

# Nanaimo Quilters Guild

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## Next Meeting

**December 11, Christmas potluck  
5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Nanaimo Curling  
Club, upstairs lounge 106 Wall St.**

## Next Executive Meeting

**January 9, 1:30, Chase River  
Country Grocer, 82 Twelfth St.**

## Newsletter Deadline

**December 21 (21st of every month)**

## Remember to bring:

- **your pot luck food contribution and serving utensils (labeled)**
- **nametag, plate, mug, cutlery etc.**
- **plastic bag for your dirty dishes**
- **change for raffle prizes**
- **Christmas show and share**
- **food bank donations**
- **Quilt Along blocks**
- **money for an alcoholic beverage (from the Curling Club bar)**

## Guild Website

If you have something of interest for our Guild web site, please send it to Sue Creba at [smcreba@gmail.com](mailto:smcreba@gmail.com)

## From the Presidents' Pens

December sees the official start to winter, bringing with it a time of celebration, not only with family and friends but also with fellow quilters at the Guild's potluck gathering on December 11. We hope to see you there enjoying an amazing variety of foods, good music, fun and games.

While December can be a time of stress, a recent post seen on Facebook can help put those December pressures in perspective and remind us what matters most:

Christmas to-do-list

- Be (not buy) present
- Wrap someone (not gift) in a hug
- Send peace (rather than gifts)
- Donate (not shop for) gifts

Whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, or other faith occasions, we wish you peace, harmony, happiness and all the very best for the New Year.

Ethyle and Elaine. *Elaine Cadell, Ethyle Riawetz, Co-presidents*

## QUILT BEE January 25, 2020 9:00 – 4:00

Lots of space left for teams or you and a friend to sign up for the quilt bee. Marlene and I have made up many kits and batting is cut. All will be available at the January meeting and at the quilt bee.

Please remember this is a pot luck lunch, but we won't be feeding an army so keep your donations smaller, remember to take your leftovers home and please bring your own utensils, plates and cups, also something to take your dirty dishes home.

Please let me know if you want a space at the bee by emailing me or phone me. 1-250-245-5936 or [quiltyjan@gmail.com](mailto:quiltyjan@gmail.com) *Janet Knecht*

*Your Quilt Bee Committee: Marlene Jones, Heather Cowan, Janet Knecht*

## Membership

In November we received registrations from seven renewing members.

To date we have 176 active members!

Since the December meeting 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*

**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/>

## 2019/2020 Guild Program

Thanks to Judy McLaughlin for providing the November program. It is always a pleasure to see what our fellow quilters are doing and we appreciate your generosity in sharing.

Carol Seeley's workshop was a full house. A busy two days were spent learning to design landscapes. Special thanks to Nancy Lutes and Bonnie Eaton for generously billeting Carol.

### February 22 Scrappy Quilts Sandra Radley Fee: \$40

Do you have bags and boxes of scraps and smaller than yardage pieces that are overtaking your sewing space? Then this class is for you. You will learn to organize and use all those left over pieces turning them into exciting quilts that suit your own style. **Still room for a few more participants.**



### March 20 Trunk Show Stacy Day THIS EVENT IS CANCELLED DUE TO LIMITED REGISTRATION.

### March 21 Creating a Modern Quilt Stacy Day

Fee: \$40 Learn about the design and construction of a modern quilt while creating a fun, updated version of a classic dahlia quilt. Perfect for fussy cutting and showcasing your favourite fabrics. **More participants are still needed. The workshop is open to non-guild members so tell your friends. Registration is open until the end of January. Stacy's website: <https://staceyinstitches.com>**



### April 28 & May 2 Picture to Wall Hanging Kathy Bush

Fee: \$80 This class demonstrates a technique of taking a photograph or painting of your choice and creating a one-of-a-kind machine appliquéd, quilted wall-hanging. The process involves using the picture or painting (participants are responsible for obtaining copyright permission from original artist) to create a pattern, enlarge it to a desired size, mark it for construction purposes, and use paper backed fusible and fabrics of your choice to complete your design. This class is for the experienced quilter with an expectation that you already know how to use fusible web and how to finish and enhance a machine appliquéd project once it is fused to the background. It is basically a design and construction class that will require completion afterwards at home. Sewing machines will likely not be required. Photographs or painting choices must be approved prior to the class to ensure suitability.



### May 30 Ice Dyeing Fabric Joy Hegglund

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Below: photos from the Carol Seeley workshop



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## NQG CHRISTMAS PARTY

Wednesday, December 11, 5 - 8 pm

Doors will open at 5:00 pm. Please make sure you bring the following. Checklist:

- plate, cutlery, mug, placemat
- generous donation for the Nanaimo Food bank
- money for drinks at the Curling Club's Bar
- your contribution to our Pot Luck dinner:  
\*\*\*please label foods containing nuts/gluten free ingredients /dairy free ingredients /vegan recipes\*\*\*  
and \*\*\*please put your name on your Pot Luck bowls and utensils\*\*\*
- this year we are asking each of you to please bring a bag in which to take home your own dirty dishes
- money for raffle tickets
- Christmas/Holiday themed show and share quilts
- a pencil for our new game

**PLEASE NOTE:** In case of bad (inclement) weather, we will send out a cancellation email in the afternoon! (If you do not have email, we will try to phone you, or please check with a friend) *Arlene Ackerman at [parmal@shaw.ca](mailto:parmal@shaw.ca)*

## Donation Quilts

At the afternoon meeting we received 26 quilts and 2 wheelchair quilts and 3 quilts at the evening meeting. Thank you to all the generous guild members who continuously share their time making the lovely quilts for our community. Thank you to Laurie Webster for donating kits with quilt tops, backing and binding as well as some quilt tops. Many members took them home to be completed and returned in the new year as donation quilts.

Pat and I took 3 women and 2 male quilts for seniors living at the Salish Lelum housing.

In early December we will be distributing quilts to 12 local organizations. For new members information we deliver to NRGH – NICU (newborns), VISCAN Dept (Hospital Foundation) and Dufferin Place (seniors residence). Also in the community to Nanaimo Community Hospice (Palliative Care Unit), Eden Gardens, Family Life. Salvation Army and RCMP Victim Services. For babies and parents we deliver to Crossroads Pregnancy, Island Health (Connections and Pre-natal Lunch Bunch). Other recipients of quilts are Tillicum House, Building Better Babies and Aboriginal Infant Development Program. Please visit the NQG website for more information on donation quilts.

In January, as usual we will have batting, backing and labels available.

*Donation Quilts Committee, Bonnie Dormuth 250-753-9366, Pat Clements [patclements@shaw.ca](mailto:patclements@shaw.ca)*



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## Food Bank

Since September our Guild has collected eight small boxes of groceries. Over the last two years we have noticed a marked decline in our donations (approximately 50%). We feel this is due to the Committee encouraging our members to donate to Loaves and Fishes at the cashier or the store's drop box. Or even better, making a cash donation directly to Loaves and Fishes. Also, members are finding it more challenging to carry grocery items to the Guild along with all of their other "treasures" and their Guild Committee commitments.

After a detailed discussion at our Executive in November and presenting it to our members, at the November Guild Meeting, it was decided that we will only donate once a year, to the Food Bank, at our Christmas Potluck. The Christmas Party committee will take over this responsibility effective 2020.



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Our committee extends warm appreciation to all our Guild members who have diligently contributed to the Food Bank in the past. Let's make our December Food Drive at the Pot Luck 2019 our best contribution ever!

May your family be blessed with Joy, Peace, and Love in the upcoming Christmas Season. Happy Hanukkah!

*Your Committee; Vicki Dunsmuir, Nancy Lutes, Barb Kerfoot, Germaine Batchelor*





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**We appreciate your continued support. We wish you a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year !**

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**Stonehenge Contest Deadlines:**  
Stonehenge Block Party: submit a quilt by December 31,2019.  
Panel Quilt Challenge: submit a quilt in-store by November 30,2019

## Block of the Month

We had a wonderful turn out for the Christmas Disappearing Hourglass. The variety of fabrics was fun to see. The afternoon 37 blocks were won by Carol Klapstein. She was tickled pink and looking forward to making a Christmas quilt. Sharon Horncastle won the 14 evening blocks. I'm thinking I'll be adding doing this to my UFO list as I liked how the blocks looked on the wall.

Our next block will be due at the January meeting, in honour of the Quilting Bee we will be using 5" children's fabrics. The starting block is a nine patch--4 light fabrics and 5 medium/dark fabrics. After sewing the nine patch, cut the block in half twice. You only have to flip 2 diagonal sections this time, turning the sections so two small blocks are in the center, touching diagonally. Check the picture to make sure they are facing the right direction. Jenny's Missouri Star Quilt Company has a wonderful video featuring this Disappearing Nine Patch block. Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NeLrHSsWgNk>

Sarah Beyer 778-269-2380 (call or text), [sarahbeyer@shaw.ca](mailto:sarahbeyer@shaw.ca)



Above left: Sharon Horncastle won the 14 evening blocks.

Above right: Carol Klapstein won the 37 afternoon blocks.

At left and below: January's Disappearing Nine Patch.

### Disappearing Nine Patch

unfinished size 13"

**Due: January 2020 meeting**

Fabric: Children's fabric—5" squares 4 light, 5 contrasting fabric

1. Sew squares to make a nine patch
2. Cut in half twice without moving fabrics
3. Turn 2 diagonal blocks
4. Sew back together

### A Look Ahead: Coming Blocks of the Month:

**January (due February): Disappearing 16-patch**  
Think Valentine's fabrics (reds, pinks, whites, hearts, etc) - start with sixteen assorted 5" squares.

**February (due March): Disappearing Hourglass 3**  
Think St. Patrick's Day green & white/white on white background - start with 10" squares. Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3DwuH5fDGzY>

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## CQA

There are so many things going on with Canadian Quilters' Association this year, you really need to log on to their website, [canadianquilter.com](http://canadianquilter.com), to see what is going on. The postcard challenge, sponsored by Cindy Scraba, is gaining momentum as postcards come in from across the country. If you aren't sure how to proceed with making a postcard for this worthy cause, speak to Cindy at a meeting or email her for more information. Our regional rep, Karen Killins-Robinson is also ready to help if you need advice.

So, is anyone thinking of or working on a challenge quilt for Quilt Canada next June? I have one taking shape in my mind....the main idea is there, I have a yard of the necessary fabric and I'm ready to get started, once I find a little time. The theme of this challenge is Gateway to Adventure, which gives you lots of options, so think about it please.....I don't want to be the only one with a quilt from our guild....I've never done a challenge before and chances are mine will be less than stellar!

As usual we are gearing up for another Quilt Canada juried show, this time coming to Edmonton in June 2020....all the info you need about that is on the website as well. You might want to consider a trip out with a few friends for a couple of days.....it would no doubt be a good time.

We just received instructions for Week 45 of the 52 Blocks in 52 Weeks challenge....I am a few weeks behind but one morning committed to sewing will see me caught up again. I am loving how these blocks look and am planning to begin the final layout soon. The plan is in place for how my final quilt will look and I think I'll be happy with it. It's been a great exercise in skill building as we try to precisely meet corners and points with each week's blocks. Quilts either completed or nearing completion are being posted to the 52 Blocks facebook page so that is inspiring if you are needing a little push.

And, if you haven't been to the Canadian Quilters' website, you should know that there are galleries there of past entries, Viewers' Choice winners, Youth Challenge winners etc. It's worth having a look at the site. And don't forget that our library receives the Canadian Quilter magazine four times a year so it is available to be borrowed as well.

Merry Christmas to you all and see you in the New Year,  
*Christine Hustins*

## Library

Books are due at the January 2020 meeting. Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year! A very special thanks to all our library volunteers who make our library run so smoothly. *The Library Team*



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## Placemats

We received 47 placemats and 31 tea cozies at the November meetings. WOW! The membership never ceases to amaze me with their generosity. Twenty-five of the placemats donated were from the Retreat Placemat Challenge. So thank you all so much.

We donated 22 placemats and 5 tea cozies to the Luncheon for Zambia, put on by the Good Cents for Change Society, which is a charity that raises money to help women in Zambia with tailoring lessons, sewing machines and supplies so they can make a living for themselves. It is a very worthy cause.

This leaves us with 314 placemats and 113 tea cozies. I have reached out to the Meal-on-wheels and Salvation Army and they would be very happy to accept the placemat donation from us again this year. I will be distributing these in December.

Again, thank you all so much for your support. Merry Christmas! Hope to see you all at the Potluck. *Your Placemat Committee, Heather, Norma and Maureen*

And what happened then?  
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that the Grinch's small heart  
grew three sizes that day!

Wishing everyone a  
safe and merry Christmas!



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## Minutes of the November 20, 2019 Nanaimo Quilters' Guild Meeting

Meeting called to order 1:31 pm by Co-President Elaine Cadell. Evening meeting cto at 6:30 pm by Terri Askham.

**Attendance:** afternoon 94 members, 2 guests, Judy Meyers and Ellen Mills; evening 31 members, no guests.

**Moved by** Sue Creba (afternoon) Judith McLaughlin (evening) to accept the minutes of the October 16 meeting as posted in the newsletter. **Seconded by** Leslie Millward (afternoon) Sandra Radley (evening). **Carried.**

**Treasurers Report:** posted on bulletin board.

**Correspondence:** Thank you card on bulletin board. Pamela has tags for Beads of Courage bags. Recipient of Sue Artuso's Quilt of Valour sent her a card, photos and a coin. Carlos O'Brien's is having a fund raiser for striking woodworkers Nov. 25. Nadine Lindstrom is available to help anyone wanting to set up a satellite group. National Fibre Arts group will have a display in Victoria in May 2020. Carrie Baisley is investigating a bus trip to Quilt Canada 2020 in Edmonton. Contact her if interested.

**Block of the Month:** see Sarah Beyer's report on page five.

**Quilt Bee:** See Janet Knecht 's report on page one.

**Donation quilts:** see report on page three.

**Retreat:** was Nov 4 - 9 on Quadra Island. Next year is currently full (40), but there is a wait list and anyone interested is encouraged to sign up. A challenge by Lorraine Daley produced 25 placemats for donation.

**Placemats:** see report on page 6.

**Food Bank:** see report on page 4. Going forward, we will only donate at our Christmas potluck. Let's make our December

Food Drive at the Pot Luck 2019 our best contribution ever!

**Program:** Happy Villages and Carol Seeley classes went well, and Mystery Quilt (Summer Moon) is doing well. The Nov 30 UFO workshop is full. Feb is Scrappy Quilts and still has 3 or 4 spots open. March: Trunk show has been cancelled, The Workshop still needs 5 more participants to go!! Next year we would like to offer Celtic Piecing and Bargello but need names of some teachers if anyone can help. Report on page two.

**Christmas Potluck:** see report on page three.

**Library:** Thank you to the Curling Club for the new tables!! Books taken in November are not due until January.

**Challenge:** Theme is Modern Geometric. No more than 100" outside measurement. Background white or black, must have 2 primary and 1 secondary colour. Must have 1 each of triangle, circle, and square in the piece. Quilts are due in April, will be voted on at May meeting. Multiple entries allowed.

**Today's Program:** Judith McLaughlin, a Guild member, presented her Month of the Year quilt collection.

Mystery Fabric Draw: afternoon Judy Peterson, evening Barb Kerfoot. Raffle Winners: Afternoon Val Ursulak, T. Kayla Shay, Lija Bane, Trish Kirk, Lorraine Whillans, Norma Steven, Sandy Dobson, AnnRoncin. Evening: Stephanie Gislason, Sharon Dubyna, Sharon Horncastle, T. Kaylah Shay. Show and share: afternoon Vicki Dunsmuir, evening Kathleen Kane. Name Tag: Franci Holtzlander, Grace-Ellen Capier. Quilt Along: Pamela McAleer

Meeting adjourned: afternoon 3:37 pm, evening 7:45 pm.

*Minutes submitted by Lorna Craig, secretary*

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Sunday Noon-4:00pm

**Swedish Butter Cookie Recipe from Christine Hustins**

Several people asked for this recipe. I've been making these cookies for Christmas for 18 years; they are simple, easy and delicious. (from Country Woman magazine, March/April, 2001)

1 c butter (no substitutes), softened	1 c sugar
2 tsp maple syrup	2 c all-purpose flour
1 tsp baking soda	Confectioners' sugar

Set oven to 300 degrees F. Cream the butter and sugar, add maple syrup and mix well. Combine flour and baking soda with a whisk. Add to the butter mixture and allow ingredients to combine (I use a dough hook on my mixer for this step).

Gather up the dough and divide it into eight portions, it won't hold together well but don't worry about that. Take one section of dough and roll it into a 9" log.....I find it works better to try to squeeze it into the shape, rolling makes it come apart. Try not to handle the dough too much as the butter will continue to soften in your hands. Place logs 3" apart on an ungreased cookie sheet and bake for 25 minutes, or until lightly browned.

Remove from oven and cut into one or two inch pieces. I use a pizza cutter for this but a large knife works fine as well. Remove to wire racks to cool, then dust with confectioners' sugar. Makes several dozen cookies which store and freeze well.



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**Bus Tour To Quilt Canada:** Celtic Tours, Edmonton, has organized bus tours to Quilt Canada in June, 2020. The first one, 6 nights and 7 days, includes three days at Quilt Canada, will accommodate those who want to take classes or attend lectures. A longer tour, named the Rocky Mountain Shop Hop, has been organized, to include stops at many Quilt Shops along the way, is 9 nights and 8 days, has many extras not included in the other packages. This tour is open to anyone who may be interested in travelling with fellow quilters.

Although Quilt Canada is not until June, hotel rooms have been booked and arrangements have been made, so deposits would be needed by January. For all of the detailed information please call Carrie Baisley @250-753-0616 or email at carrieb.baisley2@gmail.com. It looks like it could be a lot of fun and an opportunity to travel through the beautiful Rocky Mountains.

**Ailsa Craig Quilt & Fibre Arts Festival 2020** invites fibre artists from across Canada to participate in the challenge "Spain Through Our Eyes" at Ailsa Craig Arts Centre and Ye Olde Town Hall, 120 pieces viewed by 3,000 visitors. Thirty fibre art pieces, selected by visitor voting and our Spanish guests, will be forwarded to Spain where they will participate in a travelling show. An additional Canadian Travelling Trunk Show may also be established. Rules and regulations on website [ailsacraigquiltfestival.com](http://ailsacraigquiltfestival.com) Contact Sharon Straus, Challenge Coordinator [atsharonstraus@hotmail.com](mailto:atsharonstraus@hotmail.com)

*Right: fun at Show and Share.*



*Below: the NQG 2019 Guild Retreat on Quadra Island*

