Nanaimo Quilters Guild

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Next Meeting

Wednesday, November 18, Nanaimo Curling Club, doors open at 1:00 and 6:00 pm, meeting starts at 1:30 and 6:30 pm

Program: handcrafted coats made from upcycled quilts with Vivian Cannataro from Qualicum Beach

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

Newsletter Deadline

November 22

Refreshments:

In November, members whose last names start with the letters and E, F, G and H, 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

It's hard to believe we are already three months into the guild year. We've held our annual Homewood Retreat, had two successful workshops and will be hosting an ever-popular UFO Day this month so you can work on those Christmas gifts you never have time to make.

This is the month of Remembrance Day when we pay tribute to our armed service personnel and the selfless contribution they give. Our guild contributes through the national Quilts of Valour program that honours veterans, coordinated locally by Joan Irving. Their website at QuiltsOfValour.ca will give example of how you can get involved.

Within our guild, there are other ways to get involved, too, so speak to Ellen or Kathleen or any of our committee volunteers to find out what opportunities are just waiting for you to step into. This makes our Guild stronger and it is a great way to get to know other quilters.

If you're enjoying the meetings and workshops, please let us know; if you have ideas that can make the guild experience better, let us know that, too. We welcome feedback and dialogue to help us serve you better.

Another thing to remember this month is that we can take out as many library books as we want … and don't have to return them until January. It's like Christmas a whole month early.

Happy Quilting! *Co-Presidents Ellen Ellis & Kathleen Kane*

Guild Workshops / Programs 2026 / 2027

Drop Zone Bag Workshop was a Great Success!



On September 26, our Guild hosted a bag-making workshop featuring the Drop Zone pattern from ByAnnie.com, taught by instructor Avril Valentine.

Avril, who taught us the **Easy Does it Bag** last year, once again provided clear, detailed instruction, guiding participants through each stage of the construction process and sharing numerous tips and helpful hints along the way. Her expertise, encouraging teaching style, and personal attention to each participant ensured that everyone stayed on track and progressed with confidence.

Eleven quilters took part in the workshop, including three participants from the Parksville Quilting Guild. By the end of the day, everyone had completed a unique Drop Zone Bag! Feedback from participants (*continued on page 2)*

What's Ahead in Workshops/Programs! *(continued from page 1)*

indicated that the workshop was not only informative and fun but also offered a positive and supportive atmosphere.

Many participants left with the confidence and enthusiasm to make more Drop Zone Bags in the future. With their practical design and versatility, these bags proved to be as useful as they were enjoyable to create.

The Nanaimo Quilt Guild extends its sincere thanks to Avril Valentine for joining us again and to all the participants who contributed to such a productive, engaging, and enjoyable day of quilting and creativity!

All Star Sampler Platter: October 24 and 25

Although this was last weekend, the link you received as a Nanaimo Quilters' Guild member is still active for another seven days, and FREE for Members.

What is the All Star Sampler Platter? It is where you watch 20+ quilters sharing tips and tricks over two days. Discover new experts to learn from, and Guilds can find new teachers and lecturers for their programs.



November Meeting Guest Speaker

Joining us in November is Vivian Cannataro of Qualicum Beach, who will dazzle us with her beautifully handcrafted coats made from upcycled quilts. Each one is a unique creation, thoughtfully crafted with care and deep respect for the story sewn into every quilt. Get ready to be inspired by these one-of-a-kind wearable works of art!

Holiday UFO Sewing Day: Saturday, November 21, 2026, at Oliver Woods Community Centre Registration Cost $20

Get into the holiday spirit with Christmas fabrics, festive projects, and seasonal decorations!

Whether you're finishing a Christmas quilt, creating handmade holiday gifts, or finally tackling that UFO (Unfinished Object) that's been waiting for its turn, this is the perfect opportunity to make some progress!

Join us for a wonderful day of sewing, friendship, inspiration, and, of course, our LEGENDARY POTLUCK!

The Program Committee

Library

It's that most wonderful time of the year … the books you sign out at the November meeting are yours until January.

Bring your bags, boxes or backpacks to fill with reading material to keep you busy over the holiday season. For those who are new to the Guild, the library does not operate in December as all floorspace and tables are dedicated to our Christmas festivities.

Check out the window ledge to view the five purchased books. Photo of their covers can be seen at the left. They will be available for sign out at the meeting.

The Library Team





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Theme of the Month

Our next theme is **"Pretty Packaging".** The piece you create for the November guild meeting will use the colours found on a sample of food packaging picked randomly from the grab bag at the October meeting. If you missed the meeting and would like to participate, please look through your pantry and choose an inspiring label or box. Examine it carefully to find all the colours and values to use in your piece. Bring your packaging with your piece to the November meeting to show together. The piece can be any size larger than a postcard and doesn't need to be completely finished. Inspiring each other with techniques and ideas is the goal.

The October theme, **"Taking Flight"**, elicited several creative and unique pieces from members. Participants attempted and mastered various techniques new to them. So fun. Hope you join in. *The Program Committee*



Entries for October's "Taking Flight" theme

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Membership

Renewals keep arriving – thank you! Your new membership cards and receipts are available for pick-up at the membership table at our monthly meeting.

Renewals and new memberships can be made at any time by email and e-transfer payment, or by Canada Post mail. Memberships can also be completed at the monthly Guild meeting. The annual fee is $40.00 and the membership form are available on the NQG website or in this newsletter.

For further information and instructions please see the Membership Tab on the NQG website islandquilters.ca

A list of members for the coming year will soon be posted on the NQG website, in the Members Only section.

We currently have 117 members in good standing.

Keep on creating and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Please contact membershipnqg@gmail.com if you have any questions. *Barb Kerfoot and Laura Beswick*
NQG Membership

Donation Quilts

We gathered recently to sort the many boxes of fabric which have been contributed by members of the community. Although the fabrics were originally intended to be used for backing, we felt that some could be used to sew quilt tops. We will be displaying the prospective "tops" at our monthly meetings with the hope that you may be inspired to create something new.

Please continue to visit our table to find backing fabrics and to sign out batting. Many members have expressed their wish for flannel backing fabric, so if any of you have flannel that you would like to part with, we are certain that it will be appreciated.

At the October meeting we received the following quilts: 3 lap quilts, 1 baby quilt, 3 for the NICU, 1 wheelchair quilt and 2 bags.

The Donations Committee

Estate Sale

Former Guild member Diane Filippov passed away 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 905-691-0116 kfarrell50@icloud.com (in central Nanaimo)

Placemats

We received 33 beautiful placemats at the October meeting, thanks to all who contributed.

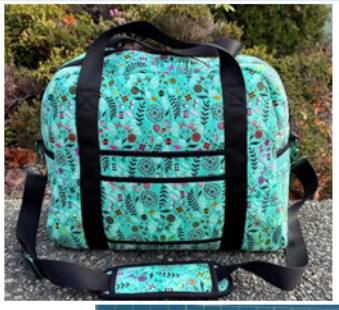
We now have 358 placemats and 8 tea cozies. We will be donating these to the various Meals on Wheels groups and the Salvation Army (for Christmas Hampers) in early December, so we will be needing as many as possible turned in at the November meeting. Last year we donated 400 placemats, so I hope we can do the same this year.

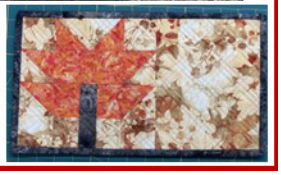
I know this is a busy time with making Christmas presents, but if you could fit in a placemat or two, it would really be appreciated. Thanks so much.

Your Placemat Committee: Heather, Norma & Maureen



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





CQA Report

There are several challenges you might want to investigate in the autumn 2026 CQA magazine.

The Member Guild Challenge theme is ***"Go Wild"*** – lots of scope there! No restriction on fabrics but size is limited to 72" total for the perimeter. Each individual Member Guild may select one quilt from their guild's membership on or before April 30, 2027 for entry into this challenge. We should advise CQA if there is interest to enter the challenge by Feb. 1, 2027. Entries must include all or part of the fat quarter challenge fabric.

The JN Harper Youth Challenge theme for 2027 is ***"My Happy Place"***. This is open to all youth in Canada up to 19 years of age at time of entry. The entries must be sponsored by a CQA member in good standing.

The 39th Annual Trendtex Challenge kits for 2027 are now available. The theme of the challenge is ***"Foothills and Peaks"*** and all wall quilts and bags are eligible.

The Cherrywood 2027 challenge theme is Jane Goodall - info is in the autumn 2026 CQA magazine. You will require a kit of fabric from Cherrywood and the winning quilt will be displayed at the next Quilt Canada in 2027. Any aspect of Jane's complex life can be chosen as the theme for an original work measuring 20"x20".

Please contact me if you wish further information on any of the above challenges. *Susan Gaudion, CQA Rep.*



Guild Meeting Raffles

We had a lot of interest in our raffle prizes and sold a total of $143.

We sold $76 of mystery fabric tickets, which brings the yearly total for the scholarship fund to $162.

Thank you ladies for your donations toward future prizes.

Thank you Michele C. Nancy L. Laverna A., Ena N. and Troll Bros., also thank you to Serge & Sew who donate 2 raffle prizes every month.

Thank you Tuesday for her great decorations at the snack table and for the Halloween table cloth for the Raffle table, it was much appreciated.

Carole Phinney Raffles & Mystery Fabric Chair

For Sale

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Contact Austin Werner, 250-667-3286 stazual@outlook com for information



Fidget Quilts



First, my thanks to all the members who came up to look at and take the fidget quilt items. I was happy to see so much interest! These blankets are so useful to patients and the nurses. I know this is a busy sewing time with Christmas approaching. I will bring all the items back in January when the pressure is eased so you can have another look.

Three fidget quilts were turned in this month, one is shown at the left (I love how she has made use of ties). I look forward to seeing more in November. Instructions are on our website and you can email any questions you might have to me. Thanks ladies. *Nancy Lutes*



For Sale

I am selling my slightly used **Juki HZL-NX7 Kirei** machine for $2,225.00. Comes with manual, all the feet, bobbins, knee pedal, clip on table, throat plates, button hole attachment, lovely blue cloth cover, everything that it was sold with when brand new.

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- retails around $5,599- $5,769 USD (roughly $3,500 -$5,500+ CAD depending on the dealer and promotions.

Trish Thompson 604 741-1938 riodonedancing@gmail.com

General Meeting Minutes of October 21, 2026

Call to order: 1:32 pm by Co-President Ellen Ellis

Motion: To accept Minutes of September 12th General Meeting as posted. By Carli Heinrichs, seconded by Linda Campbell. **Carried**

Business Arising from Minutes: Ellen Ellis will be meeting with a Hospital Foundation representative to clarify the Guild's position on donations.

Treasurer's report: Motion by Sandy Dobson to Accept report as posted Seconded by Rebecca Meehan-Dinesin. **Carried**

2026/2027 Budget: Motion by Carli Heinrichs to accept budget as presented. Seconded by Trish Kirk. **Carried**

The Executive is forming a Finance Committee to look at the current financial position of the Guild and explore other possible sources of income.

Hospitality: 78 members 1 guest

Donations: have batting, labels and some fabric at their table

Fidget Quilts: Nancy Lutes took 22 quilts to NRGH, They are a Godsend for ER nurses and confused patients. Nancy has goodies for quilts. They should be 22 inches square. No black or white. Flannel or fleece on back to prevent sliding.

Programs:

AllStar Sampler Platter October 24 and 25. Will be available the following week. UFO Workshop November 21 at Oliver Woods .

Today's Program: Sandra Sandvik presented a slide/ lecture and trunk show called Up Cycle, Recycle, Use what you have. Talked about using all your fabric, fabric waste. Alternate fabric sources , and some of the actions around the world to address fabric waste.

November Theme: Pretty Packaging

Elections:

First Vice President—Sue Creba elected by acclimation

Historians—none yet

Christmas Tea Organizers—none yet

Committees:

CQA: no report **Library:** no report **Placemats:** no report **Donations:** no report **Membership:** no report **Raffles:** no report **Programs:** no report **Quilt Bee:** will be January 30 , 2027

Laurie has a large oak table, 2 luggage pieces and a Pfaff embroidery attachment from an Estate sale she is selling

A Quilt from Covid was finished and donated in honour of Ellen Mills by Morag Orr-Stevens

Raffles:

Show and Share: Sandra Radley **Evening:** Nancy Lutes

Hospitality: Trish Kirk, Elinor Martin-Law **Evening:** Bonnie Dormuth **Mystery:** Betty Hamilton **Evening:** Leanne Sturgeon

Raffles Afternoon: Teresa Bellinger, Linda Turner, Tuesday Shay, Kathy Coulter, Sheila Redel, Sue Creba , Michele Cloutier, Ena Newman. **Raffles Evening:** Karla Hansen, Bonnie Dormuth, Jennifer Rose, Ellen Ellis

Adjourned at 3:52 pm Moved Sandy Dobson Second Judy Moran *Submitted by Lorna Craig,Secretary*

Spectrum Quilting

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Wed-Fri: 11-4

Sat: 10-5

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Kismet Quilts in Port Alberni is Closing

After almost twenty years in business, Kismet Quilts will be closing for good. All operations will cease on November 30, 2026. Thank you all.

A Note From Lynne: A quick note to say how much Kismet Quilts and all of you have meant to me over the last 19 years. I luvya!

I am so very grateful to all of you for helping me create our Kismet brand, for sharing your projects and allowing me to be a part of them, for listening to my advice and even my soapbox rhetoric, and being a part of all the crazy fun. It has been a blast, and I would not have traded it for anything.

However, all good things must come to an end, or as my mother always said to me, "Life is what happens when you have other plans". I could not have known how that little saying would come to define so much of my life. When we were forced to close our brick-and-mortar in January of 2025 it broke my heart, but I was determined to carry on. I had no idea what an uphill battle that would be. And that 18 months later, life would be taking me - once again - in a different direction, and I am left reflecting on life.

Hard decisions, but as fall approaches and my next birthday looms large, I realize we have fought the good fight to stay alive, but it is time to pull the plug. It is time to retire, so as of November 30, 2026 Kismet Quilts will cease operations. We had a great run. I hope to see you at regular guild functions and maybe the occasional retreat. In fact, I'm going on a retreat - my first ever - next month.

We certainly understand that this is sad news for our customers. We hope that we can take some of the sting out of it by announcing our upcoming Closing Out Sale. Shop online for super savings from November 1st - 30th.

A Note From Bruce, the "Quilt Husband": As some of you will be aware, our long arm has been out of commission for a while. When it broke down two years ago, we waited seven months for the Travelling Gammill Technician, who fixed it and said the wiring harness might need to be replaced. Before he left, he pressed a replacement bobbin-spinning-hook-thing-assembly into my hand and said, "You can replace this, right?" I was able to successfully replace it.

Since then, the long arm kept going, though its operation was punctuated by periods of strange behaviours.

When it ground to a complete halt about six weeks ago, we scoured the internet for a solution.Eventually the only untried option was, "Replace the wiring harness."

On September 10th, Lynne turned to me and said, "If I buy that wiring harness, you can hook it up, right?" She ordered the part, and then learned that there was a huge disclaimer on that purchase asserting that only a certified Gammill technician should replace it, and any amateur puttering would surely void any warranty. There was also - and I wish I was just joking here - a death and dismemberment waiver that had to be signed before it would ship. There were no helpful videos, no step-by-step instructions, no schematic diagrams. Nothing. I reached out to an electrician friend who assured me that it was not a big deal, and he'd be happy to help. In the end, Lynne threw the switch to start it up. And start it did.

In case anyone has concerns, this is not my last column. Not yet. Bruce (this has been edited for length - editor)

Everything Must Go
— including us!

Closing Out Sale

November 1st – 30th

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Quilters' Chat

Kathleen has found an interesting sewing site on You Tube by Seam Works. Sarai has one series on useful sewing tools found at Home Depot, Harbour Freight and IKEA. The videos start with: 10 Genius Sewing Tools I Found At… You can find these, and many other sewing ideas at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KX8xdWUBt9w

If you are interested in learning more about Foundation Paper Piecing (FPP), Ingrid offers a free instruction booklet at: https://blog.joejuneandmae.com While you are there check the website for her small patterns, they are small, but mighty. The individual blocks are a great way to try a new skill with fabric scraps. She frequently offers free patterns when you follow her on Facebook.

Simply Quilting is now home to Love Patchwork & Quilting and Today's Quilter. It has tutorials on common and more unusual techniques, free patterns, top tips, video guides and much more. www.simply-quilting.com

Trapunto quilting: Highlight your print fabrics or use different shapes to create stylish machine quilted designs with ease. Find out how to make one with Kate Webber's in-depth tutorial at: https://simply-quilting.com/guides/trapunto-quilting-guide

I found the cutest shopping bag made out of circles online. A series of overlapping circles form a rectangle that is sewn into a bright and stylish bag including a top edge of delightful curves. Check out the very clear instructions at: https://www.facebook.com/watch/?ref=saved&v=1425259205601754

Quilts of Valour

The President of Quilts of Valour Canada, Lisa Compton, has put out an urgent request for quilts for the Wainwright injured veterans .

I will be collecting quilts from central Vancouver Island and mailing them to Edmonton.

They have requested that the quilts have a Canadiana theme and size to be 60" X 80".

There are free patterns for blocks on the QOVC website https://www.quiltsofvalour.ca/

I can provide backing and batting if required. Any quilt donation will be greatly appreciated.

Thanks, *Joan Irving*

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NANAIMO QUILTERS GUILD 2026-27

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete the info below and circle the number by the workshops you wish to take.

Name _____ Membership Number _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

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.

Nanaimo 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.

X

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Print Name Signature

Areas in which I am willing to volunteer:

❑ 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 ❑