

Nanaimo Quilters Guild

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Next Regular Meeting

February 15, doors open 1:00 and 5:30, meeting starts at 1:30 & 6 pm Nanaimo Curling Club – upstairs lounge 106 Wall St.

Program: Sit & Sew, Magazine, Book & Fabric Exchange. Guest Chantal Lambert, Resource Development Coordinator for Haven House

Next Executive Meeting

**February 9, 2017
1:30 at Chase River Country Grocer, 82 Twelfth St.**

Newsletter Deadlines

February 22 (22nd of every month)

Refreshments:

Members whose last names start with the letters M, N and O, it's your turn to bring goodies to the meeting. (also see article on page 3)

Remember to bring:

- library books
- your nametag and mug
- your handwork project
- change for raffle prizes
- donation quilts / placemats
- show and share
- 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

With the worst of winter behind us and the first sewing projects of the year begun, if not completed, it's shaping up to be a great year. Canada's 150th birthday means lots of exciting events and programs will be going on this summer and many of us are working on commemorative quilts to mark this special time.

I have seen many different projects our Guild members are working on for this year; the appliqued Canada-themed mystery quilt, raw edge appliqued Canada flag quilts to put in the window on July 1st, colourful scrappy quilts and more. Fabric suppliers have produced an exciting range of printed panels and special fabrics featuring landscapes, plants, wildlife and art themes to reflect this diverse country we live in.

As quilters, we express ourselves with needle and thread, by hand or by machine, and we love special occasions. We love to have a reason to visit the fabric store and choose a pattern and fabrics we would like to use. To experience the level of excitement and optimism we always feel at the beginning of a new quilting project.

I hope all of you have at least a small project planned for this year. Something that will be passed on to become part of your legacy. A little message to those in the future, a reminder of who we were and what we were doing in Canada's 150th birthday year.

At our last Guild meeting we had a thoroughly enjoyable quilting demo from Julie Plotniko. Both afternoon and evening groups went home with a little better idea of how to "quilt as desired".

February's meeting will include a sewing social and swap. This will be a chance to bring whatever kind of handwork you like to work on, plus a few items to contribute to the swap table. The best thing about a swap is that we can bring, say, three items and take home three items. We aren't really adding to our sewing rooms, just making a little change. Everyone has different things they would like to share and I expect at the end of the day we will all go home happy.

I hope to see most of you over the next month at sewing groups, bees and meetings.

Happy sewing, *Christine Hustins, Guild President*

Hospitality

For the rest of the Guild year there will be two draws for Name Tag. Now you will have two chances to win a fat quarter, but of course only if you are wearing your Name Tag. Thanks to all for your co-operation. Wearing your name tag makes it easy to put a name to the face for all members, not just newcomers.

In the near future Membership will be passing over the "Buddy" duties to the Hospitality committee. We have a list of ladies who are willing to be a Buddy, but there is always need for more. If you feel this is something you would like to do or want more information please feel free to contact me (Deb 245-2724) or drop by the Hospitality table. We especially need ladies who attend the evening meetings to act as Buddies. *Debbie Drew, Hospitality*

Library News

Please mark your calendars. There will be no library at the March meeting to make room for the mini demos. All library materials checked out in February, will be due at the April meeting. *The Library Team*

Program

February Program: This will be our Sit & Sew, Magazine, Book & Fabric Exchange - so if your New Year's resolution is to organize your studio, save your extra magazines, books, notions, and fabrics to bring to this event to trade or give away! What remains at the end of the day will be donated to the local thrift stores.

There will be distinct fabric "flags" at each table. Please sit at the table with the fabric you like the most. If the table is full, please go to your next choice. Meet someone new! Also, bring your own projects to work on - hand sewing only! Perfect for binding, hand quilting, hexies, applique, needleturn and many more techniques.

Thank you: Thank you to Julie Plotniko for all the "quilt as desired" guidance at our January meetings. Hopefully it inspires us to get some of our UFO's finished up sooner rather than later!

Upcoming Events:

Bus Trip to see Ricky Tims in Victoria on April 11, 2017

See Sandra Radley to be added to the wait list or call her at 250-756-2421.

Upcoming Workshops:

February 18: New UFO Day. Sign up now to work on your unfinished projects and join in on the potluck lunch at Oliver Woods.

March 18: Finishing Quilts: More than a Straight Edge with Ionne MacCauley. Ionne will be leading a practical workshop covering a wide variety of ways to finish the edges of your quilts. You will be making "workbook" of samples that you can refer to later. Learn different ways to make straight and bias binding to apply to curved and scalloped edges, how to make facings for unusual edges, make shark's teeth, couched edges, different ways to join binding ends and how to add hanging sleeves. Make your masterpieces using these techniques! Skill level: Anyone with some small quilting experience and up.

April 22: Playing in the Trees with Susan Teece. Susan will engage you in the process for creating a tree in free form and lots of fun. Place your trees in a magical setting (a landscape). Use prints with small animals, birds and First Nations icons. Techniques include: raw edge appliqué, fusible appliqué, machine straight stitching, blanket stitching and free motion stitching. You will be encouraged to develop your own personal style and your tree will be unique.

Skill level: confident intermediate. Size - 20" by 30"

May 13 & 14: Desert Sky with Anne Hall. Bradley and Judy Niemeyer designed the layout for the Desert Sky using a selection of bright and dark fat quarters from the Wildflowers Collection, designed by Judy & Judel Niemeyer with Timeless Treasures. Template Layout sheets were designed and provided with these instructions to speed up the cutting process, allowing you to stack and cut your fat quarters in two groups of nine fabrics. An even amount of yardage is needed for each colour. This small wall hanging is definitely one to add to your collection.

Skill level: Beginner to advanced. Size: 48" x 54"

You can purchase additional foundation packages and fabrics to increase the size of your Desert Sky quilt to Twin, Queen or King!

OTHER EVENTS:

All Year Long:

Farm Girl Vintage Quilt Along - Month 5. Sign up at the Program Table to get a monthly email for links to helpful tips! Participation Prize Winners:

November Daytime: Linda Robinson

December Daytime: Elaine Cadell

November Evening: Philippa Zapf

December Evening: Sandra Radley

Any questions, contact Becky Keizer, email: kiddkeizer@shaw.ca

Links to Free Patterns

I Heart You free mini quilt pattern by Cluck Cluck Sew

<http://cluckclucksew.com/2016/01/i-heart-you-free-mini-quilt-pattern.html>

Easy Strawberry Fields Bricks Quilt by Amy Smart

<http://www.modabakeshop.com/2011/05/easy-strawberry-fields-bricks-quilt.html>

Peek-A-Boo Heart Pouch by Twinkle and Twine

<http://www.twinkleandtwine.com/2013/02/tutorial-peek-boo-heart-pouch.html?m=1>

Suggestions Wanted

Some suggestions for future speakers, programs, workshops, activities have been made and we'd love to hear more. Please write them down and drop them in our suggestion box or email them to: Joy Jenkins: joy_claire@hotmail.com

Thank you from the Program Committee! Janet Knecht, Sandra Radley, Mary Abbott, Joy Jenkins, Briony Goddard, & Becky Keizer

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Quilters have had a long history of wanting to socialize with each other. In earlier times social events such as quilt gatherings or quilting bees were the places to meet. These get-togethers provided one with an opportunity to share patterns, design concepts, tricks and techniques, fabric exchanges, gossip, and the chance to just sit and stitch with like minded individuals. These gatherings also offered the less experienced quilter an opportunity to work and learn from those with more experience.

Down through the decades quilters have kept up this tradition with sewing circles or groups and during the 1970's and early 1980's quilt "guilds" began to form providing the social outlet quilters needed.

When our Guild formed one of its main purposes was to promote quilts and quilting in the community, but it was also to create an atmosphere to encourage and inspire each other, a chance to meet other quilters in the community. Although members enjoyed the Guild and the new friends they were making, they started to complain that once a month meetings with a 15 minute coffee break just didn't provide enough time to talk or interact. One way to help remedy the problem was to hold some sort of a sewing social and the other was to encourage the formation of smaller "satellite" groups which could meet outside the Guild.

In January 1985, a "Do Your Own Thing" program was presented where members were encouraged to bring a hand sewing project to work on and they could stitch, sit, chat, and exchange patterns and ideas. A list of members who wished to form or join a Satellite group was collected and later printed in the Newsletter. It was left up to the individuals to make their own arrangements.

Years went by and by 1994 members were once again complaining that the business side of the meeting was taking too long and members didn't feel connected. In response the Program Committee planned a "Quilt In."

This would be an informal meeting where members could sit and stitch. The idea was greatly enjoyed by all who participated, and so the Program Committee planned a second event called: "Stitch and Enjoy," a oneday event where you could come and work on your own project or participate in one of three mini demos. You could stay for an hour or so, or hang out for the entire day. In fairness to those who could not participate during the day, a second evening version was held a few weeks later.

In the fall the Program Committee decided to hold "Stitch and Enjoy" on a regular basis with two planned in the fall, and two in the spring, alternating between day and evening sessions. "Do Your Own Thing" was always promoted and various demos and mini classes were offered. "Quilt and Enjoy" ran for several years with the last ones being held in 2003.

In February 2015, the Annual Demo Day was cancelled and instead a "Sit and Stitch" program was presented.

Members were encouraged to bring a hand sewing project such as hand piecing or appliqué, bind a quilt, sew some labels on a quilt, or whatever they wanted to work on.

At this month's meeting "Sit and Stitch" will be presented again, but as an extra bonus you are also invited to bring any fabrics, books or magazines, patterns or notions to swap, trade or give away. So bring your mug, a few snacks to share, your hand sewing project and just sit back, relax and enjoy the company or your fellow Guild members.

Marsha Whitmee and Greta Simmons , History Committee

Coffee Committee

We would like to request from the general membership that when your name comes up to provide treats for a meeting, which only happens once a year, please please bring them sliced and cut into serving sized pieces, ready to put on the table - not frozen or requiring a plate or utensil to enjoy. The Guild does not have knives or sturdy plates, so we have to borrow from the rink supplies - something we're not comfortable doing. Many thanks from the coffee volunteers who will have a much easier job.

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Donation Quilts

Pat and I distributed 68 quilts in December. I hope that many of you were able to read the thank-you cards that were at the January meeting. I find it heartwarming to read the notes and realize what a difference a gift of our quilts can mean to someone.

On a different note we received a donation of 7 quilt tops that need finishing. The donor would like them donated to Nanaimo Hospice. If anyone feels they can help please contact us. As usual batting and backing will be provided.

I want to give a shout out to Janet Knecht, Blanche Gates, Cathy Herrington and Lillian Charron who came through at the last moment to top up our donations this December. Thank you again. It shows me what a generous and supportive group of quilters we have in our guild.

Bonnie Dormuth and Pat Clements

Contact Bonnie 250 753-9366 or Pat patclements@shaw.ca

Membership

Membership saw only one New Member, Cheryl Frehlich, and Cheryl comes from Port Alberni. Welcome !!!

We had three renewals giving us a total of 172 members.

I still have a number of Membership Cards and Receipt that have not been picked up. Please drop by the Membership Table to collect.

Judy Peterson, Membership

CQA Report

I've received 30 slab blocks so far for the Giant Quilt Bee coming up in a few months. Most of the strips of Canada 150 fabric were taken at the last Guild meeting so there will be lots of blocks to come in yet. The quilt shops have the fabrics we need to use in each block, if anyone is wanting to make more and doesn't have any bits left.

I will be sending the blocks away for Quilt Canada after the May meeting so I'll need to have all blocks and tops turned in to me by then please. And thank you all for making up a block or two....it's fun, easy and uses up a little of our leftover fabrics. When finished, the quilts are going to Ronald McDonald houses across the country, so this is a great project to be part of. Small efforts from many quilters will result in hundreds of beautiful quilts to cheer sick children and their families in times of trouble.

The Canada Mystery Quilt, promoted by CQA, with kits designed by Shania Sunga and supplied by Cantik Batiks is another fun way of making a special quilt to mark Canada's 150th birthday. I have been busily tracing, fusing, cutting and stitching my pieces into place and am almost keeping up, which is a bit surprising. I thought I would have fallen behind by now, but so many people are making them that it really is a community project and I don't want to be the one left behind!

Mark your calendars for Quilt Canada 2018, May 28-June 2nd, at the Vancouver Conference Centre. We are hoping to organize a bus trip through the Guild for the show. This makes the most sense to get a group of us over there and back in one day as easily and cost effectively as possible. I will keep you posted on this as we go forward.

Submitted by Christine Hustins

Kismet Quilts

Happy New Year!

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Quilt Bee Report

By now, our 18th annual Quilt Bee for Haven House will be over for another year. As always, we are sure that a wonderful time, full of laughs, great ideas and food was had by all our "busy bees". You are so giving!

Please remember to bring any quilts that you are finishing to the February 15th meeting. Chantal Lambert, the Resource Development Coordinator for Haven House will be attending both meetings to receive the quilts and tell us a little about how they are used. The initial count will be announced at the meetings and the final count will be available in the next newsletter and then again at the March meetings.

Thank you in advance! Quilt Bee Committee *Nancy Lutes, Leslie Millward, Marlene Jones, Margaret Carmichael*

Placemat Committee

So far this year you have turned in 140 placemats and 54 tea cozies. As we had 231 left over from last year we had a total of 371 placemats available for donation. I cannot thank you all enough for being so hardworking, creative and generous which has made my job a lot easier. Hopefully you have fun making them. The tea cozies were all so beautiful as well.

On December 13th we donated 10 placemats to the Ladysmith Meal-on-Wheels Program and 50 to the Nanaimo Meals-on-Wheels Program. On December 15th we donated 125 placemats and 24 tea cozies to the Salvation Army.

We still have our donation to the Mid Island Abilities Society pending. We normally attend the Christmas Luncheon for their clients and hand out placemats at the luncheon. However, the luncheon has had to be cancelled twice now, from 14th December and from 10th January due to snowy conditions. I believe it will be rescheduled for February. I have lots of placemats in reserve for them as well as 30 tea cozies.

We will have some left over for next year's giving, but don't let that stop you. We still have some batting available and would love for you to keep them coming!

THANKS SO MUCH, *Your Placemat Committee, Heather, Norma, Laura and Leanne*



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Nominations

As most of you know I'm working my way down the list of Committee members asking about their plans for next term. Some of our Chairs are remaining as are some Committee members and some are stepping down.

Our Guild President, Christine Hustins, has volunteered to serve a 2nd term. For all those members who have said "yes" I've been giving out hugs...29 hugs were shared at our January Guild meetings. 29! THANK YOU.

I know you are going to ask what is available. Let me know if one of these positions has your name on it.

VP...1st, Coffee...2 in the afternoon and 2 in the evening, Food Bank (Scrappy Bags are stepping down), Hospitality...2 in the evening, Membership (the Chair position needs Excel), Newsletter Advertising Chair, Program Chair, Raffles Chair.

Vicki Zoltay, Past President / Nominations

Food Bank

Please consider donating the following to our monthly food bank collection: canned items such as fruits, vegetables, beans, fish, pasta, pasta sauces and peanut butter. Every week, Loaves and Fishes helps over 1,000 people, and over 30% of these are children.

Nanaimo Guild Picnic 2017

Our Guild Picnic will be held on **Wednesday, June 21** at Bowen Park's Lower Picnic Shelter (across from curling rink). The theme for the picnic will be "Canada's 150th Birthday". We will start the picnic at 2 pm and go till 8 pm, that way people who work, can make it to the picnic.

Get into the spirit of the celebration! Come to the picnic in the red and white colors of Canada. Wear your best **Canadiana!!!** Prizes will be presented for the best outfits.

The committee is asking everyone to make **one, two or as many placemats** that you want to make, in a **Canadian theme**. The goal is to get **150 placemats** that can be donated to the placemat committee, to be delivered and used for July 1st. Use your imagination!! Let's see what we can come up with. **Bring your placemats to the picnic and we will display them as decorations.**

We are **Challenging** everyone; satellite groups, a couple of quilter friends, group's of four or six, etc. to rap, sing, recite, perform or dance a Canadian song, poem, skit, etc. We will have music accompaniment and once you have performed, the whole group will join in for a good old fashioned sing along. Please let me know what song/activity that you are going to perform so that we can have the lyrics/words for everyone. This will also prevent duplication.

Brush up on your knowledge of Canada as we are going to have a couple of **Canadian Trivia games**. May the best person/s win!!!

As usual the meal will be potluck, and we are hoping that

everyone will bring **family dishes that they have enjoyed from their Canadian heritage**. Please write out the recipe and if there is a special story that tells how the recipe came about, where you got it from (mother, grandmother, etc.) please include it. Who knows, a recipe book might come from all of this.

Most of all, come and celebrate the fact that we live in a beautiful country and are able to enjoy our freedoms. We are fortunate to get material, patterns, supplies etc. and create beautiful quilts, wall hangings and whatever our minds create. This picnic is to **"Thank you"** for all of your hard work during the year. Quilters are such **Givers**, please come, have fun and receive our **"Thanks"** for all that you do!

More information to come closer to the picnic. *Debbie Van Otterloo*
@ bdvano@shaw.ca or 250-758-2399 Picnic Committee

Block of the Month

There is a picture of the block and the link on my facebook page.

Heather Cowan was the afternoon winner and I was the evening winner by default. Judith McLaughlin did 4 beautiful placemats from her November win, 1 for herself and three donated to the placemat committee. Thank you, Judith! Trish Kirk turned her 6 blocks into a small quilt. So pretty! If you missed getting the pattern it's called Drunkard's Path, wedding ring version from McCall's quilting.

I have been enjoying doing this program for you all and will be continuing to pick out blocks after the summer as well. If you have any suggestions please let me know. It could be a block or even a colour way you'd like us to do. I will continue to alternate between easy and hard blocks. Sarah Beyer, 778-269-2380 (text or call) sarahbeyer@shaw.ca
<https://www.facebook.com/SarahinStitchesNanaimo/>



Above: Judith M's placemats.
Left: Trish K's quilt.

Below: February's block



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Nanaimo Quilters' Guild General Meeting January 18, 2017

Meeting called to order by President Christine Hustins at 1.30 pm.

Hospitality: Deb Drew introduced 5 guests: Susan Dobson, Lillian Dalton, Agnus Whitley, Ivy Kimberly, Marlene McNaughton and Cheryl Frehlich (newest member). 88 members present in afternoon, 32 in the evening, plus one guest.

Moved by Bobbi Moss that the minutes of the November 16, 2016 general meeting as published in the December newsletter be accepted. Seconded by Barb Peters. Carried.

Treasurer: Lija Bane (This report is posted on the notice board for members to read).

Nominations: Vicki Zoltay is working through the list of Committee Chairs and Committee members (see her report on page 5). If you are considering a position or would like some information about what is available, talk to her.

Correspondence: Ginnie Thompson. All correspondence is posted on the notice board: thank you cards from RCMP Victim Services (quilts), Mary Dodds, founding member, re Afternoon Tea, Ladysmith Meals on Wheels (placemats), SnuNeyMux First Nation Day Care (quilts), Haven Society (quilts), Dufferin (quilts); Thank you letters from Nanaimo Hospital Foundation (quilts), Nanaimo Community Hospice (quilts) and invitation from La Conner Quilt & Textile Museum.

Resolution to Transition Guild to Member-Funded Society

Christine Hustins advised that this resolution needed a 75% approval to be passed, so votes will be counted. The resolution was discussed at the November Guild meeting and information was also in the December newsletter to explain the purpose of this change.

Moved by Bonnie Eaton "Whereas BC Registries requires all incorporated societies to transition to the New Societies Act, be it resolved: THAT the Nanaimo Quilters' Guild take the necessary steps to transition to a member-funded society under the requirements of the new Societies Act which goes into effect on November 28, 2016." Seconded by Sylvaine Tremblay. Carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CQA: Christine Hustins. (see report on page 4 regarding 150th anniversary slab blocks). Coreen Zerr and Julie Plotniko will be teaching at this year's Quilt Canada show.

Social Media: Christine Hustins reported that at the last Board meeting it was decided that, in the interest of keeping our Guild current, we need to establish a presence on social media. Lise Skalos has offered to help Christine set up accounts on Facebook, Instagram and whatever else would be useful. These will give us forums to share our work, ask questions and communicate with each other as Guild members. We would like one more person to help set up and maintain the sites once they are established. If anyone is interested in this area and might like to help, please talk to Christine or Lise.

Quilt Bee: Leslie Millward advised that the Bee is all organized, and all places have been filled.

Donation Quilts: Pat Clements thanked members who have donated quilts. The Donation Quilt table has a binder which has information on all of the organizations our quilts are given to. Many wonderful thank you notes are posted on the notice board. We are asking for volunteers to quilt some quilt tops given to us by Nanaimo Hospice. *(continued on page 8)*

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Block of the Month: Sarah Beyer. see her report on page 6.

Placemats: Norma Franks thanked members for the beautiful placemats. The Disabilities Luncheon was cancelled because of snow, placemats will be delivered when it is rescheduled.

June Picnic: Debbie Van Otterloo & Barb Waine (Sew Sisters Satellite) The Guild Picnic will be held on Wednesday June 21, at the lower picnic shelter in Bowen Park, 2:00 to 8:00 pm. Please see the complete report on page 6.

Library: Linda Addison reminded those who have had books out for many, many months, please return them as soon as possible.

Challenge: Val Ansell has kits left at \$2 each.

Program: Janet Knecht. The Celtic Knot workshop was cancelled due to low registration; Irene Madsen may do a program demonstration in the future. Registrations will be refunded. Instead, there will be a UFO day (signup at Program table: \$10). Of three remaining workshops, two have been opened up to Parksville Guild. Ricki Tims trip in April (2 spots left) - need to pay ASAP \$85 incl. bus and workshops.

Modern Quilt Guild: Lise Skalos advised members of two workshops to be presented by Christa Hennebury on Feb 25/26 at Jonanco. Check out Nanaimo Modern Quilt Guild's Facebook page and also nanaimomqg.blogspot.com/

Program: Mary Abbott introduced Julie Plotniko from Snip & Stitch who presented today's program on "How do you know how to quilt your quilt?"

Raffles: Afternoon winners: Arlene Lessard, Bertha Abma, Joanne van Oosten, Arlene Sanders, Shirley Herriott, Arlene Kulai. Mystery Fabric: Cathy Proctor. Farm Girl: Elaine Cadell, Linda Robinson. Door Prizes: Lorraine Daley; Val Ansell. Evening winners: Ann Gillespie, Joy Cline. Mystery Fabric: Vicki Zoltay. Door Prizes: Joan Irving, Janice Gaudet.

Show and Share: Members shared their many completed

quilts. Draw was won by: Pat Montgomery (afternoon).

Meeting adjourned by Christine Hustins at 3.30pm.

Minutes submitted by Ginnie Thompson, Secretary, Nanaimo Quilters' Guild

Quilt Shows, Contests, Sales

Quilters Anonymous Quilt Guild Quilt Show "All Quilts Wild and Wonderful" March 17-19, Evergreen State Fairgrounds, 14405 179th Ave SE, Monroe, Washington. Friday/Saturday: 10-5, Sunday: 10-4. \$8 for 3 days; \$5 for bus groups (contact Laurie Vilbrandt 206-851-3368) showinfo@quiltersanonymous.org www.quiltersanonymous.org

Strathcona Stitches Coastal Colours & Connections, 1st Annual Quilting Conference & Juried Quilt Show, April 28-30 at Strathcona Gardens Recreation Complex, Campbell River, BC. For more information and to download fillable PDF forms please visit our website at: <http://www.strathconard.ca/strathconastitches>

Quilter's Connection Magazine 'Canada Eh? Mystery Table Runner' contest for a chance to win one of three great prizes! You'll find the pattern in the Winter issue, of Quilters Connection Magazine, or you can download it from: <http://quiltersconnection.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/MYSTERY-TABLE-RUNNER-PATTERN.pdf> For more details, visit quiltersconnection.ca Take a photo of your finished Canada Eh? quilt and email or mail it to us no later than April 15, 2017 EMAILinfo@quiltersconnection.ca - please type the word CONTEST in the subject line.

The NanGo Grannies will be holding their 3rd Annual Fabric and Yarn Sale in late September and are accepting donations from now until August. Please contact Sue Creba 250-753-3371 suecreba@aquariusd.com or Bonnie Eaton 250-753-3699 bonnieeaton@telus.net

BERNINA 770 QE - A lot of space for big art work

For American quilt artist Tula Pink, the BERNINA 770 QE is something very special: "Next to my passion for my designs, I'm equally passionate about BERNINA. The BERNINA 770 QE gives me the space I need for quilting, plus the Stitch Regulator can't be beat for even stitches." Tula Pink plays with images the way a poet plays with words, turning innocuous traditional designs into mischievous little critters. Tula's love affair with textiles began early and an obsession with sewing soon followed. Tula began quilting in an effort to use up her ever-growing stash of fabric so that she could justify buying more. Today, 16 years later, she is a renowned designer and quilter. Tula Pink has designed a quilt from her "Moonshine" fabric collection exclusively for BERNINA.



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