



NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Congratulations to our IQS committee, Nancy, Carol, Geri and Sharon. This was a wonderful event and the visitors from out of town all seemed to have a great time. Someone even suggested it would be great if we'd put this on twice a year! I know the organizers are having a meeting to make recommendations for further events. If you would like to have some input please get in touch with one of them. What a treat to have such inspiring teachers available to us.

There are a number of people taking a break or switching to new guild positions this year. Thanks to all of them for the time and effort they have put into their positions this year. What a great bunch of ladies. I have had great support from them all and know they'll all continue to contribute wisdom and support in the year to come.

Thanks to JoAnne for recruiting guild members for the various positions that were open for next year. She managed to find someone for all the positions. It is nice to

spread out the work. If you feel there is something lacking in the guild please volunteer some time and help out where you can.

It has been a busy year for the guild. I can't believe it is almost over. Our wind-up pot-luck will be held June 10th from 6-9 at the Community Center. Kathy Klassen will be giving us a trunk show of some of her wonderful work.

I find one of the biggest problems with taking classes is that it gives me more ideas than I have time and money to complete. I took two classes at IQS and am signed up for two in Parksville. Fran, sign up four more UFO's for me I just know I'm not going to finish any of these in the near future.

Hope you all enjoy your summer,
Lois

HANDS ACROSS THE WATER:

Comox is hosting the next HATW. The event will be held Oct. 3 in Cumberland. The sign-up sheet will be at the A-night meetings until June. You must pay when you sign-up. The cost is \$15.00, which covers lunch.



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QUILTING TIP:

This quilting tip comes from a gal in Texas who makes her own variegated thread in ANY two- or three-color combinations by just threading all of the threads through the machine and through a #14 JEANS NEEDLE. (It has a large hole, and is very sharp.) If you do not have extra spool holders on your machine, just place each of the extra threads in a heavy mug near the back of your machine, and thread the machine in it's usual manner. Embroidery thread is a little thinner, if you prefer that.

OUR LOCAL LEGION will be partnering with us next year for the **Canadian Remembrance and Comfort Quilt**. They are donating \$350 towards this project.

June Wind-up Party
 June 10th 6-9
 Community Hall

Donation to the Food Bank for babies and young families (such as formula, baby food, diapers, wipes, peanut butter and juice)

Things to bring:
 Pot-luck finger foods sweet or savory
 Something to drink (be discreet)
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Brown bag challenge
 Round robin challenge
 Block of the month - butterfly
 3-inch strip - green
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QUILTING TIP:

A tip that was shared with us last meeting was when doing free motion quilting, don't put the thread through the last needle guide and set the stitch length to zero.

OUR GUEST SPEAKER last meeting was our own Lisa Sutherland who talked to us about colour and that colour really is just perception. She covered such topics as contrast, hue and tone. A tip that was made during this presentation was if you have difficulty with colour, choose a patterned fabric with colours you find appealing and then find individual fabrics of each of these

colours. This will help you find colours that work well together.

Our Island Quilting Seminar was well attended and we have received a lot of positive comments. The fact that many are asking us to make this an annual event means it was definitely a hit!! There were 85 students, 6 teachers and 11 workshops! We didn't make any money, but the small amount we ended up in the red was well worth the cost! I know I certainly learned a lot from the 2 day workshop I attended ☺ If you were unable to attend any of the workshops, it looks like you will have another chance. The IQS committee is looking for names of teachers you would like to see at our next seminar, or any workshops you would like to see offered. Please feel free to contact Carol S. or Nancy J. with your ideas or suggestions.

A BIG THANKYOU to Diana D. for taking on the position as newsletter editor and Linda P. for continuing with helping with the advertisers. Time for me to try new things within the guild and I know Diana will bring new life to the newsletter!

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The B-day in May was used to demonstrate various methods of making bias tape. One method

that was incredibly easy was using a daisy pin, ironing board and iron! Folding the fabric strip into thirds and then sliding it beneath the pin which has been stuck into the ironing board top so that the width of the pin revealed on the top is the same as the desired width of the bias strip. The iron is used to press the strip as it is pulled through beneath the pin. It was as easy as 1-2-3.



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**TO ALL NEW MEMBERS AND
NEWCOMERS:**

A Nite - Business meeting is held 2nd Wednesday of each month from September to May - start time 7 p.m. at the Campbell River Community Center.

B Day - Social time at the Masonic Hall from 9am-4pm. Cost is \$3, bring your machine or if you can't spend the whole day, just come in for coffee and brownies.

June Wind Up Party - is held in place of the June A Nite meeting. There is no B Day in June.

Membership Dues are:
\$35 - September to June
\$20 - January to June
\$10 - Honorary Membership - for those who live out of town and cannot make it to the meetings. (This entitles them to the newsletter, attendance at workshops and Retreats and Hands Across the Water events.)

Membership entitles you to the newsletter 5x/year, borrowing rights to the library, to receive notices about Guild happenings, retreats, workshops, participation in Quilt Shows, participation in Hands Across the Water events and all other Guild events.

Membership Dues are payable by the 3rd meeting in attendance - either A Nite or B Day attendance.

RETREATS:

The Fall Retreat will be a FOUR DAY event held at the Oyster Bay Resort. There is room for 24 ladies. To find out more information on upcoming retreats or space availability please contact Melissa or Colleen.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH for June A night is a butterfly block. The Lotto Block is a green 3" strip.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

July 18 -19th at Coleen V. A nice couple of days to sew in the garden. Bring your own table and what ever you choose to work on. Get details from Coleen. Let her know if you plan to attend so she can call you in case of cancellations

FABRIC DYEING WITH FRAN is scheduled for June 27. Bring washed white cotton and something for a pot luck lunch. Cost is roughly \$12.



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