

# Nanaimo Quilters Guild

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## Next Meeting

**January 18, Nanaimo Curling Club, doors open at 1 pm & 6 pm, meetings at 1:30 pm & 6:30 pm**

**Note: Christmas in January is only at the afternoon meeting**

**Next Executive Meeting (Zoom) January 12, 1:30 - 3:30**

## Quilt Show Meeting

**January 25, 1:00 to 3:00 pm, Country Grocer on Bowen**

## Newsletter Deadline

**January 21**

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

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:

[NanaimoQuiltersGuild](https://www.facebook.com/NanaimoQuiltersGuild)

## Guild Website

The Members Only section password has changed (the new 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

Happy New Year! While we were disappointed to have to cancel our Christmas Tea and social due to the weather conditions, we look forward to incorporating it into our January afternoon guild meeting.

We continue to experience seasonal related illnesses and Covid in the community and support each of you to make your own decisions about attendance and masks as we move towards Spring.

It's time to hit the gas pedal now for our long-awaited Quilt Show in June. We look forward to seeing all your creations! June will be here before we know it so take advantage of these Winter months to get some sewing done. We'll be hearing more about how everyone can help make this a great show for ourselves, the community of quilters and the "quilt-curious" that we anticipate attending. Even if you're not ready to put a quilt in the show, there's lots you can do to help. And it will be great fun!

Happy Quilting, *Terri Askham & Judith McLaughlin, Co-Presidents*

## 2023 Guild Program

The Program Committee hopes everyone has a Happy New Year and has resolved to learn new tip and techniques.

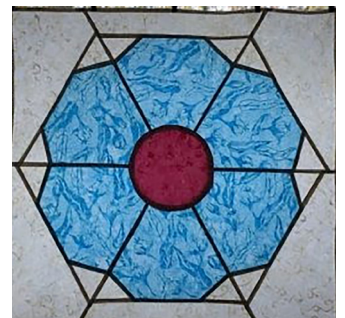
With that in mind, please consider signing up for the next workshop, happening in March.

**Saturday, March 11, 2023, 9 - 3:30 Elizabeth DeCroos: POJAGI (Korean Stained Glass) Spring Flower Window Panel \$40 (On Zoom)** Pojagi is the name for an ancient Korean form of stitching that often includes reversible patchwork. If you've ever held a flimsy (quilt top without backing or batting) up to a window, you've probably noticed that it looks like stained glass. But if you've ever tried it, you know there is one problem – raw edges.

Elizabeth of Epida Studio has adapted the traditional techniques for our modern sewing machines and batik fabrics and solves that raw-edge problem with her modern Pojagi seam. She will lead us in this workshop to make window hangings that give the appearance of stained glass and are fully reversible. When students hold up their first piece to a window, the most common reaction is "Wow!" Suitable for all levels.

To register, please email Nancy Lutes at [nlutes@telus.net](mailto:nlutes@telus.net) who will give you the information about sending your payment.

*Kathleen Kane, 250-802-3323*



**Library:** Remember to bring back your library materials to either the afternoon or evening meeting. *The Library Team*

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## Christmas in January!

The Christmas festivities planned for December 21 will now be celebrated at the January 18 Guild meeting at 1:30. May the sun shine and the snow and ice be gone! Regular meeting events will be held and then we will move into the season of 2023. Please keep the spirit to join in what had been planned.

- Don your seasonal best
- Bring sweet or savoury items to share and cut them up if needed and bring tongs for serving (labelled with your name) or use just for you. Note any ingredients that some might be allergic to.
- Bring your Christmas creations to show
- Bring your Challenge Quilt
- Bring a Christmas placemat if you have one and any placemats or quilts for donation
- Remember a plate, cup and fork and a plastic bag to take these home in
- Bring a pen or pencil for the games

Refreshments will be on hand and we will do our best to be covid cautious. Masks are encouraged when not eating.

Participate in some games and vote on the House Challenge. You could be a winner and there are prizes to be won. Happy New Year to all!

## January Raffles

We have had a lot of donations of beautiful items and they will be included in the January raffle prizes. Thank you to Erin Kelly, Vicki Z., Pat R., Germaine B. and Sharon D. for their donations. Tickets are \$1.00 each. We do mix up the tickets before the drawing. When someone wins more than one prize it may be because they buy a lot of tickets or it just happens. I hope you are understanding. *Carole Phinney, raffles chair.*

## Our Guild 2022 Challenge ~ Houses

Thanks to the ladies who handed in their challenge pieces at the November meeting. Due to unforeseen circumstances, we will accept any more entries that members may choose to bring to the January meeting. Please bring them in an opaque wrapping with your name on it. Give them to either Sandra or me. Challenge rules are in September, October and November newsletters

*Val Ansell*

*The Quilt Batts Challenge Committee: Val Ansell, Norma Franks, Judith McLaughlin, Sandra Radley, Linda Robinson*

## Membership

Info about joining is on our website [www.islandquilters.ca](http://www.islandquilters.ca) under the tab Membership. The current members list is on the website accessible to all present members and is current to December 3, 2022. Any questions can be directed to membership at [membershipnqg@gmail.com](mailto:membershipnqg@gmail.com)

*Barbara Kerfoot, Guild Membership*

## Donation Quilts

In December we delivered 50 quilts as follows:

Building Better Babies, Tillicum Lelum - 4 baby quilts  
 Crossroads Crisis Pregnancy Centre - 3 baby quilts  
 Dufferin Place (NRGH, Hospital Foundation) - 3 lap quilts  
 Eden Gardens - 5 adult lap/wheelchair quilts  
 Island Health Prenatal - 4 baby quilts  
 Nanaimo Community Hospice - 4 small bed quilts  
 Nanaimo Family Life - 7 large adult lap quilts  
 NICU (NRGH, Hospital Foundation) - 7 incubator quilts  
 Salvation Army - 6 adult and kids large lap quilts  
 VISCAN (NRGH, Hospital Foundation) - 3 kids quilts  
 Victim Services (RCMP) - 4 adult and kids lap quilts  
 Still to deliver - 6 baby quilts to Kw'umut Lelum Aboriginal Infant Development.

See photos throughout the newsletter. We will have batting, backing and labels at the January meeting.

*Donation Quilts Committee: Lynn Bensten, Sue Creba, Bonnie Eaton, Tracy Irwin, Nadine Lindstrom, Jean Pennington, Arlene Sanders (The Scrappy Bags)*

## Evening Meeting Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to perform the evening hospitality role. This involves greeting everyone on arrival and giving out the name tag draw tickets. This is an important and enjoyable way to support your fellow guild members. If you are interested or would like to know more, please contact Terri Askham [terri.askham@gmail.com](mailto:terri.askham@gmail.com) 250-882-5108



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## Quilt Show Report

At this time we are ready to crank the show prep up another notch. At the January general meeting I will be filling everyone in on the show. I am not a public speaker so will try to make this info session as smooth as possible.

The Call To Entry committee will briefly go over the online form to enter your quilt and how to get pictures as well.

Sign up will be starting in January for volunteers and what shifts they want. Raffle Tickets to be sold will start in February. Be prepared to sell a lot of tickets as this will be an important and necessary fundraiser as the kitchen sales will be limited.

Also see articles from the Ballot Committee and Depot Captain Coordinators on page 6.

Janet Knecht (250-734-1671) [quiltyjan@gmail.com](mailto:quiltyjan@gmail.com)

## Quilt Show Boutique

The Quilt Show Boutique needs a wide variety of good quality items made from fabric (no knitted or crocheted items). Members may submit up to 100 items, and are required to volunteer a shift in the boutique on each day of the show.

Our guild will take 10% off your item's price to cover expenses. There will soon be all the information you need, including suggested pricing in the Members Only section of our website. Any questions, email Linda Macey at [wrmacey@gmail.com](mailto:wrmacey@gmail.com)

## FoodSafe Volunteer Needed

We are looking for a volunteer who has FoodSafe certification to be involved with the Quilt Show kitchen. Please contact Janet Knecht or Sue Artuso.



Eden Gardens - 5 quilts

## Quilt Show Challenge

Only a few kits are left. We are really looking forward to seeing a healthy contribution of challenge pieces for our show. A big thank you to Philippa for her inspiring talk about her experiences with the creation of challenge pieces. I was particularly influenced by her discussion regarding new methods to try, such as Gloria Loughman's or Laura Heine's styles as well as her reluctance to consider her pieces finished until she has added a little extra bling.

The theme is 'Celebrating Local Sites and Scenes'. We hope this will be good advertising to the general public that comes through the show and inspires them to explore places they may not know about or reminds them of sites they want to revisit.

The piece may be a realistic applique version or could be a modernistic, stylized version that implies a site, as long as the title makes reference to the locale.

Someone asked at the November meeting if people could make more than one piece. The answer is yes, although one person will not be eligible to win more than one ribbon.

Happy brainstorming. If you have any questions, please get in touch with us.

*Show Year Challenge Coordinators*  
Vicki Dods and Jeannette Blackmore

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## Quilt Bee January 28, 2023

During the January Meeting there is still time to sign up, as a team or individually. Kits, batting and backing will be available at the meeting and the Bee. At this time Haven is full for quilts. Not sure how many they will have left after the holiday season. We have around 80 quilts in the storage locker. I still encourage everyone to make quilts.

Haven has also requested tote bags for families, as an ongoing project for when they leave Haven House to carry groceries and personal items. They would like large, quilted, beach bag size bags (20" wide by 18" deep, with 3 inch box corners and long strap handles). I made two kinds as samples (see below left), one with plain batting and lined and one with firm foam batting, also lined. Either is good. Also, remember with this event to bring your own lunch, we will have the coffee and tea. The Pearls satellite group will be there to sew on labels and binding if you need. Thanks everyone for your support. *Janet Knecht*



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## Placemats

Thanks to everyone for submitting the 81 placemats and 11 tea cozies turned in at the November meeting. These were absolutely essential for our Christmas giving. The Nanaimo Meals on Wheels have almost doubled with respect to the population they serve, so instead of the usual 60 placemats, this year they needed 113! We also gave 18 to the Meals on Wheels on Gabriola Island, and 7 to the Meals on Wheels in Ladysmith. The Salvation Army received 120 placemats and 60 tea cozies. They were all very appreciative of this donation. The volunteer who coordinates the Meals on Wheels for Nanaimo told me that their clients were thrilled.

I have counted the remaining stock and we have 10 placemats and 16 tea cozies left. This means we will need quite a few donated before June so we have enough for the Quilt Show Tea Room. I sure missed the Christmas Party but if it keeps snowing like this all winter you will have time at home to make more placemats. LOL. *Your Placemat Committee, Heather, Norma and Maureen*



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## Calling for Depot Captain Volunteers!

What duties does a Depot Captain perform?

Collect exhibitors' quilts – at your convenience, at your home, a few days before the show. Deliver these quilts on the morning of Thursday, June 8 between 9:00 and 9:30 AM to the "Quilt Hanging" team at the curling rink.

\*\*\*\*NOTE: NON-SMOKING ENVIRONMENT ONLY\*\*\*\*

On Sunday June 11, receive the same quilts from the "Take Down" committee and redistribute them to their rightful owners. The following is an overview of how many Depot Captains are required and in which areas:

### Quilt Show 2023 Depot Captain Designated Areas:

1. Duncan/North Cowichan/Crofton – one captain needed
2. Ladysmith/Saltair/Chemainus – four (Judy Pederson + 3)
3. Moose Hall/South: incl. Cedar, Chase River, Yellowpoint, Cinnibar Valley and Extension area, South Wellington and Cassidy – one
4. South Nanaimo: Moose Hall (south end of Tenth St.) north of Jinglepot Rd/Westwood Lake, Downtown and Harewood – two
5. Central Nanaimo: north of Fifth St. turnoff on the Parkway and north of Comox Rd to Mostar/Rutherford – five
6. North Nanaimo: north of Mostar/Rutherford Rd to Aulds Rd and south of Dickinson Rd – five Hammond Bay Road Area – one
7. Lantzville – one
8. Parksville – one
9. Gabriola Island – one

Please email Leslie Millward [lmillward@shaw.ca](mailto:lmillward@shaw.ca) or Sandy Dobson [sdobson@telus.net](mailto:sdobson@telus.net)

Please note this answer to a frequently asked question:  
**Every exhibitor's quilted items should be covered by their own home insurance.**



## 2023 Quilt Show Ballot Committee

At the September 2022 in-person guild meetings, guild members voted for their category preferences for the upcoming 2023 Show, and the results were posted in the October 2022 newsletter. Below are the definitions and categories with their descriptions. Please review these carefully before you fill in your Calls To Entry. This show has a more technique-focused approach. Note the Small Traditional Quilt – smaller than a single bed size using traditional block designs. Examine the other categories to determine whether your entry fits here or in one of those. Take your time and enjoy the process.

### DEFINITIONS

**SOLO:** Quilt made and quilted by one person.

**DUO:** Quilt made and/or quilted by two people.

### CATEGORIES

**Large Traditional Quilt:** Single bed size or larger. Uses traditional block designs.

**Small Traditional Quilt:** Pieces smaller than a single bed size. Uses traditional block designs.

**Modern Quilt:** Modern quilts are primarily functional and inspired by Modern design. Several characteristics may include the use of bold colours and prints, high contrast and graphic areas of solid colour, improvisational piecing, minimalism, expansive negative space, and alternate grid work.

**Applique Quilt:** May be hand or machine appliqued, with more than 50% of the blocks containing applique.

**Special Event Quilt:** Any quilt intended to celebrate a holiday, Hanukkah, Halloween, Christmas or family celebration or to celebrate a family history or an important event.

**Quilt for a Child:** Any quilt or wall hanging intended for a child.

**Machine Paper-Pieced Quilt:** Refers to sewing fabrics by machine onto a foundation to stabilize the quilt block due to unusual geometric shapes, small pieces or odd angles on a bias.

**Hand-work:** Any piece containing significant amount of hand-piecing, hand-embroidery, hand-applique or hand quilting.

**Art Quilt:** (Art Quilts may also be called Original Works). These are your own design, not derived or adapted from any existing pattern.

**Accessories:** Includes jackets, bags, table runners, placemats, etc.

Judith McLaughlin, Chair, Ballot Committee

## Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2022

**Call to order:** at 1:30 pm by President Terri Askham, and at 6:31 pm by President Judith McLaughlin.

A burgundy coloured travel mug was left at the October meeting. It can be claimed from Terri.

Moved Sandra Radley, seconded Judith McLaughlin, to accept Minutes of September 21 meeting as presented. Carried. Moved Jeannette Blackmore, seconded Stephanie Gislason, to accept Minutes of October 12 meeting as presented. Carried.

**Correspondence:** Thank you note from Gabriola Meals on Wheels.

**Treasurer's Report:** posted on bulletin board. Moved by Bonnie Eaton, seconded by Val Ursulak to accept Treasurer's Report. Carried.

**Hospitality:** Afternoon: 62 members, 1 guest. Members are encouraged to try the evening meeting. Evening: 24 members with one 1 returning member and 1 guest. We need an evening member (or two) for Hospitality.

**Program:** Kathleen Kane introduced guest speaker Philippa Zapf who presented her examples, suggestions, ideas and rules for "Approaching Challenge Quilts".

One source Philippa suggested for ideas was Dover Publications which is copyright free.

### Committee Reports

**Quilts of Valour:** Joan showed a recently received quilt and encouraged quilters to consider making one. (see report and photos on page 5).

**Quilt Bee:** Will be held January 28 at Oliver Woods. Backings and battings available. Due to increasing Covid numbers lunch will be "brown bag" rather than potluck. Haven House has requested large bags (20" wide by 17" deep) with handles for clients who are leaving, and Christmas stockings if anyone is interested. Janet has pattern at her table. (see report and photos on page 4).

**Quilt Show:** The raffle permit has been acquired. Tickets to sell will be available in January: a new option will be to prepay for your book(s) of tickets. Volunteer sign-up sheets will be out in January. Vicki Dods introduced the show Challenge including the Rules to Play By (which are included with the fabric for the Challenge). The theme is 'Celebrating Local Sites and Scenes', size is 15" x 20". Kits are \$3 available from Vicki. The Challenge is due at our May, 2023 meeting.

**Placemats:** please put your name on the list when you turn in placemats. We still need lots for the Quilt Show.

**Show Boutique:** See report on page 3. Members who place items in the Boutique must also work a shift in the Boutique on both days.

**Program:** Kathleen reminded us of the December 3 workshop with Melissa Marginet on "**Break it up**"— **9 ways to quilt as you go**". Preparation info will be sent to participants this weekend.

**Block of the Month:** Norma Franks (afternoon), Sharon Hardcastle (evening)

**Show and Share:** Dana Roncin (aft) Nancy Lutes (eve)

**Hospitality:** Greta Simmons (aft), Sharon Hardcastle (eve)

**Raffles:** Afternoon: Tuesday Shay (x6), Jean Pennington, Diane Filipot. Evening: Laura Beswick, Vicki Zoltay, Sharon Dubyna, Sue Creba, Stephanie Gislason.

**Christmas Social:** December 21, 1:30 pm. Please bring your own plate, utensils, and mug, sweet or savory appy and Christmas show and share. More info on page 2.

**Next Meeting:** January 18, 2023

**Adjourned:** 3:10 pm and 7:52 pm

*Submitted by Lorna Craig, Secretary  
Vicki Zoltay, evening secretary*

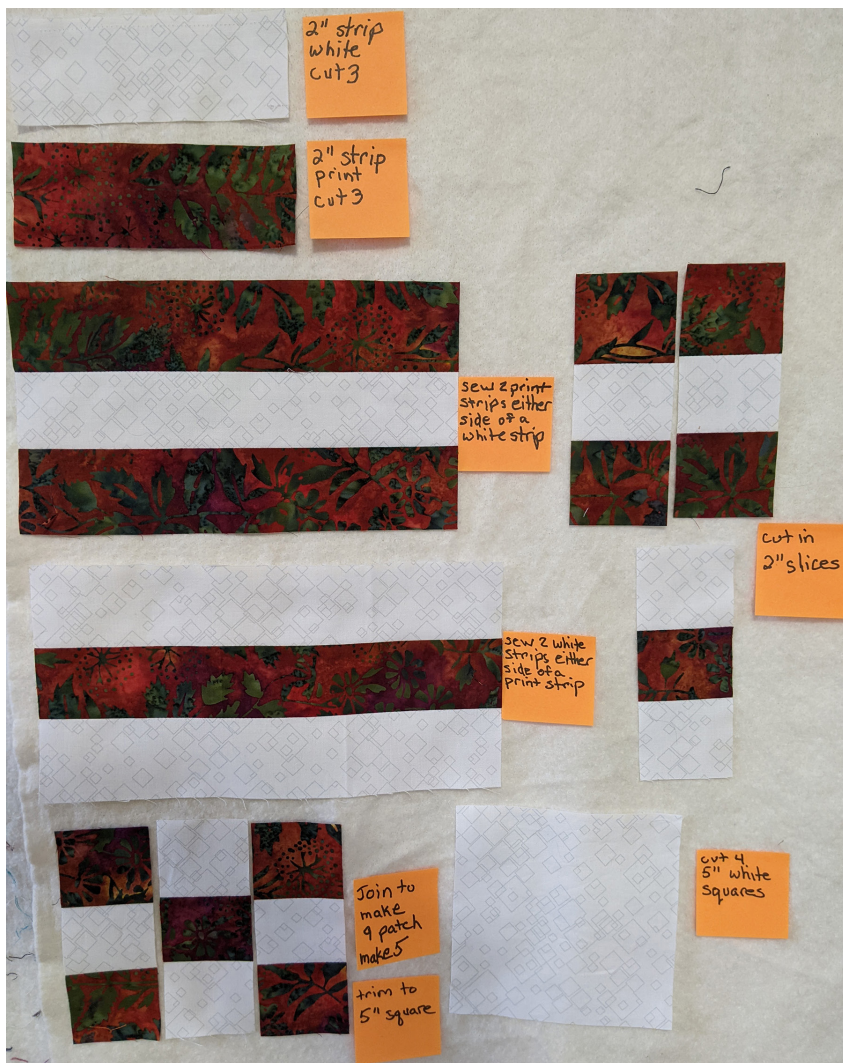
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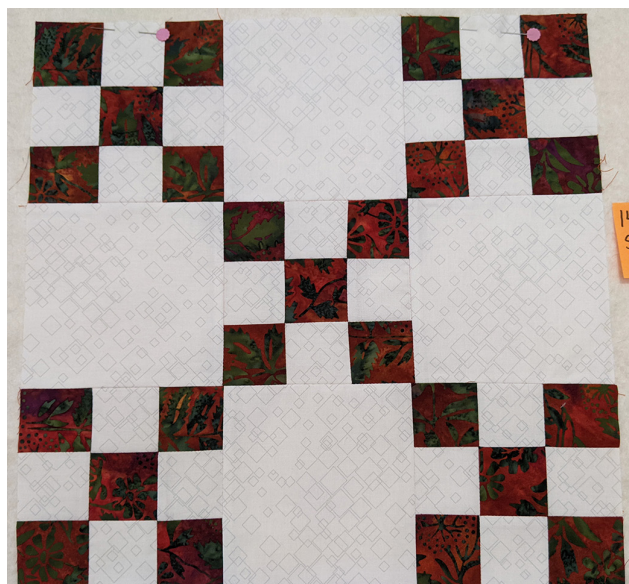
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Sew two print strips on either side of white strip (should be at least 20" long). Sew two white strips on either side of print strip (should be at least 10" long).

Cut these sewn strips into 2" slices as shown. Sew together to make five nine patches. Trim to 5" square. Sew the five 9 patches to the four white squares as shown below to make the large nine patch. Trim to 14".

*Stephanie Gislason*



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## Break It Up! - with Melissa Marginet



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