

Nanaimo Quilters Guild

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Next Meeting

**January 17, doors open 1:00 and 6:00, meeting starts at 1:30 & 6:30 pm Nanaimo Curling Club – upstairs lounge 106 Wall St.
Program: To be announced**

Next Executive Meeting

January 11, 1:30, Chase River Country Grocer, 82 Twelfth St.

Newsletter Deadline

January 22 (22nd of every month)

Refreshments:

Members whose last names start with the letters I, J, K and L, it's your turn to bring goodies to the meeting.

Remember to bring:

- your nametag and cup
- library books
- change for raffle prizes
- donation quilts / placemats
- show and share (including Shania Sunga's Canadian 150 Mystery Quilt, if you made one)
- mystery quilt blocks
- food bank donations

Guild Website

If you have something of interest for our Guild web site, please send it to Sue Creba at suecreba@aquariusd.com

From the President's Pen

Happy New Year everyone! Here we are with another clean slate and a chance to start over again with new goals and aspirations. This past year, as much as I tried to complete projects, it seems my collection of uncompleted projects has continued to grow. And yes, for the grammatically correct, 'uncompleted' is, in fact, a word. Although, the definition says, "the use of uncomplete as an adjective is very rare." So, now we can all start the year with the use of a rare, but correct, word. Something accomplished already!

I hope you all had a Christmas season full of fun, friends and family. Do you make and use seasonal quilts? They are always some of my favourites. It's so much fun to bring them out each year, unrolling or unwrapping them from their protective coverings. It's like seeing old friends and I remember again the fun (or challenges) I had making each one and how much I love them. It's also a visual reminder of the progress I've made as a quilter to look at earlier pieces, comparing them to what I am making now. I still don't choose patterns that are overly complicated, but my quality of work has improved and I like that.

2018 promises to be a busy year for us as quilters and quilt admirers. Parksville will host a show this year and we always enjoy that, but the biggest thing for us that will be reasonably close is Quilt Canada, coming to Vancouver this year. This is where the art quilts will be, the work we will want to stare at for hours, thinking 'how did she do that?', or 'I'm going to try this'. I hope many of you make plans to attend the show, it should be well worth the time and effort. I'm sure some are working on pieces that will be entered into this juried show, and I think I speak for all of us when I say we can't wait to see them!

Do you know that the Canadian Quilters Association has an Events Calendar? Some events are posted months out but others are posted closer to the dates they are being held. If you are traveling in Canada this year, you can check this calendar from time to time to see which CQA member guilds are hosting shows and when, in areas that you may be close to throughout the year.

On January 27th we have our annual Quilt Bee. I hope to see many of you there, but if you can't attend you can still make a lap size quilt for Haven Society if you wish. It just needs to be given to the Bee coordinators by the February Guild meeting. These quilts are much appreciated and provide warmth and comfort locally.

And finally, a big thank you to Arlene Ackerman and her team for once again putting together a very fine Christmas party for us. The room was full, the tables groaned with plates and platters of salads, savouries and goodies, and Graham Gates kept the Christmas carols playing for us throughout the evening.

Remember to bring back your library books to the January meeting, as well as coffee cups, coins for raffles, show and share, and your name tag.

Christine Hustins, NQG President

Library News

Happy New Year Everyone! With 2018 upon us, we hope that you found inspiration in some of the library materials you checked out in November. The most current library list of materials is now on our website!

Don't forget to return ALL your materials to the January meeting.

**** Note:** If anyone would like to help in the library for evening meetings, please let us know. You can email Linda at: addisoncl@shaw.ca *The Library Team*

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Nanaimo Quilters Guild 2018 Program

Val Ursulak is not available to do a trunk show at our January meeting. Members with email will be advised of the program.

Mini UFO Day: December 2 was Mini UFO Day and as always, was full of various projects, yummy food, and lots of laughter. Thank you to our angels, Nancy Lutes and Joanne van Oosten. See photos on page 3.

Fidget Quilts: The Program Committee will have some Fidget Quilt kits available at the Program Committee table. If you have time to make one (or more up) and return it to Debbie Van Otterloo to be distributed to one of the local senior facilities, it would be much appreciated.

February 17: BYOP Bags & Purses Workshop

Do you have an unfinished bag or purse that you need a bit of help with? Then this is the workshop for you! We'll have at least three "coaches" to help you with your project. Bring your own pattern and supplies.

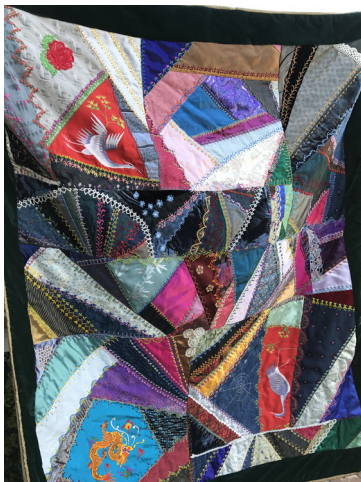
Skill Level: beginner to advanced

Reminder: If you've signed up for this class email your pattern choice to Mary Abbott, at: maryabbott@telus.net



March 24: Crazy Quilt Techniques with Sue Artuso

Presenter: Many of you already know Sue as she's a member of our Guild. She started sewing and quilting at a very young age. Her grandmother and great aunts would get together every summer and put a quilt on the frame under a big tree and quilt every day for weeks at a time, until each one had a completed quilt. Sue would be under the frame sorting scraps, and threading needles. It follows that scrap quilting is her favourite. This lends itself well for crazy quilting, which adds embroidery stitches to her scrap quilting. She enjoys the traditional quilts best, but has tried many styles and types.



Workshop: The term "crazy quilting" is often used to refer to the textile art of crazy patchwork and is sometimes used interchangeably with that term. Crazy quilting does not actually refer to a specific kind of quilting (the needlework which binds two or more layers of fabric together), but a specific kind of patchwork lacking repeating motifs and with the seams and patches heavily embellished. Crazy quilts differ from "regular" quilts in other ways as well. Because the careful geometric

design of a quilt block is much less important in crazy quilts, the quilters are able to employ much smaller and more irregularly shaped pieces of fabric. In comparison to standard quilts, crazy quilts are far more likely to use exotic pieces of fabric, such as velvet, satin, tulle, or silk, and embellishments such as buttons, lace, ribbons, beads, or embroidery. Crazy quilting as a textile art is extremely creative and free-flowing by nature, and crazy quilters will often learn as much about specific embellishments as they will about crazy quilting itself. (From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia)

Sue will teach you several techniques of crazy quilting needed to put a block together at class so you can leave and make many more on your own.

Skill level: beginner to advanced



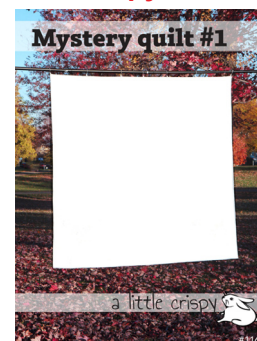
Christmas Potluck on December 13

OTHER EVENTS:

All Year Long: Mystery Quilt by A Little Crispy

January is Month 5. Receive a monthly email (or arrange to pick up your instructions at the Guild meeting).

Two sets of blocks will be due (Months 3 and 4) and two sets of prizes are available to be won, at our January Guild meeting. Bring your finished blocks pinned together or to a background piece to the January Guild meeting and enter the draw to win a participation prize! Any questions? contact Becky Keizer, email: kiddkeizer@shaw.ca



Canadian Mystery Quilt Show & Tell Have you been making Shania Sunga's Canadian Mystery Quilt to commemorate Canada's 150 year birthday? If so, please bring it to the January Guild meeting for Show & Tell. This may be the push you need to finish it up! We would love to see them all together.



Quilt Bee January 27, 2018

We have room for one more team to sign up so don't delay! We are always happy to take names on the waiting list since there are often cancellations - see us at the break at the meeting. We also have a few quilt kits for sign out. If you need to cancel for the day please let us know.

We will only have room for 1 cutting table so try to do some of your cutting at home. We will meet at Oliver Woods Community Center on Saturday January 27 to make quilts in support of Haven House. Doors will open at 8:45 am. Please sign in when you arrive, Marlene Jones will direct you. You are welcome to sit where ever you wish so it is first come first served. Nancy Lutes will be taking pictures during the afternoon so please check yes or no for your picture being taken and shared. We will be shutting down by 3:30 as we need to clean up and be out by 4:00pm.

If you need a reminder of what to bring, please see us for a supply sheet. We will also have the batting (45 X 60 in.) and some backings and labels.

Don't forget your potluck contributions but remember you are not feeding an army! Please bring a plate, mug and your cutlery. You will also need a plastic bag for your dirty dishes.

A big thank you to Norma Stevens and Germaine Batchelor who will be our kitchen queens for the day.

Bring your creativity, appetite and prepare for some fun.

Leslie Millward, Marlene Jones, Margaret Carmichael



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Placemats

We hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season and Happy New Year to all. We were overwhelmed with donations of placemats and tea cozies at the December Potluck. Many of these were from the Sew For Service workshop and we are very grateful to all who contributed. We took in 49 placemats and 18 tea cozies at the Potluck which gave us a total of 305 placemats and 41 tea cozies for donation in December.

Norma and I attended the Mid Island Abilities Christmas luncheon on Dec 14 and offered these gifts to the seniors in attendance on behalf of the Guild. We gave the attendees a choice and 38 placemats and 13 tea cozies were gratefully accepted. There were many compliments and thank yous which I would like to pass along to you all. We donated 125 placemats and 28 tea cozies to the Salvation Army for their Christmas Hamper program and would also like to pass along the thanks we received from Kim, the Director of Community Services. The Nanaimo Meals-on-Wheels received 60 placemats and the Ladysmith Meals-on-Wheels received 10 placemats.

So, the total donation for the holiday season was 233 placemats and 41 tea cozies, leaving us with a balance of 72 placemats. Thank you so much to everyone who made this generosity possible. Well done!

Your Placemat Committee, (Heather, Norma, Maureen, Nancy, Laura and Leanne)

Donation Quilts

In early December Pat and Bonnie delivered 71 quilts to our local community. We were welcomed with many smiling faces at each organization (12 in total). It would not have been possible without all the guild members who took quilt tops, backing and batting to make all the quilts. Thank you to everyone who helped make many people - seniors, adults, teens, children - very happy over Christmas and beyond.

To the newcomers we will be collecting quilts from January to May meetings. These quilts will be distributed in early June. At the January meeting we will have backing and batting available as usual. Don't forget to take home a label to sew on the back of the quilt.

Thank you again.

*Bonnie Dormuth and Pat Clements, Donation quilt committee
Bonnie 250 753-9366, Pat at patclements@shaw.ca*

December Raffles

Show & Share Norma Franks and Dana Roncin.

Mystery Fabric Nadine Lindstrom

Raffles: Norma Franks, Georgy Bowen, Chris Mousseau, Barb Peters (x 2), Tracy, Bonnie L., Val Ursulak, Linda Macey, and 1 name that was unreadable.



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Also for new members; I have had the opportunity to print more cards so if you have a hand-written card please drop by the Membership table as we probably have a printed one for you.

Happy New Year Everyone! *Laura Beswick, Membership*

Christmas Gift Bags

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations of every kind for the Christmas Gift bags for Nanaimo Youth Services Association (NYSA) this year. There were 75 beautiful pillowcases! 34 cute gift bags and 14 boxes of gift items. There were also \$760 in cash donations which the NYSA staff used to buy items to add to the bags. These are the most donations since we started the project back in the fall of 2008! The staff at NYSA were overwhelmed and send their heartfelt thanks to all of you! *Sue Creba*

Canadian Quilters Association Report

Regarding the Quilt Canada Show in Vancouver May 31st to June 2, 2018. The web site now has a list of workshops and lectures with all the prices and particulars. Registration will open to all members on January 8th and January 28th for non members. Please go to the canadianquilter.com for all information. There are great descriptions and bio's with samples for all the workshops and lectures.

CQA is inviting members to participate on line in a Focus group to gather feedback on what the CQA is currently delivering to you, and to solicit ideas on what you would like to see going forward. There will also be a discussion face to face in Vancouver prior to the Quilt Canada Show. If you are interested and want your voice heard, please forward your name, email address and province of residence to membership@canadianquilter.com.

Quilt Canada is looking for volunteers for the show so if you are interested please contact the Volunteer coordinator at: QuiltCanadaVolunteer@canadianquilter.com

Remember the Post Card Challenge sponsored by Cindy's Threadworks is due May 1st. Bring your finished card to a meeting.

Also the Trend Tex Challenge "Celebrate" is due April 8th 2018. All quilt entries are due Jan.31, 2018.

Submitted by Janet Knecht

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Block of the Month

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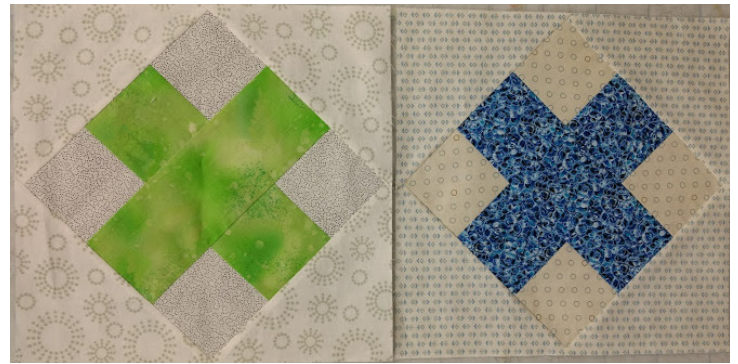
The block due in January is the 12 1/2" unfinished Raspberry Kisses block. You can find it at:

(<http://heritage-threads.com/2016/09/09/12-raspberry-kiss-block/>)

She also has a walk-through for a 4 1/2" block at http://woodenspoonquilts.blogspot.ca/2014/09/raspberry-kiss-block-tutorial_56.html. Just remember that our block is the 12 1/2" one!!). The colour for the x part are fruit based and the 2 surrounding fabrics are low value white or pale coloured fabrics. See the photos at right. This block was suggested by Becky so if you have any suggestions for future blocks please let me know! Unless someone stops me I see myself continuing to pick blocks for the Block of the Month program.

If you have any questions or want to have a class for this block let me know. Please call or text Sarah Beyer at 778-269-2380 or email sarahbeyer@shaw.ca

Above: Raspberry Kiss block. Below: examples of low value fabrics.



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