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Next Meeting

April 19, Nanaimo Curling Club, doors open at 1 pm & 6 pm, meetings at 1:30 pm & 6:30 pm

Next Executive Meeting (Zoom) April 12, 1:30 pm Quilt Show Meeting

April 26, 1:00 to 3:00 pm, Country Grocer on Bowen

Newsletter Deadline

April 21

Where you see blue underlined lettering in the <u>online version</u> of the newsletter, put your cursor on the blue lettering and click to be be taken to the website or email address associated with the blue lettering. 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 below:

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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

April 16-23 is National Volunteer Recognition week in Canada. We would like to take our little paragraph this month to express our appreciation to all the guild's member volunteers who make the guild the fun, creative, active, charitable, and resilient organization that it is. From meetings to sew-ins and bees; from workshops and programs to the library, draws, sew-alongs, social events and every organizing activity inbetween, the folks who make it all happen for the rest of us are working to keep our quilting community strong and ensure we can contribute to those around us in need.

Our donation teams and all the quilters who kept on sewing and giving through the worst of the pandemic are especially acknowledged this year. As we move further away from those dark days, we continue to appreciate those of you who stood in the cold and wet parking lot to distribute supplies and collect donations. The guild is only as strong as its member volunteers! Thank you all. Happy Quilting, *Terri Askham & Judith McLaughlin, Co-Presidents*

2023 Guild Program

Thank you to everyone who took the time to provide such glowing feedback about Bernie Tobisch's presentation Build a Better Relationship with Your Sewing Machine on March 13th. It was invaluable information and wonderful to have a chance to "ask the expert" specific questions. Don't forget that Bernie's book **You And Your Sewing Machine** is in the Guild library.

Wednesday, April 19 at the afternoon & evening meetings.

In-person Presentation: **QUILT LABELS AND HANGING SLEEVES**Some of our members will talk about Quilt Labels and also do a demonstration on attaching a Hanging Sleeve. Important information for preparing your quilts for the Show.

May 6 & 7 from noon to 3pm each day on Zoom

Virtual Presentation: **The Global Quilt Connection's SAMPLER PLATTER** Each day there will be 9 different quilt teachers presenting mini-demo's on a wide variety of quilting-related topics. Further details and the Zoom links will be sent out closer to the date.

WORKSHOP COMMITTEE

This will be our final workshop of the guild year. Thank you to everyone who has taken part in workshops this year.

UFO WORKSHOP Saturday, April 15 from 9:30am to 3:30pm (Oliver Woods Rec Centre) \$10 NOTE: This workshop is currently full, but we are taking names for the wait list. If you have already signed up but can't make it for any reason, please email Nancy Lutes at **dnlutes@telus.net** Bring your almost finished Quilt Show pieces, and anything else, (continued on page 2)

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(continued from page 1) to this long-awaited **UFO** (**Un-Finished Objects**) workshop. There will be cutting tables, layout tables and irons set up. We will be having a brown-bag lunch but tea and coffee will be provided. A fridge is available. BONUS: We have members who have volunteered to talk about quilt labels and to demonstrate how to attach hanging sleeves.

Submitted by Kathleen Kane, Chair, Program Committee. 250-802-3323

Placemats

We took in 18 placemats at the March meetings. So, we now have 115 placemats and 18 tea cozies in stock. Again, thanks so much to all who make these wonderful little quilts. I would like to remind people that we now have a sign in sheet for those donating placemats or tea cozies. You do not need to sign when picking up batting, just when turning in a placemat. Thanks so much for your cooperation with this. I will be away for the April meeting but Norma will be there with some battings. Keep up the generous giving. Those who receive truly appreciate your efforts.

Your Placemat Committee, Heather, Norma and Maureen



Donation Quilts

In March we received 5 quilts, 3 book bags and 11 preemie hats. We dropped off 15 book bags and 60 preemie hats to NRGH. A member donated a queen size quilt to a young woman in northern BC. We will be donating 3 lap quilts to Rainbows at John Barsby Secondary. Thank you for your continuing generosity! A reminder to sew a label onto your quilt before turning it in. We will have batting, backing and labels at the April meeting. *Donation Quilts Committee, the Scrappy Bags*

Volunteer at the Quilt Show!

Volunteer sign-up has been available at 3 Guild meetings (afternoon and evening). Approximately 2/3 of the volunteer shifts have been assigned. This will continue at the April and May meetings.

An email will be sent to all members not currently signed up about volunteering, and those without emails will be phoned. The Quilt Show policy is that all members will volunteer to help at the Quilt Show.

If you are unable to work at the show, a food donation for the Volunteer Room is greatly appreciated.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Ellen at: ellenellis53@gmail.com

Ellen Ellis, Quilt ShowVolunteer Coordinator

Quilt Show Boutique

If a member wishes to donate a new item that they have created from a new idea, a class etc., that they really have no need for and no one to give to they could donate it to the Boutique Committee (the Guild). Limit of 4 items per person. We will put it in the Boutique and all proceeds from its sale will go directly to the Guild. If it doesn't sell our committee will attempt to find a suitable home for it as we will not be storing it from show to show. We will start taking donations at the April and May Guild meetings.

We are also encouraging more ladies to put items for sale in the Boutique as the more items there are the more money our Guild makes. It also makes for a more vibrant and colourful display. Questions? Contact Linda Macey at wrmacey@gmail.com



Quilt Show Report

IMPORTANT SHOW INFORMATION PLEASE READ!

We are now 10 weeks away.

BOUTIQUE: New items added! See the report page 2.

CALL TO ENTRY: Entry of quilts has been extended until the April General Meeting (April 19). We have 154 quilts ready to show - this is half way. Need more!

RAFFLES: So far 2000 tickets out of 5000 are out to the membership getting sold. Please step up and try to do your share. See Judy's report at right.

VOLUNTEERS: Only 2/3 of the volunteer slots have been filled. Thank you everyone who has taken on these tasks. Still needed: hostesses, kitchen/lunch room and depot captains. The Hostess job is a 2 hour shift but there will be chairs to sit on. We need members on the floor. Your shift times will be in your name tag in the volunteer room at set up or when you come for your first shift. You will know your shifts in advance and if you sign up now please keep track as well. Also food is a need in the Volunteer Room all weekend, easy way to volunteer. Savoury, veg plate, protein and a few sweets.

DEPOT CAPTAINS: On May 17, the Depot Captains would like all those who have volunteered to collect quilts to meet before the Guild meeting at the Curling Club at 5:30 pm to discuss your duties.

So we're getting close everyone and it's time to shine. Good luck to all.

Remember to use your social media to get the word out. Again any questions please ask me. *Take care, Bonnie*

Dormuth and Janet Knecht (250-734-1671) quiltyjan@ gmail.com

Quilt Show Challenge

We are finally seeing blue skies again. Hopefully that's providing extra inspiration and energy so we can all feverishly finish entries for the show. Thank goodness the Challenge piece is only 15 by 20 inches. Remember, you only need one square in a square or one diamond in a rectangle or you can choose to do many. We now have two kits available to anyone who hasn't yet purchased one.

Our May Guild meeting is on May 17, which is when the entries are due. Please place your Challenge entry in an opaque bag and write your name on the outside of the bag. Please be sure that your piece has a sleeve and a label with your name and the title of the entry. You may turn in your piece at the May meeting. Happy creating.

Show Year Challenge Coordinators

Vicki Dods and Jeannette Blackmore

Quilt Show Raffle Tickets

Our February guild meetings were a great start to the distribution of our quilt Show Raffle tickets. It looks like a lot of members liked the idea of prepaying for the tickets. Sure makes the tallying the money a lot easier than all those toonies. A quick review on the sale of tickets:

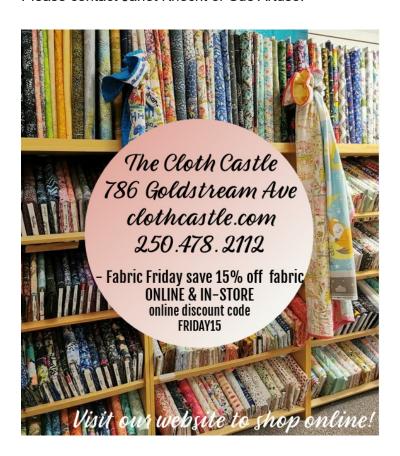
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- Make sure your booklets have 10 tickets
- More tickets always available
- I"m available at all meetings both afternoon and evening
- Please return money and ticket stubs in an envelope or baggie by the May Guild meeting

Anyone needing extra tickets can email me: judymp@shaw.ca or phone or text 250-741-6071

Judy Peterson, Quilt Show Raffles

FoodSafe Volunteer(s) Needed

We are looking for a volunteer who has FoodSafe certification to be involved with the Quilt Show kitchen. Please contact Janet Knecht or Sue Artuso.



Quilt Bee

At this time we are done with Quilt Bee for the year and will not bring supplies to the remainder of the general meetings. We are busy with the Show (10 weeks left!).

If you are really in need please contact us directly by email or cell, and we will see what we can do. Hopefully you are working on your quilt show entries.

Don't forget over the summer to do the large Christmas Stockings and the tote bags for Haven House as well as quilts. Marlene Jones is busy making more kits up for the fall.

Thank you again to all members who have stepped up this year with your donations.

Bonnie and I and the rest of the team look forward to a full Bee next year. Have a good summer and keep on sewing... *Cheers Bonnie Dormuth and Janet Knecht*. Janet quiltyjan@gmail.com or cell 250-734-1671

Evening Meeting Volunteers

Thanks to Karla Hansen for volunteering for the evening hospitality role! If you would like to join Karla, or volunteer to do Block of the Month at evening meetings, please contact Terri terri.askham@gmail.com 250-882-5108

Library

Spring is here...time for spring cleaning!

Only 2 more meetings left to return your library materials before our summer break. We still have quite a number of books outstanding pre-COVID, so please check to make sure you haven't "buried" any Guild books. No questions asked when you return them! We would really, really like to start with a "clean slate" in September.

Again, we would like to say thank you to everyone for returning their library materials on time and hugs to our library volunteers for their hard work keeping our library running so smoothly. *The Library Team*

NanGo Grannies Collecting Fabric

The NanGo Grannies are now collecting clean, unused quilting fabric (any size) and notions, yarn and garment fabric (min. 1/2 meter) for their Giant Fabric Sale on September 16. 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.



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Nominations Report

To date, the following people have agreed to stand for the positions listed. We owe them our appreciation because it is this spirit of volunteerism that keeps our organization running.

The Vice Presidencies are both vacant, as is the Block of the Month (BOM) and Newsletter Advertising. Having Vice Presidents is important to the smooth operation of our Guild and we hope two people will step forward. The Newsletter Advertising position is also critical, because it provides us with significant revenue. It can be easily done from home; contacting our advertisers and sending their copy on to the newsletter. It is vital that we fill this position.

If you would like to volunteer for any position, contact anyone on the Nominations Committee: *Bonnie Eaton, Terri Askham, Lorna Craig*

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Committees

BOM: VACANT

CQA: Christine Hustins

Challenge: Vicki Dods, Jeanette Blackmore (chair to be

determined)

Donation Committee: Lynn Bentson (Scrappy Bags

satellite group)

Historians: Greta Simmons, Marsha Whitmee

Hospitality: Bonnie Palfy, Bonnie Dimitry, Barbara Root volunteers- chair to be determined (2nd: Bonnie Palfy)

Library: Pat Ryan

Membership: Barb Kerfoot, chair (Laura Beswick)

Newsletter Advertising: **VACANT**Newsletter Editor: Sue Creba
Newsletter mailing: Linda Campbell
Phoning committee: Trish Kirk

Placemat Committee: Heather Henderson,

Program Committee: Vicki Zoltay, Judy Hunter (chair to

be determined)

Publicity: Lorraine Daley Quilt Bee: Janet Knecht Raffles: Carole Phinney Retreat: Judy Peterson

Social Media: Christine Hustins Webmaster Liaison: Sue Creba

** Note that while Lorna Craig is willing to stand for Secretary, she would like to step down. The position is being considered "vacant" for the moment in the hopes that someone will come forward.

Please note that if there are any errors, omissions, misattributions or anything that is incorrect, please contact Bonnie Eaton as past president.



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HELP! Depot Captains Needed! Meeting May 17, 5:30 pm at Curling Club

****NOTE: NON-SMOKING ENVIRONMENT ONLY****

Duties: Collect exhibitors' quilts – **at your convenience**, **at your own home**. You will deliver these quilts Thursday, June 8 between 9:00 and 9:30 AM to the "Quilt Hanging" team at curling rink.

On Sunday June 11, receive the same quilts from the "Take Down" committee and redistribute them to their rightful owners. (Quilts start coming down at 12:30)

Depot Captains are still required for:

- 1. Ladysmith/Saltair/Chemainus 3 needed
- Moose Hall/South: incl. Cedar, Chase River, Yellowpoint, Cinnibar Valley and Extension area, South Wellington and Cassidy – 1 needed
- South Nanaimo: Moose Hall (south end of Tenth St.) north of Jinglepot Rd/Westwood Lake, Downtown and Harewood – 1
- Central Nanaimo: north of Fifth St. turnoff on the Parkway and north of Comox Rd to Mostar/ Rutherford – 2 needed
- 5. Nanaimo North: north of Mostar/Rutherford Rd to Aulds Rd and south of Dickinson Rd 2

A huge thank you to those who signed up at the February meeting. Please email Leslie Millward lmillward@shaw.ca or Sandy Dobson sdobson@telus.net if you wish to become a Depot Captain (you get a great preview of some of the lovely items that will be in the show!)

Please note this answer to a frequently asked question: Every exhibitor's quilted items should be covered by their own home insurance.

Free Fabric: Large amount of free cotton fabric for quilting. Also other fabric. Thank you, Doris Francis dorisf@shaw.ca



2023 Quilt Show Ballot Committee

Every member of the **Show Committee** is given a Show Committee Ballot. They vote for their favourite entry in the show and place their ballot in the regular Ballot Box on the Information Desk or in the secondary Ballot Box located on Floor 1 adjacent to the stairs to the Exit door. The ballots are given out prior to the show (in your name tag lanyard) and each persons name is checked off the master list. Anyone not receiving their ballot should check at the Information Table.

Secret Categories Ballot

The Secret Categories Ballot is printed on lime green paper and there are six categories. These are usually a combination of fun and different categories not likely to be voted on for the big awards.

Balloting closes at noon on Saturday, June 10, 2023

Guild members who have never submitted a quilt before to a NQG show may submit a <u>FIRST TIME ENTRY</u>. On your Call To Entry form for each of your entries you must prioritize them as 1, 2, 3, etc. Each such member will have their name and first choice entered once only for the draw. The winner will receive a purple ribbon for her #1 entry. See **Rules to Play By** in the **Members Only** section of our website

At the January Guild meeting, Val Ansell explained our new online Call To Entry submission process. All of this information can be found in the **Members Only** section of our website, under Quilt Show Information. You can also find the definitions and categories there with their descriptions. Please review these carefully before you fill in your Call To Entries.

DEFINITIONS

SOLO: Quilt made and quilted by one person **DUO:** Quilt made and/or quilted by two people

CATEGORIES

Large Traditional Quilt
Small Traditional Quilt
Modern Quilt
Applique Quilt
Special Event Quilt
Quilt for a Child
Machine Paper-Pieced Quilt
Hand-work
Art Quilt
Accessories

Judith McLaughlin, Ballot Committee

Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2023

Call to order: at 1:32 pm by Acting President Kathleen Kane, and at 6:30 pm by President Judith McLaughlin. Moved Judy Peterson, seconded Stepanie Gislason, to accept the Minutes of February 15 meeting as presented. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Moved Judy Hunter, seconded Val Ursulak to accept Treasurer's Report as presented. Carried.

Vicki Zoltay participated in Volunteer Training hosted by the RDN. Her biggest take away - remember to thank your volunteers. Very appropriate for us this year.

Committee Reports

Hospitality: Afternoon: 57 members, 1 new member, 1 guest. Evening: 23 members, no guests.

Bylaws: A motion has been put forward to eliminate the Honorary member designation in our bylaws. This vote requires a simple majority. Those members currently listed as honorary members with no charge for membership will retain their status. Any members turning 80 beginning in 2023/2024 will pay for their membership. **Motion**: that Bylaws Section 1, subsection (viii) now read "Any Members with Honorary status in

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the 2022/2023 year retain their status until they cease to renew their membership. Moved by Sandra Radley (aft) Nancy Lutes (eve), seconded by Caroll Rumo (aft), Laura Beswick (eve). Significant discussion ensued, with arguments both for and against the change. Afternoon: 48 voted yes, 6 voted against, 2 abstained. Evening: 10 voted yes, none voted against, 1 abstained. Total for both the afternoon and evening meeting was 58 for, 6 against, and 3 abstained. **Carried.** (Note: those who voted at the afternoon meeting were not allowed to vote again at the evening meeting)

Quilt Show: Janet: sell raffle tickets, volunteer, and enter lots of your quilts! The on-line Call to Entry form is easy. Judy Peterson reported ticket sales are working well with prepayment system. (report on page 3). There are still volunteer spaces available. Boutique: we need more members making items to sell.(report on page 2)

Quilt Bee: Thank you everyone who participated. Quilt Bee donations can be brought to meetings.

Placemats: see report on page 2

Nominations: see Bonnie Eaton's report on page 5. Terri Askham and Kathleen Kane have stepped up as Co-Presidents for next year. Thank you!

Membership: currently there are 133 members

Placemats: please sign in when you drop off donations **CQA:** The winner of the Viewer's Choice ribbon at our Show is then entitled to enter that quilt in the CQA Show as a Viewer's Choice. The Best of Show CQA ribbon was displayed.

Quilts of Valor: In addition to full quilts there is the option to make Hug Blocks (5 inch blocks). Directions in the March newsletter.

Program: March 11 Pojagi workshopm, March 13 zoom presentation by Bernie Tobisch on machine repair. Saturday April 15 U.F.O. day at Oliver Woods (\$10). April meeting will have presentations on making hanging sleeves and labels.

Block of the Month: Trish K. (aft),

Show & Share: Tuesday S. (aft), Kathy C. (eve)

Hospitality Draw: Laurie W. (aft), (eve)

Mystery fabric: Sandy Dobson (aft), Janet K. (eve)

Raffles: (afternoon) Judith M., Anne G., Kathy C., Tuesday S. (x2), Lillian C., Judy R., Ann A. (evening) Judith M., Bonnie D., Bonnie P., Kathleen K., Sandra R., Vicki Z.

Adjourned: 3:10 pm and 7:18 pm.

Submitted by Lorna Craig, Secretary Vicki Zoltay, evening secretary

Block of the Month ~ 'Chandelier' by Stephanie Gislason

Cut 1 - 5" X 5" square of feature fabric

Cut 2 - 2.5" X 2.5" squares of feature fabric

Cut 2 - 2.5" X 5" rectangles of white fabric

Cut 2 - 2.5" X 7" rectangles of white fabric

Sew the two colour 2.5" squares to the two 7" rectangles of white fabric as shown, with scant 1/4" seams.

Sew the two 2.5" X 5" rectangles of white fabric to the 5" square of feature fabric as shown.

Sew the three resulting strips together as shown.

NOTE: press seams open so they will lay flat.

Trim to 9" square.







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Membership

We now have 133 members and are happy to welcome Karen King. With a degree in recreation she has spent much of her career life following her passion for aquatics and fitness training. Now she can focus on quilting creations but she might teach us a thing or two about using our bodies while sewing!

A complete membership list as of March 20 is in the **Members Only** section of our website. Membership application forms and payment options are outlined in the public part of our website www.islandquilters.ca under the Membership tab. Otherwise please contact membershipnqg@gmail.com Those without internet can call 250-751-1515. We are still happy to welcome renewals and new members. Membership application forms for the upcoming 2023-24 year will be available at the April meeting for any who want to renew early. Happy quilting and keep working on Show creations! *Barbara Kerfoot, Guild Membership*

Textile Shows, Workshops

May 12 & 13, Sunsets and Silhouettes with Coreen Zerr: introduction to fabric paints to create a sunrise or sunset. Paints supplied. (Kit fee \$8, payable in class) Brushes and other items will be in your supply list. Beginner Level! Class cost: \$75 Class limit: 20. Sybil Andrews Cottage, Campbell River. to Register: contact barb.round@gmail.com or call Barb at 1-250-923-0739

May 26 & May 27, Thousand Islands Quilters' Guild Show & Sale, Lou Jeffries Recreation Centre, Gananoque, ON http://thousandislandsquiltersguild.com

June 13- June 17, Cowichan Valley Arts Centre, Duncan Vancouver Island Surface Design Association (VISDA) i"Tying the Threads" workshop series & Current Threads Exhibition June 7 - July 5 at CVAC Gallery and Annex. https://gatheringthethreads.ecwid.com more info page 12



Judy Peterson's Healing Quilt she sent to a young woman in Prince George, approved by Judy's best buddy, Kamper





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CQA Report

CQA's Quilt Canada 2023 is rapidly approaching. Classes are filling up so it's time to be registered if you are planning to attend. It's being held in Halifax this year and will no doubt be exciting with lots of traditional, modern and art quilts on display.

One of the fun things offered this year for members and non-members is the 'Sea You in Nova Scotia' quilt along. The first three block patterns are available on the Canadian Quilters' Association website (look under the tab 'Events', then 'Quilt Alongs.') There is a colour reference chart there using Kona solids, or you can mix and match your own solids, prints, whatever you choose.

Having been a resident of Nova Scotia for ten years I am tempted to make this quilt myself. It includes, as you can see, many of the themes we know the province for and would be fun to make. This is CQA's image of how the finished quilt will look....

If you are interested in the Canadian Quilters' Association but haven't become a member yet, feel free to borrow the guild's copies of the regular magazines that come to us from CQA. This is the organization that keeps us connected as quilters across Canada and hosts a national juried show annually in one of the country's major cities. This year it is Halifax. Next year the show will take place in Edmonton.

Christine Hustins, CQA Liaison cahustins@gmail.com

Happy Easter!



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The workshop series, Tying the Threads, runs June 13-17th and includes:

Character Development Through Textile Techniques and the Capture of the Self - Eleanor Hannan

Decorating Cotton with Japanese Dyeing Techniques - Yuko Yamamoto

Drawing with the Sewing Machine - Lesley Turner

Hand Embroidery on Linen - Jean Cockburn

Introduction to Eco Printing - Ede Russett

Thread Gourmet - Techniques of Three-Dimensional Thread Play - Coreen Zerr

To register online (workshops fill up fast) and get further information, go

to https://gatheringthethreads.ecwid.com





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March Show and Share Quilts





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