

We can finally say – “Hot enough for you?” At long last, the hay has straggled into the shed and the peas are snuggled up in the freezer along with the sour cherries. Trust everyone is keeping their bird baths filled as our birds are on the lookout for some cool water.

GUILD NEWS – we have some **THANK YOU’S** to send out this month. Thanks to Eugenia (and her *fabulous* Christmas earrings) for filling in in the kitchen at the July meeting. Thanks also to Senora for documenting our comfort quilts, for her time on the program committee, and for adding the slab block tutorial to the website. Another nod to Sally B. for volunteering to spearhead the program committee and liaise with the executive. Final thank yous to Barb G. for her contributions to our raffle quilt prize backpack and to Dianne W. for personally presenting our donation to the Fireman’s Fund for the use of their tables and chairs at the quilt show.

We are fortunate to count Irmgard among our members. Thanks to her efforts, we have decided to send our Christmas in July postcards to a kindred group in Germany. (We’ll collect them at the November guild meeting). As the quilters in India are in need of tools and gadgets, we hope to organize a “Tools for Fabric” exchange with the group in Chennai, India next spring. Details to follow...And, finally, I have come to know Irmgard is *at least* tri-lingual ! She was able to contact the guild in Lac Megantic, Quebec and ask if quilts/supplies would be of assistance in their relief efforts following the horrific train crash/explosion there. They have directed us to the Canadian Red Cross if anyone would like to make a donation. Their website is <http://www.redcross.ca/who-we-are/red-cross-stories/2013/the-red-cross-provides-assistance-to-lac-megantic>.



SLAB BLOCKS TO ALBERTA: Our continuing outreach is to the flood relief efforts in Alberta. As we discussed at the July meeting, they are accepting “Slab blocks” and the instructions for these simple, 15½”, one colour blocks are now posted on the website with a link on our home page. We will be forwarding our raffle money from the July and August guild meetings, along with any additional cash donations to Cheryl Arkison who is spearheading the quilters’ efforts. It was agreed that by sending the cash instead of completed quilts, the money saved in postage could be better used by the quilters in Alberta to purchase batting, backings, thread, etc. Cheryl has an army of long arm quilters at the ready to complete the quilts once the blocks are pieced into tops. ***If you would like to send along a “slab block”, they must be received at the August meeting as Cheryl wants to get the quilts distributed by September.***

QUILTS FOR ALBERTA: If you have a completed quilt you would like to donate to the Calgary relief efforts, they can be dropped off at Country Concessions and will be forwarded. **QUILTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 14.** Full details are available here – www.countryconcessions.com.

MY SISTER’S PLACE: We’ve begun a new round of comfort quilts to be presented in December. Several kits of tops/batting/backing have been compiled and will be available for pick up at the August meeting. MSP has also advised that they would be happy to receive more Santa sacks and stockings. The template for the stocking, along with more of Ann’s Christmas fabric will be available in August. The sack tutorial is available on the website and a Sit’ n Sew will follow this fall.

AT THE AUGUST MEETING: We have two presenters at our August meeting. The first is Martha Schellingerhoud who brings us a trunk show of her quilting journey. Also on tap, Irmgard will share highlights of her trip to India/Europe and introduce us to some of the kindred quilters she met along the way. I have seen part of her presentation and Irmgard has done extensive research compiling her presentation. These quilters are not to be missed ! Judy C. will be back from her holiday down east and will sum up our very successful quilt show. Colour Theory resumes and we'll have our usual Show 'n Tell, snacks and raffle, too. A very special (AIR-CONDITIONED!) evening ! **AUGUST IS THE LAST MEETING TO SIGN UP FOR THE INTERNATIONAL SUNBONNET SUE CHALLENGE.**

COMING UP: Another of our very talented members, Arlene G. has offered to lead an applique workshop in conjunction with the start of our International Sunbonnet Sue Challenge. Arlene will demonstrate a variety of applique techniques with participants completing samples of each. Watch for date, supply list, etc. to follow.

DON'T FORGET: THE PLOWING MATCH BLOCK REVEAL is coming up in October. Keep stitching !

VOLUNTEER NEEDED: CQA will be launching a new *How Far Can You Stitch ?* beginning in September. This time we're starting in BC, head to the Yukon and then off to the east coast. If you're available to measure our Show 'n Tell Quilts and then send a quick email to CQA every month, we'd appreciate your help with this task. See any executive member.

GUILD LISTS, CANADA: If you're looking for a guild anywhere in Canada, try this website: <http://cheryl.thisbe.org/CanadianGuilds.html>. Our guild info has been submitted with a request to be included in their listing.

THINGS TO BRING TO THE AUGUST 6th MEETING: Slab Blocks, name tag, mug, Show 'n Tell, raffle money and donations to the Alberta relief cause.