

Nanaimo Quilters Guild

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Next Meeting

March 18, doors open at 1:00 and 6:00, meeting starts at 1:30 and 6:30. Nanaimo Curling Club – upstairs lounge 106 Wall St.

Program: Gerry Green ~ Electric Quilt 8 and Haven presentation

Next Executive Meeting

March 12, 1:30, Chase River Country Grocer, 82 Twelfth St.

Newsletter Deadline

March 21 (21st of every month)

Refreshments:

In March, 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 cup
- library books
- change for raffle prizes
- completed 2019/2020 workshop form & payment
- donation quilts / placemats
- Quilt Along, Block(s) of Month
- show and share

Guild Website

If you have something of interest for our Guild web site, please send it to Sue Creba at smcreba@gmail.com

From the Presidents' Pens

Spring is a wonderful time of year. Everything is budding, spring flowers are in bloom, the birds are singing louder than usual. It is rejuvenating to sit outside with tea or a drink of your choice and just let the sun seep into your soul. It feels so good after all that rain. Even the earth has a different feel and smell in the spring and you can almost hear things growing.

Spring is not the only time that an event happens every year at this time ~ another event takes place called St. Patrick's Day. It's a day when whether you're Irish or not, you don something green, gather with your friends go to a pub or bar and drink something called green beer (doesn't sound appetizing does it?) So whether you're Irish or only Irish for the day here's a little blessing for you:

*May the dreams you hold dearest
Be those which come true
And the kindness you spread
Keep returning to you*

Happy Saint Patrick's day everyone! *Elaine Cadell, Ethyle Riawetz, Co-presidents*

Quilt Bee Quilts for Haven

The February meeting brought the total of quilt donations to 105! Thank you everyone for your generous donations. As always above and beyond. The March meeting will see the Representative from Haven House attend both meetings to accept our donations.

As for next year, the committee will be busy making kits. We will hopefully have them ready for the summer season. Head start on next year. Also again my thanks for helping go out to Marlene Jones, in the kitchen Leslie Millward and Greta Simmons, to Cathy Herrington and Nadine Lindstrom for help with set up, and to Nancy Lutes for pictures and write up. See you next year! Submitted by Janet Knecht.

Your Quilt Bee Committee: Marlene Jones, Heather Cowan, Janet Knecht

Placemats

Thank you to everyone who donated placemats and tea cozies at the February Guild meeting. Once again I was overwhelmed. We received 45 placemats and 8 tea cozies bringing our total in stock to 141 placemats and 59 tea cozies. They are all so beautiful, each one a work of art.

We have a full bin of placemat batting at the moment, but the budget has been spent, so hopefully they will last until May. Please stop by the Placemat Table at the Guild meetings if you need some. We also have some tea cozy patterns with template and instructions for the placemats.

Historically the placemats had to be a certain size (12" X 18") to accommodate the Meals on Wheels trays. As they no longer use the trays, we are more flexible regarding size and shape.

Again, thank you all. *Your Placemat Committee, Heather, Norma and Maureen*

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:

<https://www.facebook.com/Nanaimo-Quilters-Guild-118598632009213/>

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2020 Guild Program

February Program: Thanks to Cindy Scraba for an informative program presentation. There is so much to know about thread!

March Program: ElectricQuilt 8 with Gerry Green. Look forward to a computer demonstration of EQ 8 design program.

April Program: Procrastinator's Showcase. How are you progressing? Get ready to share your success!

Scrappy Quilts workshop: A wonderful day was spent on February 22, organizing the chaos of scraps and learning how to transform them into beautiful quilts. Thanks to Sandra for a great workshop and to everyone who participated.

March 21 Creating a Modern Quilt Stacy Day Fee: \$40

Space is available if you wish to invite a non-guild member to attend. Learn about the design and construction of a modern quilt while creating a fun, updated version of a classic dahlia quilt. **website:** <https://staceyinstitches.com>



BILLET NEEDED: If anyone is able to billet Stacy Day on Friday March 20 please contact maryabbott@telus.net

NEW! April 18 Spicy Spiral Table Runner \$40 plus pattern cost.

We need 10 participants by March 18 to run this workshop. There was lots of buzz about this table runner Amrit shared during her trunk show in November. Now you can make your own!



May 30 Ice Dyeing Fabric Joy Heggland Fee: \$95

Workshop is full. Experience the magic of creating your own unique fabric. Ice dyeing is fascinating and fun. You are never really sure what your creation will look like but the results are fantastic. Fee includes 5 metres of fabric and all dyeing supplies.



Heads up for next year!

Registration will be open at the March guild meeting.

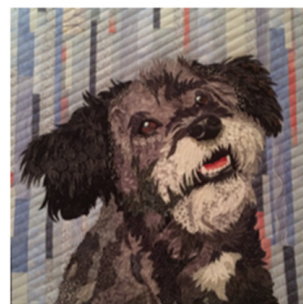
Sept 26 2020 Playing with Rulers Fee \$50.

Silly Moon Quilt Company will demo rulers and bring a variety of rulers for you to play with. They will assist and guide you in learning to quilt with a ruler. Participants MUST HAVE the correct ruler foot for your machine. You will receive a \$10 credit toward the purchase of rulers at the class.

October 17/18 2020 Pet Portraits Anne Mather Fee: \$120

CLASS IS LIMITED TO 12 STUDENTS. In this 2 day workshop you will learn how to make a pattern from a photo and use it to make an adorable portrait of your favourite pet. You will work from your own black and white image to make a "paint by number" master pattern and then you'll learn how to create the portrait using a raw edge fusible appliqué method. If you are comfortable using small pieces of fabric you will love this technique and be amazed at the results.

Students must bring an enlarged colour photo and a mirror image black and white version to the workshop. Photos must be identical in size. Instructions for preparing your photo will be included in the supply list.



On the second day, Anne will demonstrate how to make a background to showcase your portrait and how to free motion quilt the portrait and other finishing details so you will be able to complete the assembly and quilting after the class.

Below: photos from February 22 Scrappy Quilts workshop



Satellite Groups

If anyone is interested in being in a satellite group, please contact Nadine at nqg.satellite@yahoo.ca

Challenge

The theme this year is **Modern Geometric** - Google 'modern geometric art' for ideas. The variety is amazing. The quilts will be displayed for voting at the May General Meeting.

Here are the Rules to Play by:

- No kit is required.
- Multiple entries are allowed; but only one ribbon per participant!
- Finished perimeter to be less than 100". For example: a circle less than 31½" or a square less than 25" x 25" or a rectangle less than 20" x 30".
- Colour palette must be limited to two of the three primary colours (Red, Blue or Yellow) and one of the three secondary colours (Green, Orange or Purple only).
- Background must be black or white – No grey or cream!
- Must have at least one circle, one square and one triangle of recognizable size.
- Use primary colours on the geometric shapes. (And anywhere else you like.)
- Submit in an opaque bag with your name pinned to the back of the quilt and on the bag.
- Your challenge quilt is due by the April meeting so that we can plan the hanging. We know that life happens, so some extension may be granted for reasonable grounds.
- There will be no prizes this year, only 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ribbons plus one or two honourable mentions.

We look forward to your entry! *Val Ansell and Judy Peterson*

Membership

At our February meeting we had five new members join us. Please welcome our new members Wanda Borley, Monique Coy, Lee Masciarelli, Ellen Mills and Linda Young.

We now have a total of 182 members! *Laura Beswick*



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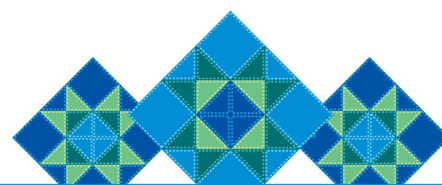
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Donation Quilts

WOW! We received 50 quilts in the afternoon and 2 in the evening, and 2 wheelchair quilts. The donation committee and the quilt bee each received 6 quilts from a friend of Marlene Jones. We were so popular we ran out of batting and labels. A gentle reminder - please attach a label to your completed quilt before donating it. This ensures that each quilt going to people in our community is labeled. You can pick up labels at the donation table or make your own. The label should say "made for you by the Nanaimo Quilters Guild". Remember if picking up batting, a quilt top, or a kit, grab a label or two. We will start including a label with our kits (suggested by Sue

Artuso). Please come by our table at coffee break to view all the quilts. We always have backing fabric, sometimes quilt tops and other fabric, as well as batting and labels.

We received a bolt of fabric at the November meeting, and would like to know who donated it so that we may thank you.

The guild received a request from Gregory Ould, Executive Director Blanket BC Society for a quilt with their logo on it. This quilt would hang in their office. If anyone would like to take this on I have more information.

All donations are truly appreciated. Each and every donated quilt brings joy and comfort to the recipients. This could not be done without all your help.

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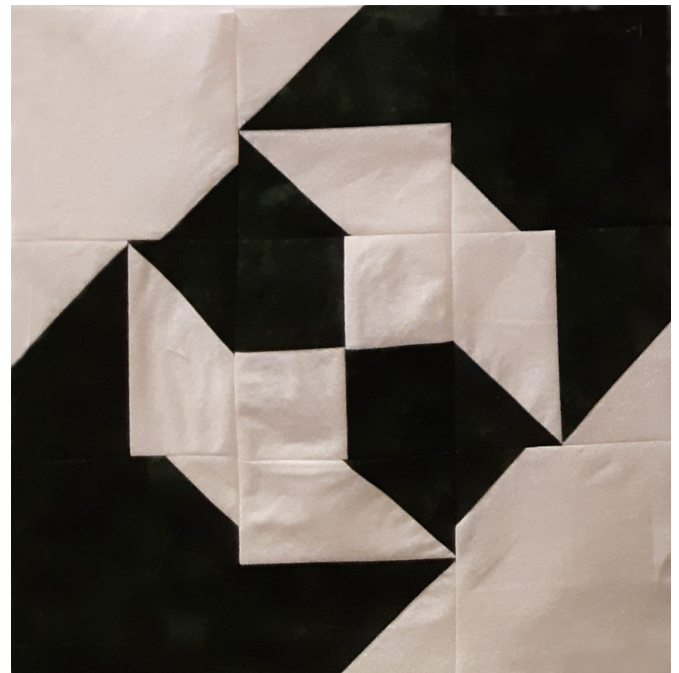
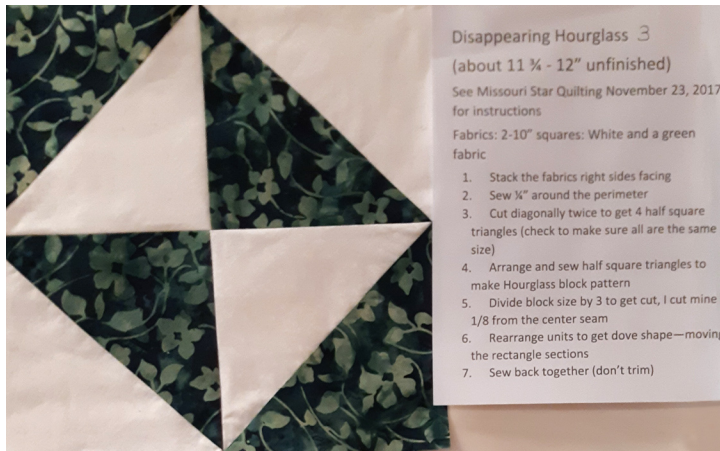
Above: Afternoon Valentine's blocks.
Below: Evening Valentine's blocks



Block of the Month

Thanks for the great participation for the Disappearing Nine Patch using children's fabrics. There were 47 blocks turned in at the afternoon meeting and Jonanne V. shared them with Sheryl B. I look forward to seeing what the ladies come up with for their blocks!! For the Disappearing 16 Patch made from Valentine's Day the afternoon meeting's 28 blocks were won by Sherry D. Such pretty fabric. In the evening each block had 17 blocks turned in. Children's blocks were won by Sandy B. and the Valentine's blocks were won by Judy M. Congratulations to the winners.

The instruction board is pictured below for our March Disappearing Hourglass 3. In honour of St Patrick's Day the fabric is green with white (or white tone on tone) as the contrasting fabric. Remember you can watch the Missouri Star youtube video on how this block goes together. You don't have to square up the block once you are finished though. Mine finished between 11 3/4" and 12". Happy Quilting! Sarah Beyer, 778-269-2380 (call or text), sarahbeyer@shaw.ca



*Left: Afternoon January kids' blocks
Below: Evening January kids' blocks*





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This six day retreat is held early in November at Camp Homewood on Quadra Island. As space is limited, early registration, accompanied by a deposit, is required. Application forms for active members are available on the website and from the Retreat Committee.

At this time we have a full roster of members attending the 2020 retreat and 2 members on the wait list. As soon as a spot becomes available they will be notified. Last year there were at least 10 names on the wait list and all were offered a spot.

If you think you might be interested please contact Robin Barker (wrbarker@shaw.ca) or Pat Ryan (pat-ryan@shaw.ca) Active members traditionally attend monthly meetings, enjoy volunteering their time for guild activities and donate one charity placemat and

quilt each year.

Non-guild members wishing to attend will be placed on a separate wait list. If there are spots available as of October 1 they will be contacted. In addition to paying the fees for the retreat they will also be required to join the guild and pay the membership fee.

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Celtic Tours, Edmonton, has 2 bus tours to Quilt Canada. For information please call Carrie Baisley 250-753-0616 or email at carrieb.baisley2@gmail.com

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Minutes of the February 19, 2020 Nanaimo Quilters' Guild Meeting

Meeting called to order 1:30 pm by Co-President Elaine Cadell. Evening meeting cto at 6:30 pm by Terri Askham.

Attendance: afternoon 84 members, 6 guests, evening 31 members, 2 guests.

Moved by Judy Peterson (afternoon) Stephanie Gislason (evening) to accept the minutes of the Nov 20, 2019 meeting as posted in the newsletter. **Seconded by** Christine Hustins (afternoon) Joan Rogers (evening). **Carried.**

Treasurer's Report: posted on bulletin board.

Correspondence: Thank you cards and picture from our bursary presentation are on the bulletin board.

Committee Reports:

Block of the Month: see Sarah Beyer's report on page five.

Challenge: see report on page three. Challenge entries are due at our April meeting.

CQA: see Christine Hustins report on page nine.

Donation quilts: see Pat Clement's report on page four. They have two tops which require quilting.

Quilt Bee: See Janet Knecht 's report on page one.

Program: See Mary Abbott's report on page two for comig workshops. Thank yous for the different set-up for today's meeting. Registration for two of the fall classes starts in March. Kathy Bush's April workshop is cancelled until 2021. She is going for hip surgery. Refund cheques at table. If anyone is able to billet Stacy Day on Friday March 20 please contact maryabbott@telus.net

The program committee is in need of new members, and it

would be better if you could start now so that you are up to speed in September. Talk to Mary Abbott and/or Christine Hustins if you are interested.

Nominations: see Christine Hustins' report on page eight. Some positions are filled. Signup boards will be all meetings. *"Think not what your Guild can do for you, but what you can do for your Guild."* If positions are all filled by May meeting we can celebrate!

Todays Program: Cindy Scraba presented a slide show and discussion *"All About Thread"* for Quilters, and brought a great popup shop. Cindy presented past president and CQA rep Christine Hustins with a carry bag emblazoned with "Love What You Do".

Raffle and Draw Winners:

Mystery Fabric Draw: Afternoon Lorna Craig. Evening Bonnie Dormuth.

Raffle winners: afternoon Lorna Craig, Avril Valentine, T.K. Shay, Pam McAleer, Catherine Awai, Carol Bailey, Nancy Quinn, Laura Bestwick, Sara Beyer.

Evening: Moire Porter, T.K. Shay x 2, Sarah Beyer, Sharon Horncastle.

Show and share: afternoon Sue Creba.

Name Tag: afternoon Vicki Zoltay, Ethyle Riawitz.

Quilt Along: December - Kathleen Kane, January - Linda Robinson, February - Cathy Harrington.

Meeting adjourned: afternoon 3:50 pm, evening 8:30 pm.

Minutes submitted by Lorna Craig, secretary

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Nominations 2020

Thank you to everyone who has agreed to stay on in their volunteer positions for another year, and to those of you who signed up at the Feb 19 meetings. We're off to a good start and I'm hoping people will continue to come forward to volunteer for the jobs we need to have done over the next year.

There are still opportunities available for anyone who feels they would like to contribute something to the running of the guild again or for the first time. As pleased as I am with the response so far this year, it would be great to see some newer members stepping up and also some not-so-new members who have had a few years off. We all benefit from being part of the quilters' guild and we all need to help in getting the work done, not every year but every two or three years. Some jobs can be done remotely if that is a concern to you. Others can be shared in order to make the tasks easier and more fun.

At this time, the list of openings is as follows. If anyone is interested you can speak with a current member of that committee or contact me and I will get you any information you need.

1. President/Co-Presidents. This job does require that you be able to attend meetings and respond in a timely manner to member and committee requests. It's a great way to meet lots of people in the guild and really see how the organization works. This job is mostly about keeping the members informed of how things work, answering questions and directing people where they need to go for answers and chairing the meetings based on a general agenda that is easy to follow. There is a little paperwork involved such as filing with BC Societies etc, but nothing onerous and there are past presidents who will be happy to help you with anything you need a hand with. There are detailed timelines to go along with this job so it is easy for you to follow month to month without worrying that you have missed anything.

2. First Vice President. There are some small tasks involved with this job, but mostly you are there to step in if needed when the President is unavailable. You would be involved with setting up the floor plan for meetings. You may be required to chair a meeting (although this rarely happens), or answer guild member questions. You would oversee show and share at the meetings, a fun and easy task.

3. Second Vice President. This person is often the one to attend evening meetings and make sure tables, chairs etc are where they need to be and that everything is put away at the end of meetings. You would oversee show and share at evening meetings.

4. Treasurer. This position requires some knowledge of finance, balancing of books and managing of funds. Again though, you would not be alone and would have as much help as you need from the former Treasurer and others.

5. Challenge. This person oversees an annual quilt making challenge for members, usually a small wall-hanging size piece. You decide on the criteria, keep members informed of the timeline and rules, and collect the completed quilts.

6. Coffee Committee. At this point we need a chair and helpers for this committee. This is a job that works very well for

a satellite group. It requires a few members in the afternoon and usually two in the evening. Kyla Shay will be staying on with evening coffee but would welcome some help.

7. Donation Quilts. In this job you collect donation quilts from members and distribute them to the community twice per year. It is a fun and reasonably stress-free job, I did it myself for three years and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. This job requires a chair and one or two helpers in the afternoon plus an evening person to have backings and batting available for members and to take the quilts for storage after meetings.

8. Program. Fortunately, we have had two experienced committee members volunteer to co-chair this committee and they have several helpers in place. Due to the very busy nature of this committee, they could use one or two more helpers.

As you can see, lots of small jobs and some big jobs have been filled already, but we do still have some crucial positions to be filled. Without a President, Secretary and Treasurer, we have no guild, so those three jobs are our top priority. We do have a Secretary and hope that someone will come forward to take on the roles of President and Treasurer soon. These jobs may seem onerous, but we have ten meetings a year, two of them (December and June) being fun meetings, so we really only have eight meetings requiring business. Every job has an extensive job description to go with it and all jobs work on a timeline through the year...you simply do what needs to be done month to month and before you know it the year has passed.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions, cahustins@gmail.com I hope to have some more spaces filled in on the charts before I bring them to our next meeting. Thank you all, and remember, many hands make light work.

Christine Hustins, Past President, Nominations

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CQA Report

Here is your news straight from the Canadian Quilters' Executive Director. One thing I have to add is a reminder about the postcard challenge through CQA and promoted by our February meeting guest, Cindy Scraba. Cindy brought some of the postcards she has received to the meetings and they are unique and beautiful. This is a fun way to try something new that is small and quick to make. These postcards will be sold at CQA's quilt show in Edmonton this June. Proceeds will go to the Glenrose Paediatric Brain Injury Unit in Edmonton.

Message from the Executive Director

Hold on to your hats because it's a super busy time at CQA/ACC! Let me fill you in on what's been going on over the past month and what lies ahead. And no, it's not the months of snow and cold still on the calendar that I am talking about. I am talking about quilting and CQA/ACC's work to promote and enhance this creative and enjoyable activity in Canada! So let's get started with items you might like to explore:

- Our long time Administrative Assistant, Jackie Philpott, retires the middle of this month, and we are pleased to introduce you to our new Administrative and Website Assistant, Ana Dailey, from Petrolia, Ontario. Ana will begin her training on February 9 and take over from Jackie Philpott on February 17.
- After six years as Editor of the Canadian Quilter magazine, Marcy Horswill will be leaving the position this summer to pursue other adventures. In addition to Editorial duties, Marcy had been working as our Sponsorship Coordinator for the past 5 months. Her departure will leave a huge hole in our organization. Over the next several months, CQA/ACC will be looking for suitable people to fill these two roles.
- The new website work is underway (behind the scenes) starting this week with Design House in Pembroke, Ontario being awarded the contract for the work.
- The National Juried Show entry deadline passed on January 31. The Jurors and Jury Coordinator will be hard at work in February reviewing all the entries to select the quilts that will be displayed in Edmonton, at Quilt Canada 2020.
- The #52blocks52weeks project has ended, however you can check out a virtual quilt show on our website. You will be amazed at the results of this project!
- Following on the heels of the successful #52blocks52weeks quilt along, the Row By Row Quilt Along will be starting in mid February. If you enjoyed the last CQA/ACC quilt along and want to continue or want to try a quilt along for the first time, check out the information on our website.
- The entry form for the CQA/ACC Guild Rosette Invitational Show is open now and closes once the limit of twenty-five eligible quilts have been accepted. Don't delay in entering if you are eligible.
- The online entry form for the Try-a-Triad Challenge is now open. This is for individual members of CQA/ACC and is sure

to challenge you! If you haven't already started, why not start today?

- Later this month the Member Guild Challenge and Youth Challenge online entry forms will open.
- Quilt Canada 2020 Registration remains open for workshops, lectures and entry passes to the show hall and merchant mall. Of course you will be able to buy the Entry Pass on site during the event, but why not save yourself some time at the show and get it ahead of time. After all, we know you would like to have as much time available as possible to enjoy all the quilt shows and the merchant mall!
- We are still recruiting volunteers for Quilt Canada, 4 Regional Representative positions, and 2 Board of Directors positions (starting July 2020). Have you thought about volunteering with us? Now is your chance!
- The Make a Mini Quilt Swap has closed for registrations. Read about the exciting results of this swap.

As always, we look forward to your feedback. Please let us know if you have any suggestions, comments, or questions.

Carole McCarville, CQA/ACC Executive Director

submitted by Christine Hustins, CQA Liaison

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A Welcoming Workspace

Our house has been undergoing a major renovation since last summer. As a result, we are living in only part of our house until the renovation is complete.

Things are going fairly smoothly, but one of the challenges is that I don't have a large area (even a clean floor, because of the dust that sifts in) where I can cut batting, lay out or sandwich quilts. I began to have a backlog of UFOs.

Well my salvation came in the form of an email in late October from the Stitchers Muse Needleart (downtown at 99 Commercial Street, across from Diana Krall Square and the library). They now have a space which they call the Back Room creative space which you can rent for just such activities.

In early February I reserved the space for two hours and completely pinned my largest UFO, a double-sized kids' train quilt. See the photo below.

For just \$10.00 per hour, you can rent the Back Room and all its amenities - including sewing machine, serger, ironing

equipment, a large counter/layout space - even the kitchen sink! Bring a friend or two and the price drops to \$5.00 per hour for every additional person. Initial funds from the rental of the Back Room will be dedicated to repainting and renovating the space.

While I worked, I chatted with Carol and Dione and even some customers who dropped in. I made myself a cup of tea, and I next time I'll bring my lunch - there's a small fridge and a microwave. Or if I forget, I can go to any number of small cafes or a bakery nearby! It's a lovely store, Carol's Corner has lots of great quilting fabrics, patterns and supplies, and the stitchery area has a fantastic selection.

I'm planning on renting the Back Room again soon. You need to call ahead to reserve your space 250-591-6873 or toll-free 1-888-591-6873.

Visit their website thestitchersmuse.com or sign up for their email newsletter - which is how I discovered the Back Room.



Save the Date for Our June Picnic

The Nanaimo Quilters' Guild June potluck picnic will be held on **Thursday June 18** at the German Hall at 71 Caledonia Road. The hall was unavailable for Wednesday, when we usually meet, so please make a note in your calendar!

More about the picnic in upcoming newsletters!

Library

All books are due at the March meeting. Thank you to everyone who returned their library materials after our long Winter break.

See you at the March meeting.

The Library Team