

Quilting Retreat Camp Homewood

Welcome to the Nanaimo Quilters Guild Retreat at Camp Homewood on Quadra Island. You should know that this is a church camp, not the Best Western, so expect rustic, bunk house style accommodations. A limited number of private rooms with double bed and shared washroom, or shared rooms with private bathrooms are available for an additional cost per person. These rooms will be allocated by the Guild Retreat Facilitators, and we will try to meet requests, but that isn't always possible. There are 2 large rooms where we will be sewing and dining, and once set up you won't have to move anything until we leave. It would be good if you could car pool, and share common equipment like rulers, cutting mats, and the like.

Just a word of caution, although charming, this lodge is, old and the sewing rooms can get smoky from the fireplace. If you suffer from allergies, mould, dust and/or smoke, you will probably be affected by this environment.

Stuff to Bring:

- Bedding- sheets (there are single and double beds), pillows and warm blankets or a sleeping bag, a hot water bottle or extra blanket, if you get really cold.
- Toiletries- towel, wash cloth, bathmat, soap, shampoo, and conditioner. PJs, slippers and a robe so you can sew in your jammies.
- A clock and small, bedside lamp (if you want to read in bed) a flashlight and a night light optional.
- Appropriate clothing and footwear.
- **Sewing machine (and manual) in good working order and all the necessary sewing supplies.** There is not a quilt shop on the Island.
- **Extension cords and power bars are absolutely necessary.**
- **Task lights are strongly recommended.**
- Ironing boards and irons will be shared, so don't bring one unless you are specifically asked to.
- Several projects to work on.
- Sewing chair if there is room in your vehicle (optional), if not bring a cushion for your "tooshie".
- Put your name on all of your **Stuff** because it looks just like mine and everyone else's.
- **Remember your Medications** and anything else you really need to make yourself comfortable.

We will inform the camp staff of your dietary concerns based on your registration sheet. They will try to accommodate your needs, but if these are very restrictive, you may want to bring something from home.

Please remember, this is a church camp, so don't bring any alcohol.

Getting There:

Please plan on catching a ferry from Campbell River that allows you to arrive at Homewood just prior to the 3:00 opening. BC Ferries offers an “Experience Card” which provides discounts on The Gulf Island sailings. For more information and current schedules go to the BC Ferries website: www.bcferries.com . Type ‘Experience Card ‘into the search engine. The card can be purchased at the Ferry Kiosk. There is no actual cost to the card. There is, however, a minimum dollar amount that you must load on to it.

Drive north to Campbell River on the #19 Hwy., turn right onto the South Campbell River/Jubilee Parkway exit and drive until you reach Hwy #19A, (second light after turning). Turn left, and takes the Oceanside route to the city centre. Watch for the signs to the Quadra Ferry. Turn right at the 3rd stop light after turning onto Hwy #19A. The ferry terminal entrance is on the right, about 50M after turning at the light.

On Quadra, continue up the main road leaving the ferry. After about 1/2km turn right at the stop sign, onto Heriot Bay Rd. Then 200 M up Heriot Bay Rd. (just pass the elementary school), turn left onto West Rd. the RCMP detachment will be on the right, immediately after the turn. Travel on West Rd for 4.5 km and turn left at the large Homewood sign. Continue on the gravel road until you reach the paved road, the lodge is on your left. They will not let you come into the Lodge until 3:00 pm. So don’t come early you will just have to wait at the door.

When all else fails..... use your GPS!

First timers? Check out Homewood’s website: www.homewood.ca