

Camp Homewood Quilting Retreat - Information Sheet

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. The basic rate is \$160/pp which includes 3 nights accommodation, 9 meals, and taxes. A limited number of private rooms with double bed and shared washroom, or shared rooms with private bathrooms are available for an additional cost of \$48. These rooms will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. There are 2 large rooms where we'll be sewing and dining, and once set up you won't have to move anything until we leave. It would be best if you form small groups - to car pool, share a room and common equipment such as rulers, cutting mats, and the like. Just as a word of caution, this lodge, although charming, is old and the rooms can get very smoky. If you suffer from allergies to mould, dust and/or smoke, you will probably be affected by this environment and should reconsider your decision to go on this retreat.

Stuff to Bring:

Bedding - flat sheets (there are single and double beds), pillows and warm blankets or a sleeping bag, a hot water bottle (if you get really cold),

Toiletries, towel, washcloth, soap, and a bathmat (we have some rubber shower mats for the common shower stalls), PJs, slippers and 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),

A large mug for coffee or tea (the cups at Homewood are very small),

Change of clothes, and undies (dress in layers as you can get very warm once the fireplace is lit),

Foul weather gear and appropriate shoes if you plan on walking,

Sewing machine and all the necessary sewing supplies (the quilt shop on Quadra is closed),

Several projects to work on,

Task lamp, an extension cord and power bar are absolutely necessary,

Ironing boards and irons will be shared - don't bring one unless you are specifically asked to - the small Clover irons and a mini board are not restricted,

Something to make a design wall - low tack tape and batting, etc,

Your guild name tag, and please put your name on all your equipment (all our stuff looks the same),

Snacks - optional (they usually lay out an evening snack and fruit, and coffee, tea and hot chocolate are always available),

Sewing chair if there is room in your vehicle- optional, if not, bring a cushion to sit on,

Something(s) to donate to the silent auction (and cash to spend on it) - the money raised is given to the camp as a thank you gift, a "quilter's bingo card for games night (see Oct 2008 newsletter for pattern), and a \$50 deposit cheque as we'll be taking registrations for the next retreat at the end of this one.

Don't forget your medications, and anything else you really need to make yourself comfortable.

Let us know if you have any dietary concerns - **allergies, diabetic, vegetarian**. We will inform the camp staff and 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:

Driving 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 take 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 50 M after turning at the light. The ferry leaves once an hour generally on the half hour and returns on the hour. On Quadra, continue up the main road leaving the ferry. After about ½ KM turn right at the stop sign, onto Heriot Bay Road. 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.

Here are some web sites to check out: www.homewood.bc.ca and www.bcferries.com

Please note: We require a \$50 deposit to secure your space. This deposit is non-refundable unless a replacement is found or the retreat is cancelled (we need a minimum of 30 people to go and a maximum of 36). The balance of your payment is due at the guild meeting preceding the specific retreat.