

Nanaimo Quilters Guild

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Next Meeting

will be announced

Next Executive Meeting

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Newsletter Deadline

January 21

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Happy New Year, Everyone!

I hope you managed a "merry, little Christmas" or your own particular version of winter celebrations, be it Solstice or Hanukkah. To be sure, this year was not like any other for many, but if it was filled with peace and quiet joy, perhaps that is enough.

Our thanks to Kathleen Kane and her committee of Norma Steven, Maggie Pickard and Sandra Radley for putting on a Zoom Christmas party. It is that kind of determination and pluck that I hope will inspire all of us to imagine what we can do, even as we are keenly aware of what we can't do.

I am reminded that this is the season of hope. Let's hope that our loved ones stay healthy and the vaccine will eventually bring about a more normal time.

It's also the time for many species to hibernate, and to some extent, that is what we all must do to get through this winter. Thank goodness for our sewing machines to take up the hours. It is my hope that we will "get through" this strange time and emerge to have a stronger sense of what is important.

That applies to our Guild, as well. Hibernation is about survival and conserving energy so the Spring can be productive. Perhaps by stripping our Guild down to an essence, we will be able to concentrate our energies on the parts that are most important to insure survival. This quieter time offers a time to think and reflect on what our commitment is to keep our organization going. It offers the opportunity to imagine new ways of doing things and the possibility of new approaches.

In the months ahead, the Executive will attempt to fashion a forum for a discussion of the above with the idea that, come Spring, we will be ready to undertake a "New Beginning" with fresh ideas, an energized leadership and visions for a dynamic Guild. While you sit at your machines, give this some thought.

For now, *Bonnie Eaton, Acting President*

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The newsletter committee would like to give a hearty (and distanced!) welcome to Ashley LeQuesne, and her online (and retail) fabric store, Chitter Chatter Fabrics to the NQG newsletter. Retail businesses, their owners and employees have been so negatively impacted by the pandemic, it's great to see innovative new online ways entrepreneurs offer great products to a broader geographic base of customers. Let's get out there (or go online) and continue to support our wonderful advertisers and suppliers. Welcome Chitter Chatter and thank you to all our advertisers!

Leslie McGeough, Newsletter Advertising Coordinator

Guild Website

The password for the Members Only section of our website will remain the same in 2020/2021. A reminder that it is printed on the back of your membership card, and new members will be given the password when they join. If you have something of interest for our Guild web site, please send it to Sue Creba at smcreba@gmail.com

Satellite Groups

Satellite quilting groups meet to socialize, support, inspire or just have lunch. Once we are safely able to get together in small groups, and you are interested in forming a satellite group, please contact Nadine at nqg.satellite@yahoo.ca

See what our Guild and its members are up to. You can submit photos of your quilts to our Facebook and Instagram sites. Click on the FACEBOOK link below:

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2021 Guild Program

Another year has rolled around and we are hoping it will bring some good news for all guilds and for their members. It has been a challenging year, with a steep learning curve for the committee as we navigate being together using Zoom and similar technology. The committee is especially grateful for Kathleen, our co-coordinator, who has stepped up and made getting together in the "virtual" world possible. Looking ahead, we are excited about the programs planned for the coming months, but first, a small recap.

Sew Day

A casual three hour "come and go" sew - in day was enjoyed December 6th by a number of members. The general feeling was that more such get-togethers would be welcome.

Christmas Party

Many thanks are due to all the thirty one members who joined in this fun time December 16th; your participation made the evening a success. It was great to hear a few words from our acting President, Bonnie Eaton, and from committee members, Heather Henderson and Janet Knecht. Thanks, also, to those who sent in photos for the Show and Share slide show; to Charlie Pickard for his wonderful Santa appearance and quilt rendition of The Night before Christmas; and to Becky Keizer for Quilto and Holiday Quiz prizes from Tian's generosity at Serge and

Sew. The lucky winners were Vicki Zoltay and Maureen Bryson. And, judging from one of the virtual polls conducted at the party, there was unanimous support for holding Zoom guild meetings until we are free from the pandemic and its restrictions.

Upcoming Zoom Presentations

Wednesday, January 20, 2021 7:00 pm Studio Magnificent by Brandy Maslowski

Brandy explores clearing clutter, organizing your stash, and managing your creative space. She inspires with tips on storage and ideas to make your space a creative sanctuary that brings you more joy and less overwhelm.

Monday, February 22, 2021 7:00 pm "Get Your Motor Running" by Melissa Marginet

Learn how to spark creativity in yourself or in your guild with challenges that will have everyone thinking outside the box. This trunk show has more ideas than you will know what to do with to get everyone learning new techniques and building quilting and creative confidence.

Wednesday, March 17, 2021 7:00 pm "Japan's Quilt History" by Teresa Duryea Wong

Surprise! We're not going to Ireland for St. Patrick's Day; we're going international! We'll be travelling in cyber space to a different country to learn and see something completely new for our guild members! Stay tuned...we're very excited about this quilt lecture.

Do You Have a Fear of Zoom?

No, this isn't a guest presentation, but if you're reluctant to give Zoom a try, the Program Committee is happy to try to help you with this technology. Why miss out because of Covid-19 and the lack of in-person meetings? We'd love to have you enjoy the virtual presentations we've arranged using the Zoom platform. Feel free to contact either Kathleen Kane or Norma Steven.

Donation Quilts

Thank you to everyone who braved the weather and came to the Curling Club parking lot this fall to pick up batting, backing and labels. Thanks to the guild members who brought finished quilts. They will be stored safely while wait to see what 2021 brings.

We will not be at the Curling Club parking lot in January. Hopefully we will be there in February weather permitting. Please read your newsletter for any updates.

Samaritan House is still requesting quilts. They are asking for 21 twin size quilts 64"x86" (minimum 75"x80" long so the ladies feet won't stick out). We have two quilts that have been made for Samaritan House. If you can help fill the request or need more information please contact Janice Spencer at janicespencer@shaw.ca.

Everyone enjoy your time at home. Be healthy and stay safe.

Bonnie Dormuth & Pat Clements, Donation Quilts Committee

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Quilt Bee 2021 ~ Virtual Version

The Quilt Bee 2021 will be on Zoom, January 23, 2021. I thought we would start at 10 o'clock and go till around 2 with a show and share starting at around 1:30. I know we can't finish a full quilt in four hours, but if you've been following the rules and stayed home (aka your sewing space), you have stuff already done for donation and quilt bee. So here we go.

If you aren't on Zoom please find someone to talk you through it. I'm sure if you contact Kathleen Kane she will hopefully get you on board. So pack a lunch, gather your hand work for in front of your computer or take your tablet / lap top to your sewing machine. **HINT: you will need to mute your sound on the device while sewing.** I'm probably making this sound harder than it is, so please try. You will not be disappointed.

Also, I will be in the curling rink parking lot on February 17 to give out kits, backing, and batting to finish your projects and you can drop off any finished quilts. I'll be collecting quilts every month up to and including June. We have 12 already.

There really isn't a lot more to say, we can only try to make this work. I see the optimistic light at the end of the tunnel. Bring on September 2021.

I would like to give a shout out and big THANK YOU to Kathleen Kane "The ZOOM MASTER" for keeping us all connected. Works better than I thought. Fun to just chat to members.

Hope you all had a happy holiday season and stayed safe. See you in the new year, masks on, fingers crossed.

Janet Knecht quiltyjan@gmail.com or 1-250-245-5936

Placemats

On November 30th we donated 60 placemats to Nanaimo Meals-on-Wheels and 6 placemats to Ladysmith Meals-on-Wheels. We also donated 125 placemats and 60 tea cozies to the Salvation Army for their Christmas Hamper Program. This leaves us with a balance of 37 placemats and 24 tea cozies. I want to thank everyone who made these beautiful placemats, your generosity and creativity never ceases to amaze me. Looking at these placemats is so inspiring.

I will be available in the curling rink parking lot on Feb 17th, 2021 (if no snowstorm), in case anyone would like to pick up some batting (cut 13" X 19") and to take in donations of completed placemats. Again thank you all so much.

Your Placemat Committee, Heather, Norma and Maureen



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A thank you

I just wanted to take the time to thank the Guild for my quilt I received from Haven. Last year I left my husband with little more than my clothes. I lost my job due to Covid and I am drowning financially. Every day I spend alone in my basement suite, most times feeling so very alone. Depression gets the best of me most days. I tell you this not for pity but to understand the gravity of my situation and how much the quilt means to me. Haven gave me the opportunity to go to their 'gift room' and I came across the most beautiful quilt. I look at it and think about the hundreds of hours that went into completing it and I am humbled and feel a little less alone. It will be the only gift I receive this year, I think you from the very bottom of my heart and I wish words could convey just what it means to sleep under one of your quilts. The love that went into the quilt I received will not be forgotten and will be more cherished than any gift from a store. signed, B.



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Library

Happy 2021 everyone! Fingers crossed there is a "light at the end of the tunnel" for 2021!

We have been carefully considering your questions about our library books since this pandemic started.

What should I do with my library books?

Answer: Please keep them until we are able to get together again. We don't have access to our Curling Club storage at the moment and I/we don't have the space to collect, store, or even worse, the strength to pack them all back to the Curling Club for the next meeting. We have **hundreds** of library materials checked out at any one time. You probably know how heavy 1 bag of books is, multiply that by 100 and you can imagine what a job it would be to collect, store and transport the materials. Our Library cupboards are only able to hold the remaining books after each meeting, not our whole collection of 900+ books plus magazines.

In the meantime, please "quarantine" your books in a plastic bag in a safe place and have them ready for the next meeting. If you are moving, hopefully you can leave them with another member for safe keeping. When BC Health eases their restrictions, we may be able to arrange a parking lot meet up with the Curling Club to return your library materials and store them with our other Guild cupboards. Right now that possibility remains up in the air.

Hope that answers the question, Thanks you all for keeping our Guild Library Collection safe. The Library Committee's work starts as soon as we are able to meet again.

Best Wishes from the Library Team for 2021. Stay safe, calm & healthy. *Linda Addison*

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Membership

We currently have 127 members who have renewed for 2020/2021.

The membership form is in this newsletter and on the guild website (islandquilters.ca), under the Membership tab at the top of the page. We have a membership form that can be filled out online. Scroll down and Membership Form (pdf) is the fillable one.

You can pay your fees by e-transfer or by cheque. E-transfer your membership fee to membershipnqg@gmail.com

Cheques can be mailed to Nanaimo Quilters Guild, PO Box 943, Nanaimo, BC V9R 5N2.

Membership fees for this session are \$15 and, if you need the newsletter mailed, it is an additional \$15.

Both payment methods still require sending in your membership form. You can email the form to membershipnqg@gmail.com or mail to Nanaimo Quilters Guild, PO Box 943, Nanaimo, BC V9R 5N2

Honorary members (80 years of age and older) are exempt from fees. We will not be mailing receipts or membership cards at this time. Happy New Year Everyone! *Laura Beswick & Barb Kerfoot, Membership Committee*



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Nanaimo Quilters' Guild

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2020 / 2021 year

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Are you a new member? _____ Have you ever been a member in the past? _____

I attend the day ☐ and/or evening ☐ meetings.

I wish to have the Guild Newsletter delivered by: regular mail (\$15) ☐ online ☐

Are you an **Honorary Member**? ☐ (over 80 years of age)

As an honorary member, I wish to continue to receive information/newsletters from the Guild.

Yes, I do ☐

No, please just retain my membership ☐

Year of 80th birthday _____

I do ☐ I do not ☐ consent to my personal information appearing on the membership list that is provided to the members of the Nanaimo Quilters' Guild.

X

Print Name _____

Signature _____

Areas in which I am willing to volunteer:

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