

Nanaimo Quilters Guild

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Next Meeting

Wednesday, October 21, Nanaimo Curling Club, doors open at 1:00 and 6:00 pm, meeting starts at 1:30 and 6:30 pm

Program: Sandra Sandvik trunk show

Next Executive Meeting (Zoom) October 7, 1:30 pm

Newsletter Deadline

October 22

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 [here](#)

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

October is time for Thanksgiving with family and friends, and some of those friends are quilters and members of the guild. Let's celebrate those friendships at our meeting on October 21. Bring a quilt or other project to share new ideas, patterns or techniques. The Library is full of ideas and information, Programs has new learning opportunities and Theme of the Month has a new **'Taking Flight'** challenge to consider.

Over 30 of our members are travelling to Homewood on Quadra Island this month for our Guild Retreat. Many quilts will be started, some projects will be finished and in between there will be great food, lessons, and many laughs.

Our October meeting will welcome Sandra Sandvik from Mayne Island. She will present a trunk show of her work as a quilter and fibre artist. She has a wide range of interests and an artist's eye when creating original pieces. When we could not find a space for her class during the week of our meeting Sandy agreed to stay in the area and teach the Botanical Beauty class on Saturday, October 24, now election day! We really appreciate her support. You can preview her work on Instagram.

Now we have four elections to keep our minds busy this month. The Vice-President's position will be open for election at our October meeting. The main responsibility would be to establish a floor plan for meetings and assist the President if one of the Co-Presidents is unavailable. They would look after updating the Constitution, By-Laws and Handbook when necessary. A Sew-In co-ordinator is needed for the Zoom meetings where members sew from their home. Please let Kathleen or Ellen know if you are interested in either position.

The other voting is outside the Guild, but important to all citizens. Voting is a right and responsibility. Please learn about the candidates, and keep a list for balloting as there will be many names on each ballot. October 17 for local councils and school board and Oct 24 for provincial government.

October will go out with a bang on the 31st with Halloween. This is quite the month! Trick or Treat? *Co-Presidents Ellen Ellis & Kathleen Kane*

Guild Workshops 2026 / 2027

Ready to boost your overall well-being?

You've come to the right place! Research suggests that quilting can support cognitive health and enhance emotional well-being. Learning new techniques, challenging your creativity, and connecting with fellow quilters are just a few of the ways quilting can contribute to a healthier, happier you.

Quilting for your health and well-being—what could be better?

To inspire and encourage you on your quilting journey, we're delighted to welcome Sandra Sandvik to our October meeting for a special trunk show. Through her collection, we'll have the opportunity to see a variety of designs,
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Guild Workshops 2026 / 2027

(continued from page 1) fabrics, colours, and techniques, as well as hear some of the stories and inspiration behind her work.

Then join us the next Saturday for her Botanical Beauty Workshop!

Saturday October 24th 9:00-4:00pm BOTANICAL BEAUTY with Sandra Sandvik at Oliver Woods \$50

Join Mayne Island quilter and textile artist Sandra Sandvik for her Botanical Beauty Workshop—an inspiring opportunity to explore colour, design, and creativity while learning new and exciting quilting techniques.

In this hands-on workshop, you'll learn a variety of piecing techniques, including sewing perfect curves, foundation piecing, and creating unique block and sashing finishes. You'll have the creative freedom to incorporate different design elements into each block, making every one unique, or repeat the same design throughout your project—the choice is yours!

By the end of the workshop, you'll have several completed blocks and a plan for finishing your project. Choose from a 35" x 35" quilt or, optionally, a 42" x 53" quilt. Prefer something smaller? You can also create a pillow, table runner, or small wall hanging.

Whether you're looking to expand your quilting skills, experiment with colour and design, or simply enjoy a creative day with fellow quilters, Botanical Beauty offers plenty of inspiration and room to make the project your own.



Ellen Ellis with award winning Botanical Beauty Quilt



Hope that you can join us! **TO REGISTER** for one or more workshops, please complete the registration form on page 11 and email it to Programsnqg@gmail.com or drop it off at the **Programs Table** at the October meeting.

The Program Committee

Left: Vicki Dods' 'Blowin in the Wind' piece



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Introducing: Theme of the Month

Since the guild is not offering Block of the Month or Challenge this year, the Program Committee decided to offer an activity that combines some aspects of the two. We are inviting members to participate in a **Theme of the Month**.

Each month, except December and June, a theme will be revealed. Members are encouraged to explore new techniques and styles to respond to the theme. The goal is to develop creativity and to try new things. Pieces do not need to be completely finished but should demonstrate the direction the member is taking. There is no size restriction, but they should be larger than a postcard. Each piece will be displayed at the following meeting. The October meeting will display pieces based on the theme "Taking Flight." In September, the Program Committee displayed their pieces based on "Blowin' in the Wind" as an introduction. (photos at right)

For every piece displayed, an entry form will be filled out and put into a draw box. Three entries will be pulled in May and prizes will be awarded. The more you create, the better your chances. There will be no voting and no ribbons. Members will keep all of their creations. As always, as you create, please keep in mind copyright rules. If you would like to copy or trace a picture, please hunt for copyright free images or ask for the artist's permission in advance.

Happy playing everyone. *The Program Committee*



Kathleen Kane's 'Blowin in the Wind' piece



Michele Cloutier's 'Blowin in the Wind' piece

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Membership

Thanks to the many who kept us busy with their membership forms at the September meeting. We now have 97 members in good standing for the 2026/27 session.

We have several new members! Please welcome Sharon Latham, Jo Tait, Janelle Hooper, Karen Edwards, Janet Sanders and Monica Smith.

The Membership fee is \$40 for the year. Membership forms are available on the NQG website, or in the newsletter on page 13. Renewals can be made at any time by emailing the completed membership form to membershipnqg@gmail.com and making an e-transfer payment to the same email address. Or mail the completed form and cheque to Nanaimo Quilt Guild Membership, P.O. Box 943, Nanaimo, B.C., V9R 5N2. You can pick up your new membership card and receipt at the next meeting.

Of course, Memberships can also be completed at the regular Guild meetings. At the meetings we accept cash, cheques and the treasurer will be on hand at the afternoon meeting for anyone wanting to pay by credit card. Please make cheques payable to Nanaimo Quilters' Guild.

Members for the coming year will be listed on the members only section of the website after the October meeting.

The members only section of the website will have a new password October 1st. It is on the back of your new card.

Please contact membershipnqg@gmail.com if you have any questions. Keep on quilting and enjoying!

*Barb Kerfoot & Laura
Beswick, NQG Membership*

In Memorium

Longtime Quilt Guild member Laura Morrissey passed away on September 23 in Palliative Care at NRGH. Her husband Frank passed away that same morning.

<https://telfordtoneffboyd.ca/obituaries/laura-morrissey>

Estate Sale

Diane Filippov was a member of our guild until she passed in March 2025. Her daughter Kate Farrell has several totes of her mother's quilting fabric in new condition for sale. If interested, please contact Kate at kfarrell50@icloud.com 905-691-0116 (in central Nanaimo)

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* Sew with friends on Social Sew Day! (Thursdays or by request)



Donation Quilts

Thanks to everyone who donated quilts and bags at our September meeting. We received eleven children's quilts, one lap quilt, one full quilt and one wheelchair quilt plus eight bags. Plus - Many thanks to Ginette Schewe who produced eight twin bed size quilts and three children's quilts by completing a number of previously pieced tops. Ginette completed the piecing on a few of the tops herself then sewed some of the remaining fabric into placemats! She provided backing and contrast fabrics from her own stash. Again – many thanks Ginette. Much appreciated.

A big thank you to Nancy Lutes who has agreed to attend our evening meetings and will be accepting donation quilts. For evening members, if you need batting, email either Lori Ohs loripatriciaohs@gmail.com or Vicki Dunsmuir at vjd@scupper.ca in advance of the meeting day with the quantity and size of batting you require. We will leave it with Nancy at the afternoon meeting for pick up in the evening.

Wishing you happy quilting! *The Donations Committee*

Library

It was great to see everyone at the first meeting of the year. Thank you so much for returning all the books and magazines signed out in May. Also, a big thank you to our library volunteers for their hard work at the afternoon and evening meetings. Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

The Library Team

Placemats

A big thanks to all who found time this summer to make placemats and tea cozies. We took in 59 placemats and 8 tea cozies at the September meetings, bringing our current totals to 325 placemats and 14 tea cozies.

I am away right now but will be sure to add pics to the November newsletter. Again, thanks.

Your Placemat Committee: Heather, Norma & Maureen

Guild Meeting Raffles

We had a lovely first meeting of the 2026-2027 year.

Thank you to our generous members buying raffle and mystery fabric quilt tickets.

We collected \$149.00 for raffles and \$86.00 for the mystery fabric, a nice start toward the scholarship fund.

Thank you to members Linda, Ellen, Caroll, and Kathleen who donated gifts to be raffled off at future quilt days.

If any member has any Christmas fabric they would like to donate we would appreciate it.

Carole Phinney Raffles & Mystery Fabric Chair



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Fidget Quilts



We had 16 fidget quilts turned at the September meeting. A pat on the back to Greta Simmons for completing 10 fidget quilts over the summer. She has certainly set the bar high!

The quilts have been delivered to the hospital as their supply was running low. That made the nurses happy!

For the October meetings I will be bringing items for the quilts such as zippers, tassels, beads, lace, poppers, straps, textured fabric squares as well as squares depicting animals, food and other scenes. Please come and help yourselves to make one or two fidget quilts. I will answer any questions you might have. See examples at the left and below.

The hospital is finding them so useful and I for one am happy to be able to give back to my community. *Nancy Lutes*



September 16 Minutes (continued from page 7)

Raffles

Hospitality: Sherry Drebnicki, Elinor Martin-Law Evenings Michele Cloutier

Show and Share: Vicki Dods, Evenings Terri Askham

Mystery Fabric: Norma Franks, Evenings Sharon Dubyna

Raffles: Nicole Aube (2), Tuesday Shay, Carolyn Hunter, Mary Jane McLaughlin, Rebecca Meehan-Danesin, Leslie Millward, Betty Hamilton. Evenings Vicki Zoltay(2), Janet Knecht, Tuesday Shay

Adjourned 3:49 pm by Co President Kathleen Kane

Submitted by Lorna Craig, Secretary

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OPEN: Tuesday - Saturday 9:30-5:30
CLOSED: Sunday, Monday & Holidays

General Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2026

Call to Order: 1:35 pm by CoPresident Kathleen Kane

Motion: To accept the Minutes of May 13, 2026 General Meeting as posted. By Sandra Radley, seconded Judi Moran. **Carried.**

Announcements: NanGo Grannies Fabric Sale is September 26th at the Curling Club, 10 am to 1:30 pm. Pop-Up thread sale today by NanGo Grannies

All Star Sampler Platter is October 24th and 25th

2025/2026 Bursary won by Ariel Quirion.

Treasurers Report: not available due to technical issues

Hospitality: 68 members, 6 guests

Program Workshops and Speakers 2026/2027:

September 26: Drop Zone bag with Avril Valentine at Jonanco / **October 24:** Botanical Beauty with Sandra Sandvik at Oliver Woods / **November 21:** UFO at Oliver Woods / **February 20:** Modern Quilting with Walking Foot Melissa Marginet Zoom / **March 20:** UFO at Oliver Woods / **April 24:** Circles Circles Circles with Terry Aske at Oliver Woods

Speakers:

October: Sandra Sandvik
November: Vivian Cannataro of cubzycreations
December: PopUp shop with Carols Needlearts Corner
January: Coreen Zerr from the Fibre Art Network
February: Bizz from Green Thimble in Victoria
March: Darlene Potts talk and Pop-up shop
April: Debbie Hollett Japan Travels

Quilt Canada: Kathleen Kane presented a slide show of her trip to this year's Quilt Canada in Winnipeg. 2027 Quilt Canada is June 16 to 19 in Calgary.

Committees

Retreat: no report

Donations: have added Snaw-naw-as Building Better Babies to donation list. Jesse's House (yet to be built) will be considered when more info is available. Some concerns about cost of batting and number of recipients

Library: has very crowded space, looking for display ideas

Membership: 4 new members

Quilt Show Recap: everything went smoothly, lots of volunteers, Vintage Quilts were popular. Lots of positive feedback. Most of the organizers are not planning to return. Revenue: cost \$26,000 to put show on. Profit this year about \$9,000 (usually \$ 18-20,000) A fundraising committee may have to be struck before next show, June 10th and 11th 2029

New Business

Currently there are openings for 1st Vice President, Historian(s) and Zoom Sew-In Host. Christmas Meeting needs event coordinator(s).

Summerland: our Guild is not sending quilts but if someone wishes to send one the contact is KellyLeVant@gmail.com

Gabriola Studio Tour is October 10th to 12th, 2026

Theme of the Month

Instead of BOM and Challenge prompt this year we will have Theme of the Month. Program members shared works for "Blowin in the Wind". There will be no competition or monthly prizes. There will be 3 participation gifts drawn at the end of the year. They can be any size. October Theme is "Taking Flight". *(continued on page 6)*



Hours of operation:

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Sat: 10-5

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Name _____ Membership Number _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

	Workshop Title	Date	Time	Venue	Fee	Payment
1	Drop Zone Bag with Avril Valentine	Saturday, September 26/26	9:30-3:30	Jonanco	\$50	Cash Cheque Credit E-transfer
2	Botanical Beauty with Sandra Sandvik	Saturday, October 24/26	9:00-3:30	Oliver Woods	\$50	Cash Cheque Credit E-transfer
3	Holiday UFO/ potluck- get ready for Christmas!	Saturday, November 21/26	9:00-3:30	Oliver Woods	\$20	Cash Cheque Credit E-transfer
4	Modern Quilting with Walking Foot with Melissa Marginet	Saturday, February 20/27	9:00-3:00	Online via Zoom	\$40	Cash Cheque Credit E-transfer
5	Spring UFO/potluck	Saturday, March 20/27	9:00-3:30	Oliver Woods	\$20	Cash Cheque Credit E-transfer
6	Circles Circles Circles Terry Aske	Saturday, April 24/27	9:00-3:30	Oliver Woods	\$70	Cash Cheque Credit E-transfer

Number of classes _____ Total Paid _____ Receipt # _____

Circle method of payment: Cash Cheque Credit E-Transfer

Register at monthly meetings or by email to: ProgramsNQG@gmail.com

Make cheques payable to: Nanaimo Quilters Guild

Send e-transfers to: ProgramsNQG@gmail.com (which has auto-deposit)

REFUND / CANCELLATION POLICY: if the Guild cancels a workshop, participants will be fully reimbursed. If you need to withdraw from a class, a refund will be given only if there is a waitlist. In all other cases, refunds will be given only under extenuating circumstances, and with the approval of the Program and Workshops Committee.

September Show & Share Quilts



Above: participants in the November 2025 *Improv for Planners* workshop showed their completed quilts at our September meeting.





Nanaïmo Quilters' Guild

Membership Registration Form

2026 / 2027 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 was an Honorary Member in 2025-26 ☐

I do ☐ do not ☐ consent to my personal information appearing on the online Guild membership list accessible only to members and is not to be shared.

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Print Name _____

Signature _____

Areas in which I am willing to volunteer:

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| ☐ Angels | ☐ Christmas Event | ☐ Coffee | ☐ Donation Quilts |
| ☐ Hospitality | ☐ June Picnic | ☐ Library | ☐ Membership |
| ☐ Phoning | ☐ Programs/Workshops | ☐ Quilt Bee | ☐ Block of the Month |
| ☐ Raffles | ☐ Placemats | | |
| ☐ Other _____ | | | |

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

To be completed by NQG Membership Committee

Pd: Date _____ ☐ Cash ☐ Cheque # _____ ☐ Credit Card ☐ e-transfer

\$40.00 Membership Fee Pd. ☐ **\$20 Prorated Fee (Feb. to Aug. 31)** Pd.

Honorary 2026/27 ☐

September Show & Share Quilts



Below: Ginette Schewe with some of the eight twin bed size quilts and three children's donation quilts she made.

