

# PENTICTON QUILTERS' Guild NEWSLETTER

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April 2, 2021



Be kind. Be calm. Be safe.

## Presidents' Message

Spring is here! Vaccine is going into arms. By the time you read this, Marg (being old), will have had her first shot. I'm so excited!

Marilyn and Marg have contacted all current Executive and Committee Heads. Everyone has agreed to ignore this past year and start or continue on in their positions beginning in September. We are hopeful that we will meet again in the Fall. If any member is not in agreement with this plan of keeping the current members in their positions, please contact Marilyn or Marg right away.

We would like to thank Yvonne, Nonie, Sherry, Marlene, Linda, Lois, Sharon, Kathleen, Donna, Lorna, Shirley, Kathy and Joyce for their continued help with the Guild.

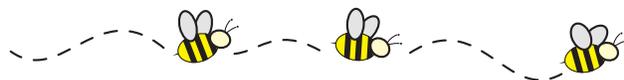
Please do take advantage of Linda and Lois QACQers' patterns. They have put a lot of work into supplying you with an easy way to help you shrink your stash!

The next newsletter will be the last for this current membership year. We will continue to update you if there is news about being able to meet again.

Marg and Marilyn

Remember to check out the CQA website – and stay up-to-date on Canadian quilting by subscribing for the FREE monthly e-newsletter!

 <https://canadianquilter.com/>



Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> is **Earth Day**... 2021's theme is "**Restore Our Earth**" and it's the 51<sup>st</sup> Anniversary!

Plant a garden or tree using native plants and wildflowers, conserve water, support pollinating bees and other creatures, swap out plastic for biodegradable options, (re)consider your diet, get kids involved, or just enjoy a healing walk in nature.



## Community Quilts – from Holly Stengel

Meet a very talented multimedia artist who lives right here in our province!

For those of you who have already spotted them in her picture, yes those are 250 pairs of stuffed gardening gloves and quilted! Hilarious – I'll laugh every time I look for my gardening gloves this

Spring and wonder if they have been swiped to fit into this amazing quilt!

She is the SIL of one of my dear friends who told me about Diana and her amazing talent. Check out the gallery on her website. This lady is so creative!

[www.dianadurrand.com](http://www.dianadurrand.com)



*Diana Durrand*

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\* Could use same tune as for *Soft Kitty* lullaby song from 'Big Bang Theory' TV show.



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## PQG Programs

Hello members and fellow QACQ-ers.

The spiritual meaning of April is a balanced equilibrium. It's a time of growth and for moving forward in new and positive ways. With psychic energy in abundance, it's an ideal time to start meditating for the purposes of healthier living and raising consciousness. Or, you can just make a quilt!

A Tisket, a Tasket, our QACQ-ers quilt pattern this month is a basket! Actually, it's a basket weave pattern. [See page 4 for pattern.] Use bright colours to celebrate spring and elevate your happiness. And it's Easter so we're talking serious chocolate treats! Alas, it's also April's Fool, so no chocolates for me! Have a great month and remember to get outside – it's gorgeous out there!

We welcome your suggestions for programs, demos or anything you think would be interstellar for our group. Send either Lois or Linda an email or give one of us a call.

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Take care everyone – be kind, be calm, be safe!

**Random Tip:** If you're using invisible thread for a project and need to step away from your machine, have some washi / masking / scotch tape handy to tape the end(s) of the thread down so you can find them again!



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## Go QACQ-ers with our Quick and Clever Quilts

### QACQ – Basket Weave Ribbons

*This quilt is made in three easy-to-piece sections: A, B and C on the diagram.*

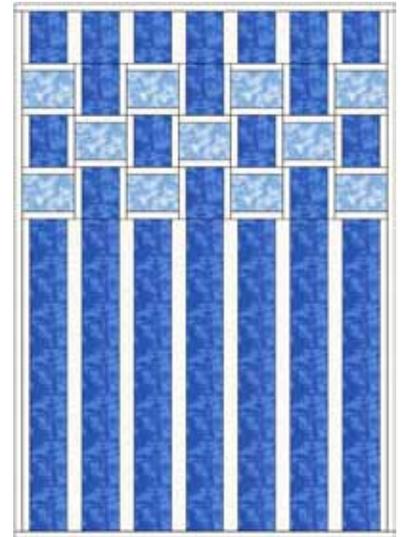
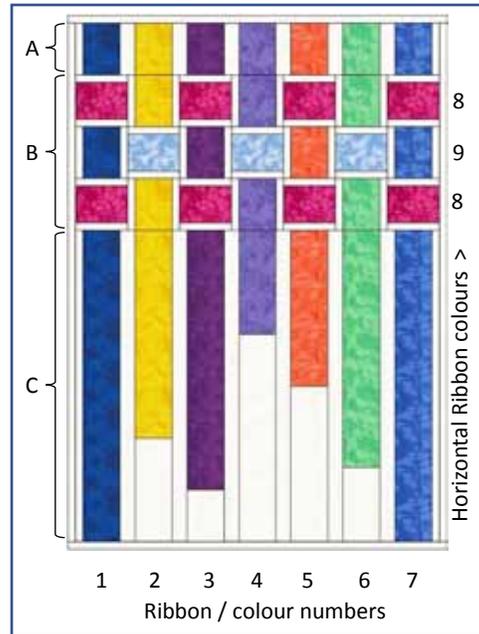
*For an even quicker quilt – make all of the vertical ribbons the same length and use the three-colour version.*

**Finished size:** 51" x 72"

**Fabric and cutting (42 1/2" wide fabric):**

**Feature Fabric – Ribbons: ~ 2 m total**

- **Section A:** Cut 7 – 5 1/2" x 7 1/2" rectangles, one from each colour.
- **Section B – Vertical ribbons:**
  - Cut 4 – 5 1/2" x 7 1/2" rectangles from colours 1, 3, 5 and 7
  - Cut 6 – 5 1/2" x 7 1/2" rectangles, 2 from each of colours 2, 4 and 6
- **Section B – Horizontal ribbons:**
  - Cut 11 – 5 1/2" x 7 1/2" rectangles, 8 from colour 8 and 3 from colour 9
- **Section C:** Cut 7 strips, each 5 1/2" wide, lengths of: 42 1/2", 28 1/2", 35 1/2", 14 1/2", 21 1/2", 32 1/2", 42 1/2" from each of colours 1-7 in that order.



**Background: 2 m**

- **Section A:** Cut 6 – 2 1/2" x 7 1/2" rectangles and 2 – 1 1/2" x 7 1/2"
- **Section B:** Cut 42 – 1 1/2" x 7 1/2" rectangles.
- **Section C:**
  - Cut 6 – 2 1/2" x WOF strips and 2 – 1 1/2" x WOF strips.
  - Cut 5 strips, each 5 1/2" wide, lengths of: 14 1/2", 7 1/2", 28 1/2", 21 1/2", 10 1/2".
- **Border:** Cut 6 – 1 1/2" x WOF strips.

**Binding: 0.4 m.** Cut 6 - 2 1/2" x WOF strips.

1. **Make section A.** Create a strip set using the 7 – 5 1/2" x 7 1/2" coloured rectangles separated by the 6 – 7 1/2" x 2 1/2" rectangles. Add a 1 1/2" x 7 1/2" background rectangle at each end to complete section A. Should measure 49 1/2" x 7 1/2" unfinished.
2. **Make section B.** Make 21 blocks. Sew a 1 1/2" x 7 1/2" background rectangle to opposite sides of the 21 section B coloured 5 1/2" x 7 1/2" rectangle. Press away from the background fabric. Arrange the blocks as shown and stitch them together to create section B. Should measure 49 1/2" x 21 1/2" unfinished.
3. **Make section C.** For each of colours 2-5, stitch a coloured segment to a corresponding background segment to create 5 – 5 1/2" x 42 1/2" strips. Create a strip set using these strips and the two remaining 5 1/2" x 42 1/2" coloured strips, separated by the 6 – 2 1/2" x WOF strips. Add a 1 1/2" x WOF background rectangle at each end to complete section C. Trim to measure 49 1/2" x 42 1/2" unfinished.
4. Make the quilt centre. Stitch sections A, B, and C together.
5. Use the 1 1/2" strips to add the borders, sides first, then top and bottom.



## Membership Highlights



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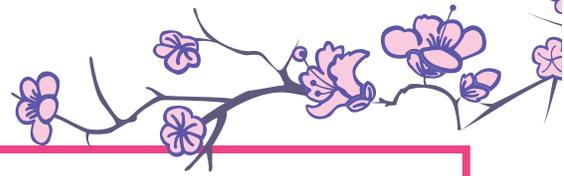
**Dianna Rastad**

I was born in North Vancouver and grew up in the lower mainland. I met my husband when I was 20 and we eventually bought a house in Port Coquitlam and lived there for about 40 years.

We have one daughter who married and gave us two beautiful grandchildren. When they decided to move to Penticton, we decided to pack up and follow them in 2017.

I started sewing in high school and mainly made clothing. Later in life I took some beginner quilting classes and really enjoyed them. When we moved to Penticton I met Peggy Swerdfeger through the Okanagan sewing group and she invited me to join the PQG in 2018. I also got the opportunity to join Peggy, Nonie and Cheryl once a week to work on community quilts and I have enjoyed it all so much!

Of course, then COVID struck. I am looking forward to the day that we can all get back together and meet again. Till then stay safe, healthy and sew happy!



Member

**Angie Nash**

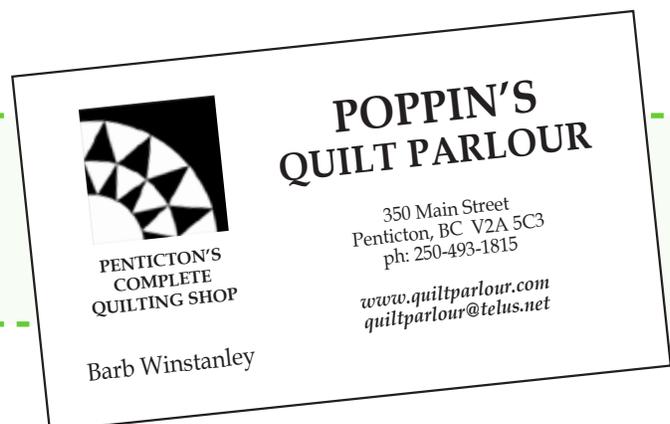
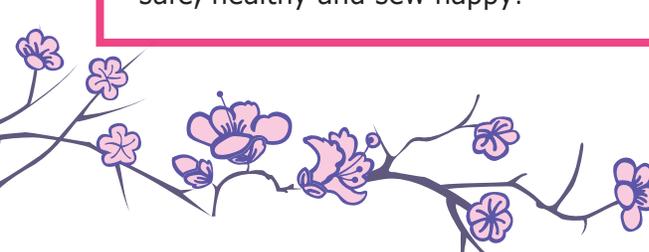
I was born in Saskatchewan and met my husband in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

We moved to Vancouver Island in 1965, where we spent eleven years working and raising our son. I have two grandchildren and a great granddaughter.

A new work opportunity moved us to Penticton in 1976. Through work I met Ann Brown and Shirley Wild at a crafting group. One of the projects was quilting and the pattern was Trip Around the World. The road trips for fabric were fun and I was hooked on quilting. I made a baby quilt for my granddaughter.

After retiring in 2000 I joined the guild and have enjoyed the classes, meetings, and a few retreats. Many quilts and wall hangings are now with family all across the country.

I miss seeing everyone and hope we can resume our meetings soon.



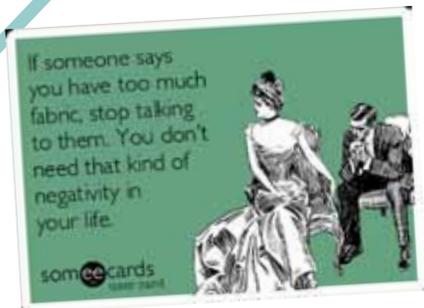
## Bits & Bobs Corner



Two from **Holly Stengel** as found in "**The Quilting Shed**" email newsletter:

Check out this free pattern for an ironing board helper! I got a beautiful one given to me by Helen Lawrence a few years ago – and it's always at the end of my ironing board.

<https://quiltsocial.com/9-easy-steps-to-sew-a-handy-ironing-board-caddy/>



And of course the Chicken tea cozy/bread basket cover free pattern is a must-have!

<https://sewingwithscraps.com/quilted-chicken-bread-basket-cover/>



## QUILTS OF VALOUR CANADA CONTEST!

There is a contest being hosted by Quilts of Valour Canada and the prize is a **JANOME 3160 QOVC Sewing Machine**. The draw takes place on CANADA DAY, July 1, 2021... so make sure that your blocks are submitted well in advance of that date to ensure that you are in the running for the prize.

The main website for Quilts of Valour Canada is: <https://www.quiltsofvalour.ca>

### For each 'HUG' Block submitted... you get 1 chance to WIN!

Here are the pertinent submission requirements:

1. Each block must be made using ONLY: NORTHCOTT's StoneHenge "OH CANADA" lines of fabric. (This ensures that the committee can form finished quilts that have some cohesion in their compositions with respect to colourings).  
Note: If you are unable to source the fabrics locally (it can be a challenge), you can purchase a 2020 'VALOUR BUNDLE' from the official website's online store – \$25 includes 5 fat quarters along with moose and tree appliques (for the 2020 HUG Block patterns)... shipping is included.
2. Make a HUG Block from any of the (26+) patterns found on the website (under the RESOURCES tab on their website): <https://www.quiltsofvalour.ca/hug-block-patterns>.
  - Blocks should be 9-1/2" square (unfinished) - don't wash or trim your blocks.
  - Do not write anything on your block... **BUT** make sure you include your NAME & ADDRESS with each block. If you're submitting multiple blocks at one time, I'd suggest attaching this information to each block on a little piece of painter's tape.
3. Mail your blocks to this address:  
QOVC - HUG BLOCKS  
7419 187 ST NW  
EDMONTON, AB T5T 5W4

It's for a great cause... GOOD LUCK!!

**Random Tip:** When squaring up larger-sized quilts (such as a queen or king), perhaps your handy spouse or neighbour has a large metal right-angle carpenter's square you might borrow.



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*Rolande Girouard*

My latest finish. I have no idea who pieced it together but I hand quilted the top and added the binding.

A while ago a lady posted on the Guild Facebook page looking for someone to make her a small memory quilt from her husband's shirts. Had enough material in three grocery bags of shirts that I was able to make two reversible quilts.



*Penny-April Dellamater*



One bag was labeled "must use" and was used for the star top, with remainders going on back and in a second quilt.



## Show & Tell



*Penny-April Dellamater*

Have also been working on UFOs.

My first quilt started 16 years ago –  
Block of the Month from Poppins.



*Beverly Witzaney*

This is my Sunflowers  
tablerunner. I love the  
cheery colours.

*Ingrid Ovenden*

This is the second time  
that I've made this  
"Fancy Forest" pattern;  
loved making it.



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Alice vander Molen  
I made this king size quilt  
for a friend's 90th birthday...  
may there be many more!  
It's called *Wandering Geese*.



Marlene Robinson  
Recent projects... bright batiks, and electric florals.

# Show & Tell



Sue Willard

Covid Projects:

Queen size for my daughter in Winnipeg.

Quilt for my daughter in Penticton's 50th birthday.



52 blocks in 52 weeks – finished!



Note: *Don't require more of the white fabric I was looking for last month... have figured out an alternate solution for the borders on my queen quilt.*

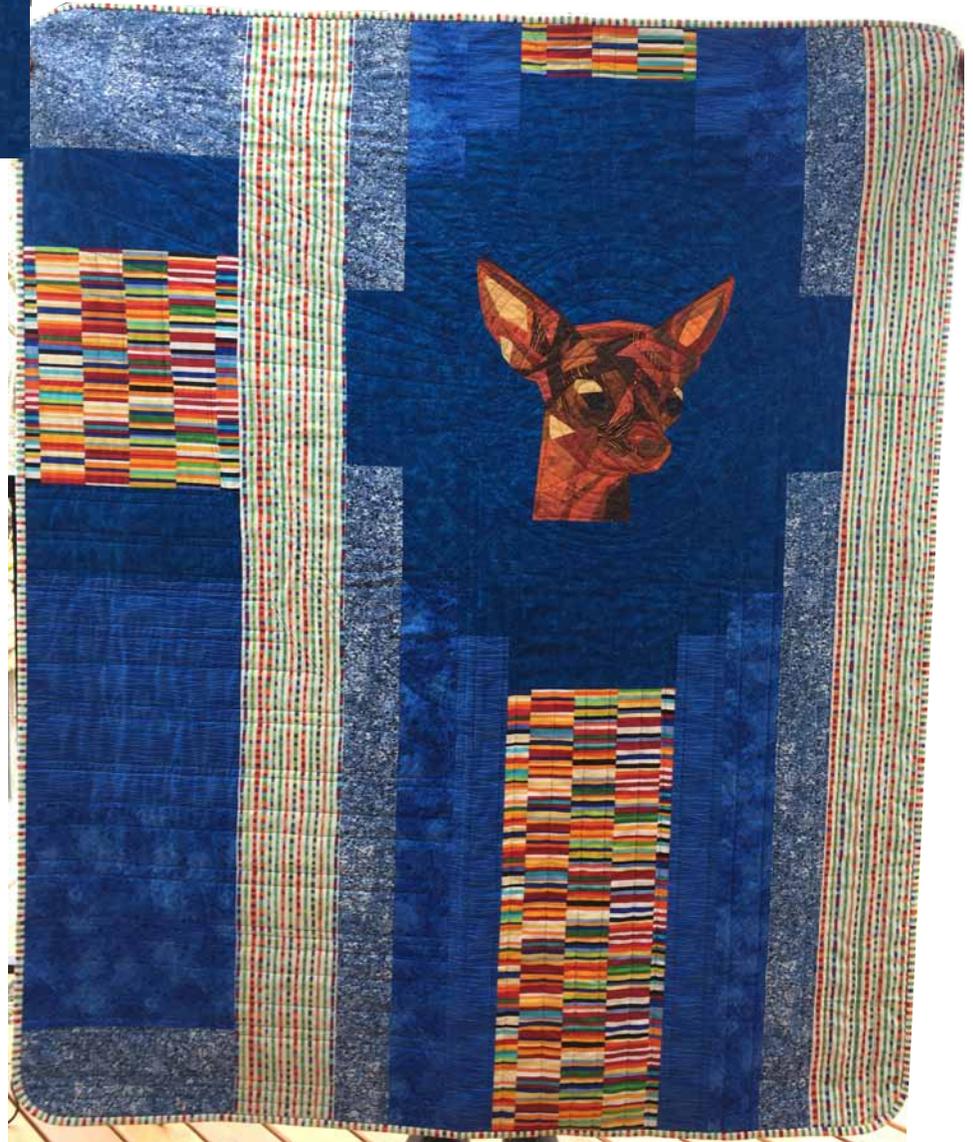




Donna Picard

"Reuben-esque" quilt finally finished and gifted!  
This is my tribute for our artist friend Rafael's lovely Chihuahua companion named Reuben, who passed away several years ago. Began by paper-piecing the dog head (I enlarged a *Silver Linings Originals* pattern), and it grew to lap size from there.

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Two "Cat Mats" for the SPCA. Used a couple UFO's found when I cleaned up some more.



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*Jacquié Hautamaki*

Matching pj's for granddaughter and her mommy. Sewing on hold now for a few months due to foot and ankle surgery. Can't get to sewing room on second floor so took machines in for tuneups. Happy spring everyone!



*Tammy Brennan*

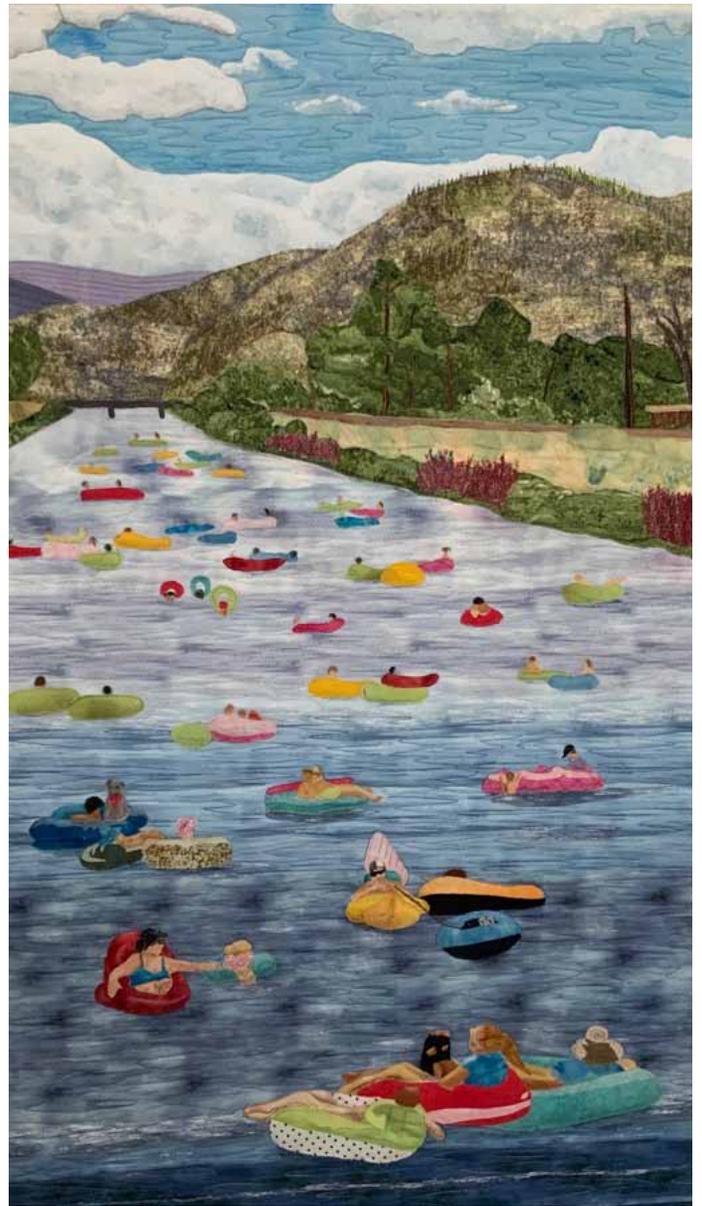
A few finishes for me this year...



# Show & Tell

Dianne Birnie

Just finished my second wall hanging for the Artsy Girls exhibit at Penticton Art Gallery in the fall... called "Summer Fun".



Louise Noble



The upper left photo is of calendar blocks which I am making for my very special niece. The pattern is *Salt Box Houses* from Wooden Spool Designs.

I finished this Christmas-y two-piece hand applique; I started it in our Monday applique group and pulled it out of the UFO file while my sewing room was being renovated. The pattern is called *Candlelight* by Nancy Lee Chong, Pacific Rim quilting.





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Pearl Morgenstern

*The Oxen Team and Drover* is my Artsy Girls 2021 Challenge, and the *Yellow Mountain Ladyslipper* is another finished project.



[ Hope no one "got you" yesterday on April Fool's Day... ]

*Happy Easter everyone!*

