

Nanaimo Quilters Guild

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Next Meeting

Wednesday, December 10,
Nanaimo Curling Club, doors
open at 1:00 meeting starts at 1:30
NO EVENING MEETING

Christmas get together

Next Executive Meeting

**(Zoom) No meeting in
December, January 14 , 1:30 pm**

Newsletter Deadline

December 22

Refreshments:

In December, since it is our
holiday get together, all members
are asked to bring a small amount
of your choice of finger foods

In our newsletters' online version,
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See what our Guild and its members
are up to. You can submit photos
of your quilts to our Facebook
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Guild Website

The Members Only section password is
printed on the back of your membership
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for our Guild web site, please send it
to Sue Creba at smcreba@gmail.com

Presidents' Pen

This has been a busy fall for the Guild with presentations, trunk shows and lessons at the general meetings and three successful workshops completed. There have been several new members join the Guild this fall and we are very pleased to welcome them all.

We are now looking forward to seeing everyone at our Christmas party on December 10th at 1:30. This is a NEW TIME we are trying in response to your feedback from last year. Bring an appetizer or dessert for our party. There will be some seasonal mischief along with a Show and Share of Christmas crafts. The Library is taking a seasonal break and will be back in the New Year and Donations will be collecting, but not distributing new materials at this upcoming meeting.

Our Guild relies on volunteers. We are grateful for the large number of members who have stepped forward this year, but there are still a few openings. I have found that volunteering has led to new friendships, more opportunities to learn about quilting and a strong sense of belonging to a very supportive and active community. Please think about what you can offer and contact Ellen or Kathleen about opportunities that await!

Many members have been working diligently on quilts to exhibit at our Quilt Show in May. These dark and stormy days are a wonderful time to hunker down. As we need over 300 quilts for the display we all need to get working!

Kathleen and Ellen extend warm wishes for a happy and joyful holiday season to our Executive and all our members.

Your Co-Presidents Ellen Ellis & Kathleen Kane

Guild Program and Workshops

Nametag Challenge

Thank-you to everyone who participated in the Name Tag Challenge! It was a great example of the creativity that is embedded in our guild. Our members utilized hand stitching, tiny blocks, improv, wool material, use of selvages, embellishments, innovative pockets, braille and much more. I look forward to more challenges in our future! See photo on page 2.

Upcoming Workshops

Consider joining us on Wednesday March 4th for a workshop with Darcy Hunter **COLLAGE FLOWER MINI ART QUILT (via zoom)**

"Why not try a fun collage technique to create one of four flowers? Everyone in your group will choose a flower to create. They can use their own fabrics or buy a kit to create the artwork. The collage can be mounted onto an 8 by 10-inch mat board, or they have the option to create a 10 by 12.5-inch wall hanging. This is a beginner/intermediate workshop."

Visit her website to see Darcy's work and learn more about her art.

<https://www.darcyhunterart.com>

Carolyn Hunter, Programs Committee

Placemats

We had 37 Placemats and 8 tea cozies turned in at the November meetings. Thanks to all, they were so beautiful. So, this gives us a total in stock of 445 placemats and 37 tea cozies. I really enjoy seeing them as they give me new ideas for my own creations.

'Tis now the season for donating the placemats to the organizations we support. The number of clients for all three of the Meals-on-Wheels groups that we support has greatly increased. In order to also have some for donation to the Salvation Army Christmas Hamper Program, I will only hold back about 50 for the Quilt Guild Show. This means I will really need everyone to make up the shortfall in January to April. But I am confident you will all help out with that. I will be at the December meeting to receive any placemats you have ready.

Your Placemat Committee: Heather, Norma & Maureen



Membership

Thanks to all who have renewed for the year. We now have 136 members!

Membership details and forms are on the guild website. Islandquilters.ca . If you have any questions, please contact membershipnqg@gmail.com or call 250-751-1515.

A list of members also appears in the Members-Only section of the Guild website but if you note any errors please connect with the membership email. Cards and receipts are available at the membership table at meetings.

Keep on quilting and enjoying! Wishing you all a very merry and healthy Christmas season.

Barb Kerfoot & Laura Beswick, NQG Membership

The Name Tag Challenge



Thread Spools Needed

Joan Irving will be collecting thread spools at our meetings for Canada Comforts Society.



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Quilt Bee January 31, 2026

Saturday January 31st Oliver Woods Recreation Centre
8:45 a.m. until 3:45 p.m.

Thanks to all of the members who have signed up for our annual Quilt Bee. We still have some additional spaces and you can sign up at our next guild get together.

The quilts being made go to Haven House, our local women's and children's shelter and unfortunately the need has not diminished.

The committee will provide backing and batting and an assortment of pre-cut quilt kits.

I will be submitting a Things to Bring List in our January newsletter. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.
Joan Irving

Library

There is no Library in December. All materials will be due at the January 2026 meeting.

Thank you to all of you who indicated, on your registration form, a willingness to help in the Library. At this time, we are not in need of any additional volunteers. We will be in touch if circumstances change.

Merry Christmas! *The Library Team*

November Quilt Along

We had a few members bring blocks to share which entitled them to an entry to the draw. B J Estes won the draw it's nice to have a newer member participating

There will be no Farm Girl at the December meeting. This gives you 2 months to complete Column 3. Enjoy the holiday season! *Sandra Radley 250-756-2421*

Donation Quilts

In November, we took in 19 quilts, 8 baby quilts, 1 NICU baby quilt, 2 wheelchair quilts, 6 adult lap quilts and 2 fidget quilts. Thank you to everyone who made such beautiful donations.

As 2026 will be the last year that the Scrappy Bags will be doing the quilt donations for the Guild, we are beginning to train anyone who is interested in the Committee for the upcoming Guild year. We have four new volunteers so far. Please see any member of the Committee if you would like to volunteer next year for Donations.

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Donation Quilts Committee



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NQG Quilt Show May 28-31 2026

At this time we are gearing up for the quilt show. As I have talked about at past guild meetings come January we will start signing up volunteers for various areas of the show. We encourage everyone to help as much as you can. (All four days would help a lot.) In the meantime please help with a place mat or two. Hopefully you have been working on your show entries, we hope to get about 300. For first time participants please don't be worried that you're a beginner. It's really all about fun and getting to know your fellow quilters.

Don't forget the Challenge participation.

In January I will give an information session to let all guild members know how the show will proceed, as well as what we have changed.

In the new year we will start with the raffle ticket sales. This is a very big part of the fund raising for the show, so be prepared to sell some tickets. For now and until the show starts, help get the word out. Tell everyone.

Next meeting is on January 22, 1-3 pm at Bowen Country Grocer. *Thanks, Janet and Bonnie, co-conveners. Janet quiltyjan@gmail.com 250-245-5936*

Guild Quilt Show Challenge

Our Quilt Show Challenge "O' Canada!" was revealed to Guild members at the November meeting. Packages are \$4 and will be available at our meetings. Approximately one fat quarter of three assorted fabrics to be worked with plus your own additions. You have until the May meeting to hand your entry in. *Barb Kerfoot & Laura Beswick, Show Year Challenge Coordinators*

Quilt Show Boutique

The guild boutique sale is open to all guild members whose membership was paid by October 2025.

The boutique is looking for a wide variety of good quality items made from fabric. This excludes all knitted, felted or crocheted items.

Each member is invited to bring up to 100 items in total. Member's name and guild number must be on ALL totes and lids. If you have more than 100 items please contact the Boutique coordinator to discuss.

Items having identifying business labels, business cards, etc will be pulled from the sale.

Members putting items into the boutique are required to volunteer a shift in the boutique on each day of the show. Sign up sheets will be available for you to book your times.

Each member decides their own prices. The guild will be taking 10% off your total sales to cover boutique expenses and anything over this goes to benefit the guild, so take that into consideration when pricing your items.

Do not multi price your items, ie buy one at \$10.00 or buy two for \$15.00.

Props...bring whatever special props you want with your items. If you have a large prop, let us know before set up day to ensure we can accommodate it.

Members with fewer items can expect all items will be put out to start. Members with a larger number of items will not have all items put out to start. Boutique items will be replenished throughout the day by committee members as space becomes available.

Items are to be checked into the boutique on set up day (Thursday) between 8 and 11:30.

We will help with labelling corrections but do not have time to do corrections for you. This will take some time as together we inventory all items in your tote and check they match your inventory sheet and that the price tags are correct. *(continued on page 5)*



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Quilt Show Boutique continued

Items will be ready for pickup (Sunday) between 10 and 12:30 on first come first served basis. Again together we will inventory what items have not been sold and match this with your inventory sheet.

The Treasurer will issue cheques for sold items as soon as the quilt show accounts are completed.

A boutique committee member will be available to answer questions at all guild meetings and we are looking forward to seeing your creations and to having a great sale.

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November 19 Show and Share quilt

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Fidget Quilts for Seniors

Thanks to the three ladies who turned in their completed fidget blankets. I am always impressed with the creativity of our members. I have included 2 pictures of some new ideas you might like to incorporate.

I have now been given so much stuff that I will have a table of items and 6 inch squares that you are welcome to take at the January meetings.

That reduces the time to completion to about 3 hours when everything is ready to put together. 4 squares (6 inches) across and 4 down gives you a 22 inch quilt which the hospital is fine with. Anything from 20 inch to 24 inch square is appropriate.

Thanks in advance and keep them coming!

Please leave the blankets at the Donations table and I will collect them. Thank you for your help! *Nancy Lutes*



CQA News

In view of Philippa Zapf's terrific presentation on challenges at our Guild meeting I would like give you the location for information on the TrendTex Challenge, "Confluence". https://canadianquilter.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/TrendTex_Challenge_2026_Final.pdf
The kit should be ordered before January 1, 2026.

The theme for this year's "JN Harper Youth Challenge" is "Road Trip". https://canadianquilter.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/Youth_Challenge_2026_EN-FINAL.pdf The fabric can be obtained from: irene.lafleche@canadianquilteradministration.com

The quilts of the winners will displayed at Quilt Canada 2026 in Winnipeg as will the winners of the National Juried Show.

If you want to support Canadian companies Canadian Quilter has an article featuring three Canadian suppliers. TrendTex in Port Coquitlam, B.C. is a Canadian owned and operated national wholesale distributor. Mook Fabrics started in Medicine Hat, Alberta and now has a main depot in Oak Bluff, Manitoba as well as a location in Pennsylvania. They make their own in-house designs and also sell other brands in Fabricland and on Amazon. Northcott Fabrics is a family company with offices in Vaughan, Ontario with another location in New Jersey. They produce silky cotton quilting fabrics and include many Canadian designs.

Susan Gaudion, CQA Rep.

*Ideas for
Fidget Quilts*





A few of the bowls made at the Patti Dance Canvas Bowls workshop on October 30. Below: Show and Share placemat



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General Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2025

Call to order: President Kathleen Kane called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm.

Hospitality: Members attending: Afternoon 76 and two guests, Evening 18 and 2 guests.

Motion: Moved by Sandra Radley that the Minutes of the Oct. 23, 2025 meeting as published in the newsletter be accepted. Seconded by Vicki Dods. **Carried**

Announcements: The NRGH Auxiliary will hold their Sale in the Hospital lobby on November 28 and 29 from 10-4. All proceeds go to NRGH.

Correspondence: none.

Treasurer's report: posted on the notice board.

Committee Reports

Donations: The committee is accepting fidget quilts. In January, Nancy Lutes will bring some supplies and do a short presentation to encourage members to make fidget quilts. Backing and batting are available. The Scrappy Bags will be stepping down so a new committee will be needed for next year. The committee will train members who wish to take on this very important job.

Quilt Bee: Joan Irving announced that 25 members are now signed up for the Quilt Bee to be held in January. She has kits available.

Quilts of Valour: Joan delivered one quilt to a veteran at the Legion.

Library: Pat Ryan encouraged members to take out lots of books as there would be no library at the Dec. meeting.

Sew Along: Sandra Radley reminded members who are doing the Farm Girl quilt that they must bring in their blocks to be eligible for the draw.

Membership: Barb Kerfoot reported that membership now stands at 135. Kathleen reminded members that Oct. 31 was the membership deadline for members to be able to put quilts in the quilt show.

Quilt Show: Janet Knecht reported that she had a successful meeting with the Curling Club to determine the cost of the venue. She has received two more quilts which will be considered for possible raffle quilts. Placemats are needed for the lunch room. The next show meeting will be November 27. (continued page 9)



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General Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2025 continued

Program: Carolyn reminded members of the Name Tag Challenge as the draw takes place today. To date, two workshops have been held. She said that the committee really appreciates feedback on the workshops and will be happy to accept ideas for future workshops. The next workshop, Improve for Planners, will be held on Zoom on Nov. 29.

Challenge: Laura outlined the Challenge for 2025. The theme is O' Canada!. The challenge packages will be available at the Program table for \$4. The packages contain 3 fabrics and the instructions. Completed challenges will be brought to the May 2026 meeting.

Kathleen then introduced guest speaker, Philippa Zapf who showed several challenge quilts she had made and explained her thought process when faced with a new challenge opportunity. She gave many concrete guidelines and had members brainstorm to illustrate how they might come up with ideas to do a challenge quilt. Members enjoyed her useful and humorous presentation.

New Business: Kathleen reminded members that we still need a First Vice President, members to train for the Donation committee and a Host for the Sew-In.

She asked members whether volunteers would arrange a Christmas party in December or would we just have treats following a regular meeting. It was decided that we will have a regular afternoon meeting and everyone is asked to dress in their Christmas finery and bring a tray of appetizers or desserts (finger foods) that we will enjoy during an extended break at the meeting.

The next meeting will be Dec. 10 – note this is a week earlier than our usual meeting. It will be an afternoon meeting only.

Mystery fabric: Afternoon- Sue Artuso, Evening-Laura Beswick

Raffles: Afternoon: Betty Hamilton, Sandra Radley, Elinor Martin-Law, Sue Artuso, Lorraine Whillans, Trish Kirk, Isabel Bunning, Wanda Moggert. Evening: Tuesday Shay, Bonnie Palfy, Sue Creba, Maggie Warren

Hospitality: Evening- Billi Jean Reeve, Show and Share Afternoon- Linda Macey, Evening -Janet Knecht, Block of the Month- Bonnie Dormuth, Name tag challenge -Afternoon -Val Ursulak, Evening – Laura Beswick.

Adjournment: at 3:15pm.

Submitted by Valerie Ursulak, Secretary



November 19 Show and Share quilts

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Quilters' Chat

Have you been searching for Christmas ideas? Nine quilt designers have teamed up to create beautiful foundation paper pieced patterns featuring all the things that make winter magical.

They will send out one block a day beginning December 1. Amazingly it is free! You MUST sign up to get the patterns sent to you. Check it out at: <https://quietplaydesigns.com/pages/winter-wonderland-signup>

What about a Christmas runner you ask? Check out the free pattern for Shimmer and Shine on the Zen Chic site: <https://www.brigitteheitland.de>

I made Christmas tree ornaments for friends and family and they were very well received. Check out Anne Ibach's blog for photos, material list and instructions at: <https://agilejack1.com/2022/11/23/scrappy-night-time-tree-ornament-tutorial/>

Have you seen the Woven Stars ornament? Moda has posted instructions for using your favourite fabric to make these colourful ornaments. It is a great way to use up left over Christmas fabric or any fabric from your stash. <https://my.modafabrics.com/inspiration-resources/woven-star-tutorial>

If you are still looking for ideas, or want to sit in a comfortable chair and read a favourite quilting magazine do you know that you can do this for free if you are a library card holder?

Sign up for the Libby App on your iPad or Android (or, I just learned, on your computer) and sign in using your library card. Go to magazines and select from over 20 quilting titles including **American Patchwork, Fons and Porter For the Love of Quilting, Make Modern, Quilting Arts** and **Today's Quilter** for just a few. I have tagged the ones I like and they show up automatically every time they are newly published and stay on my account until I have read them (no disappearing at the end of three weeks!). You can also search for back issues if you are looking for something in particular. Someone suggested that no one makes a quilt from those in a magazine. I will show you my latest quilt at the December party!

If you have a recommendation for the next newsletter, please send in your idea along with why you are making this recommendation and the web link to: ellenellis53@gmail.com

Have a Happy Holiday and time for quilting. *Ellen*



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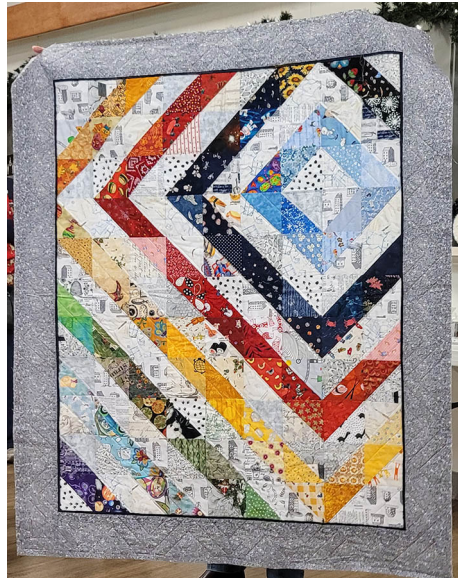
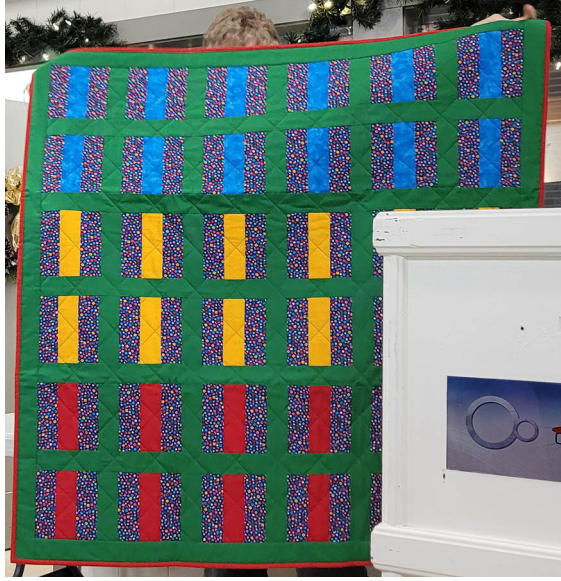
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