

# Nanaimo Quilters Guild Newsletter

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### Next Meeting

September 15

Brechin United Church  
Doors open at 12:30 and 6:30  
Meeting starts at 1:00 and 7:00

### Next Executive Meeting

September 13 1:30 p.m.

Country Grocer, Southgate

### Newsletter Deadline

September 22 (22nd of each month)

### Things to Remember:

- name tag
- **your own cup!!! Please!**
- completed membership form & fees
- library books
- completed workshop registration form and fees
- Mug Tote -page 11 in June newsletter
- donation placemats/quilts/show & share
- change for raffles
- block of the month (for September)
- newsletter
- baking or store bought goodies (if your surname starts with A or B)

### Membership/Hospitality

Please stop at the Hospitality table when you arrive, sign in, and pick up your ticket for the name tag draw. **You must be wearing your name tag in order to win the draw.** Please sign out if you leave before the end of the meeting.

### Yummy Baking ...

Thanks to everyone who brings goodies for our meetings. **For September, it's the turn of everyone with a surname beginning with A or B.**

### Guild Website

If you have something of interest for our Guild website, please send it to Avril Valentine at [avrilvalentine@shaw.ca](mailto:avrilvalentine@shaw.ca) who will forward it to our web master.

### Comfort Quit Society

Notice of the Annual General Meeting to be held at the November 2010 Nanaimo Quilt Guild meeting. This is a requirement of the BC Gaming Commission and will be very short.

### From Our Past President's Pen



Welcome back Guild members. We trust everyone had a wonderful fun-filled summer and that you were able to enjoy our fabulous weather locally and on your various trips and vacations. Our "Newbies" from last year are now "Oldies" and we are ready once again to meet those of you who will be joining us for the first time in September. Welcome to the "funnest" Guild in Nanaimo.

Our President, Norma Franks, is not in good health. A week prior to our Quilt Show Norma was stricken with shingles. She has been suffering and in great pain since that time. Currently she is unable to continue in her duties as President, and has asked that we continue on until she is well enough to step back in and resume her duties. To that end the following will take place:

First Vice-President Philippa Zapf will take on some of Norma's duties including: preparing the meeting Agendas, presiding over Executive meetings, and chairing the **evening** Guild meetings, and Second Vice-President Kathy Bush will chair the **afternoon** Guild meetings and work with Philippa Zapf on Guild business. As Philippa is still working **full-time** please assist her in any way possible so this arrangement does not cause her undue stress. Other executive members will carry on in their usual duties.

**We have one urgent request:** We need someone with some insurance background **or interest** to come forward and assist with the final decisions the executive have to make regarding our Guild insurance.

Although Norma **may not** be with us in September, the Executive would still like you to finish your Mug Bags for the September meeting. The pattern and all instructions were in the June 2010 Newsletter. Norma will really enjoy seeing all your creative ideas when she is able to rejoin us.

Have a wonderful relaxing Guild year after such a successful Quilt Show in June. It is now time to play with fabric and friends and have some fun.

*Past President Barbara Root*

### Program for the Coming Year

We have 2010-2011 organized and hope you will enjoy participating in the classes that we are offering. There are nine workshops this year, so hopefully there is something just for you. The registration form for all the workshops is on page 12.

In order to move things along smoothly, please fill out the workshop registration form prior to the meeting, as we will be taking mini demo registrations at the same time.

The Guild Schedule is also enclosed which lists all the workshops, mini demos, trunk show and guests for the coming year (page 10).

Reminder: If you pay for a workshop and find you must cancel, we will do our best to refund your fee **only if the class is full**. We cannot guarantee a refund if the class does not fill. If we have to cancel a class, you will be refunded your fee. Refunds will be available at the Guild meeting following each workshop. Email Lise Skalos at: [nqgprogramme.lise@shaw.ca](mailto:nqgprogramme.lise@shaw.ca) or phone 250-754-9636 to register or cancel a class in between Guild meetings. Make cheques payable to: "Nanaimo Quilters Guild" and pay at either the meeting or mail cheque to Lise Skalos, 780 Chelsea Street, Nanaimo, V9S 1Y3. Please inform her **in advance** if you are mailing the cheque.

**Cathy Bush ~ Creating a Wall Hanging from a Photo: 4 spaces available**

**Saturday September 18 and Sunday September 26 9 am - 4 pm**

**Day One at Nanaimo District Teachers' Office, 3137C Baron's Road**

**Day Two at Oliver Woods Centre, Monarch Rooms**

Cathy Welte, Barb Root, Deirdre Love, Lavonne Holmes, Carol Phinney, Sandra Dobson, Leslie MacDonald, Laverna Anderson, Leslie Millward, Linda Campbell

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### Program continued from page 1

**The Art of Machine Quilting: Class Full, wait list taken**

**Barbara Shapel Saturday October 16 9 – 4**

**Oliver Woods Centre, Monarch Rooms**

Holly Wells, Val Ursulak, Greta Simmons, Laura Morrissey, Kathy Bush, Morag Orr-Stevens, Robin Flynn, Heather Robinson, Nancy Price-Munn, Carole Phinney, Irene Madsen, Deirdre Love, Joanne Dodson, Marg Bradley, Angela McKenzie, Leanne Sturgeon, Elaine Trant, Penelope Woodwark, Deborah Lacey, Sue Creba **Wait List:** Sandy Dobson

**Thread Painting, Three Samplers – One Space Available**

**Barbara Shapel Sunday October 17 9 – 4**

**Oliver Woods Centre, Monarch Rooms**

Holly Wells, Val Ursulak, Greta Simmons, Barb Root, Nancy Price-Munn, Judy Peterson, Deirdre Love, Cindy Scraba, Marg Bradley, Bonnie Beil, Kathy Calder, Audrey Lloyd, Marlene Jones, Patty McRory, Carole Dorward, Elaine Trant, Janet Williams, Kathy Coleman, Sandy Dobson

Directions to Kathy Bush's first class at 3137 Barons Road: [www.mapquest.ca](http://www.mapquest.ca) type in address, city and province. Or, if southbound, turn left onto Norwell Drive, and follow it to Barons Road. Turn right onto Barons Road, it's just around the corner from the library. If northbound, turn right onto Norwell Drive, then right at the stop light onto Departure Bay Road. Barons Road is the first left. The street curves to the right and then to the left. The building is on this corner. We will have signs out.

In 2011, we have six workshops available for you to enjoy. **Premade kits** are available for purchase for: Pippa Moore's "African Collage" for \$35.00 and for Coreen Zerr's "Fabric Painting" for \$50.00. We will need to request these in advance of the workshops. Please let us know when you register whether you are interested.

Lise Skalos will email a supply list to each participant for the classes. Please also remember to bring your lunch, mug, extension cord, extra lighting if you wish, your sewing machine and cord, and a cushion for your chair if needed. The program committee will provide tea and coffee and there is a fridge available for your lunches.

#### Mini Demos for October Meeting:

Sign up occurs at the September meeting. Of the eight being offered at the afternoon meeting and four at the evening meeting, you may choose two. Please come with at least three or four options in mind since the classes may fill up before you register. We will provide you with paper to note your choices. Samples of each demo will be available at the September meeting.

We have tried to offer you a mixture of skill levels. To help you organize your dishes and cutlery for the Christmas Party and Summer Picnic, we are offering the "Picnic Holder" and for assisting you in bringing hot food, we have the "Insulated Casserole Carrier" as part of our mini demos.

#### October Mini Demo Afternoon Choices:

1. Sandra Radley: Prairie Points
2. Laura Morrissey: "From Twenty to One", How to put blocks together without pinning or ironing
3. Marsha Whitmee: Insulated Casserole Carrier
4. Penny Whittaker: Picnic Holder
5. Cindy Scraba: Texture Magic Techniques
6. Val Ursulak: Sashiko
7. Lorie Mudrie: Machine Felting
8. Coreen Zerr: "3-D Ferns", How to create free form ferns (or anything you wish) using only threads, wash away stabilizers, and NO hoop.

#### October Mini Demo Evening Choices:

1. Coreen Zerr: "3-D Ferns", How to create free form ferns (or anything you wish) using only threads, wash away stabilizers, and NO hoop.
2. Cindy Scraba: Texture Magic Techniques
3. Laura Morrissey: "From Twenty to One" How to put blocks together without pinning or ironing
4. Marsha Whitmee: Insulated Casserole Carrier

To the demonstrators: Thank you very much for volunteering to do these demos.

We will be having another mini demo session in February and need your input for ideas and people to volunteer to do the demos.

Just a reminder that "Hands Across the Water" is being hosted by the Quadra Island Quilter's Guild. They will be having workshops on Friday, October 1 and Sunday, October 3. If you are interested, please contact Marcy Wolter @ 250-285-3849 or email her at [marciawolter@hotmail.com](mailto:marciawolter@hotmail.com)

*Program Committee: Angela McKenzie, Lise Skalos, Sue Thurmeier, Bonnie Dormuth, Dianne Busch, Sherry Drebnicki, Leslie Millward and Caroll Rumo*

### Safety First

In the case of an emergency: fire, earthquake, flood etc., all members are asked to vacate the building quickly, assisting those unable to do so, by using the closest of the three exit doors. Membership will take the membership sheets, and Hostesses will take the sign-in sheets. Once outside the building you are asked to muster at the far northwestern corner of the lot, closest to Tim Horton's.

The THREE EXITS are:

ONE: Exit via steep cement stairs,

TWO: Exit next to the kitchen, along the hallway, and

THREE: Exit behind the Program table.

For SAFETY reasons it is important that you **SIGN IN** at each and every Guild meeting. Should it become necessary for you to leave prior to the conclusion of activities please also **SIGN OUT**.



## Library News

A big welcome back to all returning & new guild members. We hope the summer has been full of wonderful projects you found in our library materials. **PLEASE** remember to return **ALL** your library books, magazines and DVDs to the September meeting. The most difficult job in the library is "chasing" around all those overdue library materials. It is a time consuming job and we don't like to be the "collection agency". If you are unable to attend a meeting, "**please phone a friend**" and get them to drop off your library materials. We understand that sometimes there are major unforeseen circumstances that prevent you from returning your materials, but if you can let us know that you physically **can't** get those books back, we can make a special arrangement.

We have quite a few new books and magazines that will be available for checkout at the September meetings. Also, please check that your Magazine Bags are together (3 to a bag) so we don't have to chase the "orphan" magazines around.

Most of our Library "helper elves" will be returning this year and we would love to have some new "trainees". If you would like to volunteer to help at either the day or evening meeting, let us know at the Library desk and we'll try to put you to work. We have had a great team working in the library for the last few years and would like to pass our "efficiency" skills on to avoid Library volunteer "burnout".  
*The Library Team*

## Membership

A new year and a slightly changed membership form (pg. 11) Please **completely** fill in this year's form **before the meeting** and leave it in the provided box at the membership table.

This year annual dues remain at \$20, expiring on the day of the September meeting in the next year. If you require regular mailing there is a fee of \$10 for the year, as voted on in the spring, unless you are an honorary member (free mailing).

During the meeting we will process everything put in the box and your new cards and receipts will be available during the second half. If we need further information from your form there will be some delays in processing your paperwork.

Thanks so much for everyone's help in making this a smooth process.  
*Tracy and the Membership committee*

## Trips and Retreats

As of now we have 4 or 5 seats still available for the Sisters, Oregon bus trip next summer. Please see Bonnie and Sue for more information and/or to register for the tour. The November 2010 retreat balances will be collected at the October guild meeting. The amounts will be published in the next newsletter after the costs have been verified with the camp staff.  
*Bonnie Dimitry and Sue Artuso, Trips and Retreats*



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## Thanks to Volunteers

A word of thanks to all those who were able to volunteer for the numerous jobs at the guild quilt show. Your hard work really showed and made this past show a winner - hope you had fun getting involved as well. Just a reminder - please bring your plastic name badge holder to the September guild meeting if you have not had a chance to return it previously - we still have 90 of them missing. *Bonnie Dimitry, 2010 Show Volunteer Coordinator*

## Guild Postcard Challenge Winners

Wasn't that a Party? I would like to thank Cindy Scraba of Cindy's Threadworks for the incredible First Prize gift basket that was presented to Kathy Calder at our Material Magic Quilt Show in June. The Second Prize went to Val Ursulak and Third Prize was awarded to Penelope Woodwark. I have to thank all of those who entered the Challenge and helped make a big and splashy display for our show. The viewers were intrigued and amazed at the variety and the calibre of work. It was truly successful and your incredible participation made my part easy. Thanks again to our fabulous Guild Members for rising to the call! *Lorie Rogers*

## Quilt Show Wrap-up

Well, the quilt show is past us and what a great show it was. There was a lot of hard work putting this all together, and we should be very proud of the results.

We had so many good reviews from all areas of the Island and the mainland. We were even compared with the CQA show in Calgary. We don't have exact figures yet, but it looks like we had about 2,000 people attend our show.

Our musician, Graham Gates, was great and very well received. I believe he enjoyed it as much as our members and the audience did.

Our members received a lot of really nice prizes donated by our sponsors. We have a lot of sponsors for which we are truly grateful for their support.

### Prize winners:

CQA Best of Show: Barbara Root, CQA ribbon

Viewers' Choice Award: Barbara Root, sewing machine donated by Snip and Stitch

Past Presidents' Award: Barbara Root, Cash Award

Show Committee: Lillian Charron, sewing machine donated by Serge and Sew

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**Winners of Ribbons**

**Challenge**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Cathy Calder
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Val Ursulak
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Penelope Woodwark

**Bed Quilt-Hand Quilted**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Barbara Root
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Marsha Whitmee
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Georgette Serjeant

**Bed Quilt-Machine Quilted**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Gerrie Green
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lynn Bentsen
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Cheryl Tellier

**Large Wall Hanging**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Bonnie Beil
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Barbara Root
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Greta Simmons

**Small Wall Hanging**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Barbara Clement
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Val Ursulak
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Greta Simmons

**Group Quilt**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kathy Bush
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Gail Lambourne
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Carolyn Kavanagh

**Art Quilts**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lori Mudrie
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Gail Lambourne
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Barbara Root

**Hand Applique**

- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Val Ursulak
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Lillian Charron

**Other / Jacket**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Marlene Jones
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Morag Orr-Stevens
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Gail Lambourne

**Secret Categories**

Judith McLaughlin, Sue Creba, Deolinda Poier, Barbara Clement, Cathy Welte, Blanche Elliott, Carolyn Kavanagh, Val Ursulak

Congratulations to all those winners and thank you to all those that entered Quilts in the Show.

A Special Thank You to the following:

Kitchen Staff: you did a fantastic job and the food was great.

Val Ansell and Crew: you did a marvelous job in hanging all those quilts and I know you all worked very hard to achieve this.

Set Up and Take Down Crew: without your efficient work this portion of the show would not have gone so smoothly. I could not believe how fast these quilts can come down at the end of the show.

Lorie Rogers: Thank you for all the work you did with the Call to Entry and the Challenge. The little hangers on the postcards were something special.

Gail Lambourne: your group did a marvelous job in all areas of your assignment. The advertising in all the papers and magazines was great.

Without everyone involved in putting on this show, we would not be able to put on a show of this calibre. Our next show will be in 2013 and I hope you will all want to participate by heading up a Committee or volunteer at the show. We cannot do this without you. We are all members of this Guild and we all reap the benefits of what this show does for us.

I have enjoyed being Co-Convener for this show. It was a learning experience and a lot of fun and excitement. I have decided that I will take on the role of Co-Convener for the 2013 Show unless there is someone out there that is anxious to do this job. *Lillian Charron, Co-Convener Quilt Show 2010*

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## Placemats

Welcome back ladies! I hope you all had a great summer. I would like to thank all those who donated placemats for the Quilt Show Tearoom and throughout the past year. As of the end of June, we have 121 placemats for donation!

At each meeting, batting will be available at the Placemat table. Stop by and view other Guild members' submissions for ideas and inspiration for your own donations. Each member is encouraged to donate 2 placemats per year. Please remember: in order to fit the Meals on Wheels dinner trays, placemats must be 12" x 18" (includes binding), **RECTANGLES ONLY** with no angled corners or oval shapes. Thank you all in advance for your continued generosity. As a relative newbie to the guild, please come and introduce yourself to me at the table, I'd love to meet you (I may not remember your name two months from now, but I will certainly remember your face!) *Lori Skerget*

## Quilt Shows

*Blue Mountain Quilters' Guild "Quilts Galore", October 16-17*  
Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10 - 4 Montgomery Middle School,  
1900 Edgewood Avenue (just south of Austin Ave) Coquitlam  
[www.bluemountainquilters.ca](http://www.bluemountainquilters.ca)

*Pacific Spirit Quilters' Guild, April 30-May 1, 2011 Shriners' Hall,*  
3550 Wayburne Dr. Burnaby. Merchant Mall, Gift Shop, Tea  
Room. contact: Evelyn Gingrich at [gingrichde@hotmail.com](mailto:gingrichde@hotmail.com)

## Donation Quilts

In the last quilt year from Sept. 2009 to June 2010, our guild members donated 94 quilts. This includes the 53 quilts for Haven House (Quilt Bee) and 19 for the Cowichan Disaster Relief. We have a few held in reserve for urgent need. The charities to whom these are donated are very very appreciative. Thank you everyone for a job well done.

Do remember, please sew labels on your quilts. We have a few on hand for the September meeting and will have many more in October. The same applies for batting. A lot of fabric was distributed from Shelley Fraser's stash so we do not anticipate purchasing more backing for this year.

For all our members especially new ones the preferred sizes for donation quilts are: Crib or Baby size quilts: 36" x 36" or 45" x 45", Lap: 40" x 45", Twin: 63" x 87", Double (Full): 78" x 87" and Queen: 84" x 92". There is always a need for baby and lap quilts.

We are excited about beginning a new quilting year and look forward to seeing everyone after our summer recess. Our committee has two members for the afternoon meeting and one for the evening. We do need one more volunteer for each meeting in order that there always be a representative at the respective meetings.

*Judi McLaughlin, Chair, Dierdre Love and Linda Robinson*

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## Quilt Bee January 29 9 am - 4 pm

Once again it is time to plan our 13th annual Quilt Bee for Haven House. Place: Oliver Woods Community Centre Date and time: January 29, 2011 from 9 am to 4 pm.

Haven House provides a safe shelter for women and their children when they need to escape from violent and abusive situations at home. A cheerful quilt waiting on the bed is part of the comfort offered by Haven House. This is a gift to the family. As a non-profit community service organization, our guild provides many of the quilts.

Sign up sheets will be out at the September Guild meeting. We have room for 24 teams. Each team provides the fabric for the top of the quilt and the guild provides the backing and batting. If you are not able to participate on that day, you can still participate by donating a quilt.

Watch the October newsletter for information on how you can help make up quilt tops. We will have a POTLUCK lunch that day. Please bring your favorite dish to share. This is a great way for new members to the guild to meet others and have lots of fun. See you at the sign up table.

*Mickey Lemmon and Dianne Ross*

## Food Bank

Another year and the number of our citizens needing to use the food bank continues to grow. Anything in your pantry that you can spare will be very welcome. For those members who like suggestions, as the children will be back in school by the time we have our first meeting, I think that packages of small tetra packs of juice would be good, and one mom suggested to me "Ocean's" Snack Kit (it contains a can of light tuna already mixed with mayonnaise and crackers) she said it makes a great snack in a lunch kit.

I would like to give my heartfelt thanks to Gwyn Oaten who made an executive decision and arranged for the Loaves and Fishes Food Bank to make a pick up at Brechin Church on the morning of the third Thursday of each month to pick up our donations. Evening members - no more carrying heavy boxes of food up to my car for me, but many thanks for all the times that you did this for me in the last few years. Way to go Gwyn. *Norma Franks.*

## CQA Shows and Challenge

See more info at <http://quiltontario2011.blogspot.com>

**Trend Tex Challenge:** get your fabric kit by sending in your \$20 on or just after October 1 **National Juried Show:** Call for Submissions - 6 categories for quilts made since January 2009 **Quilt Ontario, May 25-28, 2011** in London, Ontario at the beautiful University of Western Ontario campus

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## October Block of the Month

Thanks to everyone who participated in last year's Block of the Month (BotM) and for new quilters, welcome.

The goals of the BotM committee are:

- 1) to teach block-making techniques,
- 2) to introduce quilting terms to the novices,
- 3) to explore colour combinations using simple blocks and
- 4) to have fun making and sharing the blocks.

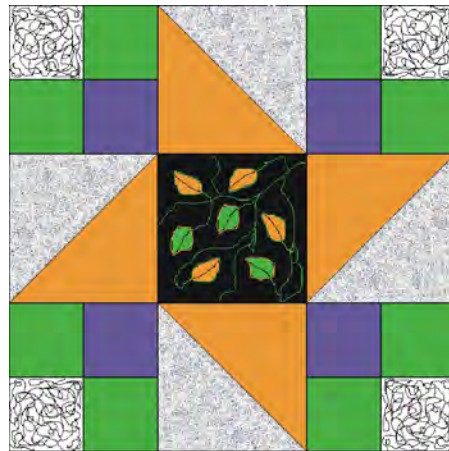
Each month we provide a copyright-free design and instructions. If you wish to share, bring your finished block to the monthly meeting and pin it on the BotM board. For each block you enter, put your name in the draw for a chance to win the blocks.

We hope beginners and experienced quilters will have fun making this month's block. It is a simple combination of 4-patch units and half-square triangles which we have called *Autumn Star*.

Remember, accuracy in cutting and piecing is important. All seams are  $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Block size is  $12\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $12\frac{1}{2}$ " (unfinished).

### Fabric Choices :

Choose an autumn or leaf print with a dark background for the centre patch. Starting with the colours in this fabric, select a medium green, a purple and a tone-on-tone white (white A) for the 4-patch unit. Then choose a co-ordinating orange fabric and a small-scale print with a white background (white B) for the half-square triangles.



Block Layout for Autumn Star

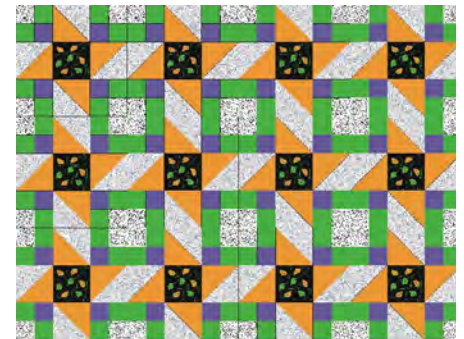
### Cutting:

Centre print	1:	$4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ "
Med green	2:	$10\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ "
White A	1:	$10\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ "
Purple	1:	$10\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ "
Orange	2:	$4\frac{7}{8}$ " x $4\frac{7}{8}$ "
White B	2:	$4\frac{7}{8}$ " x $4\frac{7}{8}$ "

### Construction:

First make the 4-patch corners by the strip piecing method. Using a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, join one green strip to the white A strip and the other green strip to the purple strip. This makes two strip sets, each measuring  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $10\frac{1}{2}$ ". Press seams to green. Cut each strip set into four  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " lengths to make eight  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " units. Place one green and white unit on top of a purple and green unit so that the green of the top unit lies over the purple of the bottom unit. This will form a 'checkerboard' effect. Nest the seams to get accurate corners, sew and press.

Make half-square triangles using the  $4\frac{7}{8}$ " squares of orange and white B. Draw a pencil line diagonally (from corner to corner) on the wrong side of each white square. Place a white square and an orange square right-sides together with marked side of the white fabric facing up. Stitch  $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the pencil line on either side of the line to join the 2 squares along the diagonal. You will now have two parallel lines of stitching running diagonally across the square. Cut along the pencil line and press seam allowance toward the orange. Trim to  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " if necessary. Repeat for the other orange and white squares. You should now have four half-square triangle units which will form the points of the star. After you have assembled the units, arrange them on your work surface according to the **Block Layout**. Sew into three rows. Press middle row to centre and outer rows to 4-patches. Nest seams and sew. Press seams in (toward the centre). If you have any questions, suggestions or problems, please call me at 250-758-1185. Wishing you joy, *Val Ansell and Sandra Radley*



Sample Quilt Layout

## 2010 / 2011 NQG Challenge

This year you can choose your challenge! Take your pick from two challenges! Double the fun!

"**Every quilt tells a story**" is a challenge for the novice and the experienced quilter. You are to create a quilt that tells a story. You decide on the story and how you will present it. A kit for this challenge, containing embellishments and complete instructions for your quilt, will be available at October meetings.

"**Placemat**" is a challenge that I hope everyone will take part in. The beauty of this challenge is that after having the fun of making it, and entering it, and maybe even winning a prize with it, you can donate it. Instructions for the placemat challenge will be available at the October meetings. *Annelies Massey*



## Thanks to All

What surprises I got at the Quilt Show!! Firstly, I was thrilled to receive so many wonderful ribbons, a Husqvarna sewing machine, and \$200 cash, for my quilt, "Anything is Possible". What an honour for me to receive that recognition especially from my peers. I am genuinely grateful to each and every one of you for your votes. A huge thank you to Past Presidents for your vote, and ribbon, as well.

Secondly, I was over the moon with the bag full of fat quarters I received as going away gifts. Just how far did you think I was going? I will have enough fat quarters to share with anyone who is short of fabric for the next five years, I'm sure. (I am curious as to how and when you collected all of them without me knowing. I thought I was aware of all Guild activities - so what else went on behind my back?) What really overwhelms me is your love, friendship and generosity. I thank each of you for your kind emails, letters, cards, phone calls and numerous

## Teaching Sewing in Guyana

What a WONDERFUL response we had to our request for used sewing machines to send to Guyana. Many quilters, from Port Hardy to Victoria, responded with serviceable machines that could be boxed and shipped to Guyana. In fact, 37 machines left the island mid-August on their way to their Corriverton, Guyana destination! Andra is leaving in early October and will arrive at about the same time as the machines. He will be teaching sewing/tailoring to approximately 30 new students for 16 weeks. The remaining machines will go to a women's prison where one of Andra's students from last year is teaching the women prisoners sewing skills. The 'ripple effect' is already happening. It is really heart-warming.

Thank you, without your generous donations this project could not happen. A special thank you to Barb Round and all the guild newsletter editors that made space for our request.

*Andra Thakur, Nanaimo Joyce Morrison, Parksville, PQHQG*



*Andra, right, teaches sewing in Guyana to women students*

other gifts. The fact is, I should be the one giving gifts. Instead I send my thanks to each of you, for all the energy, support and guidance you have shown me in the numerous Guild activities we have undertaken together during the six years of my Guild membership. My executive and committee members went above and beyond leaving me with so many wonderful friends - and I look forward to sharing many more fun-filled quilting moments with each of you.

Please continue to support the upcoming Guild Executive and Guild Committee members so they will enjoy serving you as much as I have. As I say goodbye I also wish the new executive and committee members' good luck and good times ahead. *Sincerely, Past President, Barbara Root*



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**NANAIMO QUILTERS GUILD SCHEDULE for 2010-2011**

**Note: Newcomers' Tea to be announced. Executive meetings may be subject to change.**

DATE	AGENDA	PROGRAM
Sept 13	Executive meeting	Country Grocer 82-12 <sup>th</sup> Street 1:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	Guild: Full business meeting	Membership fees due, workshop registrations
Sept. 18 & 26	<b>WORKSHOP 9-4</b>	Creating a wallhanging from a photo: Kathy Bush
Oct. 15	Executive meeting	Country Grocer 82-12 <sup>th</sup> Street 1:30 p.m.
Oct. 16	<b>WORKSHOP 9-4</b>	Art of Machine Quilting: Barb Shapel
Oct. 17	<b>WORKSHOP 9-4</b>	Thread Painting, 3 Samplers: Barb Shapel
Oct. 20	Guild Meeting	<b>Mini Demos:</b> Sign up at September meeting
Nov. 8	Executive meeting	Country Grocer 82-12 <sup>th</sup> Street 1:30 p.m.
Nov. 8 -12	<b>Guild Retreat on Quadra Island</b>	Info: Bonnie Dimitry <a href="mailto:bonitad@shaw.ca">bonitad@shaw.ca</a>
Nov. 17	Guild Meeting	<b>Heather McArthur, Quilters Connection</b>
Dec. 6	Executive meeting	Country Grocer 82-12 <sup>th</sup> Street 1:30 p.m.
Dec. 8	Guild Christmas Pot Luck 6-9	Christmas Potluck Meal at Brechin United
Jan. 10	Executive meeting	Country Grocer 82-12 <sup>th</sup> Street 1:30 p.m.
Jan. 19	Guild Meeting	<b>Buckingham Stencils</b>
Jan. 29 9-4	<b>QUILT BEE, Oliver Woods</b>	Mickey Lemmon 741-0589 Dianne Ross 585-4965
Feb. 12	<b>WORKSHOP 9-4</b>	Reversible quilt as you go: Penny Whittaker
Feb. 14	Executive meeting	Country Grocer 82-12 <sup>th</sup> Street 1:30 p.m.
Feb. 16	Guild Meeting	<b>Mini Demos: TBA</b>
March 5	<b>WORKSHOP 9-4</b>	Stack & Whack Kaleidoscope: Sandra Radley
March 14	Executive meeting	Country Grocer 82-12 <sup>th</sup> Street 1:30 p.m.
March 16	Guild Meeting	Slide show: Pippa Moore
April 9	<b>WORKSHOP 9-4</b>	Super Portfolio: Sue Creba and Tracy Irwin
April 11	Executive meeting	Country Grocer 82-12 <sup>th</sup> Street 1:30 p.m.
April 20	Guild Meeting	Nominations, Trunk Show by Ionne McCauley
May 9	Executive meeting	Country Grocer 82-12 <sup>th</sup> Street 1:30 p.m.
May 14 & 15	<b>WORKSHOP 9-4</b>	African Collage: Pippa Moore
May 18	Guild Meeting <b>EVENING ONLY</b>	Elections and business meeting, no program
June 4	<b>WORKSHOP 9-4</b>	Strip Piecing Made Easy: Coreen Zerr
June 5	<b>WORKSHOP 9-4</b>	Easy Curved Piecing and Thread Embellishments: Coreen Zerr
June 13	Executive meeting	Country Grocer 82-12 <sup>th</sup> Street 1:30 p.m.
June 15	Year End Picnic: Bowen Park	Potluck dinner and fun starting at 4 p.m.
June 25	<b>WORKSHOP 9-4</b>	Paint and Play With Coreen (Fabric Painting): Coreen Zerr



**NANAIMO QUILTERS' GUILD 2010-2011**

**WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM**

Please print your name and circle the dates of the workshops you wish to take.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

WORKSHOP TITLE	DATE	TIME	VENUE	FEE	PAID
<b>CREATING A QUILT ED WALLHANGING FROM A PHOTO</b> (2 day workshop) Instructor: Kathy Bush	Sat. Sept. 18 and Sun Sept. 26	9:00am To 4:00pm	Day 1 - Nanaimo District Teacher's Office; Day 2 – Oliver Woods Centre, Monarch Room	\$70.00	Cash Cheque MC/V
<b>THE ART OF MACHINE QUILTING</b> (1 day workshop) Instructor: Barbara Shapel	Sat. Oct. 16	9:00am To 4:00pm	Oliver Woods Centre, Monarch Room	\$40.00	Cash Cheque MC/V
<b>THREAD PAINTING, THREE SAMPLERS</b> (1 day workshop) Instructor: Barbara Shapel	Sun. Oct. 17	9:00am To 4:00pm	Oliver Woods Centre, Monarch Room	\$40.00	Cash Cheque MC/V
<b>REVERSIBLE QUILT AS YOU GO</b> (1 day workshop) Instructor: Penny Whittaker	Feb. 12/2011	9:00am To 4:00pm	Oliver Woods Centre, Monarch Room	\$35.00	Cash Cheque MC/V
<b>STACK &amp; WHACK KALEIDOSCOPE</b> (1 day workshop) Instructor: Sandra Radley	March 5/2011	9:00am To 4:00pm	Oliver Woods Centre, Monarch Room	\$35.00	Cash Cheque MC/V
<b>SUPER PORTFOLIO</b> (1 day workshop) Instructor: Sue Creba, Tracey Irwin	April 9/2011	9:00am To 4:00pm	Oliver Woods Centre, Monarch Room	\$35.00	Cash Cheque MC/V
<b>AFRICAN COLLAGE</b> (2 day workshop) Instructor: Pippa Moore	May 14, 15/2011	9:00am To 4:00pm	Oliver Woods Centre, Monarch Room	\$70.00	Cash Cheque MC/V
<b>STRIP PIECING MADE EASY</b> (1 day workshop) Instructor: Coreen Zerr	June 4/2011	9:00am To 4:00pm	Oliver Woods Centre, Monarch Room	\$35.00	Cash Cheque MC/V
<b>EASY CURVED PIECING &amp; THREAD EMBELLISHMENTS</b> (1 day workshop) Instructor: Coreen Zerr	June 5/2011	9:00am To 4:00pm	Oliver Woods Centre, Monarch Room	\$35.00	Cash Cheque MC/V
<b>PAINT &amp; PLAY WITH COREEN (FABRIC PAINTING)</b> (1 day workshop) Instructor: Coreen Zerr	June 25/2011	9:00am To 4:00pm	Oliver Woods Centre, Monarch Room	\$35.00	Cash Cheque MC/V

Number of Classes: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Receipt # \_\_\_\_\_

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