

# Nanaimo Quilters Guild

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## Next Meeting

### February Meeting

**February 14, doors open 1:00 and 6:00, meeting starts at 1:30 & 6:30 pm Nanaimo Curling Club – upstairs lounge 106 Wall St.**

(Our February meeting is in the second week as the curling club holds a bonspiel in the latter half of February each year.)

### Next Executive Meeting

**February 8, 2018  
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.**

## Remember to bring:

- your nametag and mug
- library books
- change for raffle prizes
- donation quilts / placemats (including Quilt Bee quilts and Fidget quilts)
- show and share
- 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](mailto:suecreba@aquariusd.com)

## From the President's Pen

We were sad to hear that our Guild secretary has been laid up with a severe bout of sciatica. We were also concerned because she had been scheduled to entertain us with what would surely have been an exciting trunk show. While we missed seeing Val's quilts, we were fortunate to have Philippa Zapf step up to the plate to dazzle us with her quilts and keep us chuckling with her amusing tales and anecdotes. Philippa is a very talented quilter and I think we all have a further appreciation of her abilities with pattern, fabric and thread. And that raw edge applique! So gorgeous that even I, who had sworn off the technique after one quilt, am considering giving it another try.

Now, I have a couple of business things to talk about. First of all, we all need to remember that while our membership is fairly relaxed and easygoing, we do have some rules and regulations in place that dictate how we operate as a Guild. The place to find these rules and regulations is in our Guild bylaws, which are available to every member to read in the Members Only section of the Guild website. If you have forgotten the username or password, it can be found on the back of your membership card. It's never a bad idea to have a quick look at the bylaws to make sure we all know how and why we do things as we do. While there won't be a quiz anytime soon, we do hope members will have a look at the bylaws if you haven't done so yet. This will help us all keep our Guild operating smoothly.

Next, I've been asked to address the topic of satellite groups again. For those who don't know, there are a number of satellite groups, made up of members and some non-members, associated with the Nanaimo Quilters' Guild. There is nothing magic about these groups. They have formed through the years whenever a group of two or more ladies decided to get together regularly to quilt. So, what do you do if you are interested in joining a group? A list of satellite groups and members has been compiled (thank you Vicki Zoltay) and will be added to the Members Only section of the website in the near future. You can check there first to see if there are any groups stating that they have openings. Satellite groups often become friend groups and they may have minimal turnover or prefer to be closed. In my experience you may have the most success in speaking with other newcomers to the Guild in order to find others who would like to form a group as well. At that point you can decide on a venue (groups may meet in homes, churches, club houses, even fire stations, wherever they find a suitable place); choose meeting times and dates, address whether you will need or want to charge dues and what those will be. Then it's just a matter of showing up with your sewing supplies for a day or evening of fun. Remember, there is no trick to this, no magic formula, just find a like minded group of quilting friends and make it happen!

And now a reminder that we will welcome Cindy Scraba at our February meeting to teach us a little about the business of photo to fabric transfer, which will allow you to include personal images of family, pets etc in your quilting projects. We can look forward to another enjoyable program, from the owner of Cindy's Threadworks. And if you have photo to fabric transfer projects already completed, please bring them for show and share to add a little more fun to the day. Regular show and share is also welcome of course so bring along quilts you would like to show. You know we would love to see them!

And a last comment on behalf of the Nominations committee (the woman in the red shirt). Do you know that our executive and all committee members totals more than 70? There are over 70 people running this guild for you! This is why it takes time for Nominations to fill all these jobs each year. It's also why each job on its own is not too big. Each job has lots of support from past and present committee members. Each job is doable. If you haven't taken on a small job yet we hope you will think about it.

Happy sewing, my friends, *Christine Hustins, NQG President*

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## 2018 Nanaimo Quilters Guild Program

The February Program will be Photo Transfer with Cindy Scraba. If you have any past projects using photo transfer, please bring them for show and tell.

**Thank you!** As Sandra Radley said, "Creativity is alive and well in Nanaimo and her name is Philippa Zapf". Thank you Philippa for sharing your amazing quilting journey. We love your love of orange!



*Red Fox pattern by Toni Whitney*

**Fidget Quilts** ~ Just a reminder that Debbie Van Otterloo will be collecting Fidget Quilts to be distributed to one of the local senior facilities.

### 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 have five "coaches" to help you with your project. Bring your own pattern and supplies



Skill Level: beginner to advanced. Reminder: If you've already signed up for this class email your pattern choice to Mary Abbott, at: [maryabbott@telus.net](mailto:maryabbott@telus.net)

### March 24: Crazy Quilt Techniques with Sue Artuso

Many of you already know Sue as 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.

"Crazy quilting" refers 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, but a specific kind of patchwork lacking repeating motifs and with the seams and patches heavily embellished. Because the careful geometric design of quilt blocks is less important in crazy quilts, quilters are able to use smaller and more irregularly shaped pieces of fabric. Crazy quilts are far more likely to use exotic pieces of fabric (velvet, satin, tulle, silk, and embellishments (buttons, lace, ribbons, beads, embroidery).

Crazy quilting as a textile art is extremely creative and free-flowing by nature, and crazy quilters often learn as much about embellishments as about crazy quilting itself. (from Wikipedia)

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

### April 14: A Splash of Colour with Coreen Zerr

Presenter: Coreen is a fibre artist living in Nanaimo, BC, who utilizes fabric and thread to create art in a way that captures the elements of texture, colour and line that fibre can achieve. She wants her work to show what can be created with these elements and to educate others. The tactile feel of this art is exhilarating and rewarding. Coreen creates realistic art, often using the beautiful scenery and nature of the world around her.



Workshop: Learn to create your own fabric just for fun or for a specific project. Using a variety of techniques and tools, Coreen will introduce you to the art of painting fabric. Skill Level: Beginner to Advanced

### OTHER EVENTS:

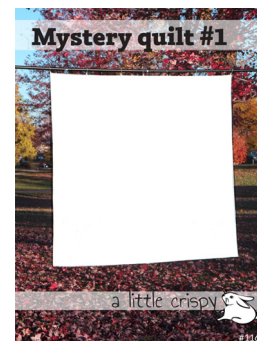
#### All Year Long: Mystery Quilt by A Little Crispy

February is Month 6. Receive a monthly email (or arrange to pick up your instructions at the Guild meeting).

Bring your completed January blocks pinned together or to a background piece to the February Guild meeting and enter the draw to win a participation prize!

Winners of the December and January monthly participation prizes were: December (day): Georgy Bowen, December (eve): Vicki Dods, January (day): Laura Beswick, January (eve): Greta Simmons

Any questions, contact Becky Keizer, email: [kiddkeizer@shaw.ca](mailto:kiddkeizer@shaw.ca)



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## Canadian Mystery Quilt Show & Share

At the January meeting, nine of our members displayed their Shania Sunga's Canadian Mystery Quilt to commemorate Canada's 150 year birthday. See photos below and on page 12.



*Greta Simmons and Judith McLaughlin*



*Marlene Jones and Christine Hustins*



*Trish Kirk*

## Library News

Please note: All library materials are due back on **February 14**. There will be **no library at our March meeting** due to the mini demo program. Materials taken out on February 14 will be due back at the April meeting.

Also, please return your materials before the Guild Meeting starts. We would like to have all the returns done before coffee break!!

Thank you to all the members who can't get to the meeting who send their library materials with a friend!!!!

See you on Valentine's Day!

*The Library Team*

## NQG Quilt Show 2019

We are looking for a secretary for our 2019 Quilt Show in June 2019. If you are interested in the job description, please contact Carol Rumo, caroll6@rumo.ca or 250-244-3476.



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## Quilt Bee

By now, our 19th 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 everyone. Thank you for giving your time and creativity!

Please remember to bring your completed quilts to the February 14 Guild meeting. Chantal Lambert, the Resource Development Coordinator for Haven House will be at 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.

Thank you again! *Quilt Bee Committee: Leslie Millward, Marlene Jones, Margaret Carmichael*



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## Nominations 2018/2019

*"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much".*

*Helen Keller*

As most of you know I've been making the rounds both at the afternoon and evening meetings. The usual question is, "have you given any thought as to your plans for next term?" And as most of you know when the response has been, "yes, I'll continue" the volunteer is given a hug. I am VERY pleased with the number of hugs...so far. 5 of the 6 Board members have been given hugs!!!

The opportunities for providing the glue that holds the Guild together are as follows:

Evening Secretary

CQA Representative

Coffee: 2 Afternoon, 2 Evening

Hospitality: 4 Afternoon

Library: 1 Evening

Program: 4

Quilt Bee: 2

Not all Committees/positions are listed as they are, "a work in progress". *Vicki Zoltay, Past President/Nominations*

## Membership

At our January meetings we had 4 members renew. Welcome back ladies!

We now have a total of 161 members.

I still have a number of Membership Cards and Receipts that have not been picked up. Please drop by the Membership Table to collect. *Laura Beswick, Membership*

## Donation Quilts

We received 17 quilts at the January Guild meetings. We have four more guild meetings to collect quilts that will be distributed in early June.

We have purchased bamboo batting which we will cut into 45" x 60" batts. If you wish a different size batt it will be cut from the polyester batting. Email Pat for any requests. Please remember to take home a label when you pick up your batt or backing fabric. It makes one less label for us to sew on. If you wish your quilt to be donated to a designated organization, attach a note with the specified name.

Thank you to everyone who has taken home quilt blocks, quilt tops and batting. We look forward to seeing the completed quilts.

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- Peanut Butter



## Block of the Month

Thanks to everyone who did a Raspberry Kisses block for the January meeting. I have an honourable mention: Vicky Z had made a block for the evening meeting with raspberry fabric for the x. The 15 blocks turned in at the afternoon meeting were won by Sue Artuso, and Sharon Horncastle won the 8 evening meeting blocks.

The block due at the February 14 meeting is from the Project Linus web site called Happy Heart Block (<http://www.projectlinus.org/patterns/pdf/hhblock.pdf>). It has a 3 different sizes and we'll be doing the 12 1/2" unfinished size. Please use a variety of red or pink fabrics for the heart and a white fabric for the background. If you'd like to sew together I am at Jonanco on Mondays and would love to organize a class/sew time in the afternoon. Just let me know and I'll arrange a day.

Sarah Beyer, call/text 778-269-2380 or email [sarahbeyer@shaw.ca](mailto:sarahbeyer@shaw.ca), <https://www.facebook.com/SarahinStitchesNanaimo/>

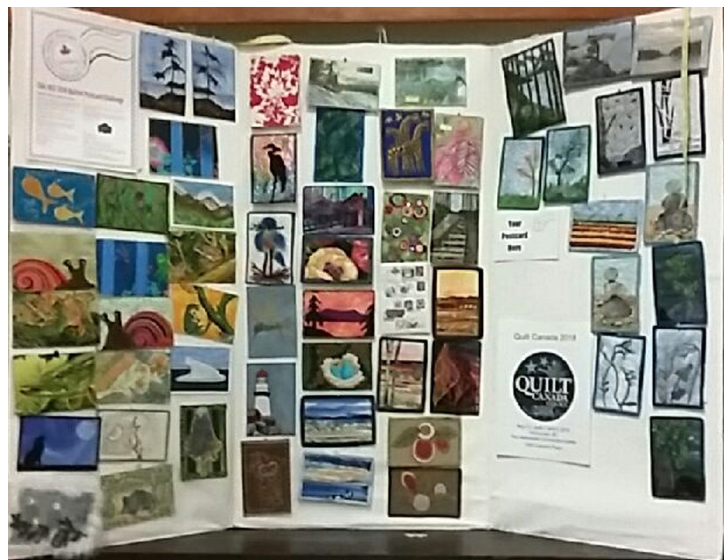


Left: January's afternoon blocks Centre: January's evening blocks Right: February's Happy Heart blocks sample.

## CQA Postcard Challenge

The Canadian Quilters Association Postcard Challenge, "Inspired By Nature" is sponsored by our own Cindy Scraba.

Everyone can participate. Make a 4" high x 6" wide postcard. Using any technique you like, produce little postcard quilts (3 layers). All cards will be available for sale at \$5 each at the Vancouver CQA Show with proceeds going to the Children's Hospital. Bring to the general meeting and drop off for delivery to Vancouver by our BC rep. All entries must be in by May 1, 2018. First prize is \$500. Below: postcards on display at the January meeting.



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## Nanaimo Quilters' Guild General Meeting January 17, 2018

President Christine Hustins called the meeting to order 1:30 pm.

Hospitality: Afternoon: 85 members and 3 guests: Karen Killins-Robinson (CQA Rep.); Shirley Fredickson; Susan Ore. Evening: 31 members and 1 guest Kathy Coulter .

Moved by Judy Peterson that the Minutes of the December 13, 2017 meeting as published in the January newsletter be accepted. Seconded by Ann Crawford. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Posted on the notice board.

Correspondence: Posted on the notice board were thank you and Christmas cards from NanGo Grannies; Haven Society; Ladysmith Meals on Wheels; Child, Youth, & Family Services; RCMP Victim Services; and our Accounting Firm. Ciara Whitworth expressed thanks for the Guild award which she will use for her graphic design studies at VIU. Susan Dobson sent a note on behalf of Good Cents for Change. Also received and distributed were CQA Show postcards encouraging members to consider entering the Postcard Challenge, and to volunteer helping at the upcoming CQA Show in Vancouver.

Announcements:

Val Ursulak, our secretary, is experiencing sciatica and is unable to be present. Norma Steven is recording secretary for this meeting. Nancy Lutes and Debbie Van Otterloo showed a few fidget quilts and related that Chartwell Malaspina Care Residence would appreciate receiving more of these for their residents. (See page 9).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Block of the Month: (Sarah Beyer) February's block is Happy Heart

(see page 6 ).

Donation Quilts: (Pat Clements) Eden Gardens (palliative care) has asked if any of our members would consider making quilts for their residents during their last months of life. Two quilts would be welcome. In addition, they would appreciate receiving two "serenity quilts", twin size, that would cover "individuals on the way out of our home once they have passed." Hopes are to clean and reuse these quilts, as need determines. Interested? Contact: Sandy Parise (250) 760-2546 or (250) 797-9737.

Nominations: (Vicki Zoltay) Five executive members have agreed to continue. Please approach Vicki and inquire what positions are available for the 2018-2019 guild year. She shared a quote from Helen Keller, "Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much." See page 5 for more info.

NQG Challenge: (Val Ansell) All kits have been sold. They are due at the April 18 meeting. (See page 11).

Placemats: (Heather Henderson) Thank you to the members whose efforts allowed 232 placemats and 41 tea cosies to be donated. Heather brought fabric and sewing supplies that Linda Ferron donated to the guild. These are free and for our use, perhaps for donation quilts or placemats.

Programs: (Sandra Radley) There are spots available for the remaining programs. The October meeting will feature a garage sale and mini demos are being planned for another meeting. Cindy Scraba will be presenting at the February 14 meeting. Please bring any quilts that feature photo transfer. (continued on page 8)

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**January 17 Meeting Minutes continued** Sandra asked if there was any interest in chartering a bus to attend the CQA Show. There was a positive response, so she will make appropriate inquiries. An upcoming presentation (March 26) by Tula Pink is being held in Vancouver. Tickets are online.

Program Presentation: Philippa Zapf entertained with her humour and artistry as she displayed her many wonderful quilts from 1988 to the present. Her many techniques, colour palette, and prolific output are amazing. Thank you, Philippa, for presenting on short notice.

Quilt Bee: (Leslie Millward) Leslie reminded those who have taken

kits to please complete and return them no later than our next meeting, February 14. That guild meeting is in the second week as the curling club holds a bonspiel in the latter half of February each year.

Raffle Winners: (Afternoon) Raffles: Pat Ryan, Vivian Scott, Grace-Ellen Capier, Lise Skalos, Judy Peterson, Bonnie Dimitry, Margaret Sandeman Allen, Norma Waddell. Mystery fabric: Blanche Gates. Mystery Quilt Draw: Georgy Bowen, Laura Beswick. Name Tag draw: Norma Waddell, Lillian Charon. Show and Share: Ann Crawford (Evening) Raffles: Nancy Lutes, Barb Kerfoot, Arlene Ackerman, Sandy Blakey. Mystery Fabric: Greta Simmons. Mystery Quilt Draw: Vicki Dods, Greta Simmons. Name Tag Draw: Joan Irving. Show and Share: Vicki Dods

Meeting Adjourned at 3:30 pm by Christine Hustins

*Minutes submitted by Norma Steven (Acting Secretary)*

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## Raffles

Thank you quilters for supporting the raffle and mystery fabric tickets. Please try to remember loonies and toonies as we don't have change for twenties until coffee break time.

A big thank you to Patty McQ., Arlene A., Sharon H., Pat M., and Philippa Z. for their generous donations of raffle prizes. If you have any suggestion for prizes you would like to win, please email me cphinney@telus.net or drop a note at the raffle table. We will have something sweet in February for Valentines Day.

*Carole Phinney, Raffles Chair*

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## Fidget Blankets

Chartwell Malaspina Care Residence has requested 22 Fidget Blankets. Two years ago we provided Wexford Creek with 44.

I have passed on blankets that I have on hand to individual people that have asked for them. They are always appreciative of them.

See the guidelines below for making the fidget blankets, as there has been some confusion about how to make them. I hope this helps you with any questions you might have.

If you need further help, feel free to contact me by e-mail or phone, which is on the membership list. There are many tutorials on you tube showing how to make these quilts.

Thank you for your continued support with this project.

Happy Quilting, *Debbie Van Otterloo* [bdvano@shaw.ca](mailto:bdvano@shaw.ca)

## Fidget Blanket Guidelines

Fidget Blankets are for people that suffer from Dementia, Alzheimer's or A.D.D. The blankets help to calm the patient by providing them with the ability to keep their brains and hands busy without doing any destruction on clothes, etc.

The Fidget Blankets are usually used when they are sitting in a chair or a wheelchair. The blankets should be of washable material with the backing being of a non-slip warm material such as flannel, toweling, fleece, etc. It helps to keep the patient warm but it also helps the blanket from slipping off of the chair. We ask that you put ties on the back corner of the fidget blanket so that they can be tied to the chair. Some patients don't like the ties, as they feel confined but having the ability to attach one tie to the chair keeps it from getting away from the patient.

The fidget blankets should be about 25" to 30" square.

Made with different colors, both bright and muted colors.

Use different textured materials on the Blankets; just remember that it has to be washable.

It is best to make blocks out of different materials and sew

them together rather than just one piece of material on the front.

Add as much embellishment as you would like, some suggestions are; pockets that can be buttoned and unbuttoned

Small stuffed animals attached to the quilt by ribbon, etc. (not too long) to be put into pouches or pockets

Zippers with pullers, as some people have arthritic hands and it is hard to pull the Zipper's open

Laces, different trims, appliques, buttons, ribbons, beads, spools, shoe laces still attached to the front of a clean running shoe,

Vinyl Photo envelope's that they can put a photo of their loved ones into for their memory.

Things that aren't sharp edged so they don't hurt themselves!!

Remember to make Blankets for Men and Women. Think of what they might have done in their earlier years that they enjoyed; quilting, knitting, fishing, gardening, etc. and put something on the blanket that might remind them of those passions.

Let your imagination go wild.

Just make sure that whatever you attach is on securely. Sometimes it is best to sew the embellishments to the blocks while you join the blocks together through all the layers; the front, batting and backing. Always use strong threads!

Always check to make sure that you have removed any pins that you may have used to attach things while you sew them. I have had a couple of blankets arrive with the pins still in them.

Former member, Lorrain Jordon, needs a ride to the Afternoon Guild Meetings, starting in March.

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## Did You Know.....

In the January Newsletter and at the January meeting members were brought up-to-date on our Community Outreach (charity) programs regarding the quilts, placemats, tea cozies and gift bags that were distributed before Christmas. Cards, comments and thank you notes from various groups and individuals were forwarded to the members. We thought we would review some of these programs for newer members to the Guild.

One of the longest running of these is the Donation Quilts program. Back in 1989 the members took on a project to make quilts for the sick children who would be staying in hospital for a length of time with the child being allowed to keep the quilt. In August that year, nineteen (19) quilts were donated and in the September Newsletter the then President, Lillian Cure, wrote: "There was one little girl in hospital who received a quilt and the look on her face as she snuggled down under her quilt was worth any thanks we could ever get." The Hospital Quilt Program continued and over the years branched out to make quilts for other Community groups. In 1997, the name changed to Donation Quilts, then Quilts that Comfort in 1998, Comfort Quilts in 2004 and back to Donation Quilts in 2008.

In 1995 a challenge was put forth by the Program Committee with the members being asked to make a placemat which could later be donated to the local Meals-On-Wheels to use on their trays when they delivered the Christmas dinners to their clients. Placemats were displayed at the Christmas Potluck Dinner and member voted on for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. In 1995 a total of 49 placemats were donated and in later years Meals-On-Wheels in Ladysmith and Gabriola were included along with the Nanaimo Visiting Telephone Society and the Mid-Island Abilities Group. Often we received cards or letters back from some of the clients saying how much they enjoyed the placemats, and for some it was the only Christmas gift they received.

## Thank you!

In May, I won a draw for the 2017 Challenge, which was any course by Karen Killins-Robinson at Kaleidoscope Quilt Company in Duncan. On January 20, I took a daylong workshop on free motion quilting, which was very enjoyable. Thanks to Val Ansell and the Guild. *Sue Creba*



Quilts for Haven, or more commonly known as "The Quilt Bee" started in January 30, 1999 by two members, Marg Bradley and Eileen Wright. The idea was to only make quilts for Haven House, a women's shelter. Members would be divided into teams and hopefully each team would complete one quilt. The first year saw 15 teams who made a total of 29 quilts. This popular event, held every January, has donated 1,401 quilts from January 1999 to 2016 to Haven House. January 27, 2018 will be our 20th Quilt Bee and we hope that another fun day of sewing and laughter will provide Haven House with many more quilts.

The annual Christmas Gift Bag had its start back in 2001 when members who were delivering quilts to Haven House and Nanaimo Family Life Association were informed that both agencies were trying to collect food and gifts for their Christmas hampers. After some discussion with Guild members, members decided to make a small cloth bag and including a gift or toy inside it. Food was also collected and the members donated 147 gift bags to both agencies. The following year, 2002, the Guild received a request for gift bags from the Five Acres Alternative School. Thirty (30) gift bags were made, one for each student. Over the next few years the Guild continued to make gift bags for the school and any surplus bags were donated to other groups such as the Salvation Army and Nanaimo Youth Services. By 2009, all gift bags made went only to Nanaimo Youth Services.

All of these programs run on the generosity of our members who donate their time, fabrics and finished items to these worthwhile causes. Although, these are done on a volunteer basis, members are always encouraged to make and donate at least one item a year. If any of these programs interest you, please contact them.

*Marsha Whitmee and Greta Simmons, History Committee*

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**Tula Pink** will be in Vancouver on March 26. Tickets will go on sale January 15. This will be her only stop in BC so if you'd like to see her it's time to make a quick plan! <http://www.stitchandbobbin.com/module/news.htm?newsId=7060>

**Sidney Grandmothers Fabric Sale:** Saturday April 14, 9 am to 1 pm, St. Andrew's Church Hall, 9691 Fourth Street, Sidney. For enquiries or donations of fabric 250-656-0113. Proceeds to the Stephen Lewsi Foundation Grandmothers to Grandmothers programs.

**Quilt Canada: CQA Juried Show** May 31 to June 2, 2018, Vancouver Convention Centre. Huge merchant mall, workshops & lectures, multiple quilt shows, evening entertainment. For more information, visit [www.canadianquilter.com](http://www.canadianquilter.com)

**Parksville Quilt Show "Be Dazzled"**, June 22 to 24, 2018, Oceanside Place Arena, 830 West Island Highway, Parksville. \$8 per day, \$15 for 3 days. Over 300 quilts on display, raffle, boutique, trunk shows, door prizes, over 16 merchants, wine/beer balcony, special opening event. More info [www.parksvillequiltshow2018.com](http://www.parksvillequiltshow2018.com)

## Placemats

Just a quick note to again thank everyone for their placemat donations. We had 13 placemats and 1 tea cozy turned in at the January meetings. So we now have 85 placemats and 1 tea cozy in stock.

I brought in some fabric and sewing supplies, donated by Linda Ferron from her school, to the January meeting and was very happy to see how well received these items were by the membership. A big thanks to Linda from the Guild!

Not much else to report. Keep those placemats and tea cozies coming and thank you all so much.

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

## 2018 Guild Challenge

Thanks to everyone for your support. We have sold all 50 challenge kits! If anyone missed out, there is no more of the fabric available. If you still wish to participate, find a friend who bought a kit and is willing to share some fabric. I have more star buttons and will provide you with one for the entry fee of \$2. Let me know at [thornasite@gmail.com](mailto:thornasite@gmail.com).

Be sure to finish your entries and bring them along in a labelled paper bag to the April meeting. Or contact me for earlier delivery. They will be voted on at the May meeting. Prizes will be awarded.

*Val Ansell, Guild Challenge Committee, 250-758-1185 [thornasite@gmail.com](mailto:thornasite@gmail.com)*



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Shania Sunga's Canadian Mystery Quilts. Left to right: Lija Bane, Grace-ellen Capier, Lillian Cherron

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