

Nanaimo Quilters Guild

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Next Regular Meeting

April 18, doors open 1:00 and 6:00, meeting starts at 1:30 & 6:30 pm Nanaimo Curling Club – upstairs lounge 106 Wall St.
Program: Scraps - Judith McLaughlin

Next Executive Meeting

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

Newsletter Deadlines

April 22 (22nd of every month)

Refreshments:

Members whose last names start with the letters S and T, it's your turn to bring goodies to the meeting.

Remember to bring:

- your nametag and mug
- library books
- change for raffle prizes
- Challenge entry
- donation quilts / placemats
- mystery quilt blocks
- show and share
- food bank donations

Guild Website

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

From the President's Pen

We had a very fun day of demos at the March meeting and I hope everyone learned something they would like to try on future quilts. I have been wanting to make a pineapple quilt with darkish scrappy fabrics and I think that ruler Janet used is just what I need to give it a try.

I'd like to thank the ladies who spent their demo time teaching rather than learning. It's the most fun when we have a good number of demos to choose from. Of course, since some sessions were shorter than others, many of us were able to move around and take in more than just two! It was an afternoon/evening well spent, thanks to Janet Knecht, Sue Creba, Vicki Dods, Sarah Beyer, Val Ansell, Bonnie Dormuth and Briony Goddard.

Sign up for the bus trip has gone very well and we are down to just a few seats left. I will be contacting the people who want to come who are outside the Guild after the end of March. Once the bus is full I will contact Smith Transportation and get the numbers so that I can let everyone know what it will cost. This will happen before the next Guild meeting so if you can bring your money then, that would be helpful and we won't need to worry about it on the day we are travelling.

Spring seems to be arriving for us in its usual fashion....sunshine one minute, rain the next and then some hail after that! It feels unusually cold but I'm sure I feel that way every year as I wait for the longer and warmer days that follow the darkness of winter. I'm hearing the birds sing in the mornings and that is as sure a sign as we will get that spring is kind of, almost, pretty much here!

At our April meeting, Judith McLaughlin will teach us how she magically transforms scraps into lovely blocks and quilts. And since we all have scraps to deal with, it should be an entertaining and enlightening meeting. Don't forget to bring your library books that you've had for two months, your coins and coffee cup, donation items and show and share. The Donation Committee is bringing lots of fabrics and batting to inspire us to take on projects to work on through the summer.

Vicki was handing out hugs left, right and centre with people throwing up their hands to volunteer to help with the work of running the Guild. It was a good thing to see, thank you to all who stepped up. We don't have many positions left to fill, but there are still a few, so if you would like to be involved, Vicki will be happy to talk to you.

I hope you are all enjoying happy, healthy days and I look forward to seeing you at our meeting.
Christine Hustins, Guild President

Library

Only 2 more meetings left! Where has the time gone? April will have our regular afternoon and evening sessions with library materials due in May. Please return ALL your materials to the April meeting. If you are unable to, please phone-a-friend and have them return your materials for you.

May will have evening only with library materials due in September.

See you at the April meetings. *The Library Team*

Challenge

A reminder that all your challenge pieces "All About Me" are due at the April meeting. Judging will take place at our AGM in May. *The Challenge Committee*

2018 Nanaimo Quilters' Guild Program

Get ready to use up all of your scraps! Our April Program is Scraps with Judith McLaughlin. We think she's going to inspire you and have you asking for more (both quilts & scraps).

Huge thank yous to all of the following members for the amazing demos: (see photos at right)

Sue Creba - Tea Wallet (& bonus travel tissue cover)
 Briony Goodard - Bead Embellishments
 Bonnie Dormuth - Rag Quilt
 Vicki Dods - Hexie Folded Flowers
 Janet Knecht - Pineapple Rule
 Val Ansell - Quilting Tips & Techniques
 Sarah Beyers - BOM - Fizzy Block, Curved Piecing

We expect we'll see a lot of Fizzy Blocks submitted next month to Sarah's BOM draw now that you've seen (and some members actually tried piecing) those gentle curves.

Just a reminder that if you missed the mini demos or if you didn't get all the handouts they are now available under the Members Only section of our website.

March 24: Crazy Quilt Techniques - Sue Artuso

This class was absolutely the best day. Sue was so delightful to have as a teacher. Thank you Sue for sharing your knowledge of crazy quilting with us. We're looking forward to seeing the samples people made at future show & shares. Also, thank you to our angels, Barb Root and Leanne Sturgeon - you made the day run smoothly!



Above: Crazy Quilt Techniques workshop

Left: March Mini Demos



How to make a Tea Wallet



Clockwise from top left: beaded embellishments, pineapple ruler, tea wallet, curved piecing, rag quilt

(tips & techniques in background), hexie folded flowers

April 14: A Splash of Colour with Coreen Zerr

Coreen is a fibre artist living in Nanaimo, BC, who utilizes fabric and thread to create art in a way that captures the elements of texture, colour and line that fibre can achieve. She wants her work to show what can be created with these elements and to educate others. The tactile feel of this art is exhilarating and rewarding. Coreen creates realistic art, often using the beautiful scenery and nature of the world around her.



Workshop: Learn to create your own fabric just for fun or for a specific project. Using a variety of techniques and tools, Coreen will introduce you to the art of painting fabric. Skill Level: Beginner to Advanced

All Year Long: Mystery Quilt by A Little Crispy

April is Month 8. Receive a monthly email (or arrange to pick up your instructions at the Guild meeting). There are printed templates for everyone to pick up this month.

Bring your completed March blocks pinned together or to a background piece to the April Guild meeting and enter the draw to win a participation prize!

The winners of the March monthly participation prizes were:

afternoon: Sandra Radley, evening: Judith McLaughlin

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

Coming October 20: Sliced Circles with Ionne McCauley

Presenter: Art - in some form or other - has always been a part of Ionne McCauley's life. Since she was a child, she sketched and painted right along with her sewing - making clothes for herself. Then, during a six-year visit to Australia, she became interested in batik. She designed and made casual batik clothing for sale, learning a lot about dyeing fabric and using colour along the way.

After returning to Canada, Ionne's focus shifted to quilting and by 1997 she was teaching colour classes for quilters. This has led to teaching many different classes for all levels of students.

Ionne is a member of several fun quilting groups, her local guild, the Canadian Quilters' Association (CQA/ACC). She also belongs to a surface design group - the members of which experiment in various mediums, not just fabrics! www.ionnequilts.com

Workshop: Circles are among the most satisfying shapes to work with and the combination of circles and straight lines is exciting! Play with great, favourite fabrics and create a wall-hanging-sized art quilt top, while you learn about shapes and lines and designs. Quilting options are discussed for your finished project.



Sliced Circles with Ionne McCauley on October 20

WE'RE LOOKING: for a member or two to join the Program Committee. Please see Mary Abbott or contact her at maryabbott@telus.net



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Postcard Challenge

Have you ever donated money to the Children's Hospital? Well here is your chance to make a donation - \$5 at a time. This won't cost you any money if you just use scraps of fabric to make little postcards, 4" x 6", with a finished edge. Quilters all across Canada are making these little gems which will be shown and sold for a minimum of \$5 at the huge CQA Show in Vancouver, May 31, June 1 and June 2, 2018.

As of March, our Guild had donated 56 postcards and March 21, I received 5 from Kathy Calder, 7 from Carol Klopstein, and 6 from Philippa Zapf. How many is that from Philippa now – about 17 or so? They are so addictive and fun to make. I know some of you who donated are still making more – WOW. Thank you so much for your generosity. Please encourage each other to try to make a few. *Barb Root*

Update: Cindy will be offering an incentive 'prize' for Nanaimo Quilters' Guild members for their participation.

Quilt Bee Committee

The quilt top kits seem to be very popular and our committee has made some new ones! These will be available at the April and May meetings. Anyone who would like to get a head start and make a quilt top over the summer is welcome to sign out a kit. The batting and backing will be available in the Fall. Happy Quilting! *Quilt Bee Committee: Leslie Millward, Margaret Carmichael, Marlene Jones*

Membership

At our March meetings we had 1 new member join us. Please welcome our new member; Muriel Reiber.

April is the start of early registration for our 2018-2019 year. The membership renewal form is in this April newsletter and on the Guild website. You can print the form and fill it before the meeting and attach your payment; cheque or cash. Credit card payment will also be available at both meetings.

The forms will be processed during the meeting. Completed receipts and membership cards can be picked up at the membership table either at coffee break or after the meeting.

The registration fee is \$30.00. If you want your newsletter mailed there is an additional charge of \$15.00. Newsletters can be accessed on the Nanaimo Quilters Guild website at <http://www.islandquilters.ca/newsletter.htm>

If you are 80 years and older at the time of registration you are entitled to Honorary Member status. Membership dues are waived, but you still need to fill out a registration form.

Our next Quilt Show is June 2019. If you want to enter the Quilt Show you must be a fully paid member as of September 2018. This means that you must renew or join, and fully pay your dues, no later than our meeting on September 19, 2018.

You can renew or join the Guild for the 2018-19 session at the April, May or September meetings; or you can mail your completed registration form, with payment, to:

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Placemat Committee

Thanks once again to everyone who makes those beautiful placemats and tea cozies for donation. We received 6 placemats and one tea cozy in February, and 15 placemats and 24 tea cozies (thanks to Maureen) at the March meeting. This gives us a total of 106 placemats and 26 tea cozies in stock.

When Norma and I were distributing the placemats and tea cozies at the Mid Island Abilities (Seniors Visiting Group) Christmas luncheon the most popular colour was blue. So if you have any blue coloured scraps to use up, we would love to have more placemats in those colours. Just a thought. Personally, I love them all. Each one is a work of art.

I still have some donated threads and stabilizers and will bring them to the April meeting.

So, keep on quilting. I know your garden need attention, but on a rainy day, a placemat or two would be a fun thing to make. *Your Placemat Committee (Heather, Norma, Maureen, Nancy, Laura and Leanne)*

Food Bank

Please consider donating the following: canned fruit and vegetables, canned beans, canned fish, pasta, pasta sauces, peanut butter and any other non-perishable items of your choice. Thank you for your support.

Donation Quilts

14 quilts were collected at the March Guild meetings. Five quilts were donated to the NRGH Hospital Foundation. These quilts will be distributed to the VI SCAN program as needed.

We are bringing all the backing, both flannel and cotton to the April meeting. As well we will have bamboo and polyester batting and labels. We also have some quilt tops which need to be sandwiched and quilted. These items will be available to guild members to work on at their leisure. We are hoping members will help us clear up the storage unit.

A reminder, you can specify which charitable organization you would like your quilt to go to. We will be distributing quilts in early June.
Bonnie Dormuth, Pat Clements

CQA Report

We received a thank you email from Judy Brown thanking us for our contribution of \$250 to Quilt Canada.

Remember that the postcard challenge deadline is coming up quickly, May 1.

Starting at the Quilt Canada Show, there will be a online focus group throughout the year. The first get together for this event will be on May 29 at the River Rock Resort in Richmond at 6 pm and 7:30pm.

After that, one can sign up on line at membership@canadianquilter.com. If you sign up to be part of this online focus group you will receive a fat quarter bundle of coordinating fabric for participating. Remember this will continue for 1 year.

Janet Knecht



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Block of the Month

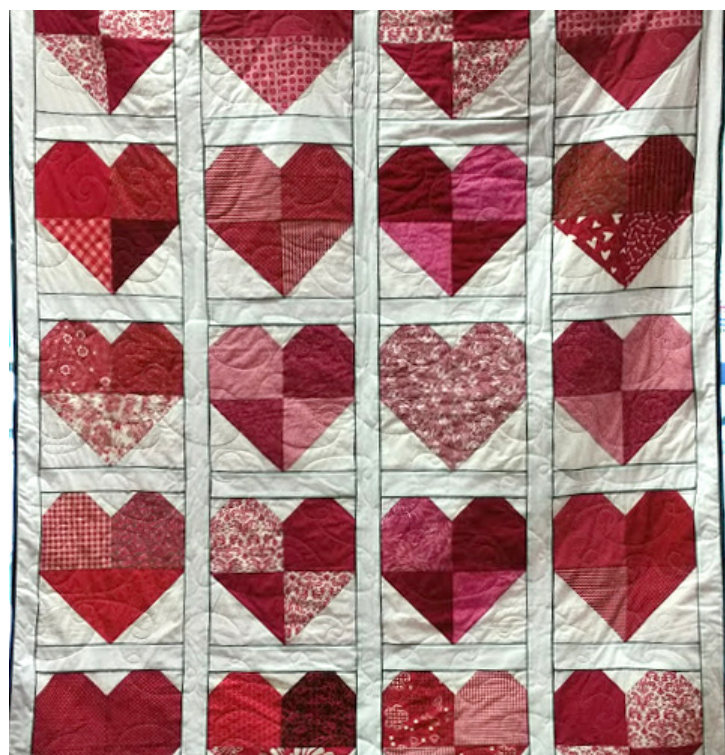
Judy Peterson had her heart blocks from February sewn together. She is donating the one shown below to the Quilts of Valour program. It's heartwarming how many of the BOM winners turn around and give the completed quilt or placemats back to the guild for our donation projects. A big thanks goes out to you and to all the community minded ladies that generously give their time.

Thanks to all who embraced the Bug Jar block! Sue Artuso was thrilled to win the 27 blocks at the afternoon meeting, and Janet Knecht won the 17 blocks in the evening.

The next block is due at the April 2018 Guild meeting. As per the designer's request here is the link to find the pattern: <http://www.blossomheartquilts.com/2015/07/the-bee-hive-fizzy/>

This block is a 12 ½" unfinished block, 12" finished. It takes 5 fabrics: Fabric 1 is a white low volume fabric, the other four should be a spring or citrus colour like in the pattern (green, yellow, pink, orange) Don't be afraid of the curve as it is a nice gradual one and much easier than the drunkard's path. It was great doing the demo at the meeting so I could share tips and show how easy the block is to sew.

Sarah Beyer, 778-269-2380 (call or text), sarahbeyer@shaw.ca. Let me know if you'd like a class for this or if you have any block suggestions.



Above: Judy Peterson's heart quilt from February blocks will be donated to Quilts of Valour. Right top: April's Fizzy block. Right middle: Bug jar blocks won by Janet Knecht (evening). Right: Bug jar blocks won by Sue Artuso (afternoon)

Nanaimo Quilters' Guild General Meeting March 21, 2018

President Christine Hustins called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm.

Hospitality: Afternoon: 87 members and 7 guests: 4 from Nanaimo, one from Ladysmith, one from Japan and one from Kamloops.

Moved by Judy Peterson to accept the minutes of the February 14, 2018 general meeting as published in the March newsletter. Seconded by Trish Kirk. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Posted on the bulletin board.

Membership: Welcome to our new member, Muriel Reiber.

Correspondence: Posted on the bulletin board.

Bus Trip to CQA Show: Christine Hustins reported on our bus trip to the CQA Quilt Canada Show on Thursday, May 31, 2018. Our return will be 7:30 pm. If our bus is not filled by March 31, we will open the trip to our friends/family.

Nominations: Vicki Zoltay reported that there were 16 positions available plus 4 for September/October, but this changed following members volunteering.. Please see Vicky's report on page 9.

Dog Beds: Trish Kirk and her Satellite group, the Pearls, have made 4 dog beds. These are used for either member's own pets or donated to the SPCA or local pet stores. A good use of scraps.

Committee Reports:

Block of the Month: Please see Sarah's report on page 6.

CQA: See Janet's report on page 5.

Challenge: Val Ansell reminded everyone that the challenge blocks, "All About Me" are due at our April Guild meeting. Judging will take place at our AGM in May.

Donations: Pat Clements reported that in April we will have available donated quilt tops as well as backings and batting for us to work on during the summer.

Program: Janet Knecht reminded members of a Crazy Quilt workshop with Sue Artuso March 24 and the last workshop is on April 14, "A Splash of Colour: fabric painting" with Coreen Zerr. Janet also advised that Ionne McCauley will be doing a workshop October 20, 2018 and the Program Committee is now taking registrations.

Mini Demos: Quilting Tips and Tricks, Beaded Embellishments, Block of the Month (Fizzy Block) curved piecing, Hexie Folded Flowers, How to Make a Rag Quilt, Pineapple Ruler, Tea Wallet. (see photos on page 2)

Name Tag Draw: Audrey Lloyd and Dona-Mae Bauer.

Raffles:

Winners (afternoon) Bobbi Moss, Norma Franks, Linda Macey, Judy Peterson, Gayle Rogers, Susan Gaudion, Lija Bane, Bertha Abma. Mystery Fabric: Lorraine Williams. Show and Share: Sue Artuso. Mystery Quilt Draw: Sandra Radley.

Winners (evening) Becky Keizer, Bonnie Dormuth, Sharon Horncastle, Sarah Beyer, Nancy Lutes. Mystery Fabric: Leanne Sturgeon. Show & Share: Joan Irving. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm

Minutes submitted by Vicki Zoltay, Acting Secretary

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Nominations

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much". Helen Keller

As most of you know when the response from our members has been, "yes, I'll volunteer" the member is given a hug. The numbers of hugs at both afternoon and evening meetings were amazing! THANK YOU.

We still have a few opportunities for you to raise your hand.

Evening Secretary CQA Representative

Coffee: 1 evening Hospitality: 1 evening (preferably 2)

Library: 1 evening Placemats: 2 evening

Membership: 2 afternoon, 1 evening...but 2 in Sept/Oct

Program: 1 Raffles: 1 Evening

If you have questions about Nominations and/or Job Descriptions and/or whatever else I can help with, you know where to find me.

Vicki Zoltay, Past President / Nominations



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Quilt Canada: CQA Juried Show May 31 to June 2, 2018, Vancouver Convention Centre. www.canadianquilter.com

Parksville Quilt Show "Be Dazzled", June 22-24, 2018, Oceanside Place Arena, 830 West Island Highway, Parksville. \$8 per day, \$15/ 3 days. www.parksvillequiltshow2018.com

World Quilt Competition XXII, August 16-18, Manchester, New Hampshire. Deadline for postmarked or emailed completed entries May 14. Mail your entry and images (on a CD), or scan and email your entry form to quiltluverdebbie@netscape.net along with the full view and close up images of your quilt. Entry forms available at quiltluverdebbie@netscape.net.



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