

Nanaimo Quilters Guild

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Next Meeting

May 18, in-person meeting and AGM, doors open at 1:00, meeting at 1:30, at Nanaimo Curling Club. Library open.

Next Executive Meeting (Zoom)

May 4, 1:30 to 3:30 pm

Quilt Show Meeting

May 25, 1:00 to 3:00 pm, Country Grocer on Bowen

Newsletter Deadline

May 21

Quilt Show Countdown

13 months until June 2023!

See page 2 to see how you can help!

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:

[NanaimoQuiltersGuild](https://www.facebook.com/NanaimoQuiltersGuild)

Guild Website

The Members Only section password for our website will remain the same until October (the 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

May brings our formal meeting year to a close with the Annual General Meeting. Please consider taking on a role in guild activities for the 2022/2023 year by reviewing and considering both the available guild "jobs" and/or for the much-needed leadership roles for the 2023 guild quilt show. The May meeting will also offer a chance to stock up on library books to keep you going through the summer along with a travelling display of small quilts from the Fiber Art Network. A casual, outdoor June picnic is being planned to wind up our year.

This past guild year has been one of transition – with some virtual and some in person daytime meetings along with virtual programs, workshops and sew days. At this point in the pandemic, it is our hope and plan to offer both daytime and evening meetings beginning in September. Programs and workshops will remain primarily virtual until we have some volunteers willing to work on in person offerings.

While neither masks nor vaccine passports are required for attendance, we encourage attendees to wear a mask if they wish, and to respect the choices of our fellow quilters regarding masking.

Bring your show and share, your own beverage, and don't forget your nametag! Happy Quilting, *Terri Askham & Judi McLaughlin, Co-Presidents*

2022 Guild Program

All presentations and workshops have been completed for this Guild year. I think we've had a full slate of amazing speakers and instructors and I know from the amount of positive feedback I've had that they were very well received by members, so thanks for keeping the commentary coming in.

More good news: Nancy Lutes has stepped forward to handle workshop registrations for next year. Thank you SO much, Nancy! She'll be joining our intrepid team of Norma Steven and Sandra Radley.

The Committee is already hard at work booking virtual speakers and teachers for the fall. Our first 'fall' event will actually be mid-summer:

Saturday, July 30 and Sunday, July 31 from noon to 3:00 local time - the Global Quilt Connection's virtual Sampler Platter presenting 18 different instructors doing mini-demonstrations of various innovative techniques or projects. Each day's proceedings will be recorded and available for viewing for 48 hours afterward. More information, including handouts and the Zoom links, will be sent to all members well in advance.

If you're been enjoying virtual workshops but also missing in-person workshops, in order to make that happen, we would need a couple of more volunteers to assist the Committee with the logistics of planning for that. While arranging for a virtual workshop on Zoom can be done with an e-mail or two, planning for that same person to present a live class is much, much more involved. So think about getting yourself involved to help make that happen.

Cheers, Kathleen Kane, Chair, Program Committee, 250-802-3323

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Library

The May meeting will be our last meeting until September.

This is the meeting that you can take out as many books as you want for the summer. They will all be due at our September meeting. So be sure to bring an extra bag or tote to pack them home.

Thank you to everyone for returning your library materials. We still have a lot of checked out books from pre-COVID meetings that we would like to get back into circulation.

This is your last chance to get them back so you won't have to keep them for a "3rd" summer. *The Library Team*

Quilt Show Report

We are very pleased to report that all but 4 leads have been filled. Still left: Raffles, Demos, Admissions (front table at entry to the show) and the Kitchen (possibly tea room). Thanks to all who volunteered. Bonnie and I are feeling less nervous now.

First show meeting will be Wednesday, May 25, 1 pm at Country Grocer on Bowen Road. This room is available on the right hand side of the store upstairs above where the lunch counter is.

I will email all leads prior to this date. We will have the rest of the manuals to hand out to the new leads. A few ideas need to be tossed around regarding the Raffle quilts and the Kitchen/Tea room. Please bring any ideas you may have. I don't think anyone needs to report anything, but if any questions please bring them to the meeting.
Janet Knecht & Bonnie Dormuth

Membership

Membership for the current year is now 132. We would like to welcome three new members:

Trish Thompson came to Nanaimo from the Sunshine Coast last year. Then she discovered Jonanco and though new to quilting has found a happy and welcoming place.



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Sandy Askham is a Nanaimoite and brand new to quilting. She got connected to us through our Co-President who interestingly explained they were related through marriage!

Leslie Grabove began quilting in 1992 and has been at it ever since. She arrived in Nanaimo in December having recently lived on Quadra Island. She has operated an on-line quilt shop and as a result says she has the largest stash known to woman - 400 bolts of batiks!

Membership for 2022-23 runs from Sept. 1 to August 31 and can be completed at the May meeting. Membership forms are in our newsletters as well as on the Guild website www.islandquilters.ca under the Membership tab. The form can be printed or there is also a fillable pdf form that can be saved and emailed to membership_email membershipnqg@gmail.com. Payment is \$30, if you want the newsletter mailed it is an additional \$15. Payment is accepted by cheque, cash or e-transfer to membership_email (membershipnqg@gmail.com) Credit cards can be processed at meetings only. Mailings can be sent to: Nanaimo Quilters' Guild, P.O. Box 943, Nanaimo, BC V9R 5N2. Membership cards and receipts will be available at meetings.

Those who are 80 years and older are entitled to Honorary Member status. Membership dues are waived but we still like a registration form. We look forward to seeing you.

Barbara Kerfoot, Guild Membership



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Donation Quilts

We took in 12 quilts on April 20. Lynn delivered 62 baby hats and 68 book bags to NRGH. The book bags are for the "Roots to Read" NRGH Newborn Literacy Project, started by a pediatrician and a GP. This will provide every newborn with 2 new books, information about early literacy, library access and resources. They need fabric (baby friendly!) book bags approx. 11" wide by 11-12" tall (serge or zig-zag the seams, turn under at the top and finish with a couple of rows of stitching. Make fabric handles or use purchased webbing (2, 15" strips about 1" wide). We will accept them at our monthly meetings. See photos below.

Thanks to Vicki Zoltay, who has researched the current requirements for the NICU preemie quilts. Quilts should be 36" x 48" with dark backing (flannel preferred) to block out the lights. Batting is optional. They must have a label.

Speaking of labels, don't forget we have a new stamp for making our own donation labels (design below). If you have a special (light coloured) fabric you want to add to your quilt, we can stamp it for you.

We recently donated 8 more quilts to Samaritan House, bringing our total to 24. See photos on page 9. Thank you to all of you who made twin size quilts!

Donation Quilts Committee: Lynn Bensten, Sue Creba, Bonnie Eaton, Tracy Irwin, Nadine Lindstrom, Jean Pennington, Arlene Sanders



left: Pediatrician Dr. Jane Pegg receives the 68!!! book bags, some of which are shown below.



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Placemats

We received 5 placemats and 15 tea cozies (again thanks to Maureen) at the April meeting. This gives us 118 placemats and 53 tea cozies in stock. Quite a few of you picked up some batting and instructions (for placemats and tea cozies) at the meeting, so I am expecting great things to be turned in at the May meeting? We still need quite a few more placemats by Christmas, so please dig out your scraps and get to work!! Again, thanks to all who turned in placemats and tea cozies, all so beautiful. I will have the usual batting available at the May meeting.

Your Placemat Committee, Heather, Norma, Maureen



Quilt Shows & Sales

June 15–18 **Gathering the Threads Conference/ Exhibition**, Cowichan Community Centre, Duncan, BC. 10+ workshops and lectures by acclaimed textile experts Wendy Duffield, Allison Irwin, Jennifer Love, Catherine Nicholls, Susan Purney Mark, Gill Riordan, Ede Russett, Janet Scruggs, Karen Selk, Shannon Wardroper - surface design, colour, embellishment techniques, Notan, fibre manipulations, mono-printing, screen printing, collage, weaving, more. Evening lectures: wild silk production, textile residency, artist development. Walking tour of totems through downtown hosted by Cowichan Elders. Registration deadline: April 15, 2022

Website <https://gatheringthethreads.ecwid.com>

Saturday September 17 **NanGo Grannies Giant Fabric Sale**, 10-2, Nanaimo Curling Club. We accept clean, unused fabric (at least 1 meter for non-quilting fabric, FQ size and up for quilting cotton), yarn until Aug. 31. If you have items to donate, please contact any of the following: Sue Creba 250 753-3371 (central & south Nanaimo), Bonnie Eaton 250-760-4247 (north Nanaimo), Cynthia Spencer 250 756-2429 (north Nanaimo) Thanks to those quilters who have already donated!

September 24-25 **Canadian Rockies Quilt Show** of the Mountain Cabin Quilters Guild, Canmore, Alberta. Stay for our post-show workshops September 26-27, 2022. Choose from two recognized instructors - four workshops and two lectures. Website www.mountaincabinquilters.ca

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CQA Report

The ongoing focus for CQA right now is the Quilt Canada show coming to Vancouver in June of this year. All the information you need regarding the show is available on the [Canadian Quilters website](http://www.canadianquilters.ca)

There is plenty of room still on the bus for our day trip to the show on June 16. Please let me know if you are interested in having your name added to the list. It will be a fun day and a chance to see hundreds of quilts up close again. We can also look forward to a well stocked merchant mall with the latest fabrics and gadgets as well as long arm machines to admire and try out.

We are open now to any Parksville or Modern Guild members who might like to travel with us and as of April 30 we will welcome family and friends on a first come, first served basis. Coming close to filling the bus will give us all the best price and lots of laughs on the way to the show and back.

Christine Hustins, CQA Liaison cahustins@gmail.com

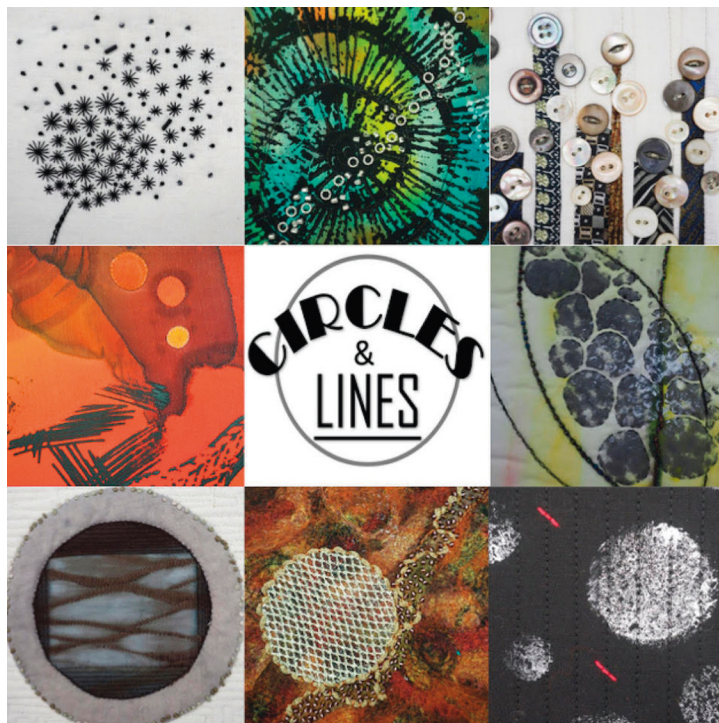
Nanaimo Quilters' Guild 2022 Challenge

The theme for this year's challenge is Houses. We ask you to choose to do a small quilt that speaks to you of your idea of house and home. The quilts will be displayed for voting at the 2022 Christmas meeting. The Rules to Play by:

- A quilt must have 3 layers: top, batting and backing.
- No kit or registration is required.
- Please don't use a commercial pattern. We want to see your ideas!
- • You could choose to represent one room or a whole house. Let your imagination run free!
- Embellish as much as you want. Maybe you'll want to choose a holiday theme.
- Finished perimeter to be less than 100". For example: a circle smaller than 31½" in diameter, a square smaller than 25" x 25" or a rectangle less than 20" x 30" would qualify.
- Colour palette and fabrics of your choosing.
- Submit quilt in an opaque bag with your name pinned to the back of the quilt and written on the bag. Please include your telephone number.
- Challenge quilt is due by the November meeting. This will allow us time to plan the hanging. We know that life happens, so some extension may be granted for reasonable grounds.
- There will be no prizes again this year, only ribbons.

The Quilt Batts Challenge Committee: Val Ansell, Norma Franks, Judith McLaughlin, Sandra Radley, Linda Robinson

Quilted Art Display at May Meeting



Thanks to Nancy Lutes, who has arranged for and will be displaying the Circles and Lines exhibit at our Guild May meeting. This is a display of small quilts from FAN (Fiber Art Network) that is travelling around BC.



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NQG April 20 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: by co-chair Terri Askham at 1:30 pm.

Moved by Linda Macey, seconded by Norma Steven, to accept the **minutes of the March 16, 2022** meeting as circulated in the April newsletter. Carried.

Correspondence: none.

Treasurer's Report: Moved by Nancy Lutes, seconded by Judy Moran, to accept the treasurer's report as presented by Lija Bane. Carried.

Announcements:

June 16 CQA Show Bus Trip still has 20 spaces. Contact Christine Hustins (cahustins@gmail.com) if interested. Spaces are now open to the Parksville and Modern Quilt guilds, and to family and friends on a first come, first served basis.

Quadra Island retreat is October 31 to November 6. If you have paid a deposit but have changed your mind, please contact Vicki Zoltay. Judy Peterson is chair of committee.

Vicki Zoltay asks that each satellite group update their members so the list can be updated on the website.

The May meeting is daytime only and is our AGM. A fibre art display is planned and library will be open.

Committee Reports

Hospitality: Welcome to new members Trish Thompson, Sandy Askham and Leslie Grabove. 60 members attending today.

Membership: We now have 132 members. The list on the website is current, except for today's new members. Memberships for 2022-2023 are now being accepted (see page 10 for new membership form).

Program: The next Sample Platter will be July 30/31. Joanna Dermenjian's April 21 presentation on Canada's Forgotten War Time Quilts was very interesting. See full report on page 1.

Library: see report on page 2.

Donation Quilts: See pages 3 and 9. Thanks to Vicki Zoltay, we have current requirements for NICU preemie quilts: 36" x 48" with dark backing (flannel preferred) to block out the lights. Batting is optional. They must have a label.

Block of the Month: see report on page 7.

Quilt Show Committee: see report on page 2. Still need leads for Raffles, Demos, Admissions and Lunch/Tea Room. We need at least one donated quilt for the Raffle. Money may be available for professional quilting. The first show meeting is May 25 at 1:00 at Country Grocer on Bowen.

Nominations: See report on page 9. Anyone interested can contact Bonnie Eaton (bonnieeaton@telus.net) or stand at the May meeting.

Challenge: Topic this year is "Homes", size no larger than 100" perimeter. See page 5 for more info.

Quilts of Valour: Joan has received 10 donated quilts. Backing and batting is available. The HUG campaign is accepting donations of 9 1/2" blocks. The only requirement is that they be made from Northcott's "Canada" fabric. Information available on the website: www.quiltsofvalour.ca

Raffles: Hospitality/Nametag: Linda Addison. Mystery Fabric: Ann Roncin, Lija Bane. Raffles: Dana Roncin, Sandra Radley, Kathy Calder, Daphne Graff, Ellen Ellis, Kathleen Kane, Mary Jane McLaughlin, Vicki Zoltay, Teresa Bellinger, Lynn Bentsen. Show and Share: Maggie Warren, Moire Porter.

Adjourned: 3:05 pm Submitted by Bonnie Eaton



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May Block of the Month Sew-Along

Joan Irving won the 15 April Arrowhead Puzzle blocks.

May's block is May Basket from [Nancy Zieman](https://nancyzieman.com/blog/quilting-2/may-2019-block-of-the-month-may-basket-block/) <https://nancyzieman.com/blog/quilting-2/may-2019-block-of-the-month-may-basket-block/>

It is 12 1/2" unfinished, a modified 16 patch block, with 3 1/2" and 6 1/2" half square triangles. Photo below.



Raffles

The raffle table for May will have 2 lovely panels. One features cats for those of who you have felines in your sewing room. They seem to love napping on your fabric. The other panel is to practice free motion quilting, I know we need to practice, practice, practice and when you are done you will have a colourful wall hanging for your sewing studio.

Tickets are \$1.00 each for the raffles and we are having 10 prizes each month. The Mystery Fabric is 1 metre of fabric and we are having 2 prizes each month. The Mystery Fabric tickets are also \$1.00 each

If you have any ideas for prizes please let me know, I will be shopping for prizes over the summer months. Do you prefer fabric, charm packs, kits, patterns, notions or books?

In September we will have 8 prizes and 1 mystery fabric in the afternoon and 4 prizes and 1 mystery fabric in the evening. Tickets are \$1.00 each.

Carole Phinney, Raffles chair

Light flower fabric:

(6) 3 1/2" squares

(3) 3 7/8" squares

(1) 6 1/2" square

Dark flower fabric:

(3) 3 7/8" squares

(1) 6 7/8" square

Sarah Beyer, of Sarah in Stitches, 778-269-2380 text or call for help

April's Arrowhead Puzzle blocks won by Joan Irving.



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Nominations Committee Report

The good news from our Committee is that we have people willing to stand for all the key Executive positions for the daytime and many of the evening positions; the two Executive positions that need to be filled are evening secretary and treasurer. Neither one involves more than taking pertinent minutes (secretary) such as raffle winners and any recorded votes and forwarding them on. The treasurer need only collect any money or cheques that come in and make sure those get to the daytime Treasurer.

The vital position that we do, however, need to fill is **Newsletter Advertising**. This position represents a significant part of our revenue. The beauty of this task is that it can easily be done from home at any time. The job description is pretty straight forward: all the files are set up, and just require an e-mail to our advertisers every month to remind them to send in their ads, which are then forwarded to the newsletter editor. Then the job requires follow-up for payment but that is now facilitated by being able to use e-transfers. Easy peasy but SO important. The wonderful person filling this job need only be organized (that's all of us because we quilt), and computer friendly.

Finally, as you probably know, the Program Committee has split into two parts. If we are to have workshops next year involving in-person teaching, we need people to be on this committee.

Likewise, Coffee Committee, Christmas Party Committee, Picnic Committee and Block of the Month need people. If we want these activities to continue, we need volunteers to run them. All of these committees give you a chance to get to know other members personally and are seriously rumoured to be a lot of fun.

Filled positions for 2022-2023:

Co-presidents: Terri Ashkam and
Judy McLaughlin (Evening Convener)

Past president: Bonnie Eaton

1st VP: Linda Macey

2nd VP: Vicki Zoltay

Secretary: Lorna Craig

Treasurer: Lija Bane

Newsletter Editor / Web Liaison: Sue Creba

Membership: Barbara Kerfoot

Library: Linda Addison

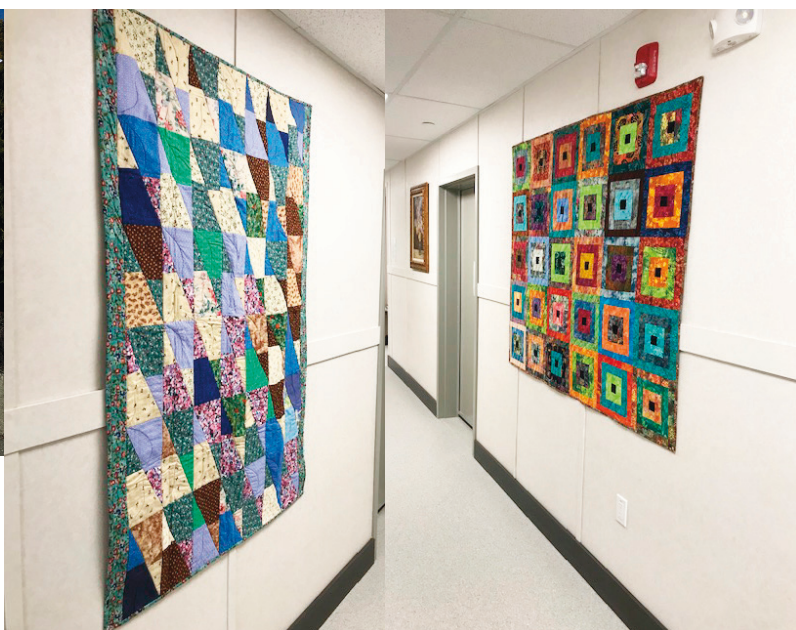
Quilt Show: Janet Knecht and Bonnie Dormuth

Thank you, *Bonnie Eaton, Past President*

Donation Quilts for Samaritan House



Samaritan House housing for women is now open. More than a year ago, they requested 22 twin size bed quilts. The Donations Committee handed over 16 in August, 2021 and another 8 in April. Above left: Janice Spencer accepting one of the 8 quilts at our storage unit. Centre and right: In addition to the quilts for residents' beds, two are displayed in the hallways.





Nanaimo Quilters' Guild **Membership Registration Form** **2022 / 2023 year**

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Areas in which I am willing to volunteer:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Raffles | <input type="checkbox"/> Placemats | <input type="checkbox"/> Executive | <input type="checkbox"/> Buddy to new members |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | | |

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