

GVG PLANNING FOR SLF'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS WITH SOLIDARITY QUILTS-
UPDATE -DEC 29, 2023

We have 5 Quilt Events planned across the GVG from now into 2024. We hope each and every Gogo and their families and friends and contacts will visit at least one of these events! Each event is free, and everyone is welcome! Please spread the word! Our goals are to celebrate the SLF's 20th Anniversary and all our successes in the GVG, to raise awareness about the Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign, to raise funds, and to celebrate the magnificent Solidarity Quilt! Hopefully we will also attract new members to our groups! The Quilt is on its journey to communities all across Canada, reminding everyone that with ongoing support, women, and older women in particular, play an important role in building a more equitable world.

Both quilts will be on display at each of the 5 GVG Quilt Events:

The Quilt, *Nurturing Generations Under The Canopy of Sisterhood*, is 72" X 60". It comes with its own stand and special directions for setting it up and taking it down and how to handle it -no touching!

The Companion Quilt, *No One Left Behind*, created from leftover material by Omas Siskona in Kitchener-Waterloo, measures **56"X 40"**.

In the GVG, we will arrange for the quilts' transport from one venue to another, among ourselves.

First Event -Hosted by Abbotsford Gogos

Special thanks to Judy Johnson and the Abbotsford Gogos who received the quilts on their arrival from East Side Grannies in Sherwood Park, Alberta, and have mounted a beautiful exhibit in Chilliwack! The quilts will continue to be on display until Jan. 6th. Info below.

December 14, 2023 to January 6, 2024 – Hosted by the Abbotsford Gogos at the Chilliwack Cultural Centre. The quilt will be displayed as part of the Chilliwack Visual Artist Association's Golden Mean exhibit. Address: 9021 Corbould St. in Chilliwack. Gallery Hours: open Monday to Friday 9am to 9pm and Saturday and Sunday 9am to 5pm.

**Second Event - "Signature" Gala Vancouver Quilt Event
Hosted by the Greater Van Gogos**

The poster is attached (created by Arline Oishi of VanGogos). Please distribute it far and wide!

Date and Location: Saturday, January 13, 2024, from 1 to 4 pm at the Roundhouse Community Arts and Recreation Centre, at 181 Roundhouse Mews.

Formal program/speeches at 2 pm - Megan Karges will be joining us there to celebrate and to speak on behalf of the SLF Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign. Program will include:

Welcome and speeches

Video of Quilt's creative process

Music

Food and drinks

Crafts Marketplace

Info Table

Memorabilia Table

Crafts Marketplace

To date 6 groups have signed up to host a crafts table in our Marketplace. Please note that set up time is from 11 am to 1 pm on Saturday, Jan 13th. Thank you to the following groups:

1. Oneness Gogos (2 tables)
2. Royal City Gogos
3. Sunshine Coast Grandmothers and Grand Others
4. Tikun Olam Gogos
5. VanGogos
6. Welisa Gogos

Is there any other group who wishes to have a table? Please let us know as soon as possible!

GVG Info Table

We will need 2 volunteers for a half hour each to staff the info table. A total of 12 volunteers. Please contact Wendy Campbell if you are interested in this role.

GVG Memorabilia Table

Wendy and Robin are collecting memorabilia to have on display on Jan. 13th to celebrate our 17 years as a Greater Vancouver Gogos region -photo books, digital photo display, awards, etc.

Food

We decided to keep the food simple for this event and have gorgeous, delicious cupcakes only. Many thanks to Jacquie MacDonald of Lions Gate Gogos and Diane Warriner of VanGogos for coordinating the Cupcake Project! Huge thanks to all our cupcake bakers!

Drinks

Many thanks to East Van Gogos for managing our drinks -coffee, tea, water, fizzy/bubbly non-alcoholic drinks.

Publicity

If you have any key contacts in the media world, please let Wendy Campbell know. We ask that each group share the poster with all their members and everyone on their Gogos group emailing list. Thanks so much for getting the word out!

Set Up 11 am -1 pm

Wendy, Robin, and Marilyn Williams (VanGogos) will be in charge of set up. We have lots of willing volunteers already, so we are set! Thank you to all of you volunteers!

Rectangular 6' tables (10 is total) on edges of exhibition hall -for crafts marketplace, info table, memorabilia table

Cocktail tables (10 is total) toward centre of room- for cupcakes

Podium and mic

Banners at entrance

Tear Down 4-5 pm

Wendy, Robin and Marilyn Williams (VanGogos) will be in charge of tear down. We have lots of willing volunteers already, so we are set! Thank you to all of you volunteers!

Third Event - Hosted by Oneness Gogos

January 16-31, 2024 –at the Museum of Surrey

17710 – 56A Avenue, Surrey, BC. Hours: Tuesday to Saturday: 9:30am to 5:30pm; Sunday: 12 noon to 5pm.

Fourth - Hosted by Golden Ears Gogos

February 1-7, 2024 at the Maple Ridge Library, 130 - 22470 Dewdney Trunk Road, Maple Ridge, BC V2X 5Z6. Hours: Monday - Thursday: 9:00 am - 8:00 pm; Friday - Saturday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm; Sunday: 1:00 - 5:00 pm

FEBRUARY 12, 2024 -Quilt needs to travel to BC Interior to arrive by Feb. 15th

Fifth Event - Hosted by Sunshine Coast Grandmothers and Grand Others

August 2024 - in Gibsons. Will be displaying the quilt in August 2024 at their big Art from the Attic event

Additional Quilt Products available at Quilt Events

Thanks to the Nova Scotia Grandmothers for sharing two of their creations which they used at their own 5 quilt events in their region and which we have adapted for our use:

1. **Quilt Bookmarks**, now with GVG information, being printed now for use at all Quilt events, etc.
2. **A Scavenger Hunt** of 20 items for kids and adults alike to find on the quilt.

Thank to Old Orchard Blossoms of Toronto and Mary Kirton, GRL, for sharing their **Quilt Card** template. Again, we have adapted this for our use in GVG and will have these beautiful Quilt Cards on hand for sale at all quilt events, etc.

Any questions or concerns?

Please contact Wendy Campbell at wendycam08@gmail.com and Robin Scobie at onescobie@gmail.com

Thank you all ALWAYS for all you do!

Happy New Year!

Wendy and Robin

GVG Co-Chairs and Coordinators of The Vancouver Roundhouse event

Link to Quilt Poster:

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