

Ileane Sampert (1938 -2018) - CQG #304

Ileane took care of the guild's community quilt donations 2005 - 2011. She photographed each piece, recorded the name of the quiltmaker, and which agency received the quilt. To make it easier for members to create a donation quilt, she bought baby/toddler focused panels and bundled these with fabric for blocks and borders. Ileane had joined the guild and started quilting in 1998 with Sharon Petruk and Icille Pighin as they had been school friends. Ileane Lilley, at the time, was the first Snow Fiesta Queen - 1956 at Kimberley's winter festival.

Ileane liked smaller pieces/wall hanging and enjoyed patterns with embellishments. She won Viewer's Choice for her decorative Christmas quilt: *Home is Where the Heart Is* (2009). Another large piece she created was *Colorado Star Log Cabin* (#096), though she welcomed the help of "her group" to finish that quilt: Lynn Zak (#069), Wendy Litz (#055), Joan Parsons, Juananne Wales (#079), and Pat Braun. Lynn and Ileane met in 1992, when Lynn sold Ileane and Gord a lovely log house. It was Ileane that encouraged Lynn to join the guild when she retired. In 2005, Ileane joined Lynn and Sharon to organize the guild's quilt show at the College of the Rockies - this show was "Celebrating 20 Years of Stitching" and it featured the Cranbrook Centennial Quilt (#080). It was the last year that the wooden frames were used.

Ileane's domestic machine was a Pfaff. She quilted in a dedicated space that gave her ready access to her lovely back yard. In reality, quilting was a hobby and her real interest was 'hockey'. She travelled to games. She kept score at the local games and for a time, she and her sister, Diane Steenson, ran the Colts Booster Club fund-raising concession. Another time commitment was her volunteer work with the Cranbrook Hospital Auxiliary Thrift Shop.

Quiltmaker	Ileane Muriel Sampert (nee Lilley)
Date and place of birth	1938 Kimberley, BC
Father Occupation Place of Birth	Archie Lilley Cominco Mine Worker United Kingdom
Mother Occupation Place of Birth	Robina Homemaker United Kingdom
Date and place of death	June 1, 2018 Cranbrook, BC
Date and place of marriage	1961 Richmond, BC
Spouse	Benjamin Gordon Sampert Construction Carpenter
Quiltmaker occupation	BC Packers Quality Control Supervisor Caterer
Children	1 daughter
Education of Quiltmaker	Grade 12

Where quiltmaker lived	Kimberley, BC; Lower Mainland, BC; Cranbrook, BC.
Ethnic/Ancestry background	English/Scottish

CQG # 304 - *Home is Where the Heart Is*

Quiltmaker: Ileana Sampert

Owner: Michelle (daughter)

Ileana won the Viewer's Choice ribbon at the guild's quilt show in 2009 for this decorative Christmas/Winter quilt. The pattern is: *Home is Where the Heart Is*. (Block of the Month by Lynda Howell, "The Stitch Connection", Canton, MI). This piece was custom quilted by Juananne Wales. The 12 blocks and sashing are appliquéd with a log cabin block border. The quilt finished at L 94" x W 84".