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Next Executive Meeting

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Newsletter Deadline

November 21

From the Presidents' Pens ~ Learning.....

We are all learning to live a bit differently as we enter another month with the virus. Learning can be exhilarating, or frustrating, but is needed to acquire new skills or knowledge. Our Guild is in the process of acquiring new skills and abilities as will be noted by the use of Zoom for programs, the use of technology for new payment methods for programs, membership and other activities as we move into the future.

We may be frightened by having to learn new ways of interacting or adapting to new technologies but let's be joyful that we still have the ability to learn and move forward even in the midst of a pandemic.

Keep smiling, keep sewing and keep learning, and most of all keep well.

Elaine Cadell, Ethyle Riawetz, Co-presidents

Quilt Bee

Hello everyone. Thank you to all who are taking advantage of the parking lot take away of supplies for your home version of the 2021 quilt bee. I will again be at the curling rink parking lot or across the street at Bowen park in November 18, but not in December. I will now start collecting your finished quilts.

Last month, with Bonnie's help I delivered 50 quilts to Haven House and will do the same next month. As always they were very appreciative of our kind efforts. (see picture below) I hope you are all settling in for a productive winter.

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



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

Satellite Groups

Our Guild's Satellite groups meet to socialize, support, inspire or just have lunch. You may meet indoors, following Dr. Bonnie Henry's guidelines. If you'd like to find out more, please contact Nadine at nqg.satellite@yahoo.ca

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

Well, the learning curve has been a steep one for some of us! The pandemic has afforded us several opportunities to be creative and to learn new skills; skills such as being friends with our computer and connecting with loved ones and interest groups via Zoom. Regarding these new tools, the Program committee thanks everyone for their patience and their adventurous spirit in becoming Zoomers. It was great seeing those who gave our practice session a try October 14th and getting helpful hints on navigating some of the Zooms features. In many respects, adapting to life in this pandemic has made technology and, in particular, Zoom, a life skill. It is the only way we as quilters can continue to have safe access to speakers during these challenging times. Flexibility is another asset we will need in order to move through this pandemic. Partnership with other Island guilds may become necessary to minimize costs and gain access to teachers who are able to provide virtual quality lectures and trunk shows.

This may necessitate changing from our third Wednesday of the month to whatever day or time is best for the presenter. After all, some of the teachers may reside in time zones, such as Atlantic Canada, which are hours in advance of the Pacific Time Zone. So ladies, it's going to be a fun, fun year with wonderful new learning experiences. This is The Silver Lining for quilters in these challenging times.

Procrastinators' Showcase

Congratulations to those who did work on their to-do list and provided photos of their projects. Janet Knecht completed her list of four items (One Block Wonder; Canadian Features; Dresden Plate; and a bag) for the first prize. Lija Bane (Nine Patch), Vicki Zoltay (Log Cabin), and Judy Hunter (Square) each completed one quilt and all will be awarded with gift certificates from a local quilt shop. Well done ladies. (photos right and on page 2)

Sadly, we remember one of our Procrastinator participants, Rosa Christensen, a guild member since 1988, who has passed away.

Summer Moon - Block of the Month

Nothing like a pandemic to give you a few bonus months to complete this 10 month quilt along!

Even though we had a lovely summer, we hope there were days when your energy was diverted from weeding, sipping sangria, or enjoying the sunshine so that you could work with your blocks. Those who have completed their quilt are asked to email a photo of it to Kathleen Kane by November 15 at ContactKKane@gmail.com so that

the images can be included in the December newsletter. Prizes will be awarded by draw to three participants.

October Presenter: Wasn't this fun! What a great Zoom presentation with Krista who outlined her five tips on finding a style for each of us so that we could find our own individual happy place. The ninety minutes "zoomed by" and the ability to see stitching detail and hear every word said for the viewers, was a great bonus for the eighty-six attendees. Everyone had a front row seat thanks to Zoom!

Check out Krista's blog which can be accessed at poppyprintcreates.blogspot.ca If you have questions for her, she is happy to receive an email poppyprintcreates@gmail.com

So....if you haven't renewed your membership, you may wish to do so in order to have another great front row opportunity in November.

November Program: Carola Russell, "Scrap Happy and Fat Quarter Friendly"

Our guild is partnering with the Parksville Guild to take advantage of having Carola give a virtual lecture to both groups, **Monday, November 16th at 6:30 pm**. Yes, it's a different night and a different time than when we normally schedule our meetings, but after all, what is normal these days! Be flexible and mark your calendar for that Monday! And, look for the Zoom link which will be emailed to members closer to that date.

Below: Janet Knecht won first prize in the Procrastinator's Showcase, with her 4 entries. Left, Canadian Features wall hanging, and right, large sewing case.



Membership

Thank you to all of you who have renewed and to those of you who also made a donation to the Guild. It is appreciated!

We currently have 84 members who have renewed for 2020/2021.

The membership form is in this newsletter and also separately on the guild website (www.islandquilters.ca) under the Membership tab at the top of the page. **NEW!** We also have a membership form that can be filled out online and printed. Scroll down and Membership Form (pdf) is the fillable one. We now also have the option of paying by e-transfer. You can e-transfer your membership fee by sending funds to: membershipnqg@gmail.com

The cheque method is still an option by mailing to Nanaimo Quilters Guild, PO Box 943, Nanaimo, BC V9R 5N2.

Note: Both payment methods still require sending in your membership form to Nanaimo Quilters Guild, PO Box 943, Nanaimo, BC V9R 5N2

Remember membership fees are now \$15 and if you need the newsletter mailed it is an additional \$15.

We will not be mailing receipts or membership cards at this time.

Take care, stay safe and quilt on!

Laura Beswick & Barb Kerfoot, Membership

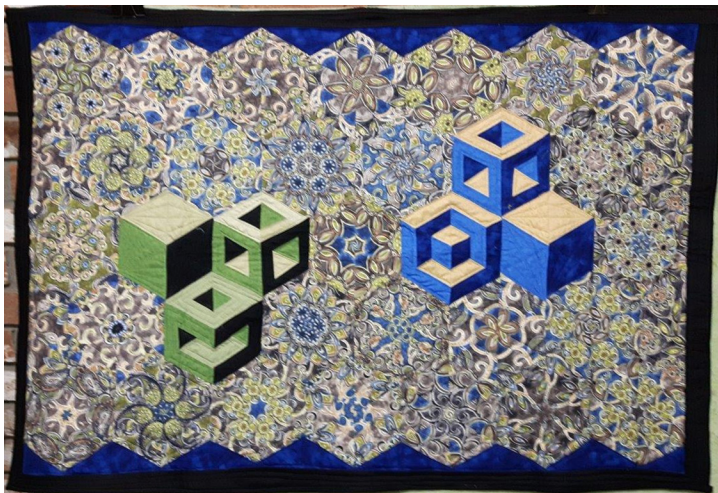


*Left: Janet Knecht's
Dresden Plate and below:
One Block Wonder quilt*

*Right top: Vicki Zoltay's Log
Cabin quilt*

*Right middle: Judy Hunter's
Sampler quilt*

*Right bottom: Lija Bane's
Nine Patch quilt*



Placemats

Wow! The 2 hours on October 21 in the Curling Rink parking lot was well worth it. We had 58 placemats and 25 tea cozies turned in, and 11 placemats donated in September. This gives us a total of 210 placemats and 84 tea cozies. We will be proceeding with our usual donations to the Meals-on-wheels Programs in Nanaimo and Ladysmith, and the Salvation Army for Christmas. The placemats are all so beautiful and I am grateful for your generosity. I will again be available from noon to 2 pm in the same place on November 18 (unless snowstorm) to receive placemats and batting will be available as well. Again, thanks so much for your support. *Your Placemat Committee, Heather, Norma and Maureen*



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Donation Quilts

Thank you to everyone who brought quilts to the Curling Club parking lot on a sunny, blustery October 21. We received 15 quilts – 8 lap size quilts, 4 baby/child quilts, 1 NICU quilt and 3 wheelchair quilts.

With your continued generosity we delivered quilts to NRGH. Janice Perrino from the Nanaimo Hospital Foundation accepted quilts on our behalf in the hospital parking lot (see photo at left). The quilts went to the VI SCAN program, Dufferin Place and the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). I delivered quilts to the Salvation Army and RCMP Victim Services. Pat Clements delivered quilts to Eden Gardens and Nanaimo Community Hospice. Other organizations were contacted but did not reply or declined quilts at this time because of COVID.

Thank you to Lillian Charron for taking Rosa Christensen's two quilt tops to be quilted.

We will be back November 18 with batting, backing and labels. Of course we will collect quilts as well. If the parking lot is full of curlers look for us across the street. We will not be setting up in the parking lot in December so November will be the final collection and distribution of batting in 2020. We will keep you posted via the newsletter about parking lot meetings in the New Year. What a year it has been!

We have received donations of fabric, books and quilting notions from the family of a past guild member – Valerie Wilson. We will sort everything and let you know what is available for guild members. There is a book on Brazilian Embroidery with the beautiful yarn that goes with it. There is a project already started and it is beautiful. Please contact Pat Clements at patclements@shaw.ca if you are interested in this.

Bonnie Dormuth & Pat Clements, Donation Quilts Committee

Thank you note from NRGH

I am writing this letter of gratitude on behalf of the NICU patients, families and staff at Nanaimo Regional General Hospital. Over the years we have received many blankets, quilts and knitted items that we have been able to provide to the babies and their families that find themselves receiving care in the NICU.

The ability to provide each new patient with a special quilt that they can take home as a keepsake during their stay in the NICU is a valuable possession that many of them will cherish for years to come. The thoughtful handmade items provide much meaning and comfort to the wee little ones and their families.

Each quilt is unique and the materials chosen so very thoughtful. In particular appreciate the handmade quilts, the 84 cm x 84 cm single and double layer receiving blankets, and the 24 cm x 47 cm double layered burp cloths which fit our open cots wonderfully.

Sincerely, Lisa Bakker, NICU Nurse Clinician
Nanaimo Regional General Hospital

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How is everyone doing? The world is quite a bit different these days.

Hope everyone is staying safe and well and busy.

I've been keeping busy. This is the year I finally decided to get rid of the carpet in my sewing room and downstairs family room. I've been threatening to do it for many years, but the thought of moving everything out of my sewing room always brought me to a sudden halt.

This year with COVID and some extra time on my hands, I made the big plunge! I ordered the flooring first and put down the deposit and then there was no changing my mind! Everything had to be packed and moved into the basement area. I wondered how one person can acquire so much stuff! How many scissors, cutters, seam rippers, measuring tapes does a person need, not to mention fabric, thread, patterns, batting scraps, UFOs, books and sewing machines and all the accessories that go with them!

The installers have worked for the last couple of days and tomorrow is day they finish the new floor and then I get to put it all back together!

Do you have a COVID project? Share it by sending it in to the newsletter.

Linda Addison

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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.

Nancy Lutes finished the quilt shown below last month for her 10 year old granddaughter who is an avid animal lover, particularly cats.



Sue Creba finished this king size BC wildlife quilt in July for her daughter and fiancé, who postponed their wedding until next year due to covid-19. It was beautifully quilted by Ginette Schewe.

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News from CQA/ACC *submitted by Christine Hustins, our CQA rep*

The monthly Row of the Month Quilt Along <https://canadianquilter.com/news/new-row-of-the-month-quilt-along/> for members and non-members on the Canadian Quilters Association – Quilting Projects Facebook group has posted its second row's pattern this past week. The monthly pattern will be found on our website and promoted on the Facebook group. Be sure to check on this fun and free quilt along.

View the Quilt Canada 2020 (the conference that wasn't) Challenge quilts. Please go to the websites below to view.

"20/20" https://canadianquilter.com/trendtex-challenge-2020/?mgi_4945=37427/star-gazing

2020 TrendTex Challenge <https://canadianquilter.com/trendtex-challenge-2020/>

2020 Suzi-Q Youth Challenge <https://canadianquilter.com/suzi-q-youth-challenge-2020-gallery-2/>

2020 Try-A-Triad Challenge

<https://canadianquilter.com/cqa-quilt-gallery/>

2020 Gateway To Adventure Challenge

<https://canadianquilter.com/cqa-quilt-gallery/>

Update - 2020 Postcard Challenge

The bidding was fast and furious on the first virtual postcard challenge auction held on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/postcardchallengefundraiser/>

Over \$7000 has been raised by generous postcard creators and buyers so far for the Glenrose Pediatric Brain Injury Rehabilitation Centre in Edmonton. Another round of online auctions will take place in November - there are still many wonderful postcards to be sold. Mark your calendar for Nov 5, 6 & 7 to join in and support a great cause.

Thanks to L. Brugger, Michelle Robinson, Patti Dance, Wilma Brock, and **Philippa Zapf** for donating these postcards to this year's challenge!

Mystery Quilt Challenge

CQA/ACC Members are now on the 1st of 6 months of instructions to complete the 40th Anniversary Mystery Quilt so if you have not joined yet, it is not too late. Go to the CQA/ACC website and click on the Members block to join. Once you are a member click on the Mystery Quilt block to retrieve instructions on the first Wednesday of each month and enjoy!

2021 TrendTex Challenge - Friendship

The bundles are ready for you...the 2021 Trendtex Challenge bundles that is! Hop on over to the website here: <https://canadianquilter.com/shop/> to purchase your bundle. They are \$25 plus tax for the five fat quarters (shipping is included). Then get your creative juices flowing around the theme "Friendship." <https://www.trendtexfabrics.com/>

TrendTex Auction

The Canadian Quilters Association first ever TrendTex Quilt Challenge Auction of 76 beautiful quilts took place October 19-25. Normally this is an on-site silent auction hosted at Quilt Canada but because of covid-19 it was hosted virtually,

CQA/ACC Individual Member Challenge

What better way to celebrate the launch of the new CQA/ACC logo than to use the logo colours in a challenge. The Ties That Bind Challenge will include the use of the six colours found in our logo. Using solid colours only, play with modern or traditional design elements. Our theme comes at a time when we have been isolated from each other for far too long yet like old friends, we never forget the ties that bind and we will rejoice in old and new friendships when we meet again. For more information and guidelines please download the PDF or visit the member-only section of the website (<https://canadianquilter.com/>)

Ties That Bind Challenge Guidelines (PDF)

https://mcusercontent.com/3863d9575561c88974b3792d8/files/5b30344e-29ae-42d7-b17d-99e4854047a4/The_Ties_That_Bind_Challenge_2021.pdf

JIGSAW PUZZLE TIME!

To start your puzzle go to: <http://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=1ff0e62fc041>

Bonus Jigsaw Puzzle

I just had to include one of our Trendtex challenge quilts. We had so many wonderful quilts that were fun. Go to: <http://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=29fb31121e7c>

for your jigsaw and enjoy!



Nanaïmo Quilters' Guild

Membership Registration Form 2020 / 2021 year

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