

Fort St. John

# COUNTRY QUILTERS GUILD

## NEWSLETTER SPRING ISSUE

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### HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Well, we are back again after a busy holiday season and our group has a lot planned for the New Year. But first we want to fill you in on our Fall '92 activities....

Once again the FSJ Country Quilters guild hosted a fall workshop. Well-known quilter, Agnes Boal of Calgary was here October 16, 17 & 18 to teach two workshops. The Friday evening session was 3 hours of fun with each participant producing a useful sewing basket. Saturday and Sunday the quilters worked diligently to produce beautiful "Dancing Ribbons" quilts and wall-hangings. The fabulous results were displayed at the Show and Share evening.

Agnes is a superb instructor with boundless energy. She belongs to numerous quilting guilds, conducts workshops all over and as past president of the Canadian Quilters Association she was recently featured in the CQA magazine. Her quilt entitled "A Hummingbird's Paradise" was on the cover of the Winter 1992 issue. This was a challenge quilt, hand appliqued with over 129 different fabrics provided by past & present board members of the CQA. We look forward to having Agnes back in the Fall for another great weekend of cutting, sewing, stitching and lots of fun.

### SHOW AND SHARE

As usual our annual show and share attracted many interested quilters and guests who brought in new quilts, wall hangings pillows, and antique quilts. Also on display that evening were the 7 twin size and 2 crib size quilts made by guild members in a nine patch challenge. Two former guild members Bev Bickford Gross and Pia Morin also participated in making these quilts which were donated to Meaope House. On hand that evening was Jose Fornelli, director of Meaope House, who was

elated to receive this gift. She explained to the gathering that she had expected to be presented with ONE quilt. Now there were quilts for all of the beds at the Transition House for women and children.

This special evening was also the Christmas party and block exchange for guild members. The block theme was stars...and they were all lovely blocks. As is our tradition, we always try to guess the creator of each block before we draw for the exchange. We have a great time!



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## HEARTS DELIGHT BLOCK CONTEST

The Sew It Yourself Shop is sponsoring a Viewer's Choice block contest. It is open to anyone. Participants purchase a materials packet at the store which contains five different fabrics in reds and white in keeping with the heart theme just in time for the Valentine deadline of February 13th. You may use any method to construct your 14 1/2" unfinished block including embellishments (i.e. buttons, lace, ribbon, paint, etc.).

You must use at least two of the fabrics provided and you may use others if you wish.

Registration and your materials package costs \$5. The blocks will be on display throughout the store for one month. During this time customers and interested folks may come and cast their ballots for their top three choices. Top prize is a \$75 gift certificate, 2nd prize is a \$50 gift certificate and third prize is a \$25 gift certificate!

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## WORKSHOPS GALORE!!

January 25                      Make a vest from a 36" panel  
with Heather Truscott

February 8                      Valentine Pillow with Judy Hein  
Feb. 22                      Potpourri Jar with Shelley Blackall

March 6 & 22                      Tote Bag made with the Quilter  
in mind. Holds all of your essentials including your  
cutting mat and ruler! Rose Fuhr will teach the classes.

April 12 & 26                      Learn Stained Glass technique  
with Corinne Tancock.

May 10                              Regular meeting

May 12 & 13                      Join us for a 2 day workshop  
with Dianne Jansson from Kamloops. Dianne will be  
teaching Bargello. Bargello is a fabric imitation of  
ancient Italian needlework. Have fun with colors and  
make your own design as your strips of fabric are being  
sewn together. Fees for the workshop are \$40 for  
members and \$50 for non-members.

June 14                              Election of officers for next year.  
Last meeting before summer break. Christmas block  
exchange...the theme is "TREES"... any type of tree on  
a muslin background 12 1/2" unfinished block.

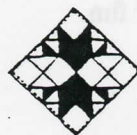
September 13                      Regular meeting. Our first  
meeting in the fall.

September 25 & 26                      "THREE-IN-ONE" workshop  
with Agnes Boal. Three very different quilt tops can be  
created from strip piecing, cutting, repiecing. In this  
hands-on, no pressure workshop many tips will be  
included to help you in your quilt-making. Three quilts  
will be well underway at the conclusion of the  
workshop.

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For those of you travelling in May & June you may  
want to check out the Quilt Show in Kamloops on May  
7 & 8 '93. Information available at the Fabric House  
in Kamloops. Also, the Canadian Quilters Association's  
National Juried Quilt Exhibition is on June 4 - 8 '93 at  
the Lucas Center in North Vancouver.

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