

Janet Finch

Janet has been a member of the guild for over 44 years having first taken classes from Flo Conconi, the founder of the guild. Janet and her mother took classes at Flo's Quilt House in the late 70's.

As a Home Ec teacher at the time, Janet began by introducing quilting to her textile and textile art classes. After taking leave to start a family she began teaching in the community of Port Alberni and in her home. At the local arts centre she began a group who named themselves the "Bits and Batts". Janet has always been interested in learning all facets of quilting and quilting arts taking many classes and workshops as well as teaching first at conferences for THESA and Quilt Canada. However, she found she enjoyed teaching in her home studio/sewing school the most. Here she got to see the results working on a regular basis with the same students and seeing their progress. At one time she had over 60 students (small 4-5 person classes) a week in her home doing sewing and quilting.

Janet still makes quilts and does teach on an occasional basis but the quilting arts, painting and dyeing fabric, silk fusion, and other fiber related arts are what she enjoys the most while continuing to learn and appreciate and promote textile art.