

Nanaimo Quilters Guild

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Next Meeting

October 18, Nanaimo Curling Club, doors open at 1 pm & 6 pm, meetings at 1:30 pm & 6:30 pm

A Pop-up Shop by Kismet from Port Alberni!

Next Executive Meeting (Zoom) October 11, 1:30 pm

Newsletter Deadline

October 21

Refreshments:

In October, members whose last names start with the letters C and D, it's your turn to bring goodies to the meeting for our coffee / tea break.

In our newsletters' [online version](#), blue lettering gives a live link to websites and email addresses. 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:

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

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

Now that we have launched our new Guild year, there is lots to be excited about with upcoming speakers, workshops, pop-up shops, the Retreat, Quilt Bee and many other Guild-sponsored activities.

As the days grow shorter and the nights get cooler, it's the perfect time to stay indoors and work on quilting projects for yourself, for seasonal gifts or for our worthy charities.

Since October is the month of Thanksgiving, we are both grateful for our fantastic Executive and other guild volunteers and wish all members a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Happy Quilting, *Terri Askham & Kathleen Kane, Co-Presidents*

Guild Programs and Workshops

Hopefully you enjoyed the 'Sampler Platter' on September 23 & 24.

At our September Guild meeting you will have picked up your 'Procrastinator's Showcase' hand-outs. We hope you be able to finish up to six of the projects on your list for the February meeting.

At our October Guild meeting we have invited Kismet Quilts from Port Alberni to do a pop-up shop.

We have a UFO Day scheduled for Saturday, October 28. This one will be held at Jonanco, 2745 White Rapids Road. Cost is \$10. Maps and directions to Jonanco will be available at the Program table when you sign up.

At our Guild meeting on Wednesday, November 15, The Knife Sharpener will be our guest to talk about Scissors.

On Saturday, January 6, 2024 we have planned a **Workshop: Jazzed-up-Jelly Roll** with Carolyn Mulders.

In mid **February** we have Jeannette Blackmore and Vicki Dods hosting a 'Quilt as you Go' Workshop.

And lots more to come! *Your Program Committee: Vicki Zoltay, Judy Hunter, Lorraine Daley, Nancy Lutes*

Library

Thanks so much to everyone for their patience as the newbies got their feet wet in the Library. Lots of books returned and lots signed out. At the November meeting we will resume processing renewals. Thinking ahead, if there is a newly published book that has caught your eye, let us know (author and title) and we will see about acquiring it. *The Library Team*

Placemats

It was great to start the new Guild Year and nice to see everyone. We had a terrific number of placemats turned in: 43 placemats and 12 tea cozies! We now have 176 placemats and 48 tea cozies in stock. As usual, they are all lovely. Thanks so much to everyone who donated. Again, if anyone needs some batting I will have some cut 13" X 19" at the Placemat Committee table at the meetings. See you in 3 weeks. Don't forget, when you turn them in there is a sign in sheet for your name and number of placemats or tea cozies.

Your Placemat Committee, Heather, Norma and Maureen



Donation Quilts

At our September meeting, we received 24 quilts in the afternoon and 4 in the evening as follows: 7 baby quilts, 2 NICU quilts, 1 quilt for Crossroads, 5 kids quilts, 13 lap quilts, one gurney quilt for deceased patients at NRGH, 37 knitted baby hats and 2 shopping bags for Crossroads.

A reminder that we will no longer be accepting kids' book bags for NRGH, since they have arranged a larger supplier. Crossroads Pregnancy Centre is in need of shopping bags for their young moms, similar to those made for Haven recipients. We will now accept those at the Donation table. We also have examples of NQG labels that you can sew in an inside or outside seam.

We will have batting, backing, and labels at each meeting. Thank you for sewing a label on your finished quilt. *Donation Quilts Committee, Scrappy Bags*

NanGo Grannies Giant Fabric Sale

A huge thank you to those of you who not only donated lovely quilting fabric and notions for our NanGo Grannies Giant Fabric Sale Saturday, September 16, but also came to buy items. It was our best sale ever!

Bonnie Eaton and Sue Creba



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Membership

The fall is the start of our Guild's membership year. Many have already sent in their forms and funds for the 2023-24 year – thank you! Your new membership cards and receipts are available for pick-up at the membership table at our monthly meeting.

We have several new members! Please welcome Carli Haakonson, Carolyn Hunter, Elinor Martin-Law, Linda Turner, Kathy Doyle, and Barb Dickie. Barb tells me that "I've been quilting and sewing since I was a child. Both of my grandmothers were quilters, and I inherited the love of quilting along with their vintage sewing machines. I have many happy memories of making quilts with them. I'm also a professional long arm quilter, and work on charity quilts as time allows." Membership is \$40 for the year with a charge of \$16 for those who want the newsletter mailed to them. Funds can be paid via cheque payable to Nanaimo Quilters' Guild or via e-transfer to membershipnqg@gmail.com

Mailing address is Nanaimo Quilt Guild Membership, P.O. Box 943, Nanaimo, B.C. V9R 5N2.

The treasurer will be on hand at the afternoon meetings for anyone wanting to pay by credit card.

A membership form is included in this newsletter and updated forms are on the www.islandquilters.ca website under the Membership tab. The form can be printed, and there is also a fillable pdf form there that can be saved and emailed to membershipnqg@gmail.com

Members for the coming year will be listed on the website once more renewals have been received. If you have any questions please contact membershipnqg@gmail.com

Barbara Kerfoot, Laura Beswick, NQG Membership

Raffles

Serge & Sew has once again donated gifts for every meeting, please drop in and let them know how much we appreciate them. Thank you to Daphne, Barbara W, Kathleen K, and Terri A for their donations at the September meeting. Every donation means that our budget can go to purchasing better raffle prizes. All of the Mystery Fabric for this year was purchased from Leslie Grabove,

Once again I am asking for suggestions. What would you like to win? Maybe you are happy with my choices, that would be nice to know as well. Tickets are still \$1.

Carole Phinney - Raffles chair

Quilt Bee January 27, 2024

Sign up has started for our annual quilt bee!

We will still need a few quilts for Haven House but this charity has let us know that tote bags and Christmas stockings will be most needed and appreciated.

I have included a step-by-step YouTube video link to watch for a free DIY Christmas stocking tutorial (using fat quarters), a pattern you can print out, and lots of tips. If you want to do the stockings for Christmas, please have these done by the November meeting. Thank you.

sewingpartsonline.com/blog/sew-a-christmas-stocking

On page 8 you can find instructions for making tote bags. Bags need to be approximately 18 inches high by 20 inches wide front and back (40 inches) total, with 2, 18 inch handles and 2.5 inch boxed corners.

As for the Quilt Bee we would like to do a pot luck lunch, start time will be 9:00 am at Oliver Woods. I would like at least two angels to be on kitchen duty for the day. Please let us know at the quilt bee table. Thank you.

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Homewood Retreat

There is a waiting list for the Homewood Retreat November 6 - 11. There is a \$50 (refundable) deposit required to be placed on the waitlist.

If you have been thinking about joining your quilting buddies and other quilting enthusiasts, now is a perfect time. For those who have never been to Homewood, this is a great week spent sharing ideas, quilting patterns and learning new techniques.

We have mini-demos, yoga, some games, along with great fellowship all in a rustic lodge overlooking a quiet bay.

The food is great and the staff oversee every detail with smiles and kindness.

Your time is your own, get up when you want, go to bed when you want. Sew in your PJs, walk around the camp's grounds or go for a canoe ride.

This is a great week of doing what we all like best!

Those who are interested and have more questions contact: Judy Peterson judymp@shaw.ca 250-741-6071

OR Vicki Zoltay zoltayvicki@gmail.com 250-716-9022

Judy, Vicki and Lorraine, Homewood Retreat Organizers

Proper Quilt Care

Quilts are made with love and care and are meant to be used! Enjoy their beauty for years to come!

Washing: Place the quilt alone in the washer. Use a colour catcher the first time you wash it. Wash on the cold water, delicate setting. Use a detergent without bleach or softeners.

Drying: Tumble dry low. For hand stitched quilts, lay flat to dry out of direct sunlight, back side up to keep from fading.

Storage: Store in a clean, dry, dust free spot. Fold loosely and place in a cotton pillowcase or wrap in an old sheet. DO NOT store in a plastic bag. Refold it occasionally along different fold lines to prevent creases.

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CQA Report

Work is underway to prepare for Quilt Canada 2024. This annual show and conference will be held next in Edmonton, June 19-22, 2024. The show is offering a concurrent quilt show as well this year. Details are available on the website and interested groups can apply for a space to display their quilts.

Call to Entry for the 2024 show will open on January 1.

The CQA Trend Tex Challenge is always popular. Past years' entries are available for viewing on the website canadianquilter.com under the Gallery tab. This year's Challenge will be themed 'Prairies to Mountains'. Kits are available to members now and can be purchased by non-members October 15th. Below are the fabrics to be used for this challenge....

And that's all for this month, happy stitching,

Christine Hustins, CQA Liaison cahustins@gmail.com

Quilt Shows & Workshops

Chilliwack Quilters' Guild "Sew'd to Joy" Quilt Show, Oct. 13-14, Chilliwack Alliance Church, 8700 Young Street, Chilliwack, BC. 5 pm - 8 pm Friday, Oct. 13, and 9 am-4 pm Saturday, Oct. 14. Admission \$8, free for spouses and children under 15. Wheelchair accessible, plenty of free parking. <http://www.chilliwackquiltersguild.com/>

Westshore Quilters' Guild "Sew Magic" Quilt Show October 12-14, Eagle Ridge Community Centre, 1089 Langford Parkway, Langford, BC. Evening Gala 12 7-9 pm (tickets \$15 valid for Gala and Quilt Show). October 13 10-5, October 14 10-4. Admission \$10 (for both days) <https://www.westshorequiltersguild.ca/quilt-show> <https://www.facebook.com/WQGSshow/>

Phyllis Cullen Workshop Series, Oct 1-8, hosted by the Kingfisher Craft Company in Peachland, BC. Contact: Jason Bieber, Kingfisher Craft Company, 250-718-4550 kingfishercraftco@gmail.com See all info and register at www.kingfishercraftcompany.com

Happy Thanksgiving!



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Women's War Work – 'The Canadian Red Cross Comfort Quilt'

by Heather Neil, published in September 2023 issue of Nanaimo Magazine

The Vancouver Island Military Museum has a new acquisition in its HomeFront display. Kindly gifted by Maxine March of the Canadian Red Cross Research Group (London, UK) via the Royal Alberta Museum (Edmonton), this newest addition is a rare, hand-made WW 2 Canadian Red Cross 'Comfort Quilt'.

As we all know, during the Second World War, the Canadian Red Cross worked on many relief projects to ease the suffering of people overseas directly impacted by the war. This included soldiers, women in Britain's Land Army, hospitals, orphanages, bomb shelters and those who lost all in the Blitz.

One of the CRC projects was the collection of handmade quilts.

Canadian women groups all over Canada, in towns large and small, made hundreds of thousands of these quilts. In one six week period in 1944, some 25,000 reached Britain to be distributed by the UK Women's Voluntary Society, the Red Cross, and the Salvation Army. Now collectively known as "Red Cross Quilts", very few have survived.

But now, after almost 80 years, these same quilts are being traced and repatriated to Canadian museums by the Canadian Red Cross Research Group in the UK. Unfortunately of the 400,000 quilts sent to the UK, the research group was only able to document 200 quilts and collect 100 quilts over a 20 year period.

So these quilts are considered rare.

We are honoured to be chosen as a recipient of this new exhibit, and to display it as a further testament to the tireless dedication of women during war time.

We welcome you to come, and enjoy, and view yet another piece of Canadian war time history.

Vancouver Island Military Museum: 100 Cameron Road. Open Tuesday-Friday 10 am to 3 pm, Saturday 11 am to 3 pm. Closed statutory holidays. 250-753-3814 vimilitarymuseum.ca

Quilt Details: Number: RG097; Name: Crazy Crewe; Dimensions: 69"W x 80"L (150 cm x 178cm); Pattern: Crazy (blocks approx. 14 x 20 arranged 3 x 5 width; Construction: machine; Fabrics: dress cotton, feedsack, furnishing, rayon, shirting, wool; Fabric design: plaid, checked, plain, striped, spotted, floral, geometric, novelty; Predominant colours: multi; Sashing: none; Wadding: very heavy weight, woven, not fitted; Backing: yellow cotton with furnishing fabric trim; Pieced: centre seam, 2 pieces; Finishing: (backing brought to front); Method: machined; Corners: mitred; Quilting: Method: tied (at 2 & 1/2 inch intervals); Thread: lightweight, strong, white & blue

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Meeting Minutes of September 27, 2023

Call to order: at 1:30 pm by Terri Askham, co-president

Terri welcomed everyone back for the new quilt guild year. She also thanked Janet Knecht and Bonnie Dormuth for stepping up as Show Conveners. Our coffee cart and the Vice President's bin have gone missing.!

Moved by Judy Peterson, seconded by Stephanie Gislason that the minutes of the General Meeting of May 17, 2023 be accepted as posted. Carried.

Correspondence: several thank you cards are posted on the bulletin board.

Moved by Linda Macey, seconded by Kathleen Kane that the Treasurer's Report of August 30, 2023 be accepted as posted. Carried.

There will be a meeting of past presidents with Judith McLaughlin immediately after this meeting. (see report on page 8).

Hospitality: 63 members today, including 4 new members. See full membership report on page 3.

Committee Reports

Programs: see full Program report on page 1.

Retreat: Final payments due today. 2 or 3 spots left. See the Retreat full report on page 4.

Membership: Receipts and cards are available at the table. New members were introduced. See the Membership full report on page 3.

Donations: Full report on page 2.

Quilt Bee: Saturday, January 27 at Oliver Woods. See full report on page 3. Janet also thanked all the Show volunteers. She has 2 coats, 2 baby hangers, a cooling rack and 2 bins that were left after the show.

Raffles: still need 1 volunteer for afternoon and 1 for evening.

No New Business.

Moved by Sandra Radley, seconded by Stephanie Gislason that the proposed Budget for 2023/2024 be accepted as posted. Carried.

DRAWS:

Show and Share: Karen King

Hospitality: Carolyn Hunter **Evening:** Kathy Coulter

Mystery Fabric: Linda Turner **Evening:** Judy Peterson

Raffles: Afternoon: Theresa Bellinger, Sandy Dobson, Monica Kruger, Linda Macey, Kayla Shay, Val Ursulak, Janet Knecht, Stephanie Gislason.

Evening: Barb Korabek, Judith McLaughlin, Diane Filippov, Diane Filippov

Adjourned: at 3:07 pm by Terri Askham

Submitted by Lorna Craig Secretary

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To All 'Sweet Po Taters'

Some people don't seem motivated to participate and are content to watch while others do the work. They are called "**Spec Taters**"

Some people don't do anything to help, but are gifted at finding fault with the way others do the work. They are called "**Comment Taters**"

Some people are very bossy and like to tell others what to do. They are called "**Dick Taters**"

Some always try to cause problems by asking others to agree with them. They are called "**AgieTaters**"

Some people say they will help, but somehow just never get around to it. They are called "**Hezzie Taters**"

Some people can put up a front and pretend to be someone they are not. They are called "**Immy Taters**"

Then there are those who love others and do what they say they will. They are always prepared to stop whatever they are doing and lend a helping hand. They bring real sunshine into the lives of others.

They are called "**Sweet Po Taters**". We are so fortunate to have an abundance of "Sweet Po Taters" in our Guild!

Eligibility of Hand Quilted Entries to the 2026 Quilt Show

Due to falling numbers of hand quilted entries into the Quilt Show that are eligible for the Past Presidents Award, seven Past Presidents met on September 27, 2023 to discuss the matter.

It was agreed to expand the size eligibility from 60" x 80", to a minimum of a 200" perimeter.

For example, your entry could be 40" x 60" or 50" x 50", or 60" x 80", but not exclusive to those measurements. They must be hand-quilted and made by only one person.

The machine quilted entries for the Past Presidents Awards remains the same: a minimum of 60" x 80", hand-guided machine quilted and made by one person.

We have lots of time before our next show – so this is a heads-up about an important change.

Judith McLaughlin, Chair, Past Presidents Committee

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Drop your quilt off on Tuesday or Thursday and receive a 10% discount off your longarm service. A \$50 deposit is required at time of dropoff.

Blocks of the Month

Charisma Horton's Christmas Glow Block of the Month

Starts October 19th and runs for 12 months \$275.00 including fabric, binding and pattern. Christmas Glow by Charisma Horton. A 12 month BOM. Kits are being put together as I write the newsletter. This will be finished for Christmas 2024. A great quilt for those wanting to try something a little more modern.



Gail's Block of the Month

Starts October 17th and runs for 12 months. \$275.00 - Includes fabric, binding and pattern. Gail's Block of the Month Quilt returns with 2 new colourways.



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Instructions for Large Tote Bags (for Haven or Crossroads)

Large bags: Finished at 17" or so deep x 20" wide. Cut at 18" x 21".

Cut two handles 21" long. If you use webbing and want to cover your handles, cut the fabric 3" wide.

Cut batting, top, backing and lining all the same size. For front of bag...right side up, lay on batting...quilt. For back of bag...right side up, lay on batting...quilt.

Lining...right sides together...sew sides and bottom; leave an 8" opening at the bottom to turn inside out. Ensure you back stitch each side of the opening.

With right sides together, sew outside of bag's sides and bottom. Would suggest using a Microtex needle.

Position handles with ends at top edge of outside 5" from centre, 9" apart from inside edge to inside edge, ensure the loops are hanging down towards bottom of bag.

Stitch handles in place...back and forth 3 or 4 times to secure.

With outside of bag, right sides out, put bag inside right side of lining.

Stitch around top...carefully. Use 1/2" seam allowance.

Ensure you are catching batting, top, backing, handles and lining. Stitch over handles a couple of times. Iron lining.

Stitch lining opening closed.

Stuff bag inside lining.

Stitch around top 1/2" from edge.

Turn inside out.

Box corners.

Turn right side out.

Done.

Admire your handiwork!



Many thanks to Vicki Zoltay for these instructions.



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2023 / 2024 year

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Print Name _____

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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"/> Block of the Month |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | | |

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