

A Virtual History of the Cranbrook Quilters Guild

**A joint quilt registry project of the Cranbrook Quilters Guild
& Columbia Basin Institute of Regional History**

**You're invited to be part of an this exciting project that is funded in part by the
Heritage BC Legacy Grant Program - Legacy Awareness.**

Our project differs from other quilt registries in that we are documenting both contemporary and vintage quilts of the members of the Cranbrook Quilters Guild. After all, our contemporary quilts will be 'vintage' one day and it's far better to preserve the details now rather than to search for them later. In the event that your treasured piece finds its way to a thrift shop, the new owner can access the registry to learn the provenance of their gem.

The aim in a nutshell is:

1. A virtual quilt show to preserve the images and history of the quilt-makers of the Cranbrook Quilters Guild with details of their prize quilts and a dialogue about the craft in the Cranbrook area.
2. In December 2025, to make this information available online as part of the website:
cranbrookquiltersguildhistory.ca

Quilt Registration

- Registration of your choice quilt (or quilts) - each quilt is assigned a number and a small cloth label to attach to the quilt. Any quilt that you have can be registered even if you are not the quiltmaker. Your mum's, grand mum's, friends. **Any quilt connected with a member (past or present) of the Cranbrook Quilters Guild can be registered.**
- Physical documentation of the quilt and its story - an extensive form is filled out the quilt such as pattern and where procured, the block style, the fabrics, when constructed, fabric dating, costs... all the details that reflect the quilt appearance and the copyright information. For vintage quilts we will research block patterns and colour history if needed.
- Photograph - a "professional photo" will be taken of the quilt.

Quiltmaker History and Owner's History

- History - a guild member volunteer will compile your personal quilting history and if the quilt has been passed on, the quiltmaker's information. This will include biographical/genealogy information plus details of the maker's quilting hobby. We need to know why the quilt was made, about tools used and time and space for quilting. You will be asked to bring your first quilt, or a picture, and send a picture of you in your quilting space. A photographer will go to your home if that is easier. A story will be written for you to edit before it goes to the website.

Cost... to support the project we do need to charge \$10.00 for each "choice" quilt that you register. Cash or cheque preferred.

When - the process takes about an hour. There will be five documentation Saturdays before June 2025 all at the Cranbrook Seniors Hall. To make an appointment call/email:

Susan Little<litsusan@gmail.com> or 250-426-7223. For out-of-town quilters, the interview can be done on Zoom, FaceTime or Google meet, and a photo can be sent.

Documentation days: Saturday November 30 from 9 AM to 4 PM. Others in 2025 - February 15, March 15, April 12, May 31, and if needed, June 21.