Nanaimo Quilters Guild

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Next Meeting

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Next Executive Meeting

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Newsletter Deadline

October 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 <u>nqg.satellite@</u> <u>yahoo.ca</u>

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

Hello everyone, September is here and we are not holding guild meetings but are still keeping in touch through our newsletter. Check out what our Program Committee has planned on page 2.

It has been a very different fall so far, with covid on the rise and all that smoke. Did you notice how silent your back yard was during the smoke? No sound of birds chirping and not a bird at the feeders, when migration time is usually very busy and noisy.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone - stay safe and healthy.

Elaine Cadell, Ethyle Riawetz, Co-presidents

Quilt Bee

Greetings everyone, hope all is well. I will again be at the Curling Rink parking lot on October 21, 12 till 2 o'clock to hand out kits, batting and backing. Not too many were there in September, but now that fall is here I'm guessing you're all getting your machines warmed up. The Donation committee will be there as well as the Place Mat committee. If the curling rink is full of cars (curling starts up Oct 1) then we will be across the street in Bowen Park. If you have quilts from last year's bee to hand in please bring them along. I will store them for you. I have a call into Haven House and I am expecting they will be taking delivery of the quilts shortly.

Thanks Janet Knecht quiltyjan@gmail.com or 1-250-245-5936

PS: Check out You Tube – Karen Brown of "Just Get It Done" Quilts has a series of Stash Buster quilts to make. They are a good size for donation quilts!.

Placemats

I have confirmed with Meals-on-Wheels and the Salvation Army that they will be accepting donations of placemats this Christmas. I will deliver them early so they can let them sit for a couple of weeks prior to distribution. I will collect any finished placemats or tea cozies on the third Wednesday in October (October 21) and November (November 18 - weather permitting), at the Nanaimo Curling Rink Parking lot from 12 noon to 2 pm. If the curling rink parking lot is too full then we may be across the street at the Bowen Park parking lot. I will have some batting (pre-cut to 13" X 19") available for pick up as well. Thank you all for your support.

Your Placemat Committee, Heather, Norma and Maureen

Library

Hope everyone is well. Library remains the same.

Am keeping an eye for new books that are being published. They are far and few in between, but am adding them to the "wish list" for our library collection. If anyone comes finds a book that would be a great addition to our collection, pass the info on to me at addisoncl@shaw.ca Preferably those that have been published in 2019 on. Thanks. Stay safe... *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/

2020/2021 Guild Program

Your Program Committee has been hard at work planning how to deliver programs in the upcoming months. And we want to take care of some unfinished business from the last guild year.

Procrastinators' Showcase

Procrastinators Rejoice: you've had six more months to finish all those projects! Participants are asked to email a photo of each finished item on their list to Kathleen Kane <u>ContactKKane@</u> <u>gmail.com</u> by <u>October 15</u> so that the images can be included in the November newsletter. Prizes will be awarded to the top three producers.

Anyone who has forgotten what is on their list, please phone Sandra Radley who has your sign-up sheet.

Summer Moon - Block of the Month

Nothing like a pandemic to give you a few bonus months to complete this 10 month quilt along! Participants are asked to email a photo of their finished quilt tops to Kathleen Kane <u>ContactKKane@gmail.com</u> by <u>November 15</u> so that the images can be included in the December newsletter. Prizes will be awarded randomly to three participants.

OCTOBER PROGRAM

Maybe we can't meet in person, but that doesn't mean our programs have to stop. Like they say, *"If you can't go to the program, let the program come to you"!*

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, October 21 (our guild <u>meeting day) at 7pm</u>. We are delighted to have arranged for a 1-hour virtual presentation by Krista Hennebury entitled *'PoppyPrint; The Search for Signature Style'*. This will be done using the Zoom meeting app.

Krista was going to be one of our workshop teachers this year whose workshop had to be cancelled. But fortunately, she's gone virtual and now offers lectures and workshops online. Check out her website at **poppyprintcreates.blogspot.ca**

Yes, this means you'll have to find a computer, iPad or cell phone that can download the Zoom app. (It's easy. A Zoom instruction sheet is on page 7 & 8 of this newsletter.) And

experience for us all, so let's stay curious and find out what this "new normal" is all about.

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: <u>Contactkkane@</u> <u>gmail.com</u> Nanaimo Quilters' Guild Program Committee

Donation Quilts

Thank you to everyone who brought quilts to the Curling Club parking lot on September 16. We received 49 quilts; 19 lap quilts, 18 baby quilts, 2 wheel chair quilts, a quilt for VI Scan and 8 quilts for NICU, as well as 2 fidget quilts.

Rosa Christensen, a past member of the guild, recently passed away. Family members contacted the guild and donated two quilt tops made by Rosa. The tops are 64"x75" and 82"x90". We will supply the backing and batting, then they will need to be quilted. Please contact us if you wish to take on this project. There is also some of Rosa's fabric available.

We will be back on October 21 with batting, backing, labels and the African animal panel shown below. We will also collect quilts at that time. If the parking lot is full of curlers cars look for us across the street.

We are in the process of contacting the community organizations the guild donates quilts to. Once we hear back from them we will work on the best way to get the quilts to them.

We received a request from Janice Spencer, a member of the Nanaimo Branch of Altrusa International for quilts for Samaritan House. Samaritan House is a women's shelter and Janice has requested twin size quilts 64"x 86" for 21 beds. We have communicated back and forth and I let her know her request would be in the guild's newsletter. For more information you can contact Janice at janice.spencer@shaw. ca or at 250 390-2924

Bonnie Dormuth & Pat Clements, Donation Quilts Committee

Below: This panel will be available on October 21

since this is new for most of us – your Program Committee hosts included – we are going to hold a Guild members' ZOOM **PRACTICE** SESSION on Wednesday, October 14th at <u>7pm</u>. An email with the meeting information link will be sent out several days ahead.

We want people to have the chance to practice signing in to the Zoom app, get used to navigating the screen options and to just have some fun seeing folks they might not have seen in too long. This will be a learning



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Membership

We have received several membership renewal forms in the mail. Thank you!

At the August Executive meeting the decision was made to reduce Membership fees for the 2020/2021 session to \$15.00 due to COVID-19 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.

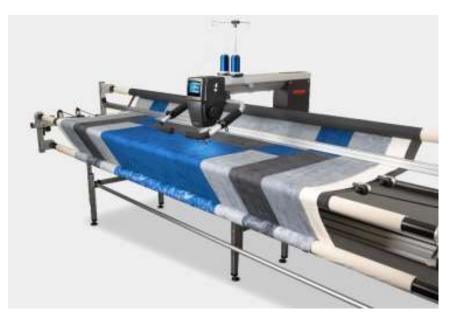
The membership form can be found in the newsletter or on the website.

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

If you sent in your renewal with a cheque for \$30.00 we will be contacting you about the over-payment.

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

Laura Beswick, Membership



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Quilting with Rulers

For those who are still disappointed about having to miss the Silly Moon rulers class that was scheduled for September, here is something that will get you excited.

Both Sandra Dobson and Val Ursulak have alerted us to the following QUILTING WITH RULERS CHALLENGE series that is being offered online by Angela Walters, for free. Check out this introductory YouTube video (click on the link below, if you are online)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JqVdVkjVDtE



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From Facebook:

Bespectacled peeps - I sewed a button on to my mask so my glasses can rest a bit further away from my face but not slip off. No more fogging or constant adjusting. Pass it on! I have made this post public to be shareable.



1930 Ryan Road East, Comox BC 250-339-4059 or 1-877-339-4059

STORE HOURS

Monday-Friday 10:00am-5:00pm Saturday 10:00am-4:30pm Sunday Noon-4pm Closed Holidays

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Photo Share Page

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.

Janet Knecht sent in these photos of a donation quilt (right) she made using the Economy Block pattern. Below: block detail.





BIB n' TUCKER QUILTING October Sale

All leaf prints, rusts, golds, brown, non metallic coppers etc All Halloween prints

20% off

30% off 2m or more(same bolt) <u>½ m minimum cuts</u>

1006 Craigflower Road at Tillicum Victoria BC V9A 2Y1 250-386-6512 (Tues - Thurs 11-3, Sat 12-4)





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Above: Leslie McGeough found a photo on Instagram of a baby announcement for a friend's daughter and made it into a quilt.



Laurie Webster sent in these three photos of donation quilts she has amde, aiting for the right time to be dropped off.







Challenge Committee

The Challenge committee has decided to wait until Guild meetings in person resume, so that members can view the wonderful submissions close up to see them at their best and to vote on them.

Another Covid Acronym

Let's interpret the acronym of Covid differently!

Creations Of Various Inspired Designs

submitted by Sandra Radley

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



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.



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

2175 Cliffe Ave Courtenay, BC V9N 2L5

(250) 338-6634

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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HOW TO JOIN A ZOOM MEETING ---- Newsletter Attachment

Everyone will get the same "invitation" before each meeting. It will be listed in the newsletter and be sent in the regular emailed meeting reminders a few days before each meeting.

SAMPLE INVITATION

Topic: Guild Monthly Meeting, Sept 14, 2020 6:30pm

Join Zoom Meeting by computer

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89	<u>9999325620?pwd=</u>	=Y3VFSHFZS01ObFRnVEhaNE04UERoQT09
Meeting ID: 899 9932	<mark>7639</mark>	Password: quilt
OR Dial in by phone, call	+1 301 715 8592	2
Meeting ID: 899 9932	<mark>7639</mark>	Password: 440188

DESKTOP OR LAPTOP DIRECTIONS: On the computer, the easiest way to join is to click on the link we will be sending you in meeting reminders a few days before the meeting. The link will look like the https above in yellow. Click on it in the open email. You may want to do this before the meeting day in case it takes a few minutes to download. Clicking on the Zoom_Launcher.exe file will install Zoom. There will be a short pause before a blue process bar appears indicating the installation. Once this is done, I do not believe you should have to do it again.

You would then be prompted to download or launch Zoom. This will take you directly into the Zoom "Join meeting" pages without having to use a zoom account.

Next you will enter the meeting id number in yellow above. Click on Join.

Then enter the password and click Join. (We will try to keep the same password for computer users for each meeting.

This method of joining also works on your smart phone using internet.

An alternate computer method is to directly enter <u>https://zoom.us</u> into your search engine and log in using a free account which you can set up for yourself. Then after login into your account, click on "Join A Meeting". You will be asked to enter the same meeting number and password as in that for computer users in the sample above.

FLIP PHONE DIRECTIONS: With this method <u>you will not be able to see the meeting but will be able to</u> <u>listen</u>. Call the phone number listed above in blue to enter in the Zoom join meeting pages. This should work for both flip phones (so you can listen to meetings) and smart phones (but you will only be able to hear, not see under this method. To view the meeting as well on a smart phone, see "Other Devices" section below.

You will be asked for the meeting id which is blue in the example. Then enter the # sign. Note that this is the same meeting id number as is used for the computer users.

Then you will be asked for a participant id number or to enter the # sign if there is none. You will enter the # sign because we do not use participant numbers.

Finally, you will be asked for password which will be a different 6-digit number for each meeting. Enter it followed by the # sign. This is a different password than is used by the computer users and is automatically assigned when a meeting is scheduled. We have no control over what number is used for this.

OTHER DEVICES: You can also use Android smart phones/tablets/Apple iPhone /iPad to <u>view and hear</u> <u>the</u> meeting. You will be prompted to download a free Zoom Cloud Meetings app from the App/Play Store.

Once installed you will be able to select "Join Meeting" flowed by the same meeting id and password used by the Laptop/Desktop users above.

ZOOM Tips:

Mute and Video Buttons: Upon entering you may be muted by the host. Please leave it that way unless asked to unmute. For computer/internet users, this button is in the bottom left corner with the "Start Video" button. If the "Start Video" button is on, other attendees can see you. Turn it off to watch and listen without being seen.

Chat Button: For computer/internet users, this is where you can type a question or comment in the bottom right hand corner that all can see. Someone at each meeting will have the job of chat moderator, their task being to watch the chats and alert the speaker that a question has been asked using the chat option so questions can be answered before moving on to other subjects. **Flip phone users cannot utilize this function, but can, at the pause for questions, unmute to ask their question.

Speaker and Gallery Views: For the computer/internet users, in the upper right-hand corner you will

find a button like this:

III Gallery View 🔀 The tw

The two views are:

• Speaker View, (the 4 arrows) where the video of the current speaker fills most of the screen and the video of the other participants is in small thumbnails at the top of the screen

• Gallery View, (the little 9-grid box) where the video for each participant is the same size. Speaker View works well when the there is a demo or video or someone leading a meeting. Gallery View works well when there is group discussion and you wish to see the whole group. Some groups may be so large you cannot see all participants at one time. In gallery view, a blue frame will appear around the current speaker.

Bad Connection: If you experience trouble with weak and intermittent internet connections, here are some things you can do that may help:

• Quit any other programs, like browsers or mail programs, that might be using bandwidth in the background.

• If you are using Wi-Fi, ensure you are getting a strong signal by moving closer to the Wi-Fi base station.

• If you are sharing your internet connection with others, ask them to minimize their usage while you are on the call.

• Use the phone for the audio connection.

- Try turning off your video.
- Try your smartphone or tablet for the connection instead of a computer.

• If you do file or photo sharing with some online system, start your computer well before the call so that any synchronization can complete before your call.

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