Nanaimo Quilters Guild

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Potluck Dinner

December 12, 5:00 to 8:00 pm Nanaimo Curling Club – upstairs lounge 106 Wall St.

Next Executive Meeting

January 10, 1:30, Chase River Country Grocer, 82 Twelfth St.

Next Quilt Show Meeting

January 23, 1:00, Chase River Country Grocer, 82 Twelfth St.

Newsletter Deadlines

December 21 (21st of every month)

Remember to bring:

- your pot luck food contribution and serving utensils (labeled)
- nametag, plate, mug, cutlery etc.
- fat 1/4 (s) for draw
- change for raffle prizes
- · Christmas show and share
- food bank donations
- Mystery Quilt blocks
- 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

I hope you all enjoyed the ruler presentation and demo at our November meeting. Many thanks to Julie Plotniko and Cathy Martino, who made it all look so easy. That reminds me of something Cathy told me in a quilting class at Snip and Stitch several years ago....she said that she had read it takes about 200 hours to become reasonably proficient at free motion quilting. In doing the math, I calculated I had about 100 hours of practice in at that point, so I started keeping track. And sure enough, around the 200 hour mark I felt my shoulders relax, my fear of making mistakes ease, and I began to just go with it. So if you are new to free motion quilting, and I'm thinking the same goes for ruler quilting, just stick with it. Stay on the path and your skills and confidence will improve with time spent. I am grateful to have heard those words from Cathy many quilting moons ago...they have often crossed my mind and given me determination to carry on no matter what kind of mess I felt I was making at the time!

Many of us were able to attend quilting retreats this year, either through the guild or with friends. I hope you all had a fun time at these getaways, I know those of us at the guild's annual retreat on Quadra had a marvelous time! There may have been a little too much food at times (and not all of it coming from the kitchen!), but there were also long walks, quiet visits with friends and the camaraderie that comes from being in a group of like-minded individuals. Thanks once again to Dona Mae Bauer and Robin Barker for organizing the event, and to Pat Ryan for getting us away from our sewing machines for some fun games and trivia. We are sorry to say that Dona Mae is stepping down from her role as retreat coordinator, we love what she has done for us and brought to us each year, thank you Dona Mae. Fortunately, Pat Ryan has been, as well as the games coordinator, a second to Dona Mae and Robin and she is going to step in to help Robin organize next year's retreat. So all will be well and we will carry on.

In October's President's Pen, I mentioned that Marsha Whitmee was a long term member of our guild (30 years). We are fortunate to still have some members from the very early days of our guild's existence, and some more of those ladies need to be mentioned now. Hedy Hansen has been with Nanaimo Quilters' Guild for 34 years, Dorris Adams for 31 years and Rosa Christensen for 30 years. Congratulations to you all, and thank you for being part of the fabric that has made Nanaimo Quilters' Guild what it is today. It all started with you ladies and we thank you for all you've given to our guild over the years.

Now, here we are going into the month of December already. As most of you know, we don't have a general guild meeting this month. Instead we get together at the Nanaimo Curling Club for a fun potluck get together organized by Arlene Ackerman and her team of helpers. The time for the event this year is the evening of December 12th and I hope to see many of you there. Don't forget to bring your favourite potluck dish for sharing, food bank donations and some Christmas show and share. (I know some of you have been working on log cabin blocks for the QOV quilts and we would love to see some of those too.) 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.

Merry Christmas one and all, I wish each of you health and happiness in the New Year. Don't forget to visit our guild facebook page.... https://www.facebook.com/Nanaimo-Quilters-Guild-118598632009213/?ref=bookmarks You can 'like' us, 'follow' us, post a picture.... it's really easy and you can't go too badly wrong so you might as well try! The more we share the more fun we'll have there.

Your President, Christine Hustins

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2019 Guild Program

January Program: There will not be a program in January as this time will be spent organizing and inspiring us for the quilt show!

Thank you to Julie and Cathy from Snip and Stitch for their presentation, Quilting with Rulers. We appreciate your expertise and the discount offered on merchandise.

Workshops: In order to fill our workshops, space will be open to non-guild members two months prior to the workshop.

November 17: Free Motion Quilting with Vicki Dods

What a wonderful day this was. Thanks to Vicki Dods for her excellent organization, superb instruction and encouraging mentorship. Fun and learning filled the day.

Garage Sale: February 13 The tables are sold out for the afternoon. However, if you attend the evening meeting we have opened up four tables just for the evening to allow more participation.

February 23, 2019: Felting with Nancy Wesley

We now have enough participants to run this workshop. However, we would like to get more people so if you know anyone who might be interested please encourage them to register. website: www.nancdesigns.ca

March 23, 2019 Surprise Step by Step: Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? Lots of space here. This workshop is a Mystery Quilt in a Day. The final product will be a table runner.

Mini UFO April 13: Still a few spaces available here.



Below: The November 17 Free Motion Quilting workshop.



2018 Pot Luck Christmas Party

Mark your calendars! Wednesday December 12, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Nanaimo Curling Club, musical entertainment by Graham Gates on keyboard.

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

We noticed at the last party that we ran out of hot food. Could people please bring more hot food and less desserts.

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
- Food Bank donations (to be deposited in the boxes upstairs beside our elevator)
- __ Christmas projects only for 'Show and Share'
- __ Money for Raffle Tickets
- __ Money for an alcoholic beverage (can be purchased from the Curling Club Bar)
- Bring a fat quarter to go into a fat quarter basket draw. The more you bring, the greater your chances of winning!!

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

Wanted for Quilt Show Lunchroom

The Quilt Show Lunchroom team is requesting that you save your 4 litre plastic ice cream pails and lids for them. You can drop them off at any meeting at the Quilt Show table.



Quilt Bee January 26, 2019

We will not be handing out any backing fabric, batting or kits at the December meeting because of the Christmas potluck, nor will we be collecting any guilts. Thank you to those who have already turned in finished quilts. If you have guilts for the "Bee" completed, we will be very happy to accept them at the January meetings. We will also have a good assortment of fabric for backings, lots of batting and kits for signing out in January. For our newer members who may not have participated in our previous "Bees", here's what happens. The last Saturday in January has been the date for this annual event and is held at Oliver Woods rec center in the north end of Nanaimo. We get together in teams of 2 or 3 and work on quilts destined for Haven House, our local women and children's shelter. The quilts can be at any stage of completion and many teams work on several quilts at a time. We all bring a potluck dish to be shared making lunch - a yummy highlight of the day. You don't have to attend the quilt Bee to make a quilt for the Haven Society and we do encourage all members to make at least one, but it is a fun way of getting together and getting to know other guild members in a social setting. We still have a few spaces open for teams and a few spots for single members to join a team.

If you have questions please see one of our committee: Bonnie Dimitry, Marlene Jones, Heather Cowan, and Arlene Sanders



Membership

At the November meeting we received the registrations from five renewing members and three new members. Please join me in welcoming our new members, Susan Cook, Susan Malo and Dorreen Richards.

To date we have 189 active members!

Since December is our Christmas Potluck we will not be processing membership forms at that meeting. But we will be more than happy to receive registrations at 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 have requested this service.

Happy Holidays!

Laura Beswick, Membership

Challenge

We have had one kit returned, if anyone is interested in purchasing it please contact someone from the Challenge committee.

Hope people have been thinking of what they will do, two keeners have already finished their quilts!

If you have any questions please contact anyone in the challenge committee.

Philippa Zapf, Karen d'Oliveira and Vicki Dods



Food Bank

Since September, our Guild has filled nine boxes of groceries and received a lovely \$100 donation from a Guild member. Feel free to donate to the Food Bank over the month of December by:

- 1. Donating at our Guild Meetings.
- 2. Donating at your local grocery store, by asking the teller to add any dollar amount to your grocery receipt towards the Food Bank.
- 3. Donating at your local grocery store by purchasing items and dropping them in their collection bins.
- 4. Donating cash or groceries directly to Loaves and Fishes at 210 Fry Street, Nanaimo BC V9R 4Z1
- 5. Donating by recycling at Empties 4 Food bins, located at several neighbourhood community churches and outside the Superstore.

For every dollar that is donated to the Food Bank, they can convert that dollar to up to \$5.98 worth of groceries at the store.

Thank you all for your continued support. May your family be blessed with joy in the upcoming Christmas Season.

Your committee: Vicki Dunsmuir, Nancy Lutes, Barb Kerfoot, Germaine Batchelor

Placemats

We actually had 14 placemats turning in in October that were not counted previously, and then a total of 63 placemats and 2 tea cozies turned in at the November meetings. So we now have a total of 211 placemats and 58 tea cozies. We will be sorting and "wrapping" them shortly for Christmas giving and of course will hold some back for our Quilt Show in June. I will be accepting donations at the Christmas potluck as well.

This year our placemats will be donated to the Nanaimo and Ladysmith Meals-on-Wheels Programs and the Salvation Army for their Christmas hamper program.

I have "spent the budget" on the armo fleece that we use for batting in the placemats so when the current box is empty I will be asking you all to donate your own batting for your placemat as well. The armo works very well for the placemats but has gone up in price considerably, and I only buy it when a good sale is on.

Thank you all so much for donating such beautiful placemats and tea cozies. I know the recipients all really appreciate receiving them.

Your Placemat Committee,
Heather, Norma, and Maureen

Are You Tired of Making Quilts?

Are you thinking of sewing some small projects to use up your stash? Maybe you are thinking of sewing up some gifts for Christmas. Did you sew up too many tote bags than needed from that new pattern? Wondering what to do with the table runner you just finished that doesn't go with your new colour scheme? And what are you going to do with that predominate pink baby quilt after the expectant mother had twin boys? No idea?

Well, the **BOUTIQUE COMMITTEE** would like to let you know that there will be a Boutique area at our upcoming Quilt Show in June where you could place these and other items up for sale. Most sewn and quilted items are welcome – some restrictions do apply, for example no knitting, etc. and there is a consignment fee of 10% that goes to the Guild.

Interested? For more information or to register in advance contact the Quilt Show Boutique Committee members OR Kathy atkadrica@shaw. ca Marsha Whitmee 250.753.0343

Quilt Show 2019 Update

There will be a Quilt Show table at every meeting until March to help you with questions or assistance with filling in your Call to Entry form, the Rules to Play By or any other concerns. We will also accept completed Call to Entry forms.

Raffles will have a table at every meeting starting in February.

Signup sheets for all areas that require your assistance will be on display starting in January. Remember, every member that is able, is to help the minimum of 2 hours per day.

Presentations: January – overview of the committees; February – Boutique and Raffles, March – Raffles.

Caroll Rumo Quilt Show Committee Chair



January 2019 Block of the Month: Make A Mini Quilt

This 12 ½" unfinished quilt block pattern comes from: Sharon McConnell ~ https://colorgirlquilts.com/2013/12/make-miniquilt.html Another guild used it as their block of the month with excellent instructions: http://theorlandomodernquiltguild.blogspot.com/2017/11/november-block-of-month.html?m=1

Fabric Requirements:

- White and grey background fabric, cut (6) 2 1/2" x 7" rectangles from each
- Scraps: cut (6) 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangles colorful prints from one colour way.

Lorraine Daley won the 12 November blocks in the afternoon and Sharon Horncastle won the 10 blocks in the evening.

Any questions, call or text Sarah at (778)269-2380, text Becky at 250-816-4211



Below: Quilt Retreat 2018 at Homewood on Quadra Island



Come celebrate the opening of my new studio.

OPEN HOUSE

Lots of quilting goodies for sale: rulers, quilting books, batiks, fat quarters, batting and more

Demonstrations on my 14 foot Long Arm Quilting machine

Tuesday December 11 from 10-2

Join me for some hot apple cider and Christmas treats.

3030 Jameson Road Nanaimo Let's connect: 403-304-0110



Dara Tomasson

Long Arm Quilter Nanaimo

Gammill Statler Professional Quilter panto-custom www.stitchedquiltingco.com details on website 403-304-0100 stitchedquiltingco@gmail.com



Donation Quilts

The quilts that were collected at the September, October and November meetings will be distributed in early December. They will be given to members of our local community from newborns at the NICU (Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit) at NRGH, to seniors at Eden Gardens and Dufferin Place. Quilts are donated to families through the Salvation Army, RCMP Victim Services, Crossroads Pregnancy Center, Family Life, and the Hospital Foundation for the VI SCAN Program. For young mothers there are two programs at Island Health and two Aboriginal programs. Without the continued support of our guild members we could not donate quilts to all these programs.

Thank you all for your generosity of time and energy. It is truly inspiring. Take some time out to enjoy the Christmas season. Pat Clements and I are looking forward to delivering the quilts and seeing all the delighted recipients.

Bonnie Dormuth 250-753-9366
Pat Clements patclements@shaw.ca

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Library

The Library Team sends everyone warmest wishes for a wonderful Christmas and a prosperous 2019 filled with fabric, patterns and finished quilts!

See you in January! The Library Team

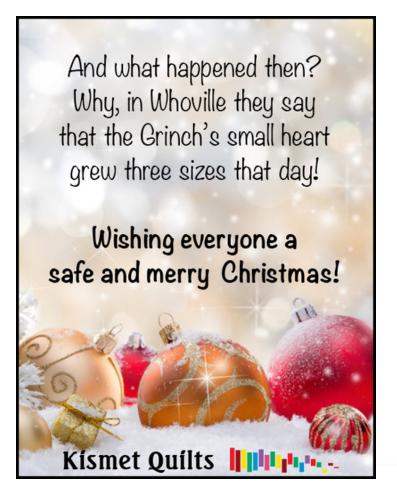
Thank you

This fall the apple trees seem to be very productive. I thought making apple crisp for a dessert on set up day for the Quilt Show in June would be nice.

As I was having a painful time with carpal tunnel, I asked if any of the Quilt Show Committee members would peel and freeze some apples. Many thanks to the volunteers: Robin Barker, Lorraine Willans, Caroll Rumo, Val Ansell, Lynn Bentsen and Christine Hustins. A big thanks to Judy Petersen for organizing the Pearl Quilting Group and to Audrey Hale who has a freezer half full of frozen apples and to the peelers Carole Laxdal, Mickey Lemmon, Jane Fowler, Jean Wilcox, Diane Wilson, Doreen Richards and

Leslie Robinson. I feel a bit guilty as I did not peel an apple but I will make the dessert!

Trish Kirk, Volunteer Room and Set Up Lunch Chair person







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Make it a Gold Christmas!

Minutes of the November 21, 2018 Nanaimo Quilters Guild Meeting

President Christine Hustins called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm. Evening meeting called to order by Leanne Sturgeon at 6:33 pm.

Announcements: Dara Tomasson opened her long arm studio 2 weeks ago, and for every quilt you donate through the Guild, send her a photo stitchedquiltingco@gmail.com to be entered into a draw. For each entry, she is adding a 5" block to build a heart pixel quilt.

Hospitality:

Afternoon: 101 members and guests: Lynn Owen, Kelly Long, Chris Longmore, Lynn Caroll. **Evening:** 31 members.

Moved by by Sue Artuso (afternoon) and Vicki Zoltay (evening) that the Minutes of the October 17, 2018 meeting as published in the November newsletter, be accepted. **Seconded by** Ann Gillespie (afternoon) Moire Porter (evening). **Carried**

Treasurer: Treasurer's report posted on the notice board.

Membership: We have 3 new members: Susan C., Susan Malo and Dorreen Richards.

Correspondence: Posted on the notice board.

Committee Reports:

Block of the Month: see report on page 5.







For the month of December come visit us in store and receive 30% off the regular price of any of our Batik fabric! We have a wide range for all your projects.



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Challenge: See report on page 3.

Quilts of Valour: Quilts of Valour (QOV) is celebrating their 10 year anniversary, and have a goal of 20,000 QOV by 2020. Members are encouraged to make a log cabin block or a finished quilt, Log cabin block pattern and details are on page 10.

Christmas Potluck: December 12 5-8 pm at the Curling Club. There will be a fat quarter draw – for every fat quarter you bring, you get a draw entry.

Programs/Workshops: See report on page 2.

Meeting Program: Julie Plotniko, assisted by Cathy Martino, from Snip & Stitch, gave an informative introduction and demo on quilting with rulers on standard sewing machines.

There was a full show and share, with Roneen Marcoux taking photos for our Facebook page.

Raffles: Thank you to Laverna A., Trish K., and Vicki Z. for their generous donations to the raffle table.

Winners:(afternoon)

Raffles: Sandy Dobson, Deb Drew, Maggie Pickard, Pat Toye, Susan Cook, Ann Crawford, Heather Henderson, Irene Madsen, Barbara Root

Mystery fabric: Lija Bane

Show and Share: Christine Hustins

Hospitality Draw: Laura Beswick, Pat

Clements

Mystery Quilt Draw: Leslie Robinson

Winners: (evening)

Raffles: Sharon Horncastle, Vicki Zoltay, Julie Plotniko, Sandra Radley, Pat

Konechny.

Mystery Fabric: Nancy Lutes Show and Share: Val Ansell Hospitality Draw: Nancy Lutes

Mystery Quilt Draw: Bonnie Dormuth

Meeting adjourned by Christine Hustins at 3:55 pm. Evening meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

Minutes submitted by Sue Creba Secretary, Nanaimo Quilters' Guild with contributions from Janet Knecht, Evening Secretary 8 1/2,"

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2 ½" X 10 ½"

2 ½" X 6 ½"

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Quilts of Valour

Quilts of Valour has presented 12,000 quilts and want to raise this numberto 20,000 by the year 2020. At the moment there are 45,000 injured veterans with the average age pf 45!

Quilts of Valour is celebrating its 10 year anniversary and are hoping everyone in the Guild will celebrate by making a log cabin block or even a finished quilt. The block is 10 1/2" unfinished, made in reds, whites, with a yellow centre representing a light in the window welcoming them home again. Details are below. Come on Nanaimo quilters, let's make several blocks each for our veterans. Blocks can be turned in to Barbara Clement or Sandra Radley. Barbara Clement CQA rep

Log Cabin Block (10 1/2" unfinished)

Fabric Requirements:

2 1/2" wide strips of various darks (reds)

2 1/2" wide strips of lights (white - cream)

2 1/2" squares of yellow for centres

8 rows of 6 blocks will give you a quilt approximately 60" x 80". No borders needed, just layer, quilt and bind.



Bernina 770 QE with Embroidery Unit, including Carrying Bags

Asking \$5600.00.

Gently used, bought June 2018 (I only sewed a binding and attended a training class for embroidery)

Reason for selling: I bought a Bernina 790

Includes: All the items that come with a new machine

- XL Machine Bag (new)
- #42 Bernina Stitch Regulator (BSR)
- #1C Reverse Pattern Foot
- #3A Buttonhole Foot with Slide
- #20C Open Embroidery Foot
- Embroidery Hoops: Small, Medium and Large Free-Hand Presser Foot Lifter
- Free Arm Slide on Table
- Straight Stitch Needle Plate
- Manuals

- XL Embroidery Module Bag (new)
- #97D Patchwork Foot
- #1D Duel Feed Reverse Pattern Foot
- #4D Zipper Foot
- #26 Embroidery Foot
- Accessory Box
- Basic tool kit

Please contact Susan at home 250 756-1941, cell 250 667-6225 or email me at olamnasus@gmail.com

