



Next Meeting - 25th Party! From Our Presidents' Pens

October 21

Brechin United Church

Evening Meeting only - doors open at 6:30, party starts at 7:00

Next Executive Meeting

October 15 7:00 p.m.

Country Grocer, Southgate

Next Quilt Show Meeting

October 8 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Country Grocer, Southgate

Newsletter Deadline

October 22 (22nd of each month)

Things to Remember:

- silver costume
- name tag
- coffee/ tea cup
- membership form & payment
- change for raffles
- Memory Book 'page'
- Show and Share
- donation quilts/placemats
- block of the month (for November)
- newsletter

Membership/Hospitality

Please stop at the Hospitality table when you arrive, sign in, and pick up your ticket for the name tag draw. Please sign out if you leave before the end of the meeting.



We've all worked hard for the past 25 years so we are having a Party! on Wednesday October 21, 6:30 - 9 pm (our regular meeting day) at Brechin United Church. We will have cake, door prizes, snacks, friendship, cake, entertainment and lots of fun!!! We encourage you to wear something Silver...there could even be a prize for the "Most unique use of the Colour Silver!" We ask that you bring your first quilt from 25 years ago (or close to that era) for our "Show and Share". The 25th Anniversary Pins will be on sale

We are off and running into another very exciting Guild year, with a full and fun-packed program. This is a Quilt Show year and we hope everyone will be making something for the show. For our newer members: we like to hang approximately 3 or 4 items per member. As long as the item has not been shown in one of OUR previous shows it is eligible to hang in the 2010 show. Don't hesitate to take part as we were all beginners once! It is both rewarding and inspiring to see the variety of work and growth in skill level our members produce from show to show.

Our first Guild meeting was long and packed with information but the remainder of our meetings will be fun. The major business has been taken care of and your executive thanks you for your attendance, your patience and your vote to accept the new Constitution and By-Laws.

We want to encourage all members, old and new, to submit articles to the newsletter. It's a great way to keep each other in the loop. Perhaps we could have a little question and answer area where people send in questions they have about the guild.

To our New Members: Do you feel a little overwhelmed when you enter the Guild meeting room? I remember my first day. People were rushing here and there, my heart was palpitating, and I didn't know where to go or what to do. The noise level was above the recommended decibel limit - what was all the excitement and mass confusion? Soon you will catch on. First you sign in and get a ticket for a door prize, then you return your library books, sign up for classes, hand in your placemat or comfort quilt donation, buy your raffle tickets (they always have lots of neat prizes - that everyone else seems to win), say hello to the 1 - 50 people you know and enjoy, then you find a seat. Then someone bangs the gavel and all the bedlam slowly ceases. Come and enjoy each event, take part, and ask questions. If you don't know something it is because we haven't explained it properly, so just keep asking until you get all the answers you need.

Satellites: Many members like to be part of a satellite group, a small quilting group that meets in members' homes or buildings rented for the occasion. One member has room for 8 or 10 sewing machine tables in her house. A larger group meets in a fire hall once a week, one meets in a church hall, and another in an arts and craft building. We have new members who would like to become part of a satellite group. Please send your name, phone, address and email address to Barbara Root rootco@shaw.ca or Norma Franks alanandnormafranks@shaw.ca and we will try to put you in touch with other members looking to form a group.

Welcome new and old friends! *Co-Presidents Barbara Root and Norma Franks*

25th Anniversary Party October 21!!!

at the party from 6:30 until 7:00 only. There will be no guild business at this party - just loads of fun!

Thanks to your amazing response, we had 125 Signature Squares which The Pearl's Satellite sewed into a quilt top - it looks fabulous! Thank you Pearls! Carol Bailey will be quilting this on her longarm quilter, and it will be on display at our Silver Anniversary Party.

HELP FILL OUR "MEMORY BOOK" Quilted, written, photos, artwork... whatever you prefer, please contribute

your own quilting story to our "MEMORY BOOK". Approximate size is 8" x 11^{1/2}" to fit into a page protector for a 3-ring binder. We need to collect our history, our stories, our quilting journeys. All of us were drawn to quilting for a reason, please share your story for our memory book. If possible please email your page to mwelte@shaw.ca or meme150@shaw.ca Or you may bring your page along to our 25th Party. *25th Anniversary committee:- Bonnie Beil, Coreen Zerr, Avril Valentine, Barb Root Lillian Charron, Cathy Welte*



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Program Committee

Thank you ladies, for making the workshop sign-up at our meetings go so well. It really made things go smoothly with people already having their registration forms and cheques ready. The Visa/Mastercard option is great, isn't it? Jane Townswick's & Liz Faminoff's classes are both full BUT there are a few on the waiting list. PLEASE REMEMBER that a class is NEVER FULL until the day of the class. We often have people who have to change plans, sometimes right up to the last minute. Please register for the waiting lists (with registration money) if you are at all interested. You never know. If you don't get to take the class, your money will be refunded at the next guild meeting. If that is a problem, we can make other arrangements. For any more information or mailing cheques get in touch with Lise Skalos 250-754-9636 There are still some spaces in Kathy's Bush's class and lots of space in Patty McRory's class.

The following are registered for Jane Townswick's two workshops:

<u>Sat.Oct.10-Iris</u>	<u>Sun.Oct.11-Hummingbird</u>
Marion Johnson	Val Ursulak
Barb Root	Barb Root
Norma Franks	Norma Franks
Lois Woytenko	Lois Woytenko
Carol Bailey	Doreen Smith
Anne Yelle	Marg Bradley
Madeline Gibeau	Avril Valentine
Nancy Phillips	Angela McKenzie
Lorna Craig	Ginette Schewe
Judy Peterson	Carol Ann Chemko
Leslie MacDonald	Lavonne Holmes
Judy Kooi	Dona-Mae Bauer
Sue Vohanka	Eimear Keane
Greta Simmons	Valerie Wilson
Sasha Koerber	Patty Jones
Sandra Longland	Lori Mudrie
Shirley Corris	Carole Dorward
Iris Foster	Shirley Corris
Nancy Rohn	Judy Kratzman
Judy Kratzman	Marion Johnson
<u>WAITLIST</u>	
Val Ursulak	
Marg Bradley	

The following are registered for Liz Faminoff's workshops:

<u>Nov 19, 20, 21</u>	<u>Nov 24, 25, 26</u>
Marlene Jones	Barb Root
Greta Simmons	Lillian Charron
Cheryl Tellier	Val Ursulak
Margaret Carmichael	Laura Morrissey
Carol Bailey	Bonnie Beil
Ann Bell	Dona-Mae Bauer
Pinder Dhesi	Barb Clement
Pat Bays	Dalle Proft
<u>Waitlist</u>	<u>Waitlist</u>
Trisha Kirk	Lori Skerget
Deirdre Love	Jan Turner
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2009-2010 SCHEDULE ~ WRITE THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARY

DATE	AGENDA	PROGRAM
Oct 8	Quilt Show meeting	Country Grocer 82-12 th Street 1:30-4:00 p.m.
Oct. 10	WORKSHOP 9-4	Appliqué with Colour Blending 1: Iris Jane Townswick
Oct. 11	WORKSHOP 9-4	Appliqué with Colour Blending 2: Hummingbird Jane Townswick
Oct. 15	Executive meeting	Country Grocer 82-12 th Street 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 21	Guild: 25 th Anniversary Party!	Evening Meeting Only 6:30 to 9:00, wear something silver
Nov. 5	Newcomers Tea	Time and Place to be announced
Nov. 5	Executive meeting	Country Grocer 82-12 th Street 7 p.m.
Nov. 9 -13	Guild Retreat on Quadra Island	Pre-register with Bonnie Dimitry bonitad@shaw.ca
Nov. 18	Guild: Full business, short program	"Why People Should Enter Quilt Shows" Barb Stengel/Susan Purney-Mark
Nov. 19	Quilt Show meeting	Country Grocer 82-12 th Street 1:30-4:00 p.m.
Nov. 19,20,21	WORKSHOP 9-4 3 Days	"LOVE IS IN THE AIR" Liz Faminoff Class 1
Nov. 24,25,26	WORKSHOP 9-4 3 Days	"LOVE IS IN THE AIR" Liz Faminoff Class 2
Dec. 9	Executive meeting	Country Grocer 82-12 th Street 1:30 p.m.
Dec. 9	Festive holiday decorating	Brechin United 3:30 – 5:30
Dec. 9	Guild Christmas Pot Luck 6-9	Christmas Potluck Meal at Brechin United
Jan. 14	Executive meeting	Country Grocer 82-12 th Street 1:30 p.m.
Jan. 20	Guild: Full business, Short Program	"All About Satellite Groups" presenters TBA
Jan. 21	Quilt Show meeting	Country Grocer 82-12 th Street 7-9 p.m.
Jan. 30 9-4	QUILT BEE, Oliver Woods	Leslie 390-9077 Sandy 758-6149
Feb. 6	WORKSHOP 9-4 Part 1	"Creations from a Photo" Kathy Bush Day 1 of 2 Day wkshop
Feb 11	Executive meeting	Country Grocer 82-12 th Street 1:30 p.m.
Feb. 17	Guild: Short business, Full program	"MINI DEMOS" by Guild members
Feb. 18	Quilt Show meeting	Country Grocer 82-12 th Street 1:30-4:00 p.m.
Feb. 28	WORKSHOP 9-4 Part 2	"Creations from a Photo" Kathy Bush Day 2 of 2 Day wkshop
Mar. 11	Executive meeting	Country Grocer 82-12 th Street 1:30 p.m.
Mar. 13	WORKSHOP 9-4	Choice of 2 quilt patterns Patty McRory Great for Beginners
Mar. 17	Guild: Full business Short Program	Preparing for the Quilt Show
Mar. 18	Quilt Show meeting	Country Grocer 82-12 th Street 1:30-4:00 p.m.
April 8	Quilt Show meeting	Country Grocer 82-12 th Street 1:30-4:00 p.m.
April 15	Executive meeting	Country Grocer 82-12 th Street 7 p.m.
Apr 21	Guild: Short business, Full Program	Nominations, Trunk Show by Phillippa Zapf
May 13	Executive meeting	Country Grocer 82-12 th Street 7 p.m.
May 19	Guild: Full business Short Program	"ELECTIONS"
May 20	Quilt Show meeting	Country Grocer 82-12 th Street 7-9 p.m.
June 10	Executive meeting	Country Grocer 82-12 th Street 7-9 p.m.
June 17-20	2010 Quilt Show activities	No Picnic this year due to Quilt Show



Minutes of September 16, 2009 Membership Meeting

Meeting called to order at 1:05 by Co-President Barb Root. 97 members, 19 guests. Members are reminded of the Emergency Exit procedure.

Hospitality: Laura Morrissey and Ingrid Morton welcomed guests Mary Smith, Audrey Malmin, Deidre Love, Jan Turner, Barbara Halton, Carole Rhinney, Sherry Drebnicki, Irene Sutton, Nancy Phillips, Chris Silver, Grace-Ellen Capier, Maeva Lowen, Wendy Harrington, Carol Kapstein, Mary Dodds, Barb Myden, Judy Kooi, June Bailey, Kim Bokyoung.

Newcomer's Tea will be held on Nov. 5. All new members who joined since last November are invited to attend. Watch for details of time and place in the newsletter.

Correspondence: Secretary Val Ursulak read thank you cards from Nanaimo Family Life and Avril Valentine. Sympathy cards were sent to Eimear Keane, Dianne Ross and Laverna Anderson. Get well cards were sent to Paddy Wynne and Sidney Lloyd.

Treasurer's Report: Co-Treasurer Carol Bailey presented the budget for the 2009/2010 year. Moved by Bonnie Biel, seconded by Lori Skerget that the budget be accepted as presented. Motion carried. Carol noted that the credit card machine will be available at all meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Co-President Barb apologized on behalf of the Guild to newsletter editor Sue Creba for sending in reports late. She urged everyone to adhere to the deadline - the 22nd of each month.

25th Anniversary Party: Lillian Charron told us about the exciting activities planned for the party to be held in lieu of the Oct. Guild meeting. Patty McRory will be MC. Members are encouraged to submit a page of their personal guild memories for the Memory Book.

2010 Quilt Show: Lillian Charron reported that the raffle quilts will be at the Nov. meeting. Next Quilt Show Meeting: 7 pm Sept. 17 at Country Grocer.

Block of the Month: Val Ansell explained how the "Block of the Month" operates with the draw for winner(s) done in the evening.

Challenge: Lorie Rogers reported this year's Challenge will be "25th Anniversary Postcards From The Past" See newsletter for details.

Christmas Pot Luck: Mickey Lemmon & Dianne Ross volunteered to head the committee, helpers: Philippa Zapf, Lorie Rogers.

Comfort Quilts: Barbara Clement described how the committee provides batting and backing for quilts, how they are priced and distributed to the community. Members made a total of 109 quilts last year (including 35 taken to Houston). The total value of these quilts was \$15,010. Members are urged to make quilts for the 2009/2010 year.

Food Bank: Norma Franks will make suggestions as to which foods are needed at the Food Bank in each newsletter. These are guidelines only - bring what you can.

Coffee: Janet Williams reminded members to bring their own mugs to each meeting and to donate goodies when their turn is listed in the newsletter. Coffee and goodies are free.

Membership: Tracey Belcher reported 122 membership renewals. The committee was congratulated for its efficient handling of renewals.

Placemats: Georgia Zieglmeier reported that 200 placemats will be needed for Meals on Wheels and the Telephone Ministry. Hand in placemats by November for distribution at Christmas and make special placemats to be used in the Lunch Room at the Quilt Show in June, which will be distributed following the Show.

Prizes & Raffles: Linda Robinson explained that the money raised in the Mystery Fabric Raffle goes to fund our annual Bursary for a Textiles student and the other raffle money provides prizes for the Show & Share winners. Donations are welcome.

Program: Angela McKenzie reported that members were busy signing up for workshops. See the Program report on page 2.

Quilt Bee: Sandy Dobson and Leslie Millward gave details about the annual Quilt

Bee on Sat., Jan 30 at Oliver Woods. There are still spots open. Members were also urged to donate 101/2" squares - any pattern to be made into quilts. There will be a prize draw for those participating.

Trips and Retreats: Sue Artuso reported that spaces are still available for the Quadra Island Retreat. Bingo Squares will be collected. Sue asked for a show of hands to signify interest in a bus trip to Sisters, Oregon in July, 2010.

Web Liaison: Avril reminded members to submit photos to her and not to the Web Master. *Note: Click on "Membership" to find forms for membership, workshops, and retreats. You will also find the year's schedule and the Retreat information.

Visiting Quilts: Pat Clement reminded members to loan quilts to this committee for the 2009/2010 year so they can be shown at the various Seniors' Care Homes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Co-President Norma Franks explained why it is prudent for our guild to become a Registered Guild and why it is so time-sensitive. Because of the Credit Union Act, two members in good standing must agree to be "sponsors" (guarantors), who would be liable for all transactions and documents relating to the guild account. The designated signers for this guild year are not willing to do this. If we were a Registered Non-Profit Society, we would not require sponsors.

Secondly, Norma discovered that, because we are not a Registered Non-Profit Society, our insurance will not be renewed in November. The Insurance Company were told we were not registered when the policy was taken out, but gave us the policy when they should not have done so. They will honour our policy only until our renewal date in November/09. The first step in this process is to have our guild name approved. Three names must be submitted in order of priority in case the first name (continued on page 9)

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Library News

Reminder: Due to our 25th Anniversary Party at our October meeting there will be no library. Please hold on to your books until the November meeting.

Welcome to all our new members! Library materials are usually checked out for 1 month and are due at the next meeting. We have a wonderful selection of books and magazines.

LOST: Does anyone know what happened to the rotary blade sharpener that is supposed to be kept in the library cupboard? We have had several people bring cutters to the meeting to sharpen their blades and we haven't been able to locate it. If someone has borrowed it, could you please return it? It has been missing for quite a while.

Hint: Check out the ads in the quilting magazines -they often have websites with free patterns. There are thousands of online stores for patterns, fabric and gadgets, and many of the designers featured have wonderful websites.

Happy 25th Anniversary to Our Guild!
The Library Team

Quilt Bee for Haven House Saturday, January 30/2010

Still time to sign up for our annual Quilt Bee, we have spaces available. Oliver Woods Community Centre 9 am to 4 pm

If you are unable to attend that day and would still like to make a quilt (or quilts), we will have additional backing fabric and batting in November at the sign-up table. or call Leslie 390-9077 or Sandy, 758-6149.

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. Our Guild, a non-profit community service organization, has been providing these "comfort quilts", which are gifts to the family.

Quilt Bee patterns will be available at the November meeting. We encourage you to look at them online and choose one like. www.quilterscache.com

We are also challenging all Guild members to make a 10 1/2 square to be donated for making Sampler quilts for Haven House. The Threadcatchers satellite group will sew these together on

the day of the Quilt Bee. Be creative, any design will work! We will collect these at the December meeting. For each square that you donate, you will have a chance to put your name into a draw. The prize is a gift certificate to a local quilt store. Be creative and use up those scraps!

We will have a POTLUCK lunch on that day. Please bring your favourite dish to share. This is a great day for new members to the Guild to meet others and have lots of fun. See you at the sign-up table. *Leslie Millward and Sandy Dobson*

Missing Gavel

Does anyone have information on the Guild's missing gavel? Or the rotary cutter blade sharpener from the library?

Placemats

Is there anyone who can suggest a site that has lots of patterns for placemats?

Fabric Exchange

Due to lack of interest the Fabric Exchange will be cancelled for this year. We will try again next year if there is enough interest shown. *Buelah Friesen*

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Christmas Gift Bags

A reminder that **GIFT BAGS** for students will be collected at the **NOVEMBER** Guild meeting. Bags can be sewn cloth, paper or plastic gift bags. Please mark them for boy or girl. Items can include: socks, toques, mitts, gloves, scarves, toothpaste, tooth brushes, deodorant, soap, lotions, nail polish, shampoo, cream rinse, gel, coupons for restaurants Chapters, books, CD's, pens, pencils, erasers, snacks, paper, date books, calendars, etc. Use your imagination and make it fun! Please send other suggested items for gift bags to: rootco@shaw.ca

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September Raffle Winners

Mystery Fabric: Mickey Lemmon, Dianne Busch

Raffles: Monika Kroeger, Shirley Fulla, Lillian Dalton, Carole Phinney, Audrey Curtis, Leslie Millward, Nancy Price-Munn, Sue Creba, Lois Anderson, Lynn Bentsen, Dalle Proft, Lori Mudrie, Chris Potvin, Cathy Welte, Carole Dorward

Block of the Month: Sandra Bradley

Show & Share: Marcia Miller, Ingrid Morton, Bertha Abma

Door Prize: Jan Turner, Betty Wright

Raffle Donations: Georgia Zieglmeier and Judy McLaughlin



Trips and Retreats

Thank you to those who have paid their balance for our November retreat. It is imperative that all the balances are paid in October, so please bring your cheque to the guild party. We have 40 gals going this year and several on the waitlist. If you have to cancel, please let one of us know ASAP so that we can fill your spot. Don't forget to pick up the latest information sheet when you make your final payment. This year we are including an "ugly fabric" challenge to our games night. We will also have a raffle basket and our usual silent auction. Should you have any questions/concerns, please call Sue (716-8701) or Bonnie (756-3254). Although quite a few members were interested in going to the Sister's Quilt Show in Oregon, we would need double that number to begin making arrangements this late in the year. Therefore, we will not plan a trip to that show for the summer of 2010. We will, however, look into the possibility of organizing one for the following year. *Sue Artuso and Bonnie Dimitry*



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NQG 2010 CHALLENGE

"Postcards from the Past" 25 Years of Quilting

This year's challenge will help commemorate our 25th 'SILVER' Anniversary. We want to encourage participation as these will be displayed at the June 2010 Quilt Show. The guidelines are very simple. This is a no fee Challenge....using again what we have in our stash. The size is 4" X 6" (the maximum allowed by Canada Post). Judging of the entries will be done at the show and ribbons given for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize winners. They must be handed in at the Guild meeting in May 2010. There are no limits to how many you may enter. I will have some templates for the Postcard back copied onto cardstock for those who wish at the October Party. These can be dyed, painted, appliquéd, fused, you get the idea. They should have a top layer of fabric or whatever, next a layer of something that will keep the card flat and stiff (Tintex or pellon) and thirdly, the

portion that you will write on. It is a good idea to zig-zag or do a decorative stitch around the edges to hold the three layers together. If you wish to send it through the mail prior to entering, go ahead. It would be nice to have your name, address and Guild number in the To: section and a little story in the From: section. GOOD LUCK! If you have any questions, please email me. *Lorie Rogers* lorie.rogers@gmail.com

Food Bank Donations

From the donations brought to our September meeting I delivered four tightly packed boxes of food plus an additional 40 pack of tetra juice boxes. I met the new Food Bank Director Mike, and he was pleased to be informed of our endeavour to help with our monthly donations. Thank you all, keep up the good work. This months suggestions are CANNED STEW and/or any CANNED MEAT or any item you have that you are willing to donate from your pantry shelf. *Norma Franks*

Quilt Shows and Retreats

October 16-18 "Carousel Centennial" Washington State Quilters 31st Annual Quilt Show, 10-7, Spokane County Fair & Expo Center, 404 N. Havana St., Spokane Valley, WA \$7 for 3 days; children 11 & under free, free parking, Merchant Mall, demos, boutique, special hotel rates, van & bus groups www.wsqspokane.org Kathleen Woods woodsweave@aol.com

October 24, 9-4 "A Shower of Quilts", Chilliwack Quilters' Guild, Chilliwack Alliance Church Gym, 8700 Young Road, Chilliwack. Admission \$3. Demos, Raffle, Merchant Mall, Tea Room

January 5-8, 2010 "Quilting at the Lake" Havasu Stitchers, Arizona. Register online at www.havasustitchers.com email Gail Francis at alngail@citlink.net or phone 928-468-9179

February 25-27, 2010 12th Annual Camp Timpoochee Quilt Retreat, Flying Needles Quilt Guild, Niceville, Florida For details on registration, classes etc. phone Val Ursulak 250-758-3056



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November Block of the Month

Thanks again to those who participated in the September Block of the Month. Sandra Radley won 11 blocks - congratulations. In keeping with the season, we called this month's block *Beyond Autumn*. We hope even beginners will have fun making this striking, strip-pieced block. Using the method we have chosen you will end up with two similar blocks. Remember, accuracy in cutting and piecing is important. All seams are $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Block 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x $12 \frac{1}{2}$ " (unfinished).

Fabric Choices and Cutting:

The diagram shows solid colours because of the design program we used. Use florals or geometrics, for example, that read as solids. These fabrics give a richer, more textured look to the block.

Set 1

- Dark orange 1: $5 \frac{1}{4}$ " x $5 \frac{1}{4}$ "
- Light blue 2: 2 " x $5 \frac{1}{4}$ "
- 2: 2 " x $8 \frac{1}{4}$ "
- Medium orange A 2: 3 " x $8 \frac{1}{4}$ "
- 2: 3 " x $13 \frac{1}{4}$ "

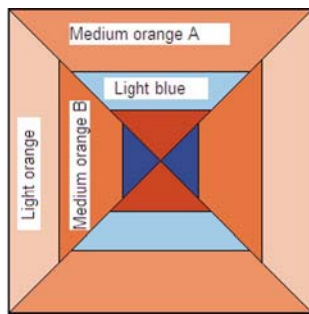
Set 2

- Dark blue 1: $4 \frac{1}{4}$ " x $4 \frac{1}{4}$ "
- Medium orange B 2: 3 " x $4 \frac{1}{4}$ "
- 2: 3 " x $9 \frac{1}{4}$ "
- Light orange 2: $2 \frac{1}{2}$ " x $9 \frac{1}{4}$ "
- 2: $2 \frac{1}{2}$ " x $13 \frac{1}{4}$ "

Keep both sets of fabric strips separate. You may find it helpful to stick a scrap of fabric to a block diagram to keep the positions straight. Note that the dimensions of the square and strips are different in each set. This creates a perspective effect when fully assembled.

Construction:

Starting with the dark orange (or

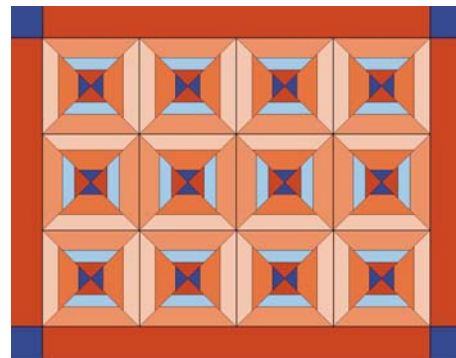


Finished Block Layout

Centre triangles are dark orange and dark blue.

burgundy) square, attach the $5 \frac{1}{4}$ " light blue strips to opposite sides of dark orange square. Press to orange. Attach $8 \frac{1}{4}$ " light blue strips to the other 2 sides. Press to orange. Sew $8 \frac{1}{4}$ " medium orange A strips to the same sides of unit as the $5 \frac{1}{4}$ " light blue strips. Press to blue. Sew longer medium orange A strips to other two sides. Press to blue. (This is the basis for the well-known *Courthouse Steps* block.) Repeat this method to construct a second block from the dark blue, medium orange B & light orange strips. Cut each block twice on the diagonal to form 2 sets of quarter-square triangles. Try to align cuts to pass through the corners formed by the seams. Take one pair of triangles from each colourway and lay on table so that the same two coloured triangles are opposite each other as per **Block Layout**. Notice that the seams do not meet. Sew together being careful not to stretch the bias edges. Press. Construct second block. You may want to keep one for yourself or enter both blocks in the draw.

Remember that if you enter two blocks you may enter your name twice also. 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

Donation by Coreen Zerr

We gladly accepted a donation of color-wash fabric squares from Coreen Zerr at our last meeting. 'Quilts that Comfort' will sort and organize them for redistribution to guild members. We hope they will be made up and returned to us as donated comfort quilts. Thank you, Coreen!

Sunshine and Rain

Please tell **Val Ursulak** if someone needs a card of encouragement, sympathy, get well wishes, etc. Please do your part to keep in touch with our quilt addicted friends. jursulak@shaw.ca

Did You Know?

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Minutes of September 16, 2009 Membership Meeting

is already reserved by another party.

Motion: Moved by Sue Artuso, seconded by Barbara Clement that the Co-Presidents, Norma Franks and Barbara Root be allowed on behalf of the Nanaimo Quilters' Guild to submit the name of the guild for approval and registration by B.C. Registry Services. The three names to be submitted are: 1. The Nanaimo Quilters' Guild, 2. Quilters' Guild of Nanaimo, and 3. Nanaimo Guild of Quilters Motion - carried

The second step in the process is to submit the Constitution and Bylaws of the Society along with other documents listing our Directors, their addresses and the physical address of the guild. Norma Franks, Barb Root and Val Ursulak reviewed our current Constitution and made the necessary changes to comply with the Society Act. Members were asked to ratify the Constitution and Bylaws as circulated.

Motion: Moved by Judy Moran, seconded by Dianne Ross that the Constitution and Bylaws of the Nanaimo Quilters' Guild be accepted and approved as distributed. Motion - carried.

On behalf of the guild, Sandy Dobson thanked Norma, Barb and Val for their work in dealing with the issues around registering our guild.

Submitted by Val Ursulak, Secretary, Nanaimo Quilters' Guild

Minutes of the Evening Meeting of September 16th, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:05 by the evening Chairperson, Patty McRory. 50 members and 1 guest.

Hospitality: Welcome to Sherry Price!

Correspondence: Acting Secretary Norma Franks read 2 thank you cards and displayed notices of upcoming quilt shows and retreats.

Treasurer's Report: The budget was presented and the motion to approve as presented was passed. Nancy Lutes will have the credit card machine available for transactions at the evening meeting.

The rest of the meeting followed the afternoon agenda with Committee reports given. Co-President Norma Franks explained the situation on why it would be prudent for the Guild to become a Registered Guild. The motions to register our name and to approve our Constitution and Bylaws (as in the afternoon) were carried.

Notes submitted by Norma Franks, edited and added to afternoon minutes by Val Ursulak

Comfort Quilts

The comfort quilt committee received 26 donated quilts from January to June 2009. In July we donated 8 of these quilts to the Salvation Army, 8 quilts to Family Life and 8 baby quilts to Aboriginal Infant Development. Thank you members for all your donations and please keep up the good work. These quilts are very gratefully received by the various charities.

Information for new members: lap size is 45"x 60" and can be any colour(s). Baby size is 36"x36" and can also be made in any colour(s), preferably with a "baby theme". Incubator size is different 30"x36" or no larger than 40"x45" finished. Incubator quilts must have a dark flannel backing and need not have batting in them. Members please also remember to put on a label on the back. Batting and backing and labels are available at the Comfort Quilt desk.

Comfort Quilts team: Barbara Clement, Jo-Anne Dodson, and Judy McLaughlin

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Comfort Quilt Society

The Annual General Meeting of the Comfort Quilt Society will be held at November's Nanaimo Quilt Guild meeting.

Vacancy - Are You Interested? Due to illness Sydney Lloyd unfortunately is not able to continue as secretary of the Comfort Quilt Society. At the November meeting we need to fill this vacancy, so if you are interested give it some thought. The role of secretary is to "keep a record of the proceedings of the society, attend to the correspondence, give due notice of time and place of meetings, as required". There are usually only 2 meetings each year (one of the executive and the other the Annual General Meeting each November). This is not an onerous task. Correspondence is not heavy.

The current executive is: Patty McRory, President; Pat Clements, Vice-President; Nancy Price-Munn, Treasurer. This is a great way to participate in the Guild in a meaningful way without a huge time commitment.

COMFORT QUILT SOCIETY & NANAIMO QUILTERS GUILD

What is the COMFORT QUILT SOCIETY (CQS)? And how does it interact with the NANAIMO QUILTERS GUILD (NQG)?

NQG is a non-profit organization whose efforts are directed to charitable service. In order to continue having quilt raffles and to meet the requirements of BC's Gaming Laws, the Comfort Quilt Society was formed. Every NQG member in good standing is automatically a member of the Comfort Quilt Society. It is a Society within the NQG. The officers of CQS consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary & Treasurer. The positions are filled by the NQG members allowing their names to stand for one of the positions at the Annual General Meeting.

What does the Comfort Quilt Society do?

Every three years the NQG puts on a Quilt Show to raise the funds required to run the guild for the upcoming 3 years. The Quilt Show Raffle, held in conjunction with the Show, is one of the major revenue generators. All the monies raised by the Raffle go directly to the Comfort Quilt Society where the funds are held and

distributed equally over the next 3 years. Note: all other monies that are generated by the Quilt Show go to the Guild Treasury, as they are separate from the raffle fund.

How does the NQG access the funds in the Comfort Quilt Society?

The B.C. Gaming Organization requires the NQG to show an accounting of the charitable works that are done within the

Guild. The CQS keeps this accounting to provide the documentation required.

How are the records kept?

Throughout the Guild year, our members make quilts and placemats for the various organizations we support. One of the committees in our Guild is the Comfort Quilts, whose function is to collect, record and distribute all the quilts donated by the guild members. There is a form that is completed and a value is assigned to each item. These values have been predetermined. The forms are then given to the Comfort Quilt Society as proof the Guild is meeting its charitable commitment. The value of the donated quilts allows the CQS to "pay" us annually from the monies held from the raffle. This annual cheque is presented to the Guild Treasurer for distribution to various committees for the year's activities.

This process is also followed by the Placemat Committee, who collect placemats at each meeting, record the number made and apply the monetary value to each. These records are given to the CQS. As well, the quilts made during the Guild's annual Quilt Bee are recorded in this manner. Finally the quilts made for the individual requests that come throughout the Guild year are assigned a value determined by the size and recorded for the CQS.

The generosity of the NQG Membership is remarkable. The dollar amount of the quilts made for our charities far exceeds the amount of the yearly cheque presented annually to the Guild by the CQS.

The Annual General Meeting is held every November at which time the CQS presents their Annual Report. (November 18 this year) *Avril Valentine, Past Co-President, Nanaimo Quilters Guild*

Freedom of Information and Privacy

Your privacy is your responsibility. If you are concerned about any of your personal information or photo being distributed please:

- Ensure you are not in any photos at Guild functions.
- Fill out Membership Forms and mark them accordingly.
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Honorary members - we need you to fill out your membership form and submit it (without payment of course) to the Membership table.

Asking Questions

Frequently we hear members say "I didn't know that . . ." or "Where do I find . . ." Well there are lots of us who don't know all the answers. Please email any questions or concerns to Norma at alanandnormafranks@shaw.ca and Barb at rootco@shaw.ca We are looking forward to answering your questions and addressing your concerns.

Questions from Co-President Barb

What should member commitments be?
As we are re-doing the "Handbook" and Policies and Procedures, we would like to know how members feel about including **suggestions** about members donating:

- (Four) hours to Guild work per year;*
- (Two) placemats per year (200 are needed);*
- (At least) one "Comfort Quilt" per year;*
- (At least) one "Quilt Bee Quilt" (for Haven House);*
- Other ideas????????????*

I have heard comments that this is an understood practice; I don't see it written in our Guild documentation. New members find this ambiguous. Some members may not be financially able to fulfill these requests. Perhaps having kits ready to hand to members requiring fabric would solve that problem. Please send your suggestions to Barb at rootco@shaw.ca

What is our Community involvement?

I want to make certain the following information is current and complete, so

For Executive Members and Committee Chairs

Don't forget to give Val Ursulak a short, precise, typed, report at the Executive and Guild meetings, or email it to her before the meetings. If you don't – she is forced to write your report longhand while you give the report. Please be kind to our wee Secretary and give her your report when it is due.

Please submit newsletter articles prior to the 22nd of each month.

Don't forget to get your baking done early

Kudos to Membership

Wow, what an amazing job you girls did at our Sept. 16 Guild meeting!!!
Not only did you take all our payments, questions, and concerns, you also had the receipts ready and our new name tags prepared. Talk about efficiency-you take the cake. That was a fabulous idea. We love our new name tags because our given names are large enough to see.

I need your help. We provide Christmas Gift Bags (Five Acres, Nanaimo Youth Services), Visiting Quilts (displays at seniors' facilities), Placemats (for Nanaimo & Ladysmith Meals on Wheels, Telephone Visiting Ministry), Student Bursary(s) (School District #68), Loaves and Fishes Food Bank, Comfort Quilts for fire victims (as required, do the Fire Departments advise us?), Nanaimo Child Development Centre, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (baby quilts for incubators), Haven House (Quilt Bee quilts-women's emergency shelter), Hospital Quilts (for children and for wheelchair patients?). Last year, donated Comfort Quilts went to: Nanaimo Family Life, Connections, Prenatal Lunch Bunch, Victim Services, Building Better Babies, Aboriginal Infant Development, and the Salvation Army.

Are there other places they go as well? Can you tell us a little about the above agencies and how they contact us for donations?

Please email me with information you may have and we'll print the results in the next Newsletter for everyone to read. Thank you. Barb Root rootco@shaw.ca

for the **New Comers Tea** on November 5.

EXECUTIVE MEETING DATES

In the past, executive meetings were held the second Wednesday of the month. We now meet on Thursdays. To try to involve as many executive and committee members as possible we will try to have some afternoon and some evening meetings. We will update you if there are any changes. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Constitution & Bylaws

We are pleased that "Nanaimo Quilters' Guild" has now been approved as the name of our society. Once our new Constitution, Bylaws and name have all been approved, the completed documents must be given to each Guild member. As well, we will leave 5 copies in the Library that can be signed out just as books are now. We know this will be quite an expense to the Guild. Our Handbook, Policies and Procedures must also be brought up to date and distributed. Some of these things we may be able to send via email but those decisions have not been made at this time. You will be kept abreast of any information as it becomes available.

Newsletter

Thanks to all executive and committee members for sending your newsletter items in time this month. And thank you to all members who receive their newsletter by email - you are helping our Guild save money and paper!

Sue Creba, editor

A Quilter's Blessing

May your rotary cutters always be sharp,
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May your points be perfect,
Your blocks square and even,
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Comfort Quilts	Barbara Clement /Jo-Anne Dodson
Evenings	Judy McLaughlin
Prizes & Raffles	Linda Robinson, Debbie Lacey
Evenings	Marlene Jones, Greta Simmons
Quilt Bee	Sandy Dobson, Leslie Millward
Visiting Quilts	Pat Clements, Lois Anderson, Ingrid Morton
Evenings	Judy McLaughlin
Boutique	Lori Skerget
Evenings	Nancy Lutes
Block of the Month	Val Wilson
Evenings	Val Ansell, Sandra Radley
Challenge	Lorie Rogers
Phoning	Gladys Dikken
Coffee: Day	Gladys Dikken, Janet Williams, Phyllis Prince,
Coffee: Evening	Margaret Carmichael, Yvonne Jans
Christmas Potluck	Lois Gilbert, Judy Nelson, Rita Pottinger
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June 2010 Picnic	Cancelled due to close proximity to Quilt Show
U.F.O.'s	Will be organized by the Program Committee
Historian	VACANT
Evenings	Marsha Whitmee, Greta Simmons
Web Master Liaison	Avril Valentine
Food Bank	Norma Franks
Quilt Show	Lillian Charron, Carol Bailey



Visiting Quilts

Again this year guild members will be taking quilts to display at the seniors' residences in the area. This is a yearly tradition where quilts are displayed over chairs and tables. The residents of the facility are free to walk around and admire, touch and tell their stories. At the October meeting there will be sign up sheets for those who wish to loan us their quilts for display or wish to accompany us to the care facility. Please look for Judith McLaughlin, Lois Anderson, Ingrid Morton or Pat Clements at the October meeting. Thank you for your support.



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