

# Nanaimo Quilters Guild

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## Next Meetings (Zoom)

**April 21, zoom meeting open at 6:30 for socializing, meeting starts at 7 pm.**

**May 19, zoom Annual General Meeting open at 6:30, meeting starts at 7 pm**

## Next Executive Meetings (Zoom)

**April 15, 1:30 to 3:30 pm**

**May 13, 1:30 to 3:30 pm**

## Newsletter Deadline

**April 21**

## Quilt Show Countdown

**26 months until June 2023**

## Guild Website

The password for the Members Only section of our website will remain the same in 2021. A reminder that it is printed on the back of your membership card, and new members will be given the password when they join. If you have something of interest for our Guild web site, please send it to Sue Creba at [smcreba@gmail.com](mailto:smcreba@gmail.com)

## President's Pen

It's crunch time!

With all the encouraging signs of warmer weather and vaccination roll-outs, we can begin to feel that normal will again be possible. But that doesn't change the fact that it is now crunch time.

Your Executive has decided to go ahead with our usual schedule of holding an AGM in May. This will obviously have to be done via zoom, but we do have to have an AGM in order to be in compliance with the Societies Act. We cannot miss two consecutive AGM's without facing the possibility of dissolution of our Guild by the Registrar of the BC Societies Act.

In this past year the Donations, Quilt Bee and Program committees have managed to keep key functions of our Guild alive with their creativity and determination. The Newsletter and now Zoom meetings have kept us connected, at least to some degree. We now have a Zoom account that can be used by satellite groups to keep individual members connected. This is the result of individuals—bless them—that have said, "This situation challenges me to come up with new ways of accomplishing what is important to me. I'll find that way."

In looking ahead to what the Guild can be in the future, there is a huge scope, I believe, to do things in new and creative ways. Perhaps co-Presidents do a kind of hybrid Guild; for instance, one co-President holds zoom meetings until we can meet again together. Then the more public forum is taken over by the other co-President. Just about any creative construction could and would be supported, I believe, if it means the continuation of our Guild.

As you all know, our elections are held at the May meeting. We will need a President (or co-presidents) to be elected at that time. Our Guild needs a leader, someone to make just a one year commitment to leading us forward as we get back on our feet and start meeting in person again. Please consider this or one of the other jobs that are open to be filled. See the Nominations report in the upcoming Newsletter for available opportunities.

Quilting calls upon commitment and creativity. And now your Guild needs yours. *Bonnie Eaton, Acting President*

## NQG Zoom Account

Our Guild has purchased a Zoom account since we have been using the Modern Quilt Guild's account. This account is for the use of satellite groups or Guild business/activities only. Guests are welcome to attend presentations or meetings one time as per usual Guild policy. Please contact Nancy Lutes at [dnlutes@telus.net](mailto:dnlutes@telus.net) for the email and password should your group wish to use our account.

**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/>

## 2021 Guild Program

### Ongoing Event: Sew Day

The monthly sew-in continues to be well attended. The next Zoom sew-in is scheduled for Sunday, April 11, from 10:00 - 1:00. Feel free to come for as little or as long as you wish, as seeing a friendly face always makes the day brighter, even if we need to "unsew".

### March 17 Presentation

Japan's Quilt History by Teresa Duryea Wong was an amazing presentation showing the history, expertise, philosophy, and cultural aspect of Japan's quilters. It was an evening full of eye candy and inspiration giving us an appreciation of the number of quilters, their artistry, and dedication to handwork.

### Upcoming Zoom Presentations

**April 19, 7:00 pm:** featuring Island Sewing Centre demonstrating what's new in their store as well as fabrics, tools, and

all the bits and pieces we quilters love to see. The beauty of this presentation is we get a peek at this Campbell River shop from the comfort of our home.

### Looking Ahead:

While this was a different type of guild year, the Program Committee is grateful for the availability of the Zoom platform; for teachers who have been able to provide virtual lectures; for the Global Quilt Connection that has showcased professional lecturers giving guilds an opportunity to see and contract quilters far and near; for the generous feedback from our guild members; and especially for the collaboration with the Nanaimo Modern Guild and the Parksville Guild in sharing the scheduling and costs of these online Program events. Without any of this support, our NQG program would have not been possible. Thank you everyone! Your support and willingness to adjust is appreciated and will be essential in moving forward.

## The Program Committee is Hiring!

We would like to offer guild members one virtual workshop before the end June. This will help us determine what is needed for workshop planning for the 2021-22 guild year.

We are looking for an enthusiastic person (or two) to work with us and take the lead for that workshop.

Your duties will include:

- Investigating virtual workshop instructors (we have lots of possibilities);
- Contacting potential instructors to determine classes, fees, dates, etc.;
- Choosing an appropriate workshop;
- Advertising the workshop in the newsletter and at guild meetings;
- Taking registrations and arranging payments from guild members;
- Liaising with the instructor and being the contact person for members;
- Arranging for payment to the instructor; and
- Celebrating the successful management of our first ever virtual workshop!

You will need enough computer experience to be able to access websites of potential instructors, a comfort level connecting with instructors via email or phone, and the ability to keep accurate records, via computer or manually, to track registrations and payments.

If all this sounds daunting, please don't be put off. This is exactly where the rest of the Program Committee was in September and we have managed to "wing it" and actually learn a thing or two about this virtual world and the amazing presenters and instructors who are out there wanting and willing to work with us.

We ultimately hope whoever steps forward to take this on will also be willing to stay in this role as we plan for the upcoming guild year. The Program Committee needs your help if we want to keep offering interesting activities for our fellow guild members, now and in the future.

Please contact Kathleen Kane [contactkkane@gmail.com](mailto:contactkkane@gmail.com) or 250-802-3323 if you'd like more information or, better yet, to volunteer.



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## Quilt Bee

Congratulations to everyone who brought quilts to the curling rink parking lot on Saint Patrick's day. Although there was no green beer or Irish jig dancing, the gathering of quilts was a feast for the Irish eyes. I collected 19 quilts, including 3 large quilts for the Mom's. Thanks.

I have included some pictures from the parking lot as well as a close up of some row by row applique (photos at right). Outstanding to see and a lot of work that is going to make some little tyke very happy. Well done Sandy!

Thanks again Nancy for your generous donation of scrap fabric, I shall get busy and do some kits up. We are well stocked for backings and batting. Lots of kits as well.

Hope to see you all again next month on April 21 from 12 till 2. I may even bring my lawn chair if spring ever gets here.

Janet Knecht [quiltyjan@gmail.com](mailto:quiltyjan@gmail.com) or 1-250-245-5936





## Placemats

It was another lovely day in the parking lot of the Curling Rink on March 17. We had 9 placemats turned in (see below) bringing our total to 92. We still have a long way to go before our next donation period in November/December, but we will need a lot more placemats in order to be as generous as last year. So keep on turning those scraps into placemats! It was nice seeing everyone who showed up to donate their lovely placemats and quilts. Amazing display of patterns and colours, it is a bit of a "show and share" fix for sure. I will be in the parking lot of the Curling Rink again on our next usual meeting day, which is Wednesday, April 21. Hope to see you there. I will have batting available, cut 13 X 18 inches.

*Your Placemat Committee, Heather, Norma and Maureen*



*Donation quilt turned in on March 17*

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<https://www.quiltsvalour.ca>

## Membership

The Guild presently has 138 members. We would normally welcome early registration for the coming year 2021-22 beginning in April. For now we will put this on hold until further notice. We will need to see how the AGM and socializing conditions for future months develop. Continue to use the password from last year to access the Guild website. Keep in touch via the Newsletter and enjoy zoom meetings and programs that are scheduled. Let us keep our fingers crossed for the future! Quilt on! *Barbara Kerfoot, Laura Beswick, Membership*



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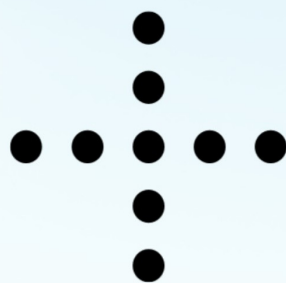
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## Donation Quilts

Thank you to everyone who brought quilts to the Curling Club parking lot in March. We received 26 quilts, some designated for specific programs. Janet Knecht took pictures of some of the quilts collected for Donation and Quilt Bee. They are in this newsletter.

We will be at the Curling Club parking lot April 21 from 12 to 2pm with batting, backing and labels available. We still have backing panels available – African Safari theme and Asian Dolls.

Pat and I are communicating with some of our local organizations about their need for quilts. Hopefully we will soon be able to distribute some of the quilts to the local community.

Of course, we would not be able to do that without the support and generosity of our guild members.

Thank you again. *Bonnie Dormuth and Pat Clements, Donation Quilts Committee*

## For Sale: Embroidery Machine



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## Library

Thank you to everyone who sent me suggestions for library book purchases. I'm looking forward to some of the new quilting books that should be coming out soon. Keep the suggestions coming.

Thank you to the Guild members who are making things happen and keeping us in touch. By the time you read this, many of us will have received our first COVID vaccination. Hopefully it is the beginning of the end of a return to a "new normal".

Wishing everyone a Happy Easter. *The Library Team*

## Wanted: Fons & Porter Magazine

I am looking for **Nov/Dec 2004 Fons & Porter's Love of Quilting**. There are some quilts in this magazine that I want to make and this is the only issue I am missing for 2004. It would be so great if someone could help me out with this. Thank you so much. You can reach me at [lyall6@telus.net](mailto:lyall6@telus.net) or [dallasrn@hotmail.com](mailto:dallasrn@hotmail.com) *Dallas Sadler*



## Show and Share Page



Above: wedding quilt for Christine Hustins' daughter and son-in-law. This pattern is Mineral Matrix by Wing and a Prayer Designs, all batiks, each block different.

Right top: wedding quilt for Christine's sister (a florist) and her husband, a mixture of pattern and fabrics.

The two large wedding quilts were beautifully quilted by Sarah Beyer.

Right Bottom: quilt made by Christine for her new great nephew, pattern is Bubbles, by QP designs and available at Snip&Stitch.

Below: Bed quilt made by Norma Stevens from her winnings in the Strip Poker game at the April 2019 retreat at Parksville Sunrise Ridge Resort.





## Nominations Report

Welcome to Spring my fellow quilters. The days are warming up and even if we are still close to home at least we can start to enjoy the outdoors again.

As you will know, our AGM is coming up in May and we really need a few volunteers to fill key posts. The openings we have, in order of priority to be filled are President, Vice President, Coffee Committee (perfect for a satellite group or a few friends), and Challenge Coordinator. We also need several more members for Program and Workshop. This committee, which keeps up to ten volunteers busy, has struggled along with only four this year.

When I first joined this guild more than ten years ago I was shocked and felt somewhat embarrassed at my first AGM..... the reluctance of many members to volunteer and the ongoing stalemate of asking for help without response was difficult to sit through. That's the first time I heard the word 'dissolution' used in reference to our guild. And so it's gone on from one year to the next.

It is with a very discouraged and heavy heart that I tell you I have heard the word 'dissolution' more often in the past year than ever before. As a charitable organization we exist entirely through the efforts of the membership and while many

members volunteer year after year, there are also a number who do not. And to quote a very well-respected senior member of our group, "I don't understand why no one comes forward. If I was able, I would be volunteering every year." Thank you for those words Blanche, I feel the same way and that's why I have been volunteering since I joined the guild. It's important to get the work done but it's also important to feel like we are part of this guild, that by our efforts we make it ours.

We are coming to a line in the sand here folks. You all know which jobs need to be filled. You know where to find information on those job descriptions (Members Only section of the website) and you know to contact existing chairs or me if you are interested or have questions.

Please give some thought to what you can do for our guild for the next year, either alone or with a friend. Any job can be shared and all come with folders, information and assistance. This needs your attention before the May meeting time arrives. It's my hope that some names will have been put forward. If not, you should know that the word 'dissolution' will come up again and perhaps with sad consequences for us all.

This is our guild, it's your guild. Will some of you please step up to help with the jobs we need to fill in order to keep it going?

*Christine Hustins, Past President, Nominations*

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## NQG Zoom Meeting Minutes March 17, 2021

Bonnie Eaton, Acting President, convened the meeting at 6:30 pm.

**Minutes of February 17, 2021 meeting:** Call for objections to minutes as posted. No objections. Approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Accepted as presented. For 2021 Budget see Members Only section on website.

**Zoom Account:** can be used for any guild business; program or satellite groups - contact Nancy Lutes for access.

### Committee Reports

**Membership:** we currently have 138 members

**Program:** April 19 (Monday) we will join the Parksville Guild for a presentation from Island Sewing Centre of Campbell River.

April 21 is our regular Zoom meeting.

May 19 is our Annual General Meeting.

June meeting will probably be a Virtual Show and Share with Parksville Guild.

**Block of the Month:** Sarah Beyer showed two shamrock blocks. The directions are on [stitchinheaven.com](http://stitchinheaven.com) and in this newsletter on page 12.

**Nominations:** We still need people for President, Vice President, coffee and challenge. See report on page 9.

**Quilt Bee:** 25 quilts received today for a total of 60 quilts

Bonnie Eaton reminded everyone that under the Societies Act we must have an AGM this year. The Executive has scheduled the AGM as a Zoom meeting in May. It is the responsibility of the members to have a full slate of candidates and have an election. Bonnie offered the ongoing activities of various committees during COVID as examples of the opportunities to change and do business in this new climate.

Adjourned: at 6:55 pm

Zoom Presentation by Teresa Wong commenced at 7 pm

*Submitted by Lorna Craig, Secretary*

## CQA Report

The CQA/ACC is working hard to bring you a variety of monthly lectures as we celebrate our 40th anniversary. You might want to consider joining our organization to save money when following these lectures and other Association activities. We have offered fun quilt alongs and projects, all of which are posted on our website. We also are sharing ideas and finished quilts on the Quilting in Canada Facebook page and the Canadian Quilters Association - Quilting Projects Facebook page. There is always something new and exciting going on at CQA/ACC so new members are always welcome.

Don't forget to mark June 16 - 19, 2021 on your calendars for a special, "Celebration of Quilting in Canada." This will be a virtual event highlighting many lectures, the National Juried Show, Concurrent shows, and a marketplace. Once again membership has benefits, look for special member pricing. Some of you might have attended Quilt Canada in the past, and we regretfully have had to cancel it again this year. Fingers crossed that we will all be vaccinated and things will be back to a new normal so that you can join us in Vancouver for Quilt Canada 2022. *Linda Lake, Membership Director*  
[CQAmembership@gmail.com](mailto:CQAmembership@gmail.com)

### Meet Kate Ward

Join us on Saturday, April 17, 2021 at 3 pm EDT (12 pm PDT) when Kate Ward will present a Zoom Webinar



"Create Unique Fabrics at Home". Learn fun and easy ways to manipulate existing fabrics in your stash. Techniques such as solar dyeing, mark making with rust, how to paint like watercolour on fabric, and printing fun patterns using objects found around the home will be demonstrated.

These fabrics can be included in your latest project.

Based in Truro, Nova Scotia, Kate Ward is an award winning multidisciplinary artist working in textiles, ceramics, jewelry, video and installation. Her work is often minimalist, focusing on form, colour and the interplay of contrasts. Her practice is inspired by the ephemeral, the metaphysical, the symbolic, and the relationship between art, ritual and culture. Born in Australia, she moved to Nova Scotia after completing her Masters degree in Visual Art at NSCAD, Canada in 2016. Kate has studied textiles at the Australian National University (BVA 1998), ceramics in Japan and Australia (Certificate IV 2012) and she won an award to study jewelry in Italy (Summer 2015). Professionally Kate has worked in the Arts in both the private and public sectors and she also

## CQA Report (continued)

has her Masters in Arts Management and Policy from London University, UK in 2008. Kate is the recipient of numerous international scholarships, residencies and exchange programs. Her work has been selected for national and international exhibitions, and won the Fibreart International Guild's 'Outstanding Work by an Emerging Artist' award, Pittsburgh, USA. Her work is in public and private collections world wide.

Tickets went on sale Monday, March 15, 2021 in the member-only studio of the canadianquilter.com <http://canadianquilter.com/> website. \$10 + tax for CQA/ACC Members. To become a CQA/ACC member, go to <https://canadianquilter.com/cqa-membership/>

And here is a list of highlights of activities, challenges and sew-alongs happening with CQA right now.....

- Purchase your TrendTex fabric bundle for the 2021 **TrendTexChallenge** (Friendship) <https://canadianquilter.com/product/trendtex-quilters-challenge-2021/>

- Mentor a young quilter in the 2021 **CQA/ACC Youth Challenge – BFF (Best Friends Forever)**. Entry form <https://canadianquilter.com/bff-youth-challenge-entry-form/>

- CQA/ACC Members are now solving the mystery and completing the **40th Anniversary Mystery Quilt**. Go to the CQA/ACC website and click on the Members block to join. Once you are a member click on the Mystery Quilt block to retrieve instructions and enjoy!

The Facebook Page is open for those members that are on the way to solving this Mystery. Just go to CQA/ACC 40th Anniversary Mystery Quilt facebook page and post your pictures to share your progress. CQA/ACC will be featuring these wonderful quilts soon.

Here is the link to join in and share your Mystery. It is only open to CQA/ACC members so a great time to join and enjoy the mystery. Just one of many fun projects for members.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1575794305935874>

- Join the **Row of the Month Quilt Along** <https://canadianquilter.com/news/new-row-of-the-month-quilt-along/> for members and non-members. The monthly pattern will be found on our website and promoted on the Canadian Quilters Association - Quilting Projects Facebook group. Be sure to check on this fun and free quilt along. To join in the Row of the Month go to

<https://canadianquilter.com/news/row-of-the-month-quilt-along-row-7-houses-trees/>

- Join the **40th Anniversary Fat Quarter Lottery**. Join us in celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Canadian Quilters Association/ Association Canadienne de la Courtoisie. Traditionally, the 40th Anniversary is recognized as the Ruby Anniversary so let's have some fun with our RED fat quarters.

Starting on February 14, mail in a RED fat quarter to the CQA/ACC Administrative Assistant. Every 40 days from this start date, we will tally up the number of entries received and award 8-12 RED fat quarters to the winning entrant(s). The number of winning names will depend on the number of entries received. Your entry is valid for one draw only with no carry-forward to the next draw.

Draw Dates	from Entries received:
May 5, 2021	March 27 to May 5
June 14, 2021	May 6 to June 14
July 24, 2021	June 15 to July 24
September 2, 2021	July 25 to September 2
October 12, 2021	September 3 to October 12
November 21, 2021	October 13 to November 21
December 31, 2021	November 22 to December 31

Go to the Members' Studio on the CQA Website for rules and details on this event. Not a member yet? Join today and take part in the fun.

**CQA/ACC Individual Member Challenge.** What better way to celebrate the launch of the new CQA/ACC logo than to use the logo colours in a challenge. The Ties That Bind Challenge includes the use of the six colours found in our logo. Using solid colours only, play with modern or traditional design elements. Our theme comes at a time when we have been isolated from each other for far too long yet like old friends, we never forget the ties that bind and we will rejoice in old and new friendships when we meet again.

Entries for the Ties That Bind Challenge will be accepted online from February 1 to May 21, 2021

<https://canadianquilter.com/ties-that-bind-challenge/>

The winning quilt will be selected by Viewers' Choice during A Celebration of Quilting in Canada 2021 and awarded a \$100 cash prize.

*submitted by Christine Hustins, CQA rep*



## Block of the Month Sew-Along

Hello all, hope everyone is well and keeping upbeat.

This month we are celebrating St Patrick's day with a 12 1/2" unfinished Shamrock block. If you visit <https://www.blog.stitchinheaven.com/post/quilting-inspiration-shamrock-free-pattern>

you'll find she has a wonderful step by step pattern for creating this block. I took it a step further and instead of using green squares of one fabric I used my fabric crumbs to make my own fabric and cut my squares from the new fabric. As you might guess this makes it a lot longer to sew together but as you see from my sample the results are well worth it.

For the stem you could also cut the white fabric larger so you could cut the square in half diagonally and sew a strip of green fabric instead. Since this section is bigger it might be worth it to use crumbs to do the white and the green stem but you decide.

Best of luck and if you have any questions email, call or text me. Take care and happy sewing.

Sarah Beyer, [sarahbeyer@shaw.ca](mailto:sarahbeyer@shaw.ca), 778-269-2380



Above: shamrock made with blocks following the directions.

Below: shamrock made with scrappy blocks



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