



### Next Meeting

December 14, 2011 Brechin United Church October 19<sup>th</sup>, meeting starts at 1:00 & 7:00 Giant Garage sale/short meeting

### Next Executive Meeting

December 5th 2011 at 1:30pm Country Grocer, Southgate.

### Things to Remember:

Your own cup !! please

\* name tag

\*Library Books

\*Completed workshop registration form and fees

\* Donation

placemats/quilts/show and share.

\*Change for raffles

\*Bock of the Month

### Yummy Baking !!

Thanks to everyone who brings goodies for our meetings for December it is Pot luck, All.

### Membership/ Hospitality

Please stop at the hospitality table to 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 the meeting early.

### Web liason

Sue Creba Please send any photos or articals for our web site to [suecreba@aquariusd.com](mailto:suecreba@aquariusd.com)

### From Our Presidents' Pen

How many members have a binder full of Blocks of the Month? You have diligently collected them from your Newsletters, each month saying "I'm going to make this". LOTS OF YOU. The numbers of blocks handed in each month is way down. If sufficient come in, the winner can very quickly assemble a lap quilt for herself or for donation. Are you finding the blocks too easy or maybe too difficult? Perhaps you have some interesting suggestions. Let Val Ansell or Sandra Radley know. They would love to hear from you.

This is the first year Membership has asked the question, "Are you a snowbird?". Did you know that 16 said yes. We had no idea. May we present a challenge. Could we have a mini show at the April Show and Share of all your works. Who will have resisted the siren call of new and different fabric lines to add to their stashes? Tell us what was your inspiration. When the snow is deep on the ground or the skies are gray and weeping for days, we shall try to not be too envious.

Snow has arrived in parts of Vancouver Island. If you do not like the look of the weather, check the guild website, [www.islandquilters.ca](http://www.islandquilters.ca) to see whether a cancellation has been posted. If you do not have a computer, check with a member who does.

Judith McLaughlin and Sherry Drebnicki, Co-Presidents

### GUILD CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

On December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011 we will have our holiday potluck at Brechin Church. The doors open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner is 6:00. Remember your plate, cutlery, mug and food bank donation. There will be raffles, door prizes and holiday punch. Bring a dish to share. (Can we ask that you label your dish for nuts due to allergies and anything that is gluten free). Also, it would be appreciated if more main dishes were brought as there are always an abundance of desserts. As everything is so good, if you bring a copy of your recipe we are going to try and place a few each month into the newsletter for all to enjoy. For some entertainment we would like to have a Seasonal Show and Share. Please bring something you made for the season and it doesn't have to be something you made recently. These treasures only come out for a few weeks a year and this would allow you to show others all the fun and glitzy placemats, runners, tree skirts, wall hangings and quilts or ??? As always, we could use more help the day of the potluck. If you would like to assist the rest of the team please email Arlene Ackerman at [parmal@shaw.ca](mailto:parmal@shaw.ca) There will be announcements at our November guild meeting and one more insert in the December newsletter...start planning for this fun, yearly event. Your Christmas Potluck Committee

**PLACEMAT COMMITTEE**

We were very pleased to introduce our special guest Pearl Poulin, Manager of the Ladysmith Meals on Wheels, during our afternoon meeting in November! We presented 15 placemats to Pearl, to brighten her clients' Christmas dinners. These colourful gifts at Christmas are much appreciated by all recipients, and Pearl also commented on how interesting she found all the different events taking place during our meeting! It was the first time that she attended a Guild meeting, and she expressed interest in coming back next year!

It is with pleasure that we share positive feedback with you all, because it is your dedication and hard work which makes this gift-giving possible!

A special mention to our very generous (anonymous) contributor of eight metres batting! You really helped us out!

Thank you! You Ladies ROCK!  
For your grateful Placemat Com.  
Ingrid Morton

**NANAIMO QUILTERS' Guild Minutes**

November 2011

Sherri Drebnicki called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. The minutes from the October guild meeting were accepted as distributed.

Lise Skalos (Treasurer) reported that the current balance is \$33,691.41. Correspondence: condolences went out to the family of Sidney Lloyd; thank-you to Rhonda Ursulak for her generous contribution of fabric and books. Upcoming events featured 2012 Creative Stitches and Fabric Alive (March 9-10 (merchants' mall) with courses March 8. Go to [www.cannorthshows.com](http://www.cannorthshows.com). Committee reports (see specific articles in Newsletter). The Annual General Meeting of the Comfort Quilt Society was held as part of the meeting (see Newsletter for details). Program featured Bev from Serge and Sew with her program Quick Christmas Ideas, Gadgets and Gizmos (see Newsletter for details). A highly satisfying Coffee Break, Raffles, and Show and Share followed (details in Newsletter); the meeting was adjourned at 3:11pm.

**Library News – December 2011**

Another year has gone by. It seemed strange stamping all the date due cards this month for 2012. Thank you to the Guild members for supporting the library. Merry Christmas & Happy 2012 from all of us in the library.

See you in 2012..... Your Library Team





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### **DID YOU KNOW?** (NQG Historians)

#### **Placemats:**

A challenge was issued, in 1995, to the Nanaimo Quilters' Guild members by Mary Wasley and the Programme Committee to make placemats. Members were asked to make a placemat, which could, if one wanted to, be donated to *Meals On Wheels* in Nanaimo. Placemats were to be handed in by the December meeting, displayed, and voted on during the pot luck dinner. First, second and third prizes were handed out. A total of 49 placemats were donated to Meals On Wheels that year.

Since 1995, the Nanaimo Quilters' Guild has continued to supply placemats to the Nanaimo and Ladysmith Meals on Wheels and the Nanaimo Telephone Visiting Society. These

placemats bring cheer and good wishes to the recipients who receive them and often they are the only Christmas gift that the senior(s) receive.

Annually the Guild donates approximately 200 placemats.

The Nanaimo Quilters' Guild supplies the batting for the placemats (when available). The finished size of the placemats needs to be 12" by 18" to fit into the Meals On Wheels trays.

### **STORAGE LOCKER : Sign-Out/Sign-In Log**

The Nanaimo Quilters' Guild (NQG) History Committee was contacted by a relative of a lady who had her quilt registered at one of the NQG registration clinics. We were not able to comply with the request as either a binder (or binders) is missing. Records for quilts registered after October 28, 1989 or before June 8, 1991 are missing – the registration numbers are 213 to 272.

We have, in the past, requested members to check any NQG supplies they may have at home to see if the missing binder(s) is in your possession. There has been no response to date that anyone has seen or possesses the missing material.

To have a Quilt Registry all the information should be kept intact and stored in one place.

A suggestion was given to the NQG Executive to have a Sign-Out/Sign-In Log for the storage locker. This is one way that there would be an indication where some of the important documentation and other properties could be found when others need the material and not get lost or forgotten. This will also prevent countless hours of wasted time searching for item(s) not stored in the locker because someone has removed the item(s). The suggestion was approved by the NQG Executive.

Many thanks for taking time to fill out the log sheet in the storage locker.

History Committee Gretta Marshall

**DONATION QUILTS Committee Report**

Many thanks to all you generous quilters! We took in 32 donation quilts at the November meeting. We now have on hand 1 twin, 35 lap, 12 wheelchair, 28 baby/crib and 12 preemie size quilts, for a total of 88 quilts, including those carried over from last year. Many of these will be given out in the next couple of weeks, just in time for snuggling under in the coming winter months. Quilts are usually donated twice per year, at this time and again later in the winter. We continually accept them at the meetings of course and always keep some on hand for emergencies or special requests. With more people in need these days your donated quilts will be much appreciated.

There has been a slight change on the request for wheelchair quilts. It was realized that pockets may in fact be troublesome. The problem is that some residents take out their hearing aids and attempt to hide them and what better place than a handy pocket! The risk of hearing aids being lost or ruined in the laundry is too great .....so no more pockets please! We will remove or sew closed the pockets on quilts donated already. We have also narrowed in on a size that should be appropriate for most in wheelchairs, which is approximately 36" wide and 40" long. Sorry for any confusion on this, we are learning as we go and Travelers' staff wanted to try some of the quilts to determine which would work best.

That said, we are happy to report that some patients have been using the new wheelchair quilts and they love them, especially those with a fleece or flannel back. The bright colours are welcome and the warmth is helpful for seniors. Travelers Lodge can still use about 12 more so we will continue with that goal for now and let you know when we have enough for the time being.

We would like to try offering pre-ordered batting for your donation quilts, especially those that may be an unusual size, in order to avoid disappointment or the need to take a larger batt and cut it down to the necessary size. If you are planning a donation quilt and know the size of batting you will need please feel free to email me, [chustins@shaw.ca](mailto:chustins@shaw.ca) with the size and I (afternoon) or Nancy (evening) will have the batting ready for you at the next meeting. We will still have an assortment of pre-cut battings as well.

A reminder again to please sew a label on each of your donation quilts. Eleven of the quilts received in November did not have labels, which leaves the committee with extra work before we can pass the quilts on. We have an assortment of labels to choose from or you can use your own. Something as simple as a cotton square and lettering in permanent marker would be fine. Wording on our labels is "Handmade with Care by the Nanaimo Quilters' Guild". Placemats are the only pieces that don't need labels.

And that is our report for this month. Thanks again to all who have made, or are in the process of making, donation quilts to comfort those in need.



**RETREAT 2012**

There were eight sign-ups for retreat 2012 at the November meetings. I am hoping all the members who had a wonderful time this year at retreat will think about signing up for next year's retreat and get their registration forms in to me soon. I will be accepting registrations at the December potluck. Please make sure you fill out the two page registration as completely as possible and staple your cheque for the \$50 deposit to it. Remember that the normal guild rules apply regarding cancellation. As long as your reserved spot can be filled by another member, you will receive your deposit back in full. If we cannot fill the space, the deposit is non-refundable. (In the event that there are not enough members to attend the retreat, all deposits will be returned.)

If you have not attended the Homewood Retreat before and you are considering going, please talk to other members who have attended to find out what it is like. Remember the conditions are somewhat rustic so if you are used to five star accommodations, you may be in for a surprise. From those members I have talked to who have attended, the fun and fellowship is more than worth the rustic nature of the retreat.

I am checking with Homewood to find out when we need the minimum number registered by. If we cannot get enough registrations by that date, we would have to cancel the retreat. After all the hard work Bonnie and Sue have done over the years, it would be a shame to give up our spot at Homewood.

If you have questions about Retreat 2012, please feel free to contact me by phone (250-758-8660) or by email at [pamcroy@shaw.ca](mailto:pamcroy@shaw.ca)

**QUILT BEE 2012**

Thank you, to everyone who has signed up for the January 29<sup>th</sup> Quilt Bee. We still have openings for five more teams, so anyone who wishes to partake in this very worthwhile (and fun) event please call or see us at the January meeting. There are still some quilt kits available, (includes the pattern) at no cost to you except for your labour© We will also have backings available to choose from at the January meeting. Sheila Lake 250-247-8886 Lynda Kalbfleisch 250-247-8027  
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**PILLOWCASE'S**

Thank you so much to everyone who made pillowcases for young people, donated items for stuffing them or cash to buy pillows and extra items to fill them up. We are very close to creating enough gift bags to meet our target, but we will still accept donations at our Christmas potluck. Sue Creba

**PILLOWCASE PROJECT** I was sorry not to be at the November Guild meeting to see the plethora of pillowcases that were given in to help support this worthwhile project for the kids. I am sure that as you were making these gifts you had fun and felt that this was for a great cause. Even though we were targeting 100 pillowcases we have surpassed that number by at least 25 and I know that there are still cases to come in. Sue Creba ensures me that there are areas of need where we can give the extra cases. Thank you so much for being onboard and supporting the project. I hope to take some pictures to place onto the website so you can see the bounty received. Again, thanks to all that make this a reality....Lorie Rogers

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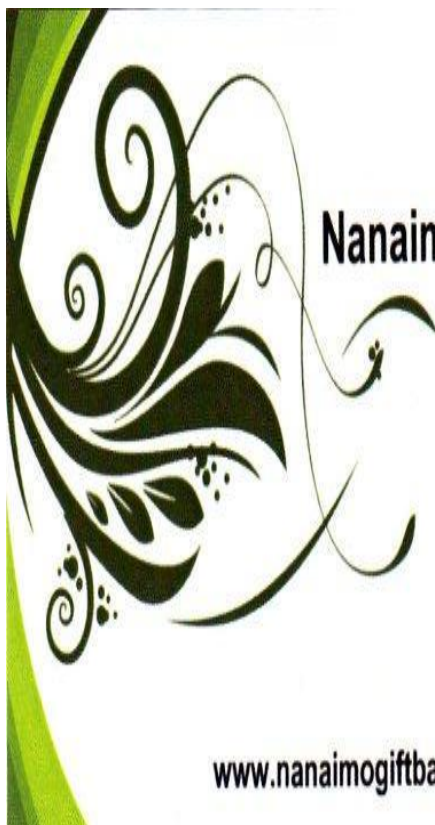
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**Program Committee**

At our November meeting, Bev from Serge and Sew got people inspired with quick ideas for Christmas. Small squares of prints and fat quarters of Christmas fabric went quickly. Samples of projects gave us help to get our Christmas ideas going. Hopefully you have been having fun making those special Christmas touches.

The December meeting is the pot luck dinner. See the section on this for details. Please also note that the remaining workshops will be opened to the Parksville guild in January. To help accommodate any members who want to get a space, we will be available to take registrations just before the December dinner.

We will start the New Year with a trunk show at our January meeting. Lori Mudri has agreed to share her projects with us, and we look forward to seeing her work. The January meeting is also when you need to sign up for the mini-demos that take place during the February meeting. Samples for the demos will be on display in January for you to choose two 30



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minute sessions. A list of these demos will be in the January newsletter.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE COMFORT QUILT SOCIETY**

The meeting was called to order at 1:18 pm. The current executive were introduced to the general membership: Patty McRory – President Sandy Dobson – Vice-President ..... Lori Skerget – Secretary ..... Nancy Price-Munn – Treasurer

Visiting Charity Representative – Pearl Poulin, Coordinator of the Ladysmith Meals on Wheels Program

1. Patty briefly reminded guild members of the purpose of CQS and of how money is transferred to the Guild each year.
2. Minutes of the AGM in November 2010 (as printed in the December 2010 Newsletter) were adopted with no changes or omissions noted.

3. Treasurer’s report was read by Nancy, and is as follows:

Balance last AGM (Nov. 15, 2010)	\$3880.15
Expenditures (Auditor’s Compensation)	- 18.00
Bank Interest	.37
Total	\$3862.54

2011 AGM purchase of NQG quilted items (Nov. 16 2011)	\$1931.26
Balance forward for 2011-2012	\$1931,26

Nancy then presented the Guild Treasurer Lise Skalos with a cheque for \$1931.26.

4. Names of the charities to which donations were made on behalf of the Guild 2010/2011:

- Nanaimo Child, Youth & Family Services
- Ladysmith Meals on Wheels
- Nanaimo Seniors Visiting Society
- Nan-Go Grannies (Stephen Lewis Foundation)
- International Longshore Workers Union (ILWU)
- Nanaimo Youth Services
- Nanaimo Meals on Wheels
- CIBC “Run for the Cure”
- Salvation Army Nanaimo
- Nanaimo Family Life
- Nanaimo Travellers lodge
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- Building Better Babies
- Haven Society
- Kiwanis Village
- Quilts for Japan
- Prenatal lunch Bunch

The total value of these quilts is estimated at \$23,915.00.

5. Election of officers. P McRory, President and L. Skerget, Secretary agreed to serve this committee for another year. Kathy Bush agreed to stand for Vice-President and Leslie Millward agree to stand for Treasurer. All positions were filled by acclamation.
6. The general membership was reminded to obtain “Receipt Forms” from the executive when donating items to the community. These receipt forms are also found on the Guild website as the last page of the November 2010 (Volume 27, Issue 3) Newsletter. Members were requested to give completed forms to Lori, as Secretary of the Society for our record keeping. Each donation committee was also requested to hand-in their receipts each month to Lori.
7. No further business was raised.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Ingrid Morton, Placemat Chairman, presented Pearl Poulin with our annual Christmas donation of placemats. Pictures were taken.

Meeting adjourned at 1:28 pm.

## January Block of the Month

Thanks to everyone who took part in the November draw. Janet Knecht won the blocks

This month we are continuing the series on use of colour. For those of you who don't have a colour wheel, go out and buy one at the local quilt shops. Or find one online. A colour wheel is an invaluable tool for evaluating the colours of your fabrics and choosing pleasing colour combinations.

The combination we are illustrating this month is split complimentary. You may remember a complimentary colour scheme uses two colours which are opposites on the colour wheel - red and green, purple and yellow, blue and orange are only three of the twelve possibilities. A split complimentary scheme uses three colours: the initial colour and the two colours either side of that colour's complimentary colour. In our example, we chose yellow-orange as the initial colour then paired it with blue and violet which are either side of blue-violet.

The block we have chosen is a variation of Jacob's ladder we named Jacob does the Splits. All seams are 1/4". Unfinished block is 12 1/2" square.

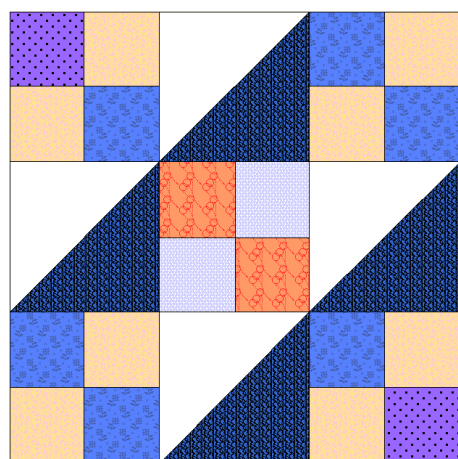
### Fabric Choices and Cutting:

Choose fine prints or tone on tones in yellow-orange, blue and purple or another split complimentary scheme if you like. A white tone on tone works for the triangles.

#### Jacob does the Splits

#### Cut

Lt purple 2 1/2" x 5 1/4"



Med yellow-orange 2 1/2" x 5 1/4"

#### And 2 each of:

White 4 7/8" x 4 7/8"

Dark blue 4 7/8" x 4 7/8"

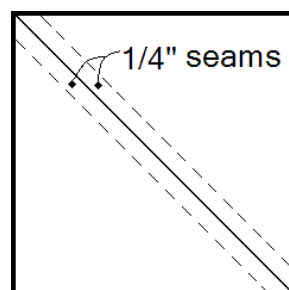
#### Construction:

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First make the four-patch units. Sew the light yellow-orange strip to the med blue and med purple strips. Cut crosswise into eight 2 1/2" units. There will be two with medium purple and six with medium blue. Assemble the four patches, two with medium blue in opposite corners and two with one medium blue and one medium purple corner. Make the centre four-patch from the light purple and medium yellow-orange strips. Place the light purple in opposite corners.

Next make the half-square triangles from the white and dark blue squares.

Place the two 4 7/8" white squares *wrong* side up and draw a pencil line from corner to corner. Place the two dark blue ones, wrong sides together with white fabric on top. Using the diagonal line as a guide, sew a 1/4" seam on either side of the pencil line (*See sketch below*). Cut on the diagonal line and press the seams away from the white.



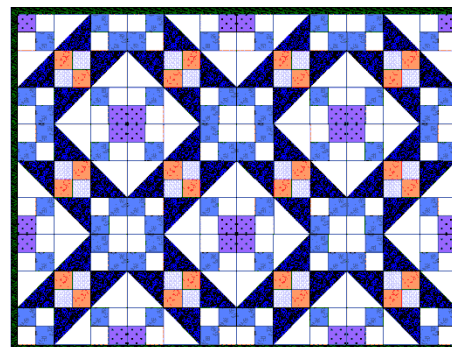
one each of:

Lt yellow-orange 2 1/2" x 20 3/4"

Med blue 2 1/2" x 15 1/2"

Med purple 2 1/2" x 5 1/4"

Lay out the block with the yellow-orange - light purple four-patch in the centre and the two four patches with medium purple corners in opposite corners with the medium purple square outermost. Press.



#### Layout Suggestion

If you have any questions, suggestions or problems, please call me at 250-758-1185. Wishing you joy, Val Ansell and Sandra Radley.









