

Nanaimo Quilters Guild

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Next Meeting

March 20, Nanaimo Curling Club, doors open at 1 pm & 6 pm, meetings at 1:30 pm & 6:30 pm
Program: Pop-Up sale (at afternoon meeting only)

Next Executive Meeting (Zoom) Wednesday, March 13, 1:30 pm

Newsletter Deadline

March 21

Refreshments:

In March, members whose surnames start with the letters **M, N and O**, 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

Thanks to all those who attended our February meetings – there was a lot of inspiration in the air with so much to see. Attendance was the highest since we started meeting again after the pandemic.

We were happy to hear that many of our devoted volunteer executive and committee members are keen to stay on in their roles for 2024/25, but there are some important spots to fill, so have a look at Judith's report on page 4 in this newsletter and consider joining in.

March officially brings Spring, and we have an early Easter this year, both of which offer lots of quilting inspiration from cheerful colours to special décor and gift designs to celebrate the season. We hope your inspiration blooms this month! Happy Quilting, *Terri Askham & Kathleen Kane, Co-Presidents*

Guild Programs and Workshops

Everyone enjoyed the February 17 Quilt-As-You-Go workshop by Jeannette Blackmore and Vicki Dods. Thanks to our angels!

And did everyone enjoy Barb Dickie's February 21 trunk show? And the procrastinator's showcase participants with Judy Hunter's Round Robin and Val Ursulak's bird themed applique wall hangings?

Saturday, March 9 is UFO day at Jonanco (\$10 for the day), there are lots of spaces left.

At our March 20 Guild afternoon meeting, we have a pop-up sale of fabric and notions by Darlene Potts (previous owner of Creative Quilting in Duncan).

The Sampler Platter is scheduled for April 13 and 14.

At our April 17 Guild meetings we will have Mini Demos from our members, 6 in the afternoon and 5 in the evening.

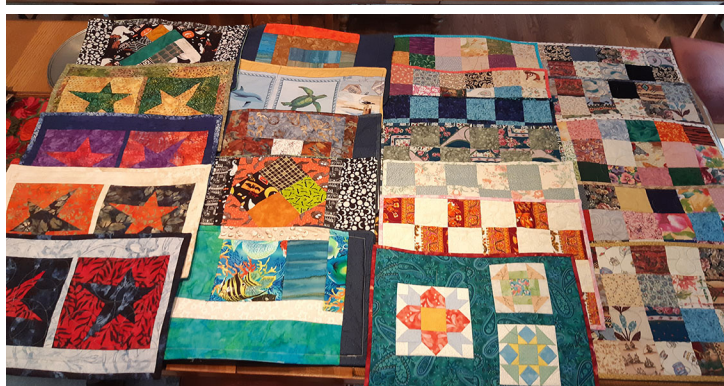
Coming up in the fall are two events. A garage sale at our meeting October 16 (\$10 will reserve a table). We are also having Studio Tours on the weekend of November 9 and 10.

Program Committee: Vicki Zoltay, Judy Hunter, Lorraine Daley, Nancy Lutes

Library

Thank you to everyone for returning their materials. We do not actively search out overdue books. If, however, you still have an item that should have been returned please bring it to the March meeting. Someone else would probably like to read it too! One of our magazines is MIA: "Quick and Easy Quilts" from August/September 2023. The bag was returned but with a *Fons and Porter Love of Quilting* magazine from 2005. Does this ring a bell with anyone? If so, we'd love to do a swap.

The most recent book acquisitions are: Make It Modern with 3 Yard Quilts, Modern Views with 3 Yard Quilts, and Easy Sew Jelly Roll Bags. See the photo of their bookcovers on page 12. *The Library Team*



Placemats

I must first of all thank everyone who turned in placemats and tea cozies at the February meetings. I was blown away. We had 126 placemats and 3 tea cozies turned in. We now have 145 placemats and 9 tea cozies in stock.

The volunteer in charge of Meals on Wheels in Nanaimo receives a lot of feedback from the clients to say how much they appreciate receiving them. She has requested that our placemat donation include the volunteer drivers. Feedback from the membership at the February meeting seemed to support this. Judging from the number turned in at the February meeting, if this keeps up we should have no trouble accommodating this.

And by the way, they are all so beautiful. Your collective talent never ceases to amaze me. I am sure the quilt donation committee feels the same. Keep them coming. Judging from the number of scrap quilts at the show and share you must have a few left over for placemats.

Your Placemat Committee, Heather, Norma and Maureen

Guild Placemat Challenge

If exploring the triadic colour scheme is piquing your interest, Joen Wolfrom has detailed information in her book "Color Play". With regard to triads she states, "a triadic design's success depends on good colour control. Have one colour family play a dominate role. This helps create unity and allows your eyes a place to rest. Use another colour family as the secondary colour. The third colour family plays a lesser role". I've also heard it described as 60-30-10 principle. I think it would be fun to create more than one piece using different colour families as the dominate colour. Play Time!

Rules to Play by:

1. Triadic colour scheme.
2. Neutral background.
3. May be pieced or appliqued. (no delicate embellishments).
4. Landscape format (horizontal).
5. Placemat size (12" by 18").
6. Due at April meetings.
7. No hanging sleeve.
8. Paper label pinned to back with name, guild number, and donate or return to maker.

Challenge Coordinators Jeannette Blackmore, Vicki Dods

Membership

Thanks to those who continue to renew and join, our membership now stands at 131 quilters.

Please welcome our new members: Lidia Hak, Linda Harris, Kathleen Holder and Mary McLane.

Those of you who have not renewed or wish to join can still do so by visiting our website www.islandquilters.ca under the Membership tab.

The Membership fee for the rest of this 2023/24 session is \$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 have questions about how to become a member? 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. *Barb Kerfoot & Laura Beswick, Membership Committee*

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CQA Report

There is lots going on with CQA, as always. Check out the webinars coming up this month: <https://canadianquilter.com/webinars/>

A March 6 Webinar with *Luana Rubin: 'Colour & Design, International Quilt Trends 2024'*, will be recorded and saved for 3 days! Includes over 200 quilts from exhibits around the world, and future trends for quilting. See how quilters in different countries use current events, art history, climate change, and pop culture as inspiration for unique works of art, and how Modern Quilting continues to influence design trends. Color trends and techniques will be discussed. Be sure to have a notebook to jot down inspirational ideas for your next year of quilting!

On March 13 at 7 pm ET, join Paul Leger as he shares how he discovered quilting. It may inspire you to sign up for one of Paul's classes at Quilt Canada 2024!

The 3rd block is available for the [Oatmeal Raisin mystery quilt along](#) You can find it on the CQA main page, under the Events tab, for both members and non-members.

Info about Quilt Canada show in Edmonton, June 19-22, 2024 can be found at <https://canadianquilter.com/quilt-canada-2024/> Happy sewing everyone!

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Nominations Report

The Nominations for guild year 2024/2025 went very well. Many members chose to go on with their present positions or sign on with new positions.

Executive positions

Co-President, Terri Askham, (2021 - 2024) is retiring and needs a replacement. Her co-chair, Kathleen Kane, is staying on and needs a co-chair. This position works very well with two people. Our **Secretary**, Lorna Craig (2022 - 2024) is stepping down and needs a replacement.

Committee Chairs and Members

Challenge: 1 needed **Program:** 1 needed **Raffles:** 1 evening person needed **Quilt Bee:** In January 2025, preparations for our 2026 Quilt Show begin, thus Janet Knecht, Show Chair, is stepping down from the Quilt Bee to concentrate on the Show. A great job for a sewing circle (satellite group) and it only happens once a year. **Christmas Party:** another great job for a sewing circle and it only happens once a year. I will be phoning the present members. **Block of the Month:** This has been vacant for two guild years. Perhaps a group could adopt this?

A few spots were taken at the February meetings. It would be very exciting to fill the remaining ones before the May Annual General Meeting (an evening meeting only).

Judith McLaughlin, Past President 250 758-3866
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Donation Quilts

In February we received 15 baby quilts, 26 lap quilts, and 3 wheelchair quilts, for a total of 44 quilts! We also took in 6 tote bags for Crossroads and 123 baby beanie hats! At every meeting we will have batting, backing, labels and fabric from the estate of Linda Kelly. Thank you for sewing a label on your finished quilt.

Donation Quilts Committee, the Scrappy Bags

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Quilt Bee January 27

A very successful bee was held on Saturday January 27. It was well attended by 33 members, including angels.

This was one of the best potlucks we've had. Super delish and a wide variety of food with all our favourites. Thanks to our kitchen angels!

Seven quilts were completed that day; many members dropped off finished ones, 9 tote bags were also handed in and 24 completed quilts came in at the February meetings.

So far this last year we have donated 25 quilts to Haven House as well as 41 totes and 59 Christmas stockings. There are many quilts in our storage locker and at the moment HH doesn't need any as they have a storage problem. Don't be discouraged by the number still on hand - I want you to keep on making quilts. They can be a little bigger but the batting will still only be cut 45 x 60 - you can always add your own scraps. Meanwhile keep on making totebags and stockings. The bigger the totebag the better. Right now try to make at least 20" wide x 18" long, with not too long a handle. Thank you to all members who have donated to Haven House. We will also be giving some to the Donations Committee to help fill their orders when needed.

I would like to pass this event on to someone else, or at least get someone to shadow me for next year with the idea of taking over for the 2026 Bee as I will be busy with the next show. Please contact me if you are interested.

Janet Knecht and the Quilt Bee Team



Above: Janet Knecht delivered quilts and totebags to Kathy S. from Haven in February.



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Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2024

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

Moved by Sandra Radley, seconded by Judy Hunter that the minutes of the General Meeting of November 15, 2023 be accepted as posted. **Carried.**

Correspondence: there are several thank you cards on the bulletin board.

Special Motion: Moved by Treasurer Lija Bane that the membership approve the expenditure of \$842.24 to upgrade our accounting program. Seconded by Barb Root. **Carried.**

Hospitality: 70 members present.

The **FAN (Fibre Arts Network)** travelling show is on display today - this year's theme was birds. Many thanks to Nancy Lutes for coordinating this display.

Committee Reports

Placemats: gave out 242 placemats last year. Nanaimo Meals On Wheels has requested placemats for their volunteer drivers. Consensus was yes if we have enough. See report on page 2.

Quilt Bee: See report on page 5. Janet would like someone to take over this position.

Membership: 3 new members

Library: new books are on the window ledge. Books are labelled with the year they were received, then the order in which it arrived.

Quilts of Valour: Joan applies the large labels after she receives the quilts. Quilts are all registered and there are some privacy issues with information on labels.

Challenge Quilts: placemat size with Triadic clourway. Examples at table. Complete info on page 2

Retreat: Balance of payment due by April Meeting. If

this is a problem contact Judy Peterson. Note: e-transfers will not be accepted. 2024 Strip poker colours: white on red background and red on white background. Stripes fit either category. 3 strips of each = 6 total..

Program: See complete report on Page 1. Lists of online quilting sites on tables, borrowed from Parksville Guild.

Nominations & Recruitment: See report on page 4.

Barb Dickie presented a lovely collection of quilts in her Trunk Show, with many vintage and scrappy quilts.

In Procrastinator's Showcase, Val Ursulak finished 6 applique projects and Judy Hunter finished a Round Robin quilt.

DRAWS:

Show & Share: Sandra Dobson **Evening:** Kathy Coulter

Hospitality: Val Ursulak **Evening:** Vicki Zoltay

Mystery Fabric: Dana Roncin, Carli Heinichs **Evening:** Vicki Zoltay

Raffles: Afternoon: Janet Knecht, Sandra Radley, Kayla Shay (x2), Teresa Bellinger, Dana Roncon, Laura Beswick, Catherine Proctor, Bonnie Dimitry, Sue Artuso

Evening: Sharon Horncastle, Nancy Lutes, Kathy Coulter, Sue Creba, Vicki Zoltay, Barb Dickie

Val Ursulak has a large light box for sale. If someone would like it, she can bring it next month.

Adjourned: at 3:47 pm *Lorna Craig, Guild Secretary*

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NanGo Grannies Are Collecting Fabric Donations

The NanGo Grannies are now collecting clean, unused quilting fabric (any size), sewing & quilting notions, yarn and garment fabric (minimum size 1/2 meter) for our Giant Fabric Sale on September 21. Sorry, we no longer accept upholstery fabric.

You can bring your donations to any Guild meeting and give to Sue Creba or Bonnie Eaton. We can also pick donations up, call Sue at 250-753-3371 to arrange, or if you have any questions.

All proceeds from this sale go to the Stephen Lewis Grandmothers to Grandmothers campaign supporting grandmothers and community groups working to provide assistance with HIV and AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa. Thanks to Guild members' generous donations of items to our previous sales, we continue to increase the amount of money we send to African projects.

Save the Date! From April 27 to May 1, the cross-Canada 20th Anniversary Solidarity Quilt (left) will be on display at the Nanaimo North Library 6250 Hammond Bay Road, and again at the Island Soul Choir Concert on May 26 at the Port Theatre. The NanGo Grannies applied part of this quilt.



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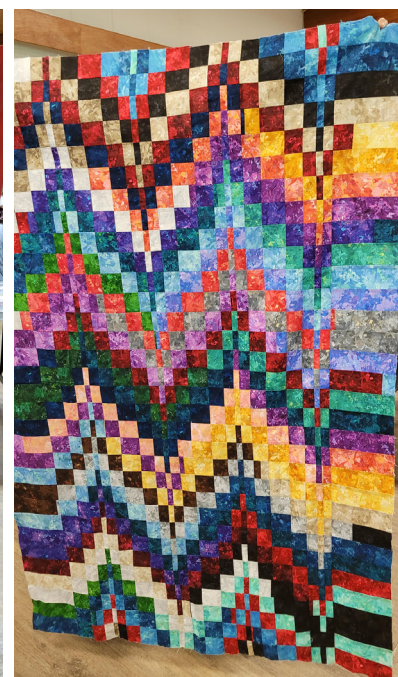




Left: Barb Dickie (on the left) at her February 21 Trunk Show

Right: 2 quilt tops from the January 6 Jazzed-up-Jelly-Roll workshop with Carolyn Mulders

Below: Three of Val Ursulak's completed Procrastinator's pieces



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May 3 & 4, Sagebrush Quilters Guild Quilt Show, Our Lady of Perpetual Help (OLPH) Parish Centre 635 Tranquille Road, Kamloops. Admission \$10.

May 10 & 11, "The Threads That Bind Us" Quilt Show, Langley Quilters Guild, Christian Life Assembly Church 21277 56 Ave, Langley. Admission \$10. lqgshowchair@gmail.com

Saturday, September 21 NanGo Grannies Giant Fabric Sale, Nanaimo Curling Club, 10 am to 1:30 pm.

YouTube Video

Check out Karen Brown's YouTube channel "Just Get It Done Quilts". She interviewed Lucy Adlington from England, a textile historian who has written a book called "The Dressmakers of Auschwitz." She collects vintage cloths and textiles. Great interview and I'm reading that book now. The interview is called "[LETS TALK ABOUT QUILTING TO SURVIVE.](#)" submitted by Janet Knecht



- Interested in a new twist on traditional quilting? Maybe *Modern* quilting is for you.
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Left: closeup of the wooden box that Kathleen Kane made to hold the late quilter Laurie Webster's ashes. The handle is a thread spool.



Right: Dana's Sunbonnet Sue wall hanging



Left: Pat Ryan's wall hanging made at the February 17 Quilt As You Go workshop



Right: Christmas Show and Share quilt



Left: Christmas Show and Share quilt



Right: 'Bunny' Show and Share quilt

Thanks to Christine H. for all the photos from our February meeting.



Above: covers of the latest book additions to our library

Below: Our February 21 meeting was a busy one. Here is the view from the library.



Above: Judith M's Bug Jar Show and Share quilt

Below: Sue A's Show and Share quilt

