

# Nanaimo Quilters Guild

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## Next Meetings

**Tuesday, January 11, 7 pm** Rose Parr presents **Sew Smart: The Ergonomics of Healthy Quilting** on Zoom (presented in partnership with the Parksville Guild)

**January 19**, noon-1 pm, (weather permitting) donation quilts, quilt bee quilts and placemats drop off at Nanaimo Curling Club parking lot

**January 19**, open at 6:30 for socializing, meeting starts at 7:00 on Zoom

## Next Executive Meeting (Zoom)

**January 13**, 1:30 to 3:30 pm

## Newsletter Deadline

**January 21**

Where you see blue underlined lettering in the online version of the newsletter, it means that you can put your cursor on the blue lettering and click the word or words, and you'll be taken to the website associated with the blue lettering. Best viewed in Google Chrome (some links may not work on a Mac)

## Guild Website

The Members Only section password for our website will remain the same for the foreseeable future (password is printed on the back of your membership card) If you have something of interest for our Guild web site, please send it to Sue Creba at [smcreba@gmail.com](mailto:smcreba@gmail.com)

## Presidents' Pen

Another Covid year under our belts has made us nimble if nothing else! The updated Provincial Health Order means we won't be able to gather in person this month. As a result, you can anticipate a Zoom invitation for January's meeting. We look forward to seeing many of you virtually to start the new year. We continue to plan a month at a time and hope to see you, your quilts and our library books in person again soon.

The new year is often a time of organizing our stash or sewing spaces and setting sewing goals for the year. Often quilters find themselves refining a UFO list with a plan to complete some projects. Maybe this will be the year you get lots of those UFOs done.

It was such a treat to see the 2021 Challenge projects in person in December. There is so much talent and imagination in the membership! We hope you'll think about joining in this year's Challenge. Whatever this month finds you contemplating for your year, we wish you all health and happiness along the way. Happy New Year! *Terri Askham & Judi McLaughlin, Co-Presidents*

## 2022 Guild Program

On December 4, 17 eager folks were thrilled to take the Melissa Marginet workshop "Modern Quilting with a Walking Foot". I think everyone agreed that Melissa's expert teaching and tech skills resulted in people expanding their skill level and confidence.

### Upcoming Program Events

**Tuesday, January 11, 7 pm** is speaker Rose Parr presenting **Sew Smart: The Ergonomics of Healthy Quilting** which will be a great way to start the new year. Her presentation will be in partnership with the Parksville Guild. The Zoom link will be sent out beforehand.

**Saturday & Sunday, February 5 & 6 from 9:30-3:30.** **Hover Quilting** virtual workshop. Hover-quilting is a new form of raw edge appliqué, absent of fusible web. (photo at right) This innovative technique produces not only a beautiful controlled frayed edge, but also creates the illusion of your piecing to hovering above the quilt top. Registration is \$50 and is now open. [www.PeterBQuilts.com](http://www.PeterBQuilts.com)

**Wednesday, February 15** at 7pm is speaker Krista Hennebury with a lively presentation entitled **Who Gives a Flying FQ About Accuracy?**

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**Saturday, March 12 from 10-4.** If accuracy isn't your thing, Krista

will also be leading a fun and freeing 6-hour virtual workshop called **Speed Date with Improv**, which will result in an original improv sampler quilt. Registration is \$40 and is now open. [www.PoppyPrintCreates.blogspot.com](http://www.PoppyPrintCreates.blogspot.com) To register for workshops, please email Kathleen at: [contactkkanegmail.com](mailto:contactkkanegmail.com) for further details. Feel free to check out these presenters' websites to find out more about them and what they offer.



*Speed Date with Improv*

*Kathleen Kane, Chair, Program Committee*

## Quilt Bee January 22

Well, dare I say here we go again. As of right now, today Dec. 21 sounds like we need to step up and follow the rules. I'm thinking we may need to call off the Quilt bee, but having said that the restrictions are "only" in place till January 18th.

The bee is on the 22nd. I have not heard from Oliver Woods so I will wait to get a better idea the first week on January. This will still give us some leeway to be reimbursed for our fee. If we have to continue in this regard I will go back to the parking lot drop offs. Thank you again to all who participated in donating quilts last year. I delivered 60 quilts to Haven House for their Christmas programs. I hope to go and see this once Covid is over if possible. Happy Christmas everyone and I hope everyone gets new rotary blades from Santa.

*Thanks, Janet Knecht and the Quilt Bee Committee*



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## Membership

So happy to see members in person at our Christmas gathering and give out name tags and receipts. Thanks to those who renewed and made our numbers now stand at 116.

Those of you who have not renewed can still do so by visiting the Guild website ([www.islandquilters.ca](http://www.islandquilters.ca)) under the Membership tab. If you are comfortable with e-transfers and an online fillable pdf membership form, memberships can be done quickly and efficiently by emailing [nqgmembership@gmail.com](mailto:nqgmembership@gmail.com). We still accept cheques payable to the Nanaimo Quilt Guild and forms can be mailed to NQG Membership, P.O. Box 943, Nanaimo, B.C. V9R 5N2. Dues are \$30 with \$15 added if you want the newsletter mailed.

Not sure if you have renewed or not? Send an email to [nqgmembership@gmail.com](mailto:nqgmembership@gmail.com) or check the list on the website which is up to date till November 29th. Please note that it will not yet have the latest renewals.

Quilt on and hope to see you in 2022, health guidelines allowing!

*Barbara Kerfoot, Membership*  
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## Donation Quilts

First a very heartfelt thank you to all our members who have made what seem like especially beautiful quilts for distribution this December. The Committee would like to send special acknowledgement to the Modern Quilt Guild whose members likewise contributed to our distribution.

The committee had received 64 quilts in total and distributed 61 assorted lap, wheelchair, children and adult quilts to 10 different organizations requesting quilts this season. Three quilts were held back to be available for unexpected special requests, should the need arise between now and our spring distribution.

The committee was very grateful to receive an invitation to a Blanketing Ceremony given by the Building Better Babies program at Tillicum Lelum, one of the recipients of our baby quilts. A member from our committee attended and was touched by the ceremony and the excellence of the program. The BBB program was delighted to receive our quilts, as is the case with all the organizations that we give to. Please see photos throughout the newsletter.

Since we will not be having a guild meeting in January, the Donation Quilts Committee will be in the Nanaimo Curling Club parking lot between noon and 1 p.m. on January 19 to receive any donation quilts. Batting, batting, and labels will be available.

Thanks to everyone who has responded to our request for knitting premie baby hats for NRGH. Lynn dropped off 21 hats on December 20, and there are many more to come! *Donation Quilts Committee: Lynn Bensten, Sue Creba, Bonnie Eaton, Tracy Irwin, Nadine Lindstrom, Jean Pennington, Arlene Sanders (The Scrappy Bags)*



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## Library

Hope everyone had a great Christmas and all the best for 2022.

The saga continues....

I was writing the Library Report when BC Health put in new restrictions. It looks like our January meeting will be cancelled. So hold on to those library materials till our next meeting. *The Library Team*

## Placemats

Well, the December meeting/Christmas party was fun, and the cake was outstanding. Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. We had 18 placemats turned in at the December meeting, thanks to all who contributed. I played Santa on behalf of the Nanaimo Quilters Guild in December and distributed 60 placemats to Meals-on-Wheels in Nanaimo, 8 placemats to M-on-W in Ladysmith and 15 placemats and 5 tea cozies to M-on-W on Gabriola Island. We also donated 100 placemats, 50 tea cozies, and a few other assorted crafts to the Salvation Army for their Christmas Hamper Program. I am sure they will brighten many a table and thank you to the membership for your generosity. We are left with 63 placemats and 13 tea cozies to start off the coming year. So, keep on quilting and turning your scraps into placemats.

*Your Placemat Committee, Heather, Norma, Maureen*

## Quilt Request

I am looking to have a bereavement quilt made for my late father. I'd love to know if that's something any of your members do, about their process, and prices.

*Ruth de la Giroday, 778-899-7884*

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## CQA Report

Happy New Year everyone, here we are locked down again so I'm sending an excerpt of an article available for all to read on the CQA website [www.canadianquilter.com](http://www.canadianquilter.com). Just scroll to the bottom of the main page for the full article, you don't have to be a member to read this.

From the article....."A recent CBC article headline reads: "Why you might want to start wearing better masks – even outdoors", and leads with: "The spread of more contagious coronavirus variants in Canada amid already high levels of COVID-19 makes it a critical time to think about the masks we wear".

We've all been hearing lately that many of the cloth masks available may not be as effective as they need to be to protect us when we are out and about. There are two critical elements to a good mask....fit and material. No matter what your mask is made of, if it doesn't fit your face properly then you won't be breathing just through the mask but also through any gaps around the sides, top or bottom. The other important feature is what your mask is made of. We can still make safe and effective masks but this article suggests it may be best to add an effective filter layer.

So hop on over to [www.canadianquilter.com](http://www.canadianquilter.com), read the article and give some thought to new masks for a new year and the best protection we can give ourselves and families.

This is my favourite mask pattern because it stays in place over your nose and under your chin while staying away from your mouth so you can talk and breathe easily. <https://seekatesew.com/3d-mask-template/> I tweaked it a little, turning the ends in and sewing the elastic at top and bottom. This way I find the sides lie very flat and I like that better.

Farewell to 2021, looking forward with optimism and hope for all of us. *Chrisine Hustins, CQA rep*



## Christmas Tea Party/Meeting

Thanks to everyone who came to the Christmas Social. I enjoyed the whole afternoon. Wonderful to see lots of familiar faces. Special thanks to Barb Kerfoot for the in your chair scavenger hunt. The questions were fun and a good laugh was had by all. Also thanks to Liz Hewitson for her show and share of her family heirloom quilt from the eighteen hundreds. So special. To Heather and Maggie for serving the tea and coffee and cake, no pieces left for the hubby. See you next year, fingers crossed. *Janet Knecht and the Christmas Committee*





## Challenge

Thanks to everyone who participated in the 2019 Challenge. All of the entries were interesting. Thanks to Bonnie Dormuth for helping to count the ballots and to the ladies who hung the entries on the line. After a significant hiatus, we finally got 'er done! Congratulations to the winners. We awarded four lovely ribbons (from Bastion Trophy) to the following winners in ascending order: Honourable Mention: Greta Simmons (2 quilts tied for fourth) Third and Second: Joanne van Oosten, First ; Vicki Dods. The pictures are posted on the Guild Facebook page. Apologies for any spelling mistakes!

The Quilt Batts satellite group have volunteered to be next year's committee. We have already planned next year's challenge. Since we have all been housebound for so long, we decided the next challenge should be a "house" theme. Watch for the details at the next meeting. The *Challenge Committee* Val Ansell (250 758 1185) [thornasite@gmail.com](mailto:thornasite@gmail.com) and Judy Peterson [judymp@shaw.ca](mailto:judymp@shaw.ca)



**1st Prize to Vicki Dods: Fractals and Forams**



**2nd Prize to Joanne Van Oosten inspired by windows at St Bavo's cathedral, Ghent**

## Scraps for pet beds

One of our new members wonders if anyone makes pet beds or other items that use fabric scraps for stuffing. If you'd like to receive these scraps, contact Terri Askham ([terri.askham@gmail.com](mailto:terri.askham@gmail.com)) and I will put you in touch.

## NQG Zoom Account

Our Guild has its own Zoom account, for the use of satellite groups. Contact Nancy Lutes at [dnlutes@telus.net](mailto:dnlutes@telus.net) for the email and password should your group wish to use our account.

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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**Happy New Year!**





3rd Prize to Joanne Van Oosten



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At our December Christmas tea, guest Liz Hewitson showed her family heirloom quilt from the eighteen hundreds.



Honourable Mention to Greta Simmons (4th and 5th) Modern Geometric



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## Donation Quilts

*Above left: delivering quilts to the Salvation Army, and above right: to the Aboriginal Infant Development Program in Cedar*

*Clockwise from left: quilts for Building Better Babies Program, Sue Creba's blanketing ceremony, group photo: Erica Building Better Babies (BBB) and Creating Healthy Families Coordinator, Leona (Tillicum Lelum Aboriginal Friendship Centre [TLAFC] board member), Marguerit (BBB Elder), Sue Creba, Darché (BBB Outreach), and Carrie (TLAFC Early Childhood Development).*



## Building Better Babies Baby and Parent Graduation

I was invited (on behalf of the guild donation committee) to attend a blanketing ceremony and lunch on December 1 for the graduation of babies and parents of the Building Better Babies Program at Tillicum Lelum Aboriginal Friendship Centre (TLAFC). We have been providing baby quilts to this group for many years. It was wonderful to meet the young families and the staff and board members of TLAFC and to learn more about this great program. I was very honoured and moved to be blanketed as your representative by elder Marguerit. The blanketing ceremony is an integral historical component of First Nations culture, wrapping the recipient in love, community and inclusiveness. *Sue Creba*





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