

Nanaimo Quilters Guild

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Next Meetings

**December 21 Christmas social
Nanaimo Curling Club, 1:30 pm**

**January 18 Nanaimo Curling
Club, doors open at 1 pm & 6 pm,
meetings at 1:30 pm & 6:30 pm**

**Next Executive Meeting
(Zoom) January 12, 1:30 - 3:30**

Quilt Show Meeting

**January 25, 1:00 to 3:00 pm,
Country Grocer on Bowen**

Newsletter Deadline

December 21

Where you see blue underlined lettering in the online version of the newsletter, you can put your cursor on the blue lettering and click the word(s), and you'll be taken to the website associated with the blue lettering. 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 below:

[NanaimoQuiltersGuild](https://www.facebook.com/NanaimoQuiltersGuild)

Guild Website

The Members Only section password has changed (the new 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 was great to see so many members attending our November meetings – no doubt due to the special treat of an in-person presentation by Philippa Zapf! Philippa's presentation was funny, informative and inspiring. We loved looking at many of her previous challenge quilts and it was perfect timing to get the creative juices flowing for the launch of the guild's 2023 show challenge.

We appreciated how many members chose to wear a mask as we are aware of the increase in seasonal illnesses and Covid-19. Please continue to make your own decisions about attendance and masks as we go through this season. All are welcome. Remember too, that the evening meeting attendance is lower than the daytime, so if you'd like to attend in person, but are reluctant to be in a space with 50+ others, consider evening attendance. Fortunately, the size of our meeting room in the daytime does provide lots of space.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season. Happy Quilting,

Terri Askham & Judith McLaughlin, Co-Presidents

2023 Guild Program

The Program Committee wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year.

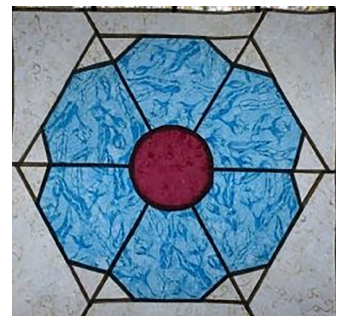
We hope those who signed up for Melissa Marginet's December 3 workshop enjoyed it. There are no official programs for a few months, but it's not too early to sign up for the next workshop, happening in March.

Saturday, March 11, 2023, 9 - 3:30 Elizabeth DeCroos: POJAGI (Korean Stained Glass) Spring Flower Window Panel \$40 (On Zoom) Pojagi is the name for an ancient Korean form of stitching that often includes reversible patchwork. If you've ever held a flimsy (quilt top without backing or batting) up to a window, you've probably noticed that it looks like stained glass. But if you've ever tried it, you know there is one problem – raw edges.

Elizabeth of Epida Studio has adapted the traditional techniques for our modern sewing machines and batik fabrics and solves that raw-edge problem with her modern Pojagi seam. She will lead us in this workshop to make window hangings that give the appearance of stained glass and are fully reversible. When students hold up their first piece to a window, the most common reaction is "Wow!" Suitable for all levels.

To register, please email Nancy Lutes at dnlutes@telus.net who will give you the information about sending your payment.

Kathleen Kane, 250-802-3323



Library: There will not be library in December. All materials will be due at the January meeting. Happy holidays! *The Library Team*

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Christmas at the Guild!

Join us December 21st at 1:30 for holiday cheer and celebration.

- Don your Christmas best
- Bring sweet or savoury items to share and cut them up if needed and bring tongs for serving (labelled with your name)
- Bring your Christmas creations to show
- Bring your Challenge Quilt
- Bring a Christmas placemat if you have one and any placemats or quilts for donation
- Remember a plate, cup and fork and a plastic bag to take these home in
- Bring a pen or pencil for the games

Refreshments will be on hand and we will do our best to be covid cautious. Masks are encouraged when not eating.

Participate in some games and vote on the House Challenge. You could be a winner and there are prizes to be won. Merry Christmas to all!

December Raffles

For the December meeting we will combine the afternoon and evening prizes. 12 raffles, 2 mystery and 2 show and share. Remember the tickets are \$1.00 each. We have had a lot of donations of beautiful items and they will be included in the raffle prizes. Thank you to Erin Kelly, Vicki Z., Pat R., Germaine B. and Sharon D. for their donations.

We do mix up the tickets before the drawing and will try harder in December, when someone wins more than one prize it maybe because they buy a lot of tickets or it just happens. I hope you are understanding.

Carole Phinney, raffles chair.

Our Guild 2022 Challenge ~ Houses

Thanks to the ladies who handed in their challenge pieces at the November meeting. Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have decided to accept any more entries that members may choose to bring to the Christmas tea. Please bring them in an opaque wrapping with your name on it. Give them to either Sandra or me at the Tea. Challenge rules are in September, October and November newsletters. *Val Ansell*

The Quilt Batts Challenge Committee: Val Ansell, Norma Franks, Judith McLaughlin, Sandra Radley, Linda Robinson

Membership

Thank you to everyone who has joined for the coming year. We had 3 renewals in November: Barbara Korabek, Jean Pennington, and Joanne van Oosten.

The membership form is under the membership tab on our website www.islandquilters.ca You can e-transfer the funds to membershipnqg@gmail.com or mail a cheque to NQG Membership, P.O. Box 943, Nanaimo, B.C. V9R 5N2 Membership is \$30 (add \$15 if you want the newsletter mailed). Or join or renew at any meeting.

Happy quilting everyone!

Barbara Kerfoot, Guild Membership
membershipnqg@gmail.com

Evening Meeting Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to perform the evening hospitality role. This involves greeting everyone on arrival and giving out the name tag draw tickets. This is an important and enjoyable way to support your fellow guild members. If you are interested or would like to know more, please contact Terri Askham terri.askham@gmail.com 250-882-5108

Donation Quilts

At our November meetings we received 21 quilts, 5 preemie baby hats and 2 book bags. Lynn Bentsen donated a beautiful bed quilt to a local family who lost their home to a fire (see page 9), and 5 wheelchair quilts were donated by Ginnie Thompson to her son Tyler's previous long term care unit in Edmonton.

We will be delivering quilts in early December. At our Christmas tea we will accept donation quilts.

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



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Quilt Show Report

Going along smoothly - many committees are already in full swing. Bonnie and I will be touching base with the Triple-T Company regarding table and chair rentals etc.

Raffle quilts are completed and photographed. Tickets and flyers will be printed. Come the New Year, I hope you will be enthused to sell as many tickets as you can. This show, we are fewer members and our income may not be as high as before, so we will rely on those raffle ticket sales a lot more. You will have the option of pre-paying for your book of tickets at \$20, or returning the ticket sale money once you have sold them. *Janet Knecht (250-734-1671) quiltyjan@gmail.com , Bonnie Dormuth*

Quilt Show Boutique

The Quilt Show Boutique needs a wide variety of good quality items made from fabric (no knitted or crocheted items). Members may submit up to 100 items, and are required to volunteer a shift in the boutique on each day of the show.

Our guild will take 10% off your item's price to cover expenses. More information coming, any questions, email Linda Macey at wrmacey@gmail.com

FoodSafe Volunteer Needed

We are looking for a volunteer who has FoodSafe certification to be involved with the Quilt Show kitchen. Please contact Janet Knecht or Sue Artuso.

Christmas Quilt and Craft Sales

December 3 & 4, 10-3, Jonanco Christmas Market
Handcrafted gifts, stocking stuffers and more! 2745 White rapids Road (corner of White Rapids and Nanaimo River Road, on the way to Gogo's Christmas tree farm)

December 3(10-5), December 4(10-3), NRGH Auxiliary Sale: Quilts, hand knitted and sewn items created by our wonderful volunteers. Credit and Debit accepted. Beban Park Social Centre, 2300 Bowen Road



Quilt Show Challenge

Only 5 kits are left after the November guild meetings. The remainder will be available at the Christmas tea.

We are really looking forward to seeing a healthy contribution of challenge pieces for our show. A big thank you to Philippa for her inspiring talk about her experiences with the creation of challenge pieces. I was particularly influenced by her discussion regarding new methods to try, such as Gloria Loughman's or Laura Heine's styles as well as her reluctance to consider her pieces finished until she has added a little extra bling.

The theme can now be made public. It is 'Celebrating Local Sites and Scenes'. We hope this will be good advertising to the general public that comes through the show and inspires them to explore places they may not know about or reminds them of sites they want to revisit.

The piece may be a realistic applique version or could be a modernistic, stylized version that implies a site, as long as the title makes reference to the locale.

Someone asked at the November meeting if people could make more than one piece. The answer is yes, although one person will not be eligible to win more than one ribbon.

Happy brainstorming. If you have any questions, please get in touch with us. *Show Year Challenge Coordinators*

Vicki Dods and Jeannette Blackmore

Quilt Bee January 28, 2023

You can still sign up at the January meeting. Bring your team, or if you have no team, come along anyway and bring your sewing machine, project, and a bag lunch. Unfortunately this year we will need to brown bag it again. At the time of this writing we are seeing more folks being cautious, so we will take the precautions that we can. Coffee and tea will be available, and if you want to bring any left over Christmas goodies (with tongs) please do so. We will have sanitizer on hand. There will be kits, backing and batting available at the January meeting and at the Bee.

Haven House has also asked if we would make Christmas stockings (about 18" tall x 12" wide) and large, quilted, beach bag size bags (20 " wide by 17" deep, with 'boxed corners' and strap handles) for their clients. See my samples below. You may choose to make a bag on January 28 instead of a quilt.

Thank you to all who have given so much fabric towards the kits. See you at the Quilt Bee. *Janet Knecht*



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Quilts of Valour

I was honored to present a Quilt of Valour to a 100 year old Canadian veteran on November 17 in Duncan BC.

Monsieur Fernand Labrie contributed towards liberating France in the second World War. He was a soldier in the Canadian Forces Regiment de Maisonneuve. He was made a Knight of the French National Order of the Legion of Honour. Mr. Nicolas Baudouin from the Consul General of France presented him with this prestigious Legion of Honour Medal. Fernand was interviewed by the CBC and the interview details can be found on the CBC web.

I can still provide wide quilt backing and batting for QOVC quilts. *Thanks, Joan Irving joan.irving@shaw.ca*



Bouquet of Thanks

A dear friend and a fellow satellite member recently gave up her quilting room. Linda Shaver graciously donated gorgeous fabrics, kits, UFO projects, rulers, gadgets, batting, books, and several finished quilt tops to our group to enjoy or pass onwards to the committees of our Guild.

Linda's generosity has been gifted throughout our Guild to the Donations Committee, the Quilt Bee, 15 placemats, and the Raffle Table. Several items will go to NanGo Grannies for their next annual sale.

Linda was not a member of the Nanaimo Quilters' Guild, however, we wish to acknowledge how her generosity has spread throughout our community. Thank you, Linda. *The Sew and Sews: Norma Steven, Robin Barker, Pat Ryan, Germaine Batchelor*

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2022 Homewood Retreat

After the long, long absence from Homewood, we finally made it. How delightful it was to be able to reunite with old sewing friends after so long. The hellos and hugs given out so freely on arrival were wonderful to see and hear.

The upgrades were many, with a very large expansion, upgrades to the rooms and bathrooms, and totally renovated kitchen. They have hired a RedSeal chef who was away on course at the time. But the stand-in cook was pretty good, I didn't hear any complaints!

The week brought all kinds of enthusiasm for creativity and a lot of pattern exchanges and new websites to browse. We even managed to celebrate a birthday with a card and singing of Happy Birthday.

Unfortunately we also had a couple of girls come down with the Flu and one with Covid. Many went home to end up testing positive over the following week.

I would like to thank Vicki for her guidance and putting together your room assignments and sewing space. Lorraine did a marvellous job of collecting all the prizes and raffle items, and who could forget Judith collecting a very sizeable amount of gratuity money for the camp

staff. Lija as always with the great care in handling the money coming in and going out, don't know how you keep it all straight. Thank you girls!

Thanks to all those who attended Homewood 2022, you all made me feel very welcome. I knew who everyone was before I attended the retreat, but I know you all a lot better now, I had a wonderful time and I am looking forward to doing it all again next year. *Judy Peterson*

'Getting to Know You' the first night was a lot of fun. Thanks to Sherry Drebnicki for suggesting this game.

Mini demos:

Lorraine Daley: Adding Machine Piecing, Briony Goddard: Curved Piecing Made Easy, Judy Peterson: Fancy Prairie Points, Sandra Radley: Mary's Square, Janet Knecht: Charming 25 with a Split, Judith McLaughlin: Vertical I Spy, Vicki Dods: Curved Piping, Sherry Drebnicki: Star in the Corner, Carol Klapstein: Easy Bear Paw Block, Barb Kerfoot: Making a simple placemat by weaving fabrics.

The 2 1/2" pail of strips: 2 people tied for the 7 bundles! Barb Kerfoot and Lija Bane won 3 each. The 7th went to Kathleen Kane.

Strip Poker: 2 rooms of players, the with the colours were turquoise and yellow. One room's winners were Judy Peterson and Lorraine Daley. The other room's winners were Vicki Dunsmuir and Vicki Zoltay.

Homewood's staff quilt picks: 1st place Sherry Drebnicki with her Moon Glow by Jinny Beyer, 2nd place Vicki Dods with a pattern from Heritage by Sew'n Wild Oaks. 3rd place was a tie: Carol Klapstein with her Bear's Paw and Bonnie Dormuth with her Dinosaur Train.

All retreat attendees contributed to the staff gratuity. Names were drawn and Bonnie Dormuth won the prize.

More Retreat photos on page 10 *Vicki Zoltay*



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Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2022

Call to order: at 1:30 pm by President Terri Askham, and at 6:31 pm by President Judith McLaughlin.

A burgundy coloured travel mug was left at the October meeting. It can be claimed from Terri.

Moved Sandra Radley, seconded Judith McLaughlin, to accept Minutes of September 21 meeting as presented. Carried. Moved Jeannette Blackmore, seconded Stephanie Gislason, to accept Minutes of October 12 meeting as presented. Carried.

Correspondence: Thank you note from Gabriola Meals on Wheels.

Treasurer's Report: posted on bulletin board. Moved by Bonnie Eaton, seconded by Val Ursulak to accept Treasurer's Report. Carried.

Hospitality: Afternoon: 62 members, 1 guest. Members are encouraged to try the evening meeting. Evening: 24 members with one 1 returning member and 1 guest. We need an evening member (or two) for Hospitality.

Program: Kathleen Kane introduced guest speaker Philippa Zapf who presented her examples, suggestions, ideas and rules for "Approaching Challenge Quilts".

One source Philippa suggested for ideas was Dover Publications which is copyright free.

Committee Reports

Quilts of Valour: Joan showed a recently received quilt and encouraged quilters to consider making one. (see report and photos on page 5).

Quilt Bee: Will be held January 28 at Oliver Woods. Backings and battings available. Due to increasing Covid numbers lunch will be "brown bag" rather than potluck. Haven House has requested large bags (20" wide by 17" deep) with handles for clients who are leaving, and Christmas stockings if anyone is interested. Janet has pattern at her table. (see report and photos on page 4).

Quilt Show: The raffle permit has been acquired. Tickets to sell will be available in January: a new option will be to prepay for your book(s) of tickets. Volunteer sign-up sheets will be out in January. Vicki Dods introduced the show Challenge including the Rules to Play By (which are included with the fabric for the Challenge). The theme is 'Celebrating Local Sites and Scenes', size is 15" x 20". Kits are \$3 available from Vicki. The Challenge is due at our May, 2023 meeting.

Placemats: please put your name on the list when you turn in placemats. We still need lots for the Quilt Show.

Show Boutique: See report on page 3. Members who place items in the Boutique must also work a shift in the Boutique on both days.

Program: Kathleen reminded us of the December 3 workshop with Melissa Marginet on "**Break it up**"— **9 ways to quilt as you go**". Preparation info will be sent to participants this weekend.

Block of the Month: Norma Franks (afternoon), Sharon Hardcastle (evening)

Show and Share: Dana Roncin (aft) Nancy Lutes (eve)

Hospitality: Greta Simmons (aft), Sharon Hardcastle (eve)

Raffles: Afternoon: Tuesday Shay (x6), Jean Pennington, Diane Filipot. Evening: Laura Beswick, Vicki Zoltay, Sharon Dubyna, Sue Creba, Stephanie Gislason.

Christmas Social: December 21, 1:30 pm. Please bring your own plate, utensils, and mug, sweet or savory appy and Christmas show and share. More info on page 2.

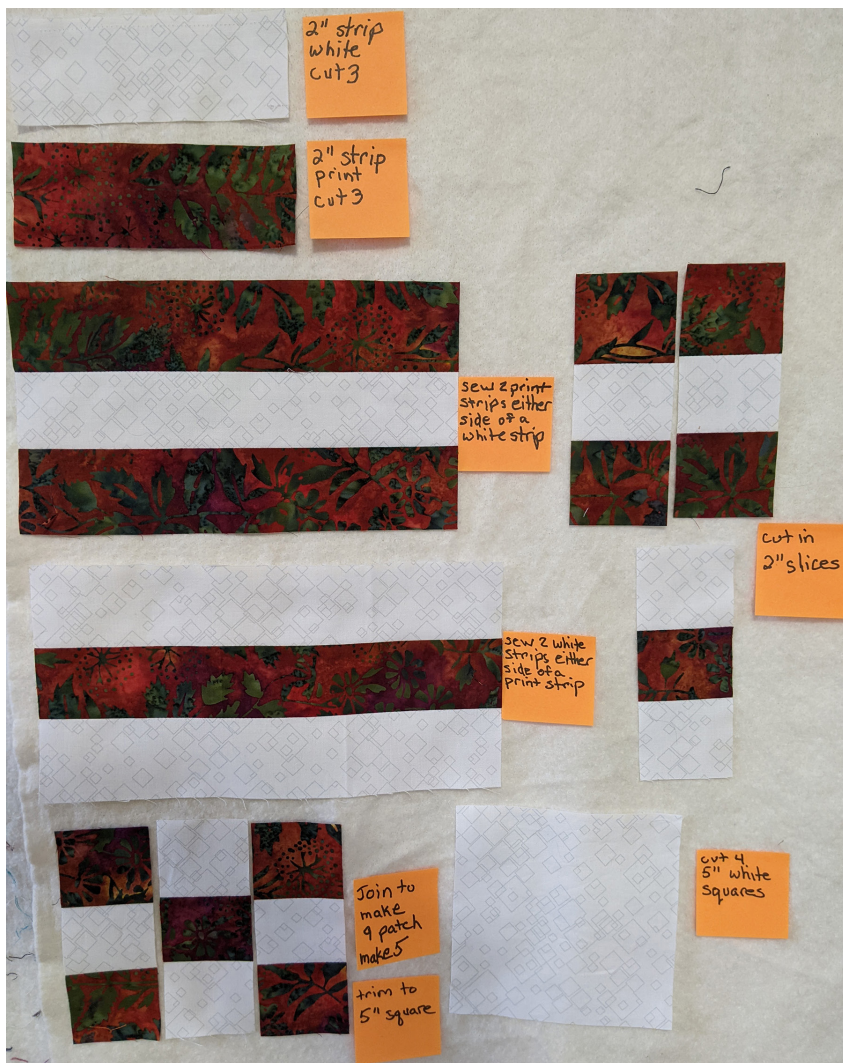
Next Meeting: January 18, 2023

Adjourned: 3:10 pm and 7:52 pm

*Submitted by Lorna Craig, Secretary
Vicki Zoltay, evening secretary*



Block of the Month (for the January 18 Meeting)



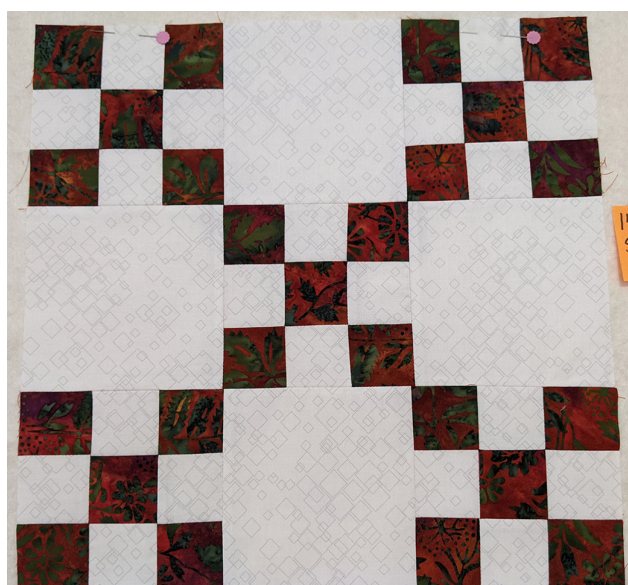
This block finishes at 14 inches square.

Cut four 5" white squares. Cut three 2" white strips and three 2" print strips (any colour).

Sew two print strips on either side of white strip (should be at least 20" long). Sew two white strips on either side of print strip (should be at least 10" long).

Cut these sewn strips into 2" slices as shown. Sew together to make five nine patches. Trim to 5" square. Sew the five 9 patches to the four white squares as shown below to make the large nine patch. Trim to 14".

Stephanie Gislason



Placemats

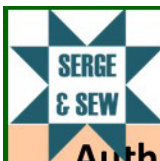
We took in lots of placemats at our November meetings. Please remember to sign your name when you drop them off at the table.

We will be busy getting them ready for Christmas giving to Meals on Wheels in Nanaimo, Ladysmith and Gabriola Island, and to the Salvation Army in Nanaimo.

We still need lots and lots more please. What we have now will just cover our usual donation but this year we will need some extra for the Tea Room at the Quilt Show.

So, please, get those scraps out and make some placemats!! Your support is so much appreciated.

Your Placemat Committee, Heather, Norma and Maureen



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Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year !



Thank You I am forwarding a heartwarming thank you to the Nanaimo Quilt Guild from Ani and Brian Bleakney. I delivered the beautiful king size quilt below, made by Lynn Bentsen, to them on November 17.

On October 21, a hot afternoon, a devastating fire occurred at the Bleakney home in north Nanaimo near Rutherford Northtown Mall. Ani & Brian were away but their 20 year old twin boys, Felix and Robert were home and thankfully escaped without harm. The family have found another home to rent and are beginning to rebuild their lives. This quilt brings them much happiness and warmth as it gives them comfort to know that the community of Nanaimo has reached out to them in their time of need. Quilts for their sons would be welcome. *Carol Klapstein*



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2022 Homewood Retreat



Clockwise from top left:

Homewood Staff Pick first place: Sherry Drebnicki with her Moon Glow by Jinny Beyer

Homewood Staff Pick second place: Vicki Dods with a pattern from Heritage by Sew'n Wild Oaks.

Homewood Staff Pick third place was a tie: Bonnie Dormuth (left) with her Dinosaur Train, and Carol Klapstein with her Bear's Paw (see photo on page 6)

Below: The Homewood Retreat 2022 gang





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Nanaimo Quilters' Guild
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	Melissa Marginet - Break It Up! 9 Ways to Quilt As You Go	Saturday, December 3, 2022	9am-3:30pm	\$30	
	Elizabeth DeCroos - Pojagi (Korean Stained Glass) Spring Flower Window Panel	Saturday, March 11, 2023	9am-2:30pm	\$40	

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