

# Nanaimo Quilters Guild

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## Next Meetings

**December 15, Holiday social, 1:30 - 3:30, Nanaimo Curling Club**

## Next Executive Meeting (Zoom)

**December 9, 1:30 to 3:30 pm**

## Newsletter Deadline

**December 21**

## Quilt Show Countdown

**19 months until June 2023!**

## Presidents' Pen

It was wonderful to reconnect with many of you at the November in-person meeting. Many things were different from our pre-Covid gatherings, but our joy at being able to be together was evident. The library was very popular and we really enjoyed being able to see and touch fabric and quilts in person! It was a big quilting day as our evening session on Zoom offered a very interesting presentation by quilter Peter Byrne.

We look forward to a modest but festive in-person Christmas Tea this year. We understand that members will be ready to return to meeting in-person at differing times and look forward to seeing you when it's right for you. In-person meetings will continue to evolve in line with public health orders.

As we head into the final stretch for our Christmas sewing we wish you all the best for the holidays. *Terri Askham & Judi McLaughlin, Co-Presidents*

## 2021-2022 Guild Program

I hope everyone enjoyed the **Peter Byrne** trunk show on November 17 where he introduced his award-winning raw-edge appliqué technique called "Hover Quilting". We have booked Peter to do a Hover Quilting workshop on Saturday and Sunday, February 4 and 5 (two 1/2 days). Registration is \$50 for both days and is open now. See sample photo at right of the class project.

Our speaker on Tuesday, January 11 at 7pm is **Rose Parr** presenting "Sew Smart: The Ergonomics of Healthy Quilting" which will be a great way to start the new year.

Our February speaker (Feb. 15 at 7pm) is **Krista Hennebury** with a lively presentation entitled Who Gives a Flying FQ About Accuracy? If accuracy isn't your thing, Krista will also be leading a fun and freeing 6-hour workshop on Saturday, March 12 called Speed Date with Improv which will result in an original improv sampler quilt. Registration is \$40 and is now open.

To register for workshops, please email Kathleen at [contactkkane@gmail.com](mailto:contactkkane@gmail.com) for further details. Signup sheets for these workshops will also be available at the in-person meeting in December. Feel free to check out these presenters' websites to find out more about them and what they offer.

As always, if you have presenters, workshop teachers or topics you are interested in, please let the Program Committee know - we welcome your input.  
*Kathleen Kane, Chair, Program Committee*

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## Guild Website

The Members Only section password for our website will remain the same for the foreseeable future (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](mailto:smcreba@gmail.com)



## Christmas Tea Party/Meeting

**DECEMBER 15, 2021 1:30 - 3:30**

This year's get together will be different. Very scaled down, and afternoon only. So sorry to the evening people but so close to Christmas and probably raining, we can still have a bit of a social time, cake and a beverage.

However to keep the whole event simple, and fun, you need to bring your own mug, maybe wear a Christmas sweater, kind of a build your own party. We will have a brief meeting, a guest speaker and a vote on the challenge. One game you can do in your chair, some social time, mingling 6 ft. apart, and of course a Christmas show and share. If you have a special quilt you did during the last 18 months that has a short story, please bring to share. There will be no library this day. *Christmas Committee*

## Challenge

Thanks to Terri for covering for me at the November meeting. We will be voting on the 2019 Challenge entries at the Christmas meeting. Please bring your entries in a paper bag or opaque plastic one with your name on the front. Judy Peterson and I will be near the door to give you an entry number for each piece. Be sure to check-in with us so we know who owns which one.

Val Ansell (250 758 1185) thornasite@gmail.com and Judy Peterson judymp@shaw.ca

*Val Ansell and Judy Peterson, Challenge Committee*

## Quilt Bee January 22

The quilt bee for 2022 is a go ahead at Oliver Woods recreation centre.

Time 9 to 3:30, out the door by 4:00 o'clock.

This will be a bring your own bag lunch. Bring your own mug for coffee and tea supplied by the guild.

There will be kits, batting and backing available.

Bring your sewing machine, one per team.

I still have room for more members to sign up.

If you are not comfortable with attending, you may bring your quilts to drop off during the day. Any questions please let me know. quiltyjan@gmail.com or phone my cell 250 734 1671

*Thanks, Janet Knecht and the Quilt Bee Committee*

## Quilts of Valour (QOV)

Joan Irving is our new mid island rep for QOV. Thank you Joan!

## Membership

It was good to see members in person in November and to give out name tags and receipts. Thanks to those who renewed and made our numbers now stand at 107.

Those of you who have not renewed can still do so by visiting the Guild website (www.islandquilters.ca) under the Membership tab. If you are comfortable with e-transfers and an online fillable pdf membership form memberships can be done quickly and efficiently by emailing nqgmembership@gmail.com. We still accept cheques payable to the Nanaimo Quilt Guild and forms can be mailed to NQG Membership, P.O. Box 943, Nanaimo, B.C. V9R 5N2. Dues are \$30 with \$15 added if you want the newsletter mailed.

Not sure if you have renewed or not? Send an email to nqgmembership@gmail.com or check the list on the website which we hope to update shortly to reflect renewals since mid October.

Quilt on and hope to see more of you in December for some Christmas cheer!

*Barbara Kerfoot, Membership*  
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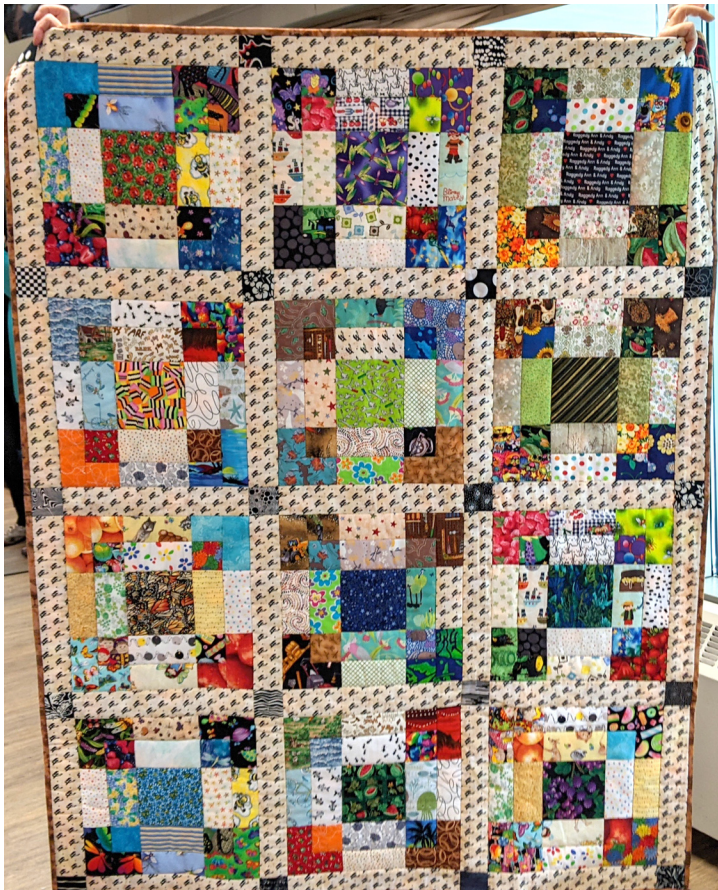
## Donation Quilts

Over the last month we have contacted the organizations that we donate to and have heard back from all of them. We will be making deliveries towards the end of November.

We received 12 quilts at the November meeting and 3 quilts from the Modern Quilt Guild. Your donation quilts are greatly appreciated, thank you.

*Donation Quilts Committee: Lynn Bensten, Sue Creba, Bonnie Eaton, Tracy Irwin, Nadine Lindstrom, Jean Pennington, Arlene Sanders (The Scrappy Bags)*

### Show and Share quilts from November meeting



## Quilt Show 2023

We are looking for a Convener or Co-conveners for the 2023 Spring NQG Quilt Show. The member(s) in this role will get lots of info and support from our experienced leaders. If you are interested in learning more, contact Carol Rumo or Terri Askham (terri.askham@gmail.com). Sign in to the Members Only section of the website to get member phone numbers and additional contact info.

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## Placemats

We received 5 placemats and 13 tea cozies at the November meeting, bringing our stock totals up to 228 placemats and 68 teas cozies. It was so nice to have our first in-person meeting since Feb 2020. We will be preparing our placemats and tea cozies with gift tags for our donation in December to Meals on Wheels in Nanaimo, Gabriola Island and Ladysmith, as well as the Salvation Army Christmas Hamper Program. Thanks to everyone who donated these beautiful placemats and tea cozies.

*Your Placemat Committee, Heather, Norma, Maureen*



## Raffles

Linda Robinson and myself managed a successful raffle table at the last meeting. Thank you everyone for buying tickets, the prizes for the December meeting are all donations from the family of Vivian Scott (Scotty).

There are beautiful fat quarter bundles, a jelly roll, 2 1/2" strips and charm packs. The colours are wonderful and you are going to want some. Hope to see you there.

*Carole Phinney*

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## CQA Report



I have a bit of a different report for you this month, an article from Canadian Quilters' Association.....

### **Making a Christmas list yet?**

You're in luck! A new children's book has just been published by Albert Whitman & Co., which imagines the story behind the making of Ellen Harding Baker's Solar System Quilt.

Baker, an Iowa storekeeper's wife, mother of seven, and astronomy lecturer, started the quilt in 1876 and completed it in 1883. It depicts what was known of the solar system at the time, illustrated in wool and silk thread, braid, and appliqué.

Author Jennifer Harris, an English professor at the University of Waterloo, makes a point of studying women writers from the nineteenth century. She explains. "When I stumbled across Ellen Harding Baker, I was transfixed."

While it may not seem unusual today, in the early twentieth century, the idea of a woman studying and lecturing in astronomy, and creating an extraordinary teaching tool for students, was remarkable. In fact, the story of Baker's quilt made the local newspaper and was shared across the U.S.

As noted in the book's historical note, the local paper reported: "We had a lecture on Astronomy by Mrs. M. Baker, of this place, on last Saturday evening. She is a deep thinker and thoroughly understands her subject. She has just finished a quilt that has the solar system worked in it, and is much admired by all who see it. Mrs.

Baker has been seven years in completing this quilt, and has taken a trip to Chicago to view the comet and sun spots through the telescope that she might locate them accurately."

"In the end, the book is told through the eyes of her daughters, as they watch the quilt take shape, actively participating along the way both physically and imaginatively."

And that's where the story will hold a special place in the hearts of quilters. Through Harris's imagination, and the illustrations by Louise Pigott, we are taken into the world of three young daughters growing up under all the constraints placed on girls at the time, but with a mother who encourages them to explore and appreciate the world around them, and beyond.

They learn to embroider, and help with the creation of the Solar System Quilt, all the while imagining the cosmos, learning the planets, and drawing the constellations.

Baker's family kept the quilt for many years, and eventually donated it to the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History.

Harris has several quilts of her own, inherited from her family. "My father was raised on a farm surrounded by many unmarried aunts and great-cousins," she says. "And the women were all quilters; they even taught him to quilt."

*She Stitched the Stars* is available for \$23.99 at chapters. [indigo.ca](http://indigo.ca) and [amazon.ca](http://amazon.ca).

*submitted by Christine Hustins, CQA rep*



## Block of the Month Sew-Along

Hello everyone, I'm sorry I wasn't able to make the meeting but I will make sure to attend the Christmas one. I am glad I was able to use my lunch break to bring the sample to the meeting and for those who also didn't attend, I hope you enjoy this Christmas block. It's called **"Tis the Season"** by Connie Kresin, <https://conniekresin.com/tis-season-table-runner-tutorial/> This block is 10" unfinished. I chose this block as she has a beautiful 18" x 40" table runner and placemat project using it. I thought it would be fun to show a small project you could do. It's a wonderful block but a little more complicated so it's important to lay out the blocks and keep checking as you sew the pieces together as it's easy to get turned around. I love the ribbon look so I hope you enjoy it too. If you have any questions please feel free to text. Sarah Beyer of Sarah in Stitches, cell 778-269-2380

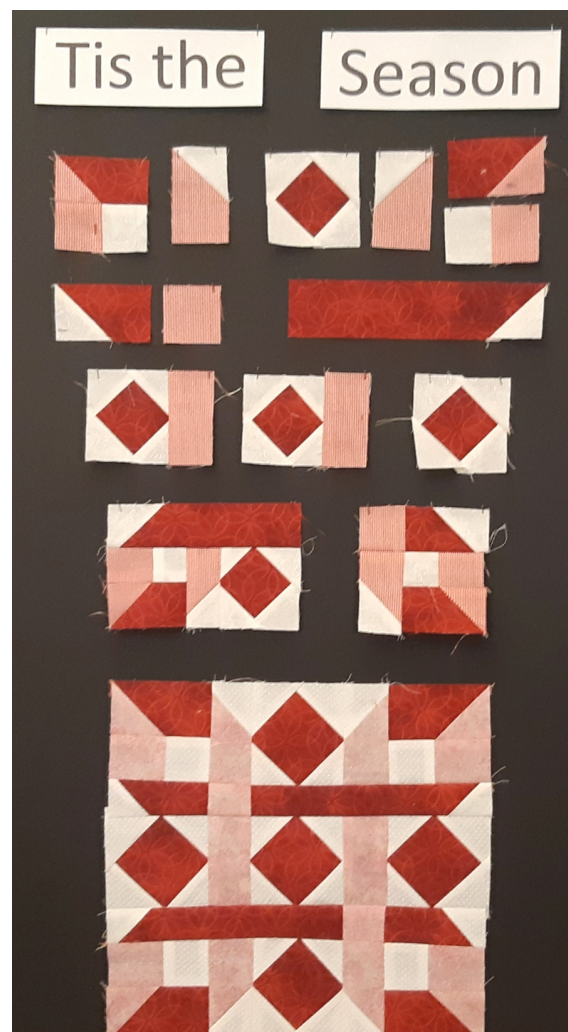
## Library

So nice to see everyone at the November meeting even though the library set up was quite different than 2 years ago. A big thank you to everyone who returned their library books. If you weren't able to attend the November meeting, your next opportunity will be the January 2022 meeting.

The library set up was quite different. Kathy and Audrey came up with a great plan that gives members an opportunity to return and choose library materials before the meeting, at break time and even after the meeting. Thank you to Kathy and Audrey for organizing us.

Also, a big thank you to everyone who volunteered to work in the library this year. Unfortunately, we have more volunteers than working space. Maybe when things settle down, we may be able to put you to work.

From the Library Team to you and yours. Have a great Christmas, and all the best in 2022!



## Scraps for pet beds

One of our new members wonders if anyone makes pet beds or other items that use fabric scraps for stuffing. If you'd like to receive these scraps, contact Terri Askham ([terri.askham@gmail.com](mailto:terri.askham@gmail.com)) and I will put you in touch.

## NQG Zoom Account

Our Guild has its own Zoom account, for the use of satellite groups. Contact Nancy Lutes at [dnlutes@telus.net](mailto:dnlutes@telus.net) for the email and password should your group wish to use our account.

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**Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year !**

## NQG Meeting Minutes November 17, 2021

Meeting called to order at 1:32 pm by Terri Askham. Terri thanked everyone for their hard work to keep the Guild going during the Covid pandemic. Especially Kathleen Kane with her skills at online meetings.

Moved by Kathleen Kane, seconded by Caroll Rumor to accept the minutes of the October 20, 2021 meeting. Carried.

**Correspondence:** Lovely thank you note received from the bursary recipient, Emily Heese, who will be studying fashion design.

**Treasurer:** Treasurer reported on income and expenses and balances in Guild and Show accounts. Moved by Stephanie Gislason, seconded by Lois Anderson to accept Treasurer's Report as presented. Carried.

**Hospitality:** 43 members, 1 guest, 1 new member.

### Committee Reports:

**Membership:** we now have 107 members

**Program:** tonight is a lecture/workshop by Peter Byrne on Zoom. See report on page 1.

**Library:** books taken out today are due January 19.

**Donations:** will be delivered in early December. There is free fabric available from a donation by the family of Vivian Scott.

**Quilt Bee:** Oliver Woods is booked for January 22. There will be no potluck - bring your own lunch.

**December Meeting:** There will be a meeting December 15. There will be a short business meeting, in-seat games, show and share, Challenge display and voting. There may be a guest speaker with an antique quilt (to be confirmed). Wear your Christmas sweater, bring your Christmas mug and show and share. Keeping to our covid protocols no meal will be held, but tea, coffee and cake will be served.

**Placemats:** We have 223 placemats, 55 tea cosies and several other items. The Gabriola Meals on Wheels has been added to the donation list.

**Quilts of Valour:** Joan Irving volunteered to be the representative for the Nanaimo/Parksville/Qualicum area.

**Nanaimo Quilt Guild Show:** we still need 1 or 2 conveners. Caroll Rumo has offered to mentor.

**Sales:** December 4 and 5 at Jonanco, December 10 and 11 The Hospital Auxiliary at Beban Park.

### Raffle Winners:

**Name Tag:** Lorna Craig

**Raffle:** Lorna Craig, Stephanie Gislason, Kathleen Kane, Dana Roncin, Bobbi Ackerman, Barb Peters, Laura Beswick, Ann Roncin.

**Mystery Fabric:** Barb Kerfoot, Linda Macey

**Show and Share:** 9 members participated. Heather Henderson won the draw.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Caroll Rumo. **Adjourned: 2:39 pm**

*Submitted by Lorna Craig Secretary*

## Christmas Sales

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