

# Nanaimo Quilters Guild

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## Next Meetings (Zoom)

**February 17, zoom meeting open at 6:30 for socializing, meeting starts at 7 pm.**

**March 17, zoom meeting open at 6:30 for socializing, short meeting starts at 7 pm, followed by presentation "Japan's Quilt History" by Teresa Duryea Wong**

**April 21, zoom meeting open at 6:30 for socializing, meeting starts at 7 pm.**

## Next Executive Meetings (Zoom)

**February 11, 1:30 to 3:30 pm**

**March 11, 1:30 to 3:30 pm**

**April 15, 1:30 to 3:30 pm**

## Newsletter Deadline

**February 21**

**We welcome a new advertiser in this month's newsletter, Up Yur Quilt from St. Catharines, Ontario. (see page 8) Such a great name. Welcome Kelli Steele and team to the NQG newsletter. Please visit their website and shop online! We're all getting so tech savvy!**

## Guild Website

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

## Old Dog / New Tricks

I forget that a little over a decade ago, I had never heard of an i-phone. A little more than a year ago, I had never heard of a zoom meeting. And despite being continually confounded by passwords, I can now order books from the public library online, do banking and change my address. So I guess you can teach an old dog new tricks.

I am probably the most reluctant of people being dragged into the world of technology, but in my more sanguine moments, I must admit that many things are now possible that seemed in danger of being lost. Our Guild executive and general meetings are two of them.

Due to the courageous (to my mind) and forward-thinking initiatives of the members of the Program Committee, (thanks in particular to Kathleen Kane), the executive has been able to "meet" and get the Guild back on track—or nearly so. We are now making plans to conduct regular Guild meetings starting in February. We are in the process of obtaining our own zoom account for the Guild and then we can have safe zoom meetings. They will be mostly focused on the Program Committee's offerings, but we will be able to "see" one another and be able to show and share our projects at least.

And maybe this new format will spawn a new kind of Guild. Keeping members updated on the business of the Guild, learning and being inspired by program presentations, exchanging books, showing our work, socializing and having fun are all parts of Guild meetings. Some of this can be achieved, at least to some degree, in zoom meetings.

But let me be clear. We are not out of the woods. If we don't have an AGM by late Spring, elect a new Board and fulfill the requirements of the Societies Act, we could well be in the situation of having to dissolve the Guild. But we have some time to avoid this. We need people to step up to running the Guild. But this could look a lot different and a lot easier in this "stay-at-home" format. As this old dog has learned, new ways can emerge. In any case, give it some thought. Like me, you might surprise yourself. *Bonnie Eaton, Acting President*

## QUILT SHOW 2022 ~ Mary needs a partner!

It is great to look ahead with optimism and envision 2022 as our quilt show year. I have taken on the task of coordinating this event and would like a partner in this undertaking. My view is that two heads are better than one and doing things together helps build capacity within our group. It is also more fun to work with a partner. If this appeals to you please email [maryabbott@telus.net](mailto:maryabbott@telus.net)

Carol has left two binders with detailed notes and timelines so we will have lots of guidelines to follow. Can't wait to hear from you! Mary

## Satellite Groups

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

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

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## 2021 Guild Program Sew Day

Thanks to Kathleen Kane for hosting a casual three hour, "come and go", sew-in day was enjoyed January 10th by a number of members. As always, it was good to see everyone, to hear and share news, and to see various projects.

## Studio Magnificent January 20

Thanks are due to Brandy Maslowski for her in-depth look into her quilting studio, her many suggestions for creating a personalized workspace, and for her energy throughout her presentation. Her tips and many source recommendations will have several of us checking out our local library as follow-up for her lecture. If you weren't able to join in, Brandy's website can be accessed at [www.quilteronfire.com](http://www.quilteronfire.com)

Check it out and listen to one of her Podcasts.

And wasn't it a fun surprise to have a prize awarded by Brandy to one of the Zoom participants, Joan Irving!

## Upcoming Zoom Presentations

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

Learn how to spark creativity in yourself or in your guild with challenges that will have everyone thinking outside the box.

This trunk show has more ideas than you will know what to do with to get everyone learning new techniques and building quilting and creative confidence.

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

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

**Note: see also the CQA Zoom webinar on February 13 at 4:00 pm, mentioned in Christine's CQA report on page 7.**

## Ongoing Event: On-line Quilt Program with the International Quilt Museum

This museum has the world's largest publicly held quilt collection, dating from the early 1700s to present and represents more than 60 countries. Access to the site can be gained by typing International Quilt Museum into Google. There are lectures, videos, a display of current collections; in other words lots to see and with no limit of time or the frequency of your virtual visits to their website. For example, "Mad Women and Crazy Quilting" is one video lecture that presented very interesting facts. Another video lecture explored findings regarding the "Underground Railroad". Also, upcoming textile webinars are available. Why not spend an afternoon exploring this site through virtual travel. After all, we're being advised to stay safe and stay home!

## Zoom

What a treat to have Zoom to help us stay connected, make our members feel less isolated, enjoy a few laughs, and share a few tips. Thank you, thank you, thank you, to all who have participated. Hopefully, you'll all agree it's not mind numbingly complicated and as easy as clicking on a Zoom link. Here's hoping more of our members brighten our events by showing us their smile on Zoom.

## Donation Quilts

Thank you to everyone who braved the parking lot meetings.

We will be back weather permitting Wednesday, February 17, 2021 from 12 – 2pm. We will have backing, batting and labels available.

We have received 2 large bolts of fabric from Bonnie Eaton. One is a western theme and the other is a child theme – probably for a girl. We have received donations from people in the community of fabric, notions and patterns. These will be available for guild members at our next parking lot gathering.

Thank you to everyone who brings us such beautiful quilts. They are all tucked away safely until we can distribute them. Don't forget you can designate the organization you wish the quilt to go to – ie: VI SCAN, NICU

Thank you so much!

Bonnie Dormuth & Pat Clements, Donation Quilts Committee

## Quilt Bee 2021 ~ Virtual Version

Thanks to all members who participated in the Zoom Quilt Bee on January 23. I hope you all had a good time. Loving this form of communication.

I will be again at the Curling rink in February on the 17th to collect donations for Haven House. Also I will have backings, batting, and kits to give out.

I will continue to do this until June. Hope to see you all there.

Janet Knecht [quiltyjan@gmail.com](mailto:quiltyjan@gmail.com) or 1-250-245-5936



## Placemats

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

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

Your Placemat Committee, Heather, Norma and Maureen

## Thank you

My husband and I had our first baby in October, and she ended up in the Nanaimo NICU for eight days. It was just the worst time for us, but we got our quilt on the first day and we were so touched. It's a beautiful piece (I'm a knitter so I really appreciate fibre arts!). It's so scary to go through an experience like that, which makes every comfort seem so much bigger.

Thankfully our baby is now fine and home with us, and her quilt has pride of place in the nursery. I know sometimes when you make a donation it can just seem to disappear into the void, but I hope you can pass on to the Nanaimo Quilters that that gift really meant a lot to us in that scary time, and it will be treasured in our family for years. (photo at left)



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**Library**

Happy Valentines Day everyone!

Not much to report from the library this month. Our work will start when we are able to get together again.

We would like to give a great BIG thank you to all the Guild Executive who have been working so hard on teaching us to Zoom. If you haven't joined one of the Zoom Sew Ins or workshops yet, try it. It's not as scary as you may think and it's so nice to see some familiar faces. We've joined a couple of "Sew Ins" and actually did the January meeting and workshop presentation from Quilter on Fire. It was great! Thank you to the program committee for putting it together.

You can also go to the website or Facebook of "Quilter on Fire" [www.quilteronfire.com](http://www.quilteronfire.com) And she's on YouTube too. Lots of interesting ideas.

*Linda Addison and the Library Team*



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## Membership

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

You can pay your fees by e-transfer or by cheque. e-transfer your membership fee to membershipnqg@gmail.com. Cheques can be mailed to Nanaimo Quilters Guild, PO Box 943, Nanaimo, BC V9R 5N2.

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

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

Honorary members (80 years of age and older) are exempt from fees.

We will not be mailing receipts or membership cards at this time. *Laura Beswick & Barb Kerfoot, Membership Committee*



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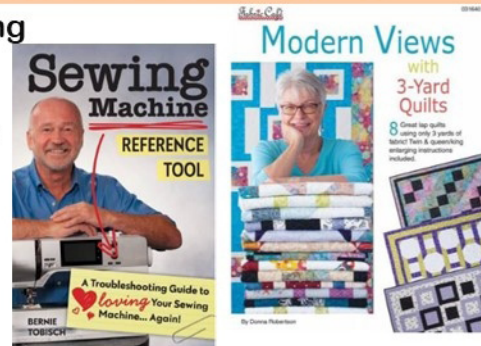
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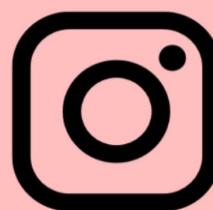
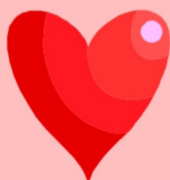
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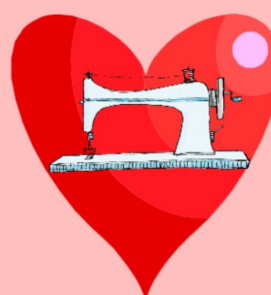
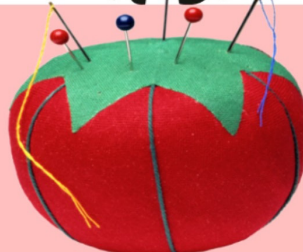


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CQA has announced that they will be holding a virtual quilt show this year in place of the usual Quilt Canada show. The dates for the show are June 16-19, so mark that on your calendar. Details will be forthcoming on the website as the date gets closer.

This virtual event will include the National Juried Show and CQA is hoping for a good response from both members and non-members wishing to show their work. Call to Entry dates are January 15 to February 15, so it's time to get your forms filled out and submitted.

There will be an International Quilt and Colour Trends webinar with Luana Rubin of equilter.com. **This Zoom presentation will take place February 13 at 4:00 pm.** Information for this event can be found on the home page.



Trend Tex challenge kits are still available until sold out. Here are the fabrics for this year...

The Row of the Month quilt along is ongoing. Row 5 came out in January so it's still possible to join and catch up with those working on this project.

The 2021 Youth Challenge celebrates BFF...Best Friends Forever. Entries must be submitted online between February 15 and April 15, 2021

CQA members voted in a new logo for our organization in the early spring, which brings us to the next CQA challenge. "The Ties That Bind" Challenge will include the use of the six colours found in the logo. Using solid colours only, play with modern or traditional design elements. Information on the challenges can be found by clicking on the Quilt Canada icon on the CQA home page.

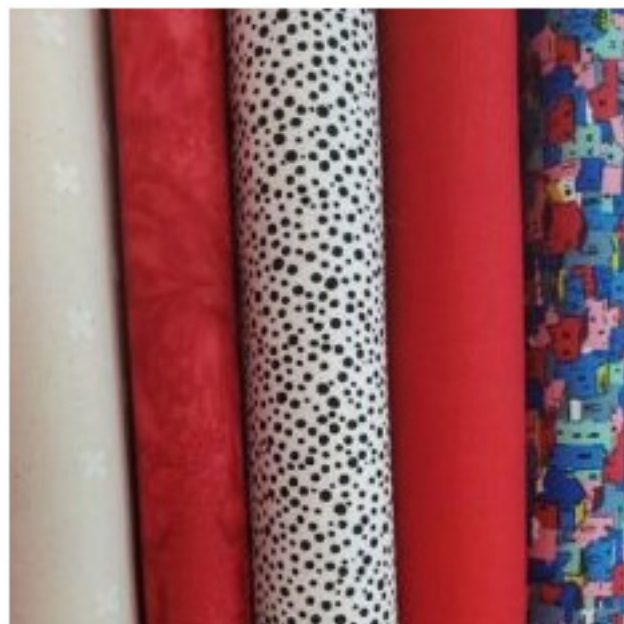
Join CQA/ACC's 40th Anniversary Mystery Quilt fun - open to all members. It began September 2nd with the release of the fabric requirements.

To find out more about the Mystery Quilt, click here:

<https://canadianquilter.com/.../member-2021-mystery.../>

And that's it for now, folks. Stay well and quilt on.

*Christine Hustins, CQA Liaison*



## Online Safety

If you receive emails from the Nanaimo Quilters' Guild, make sure you verify that they are coming from a reputable source. If in doubt, do not open the email and delete it immediately. Below is Pat Clements' story about what happened when she received an email which appeared to be from another Guild member.

Fellow guild members, this is my story of getting duped by some clever con artists.

On Saturday December 5, I received an email from a guild member who I know well and in the subject line was Nanaimo Quilters Guild. The email stated "Hi Pat I need your assistance, are you accessible? I'm out of town, I need you to handle this on behalf for "NQG". We need some gift vouchers for gifts to assist Veterans at hospice care with preventative items due to Covid-19. Happy Holidays. It was signed Regards, Sincerely yours, ZZ (I have used initials although it was signed by the guild member and her position) It also included a phone number which I learned wasn't the member's (770 737-1031). I have typed the email exactly as it was sent.

My response: Hello ZZ Yes I am accessible and willing to help out. I am not sure what to do. Pat

Reply: I'm glad you'll like to assist Pat, Our general surroundings appears to have gone insane. Our lifestyle has changed for the time being. This came as a personal thought after a brief meeting with a Vet yesterday at one of the Hospices I visited. I'll work out explicit subtleties. Please purchase of 5 (five) gift cards of \$100.00 each for the sum of \$500.00 of any Prepaid Visa/Vanilla or Master gift cards. You can get vouchers from convenient stores or online, to reveal code please make photo of both sides of card and email to Hospice admin via (veteranscareunit@usa.com). Please note: donated by "NQG" Would you be able to deal with this for me today? I will be liable for the refund and will a check be fine? I will be thankful on the off chance that you can. Regards Sincerely yours, ZZetc

There were a couple of more emails but I wanted to include the following,

Hello ZZ I am writing this after mulling over your request. I am willing to assist but have a few questions. Who do I submit my bill to? What do I do with the gift cards once I have purchased them? I may need some assistance with taking the pictures

as I don't have a smart phone but I can get some assistance with this. My last question is the guild okay with this or are you paying for the gift cards? I look forward to hearing from you. Pat Clements

ZZ reply: Hi Pat I'm responsible for the reimbursement, all expense made will be refunded by me because this came as a personal request but I wanted to do this as good course and on behalf of "NQG", so the bill is on me. Please can you keep the gift cards and hand them over when I see us. I'll be needing them for reference purpose. So just to reiterate that I will be 100 percent responsible for refund. I thank you for all that you do. Hope the holidays brings us closer to our wishes for the year end. (same signature)

A few more emails occurred as I expressed concerns, discomfort and misgivings. I even said to my sister I am not going to do it. However feeling guilty I purchased the gift cards on December 7 and mailed the photos of the gift cards on Dec. 8. I received thank yous from Veterans Care and ZZ. Are you shaking your head? I have many times since this all happened. Then came a request for 4 more \$100 gift cards "they hadn't anticipated the need" My response was "sorry to disappoint but I am unable to do so". You owe me \$531.24 Correspondence ceased.

I have learned several valuable lessons. Check the email address. If you are uncomfortable or have misgivings check them out - phone the person in question. Look at the grammar, spelling and words used. Don't feel bad if you have to say no. When looking back on the correspondence over 6 days I see all the red flags I didn't heed.

I would like to apologize to ZZ that I would think I was even corresponding with her. Also to the guild my sincere apologies.

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Submitted by Pat Clements



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## Nominations Report

Well everyone, it's that time again. Time to think of what the guild needs from us and decide what we can each do to help.

Until we have meetings at a venue again there are some committees that we won't need to worry about. In the meanwhile the committees that are still operating have been busy behind the scenes getting the work done. We owe them all thanks for using whatever means they've had to meet and do their jobs.

We will be setting up a Zoom account for our guild very soon and will then be holding monthly executive and regular meetings. This is the good news as I'm sure we've all been missing getting together throughout the year.

Once this happens we will need to schedule an AGM and ask again for members to step forward where needed to help with the work of the guild. For now we have a standing President and standing Treasurer. At the AGM a guild member will need to be appointed to each of those jobs. This is the not so good news because we all know how difficult it is to fill the top jobs. It is my sincere hope that someone will decide they can step up and take on either of these jobs for the next year.

Some members are finding they are really enjoying the Zoom meetings. We make our tea or coffee, set ourselves up with a sewing project and enjoy a meeting with friends in the comfort of our homes. There is something to be said for this as it gives us meeting flexibility and the opportunity for committees to meet quickly and easily as often as they need to. This will be

especially helpful as we are going into a year of preparing for our next quilt show in 2022.

Don't let a fear of using Zoom keep you from attending meetings or volunteering. It's a user friendly system and any glitches we've come across have been easily fixed and really, it's pretty fun!

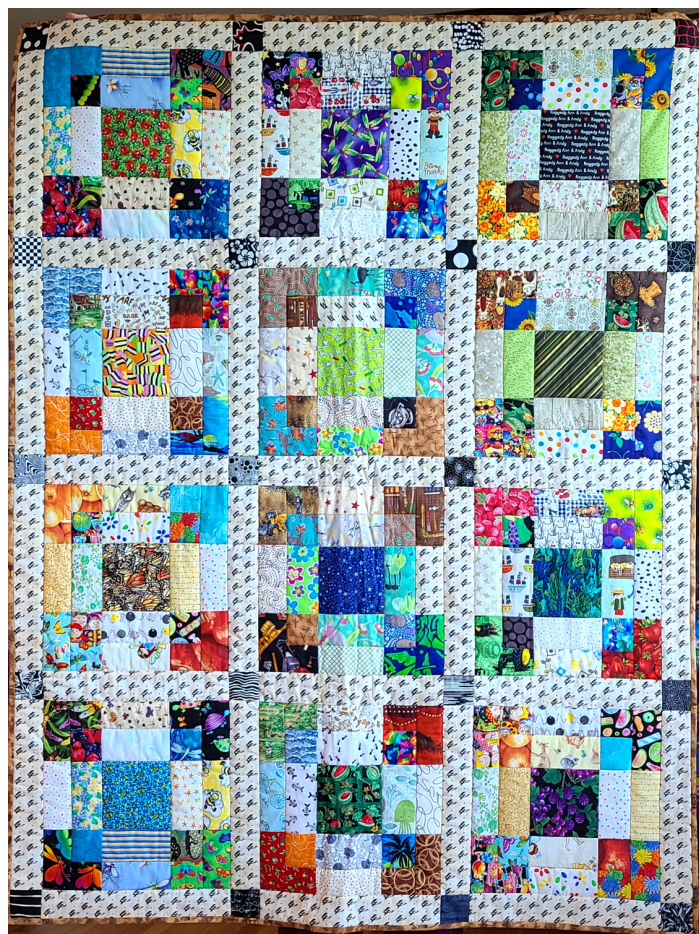
At this time I have left those who volunteered this year in place with the hope that they will carry on for now. We have just two critical jobs to fill and you know what they are. Both the President and Treasurer roles come with binders of information and all the help anyone would need to get these jobs done. The President even has a month by month list to follow so you will always be on track and on time.

The only other job that would be good to fill now if someone is willing would be that of a Challenge coordinator. This is something I think we could do from home and easily catch up on through our Zoom meetings, so if anyone has a fun idea for our guild in this area please let me know.

Thanks for considering what you might do to help. It was very fun to see many of you at the recent Program meeting and I look forward to seeing more of you next month as we come to terms with our new meeting format.

Stay safe and stay warm, *Christine Hustins*

**Show and Share:** below Hummingbird 9 patch, right Missouri star disappearing 9 patch, both by Judi McLaughlin





# Nanaimo Quilters' Guild

## Membership Registration Form

2020 / 2021 year

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Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

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