

Nanaimo Quilters Guild

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Next Meeting

will be announced

Next Executive Meeting

will be announced

Newsletter Deadline

September 21

Satellite Groups

Quilting camaraderie in the absence of guild meetings - and beyond!

Since guild meetings will be deferred until it is safe once more to have large gatherings, you may like to meet in smaller, safer groups.

Satellite groups meet to socialize, support, inspire or just have lunch. You may meet indoors (according to Dr. Bonnie's guidelines) or outdoors while the weather is fine.

If you'd like to find out more, please contact Nadine at nqg.satellite@yahoo.ca

Guild Website

The password for the Members Only section of our website will remain the same in 2020/2021. 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

From the Presidents' Pens

Welcome fellow Guild members to a very different 2020-21 season. Hoping you are all well and busy with some project in this very strange time we are now living. A sincere thank you to Mary Abbott for hosting our finance/executive meeting last Thursday at her beautiful property.

We will not be holding any meetings or the usual events, as others will be indicating throughout the newsletter. The good news is that there will still be our monthly newsletters and there will be ways to connect. We want to use these next few months to assess what the Guild can and should look like when we are able to be together again. To that end, we hope to connect to get your opinions on what has worked, what we could do differently, how might we use technology to enhance our Guild experience and our Guild volunteering. We know the world has changed and while that could be viewed negatively, we have the opportunity as Governor Cuomo of New York has said "to build back better". We hope you will help us craft what that build back might look like.

While we keep safe, please participate as you are able. Send in your photos, keep quilting, making placemats, masks. Share your stories and experiences, new found quilting related web sites, online classes, form new satellite groups. We can still share and have fun, regardless.

Wishing everyone good health.

Elaine Cadell, Ethyle Riawetz, Co-presidents

Quilt Bee

Hello everyone, How do you like the new normal so far? NOT! There will be no quilt bee at Oliver Woods this year. For Sept, Oct, and Nov, I will come to the Curling Rink Parking Lot on the third Wednesday of the month (usual day) from 12 till 2 to hand out batting, backing and kits. I'll also collect finished quilts from last year. If you are in the Ladysmith area you can send me an email or call and we can try to arrange something. The storage locker is still full from Bee 2020 as Haven House will not be accepting any donations at this time.

Hold on to what you make this year and I will revisit and hopefully collect in the new year. Stay tuned to your newsletter. Thanks. *Janet Knecht* quiltyjan@gmail.com or 1-250-245-5936

Library

Hope everyone is getting adjusted to our "new normal". You've probably read your library materials a few times over and wished you had taken out more at our last meeting. In the light of COVID, those books will remain with you until this is over and we are able to get back together.

We have close to 500 books and magazines in circulation at the moment and no place or space to return them to, so feel free to share your library materials with your "cohorts", "bubbles", "pods" and friends.

We'll sort everything out when we can. In the meantime, stay safe and well everyone.
The Library Team

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/>

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2020/2021 Guild Program

It will come as no surprise that the Guild monthly meetings have been cancelled.

Therefore, the Program Committee has contacted program presenters and advised them of this, as well as having cancelled all workshops for the 2020-2021 year. Anyone who had registered for classes has been contacted and refunds have been given where needed. The registrants for the cancelled Stacey Day workshop will receive the Zinnia pattern as well as a partial refund.

Good news, the Summer Moon Block of the Month participants need not despair. Complete all ten monthly requirements and the October newsletter will provide information on how to participate in a Show & Share and how to be eligible for a draw prize.

While this report may seem as unwelcome news, take heart; all is not lost. Even though the guild cannot assemble in person during these pandemic times, the Program Committee will be offering alternative suggestions for learning and for keeping busy with quilting.

As quilters, we have needed to adapt more than once from our original plan, and sometimes Plan B. is more exciting and energizing. That is our hope for the 2020-2021 year. There is a world of virtual instructors which can be accessed, as well as online tutorials available for little or no cost. The committee is exploring these options and is in the process of discerning which instructors and classes would possibly be of interest to our members. Some of the sessions may be delivered using a program application known as Zoom. Once the committee has made arrangements for the first virtual presenter, and hopefully soon, a meeting link and instructions on how to access the session with your device will be published in the newsletter a month prior to the presentation. This is new territory for us and we are looking forward to exploring the exciting opportunities that exist in the virtual world. We hope you will be equally excited and adventurous, and continue your membership in the guild.

Finally, a great debt of thanks is owed to Mary Abbot who has led the Programs for the past few years and to Joy Heggland, a valuable committee member. Both are stepping down this year. Kathleen Kane and Sandra Radley are the Co-chairs, with Maggie Pickard and Norma Steven as committee members.

Please feel free to share any ideas for programs or links to sites you may have found useful or interesting with the committee. Kathleen Kane or any committee member will be happy to receive your suggestions. Email suggestions for Kathleen may be sent using the following email address: Contactkkane@gmail.com *Nanaimo Quilters' Guild Program Committee*

In Memoriam

Honorary long time member of our Guild, Rosa Christensen, passed away on Monday, July 6. She will be greatly missed by those who knew her.

Donation Quilts

I went to the storage unit to count the quilts that were collected at the February meeting then promptly lost the scrap of paper. My best guess is 25-35 quilts.

Pat Clements and I have decided to collect any finished quilts and store them at our storage unit. On the third Wednesday of September (Sept. 16), October (Oct. 21) and November (Nov. 18), we will be at the Nanaimo Curling Club parking lot from 12 – 2pm. We will have backing fabric, batting and labels available.

We are deciding whether to distribute any quilts and will be in touch with the community groups we deliver to. Hope everyone is staying healthy and safe.

Bonnie Dormuth, Donation Quilts Committee

Placemats

These have been strange times. I sure miss our meetings and wonder just when we will be able to meet again and conduct the business of the guild. At the end of our last meeting in February we had a total of 141 placemats and 59 tea cozies. I suspect (and hope) everyone has had some time to continue to make quilts and placemats for donation. During the lockdown I organized all my scraps and made 13 placemats to donate and some quilts as well. That was one good outcome from the pandemic, I suppose. My concern then became collecting donation items if there are no meetings and then what about the usual donations we give at Christmas. We normally donate to Meals-on-Wheels in Nanaimo and Ladysmith and the Salvation Army. Last year we donated a total of 240 placemats and 65 tea cozies. I have contacted the Salvation Army and they still plan to do their Christmas Hamper Program and will be accepting donations. They will just have to be delivered early and left to sit for a few days. The contact for Meals-on-Wheels will get back to me regarding accepting our placemats this year and the protocol to follow. We still have a few months to go so it will depend on how this pandemic goes.

I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy and quilting up a storm. Your Placemat Committee will be signing on for another year and thanks you all for your hard work at making and donating these beautiful placemats and tea cozies.

Your Placemat Committee, Heather, Norma and Maureen



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Membership

Membership fees for the 2020/2021 session will be at a reduced rate of \$15.00 due to COVID limitations.

If you want the newsletter mailed to your home, the additional charge of \$15.00 still applies.

Please complete the membership form and mail to Nanaimo Quilters Guild, PO Box 943, Nanaimo, BC V9R 5N2, along with a cheque, which is the preferred method of payment.

The membership form can be found in this newsletter or on the website.

At this time, we will not mail receipts or membership cards.

For those of you who have already renewed we will be connecting you.

Keep reading the monthly newsletter to stay in touch as the months progress.

Thank you for your continuing support in these unusual times. Take care, stay safe and quilt on!

Laura Beswick, Membership

Show and Share Becomes Photo and Share

For all you quilters who have been busy creating over the past few months, send in a photo to the newsletter (and Facebook) so others can see your creations - quilt tops, finished quilts of any size, placemats, wall hangings, whatever you have sewn up. We look forward to receiving them and they are sure to brighten up the newsletter. (see page 5)

Quilt Shows and Sales

September 12, 10 am to 3 pm at 6130 Dover Road, Nanaimo. Charity quilt sale of all sizes of quilts and wall art, all priced under \$50, made by Coreen Zerr and Laura Morrissey. All proceeds will go to the Nanaimo Hospital Auxiliary. Special Pop Up Shop by Cindy's Threadworks in Laura's garage (pre-ordering encouraged). Social distancing and masks required. See ad on page 8.

The NanGo Grannies' annual fabric sale, usually held at the end of September, has been cancelled for this year. They plan to continue when possible, and will announce when they are ready to collect future donations of fabric.



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Contact Bonnie Eaton 250 753-3699.



Guild Retreat

Our committee had to make the very difficult decision to postpone this year's Quilt Guild Homewood Retreat for one year. There were many reasons for this decision. Homewood notified us of the protocols required in order to be in operation. We would have been assigned to cohort groups of 4 people and would have needed to dine together, have adjacent sewing stations and would room near one another during the retreat. We were also advised all retreat activities we normally enjoyed could happen only if we adhered to the "2 meter" socially distancing rule for everyone not in the 4 person cohort. Activities severely impacted would be Show and Share, evening games/activities, daily demos, yoga and basically just visiting with anyone outside our 4 person group. We felt the experience would not have been very enjoyable.

The good news is that Homewood has reserved the Nov 1-6 dates in 2021 for us. Most registrants elected to leave their deposit with us and hope for the best for 2021. There may be a few spaces available. If you are interested in attending in 2021 please contact Robin rbarker@shaw.ca and your name will be added to the waitlist.

Yours in Quilting: Robin Barker and Pat Ryan

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September Sale

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Photo Share Page

Since the pandemic started, Judi McLaughlin finished the quilt below, a scrappy Disappearing 9 patch (from the January newsletter), and at right a Disappearing 16 Patch Valentines quilt (from the February newsletter). Thanks for the photos!



We are requesting members to submit photos of projects you have done, how you've spent your time distancing, anything that keeps us in touch with one another. Below is a quilt I'm very fond of - the squares are from a perpetual quilting calendar. We would love to see some of your work - it doesn't have to be a new piece just one you would enjoy sharing.

Ethyle Riawetz



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Black Sheep Quilt Shop

Now opening in Courtenay & Campbell River!

The Black Sheep Quilt shop will be coming up island to the Courtenay & Campbell River Fabricland stores. Both stores will be anticipating a reopening come September/October.



Make sure to plan a trip over to check out our high quality quilting cottons plus more that we have in store!

The pictures attached of the Duncan Black Sheep Quilt Shop will give you a sneak peak idea of what's to be in store for the reopening in Courtenay & Campbell River stores.



Courtenay Location | Campbell River Location | Duncan Location

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Courtenay, BC
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1100 Homewood Rd
Campbell River, BC
V9W 3N7

(250) 286-3600

180 Trunk Road
Duncan, B.C.
V9L 2P2

(250) 737-1600



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| [Instagram.com/fabriclandblacksheep](https://www.instagram.com/fabriclandblacksheep)



Nanaimo Quilters' Guild

Membership Registration Form

2020 / 2021 year

Name _____ Membership # _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ Postal Code _____

Email _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____

Are you a new member? _____ Have you ever been a member in the past? _____

I attend the day ☐ and/or evening ☐ meetings.I wish to have the Guild Newsletter delivered by: regular mail (\$15) ☐ online ☐Are you an **Honorary Member**? ☐ (over 80 years of age)**As an honorary member, I wish to continue to receive information/newsletters from the Guild.**Yes, I do ☐No, please just retain my membership ☐Year of 80th birthday _____

I do ☐ **I do not** ☐ consent to my personal information appearing on the membership list that is provided to the members of the Nanaimo Quilters' Guild.

X

Print Name _____

Signature _____

Areas in which I am willing to volunteer:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Angels | <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Potluck | <input type="checkbox"/> Coffee | <input type="checkbox"/> Donation Quilts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality | <input type="checkbox"/> June Picnic | <input type="checkbox"/> Library | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Phoning | <input type="checkbox"/> Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Quilt Bee | <input type="checkbox"/> Food bank |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Raffles | <input type="checkbox"/> Placemats | <input type="checkbox"/> Executive | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Do you have an **expertise** you could present at a program or workshop? _____

Are you a snowbird? Yes / No, if yes when are you away _____

Pd: Date _____ ☐ Cash ☐ Cheque # _____ ☐ Credit Card\$15.00 Membership Fee Paid ☐Mail or email? \$15 Mailing Fee Paid ☐ or Honorary ☐



Charity Quilt Sale!

Quilts and Fibre art sizes from Baby, Child , Lap-
to Wall Art and placemats all priced at

\$50.00 or less

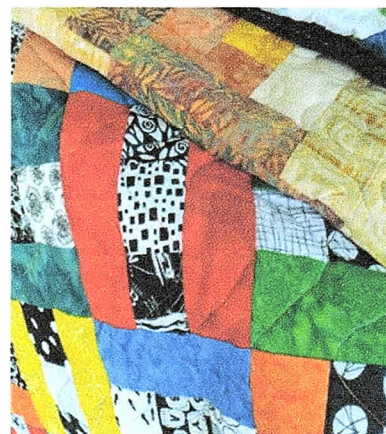
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