

# Nanaimo Quilters Guild

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## Next Regular Meeting

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

## Next Executive Meeting

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

## Newsletter Deadlines

**March 22 (22nd of every month)**

## Refreshments:

**Members whose last names start with the letters P, Q and R, it's your turn to bring goodies to the meeting. (see article on page 9 for tips)**

## Remember to bring:

- your nametag and mug
- change for raffle prizes
- donation quilts / placemats
- show and share
- food bank donations
- completed Canada slab blocks

## 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

Welcome to the month of Spring on Vancouver Island! We had a surprising amount of snow late this winter but that is all behind us, thank goodness. Today the sky is clear and the sun is shining, although it may well be raining again by the time you read this!

As much as I love Spring, I feel a bit cheated by it as a quilter. That may sound strange, but I've been getting a lot of sewing done the last few weeks and I know Spring is going to interfere with that. I love to get outside, clean up the garden and start the next round of plants, but I know this will take away from my quilting time. Or maybe it's just that I have too many projects in the works.

This winter I've been especially busy with three different machine applique projects and one hand applique project, plus several donation quilts. How did this happen? I used to be a person who worked on one thing at a time...then I joined the Quilters' Guild and my self discipline fell apart! I joined sewing groups and an applique group. Then I signed up for some classes to improve my skills. After a few years of this I find myself working on several things at once. And just as I was really making some headway, along comes Spring!

But you know how the song goes; we have to stop and smell the roses, we have to count our many blessings every day. So that's what I'll do. I'll do some quilting but will also get my hands in the dirt, smell the fresh scents of Spring and watch the new plants sprout and the Spring flowers bloom. It will take a little longer to finish the applique work, but I will get back to enjoying the garden as well, and remember that there are many ways to spend a Spring day. The quilting will get done, the gardening will get done, and all will be well.

As for Guild business, we had a very fun meeting in February with some sewing, some swapping and lots of socializing. The afternoon and evening meetings flew by and it was fun just to see what others were working on and to catch up with each other. We also presented Haven Society with well over 100 quilts so that helped to make it a good day right from the start. There is no doubt that Nanaimo Quilters' Guild has many hard working and generous members!

We have more fun to look forward to in March with mini-demos as the focus of the meeting. There will be no Library that day as we will need to use all the space for demo stations, so there is no need to bring back books until April.

You do need to bring cups and coins, nametags and donation quilts, as well as show and share. And a big smile for your friends and fellow quilters.

See you all then, Happy sewing, *Christine Hustins, Guild President*

## Hospitality

Thanks to the ladies who have graciously agreed to be a Buddy and help welcome our new members and guests. For the balance of this Guild year our Buddies are Julie G., Norma S., Liz S., Grace-Ellen C., Barb P., Linda M., Nancy L., Marlene J., and Bobbi M. Cheers to you all!

Please remember to sign in with your name tag of two chances to win a fat quarter and to sign out with the time if you leave a meeting before adjournment.

*Debbie Drew, Hospitality*

## Library News

Please Note: No library at March meeting. Enjoy the mini demos everyone! Normal library at the April meeting. *The Library Team*

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## Program

**March Program:** The March program is full of mini demos. No sign up is required - just come ready to learn!

### Daytime Demos:

Machine Embroidery with Ann Gillespie  
String Strips with Judi McLaughlin  
Slab Block with Becky Keizer  
Zentangle with Briony Goddard  
Decorative Stitch Binding with Val Ansell  
Hand Piecing with Marsha Whitmee  
Disappearing Pinwheel with Georgia Zieglmeier  
Fabric Baskets with Debbie VanOtterloo

### Evening Demos:

Slab Blocks with Becky Keizer  
Zentangle with Briony Goddard  
Decorative Stitch Binding with Val Ansell  
Disappearing Pinwheel with Georgia Zieglmeier

We hope you enjoyed the February Sit & Sew, got to know another quilter a bit better and maybe brought home a few new-to-you goodies from someone else's room (and your minimum of five magazines too)!

The February 18 UFO day at Oliver Woods was again busy with people working on a variety of projects and sharing a potluck lunch. Thank you to everyone who came out to sew and share the day.

### 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: (see photos of these on page 10)

**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

instruction 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 quilt to Twin, Queen or King!

### OTHER EVENTS:

#### All Year Long:

**Farm Girl Vintage Quilt Along - Month 6.** Sign up at the Program Table to get a monthly email for links to helpful tips! Participation Prize Winners:

February Daytime: Penelope Woodward

February Evening: Janet Knecht

Questions, contact Becky Keizer, email: kiddkeizer@shaw.ca

#### Links to Free Patterns

##### St. Patrick's Day Patterns:

<http://quiltinspiration.blogspot.ca/2014/03/free-pattern-day-st-patricks-day.html?m=1>

##### Canada 150 Year Birthday Logo:

<http://sea-sew.blogspot.ca/2015/04/canada150-quilt-pattern.html?sref=pi&m=1>

##### Canadian Flag Table Runner:

[http://www.sew-sisters.com/free\\_pattern\\_Canadian\\_flag.asp](http://www.sew-sisters.com/free_pattern_Canadian_flag.asp)

#### Links to Patterns for Sale

##### Oh, Canada! by Cheryl Arkinson

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*Your Program Committee: Janet Knecht, Sandra Radley, Mary Abbott, Joy Jenkins, Briony Goddard, & Becky Keizer*



*Chantal Lambert, Haven House Resource Development Coordinator accepts a Quilt Bee quilt from Nancy Lutes*





*Some of the  
124 Quilt Bee  
quilts donated to  
Haven House on  
February 15*



## Did You Know ...?

As many of you know, the Programme Committee has organized a bus trip to Victoria in April to see well known quilt maker and author Ricky Tims. The day will include a talk, concert, and sessions on Convergence Quilting along with other topics. There has also been a suggestion put forth to see if there is enough interest in a bus trip to Vancouver in May 2018 to attend the Canadian Quilters' Association (CQA) Quilt Canada Conference.

Did you know that over the years the Guild has participated in several bus trips, some organized by the Guild and some organized by other groups or companies?

Back in 1985, a bus trip organized by the Parks and Recreation Department saw many members and others in the community on a day-trip to Vancouver to "Shop Hop" at several quilt and fabric stores.

All enjoyed the trip and many hoped for more trips in the future. Unfortunately, a bus trip to the Victoria Quilt Show was cancelled due to the logistics of trying to accommodate members who did not want to travel on the same day. The suggestion of car pooling among friends became the norm.

Several years went by and in the spring of 2000 the Guild was contacted by the local "ETA" Bus Tour Company offering a block of seats to our members wishing to attend the Quilt Show in Parksville.

Several members took advantage of the opportunity and once again talk of future bus trips arose. In a survey held by the Programme Committee in the spring of 2002, bus trips was one of the most requested items. The Programme Committee contacted ETA Bus Tours and three tours were set up.

The first one in May took members to the Victoria Guild Quilt Show, and the second one in October to a quilt show in Campbell River. In December several members participated in the tour and dinner at the Butchart Gardens Christmas Light-Up.

In 2005, members travelled by bus to the Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show in Sisters, Oregon. Up to now the Programme Committee had been doing the planning for these trips, and

a survey done in the fall showed there was considerable interest in bus trips to bigger venue quilt shows in the United States such as those in Seattle and Houston. The Committee decided this was now becoming too much for one committee to handle, so the Committee decided to split into two groups. Programme would focus only on workshops and programs at the meetings while the new "Trips and Retreats" Committee would handle the bookings for the yearly retreat at Camp Homewood and would make the arrangements for any further bus trips.

In August 2006, members travelled to the Pacific Northwest Quilt Fest in Seattle, Washington, and in May 2007 several members participated in a bus trip to the CQA Quilt Show in Kamloops that had been organized by the Parksville Quilt Guild. In October 2008, members travelled to the Houston International Quilt show in Houston, Texas. The last bus trip the Guild organized was a return trip to the Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show in July 2011.

For further information on the Ricky Tims bus trip contact Sandra at 250-756-2421. For more information on a possible bus trip to the 2018 CQA Show, keep an eye on Christine's CQA Report in our Newsletter.

*Marsha Whitmee and Greta Simmons , History Committee*



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*Looking forward to meeting you !*

## Donation Quilts

Thank you for all the quilts donated in February. We received 19 quilts in total. That is fabulous considering most of us participated in the January quilt bee for Haven House. A big thank you to everyone who took home a hospice quilt top. As usual batting, backing and labels are supplied and are available at each meeting.

*Bonnie Dormuth and Pat Clements*

Contact Bonnie 250 753-9366 or Pat [patclements@shaw.ca](mailto:patclements@shaw.ca)

## Membership

Please welcome two new Members to the Guild; Terri Askham and Susan Dobson. Welcome ladies, always nice to see new faces. Please use your Buddies to help get you settled in and feeling comfortable, because I have it on good authority that we need to fill a few position on our Board of Directors.

We also had one renewal. Our numbers now stand at 176 members in good standing.

I still have a number of registration receipts, membership cards etc. that have not been picked up. Please stop by the membership table and see if I am talking about you. Otherwise stop by and say hello.

See you all at the meeting. *Judy Peterson, Membership*

## CQA Report

As the Giant Quilt Bee gets closer, thousands of slab blocks are being sewn together across the country for this huge charity event that CQA is hosting this year at Quilt Canada in Toronto.

The four metres of fabric purchased by the Guild has all been taken by members, in strips and bits and pieces to be made into blocks. I have had 60 blocks turned in and will continue to collect them at the March and April meetings. We should send them in by mid May at the latest. The show starts June 14, so the organizers will need to prepare to deal with the number of blocks and quilt tops they receive.


April 3rd is the deadline for submission of entries to the Trend-Tex Challenge for this year at Quilt Canada, so if you have a kit and have been slow to get started, now is the time to get to work on it!

As you know, Quilt Canada 2018 will be held in Vancouver May 28 – June 2 and I'm sure many of us are planning to ferry over to enjoy this event when it is so close to home. Barbara Waine has offered to look into booking a bus to meet us at the ferry in Vancouver and then return us to the ferry after a day of fun at the show, so that could make things even easier.

Becky Keizer will be demonstrating the construction of slab blocks at the March Guild meeting mini-demos. If you need some help and want to make a few blocks this would be a good time to learn and see how easy they are to make. All these blocks and quilts will go to warm and cheer sick children and their families so it is for such a good cause, I hope many of you have made or are planning to make a block or two. It will be my pleasure to box and send in as many as we can come up with on behalf of Nanaimo Quilters' Guild.

*Submitted by Christine Hustins*


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## Quilt Bee January 28 2017

We had another very successful Quilt Bee on January 28, with 43 members attending. Our potluck lunch and snacks were delicious. We had lots of laughs, visiting and, of course, lots of sewing. It was so nice to see new things being done with old patterns and panels; happy, fresh colours and soft cuddly fabrics. The Quilt Bee has become a great time to share our skills and knowledge. Chantal Lambert, the Resource Development Coordinator for Haven House explained how the society uses the quilts and how important they are to their clients, especially the children. These quilts become quite coveted! I was very pleased to hand over 124 quilts on behalf of our guild.

A big thank you to our committee this year, Marlene, Leslie and Margaret. They were great worker bees. Another big thank you goes to our kitchen queens this year, Norma Steven and Carole Phinney. They kept the day running smoothly. A final thank you goes to Rose Christianson for her donation of fabric. These donations allow us to make up kits which are proving to be very popular.

Great job, everyone! Quilt Bee Committee Nancy Lutes, Leslie Millward, Marlene Jones, Margaret Carmichael



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## Block of the Month

Wow, thanks to everyone who participated in the Pieced Heart Block. The 13 afternoon blocks were won by Sarah Beyer and the 15 evening blocks were won by a brand new guild member, Terry Askham. Heather C, showed off her placemats from last month's, Virginia Reel, which she donated to the placemat committee. The flying geese she chose to accent the block were neat.

The block due in March is called Arrowhead Variation through McCall's quilting online, <http://www.mccallsquilting.com/patterns/details.html?id=25913>. If there isn't a hyper link then highlight, copy and paste in the subject line. I will also have it pinned to the top of my facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/SarahinStitchesNanaimo/>. It's a 2 colour 12 1/2" unfinished block using a light and dark green in honour of St. Patrick's Day. My favourite colour. Let me know if you have a favourite colour you'd like to see in a block. I'm open to suggests! Sarah Beyer, 778-269-2380 (text or call) [sarahbeyer@shaw.ca](mailto:sarahbeyer@shaw.ca)



Above: new member Terry A. won the February evening blocks Left: Heather C.'s completed placemats from the January blocks she won. Below: February's afternoon blocks won by Sarah Beyer. Bottom: March's block, Arrowhead Variation.



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March Block



## Nanaimo Quilters' Guild General Meeting February 15, 2017

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

**Hospitality:** Deb Drew introduced one new member and three guests; Kyal Shay, Phyllis Prince and Chantal Lambert. 81 members were present in the afternoon. 30 members were present in the evening plus one new member, Terri Askham and two guests; Chantal Lambert and Heather Walker.

**Membership:** Judy Peterson introduced new member Susan Dobson

**Moved** by Ginette Schewe to accept the Minutes of the January 18, 2017 general meeting as published in the February newsletter. Seconded Lillian Charron. Carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lija Bane. This report is posted on the notice board for members to read.

**Quilt Bee Presentation:** Nancy Lutes introduced Chantal Lambert from the Haven Society who received the quilts from the January Quilt Bee. Nancy thanked the committee, the kitchen helpers and the 43 participants for a great day of service, delicious food and fun. Leslie Milward will be heading the Quilt Bee Committee next year.

**Correspondence:** All correspondence is posted on the notice board; thank you card from the Salvation Army (quilts), thank you letter from the Nanaimo Family Life Association (quilts), Timberlane Quilters Guild Quilt Show Apr. 8/9 Powell River

**Nominations:** please see Vicky Zoltay's report on page 5 for the current list of vacancies that need to be filled.

**Block of the Month:** Sarah Beyer thanked Heather Cowan

who made placemats for donation from the blocks she won last month. The afternoon winner of the Heart blocks was Sarah Beyer. The evening winner was Terri Askham. The March block is an Arrowhead Variation. See report page 6.

**Program:** Janet Knecht. March's program is "Mini Demos". See page 2 for a list of the demos.

**Quilt Show:** Caroll Rumo is looking for members to fill positions for the next show. Several people have been in the same positions for two or more shows so new folks are needed.

**Challenge:** Sandra Radley noted there are 3 kits left. Challenges will be handed in in April and voted on in May.

### Raffles:

Winners (afternoon) Trish Kirk, Arlene Sanders, Shirley Herritt, Lois Anderson, Lise Skalos, Judy Peterson, Pat Clements, Bobbi Moss, Anne Crawford. Show and Share: Ginette Schewe Door Prize: Pat Montgomery, Penelope Woodwork Block of the Month: Sarah Beyer Farm Girl Participant: Penelope Woodwork

Winners (evening) Sandy Blakey, Bonnie Dormuth, Kathy Calder Mystery fabric: Heather Walker, guest Block of the Month Tracy Askham Farm Girl Participant: Janet Knecht Door Prize: Greta Simmons, Trellis Craig

**Show and Share:** Members showed a wonderful array of quilts, including several for donation.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned by Christine Hustins at 3:30 pm  
*Minutes submitted by Val Ursulak, Secretary*

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## Nanaimo Guild Picnic June 21 2017

Our Guild Picnic will be held on Wednesday, June 21 at Bowen Park's Lower Picnic Shelter (across from curling rink) from 2:00 - 8:00 pm. The theme for the picnic will be "Canada's 150th Birthday".

Come to the picnic in the red and white colors of Canada. Prizes will be presented for the best outfits.

The committee is asking everyone to make one, two or as many placemats as you want, 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. Bring your placemats to the picnic and we will display them as decorations.

We are challenging everyone to rap, sing, recite, perform or dance a Canadian song, poem, skit, etc. We will have music accompaniment. 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.

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, please include it. Who knows, a recipe book might come from all of this.

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](mailto:bdvano@shaw.ca) or 250-758-2399 Picnic Committee

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## Quilt Show 2019

We had a very successful fabulous quilt show in June 2016 and it was because of all your help, participation and enthusiasm.

We now need to start planning for our next one in June 6,7,8,9 2019. I know it seems so far away at the moment but it would be helpful to have all the committee lead positions filled by the Fall of 2017.

The initial meeting in March 2018 will be to firm up committees, plans going forward, reviewing recommendations from QS 2016 and time frame for further meetings till the Quilt Show. A lead position can be shared.

Remember, you do not have to reinvent the wheel. We have binders for each committee with all the required information. Also, those who are not continuing will be more than happy to provide you with any information that you are unsure about. Secondly, there are those of us who are continuing that can offer support and guidance.

Quite a few of the new vacant positions were filled by those who were committee leads for more than one show, so they need a change.

The following positions need to be filled:

1. Secretary
2. Treasurer
3. Admissions
4. Challenge
5. Frames
6. Lunch Room
7. Publicity
8. Sponsorship
9. Volunteer Coordinator
10. Volunteer Room/Volunteer Lunch

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## Nominations

Ahoy matey. (...a faux-nautical way of saying "Hello" or "Hello, friend").

For the 2017-2018 Guild year, our ship has a Captain and a second mate. However the ship cannot steer a straight and true course without a first mate. (In Guild terms, that's a 1st Vice President.) A great opportunity to join the Board and let your voice be heard.

Other opportunities available are: Coffee evening—1, Food Bank afternoon—1, Hospitality evening—2, Newsletter Advertising...2, Program—Secretary, Raffles Evening—1.

*Vicki Zoltay, Past President / Nominations*

## 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.

## Quilt Shows, Contests, Sales

Quilters Anonymous Quilt Show March 17-19, Evergreen State Fairgrounds, 14405 179th Ave SE, Monroe, Washington. [www.quiltersanonymous.org](http://www.quiltersanonymous.org)

Westshore Quilters 'SesQUILTcentennial' Show, March 31 & April 1, 10-5, Eagleridge Community Centre, 1089 Langford Parkway, Langford Admission \$6

Timberlane Quilters Guild Quilt Show, April 8 & 9 Powell River, 10-5 Saturday, 10-4 Sunday. Admission \$5 (12 and under free) Dwight Hall 6274 Walnut Street, (Townsite) Powell River [www.timberlanequiltersguild.ca](http://www.timberlanequiltersguild.ca)

Strathcona Stitches Coastal Colours & Connections, 1st Annual Quilting Conference & Juried Quilt Show, April 28-30 at Strathcona Gardens Recreation Complex, Campbell River, BC. <http://www.strathconard.ca/strathconastitches>

Quilter's Connection Magazine 'Canada Eh? Mystery Table Runner' contest. Pattern at <http://quiltersconnection.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/MYSTERY-TABLE-RUNNER-PATTERN.pdf> More info at [quiltersconnection.ca](http://quiltersconnection.ca)

The NanGo Grannies 3rd Annual Fabric & Yarn Sale in late September is accepting donations until August. Please contact Sue Creba 250-753-3371 [suecreba@aquariusd.com](mailto:suecreba@aquariusd.com) or Bonnie Eaton 250-753-3699 [bonnieeaton@telus.net](mailto:bonnieeaton@telus.net)

Sunshine Coast Quilters Guild Show June 17 & 18, 10 am - 4 pm at the Sechelt Indian Band Hall, 5532 Sunshine Coast Highway (behind McDonalds). Admission \$8 (includes refreshments - children 12 & under free)





March 18: Finishing Quilts: More than a Straight Edge Workshop with Ionne MacCauley.



Above: May 13 & 14: Desert Sky Workshop with Anne Hall.

Below: April 22: Playing in the Trees with Susan Teece



Above: Farm Girl Blocks - February 15 Evening Meeting

