Bourbonnais – 30<sup>th</sup>

## Update Your Membership Directory

*New email addresses:*

Pam Sheridan  
[pmsheridan@telus.net](mailto:pmsheridan@telus.net)

Renee Renkema  
[renee@ocis.net](mailto:renee@ocis.net)

*New members:*

Marie Allen  
[trout.chaser@shaw.ca](mailto:trout.chaser@shaw.ca)

## Quilter's Ten Commandments

Thou shalt not do buttons.  
Thou shalt sew 1/4" seams.  
Thou shalt leave no bolt unturned.  
Thou shalt not rip - only un-sew!  
Thou shalt not envy they neighbours' stitches.  
Thou shalt never pass a quilt shop.  
Thou shalt cook and clean but once a week.  
Never quilt tomorrow what you can quilt today.  
Thou shalt not covet they neighbours' stash.  
Thou shalt not reveal funds spent on quilting supplies.

✿Submitted by Chris Amon✿

## Which came first, the chicken or the egg?

Here's proof the egg came first:

The Easter that I was in kindergarten, our teacher asked each pupil to bring in a blown egg so we could make an Easter Egg tree. My mother didn't know that you had to pierce the yolk with the pin to blow the contents out: she sent me to school with a hardboiled egg instead. Sensing my embarrassment, my teacher kindly suggested that my egg would rest beneath the tree, as a "ripe" egg that had fallen.

I have met my "egg", and it is quilt block challenges!

The challenge seemed easy enough at the start: turn a 5 \_ inch square of multicoloured fabric into an 8 \_ inch unfinished block of any style, in any colours including black. I immediately had ideas of making my new favourite block, Bright Hopes, but instinctively realized there wasn't enough challenge fabric to complete it to the requisite size.

Dismayed, then, I left the challenge to the last possible day. I combed through my quilting books looking for simple patterns that didn't require much cutting or seaming, which would only lose more challenge fabric in seam allowances. I chose Bear's Paw, and wisely decided to practice on some scrap fabric. Hmmm, only six inches square. Well, how about Puss in the Corner? Though it did look out of proportion, it came out at seven inches. I thought, "I can make it work with Shoofly" and cut up the last of my scrap fabric to make a measly 5 inch block! I realized too late that triangles come out smaller than you want them.

Out of scrap fabric, and almost out of time, I turned to my last possibility. I considered that cutting four squares out of the challenge fabric would not give me a finished block of the correct size, but if I used the 5 inch square as one of the four squares, I could fill in with black and make an 8 inch block...of Patience Corner. How ironic!

My limitations as a relatively new quilter were revealed when I submitted my effort and it was hung with thirty more-inspired creations. I had taken the rules too literally, and never thought to make a block out of fabric other than the challenge and black. Without exception, the other blocks included at least a third coordinating fabric, sometimes so many that the challenge fabric was hard to detect.

So, I learned the hard way the secret of "stretching" 5 inches into 8...the more challenge you lose in seam allowances, the more fabric you have to add, and those darn triangles eat up more fabric than you'd imagine. This now seems as obvious as piercing the egg yolk to blow it out of the shell. On the upside, I got to practice four blocks I'd never made before, and three of them ended up in the orphanage, along with the last bit of scrap. Maybe the adoptive mother will not be so chicken to be creative with my misshapen mistakes.

✿Submitted by Leanne MacKenzie✿

**MAY BLOCK OF THE MONTH: EASY PIECED BUTTERFLY**

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[http://www.quilterscache.com/D\\_F/EasyPiecedButterflyBlock.html](http://www.quilterscache.com/D_F/EasyPiecedButterflyBlock.html)

**JUNE BLOCK OF THE MONTH: FLYING FOUR PATCH**

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