

Nanaimo Quilters Guild

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Next Meeting

Christmas Pot Luck

December 13, 5-8 pm Nanaimo Curling Club – upstairs lounge 106 Wall St. More info on page 3

January Meeting

January 17, doors open 1:00 and 6:00, meeting starts at 1:30 & 6:30 pm Nanaimo Curling Club – upstairs lounge 106 Wall St.

Next Executive Meeting

January 11, 2018
1:30 at Chase River Country Grocer, 82 Twelfth St.

Newsletter Deadlines

December 22 (22nd of every month)

Remember to bring:

- your pot luck food contribution and serving utensils (labeled)
- nametag, plate, mug, cutlery etc.
- change for raffle prizes
- Christmas show and share
- food bank donations
- gift bag donations (page 3)
- money for silent auction
- money for an alcoholic beverage

Guild Website

If you have something of interest for our Guild web site, please send it to Sue Creba at suecreba@aquariusd.com

From the President's Pen

It's December again, and thinking of what to write this month has been a bit of a challenge. I am in Winnipeg as I write this, tending to my daughter post-surgery, and I feel very out of my element. So, I returned to last year's December President's Pen. In it I talked about how I had the best job in the Guild, and that just made me want to say it again..... I really do have the best job in the Guild!

Over the past year and a half, I have learned so much about the background workings of our quilters' guild, and have had the pleasure of getting to know so many of you better than I ever would have otherwise. Let me just tell you that it is a real pleasure of mine to walk into our meeting room and have so many of you smile and greet me by name.

As much as I love this job though, I have also come across a job that I don't love! In my attempts to bring our Guild into modern times with a social media presence, I found myself volunteering to oversee the job for the first year. In the process I have discovered what I already knew... that my social media skills are very limited, and I don't enjoy this job at all!

So, you will all be pleased to know that we now have a member who has agreed to take on this task for the remainder of the year... someone who actually knows something about social media and will help us learn to communicate with each other, with other guilds, and with potential new members. I hope you will all visit the site in the New Year (after our social media person has had a chance to improve on my very rudimentary beginnings) and contribute comments, questions, pictures, whatever interests you. This is a chance for us to communicate with each other outside of Guild meetings and it will be as good and as interesting as we make it.

As most of you know, we don't have a general guild meeting in December. Instead we get together at the Curling Club for a fun potluck get together organized by Arlene Ackerman and her team of helpers. The date for this event is December 13th and I hope to see many of you there. Don't forget to bring your favourite potluck dish for sharing, gift bags for Nanaimo Youth Services (collected by Sue Creba), food bank donations and your singing voice. You'll also need your place setting of dishes and cutlery and a plastic bag to take your dirty dishes home in. This is a fun time and a good chance to get to know more people, especially if you are fairly new to the Guild.

So, I'll look forward to seeing some of you at the Christmas party, and to all of you I wish a safe and happy holiday season. Guild business will resume in January but if you have questions or issues in the meanwhile please feel free to email or phone me. Just log in to the Members Only part of the NQG website for contact information.

Happy holiday stitching everyone, *Christine Hustins, NQG President*

2018 Guild Challenge

All About Me! This year we challenge you to make a small quilt to celebrate yourself. Quilt perimeter to be no **more** than 100" around the outside. Use any technique(s) you want. Attach at **least** one item to the quilt that says something about **you**. Use some of **both** fabrics in the kit in your quilt. Submit your quilt at either meeting on April 18, 2018, in a brown paper bag to ensure anonymity, and include your name taped or pinned to your quilt. If there are kits left by the potluck, come and see me. Voting will be at our May meeting. *Val Ansell, Guild Challenge Committee, 250-758-1185 thornasite@gmail.com*

Library News

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy 2018! May your bobbin always be full and your library books returned on time! The updated lists of our library books by name and by author are now on our website, on the Membership page.

The Library Team

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2017/2018 Nanaimo Quilters Guild Program

A big shout out to Nancy Wesley for a fun program presentation on felting, greatly received by everyone on November 15. After a short info session on felting, the wool, and techniques, a demo was given to the membership. I think it is safe to say that felting will be a future workshop. The only hard part will be choosing the project. Thank you to the members for your support. Nancy's website is: www.nancdesigns.ca



Sew for Service was held on November 25. Thank you so much to everyone who came out to sew! We had 13 members come out and completed 26 pillowcases, 2 tea cozies, 4 fidget quilts, 16 placemats, and 0 gift bags (but we saw them in progress!). However many, many projects and kits were taken home to be completed. Pillowcases, gift bags, placemats, & tea cozies will be on display at the Christmas party for everyone to see before distribution. Finished Fidget Quilts can be brought to our January meeting. Thank you to our angels Linda Macey and Leslie Robinson for all their help throughout the day.



Sew for Service November 25. Missing from the photo are Linda Robinson and Nancy Lutes. Below: some of the results.



February 17: BYOP Bags & Purses Workshop

Do you have an unfinished bag or purse that you need a bit of help with? Then this is the workshop for you! We'll have at least three "coaches" to help you with your project. Bring your own pattern and supplies.

Skill Level: beginner to advanced.
Reminder: If you've already signed up for this class email your pattern choice to Mary Abbott, at: maryabbott@telus.net



OTHER EVENTS:

All Year Long: Mystery Quilt by A Little Crispy

December is Month 4. Receive a monthly email (or arrange to pick up your instructions at the Guild meeting). Since December is the Christmas Party no blocks will be due but the Month 4 email will go out and will be available for pick up at the Christmas Party. That means that two sets of blocks will be due at our January Guild meeting. Bring your finished blocks (or section) pinned together or to a background to the January Guild meeting and be in the draw to win a participation prize! Questions? contact Becky Keizer, email: kiddkeizer@shaw.ca



The winners of the November monthly participation prizes were: Afternoon: Lynn Bentsen Evening: Sarah Beyer

Canadian Mystery Quilt Show & Tell

Have you been making Shania Sunga's Canadian Mystery Quilt to commemorate Canada's 150 year birthday? If so, please bring it to the January Guild meeting for Show & Tell. This may be the push you need to finish it up! We would love to see them all together.



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Please remember to sign in and pick up your door prize ticket!

Please bring the following: (here is a check list)

- ___ a hot or cold food or dessert (PLEASE LABEL ALL FOODS CONTAINING NUTS) If you are making a dish that is 'gluten free', please label that as well.
- ___ serving utensils for your dish - please label these utensils with your name
- ___ a plate, mug for hot drinks, placemat, napkin and cutlery
- ___ 'Christmas Gift Bags stuff' for NYSA (see page 8)
- ___ Food Bank donations (to be deposited in the boxes upstairs beside our elevator)
- ___ Christmas projects only - for 'Show and Share'
- ___ Money for Raffle Tickets and Silent Auction
- ___ Money for an alcoholic beverage (can be purchased from the Curling Club Bar)

As we did last year, a bag will be provided in order for each person to take home their own dirty dishes.

IN CASE OF SNOW, PLEASE CHECK YOUR E-MAIL FOR 'UP TO DATE' PARTY INFORMATION AND CHANGES

Quilt Shows, Contests, Sales

Quilt Canada: CQA Juried Show May 31 to June 2, 2018, Vancouver Convention Centre. Huge merchant mall, workshops & lectures, multiple quilt shows, evening entertainment. For more information, visit www.canadianquilter.com

Parksville Quilt Show "Be Dazzled", June 22 to 24, 2018, Oceanside Place Arena, 830 West Island Highway, Parksville. \$8 per day, \$15 for 3 days. Raffle, boutique, trunk shows, door prizes, over 20 merchants, wine/beer balcony, special opening event. More info www.parksvillequiltshow2018.com



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Christmas Gift Bags

We are collecting items for holiday gift bags for Nanaimo teens in need in 4 programs at Nanaimo Youth Services. Items will be accepted at the the Christmas Potluck.

We are looking for pillowcases (or cloth gift bags 9" by 12" or larger), cash donations to help purchase items, or any of the following.

We try to include these basics in each bag: bar soap or body wash, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, socks, or gloves.

Also, for either gender: warm scarf or toque, small Kleenex, small hand sanitizer, phone charger, small notebooks, pen/pencil, gum, breath mints, candy, chips, chocolate bars, water bottles, bus passes, coupons or gift certificates for grocery stores, movies, restaurants etc., washcloth, hand towel. For males: deodorant, disposable razors, shaving cream, chapstick, playing cards. For females: deodorant, chapstick, lip gloss, hair supplies, panty liners, disposable razors, shaving cream, emery boards, nail polish, body lotion, bath items, unused makeup. The dollar stores have most of these items at affordable prices, and we welcome sample sizes of items from hotels and cosmetic counters.

Sue Creba at 250-753-3371 or suecreba@aquariusd.com

CQA Report

Quilt Canada date is May 31, to June 2, 2018 located in Vancouver at the Pan Pacific Conference Centre. Please note that the Call to Entry submission forms are due no later than January 31st, 2018 at 3 PM. Please see the website for more info. www.canadianquilter.com

Don't forget if you are doing the postcard challenge you can bring to the general meeting and drop off for delivery to Vancouver by our BC rep. This is your 4" high x 6" wide postcard using any medium. Remember \$500 dollars is the first prize, with the theme "Inspired by Nature".

All entries must be in by May 1, 2018

At this submission the specific dates and times are not on the web site. Keep checking back. *Janet Knecht, Local CQA rep*



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Donation Quilts

Pat (Clements) and I received (28+4) 32 quilts in total at the November meeting. We will be distributing quilts in early December to our local community. These include NRGH – to seniors at Dufferin Place, NICU (Neo natal Intensive Care Unit). Nanaimo Hospital Foundation (VI SCAN) and Nanaimo Community Hospice (Palliative Care). Also for babies and young children we donate to Crossroads Crisis pregnancy, Building Better Babies (Tillicum House) Aboriginal Infant Development Center and VIHA Parent and Child services – 2 programs- one for prenatal and one for young children. We also give to seniors at Eden Gardens (formerly Travellers Lodge for Dementia patients). For families we give to the Salvation Army, RCMP Victim Services and Family Life. We give to the whole community from babies to seniors. We also give as a guild to Haven House. Pat and I are thankful that we have such a caring and compassionate group of guild members who support us. We couldn't give to all those organizations without all of you.

We received a very interesting vintage quilt top from a friend of Sue Creba's. It is hand sewn hexagons in Grandma's Flower Garden pattern. It will be at the January meeting to view. We are looking for someone to finish it. Unfortunately we have no history on the quilt, except that it is from Texas.

Bonnie Dormuth, Donation Quilts Committee
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Quilt Bee January 27, 2018

Wow, our January Quilt Bee is fast approaching! We still have one space left for a team to sign up. We have had a great response from our members and we look forward to a fun quilting day on Saturday January 27.

We have made up a couple more kits since they have been so popular. You are welcome to sign one out at the January meeting to complete at home or at the Quilt Bee.

Please remember that our backings are cut 45" X 60" so make your top accordingly. We will have the battings and backings at the January meeting and, of course, at the Bee. A supply list will be available at this meeting as well.

Back by popular demand, lunch will again be potluck. Coffee and tea will be available throughout the day. Please bring your mug, plate and silverware with your contribution to the lunch table. You only need to bring food or sweets for approx. 8 people as we always seem to have a great amount of food. Our kitchen Queens are Norma Stevens and Germaine Batchelor, and Nancy Lutes will be the photographer.

Our committee is looking forward to January 27 at Oliver Woods Community Centre. Haven House is so appreciative of the quilts we give them each year. It is nice that our Guild can help, in a small way, to help their program succeed.

Leslie Millward, Marlene Jones, Margaret Carmichael

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Thank you for your continued support of Loaves and Fishes, our Community Food Bank. Our Guild has collected 12 boxes of donations and 3 case lots since our September meeting.

There are several ways we can support our Food Bank. Cash donations are the most beneficial, as every dollar donated converts to \$5.98 in groceries. Most grocery stores have pre-packaged bags to donate for a dollar amount or you can donate a cash amount directly to the Food Bank at the teller, she has a code to do this. You may have noticed several new bins about town that are labeled Empties 4 Food, located at several neighbourhood churches and outside of Superstore. These are a great way to drop off those empty cans and bottles that rattle around in the trunk of your car. Or one could join in the 600 plus volunteers who work at and for Loaves and Fishes.

However you choose to donate to our Food Bank, know that it is well received and greatly appreciated by the beneficiaries. Too many of our community's children and seniors live well below the poverty line and benefit from the service, we so generously provide. Like our gorgeous quilts, this is just another way to share the abundance that we enjoy.

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Membership

At the November meeting we received the registration of three renewing members and one new member. Please join me in welcoming our new member, Sharon Horncastle.

To date we have 156 active members and 67 who have not yet renewed. The membership committee will soon be sending out reminders to all who have not re-registered to encourage them to renew. However, since December is our Christmas Potluck, membership registration will have to wait until our January meeting.

The current membership list is now in the Members Only section of our website. Hard copies of the list were mailed with the November newsletter to those who requested this.

Happy Holidays! *Laura Beswick, Membership*

NQG Quilt Show 2019

We are still looking for a treasurer for our 2019 Quilt Show (June 6-9, 2019). The job description for treasurer was in our September newsletter. If you are interested, please contact Carol Rumo, caroll6@rumo.ca or 250-244-3476.

CQA Postcard Challenge

The Canadian Quilters Association Post Card Challenge, "Inspired By Nature" is sponsored by our own Cindy Scraba.

Everyone can participate - because it is just so easy. Make a 6"x 4" Post Card. Using any technique you like, produce little postcard quilts (3 layers). Finish the edges any way you like: fancy stitches, buttonhole stitches, satin stitches, zigzag stitches, rick-rack stitches, bound edges, faced edges etc. All cards will be available for sale at \$5.00 each at the Vancouver CQA Show with proceeds going to the Children's Hospital.

I have challenged all ex-executive members to make one (or more) of these little gems. Now I am challenging all Guild members to make one or more. Hand them in to me no later than May 1. If you donate 10, I will make one, if you donate 20, I will make two, and so on. Game on - how many will I have to make????? Waiting with baited breath, *Barb Root*
 (P.S. I have already received my first one from Val Ursulak and it is sooooooew cute.)



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Please consider donating the following:

- Canned Fruits and Vegetables
- Canned Beans
- Canned Fish
- Pasta, Pasta Sauces
- Peanut Butter

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Block of the Month

Norma Steven won the 32 wonderful blocks turned in at the afternoon meeting. Some of the ladies changed out the white fabric in the windows for different patterns (take a closer look at the picture below). There were different roofs and one house entirely out of scraps. I won the 12 evening blocks. That was exciting.

The next block is called Raspberry Kisses, due *in January*. <http://heritage-threads.com/2016/09/09/12-raspberry-kiss-block/> It is a 12^{1/2}" unfinished block made with 3 colours: a berry or green fabric in the center X, a low volume light in the next area and another low volume light in the outer triangles. A low volume fabric is one whose back ground in light with a small design overlaying it. Just a reminder that when you sew the center X that the 3 pieced squares will have an overhang and the intention is to trim this section to 9". If you want to come by Jonanco on a Monday for help please feel free. There will be a \$6 drop in fee if you are not a Jonanco member. Sarah Beyer call or text 778-269-2380 email sarahbeyer@shaw.ca or <https://www.facebook.com/SarahinStitchesNanaimo/>



Above: Some of the Christmas house blocks at the afternoon meeting.
Right: some of the evening blocks.



Above: Samples of the Raspberry Kiss block, due at the January meeting.

At right: Sue Artusomade 2 quilts and 2 placemats from blocks she won in October. Laverna Anderson is still working on her blocks & managed to finish 2 donation placemats.



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Nanaimo Quilters' Guild General Meeting November 15, 2017

Vice President Linda Macey called the meeting to order at 1:35pm.

Hospitality: Afternoon: 102 members and 3 guests: Sharon Marple, Janice Perrino (Nanaimo Hospital Foundation), and Nancy Wesley (Program speaker). Evening: 23 members and 3 guests: Kathy Coulter, Janice Perrino, and Nancy Wesley; 1 new member Sharon Horncastle. Welcome, Sharon!

Moved by Grace-Ellen Capier that the October 18, 2017 meeting minutes as published in the November newsletter be accepted. **Seconded** by Ann Crawford. **Carried.**

Announcements: Debra Jean Cox, a member since 2013, passed away in July. We learned this sad news only recently. Ginnie Thompson would appreciate receiving any fabric in the Northwood Crossing line. Bonnie Eaton reminded us of the *Thread and Needle to Repair the World* workshop Nov..29.

Treasurer's Report: Posted on the notice board.

Correspondence: Posted on the notice board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Block of the Month: 32 house blocks were won at the afternoon meeting and 12 in the evening. The December block will be Raspberry Kisses. See report on page 6.

CQA: Janet Knecht and Barb Root reminded us of the CQA postcard challenge, "Inspired By Nature". See details on page 5. Another Challenge for the CQA Show is that sponsored by Trendtex with its deadline of April 8, 2018. The 2019 CQA Show will be in Ottawa.

Donation Quilts: Janice Perrino, of the Nanaimo Hospital Foundation, gave a brief account of the projects financed by the Foundation, especially that of VI SCAN (Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect). Our support of SCAN is greatly appreciated. Janice encouraged us to continue making brightly coloured quilts with a personal message on the back.

Library: Linda Addison encouraged us to sign out many books/magazines which can be kept until the January meeting.

Challenge: Val Ansell still has a few kits available at \$2.00.

Placemats: Heather Henderson took 58 placemats to Susan Dobson for a fund raiser sponsored by a small non-profit group supporting young Zambian women learning tailoring. Unsold placemats will be returned. See report on page 9.

Program: There are spots available for November 25 Sew for Service. Mary Abbott invited the members to consider joining the Program committee for the upcoming year. Additionally, suggestions for future workshops and speakers would be appreciated. A sheet was posted near the coffee table on which members could write their suggestions. See the complete Program report on page 2.

Program Presentation: Nancy Wesley, a Cowichan fibre artist, gave an overview of felting. A brief history of the craft, the types of wool used, tools needed and methods employed were all mentioned. Nancy answered questions and gave a demonstration during the break. Nancy's website is: www.nancdesigns.ca (continued on page 8)

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Quilt Bee: Leslie Millward announced the need at Haven Society is increasing. Sign-up, patterns, backing, and labels will be available at the January meeting. If you signed out a kit in the Spring, bring in your quilt, with a label. Report page 4.

Quilt Retreat: Registration is being accepted for the 2018 retreat.

Quilt Show: Carole Rumo reported a treasurer is still needed for the 2019 Show; all other committees have a lead person. On a separate note, she will be selling raffle tickets (\$10) in support of the extensive equipment upgrades made at the curling club, the Quilt Show location.

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Raffle Winners:

(Afternoon) Raffles: Val Ansell, Rosa Christensen, Sherri Drebnicki, Norma Franks, Blanche Gates, Pat Montgomery, Sandra Radley, Gayle Rogers, Lorraine Whillans; Mystery fabric: Laverna Anderson; Show and Share: Anne Roncin; Name Tag draw: Linda Macey, Dianne Ross; Mystery Quilt Draw: Lynn Bentsen; Block of the Month: Norma Steven.

(Evening) Raffles: Kayla Shay, Janet Knecht, Vicki Zoltay X 2, Sandra Radley, Greta Simmons; Mystery Fabric : Audrey Lloyd; Mystery Quilt Draw: Sarah Beyer; Block of the Month Draw: Sarah Beyer; Show and Share: Janet Knecht

Meeting adjourned by Linda Macey at 3:30 pm.

Minutes submitted by Norma Steven, Acting Secretary

Raffles

Shopping on the way home from the Homewood Retreat, I stopped into Island Sewing Fabrics & Notions in Campbell River. They very generously gave me 3 Moda Frivol Kits. Two were won at the November meetings and the third will be a raffle prize at the Christmas party. The Red Barn Quilt Shop gave me a Creative Grids Non Slip Angle Finder. Thank you to both shops. Members have also been generous with donations, a big thank you to Laverna Anderson, Leslie Robinson and Marlene Jones. Drop by the Raffle table with any ideas for prizes, we are always open to suggestions.

Carole Phinney, Raffles Chair

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Placemats

On November 4 we donated 58 placemats to a small, non-profit, registered charity called "Good Cents for Change" for a fundraiser they were having at the Ladysmith United Church hall. The fundraiser, organized by Susan Dobson, consisted of a \$12 luncheon with placemats available for sale at \$5 each, and a silent auction and other activities. The money raised goes to fund tailoring courses, sewing machines, fabric and supplies for young women in Zambia. Susan reported the event was a huge success and raised \$440 from the placemats and a total of over \$1300 from the fundraiser. She asked me to pass along her profound thanks to the Guild for their generosity in providing placemats.

As for statistics: we took in 32 placemats and 2 tea cozies at the November meetings, and so now have a balance of 256 placemats and 23 tea cozies. I will be happy to take in placemats at the Guild's Christmas Potluck and will be distributing placemats to our usual places, Nanaimo and Ladysmith Meals-on-Wheels, and the Salvation Army shortly thereafter. Thank you so much for your generosity in making and donating such beautiful works of art.

Your Placemat Committee (Heather, Norma, Maureen, Nancy, Laura and Leanne)

Special Christmas Request

I am trying to find a local person who makes lap quilts (with pocket(s) preferred) for seniors who are wheel-chair bound. I am interested in buying one for a Christmas gift for my very petite Grandma. I hope to make it out to some of the craft fairs but work often interferes! Many thanks for any information, Amy Shepherd, Nanaimo, BC akshepherd@shaw.ca



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Another wonderful Guild retreat was held at Homewood on Quadra Island November 5-10. Thank you to our organizers, Dona-Mae Bauer and Robin Barker, Pat Ryan, Lorraine Daley and Leanne Sturgeon, to the great staff and everyone who attended.



Are you ready?



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