

# Community Quilts Project

Sagebrush Quilters Guild, April 22, 2024

Guest Speaker - Melissa Neubauer

Sagebrush Quilters Guild welcomed Melissa Neubauer as a guest speaker at the April 22nd meeting.

Melissa is a Textile teacher that started working with the Community Quilts Project in 2016 in Fort McMurray. The project continued during 2017 & 2018.

Since then, Melissa moved to the Thompson Okanagan area and after the 2023 fires Melissa started a local chapter of the Community Quilts Project, focusing on the North Shuswap area, and especially the Skwlax Band, located on Little Shuswap lake.

Melissa has involved her textiles students at South Kamloops Secondary School (SKSS) in this project. Each year, every grade 8 student at SKSS takes a Textiles class as an elective. During the rotation, the students learn to cut quilt blocks and make a nine patch block. Then the senior textile students assemble the quilts.

Melissa brought some quilts to show their work. One was a crazy quilt with self binding. Students get motivated once they see pictures of people receiving the quilt.

Last year students made fidget quilts for Ponderosa Lodge residents.



Blocks cut out  
by 8th  
graders.

Pieced and  
hand tied by  
senior textile  
students.

Some tops.

The students are really starting to enjoy the process.





Jeri B has donated may quilts to the Community Quilts Project.



Pictures from the Facebook Page of a few of the recipients.




With student quilts and donations from guild members, especially Jeri B and Sue O, & Geri-Lou A, Melissa has donated 30 quilts.

Melissa says it is very emotional to drop off quilts to Wildfire Victims when they have lost everything.

Thank you 'Community Quilts Project' for uplifting our families who lost homes with the gift of a beautiful quilt. Joel was one of several Skwlax Firefighters who searched for baby bears that were injured and alone after the fire.





A heartfelt thanks to the Community Quilts Project members! This beautiful quilt was delivered by our neighbour here at Little Shuswap Lake, Alice Mcg, this past week. We cannot express how thankful we are to be the recipients of such a gift of love. It is a reminder of how kind people can be in times of difficulty. We have been blessed more than you can know and we appreciate all of the hands who played a part in the making of this quilt 

Kent & Jen

We just received our quilt,we are so thankful for your wonderful gift,it is an amazing piece and will be a treasure in our new cottage,thank you so much 🥰❤️ We are lot 18 on Little Shuswap Lake,we will rebuild



## Comments from Guild Members on Melissa's presentation.

A meaningful way to teach students the lifelong skill of sewing and to help those suffering loss in their wider community. - L.

Melissa's presentation made me want to work on donation quilts for her. - T.

I think it is great that some young sewers are being taught how important community service is. - B

What dedication !  
Thank you for teaching compassion as well as textiles in our schools. - L

# Community Quilts Project

**Do you like to sew?**

**Would you like to do something to help our community?**

The South Kamloops Secondary textiles classes invite you to join them in making quilts for the people who have lost their homes to the wildfires in the Shuswap Lake and Adams Lake area. Our goal is to make as many quilts as needed, to care for, and provide some comfort to, all those people who have lost their homes to the wildfires.



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Based on the possibility of more wildfires this year, Melissa anticipates more quilts will be needed.

All sizes of quilts are needed and appreciated.

To learn more, go to the page “Community Quilts Project” Facebook Page. There are numerous photos of recipient’s holding their beautiful new quilt!