

Nanaimo Quilters Guild

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Next Meetings

June 16, zoom meeting open at 6:30 for socializing, meeting starts at 7 pm.

June 16, noon - 2 pm, Impromptu picnic and donation drop-off, Curling Club parking lot

Next Executive Meeting (Zoom)

June 10, 1:30 to 3:30 pm

Newsletter Deadline

August 21 for September edition

Quilt Show Countdown

24 months until June 2023!

President's Pen ~ Invention Out of Necessity

One of my earliest schooling was in a two year course in Recreation. As with many courses, it began with a definition of terms. One of my favourite definitions of recreation was a breakdown of the word to "re-create". By that definition recreation becomes the thing that you do to re-create yourself and be a more whole person.

I write this because throughout this year I was struck by how important the Guild was for so many of our members. That doesn't surprise me, however. The comradery, the chance to learn and grow, the celebration of skill and craft, the flexing of our creative muscles in colours, themes or approaches – all of these things and more are part of what our Guild offers to our members. It's what we choose to do in our leisure time, who we choose to do it with and why we choose that activity, which in fact, is a vital part of ourselves. It defines us often as much as much as any role or status. Women who quilt do so for important reasons. Sharing that pastime—that passion—is at the very core of a Guild.

It gives me great pleasure and an overwhelming sense of relief that our Guild has survived to exist another year. Our Guild has been re-created with a new and promising Executive and the desire to carry on. I look forward to an exciting year of renewal ahead.

May you all have a safe and renewing time this summer whatever your recreation.

Bonnie Eaton, outgoing Acting President

In Memorium

Long time Guild member Vivian Scott "Scotty" passed away on May 15. We will miss her ...

Impromptu Guild Picnic June 16

12 Noon – 2 pm in the Curling Rink parking lot. Bring your own lunch, chair, drink, mask, and your Show and Share. If you have anything finished for placemats, donations, or Quilt Bee, bring along. This will be the last day of donations for this guild year. Thank you to all who came out and supported the cause. Hope to see you all there, if not have a good summer.

Heather, Pat, Bonnie, and Janet (the Parking Lot Gang)

Homewood Retreat

Will there be a retreat this year? Definitely the million-dollar question but one that no one has an answer to. BC Public Health officials will ultimately be making that decision. We have no idea when. Homewood is suggesting it will be another few months until they can provide a clearer picture for us. If the province is "back to normal" our scheduled dates for Homewood are November 1 to November 6. At this time, we have 35 ladies scheduled to attend. Everyone was previously signed up for the 2020 Retreat. We have decided not to take any additional registrations until we have a better idea of what will be happening in the Fall. Hopefully we will have something more definite to report in the September newsletter.

Yours in Quilting: Robin Barker and Pat Ryan

Guild Website

The Members Only section password for our website will remain the same until October 2021, when it will change, and a new password will be issued to renewing or new members. (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

2021 Guild Program

June 21, Monday 7:00 pm How to do Animal Portraits



Starting with a photograph, Coreen Zerr will present three different techniques - from super easy to more complex - to create a realistic portrait with fabric and thread. Join the fun and challenge yourself to try something new. Cutting fabric, use of inks, threads, and "stuffing" will be features of the presentation.

Library

It's been quite the last year and a half! Hopefully there is a light at the end of the tunnel coming soon.

If you are going to attend the Curling Parking lot "picnic" on Wednesday, June 16 please feel free to bring those library books you have had for about 18 months or longer and have shared with your friends, not to return, but to maybe trade them with other members you have not seen since the shutdown. At least that way, you might have some "new" reading materials until we can meet again. And ... you get to keep them for at least 2 months!!!

With the Curling Rink being closed, we do not have access to our cupboards so this is our only option for circulating library materials.

Have a great summer everyone! Hope to see everyone in September or October...or whenever we can meet in person. Stay well & stay safe. *The Library Team*

NQG Zoom Account

Our Guild now has its own Zoom account, 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 for the email and password should your group wish to use our account.

Membership

We are now receiving memberships for the coming year 2021-22. The membership form is in the newsletter and also on the guild website (islandquilters.ca under the Membership tab the top of the page). We also have a membership form that can be filled out online on that same page. Scroll down and choose the fillable pdf membership form. You can then save it on your computer as your name, and email the form to Membership, or print it and mail it in. Fees can be paid by e-transfer or by cheque. E-transfers are to be sent to membershipnqg@gmail.com. Cheques are payable to Nanaimo Quilters Guild and sent to NQG, PO Box 943, Nanaimo BC, V9R 5N2

Membership is \$30. If you want the newsletter mailed to you and are not an honorary member, add an additional \$15.

Both methods require sending in a membership form either by emailing to the nqg email address above or mailing to the postal address above.

Honorary members (those over 80) are exempt from membership fees. At this time we will not be mailing membership cards or receipts but will be ready with them at our first in person meeting. Let us hope this will be later this year! Think positively and quilt on!

Barbara Kerfoot, Laura Beswick, Membership

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Donation Quilts

We received 12 quilts at the May Curling Club parking lot meeting. Pictures were taken of some of those quilts for you to see in the newsletter (see pages 7 & 8).

We gave out labels, batting and backing fabric. We also gave out some notions and fabrics donated to the guild by previous members. Christine Hustins brought quite a lot of new backing fabric for distribution. Last month we also received backing fabric from Laverna Anderson. We have such great guild members who constantly amaze us by their generosity and support of the guild.

We will meet one more time – on June 16 from noon to 2:00 pm. Bring quilts if you have them. Bring lunch and a folding lawn chair. We will have an informal gathering in the parking lot following all the COVID rules. As usual labels, batting and backing fabric will be available. We may have more notions and donated fabric to share.

I will be stepping down and a new group of women are taking over in the fall. I wish them the best and hope it will be as fulfilling as I have found it.

Thank you to everyone in the guild who has donated all those beautiful quilts. We could not donate to the community without all your support

We will try to donate as many quilts in June as we are able.

Pat Clements, I could not have done it without you.

Thank you again, Bonnie Dormuth

I will also be stepping down from the Donation Quilt Committee.

It has been a pleasure to be on the committee with Bonnie Dormuth. We worked well together and reaped many benefits. First we got to see all the beautiful quilts guild members donated. Then we received the gratitude from the organizations we delivered quilts to.

During my three years on the committee we received many donations - quilt tops to be completed, donations of fabric, notions and books from past guild members' families. These items have been sorted and passed on to guild members and the Nan Go Grannies. Several of these donations have been returned to us as completed quilts for donation.

Thank you to everyone for the work you do. The generosity of the guild members is amazing.

I must mention COVID 19. We were able to distribute quilts to the community following the protocols and meet in the Curling Club parking lot to collect quilts and distribute labels, backing and batting. It truly has been an amazing time.

Thank you, Pat Clements

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Placemats

Another lovely day in the Curling rink Parking lot and we took in 10 placemats, bringing our total now to 127 placemats and 25 tea cozies. Thank you so much to all those who donate, it is much appreciated. I will be available again on June 16 to receive your donation placemats. I still have some batting cut 13" X 19". We have a great time there and seeing everyone's donated quilts is like a show and share, and very inspiring. Please come and join in our virtual our June picnic. There is lots of room in the parking lot for social distancing.

Again, thank you all for donating these lovely placemats.

Your Placemat Committee, Heather, Norma and Maureen



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CQA Report

There is lots still going on with CQA this year, challenges, the Fat Quarter Lottery, Masked Presidents Contest, but foremost on minds right now is the upcoming virtual National Juried Show. Our guild member Lija Bane has a quilt in the show, as does Philippa Zapf.

CQA has done a great job of keeping quilters connected during the pandemic. If you are a regular or new CQA member you will have benefitted from all the ways they have brought forward to keep us interested and inspired. If you haven't joined you should consider taking on a year's membership. You'll find out what's happening at the cutting edge of quilting in Canada and have some fun sharing this craft we love with women (and men) across the country. *Christine Hustins, CQA rep*



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Block of the Month Sew-Along

Hello fellow quilters! Hope all is going well and everyone is keeping safe and healthy. For the next block I choose pastel fabrics for a change but again use whatever fabrics appeals to you. I haven't quite decided how my blocks will go together but I'm having fun trying out these blocks and I hope you are too. I have a lot of butterfly and flower fabric so that's what I went with this time. This block is from a YouTube channel called "my sewing room" taught by Beth Shibley from April 13, 2021 and she calls it Disappearing Squares. It's a nice simple stack and slash method using 2 cuts, shift fabrics and sew them back together. If you want a 12 1/2" block at the end you should start with (4) 8" squares. It's really cute if you use a 2 different focus fabrics and 2 different coordinating fabrics. The link to this block: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W4Sh3M0tfxM&t=44s> It's an excellent video and is easy to follow along. I'm glad that Vicki shared the blocks she's done, they look great.

Sarah Beyer of Sarah in Stitches Longarm Service, sarahbeyer@shaw.ca, 778-269-2380 (call or text)



Vicki Zoltay's three past blocks: heart, shamrock, whirlwind

Accidental Tip

If you put a wet micro cloth in the dryer with your washed fabric all the loose threads will stick to it.

If you want a colourful chart for figuring out your binding requirements without doing the math go to geekybobbin.com and download the Magical Rainbow of Binding. FYI comes out of the colour printer very wet and uses a lot of ink, but no math.

Submitted by Janet Knecht

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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Above & below: 3 quilts made by Judith McLaughlin



At right: donation quilt by Vicki Zoltay

Show and Share Page



Above: donation quilt by Laura Beswick
At right: printed crazy quilt top, quilted by Linda Macey.



Above: donation quilt .



Right: donation quilt by Bonnie Eaton from fabric leftover from a king size quilt.

NQG Zoom Annual General Meeting Minutes May 19, 2021

Bonnie Eaton opened the 2021 AGM at 7:00 pm, welcoming the 38 participants to our AGM via Zoom, the first AGM since 2019, and noted that 2020 would have been the Guild's 35th Anniversary.

Minutes of April 21, 2021: Accepted as in the newsletter, by Linda Macey; seconded by Judy Moran. Carried.

AGM Minutes of May 15, 2019: Read by Norma Steven. Accepted by Sandra Dobson; seconded by Leslie Millward. Carried.

Treasurer: Lija Bane. Accounts are in good order.

Membership: Barb Kerfoot. We have 138 members, about 25% fewer members than in 2019-20. E-transfer is available for payment of membership fees. Membership forms will still be required. More info on page 2 and 12.

Program: Kathleen Kane. Global Quilt Connection's "Sampler Platter" was on May 22 & 23. The Program Committee will gladly consider any suggestions arising from this event, or any other source, for future presenters or workshops. Vicki Zoltay has volunteered to host the Zoom "sew-in" events. Given the current uncertainty, future programs will be virtually presented. We will continue to collaborate with the NMQG and with the Parksville Guild to share speakers and costs. See page 2 for June 21 workshop.

Block of the Month: See Sarah Beyer's article page 6.

Quilt Bee: Janet Knecht. See details for impromptu picnic June 16, 12:00 – 2:00 on page 1. Janet has received 65 quilts for Haven House. October will be the next month for Quilt Bee drop-offs. Appreciation was expressed for the Nanaimo Curling Club allowing the use of the parking area this past year.

Bonnie Eaton thanked all the members who have continued supporting the guild and the community through their participation and donations.

Library: Linda Addison noted that there are openings for evening library volunteers. Light heartedly, fines for overdue books were mentioned as well as acknowledging the care the library items are receiving in our homes. See report on page 2.

Placemats: Heather Henderson reported that more placemats and tea cozies are needed to continue our donations to Meals on Wheels and the Salvation Army recipients. See report on page 4.

Nominations: Christine Hustins expressed appreciation to all those who have continued in their positions and especially to those who have freely volunteered for the vacant positions. There were no nominations received virtually from the "floor", and the following members were acclaimed after a request was made three times. The Executive and Committee list, as given by Christine for the 2021 -2022 NQG is as follows:

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Secretary: Lorna Craig

Evening Secretary: Janet Knecht

Treasurer: Lija Bane

1st VP: Linda Macey

2nd VP: Nancy Lutes

Block of the Month: Sarah Beyer

Challenge: Val Ansell

CQA: Christine Hustins

Donations: Scrappy Bags (satellite group)

Historians: Greta Simmons; Marsha Whitmee

Hospitality: Muriel MacNeil

Library: Linda Addison

Membership: Barb Kerfoot; Laura Beswick (Assistant)

Newsletter: Sue Creba

Newsletter Mailing: Linda Campbell

Newsletter Advertising: Leslie McGeough

Placemats: Heather Henderson

Programs: Kathleen Kane

Publicity: Lorraine Daley

Quilt Bee: Janet Knecht; Leslie Millward; Bonnie Dormuth

Retreat: Pat Ryan; Robin Barker

Unfilled positions: Coffee; Christmas Party; Picnic

Old Business: Linda Macey asked about the status of the proposed members' survey. Bonnie Eaton indicated that the survey was put on hold, so that the two items of concern; program satisfaction and volunteer obstacles, can be addressed separately.

New Business:

Fidget Quilts: An interest was expressed in making Fidget Quilts. Janet Knecht will label fidget supply containers in the Budget storage locker and position them for easy access for those who may wish to make some. The guild Handbook gives 24 x 24 inches as the approximate size. The Alzheimer's Society may have more information regarding these quilts and their size. Janet also offered the supplies to the Program Committee should Fidget Quilts become an event hosted by them.

Retreat: Vicki Zoltay requestde an update on the November Quadra Retreat. Bonnie Eaton indicated there is no decision at this time, as there are new owners or management. Pat Ryan also added that there are significant changes to daily room rates. See page 1 for more information.

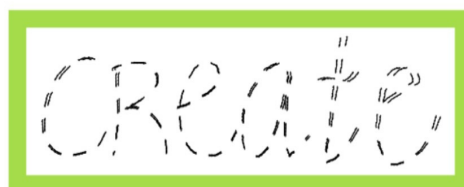
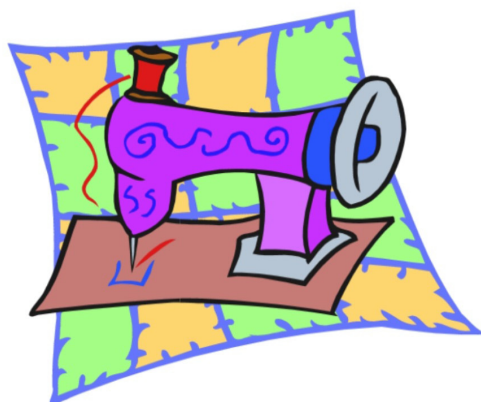
There being no further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned by Bonnie at 8:00 pm.

Submitted by: Norma Steven, recording secretary

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