

Nanaimo Quilters Guild

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Next Meeting

February 21, Nanaimo Curling Club, doors open at 1 pm & 6 pm, meetings at 1:30 pm & 6:30 pm
Program: Procrastinator's Showcase and Barb Dickie Trunk Show

Next Executive Meeting (Zoom) Wednesday, February 14, 1:30 pm

Newsletter Deadline

February 21

Refreshments:

In February, members whose last names start with the letters I, J, K and L, it's your turn to bring goodies to the meeting for our coffee / tea break.

In our newsletters' online version, blue lettering gives a live link to websites and email addresses. 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 [here](#)

Guild Website

The Members Only section 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

Presidents' Pen

We hope everyone "weathered" the snow that canceled our January meetings and used the time to quilt up a "storm"!

As February is "heart" month, we've been thinking about some of the things we love. Obviously, quilting for friends, family and charity is at the top of the list. We also know that creative actions benefit our own well-being as much as our gifts benefit those who receive them.

Volunteering for the guild is a similar double-sided gift because it is just as rewarding for the volunteer as it is for all the members who enjoy guild activities. This Spring, we'd like you to think about volunteering for a role in the guild. Whether it's a new role for our long-time members and seasoned volunteers or the first time a newer member has volunteered, there is a place for you and all are welcome.

We are already looking to our 2024/25 guild year. Please consider what interests you, and what talents and skills you may have to share or wish to develop. The guild is only as active as we, the members, make it. You'll be hearing more about opportunities for the coming guild year in the next few months, but if there is something that interests you, please reach out to any of this year's executive or committee chairs to explore your interests.

Happy Quilting, *Terri Askham & Kathleen Kane, Co-Presidents*

Guild Programs and Workshops

So...have we had enough of shovelling? Shovel out the driveway and then the snow plow makes its rounds and then we start all over again! Please can we say, "Uncle"?

As you know we had to cancel our January meeting which meant we had to postpone our Mini Demos. They are re-scheduled for the April meeting. They will be worth waiting for!

Saturday, February 17th is our potluck Quilt as you Go Workshop at Oliver Woods. We still have space if you're interested.

February 21st Guild meeting is our Procrastinator's Showcase. We only have 3 members registered so far...doesn't anyone else have any UFOs? If more members would like to participate let me know. We also have a Trunk Show courtesy of Barb Dickie.

Another UFO Day at Jonanco on Saturday, March 9th.

For our March Guild meeting we have Darlene Potts providing us with a pop-up afternoon meeting. Darlene is the previous owner of Creative Quilting in Duncan.

Upcoming events: Studio Tours in October (show us your sewing space) and a Garage Sale (quilt-related 'stuff') in November. We will start taking registrations at the February meeting. *Program Committee: Vicki Zoltay, Judy Hunter, Lorraine Daley, Nancy Lutes*

Library

One good thing about the cancelled January meeting is that it has given us all a chance to go through our signed out materials one more time!

Some new titles available to borrow in February are:

Simple Applique by Kim Diehl

Simple Double-Dipped Quilts by Kim Diehl

Oh, Happy Day! 21 Cheery Quilts & Pillows You'll Love by Corey Yoder

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Membership

Thanks to those who continue to renew, our membership now stands at 126 quilters.

Those of you who have not renewed can still do so by visiting the Guild website www.islandquilters.ca under the Membership tab.

Starting in February our Membership fees for the rest of this session are \$20 and, if you need the newsletter mailed, it is an additional \$8.00

If you are comfortable with e-transfers and an online fillable pdf membership form, memberships can be done quickly and efficiently by emailing to membershipnqg@gmail.com We still accept cheques payable to the Nanaimo Quilt Guild. Membership forms and cheques can be mailed to NQG Membership, P.O. Box 943, Nanaimo, B.C. V9R 5N2.

Not sure if you have renewed or not? Send an email to membershipnqg@gmail.com or check the list on the website. Those without internet can call 250-751-1515 or 250-616-1380.

We are still happy to welcome renewals and new members.

Barbara Kerfoot, Laura Beswick, NQG Membership



- Interested in a new twist on traditional quilting? Maybe *Modern* quilting is for you.
- The Nanaimo Modern Quilt Guild meets the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7pm via Zoom.
- Visit our Facebook page or email NanaimoMQG@gmail.com for a link to our next meeting.

Guild Placemat Challenge

Have you picked your triadic colour scheme yet? If you have a couple of favorite choices, you might want to make more than one entry, although one person cannot win more than one prize. These placemats are the perfect opportunity to try a technique that may be new to you. **Rules to Play by:**

1. Triadic colour scheme.
2. Neutral background.
3. May be pieced or appliqued or both. (No embellishments that require careful handling since the quilts will be stacked for transport).
4. Landscape format.
5. Placemat size (12" by 18").
6. Due at either of the April guild meetings. ***Please note the change in due date*** According to our guild handbook, non-show year challenge entries are always due in April and will be voted on at the May general meeting.
7. No hanging sleeve required.
8. Pin a paper label to the back that includes your name, guild number, and whether or not you wish to donate the entry to the placemat committee or have it returned.

Challenge Coordinators Jeannette Blackmore, Vicki Dods

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CQA Report

The next block instructions for the Oatmeal Raisin quilt along are now available at the following link....

<https://canadianquilter.com/2024-cqa-acc-oatmeal-raisin-mystery-quilt-along/?fbclid=IwAR3RBdW1wVDrQK1dcX4MZ7scrUWHA6i5IOMJ60q2-gKGNTwCH6A7YhU8wD8>

Are you interested in wool felt embroidery? Kathleen Riggins will be sharing her skill with us this month.



CQA is presenting a one hour Zoom webinar with Kathleen on February 13, for both members and non-members. See Events (Webinars), on the CQA website for sign up information. Kathleen is also a renowned quilter and you can see some of her work on her facebook page....

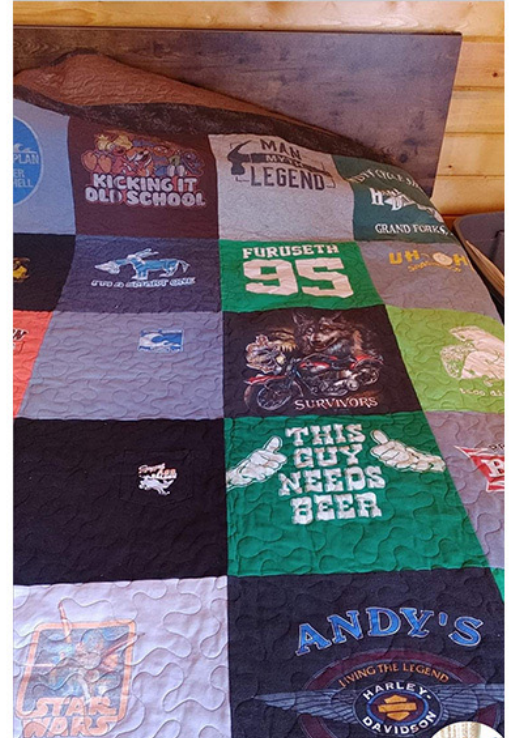
<https://www.facebook.com/kathleenquilts>

From CQA's website....."Learn from Kathleen as she shares how to applique wool felt projects, then stay as she shares her favourite embellishment techniques to create unique masterpieces out of wool and thread!"

Happy stitching, *Christine Hustins, CQA Liaison*
cahustins@gmail.com

Custom Quilts Request

Deborah Hoye is looking for a quilter to make some memorial quilts for her friend and children. Her friend just lost her fiancé and the father of her baby tragically in Mexico recently. She sent the photos below (copied from Facebook) possibly as an example. You can contact her at 778-269-3200.



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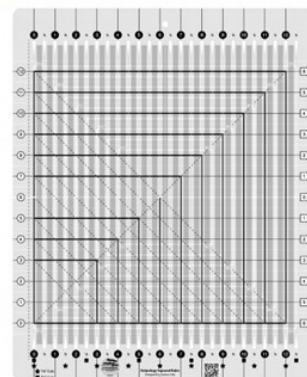
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Meeting Minutes of November 15, 2023

Call to order: 1:30 pm by Terri Askham, Co-President

Moved by Audrey Hale, seconded by Trish Kirk that the minutes of the General Meeting of October 18, 2023 be accepted as posted. Carried.

Treasurer's Report will now be posted at meetings but not voted on.

Hospitality: 60 members today, 2 guests.

Correspondence: a thank you letter received from Haven House for tote bags and Christmas stockings.

Announcements: Our coffee box has been found, but our bulletin board is missing. Thank you to Heather and Ann Marie for doing coffee today.

Save those Tapes! As a nonprofit society, the guild is able to participate in the save-a-tape program offered by Country Grocer. As a group we can earn 1% on every \$1000 in tapes that we save. This is in the form of gift cards that do not expire. The tapes can be from any Country Grocer location, for anything in the store, and for any amount. Please fold (don't roll) the tapes and place in an envelope to prevent fading. Sue Artuso will have a box available at the January meeting to drop off your tapes.

Committee Reports

Quilt Bee: Saturday, January 27 at Oliver Woods. See page 1 of January newsletter.

Donations: see report on page 5.

Christmas Party: very successful!

Program: Homewood Retreat was a roaring success. Homewood staff quilt favourites were: Christine Hustins, Laura Beswick, Judith McLaughlin. More volunteers for January Mini Demos are needed. See report page 1. Monika Kroeger donated free fabric (on the free table).

Guest Speaker: The Knife Sharpener, Ken Romanyshyn has a workshop at his home and sharpens knives, scissors and garden tools. Some of his wisdom:

- Price differences reflect the quality of the metal used
- Test drive the scissors you are thinking of buying (take fabric samples with you to the store)
- Look for one flat cutting side of blades and a bolt and nut fastening at the centre rather than rivets
- To keep your scissors clean, use a drop or spray of Isopropyl Alcohol or vinegar, then work the scissors

to get debris out. Put a drop of mineral oil (washable) on top and bottom of bolt.

- To keep pinking sheers cutting smoothly, cut through 3 layers of waxed paper. Lots of other fascinating information; enjoyed by all.
- **Contact Ken at The Knife Sharpener, 250 723-6605, 3995 Rock City Road**

DRAWS:

Show & Share: Teresa Bellinger **Evening:** Sandy Blakely

Hospitality: Phyllis Moore **Evening:** Sharon Dubyna

Mystery Fabric: Carolyn Hunter **Evening:** Kathy Coulter

Raffles: Afternoon: Sue Artuso, Leslie Millward, Carolyn Hunter, Sheila Redel, Lorraine Whillans, Cathy Proctor, Kathy Doyle, Teresa Bellinger

Evening: Sharon Horncastle, Judith McLaughlin, Vicki Zoltay, Val Ansell

Adjourned: at 3:36 pm *Lorna Craig, Guild Secretary*

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up via a facebook page.

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Beginner classes

Beginner classes are starting again February 9-10,
2024. Each class builds on the previous one, and by the
end you will have a good toolbox of techniques to
choose from.

Longarm classes

Longarm classes will resume in January. Call to
book your spot.

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