

## **Historical Website Launched: History of the Cranbrook Quilters Guild (1985-2023)**

The Columbia Basin Institute of Regional History (CBIRH) and the Cranbrook Quilters Guild (CQG) are pleased to present a new online exhibit, [www.cranbrookquiltersguildhistory.ca](http://www.cranbrookquiltersguildhistory.ca).

The Historical Guild website showcases the contributions made by the Guild and its members to the broader Cranbrook community since its inception in 1985. The work on this site was partly funded by the Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) by the Regional District of East Kootenay (RDEK) ReDi Grant contributions from the City of Cranbrook, Area C and E, by two "anonymous" donations and many hours of donated time.

Viewers can scroll through the narrative of this women's group and witness the evolution of the art of quilting. From its humble beginnings as a gathering to learn and share quilting skills to hosting workshops and building a reference library, the CQG has emerged as a significant and respected East Kootenay regional community member.

These women have donated thousands of quilts to local social and health services and to folks hit by forest fires, hurricanes, earthquakes, and personal tragedies. The Guild has also participated in national and international campaigns such as Rotaplast and Quilts of Valour. All of this, and much more, can be seen in historically relevant exhibits.

The Cranbrook Quilters Guild welcomes anyone interested in quilting. Meetings will resume on Tuesday, September 10, at 7 p.m. at the Cranbrook Seniors Hall. The yearly membership fee is \$40. The Columbia Basin Institute of Regional History is a non-profit organization that works with groups such as the Cranbrook Quilters Guild, Waldo Stockbreeders Association, the Triangle Women's Institute, Rotary and many other organizations to share the remarkable and proud history of the Columbia Basin. The new exhibit can also be viewed at the CBIRH website, [www.basininstitute.org](http://www.basininstitute.org). All

donations are welcome to help support the preservation of our shared history.