

# Nanaimo Quilters Guild

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## Next Meeting

**Christmas Potluck, December 13, Nanaimo Curling Club, doors open 4:30 pm.** See all the details below right.

## Next Executive Meeting (Zoom) No Executive meeting in December unless required Newsletter Deadline

December 21

*In our newsletters' online version, blue lettering gives a live link to websites and email addresses. 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 [here](#)

## Guild Website

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## Presidents' Pen

Hi Everyone,

It's been great to see so many people, returning and new members, attending our in-person meetings this fall. Although December marks the end of the calendar year and the start of winter, it is also a time of celebration and tradition. With tradition in mind, we are delighted to be back to holding our much-anticipated annual Christmas potluck on Wednesday, December 13th (a week earlier than our usual meeting time). In addition to offering amazing food and friendship, it could also be a great time to model that ugly sweater. All the details are below.

As we settle down to our long winter's naps - or relaxing periods cozied up, reading all those library books - we wish everyone much health, happiness, joy ... and quilting ... this Christmas season.

*Terri Askham & Kathleen Kane, Co-Presidents*

## Christmas Potluck December 13

Our annual Christmas Evening will be back to full strength on December 13, with the usual potluck, games and prizes. Please dress in all your FUN Christmas clothes and headwear. Come early to socialize.

New this year we will be collecting money for a local food bank. We ask everyone to bring a **TOONIE** for the Teddy Bear Cookie Jar. Please no food donations.

### Nanaimo Curling Club 4:30 to about 7:45

**What to Bring:** Plate, cup, and cutlery with plastic bag for your dirty dishes. Potluck dish to share (remember to mark your utensils). Toonie donation for the food bank. Christmas themed Show and Share. Money for Raffle draws. Dress in your best Christmas novelty clothes. **Agenda for the evening:**

- 4:30 Socializing and food drop off
- 5:45 Dinner
- 6:30 Entertainment/Games
- Christmas Show and Share
- Christmas Sweater Show
- Raffles - Guild tickets still only a dollar
- Door Prizes

7:45 Clean up and head home *Submitted by Janet Knecht*

## Library

The Library will not be available in December. Enjoy the extended sign out period but please remember to bring all materials back in January. Bonnie Palfy, who coordinates the evening Library, would like extra pair of hands to help. If you would like to join the team please let us know via email: [patriciaryan19@gmail.com](mailto:patriciaryan19@gmail.com) *The Library Team*

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## Guild Programs and Workshops

Hello all. Hopefully everyone enjoyed the presentation on scissors by The Knife Sharpener, Ken Romanyshyn. And hopefully you came away with lots of information. Have a look at our Guild Secretary's minutes for a few notes.

We have a workshop at Oliver Woods scheduled for Saturday, January 6, 2024: **Jazzed-up-Jelly Roll**, with instructor is Carolyn Mulders. Remember it is a pot luck. We have a few registrants who have not picked up their homework, and there are a few spots left.

Guild meeting January 17, 2024: we have scheduled Mini Demos.

Saturday, February 17, 2024 another Workshop: Quilt As You Go with Jeannette Blackmore and Vicki Dods. Again, it is a pot luck. We have a few registrants who have not picked up their homework. A few spots left.

Guild meeting February 21, 2024: now is the time for our Procrastinator's Showcase. Remember those promises you made! At this meeting Barb Dickie will wow us with a Trunk Show.

All the best for the coming season. See you at the Christmas Party. *Program Committee: Vicki Zoltay, Judy Hunter, Lorraine Daley, Nancy Lutes*



*Above: November placemats and tea cozies.*

*Left and right: quilt, tea cozy and tote bag shown at November 15 Show and Share*

## Placemats

Wow, we took in 33 placemats and 16 tea cozies at the November meetings. They were all so beautiful and I am sure they will be very much appreciated by those that receive them. We have 216 placemats and 64 tea cozies available for our December giving to Meals on Wheels (Ladysmith, Nanaimo and Gabriola Island) and the Salvation Army Hamper Program. I will be at the Christmas Potluck and will take in placemats if you wish to turn any in at that time. I can't believe Christmas is upon us already, it just seems like yesterday. Best Wishes for a great holiday season!

*Your Placemat Committee, Heather, Norma and Maureen*





## Membership

Thanks to those who continue to join. We presently have 123 members. Please welcome new member Heather Eriksen who has jumped in with both feet. Just beginning to quilt in August, she "showed and shared" her third quilt and she made us all coffee for the meeting. And she does all her sewing from an RV. Way to go!

Membership is \$40 for the year with a charge of \$16 for those who want the newsletter mailed to them. Funds can be paid via cheque payable to Nanaimo Quilters' Guild or via e-transfer to [membershipnqg@gmail.com](mailto:membershipnqg@gmail.com). Mailing address is Nanaimo Quilt Guild Membership, P.O. Box 943, Nanaimo, B.C. V9R 5N2. The treasurer is available at the afternoon meetings for anyone wanting to pay by credit card.

A membership form is in the Sept. - Nov. newsletters and forms are also on the [www.islandquilters.ca](http://www.islandquilters.ca) website under the Membership tab. The form can be printed, and there is also a fillable pdf form there that can be saved and emailed to [membershipnqg@gmail.com](mailto:membershipnqg@gmail.com).

Our membership list will be kept current in the password protected Members Only section of our website. Any questions, please contact [membershipnqg@gmail.com](mailto:membershipnqg@gmail.com). Keep on quilting and we look forward to seeing you soon for Christmas fun. *Barbara Kerfoot, Laura Beswick, NQG Membership*

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## Quilt Bee January 27, 2024, 9-3:30

This is our Guild's annual quilt bee in which we make quilts at Oliver Woods Recreation Centre for Haven House. The Guild supplies kits, backing and batting for you or you can work on your own project to give to Haven House. Bring your sewing machine, tools, a project and good spirits. It will be pot luck - bring a dish to share and your own plate, utensils, and a mug. We supply coffee and tea. Bring a small plastic bag to take your dishes home in. Feel free to bring any left over Christmas goodies!

Instructions for tote bags are on page 4 of the November newsletter, and here is the link for Christmas stockings. [sewingpartsonline.com/blog/sew-a-christmas-stocking](http://sewingpartsonline.com/blog/sew-a-christmas-stocking)

We have delivered 60 Christmas Stockings and 27 tote bags so far. Haven House does not need any quilts for this Christmas (they will soon let us know how many they have on hand). For now they would like us to keep making tote bags and stockings. You can still make quilts because we can give a few of the Bee quilts to the Donation Committee if need be, and Haven House will need quilts in the future.

The NanGo Grannies donated three rolls of upholstery fabric for Guild members to use for totes and dog beds.

Any questions, please contact me. Thanks.

*Janet Knecht and the Quilt Bee Team (250-734-1671)*

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We have an upcoming webinar for members and non-members....

**DECEMBER 13, 2023** at 4 pm PST Elizabeth DeCroos will share her story of how she first discovered pojagi, demonstrate how to do it, and inspire you to use it in many types of projects. Tickets available now for both members (\$10) and non-members (\$15).

CQA also has a new mystery quilt-along starting this month. This QAL is free for anyone to follow.

Called 'Oatmeal Raisin', the finished quilt will be 57"x 57". The pattern was created by Kathryn Wilson Tucker. © 2023 Quiltnasium -Next Step Quilt Designs Kathryn Wilson Tucker NSQ231501

Month One, fabric selection, is available now. Go to the website [canadianquilter.com](http://canadianquilter.com) and scroll down to the bottom of the home page to find the link.

Merry Christmas and happy holidays to you all, see you in the new year,

Christine Hustins, CQA Liaison  
[cahustins@gmail.com](mailto:cahustins@gmail.com)

## Donation Quilts

At our November meeting, we received 7 quilts, 4 knitted preemie hats and 6 tote bags in the afternoon and 1 quilt and 1 tote bag in the evening.

We are now delivering to our community groups: Tillicum Lelum (Building Better Babies), Crossroads Crisis Pregnancy Centre, Island Health, The Salvation Army, Eden Gardens, Hospice Community Care, RCMP Victim Services (Ladysmith), and to NRGH: Palliative Care, NICU, Dufferin Place, and VI Scan, for a total of 34 adult quilts, 29 Baby/kids' quilts, 8 fabric totes, 46 baby hats and 1 wall hanging.

From our January meeting forward, we will have batting, backing, and labels and will continue to bring fabric from the estate of Linda Kelly to each meeting. Thank you for sewing a label on your finished quilt.

We have also received a request for 8-10 quilts for Sunfield Manor seniors residents, which we are in the process of organizing.

And thank you for all the quilts you have donated!

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## Homewood Retreat

Another successful Homewood Retreat was had by all. Was a little bumpy at times but myself and my team pulled it off. Great job Team! And thanks! Homewood staff were their usual selves, we were welcomed with smiles along with a crew to help us unload and then reload our cars.

The five days were packed full with Mini Demos, Val's Chair Yoga, Placemat Challenge, donation quilt blocks, and who could forget Strip Poker! There were Mini demos by Sandra Radley, Kathleen Kane, Vicki Dods, Carli Heinrichs, and Carolyn Hunter. If I missed anyone I apologize. There were 19 entries in the Placemat Challenge. New member Carolyn Hunter was the winner, and 12 placemats went to the Placemat Committee.

Fabric was provided for anyone interested in making donation quilt blocks. The response was overwhelming - almost 100 blocks! Kathleen Kane won the draw. Thanks to Val Ansell who has offered to help me put one quilt together. Anyone willing to help put a second top together, contact me (I have plenty of blocks). I will also need volunteers to quilt them. These finished quilts will be donated to Donation Quilts and the Quilt Bee.

Our Bell Ringer, Dana Roncin has a new experience to tell everyone about. The picture on page 12 says it all!

Lorraine Daley provided us with 29 prizes. At most afternoon and evening meals 4 or 5 names were drawn. Great job Lorraine!!! Judy you did a great job collecting

the Gratuities!!

We had seven newbies attend this year, and we received 27 registration and deposits for our next retreat. That leaves about 5 spaces. If you're interested, fill out a registration form along with a \$50 deposit to reserve space or get on the wait list. Anyone on the wait list who does NOT go to Homewood will get their deposit back.

I was the one of the winners of last year's strip poker. See the photo on page 12 to see the quilt I made from them for my elderly Auntie for Christmas.

Thanks to those attending this year's retreat, without your participation there would not be a retreat.

*Judy Peterson, Vicki Zoltay, Lorraine Daley, Judy Hunter, Homewood Retreat Organizers*



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## Guild Placemat Challenge

Have you picked your triadic colour scheme yet? If you have a couple of favorite choices, you might want to make more than one entry, although one person cannot win more than one prize. These placemats are the perfect opportunity to try a technique that may be new to you. **Rules to Play by:**

1. Triadic colour scheme.
2. Neutral background.
3. May be pieced or appliqued or both. (No embellishments that require careful handling since the quilts will be stacked for transport).
4. Landscape format.
5. Placemat size (12" by 18").
6. Due at either of the April guild meetings. **\*Please note the change in due date\*** According to our guild handbook, non-show year challenge entries are always due in April and will be voted on at the May general meeting.
7. No hanging sleeve required.
8. Pin a paper label to the back that includes your name, guild number, and whether or not you wish to donate the entry to the placemat committee or have it returned.

Challenge Coordinators Jeannette Blackmore, Vicki Dods

## Dog Bed Scraps

I want to thank everyone who has helped me with the dog bed project by donating your scraps...at this time I am unable to accept any more donations. If in the future I find myself needing assistance again I will surely contact you. Gratefully yours, Sue Artuso

## Found at June Quilt Show

Off white (beige) jacket with hood, Kirkland brand size Large, could be man's or woman's. Janet Knecht [quiltyjan@gmail.com](mailto:quiltyjan@gmail.com)

## Sale Items by Guild members

Hobbs Queen or large single Tuscany Silk Batt, \$45 each. Size 80" x 96". (I have two) Contact Judy Morrison at 1-250-890-1053 if you are interested.

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## Meeting Minutes of November 15, 2023

**Call to order:** 1:30 pm by Terri Askham, Co-President

**Moved** by Audrey Hale, seconded by Trish Kirk that the minutes of the General Meeting of October 18, 2023 be accepted as posted. Carried.

**Treasurer's Report** will now be posted at meetings but not voted on.

**Hospitality:** 60 members today, 2 guests.

**Correspondence:** a thank you letter received from Haven House for tote bags and Christmas stockings.

**Announcements:** Our coffee box has been found, but our bulletin board is missing. Thank you to Heather and Ann Marie for doing coffee today.

**Save those Tapes!** As a nonprofit society, the guild is able to participate in the save-a-tape program offered by Country Grocer. As a group we can earn 1% on every \$1000 in tapes that we save. This is in the form of gift cards that do not expire. The tapes can be from any Country Grocer location, for anything in the store, and for any amount. Please fold (don't roll) the tapes and place in an envelope to prevent fading. Sue Artuso will have a box available at the January meeting to drop off your tapes.

### Committee Reports

**Quilt Bee:** Saturday, January 27 at Oliver Woods. See full report on page 3.

**Donations:** see report on page 4.

**Christmas Party:** see details on page 1

**Program:** Homewood Retreat was a roaring success. Homewood staff quilt favourites were: Christine Hustins, Laura Beswick, Judith McLaughlin. More volunteers for January Mini Demos are needed. Report pages 2 & 5. Monika Kroeger donated free fabric (on the free table).

**Guest Speaker:** The Knife Sharpener, Ken Romanyshyn has a workshop at his home and sharpens knives, scissors and garden tools. Some of his wisdom:

- Price differences reflect the quality of the metal used
- Test drive the scissors you are thinking of buying (take fabric samples with you to the store)
- Look for one flat cutting side of blades and a bolt and nut fastening at the centre rather than rivets
- To keep your scissors clean, use a drop or spray of Isopropyl Alcohol or vinegar, then work the scissors to get debris out. Put a drop of mineral oil (washable) on top and bottom of bolt.
- To keep pinking sheers cutting smoothly, cut through 3 layers of waxed paper. Lots of other fascinating information; enjoyed by all.
- **Contact Ken at The Knife Sharpener, 250 723-6605, 3995 Rock City Road**

### DRAWS:

**Show & Share:** Teresa Bellinger **Evening:** Sandy Blakely

**Hospitality:** Phyllis Moore **Evening:** Sharon Dubyna

**Mystery Fabric:** Carolyn Hunter **Evening:** Kathy Coulter

**Raffles: Afternoon:** Sue Artuso, Leslie Millward, Carolyn Hunter, Sheila Redel, Lorraine Whillans, Cathy Proctor, Kathy Doyle, Teresa Bellinger

**Evening:** Sharon Horncastle, Judith McLaughlin, Vicki Zoltay, Val Ansell

**Adjourned:** at 3:36 pm *Lorna Craig, Guild Secretary*

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## Quilts of Valour

A big thank you to all the guild members who have made contributions for Quilts of Valour. It is a huge commitment of time, energy and monies and I am very grateful as the veterans benefit. I have presented 3 quilts recently and all the veterans very overjoyed with their quilts.

I can supply members with wide backing and batting .- please contact me if you require some. The [quiltsofvalour.ca](http://quiltsofvalour.ca) website has free patterns for hug blocks. *Joan Irving*



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## Butterscotch Bars Recipe

*This recipe from Audrey Hale was requested for her bars at the November Guild afternoon coffee break!*

1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, at room temperature, plus more for greasing pan  
 1/2 cup granulated sugar  
 1/2 cup light brown sugar, packed  
 3/4 cup creamy peanut butter, divided  
 1 large egg  
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
 1 cup all-purpose flour  
 1 teaspoon baking soda  
 1/4 teaspoon salt  
 1/2 cup quick-cooking oatmeal  
 1 cup butterscotch chips  
 1 cup powdered sugar  
 4 tablespoons milk

### PREPARATION

Preheat oven to 350°F and grease a 9x13 inch baking dish with butter.

In a large bowl, cream together the butter, granulated sugar, brown sugar, and 1/2 cup of the peanut butter with an electric mixer.

Add egg and vanilla and mix to combine.

Sift together flour, baking soda, and salt. Add oatmeal and stir to combine.

Add flour/oat mixture to butter mixture and mix on low until well combined.

Spread evenly across prepared baking pan and top with butterscotch chips.

Bake until golden brown on the edges, 20-25 minutes.

Whisk together powdered sugar, milk, and remaining 1/4 cup peanut butter until smooth, then pour evenly over bars while still warm.

Let cool completely before slicing and serving. Enjoy!

## Raffles

Thank you quilters for making the raffle and mystery fabric ticket purchases so much fun for Audrey and myself. Your happy faces really cheer us up. I am sure Sharon and Moire in the evening were also happy as there was an increase in ticket sales. Remember they are still only \$1.00. We had generous donations from Sharon D., Laverna A., Daphne G. as well as a donation from an estate. We will be at the Christmas Pot Luck so bring your loonies and toonies.

*Carole Phinney - Raffles chair*



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*Above left: Judy Peterson's Strip Poker Quilt.  
Above right: Dana Roncin rings the bell at the  
November Homewood retreat. Left: Val Ansell  
trying out Christine Hustins' fabric playhouse  
made to fit a card table*

***Below: November 15 Show and Share quilts***

