

## What is it???? --- And How Does it Work????

### An Explanation of Westshore Quilters Guild Activities

Annual General Meeting -- The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is an important and required aspect of operating a not-for-profit organization. The AGM is held at the January monthly meeting each year. At the meeting, all paid members can vote. The Executives and Committee Chairs provide a brief report on the activities of the previous year. The financial statement is read and a new budget is presented for the upcoming year's operations. In addition, elections are held to fill any positions on the Executive that have been vacated. The Annual General Meeting provides an opportunity for all members to get an overview of the many guild activities. To view the constitution and bylaws, go to [www.westshorequiltersguild.com](http://www.westshorequiltersguild.com) under membership

Westshore Charity Quilt Society -- Every member of the Westshore Quilters' Guild is a member of the Westshore Charity Quilt Society. The constitution and by-laws of the charity society can be viewed at [www.westshorequiltersguild.com](http://www.westshorequiltersguild.com) under "membership". The mandate of the charity society is to make and donate "Quilts from the Heart" to the community as needed as part of the host society (Westshore Quilters' Guild). The current focus of Quilts from the heart is Cridge Transition House for Women (Hill House) and their dependent children. Guild members gather together periodically to hold cutting bees, sewing bees etc. Many quilts and quilt tops are donated to the society by individual members. Once the women feel confident enough to begin their new life, a quilt is given to them as a gift from our members with the thought that the love that went into making the quilt gives them comfort and hope. Approximately 70 to 90 quilts are donated annually. Also, as funds become available, members sew wheel chair lap quilts for people in Seniors facilities. Retreat -- in November at Camp Pringle, Shawnigan Lake. Retreater's just have to bring their machines & projects and be prepared to have fun. Registration is limited.

Sewing Days -- The second Thursday and third Saturday of the month is Sewing Day. Guild members can come to the Church of the Advent and join other members in an informal setting to work on projects. Bring your projects, sewing machine, a lunch and mug. Coffee & Tea are provided.

Christmas Tea -- The Christmas Tea is held in December each year. There is a short business meeting followed by "Show & Share" and the tea. The tea is put on by the executive to thank the guild members for their participation.

Show & Share -- Held at the end of each guild meeting. Members get to show their latest projects and provide inspiration to their fellow members.

Garage Sale -- Held at the August meeting. The garage sale provides a chance for Guild members to sell (only) quilt related items such as: patterns, fabrics, bags of scraps, and quilting accessories. 10% of all sales is retained by the Guild. Unsold items must be taken back after the event.

Satellite Groups -- A group of quilters can form a Satellite Group of the guild. The groups vary in terms of the number of members, how often they meet, and what projects they will work on. The Westshore Quilters' Guild has a Satellite Group Coordinator. Anyone interested in forming or joining a Satellite Group can contact the Coordinator.

Library -- The Westshore Quilters' Guild has a substantial library of quilting books, magazines and DVDs that are available at the monthly meetings and sewing days to be checked out. New books are added frequently.

Workshops -- The Westshore Quilters' Guild offers workshops frequently throughout the year. Registration is limited. A current list of workshops can be viewed at:  
[www.westshorequiltersguild.com](http://www.westshorequiltersguild.com).

Quilt Show -- The Westshore Quilters' Guild holds a quilt show every second year (odd numbered years) in March. Check the website [www.westshorequiltersguild.com](http://www.westshorequiltersguild.com) for the most current information.