

Nanaimo Quilters Guild

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Next Meeting

February 15, Nanaimo Curling Club, doors open at 1 pm & 6 pm, meetings at 1:30 pm & 6:30 pm

****Important: our March meeting date has been changed to March 8 (the Curling Club is not available on our usual day)**

Next Executive Meeting (Zoom) February 8, 1:30 - 3:30

**** No March Executive meeting**

Quilt Show Meeting

February 22, 1:00 to 3:00 pm, Country Grocer on Bowen

Newsletter Deadline

February 21

Where you see blue underlined lettering in the online version of the newsletter, put your cursor on the blue lettering and click to be taken to the website or email address associated with the blue lettering. Best viewed in Google Chrome (may not work on a Mac).

See what our Guild and its members are up to. You can submit photos of your quilts to our Facebook and Instagram sites. Click on the FACEBOOK link below:

[NanaimoQuiltersGuild](https://www.facebook.com/NanaimoQuiltersGuild)

Guild Website

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

Presidents' Pen

February is "heart" month, so we've been thinking about the things we love that are both good for us and show others we care. Quilting for friends, family and charity fits right in there. We know the benefits of creativity for our well-being and the messages of caring that our creations give the recipients.

The benefits of volunteering for the guild that brings us so much learning and community is just as rewarding for the volunteer and the recipients of our gifts of time. This Spring, we'd like you to think about how you can be a part of the guild in new or additional ways.

We are asking everyone to support the June Guild Show by selling raffle tickets and volunteering at the show. If you are not an "out there" kind of person, there is lots to do in the background. Check out the volunteer sign up lists at the meetings and ask questions. It is a busy time and a ton of fun!

Once the show is done though, there is the ongoing organization of the guild to consider, and we are already looking to our 2023/24 guild year. Please consider what interests you, and what talents and skills you may have to share or wish to develop. You could "start small", and see how it goes, or volunteer for a few different areas to find your fit. The executive and committee roles are really varied, and everyone is welcome.

Because of you and for you, we look forward to a great show this year and a strong guild going forward.

Happy Quilting, *Terri Askham & Judith McLaughlin, Co-Presidents*

2023 Guild Program

We have a virtual presentation this month : **TALK: Monday, February 13 at 7pm (on Zoom starting at 6:30pm)**

Elizabeth DeCroos of Epida Studio in Ontario will present a talk, on Zoom, called **POJAGI - From Ancient Korea to Modern Canada**. Part lecture and part trunk show, this fun talk tells Elizabeth's journey from Canada to Korea and back again. While in Korea, she studied the ancient art of Pojagi, Korean patchwork. Back in Canada, however, the Korean materials were more difficult to find, so she adapted pojagi techniques to readily-available western materials with some great results.

As a followup to her talk, Elizabeth will be presenting a Pojagi workshop:

Saturday, March 11, 2023, 9 - 3:30 Elizabeth DeCroos: POJAGI (Korean Stained Glass) Spring Flower 24" Window Panel \$40 (On Zoom) Elizabeth will lead us in a Pojagi workshop to make window hangings that give the appearance of stained glass and are fully reversible. Suitable for all levels. *(continued on page 2)*



February/March Program & Workshop:

To register, please email Nancy Lutes at dnlutes@telus.net who will give you the information about sending your payment. *Kathleen Kane, 250-802-3323*

Donation Quilts

In January we received 17 quilts and 31 premie hats. Thank you for your continuing generosity! A reminder to sew a label onto your quilt before turning it in. We will have batting, backing and labels at the February meeting. *Donation Quilts Committee, the Scrappy Bags*

Guild 2022 Challenge Winners

Thank you to all of the members who participated in this years Guild challenge. Great job everyone!

This year's winners: 3rd Place: Greta Simmons, 2nd Place: Vicki Dods and 1st Place: Greta Simmons. More photos on page 10 & 12. *Val Ansell for the Quilt Batts Challenge Committee*



1st
Place:

Greta
Simmons

2nd
Place:

Vicki
Dods



Membership

Thanks to a recent renewal we now have 130 members. A complete membership list as of Jan. 8 is in the Members only section of our website www.islandquilters.ca Membership application forms and payment options are outlined under the Membership tab of our home page. Otherwise please contact membershipnqg@gmail.com for any questions. Those without internet can call 250-751-1515. We are still happy to welcome renewals and new members. *Barbara Kerfoot, Guild Membership*

Proposal to Raise Membership Fees

Following a review of Vancouver Island and Lower Mainland quilt guilds and after a few years of reduced and/or frozen membership fees, the guild executive will propose a fee increase at the February meeting for your consideration and a vote. While the membership fee itself does not form part of the by-laws, changes to membership fees do need to be brought before the membership for a vote at a general meeting. The motion is being considered in February because it is our practice to begin membership renewals for the coming year in the Spring before the current year ends.

The proposal will be to move the annual fee from \$30 to \$40 for the 2023/2024 guild year. For clarity, this is the guild year that starts September 1, 2023.

The executive understands that this is a big jump in one year, and it comes at a time of high inflation in most other parts of our lives. Like everything the guild's operating costs have been increasing, and our membership fees are currently lower than all other guilds reviewed. The rates charged by other guilds ranged from \$35 to \$60 per year, with \$50 being the most common. There is one guild at the \$35 rate – Campbell River. Our proposed increase equates to \$1/month for the active months of the guild year.

We look forward to the discussion and thank you for supporting the guild.



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Quilt Show Report

I hope everyone got a chance to hear the Call To Entry presentation at the January meeting. Thanks Val for all your hard work for this event. I encourage all members entering the show to do so online. It will help the committee tremendously.

Regarding other aspects of the show, volunteer signup has started. I encourage everyone to please be generous with your time. The show committee will have seats everywhere for you to sit if standing for long stretches is not your thing. For the success of the show it will take everyone to step up. Raffle tickets will be handed out at the February meeting. This is a very easy and worthwhile fundraiser so be prepared to help out. I hope all your sewing for the quilt show is coming along without too much stress. Can't wait to see all the creations. Really the best part of the show for many is seeing your own quilt hanging in the show and those of your fellow members. *Take care, Janet Knecht (250-734-1671) quiltyjan@gmail.com*

Quilt Show Boutique

At the January meetings only seven packages were picked up. I was hoping for more. We have 4 1/2 months to get going on making items to sell at the Quilt Show. This is fundraiser for the Guild so it is an important part of the show. The ideas are endless: purses and totes, large and small; table runners; placemats; oven mitts; pot holders; wall quilts and of course baby and lap quilts. Check out You Tube for inspiration and tutorials to get your creative juices flowing. Information about the Boutique is available in the Members Only section of our website under Quilt Show Information. Any questions, email Linda Macey at wrmacey@gmail.com

Quilt Show Challenge

Challenge pieces provide such a great opportunity to try something new on a small scale. Members have asked if they can incorporate thread painting (yes) and if they can choose a local event instead of a site or scene (yes).

You are able to enter more than one piece. However one person will not be eligible to win more than one ribbon. All of the kits have now been sold. If you missed out and hoped to purchase a kit, please get in touch with us and we will put your name down just in case someone with a kit runs into time constraints and feels they won't be able to complete one after all. Conversely, if as the time approaches, you find you are unable to use the kit, let us know and we will provide you with the name of a person who missed out. *Show Year Challenge Coordinators Vicki Dods and Jeannette Blackmore*

Quilt Show Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets will be available starting at February's Guild meetings and until May. There are 10 tickets in a booklet and the price is \$2.00 each, \$20.00 for the booklet. You have the option to pay the \$20.00 when you pick up the booklet, and then you only have to return the ticket stubs. Your choice. Members are encouraged to sell at least one booklet. A couple of things to remember:

Because our raffle license only allows us to sell tickets to BC residents, please ensure that the address on the ticket stubs is a BC address. **PLEASE** print clearly on the stub, nothing is worse than standing in front of an audience trying to read a winner's name that is illegible.

Check each booklet you receive to make sure you have 10 tickets. Sometimes at the print shop pages stick together in the bundling machine and you get either 9 or 11 tickets in your booklet. Anyone needed extra tickets can email me: judymp@shaw.ca phone 250-741-6071

Judy Peterson, Quilt Show Raffles

FoodSafe Volunteer Needed

We are looking for a volunteer who has FoodSafe certification to be involved with the Quilt Show kitchen. Please contact Janet Knecht or Sue Artuso.



Quilt Bee January 28, 2023

At this printing we have had our bee. I hope a fun time was had by all. Thank you all for helping to do the best we can for our community and charities. I have enjoyed making the kits very much and will continue to do so. It's fun to see how they turn out. Hopefully next year we can do our usual pot luck and get back to full swing. Thanks to the committee for hanging in there and the volunteers. Remember, you can make the quilted bags for Haven all year round. *Janet Knecht and Bonnie Dormuth*



Library

Happy Valentine's Day! A big **Thank You!** to our very, super efficient library volunteers and to everyone who brings their library materials back faithfully every month.

As you start spring cleaning this year, please be on the look out for any overdue library materials that you may find. "No questions asked." We will be deleting all the overdue books from our database shortly.

If you haven't started your Quilt Show quilt yet, we have thousands of ideas to choose from in our library. No limits to the number of books you can check out.....just return them. See you in February. *The Library Team*

Raffles

Wow! That was an epic raffle ticket sale in January. Remember raffle tickets are \$1 each for a chance to win one of eight prizes and mystery tickets are \$1 each for the chance to win 1 metre of fabric. You were very generous in donating quilting related items that will be seen soon on the raffle table. Thank you Moire P, Terri A, Joanne V, Barb K, Nancy L, Sue A, Penny W, Dianne, and Trish. We welcome donations - it keeps our expenses down and we can purchase prizes like the wonderful iron that was won in January. Be on the lookout for some jelly rolls coming soon... *Carole Phinney, raffles chair*



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Placemats

Well, you guys really came through for me. We had 63 placemats and 2 tea cozies turned in at the January meeting. We now have 73 placemats and 18 tea cozies. We should now be in a pretty good situation to supply the tea room at the show and have some on display at the donation quilt table, although it would be nice to have more, of course. In the past we have used 80 placemats just for the tea room. It was a great meeting,, having a bit of a Christmas Party with snacks and beverages, just like old times before COVID. Also, all the talk of our upcoming quilt show was inspiring. Once again I want to thank all of you who donated a placemat (or several) , this is very much appreciated.

Your Placemat Committee, Heather, Norma and Maureen

Evening Meeting Volunteer

Thanks to Karla Hansen for volunteering for the evening hospitality role! If you would like to join Karla, please contact Terri terri.askham@gmail.com 250-882-5108

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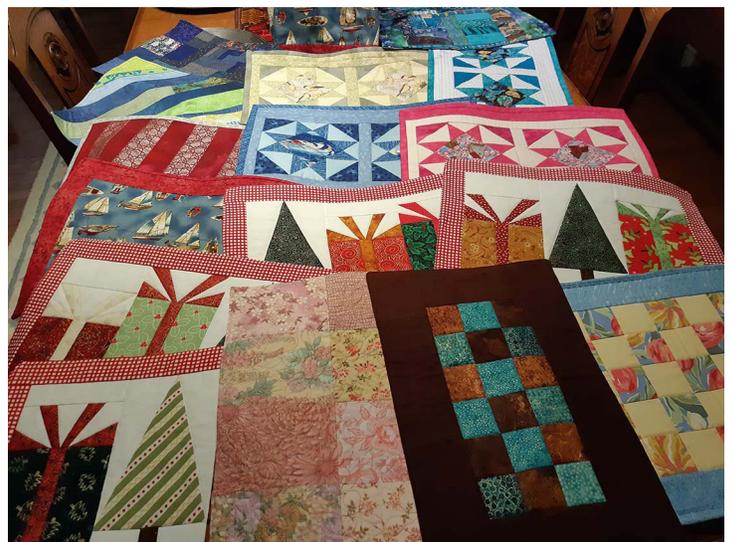
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Thank You!

I am a senior who is very grateful to receive Meals on Wheels. Yesterday a beautiful quilted place mat was delivered with the meal. It was such a nice gesture and very much appreciated. Please thank everyone that took part. It touched my heart. One can get a little lonely as one gets older and something like this means a lot. Many thanks, *Judith, January4, 2023*



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Calling for Depot Captain Volunteers!

Duties: Collect exhibitors' quilts – at your convenience, at your home, a few days before the show. Deliver these quilts on the morning of Thursday, June 8 between 9:00 and 9:30 AM to the “Quilt Hanging” team at curling rink.

****NOTE: NON-SMOKING ENVIRONMENT ONLY****

On Sunday June 11, receive the same quilts from the “Take Down” committee and redistribute them to their rightful owners. Depot Captains are still required for:

1. Ladysmith/Saltair/Chemainus – 3 needed
2. Moose Hall/South: incl. Cedar, Chase River, Yellowpoint, Cinnibar Valley and Extension area, South Wellington and Cassidy – 1
3. South Nanaimo: Moose Hall (south end of Tenth St.) north of Jinglepot Rd/Westwood Lake, Downtown and Harewood – 1
4. Central Nanaimo: north of Fifth St. turnoff on the Parkway and north of Comox Rd to Mostar/Rutherford – 5
5. Nanaimo North: north of Mostar/Rutherford Rd to Aulds Rd and south of Dickinson Rd – 5
6. Lantzville – 1
7. Parksville – 1

Please email Leslie Millward lmillward@shaw.ca or Sandy Dobson sdobson@telus.net if you wish to become a Depot Captain (you get a great preview of some of the lovely items that will be in the show!)

Please note this answer to a frequently asked question: **Every exhibitor's quilted items should be covered by their own home insurance.**

Large amount of cotton fabric for sale, reasonable prices. Please contact me for an appointment as I have limited parking. Thank you, Doris Francis dorisf@shaw.ca



2023 Quilt Show Ballot Committee

Guild members who have never submitted a quilt before to a NQG show may submit a **FIRST TIME ENTRY**. On your Call To Entry form for each of your entries you must prioritize them as 1, 2, 3, etc. Each such member will have their name and first choice entered once only for the draw. The winner will receive a purple ribbon for her #1 entry. See **Rules to Play By** on page 13.

At the January Guild meeting, Val Ansell explained our new online Call To Entry submission process. All of this information can be found in the Members Only section of our website, under Quilt Show Information.

Below are the definitions and categories with their descriptions. Please review these carefully before you fill in your Call To Entries.

DEFINITIONS

SOLO: Quilt made and quilted by one person.

DUO: Quilt made and/or quilted by two people.

CATEGORIES

Large Traditional Quilt: Single bed size or larger. Uses traditional block designs.

Small Traditional Quilt: Pieces smaller than a single bed size. Uses traditional block designs.

Modern Quilt: Modern quilts are primarily functional and inspired by Modern design. Several characteristics may include the use of bold colours and prints, high contrast and graphic areas of solid colour, improvisational piecing, minimalism, expansive negative space, and alternate grid work.

Applique Quilt: May be hand or machine appliqued, with more than 50% of the blocks containing applique.

Special Event Quilt: Any quilt intended to celebrate a holiday, Hanukkah, Halloween, Christmas or family celebration or to celebrate a family history or an important event.

Quilt for a Child: Any quilt or wall hanging intended for a child.

Machine Paper-Pieced Quilt: Refers to sewing fabrics by machine onto a foundation to stabilize the quilt block due to unusual geometric shapes, small pieces or odd angles on a bias.

Hand-work: Any piece containing significant amount of hand-piecing, hand-embroidery, hand-applique or hand quilting.

Art Quilt: (Art Quilts may also be called Original Works). These are your own design, not derived or adapted from any existing pattern.

Accessories: Includes jackets, bags, table runners, placemats, etc.

Judith McLaughlin, Chair, Ballot Committee

Meeting Minutes of January 18, 2023

Call to order: at 1:34 pm by President Terri Askham, and at 6:33 pm by President Judith McLaughlin.

Moved Bonnie Eaton, seconded Stepanie Gislason, to accept Minutes of November 16 meeting as presented. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Moved by Christine Hustins, seconded by Janet Knecht to accept Treasurer's Report as posted. Carried.

Thank you to Karla Hansen for volunteering for evening Hospitality, and to Germaine Batchelor for acting as VP while Linda Macey is away.

Notice of Motion: At the February meeting a motion will be presented to the membership to increase membership fees from \$30 to \$40 starting in the 2023/2024 year.

Hospitality: Afternoon: 62 members, 1 guest. Evening: 22 members, no guests.

Presentation: Val Ansell demonstrated the new on-line Call to Entry process. See the **Rules to Play By** on page 13, and Members Only section under Quilt Show Information at islandquilters.ca for the link to enter your quilts online. See entry categories on page 2.

Committee Reports

Quilt Bee: January 28 at Oliver Woods. A Ukrainian refugee group will be given 10 quilts.

Quilt Show: Raffle tickets to sell will be available in February: a new option will be to prepay for your book(s) of tickets. Volunteer sign-up sheets out now. **Boutique:** See report on page 3. Packages available now. No more than 100 items, no large quilts. You must work at least 1 shift. Guild takes 10% of price.

Program: Zoom presentation Monday February 13: Elizabeth DeCroos: a Korean Stained Glass technique called Pogagi. Her workshop follows Saturday March 11.

Challenge Quilts: on display. Photos on page 2, 10, 12.

Block of the Month: Debbie Hollett (afternoon), Judith McLaughlin (evening).

Christmas Social (aft): Refreshments and games. Thanks to Barb Kerfoot and her team for organizing!

Christmas Show & Share: (afternoon) Stephanie Gislason and Joan Irving

January Show & Share: Nancy Lutes (afternoon), Janet K. (evening)

Hospitality Draw: Judy Morrison (afternoon), Sandy B. Kathleen K. (evening)

Christmas Gift Card draw: Val Ansell

Mystery fabric: Ann Roncin (aft), Janet K. (eve)

Raffles: (afternoon) Tuesday Shay x 3, Bonnie Eaton x 2, Sue Creba, Heather Henderson, Daphne Graff. (evening) Barb K. Vicki Z, Tuesday S, Sue J.

Adjourned: 2:15 pm and 8:13 pm.

*Submitted by Lorna Craig, Secretary
Vicki Zoltay, evening secretary*

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Block of the Month by *Stephanie Gislason*

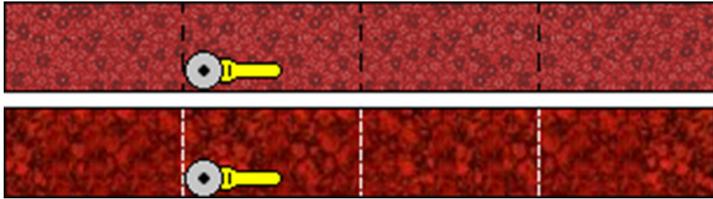
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Colour 2 - Dark – 1 strip 3 1/2 X 26 inches

Tan background – 2 strips 3 1/2 X 28 inches

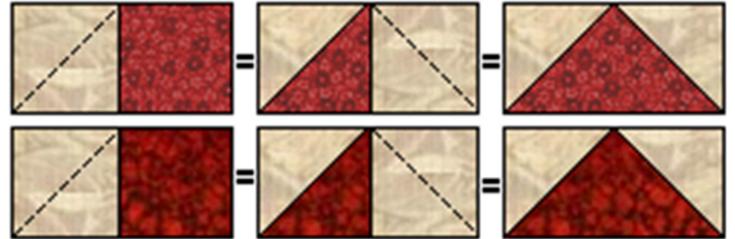
First, cut your Colour 1 and Color 2 3-1/2" x 26 strips into four 6-1/2" x 3-1/2" rectangles of each color.



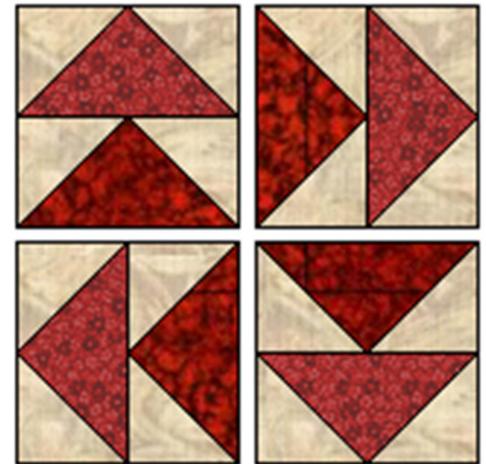
Then cut your Colour 3 3-1/2" x 28" strips into eight 3-1/2" squares each.



For EACH of the Colour 1 and Colour 2 rectangles place a Colour 3 square, right sides together aligned on top of one end. Mark the diagonal on the wrong side and SEW on that line. Cut off the excess and press seam allowances towards triangle, then sew another square on the opposite end in the same manner. You will need four of these of each colour!



To piece the block, sew two of these new rectangle units together, as shown. Make four of these units and then piece them, first as rows, and then sew the two rows together to make your block. Trim to 12.5".



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CQA Report

Things are busy at CQA headquarters as they prepare for the next Quilt Canada juried show in Halifax this coming June 8-10. Lots of info is available on the Canadian Quilters website canadianquilter.com.

CQA is hosting a variety of challenges, classes and events you can learn more about on their website:

Trend Tex Challenge kits are still available but as of writing, there were only 20 kits left.

The 'Sea You In Nova Scotia' quilt along is underway. New blocks will be released from January to June of this year so you are not too late to join this fun quilt along focused on east coast life.

The entry form is now open for you to submit your quilt(s) to the 2023 National Juried Show in Halifax.

Order a piece of the beautiful sea glass fabric and mentor a young quilter in the JN Harper Youth Challenge.

For classes and lectures, go to canadianquilter.com/quilt-canada-2023-classes-and-lectures/

As always there is a lot going on, so visit the website for a look and check our guild library for current and past copies of Canadian Quilter, published quarterly.

Christine Hustins, CQA Liaison cahustins@gmail.com

Jonanco February Quilt Daze

February 16-20, 10 - 4, 2745 White Rapids Road at Nanaimo River Road. Drop in fee \$6 per day. Bring sewing machine, projects, lunch & snacks. Coffee, tea, water, pop can be purchased. jonanco@gmail.com



3rd Place Challenge Winner: Greta Simmons

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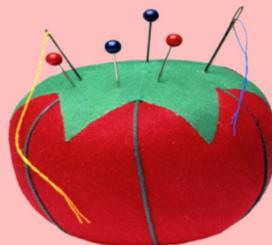
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Challenge Entries January 2023



Top row left to right Challenge entries # 2, 3 4

Second row left to right # 5, 8, 9

3rd row left to right # 10 (a fabric booklet)

Bottom row # 13 and 14.

Challenge winners were # 6 (Greta Simmons 1st place, photo on page 2), # 1(Vicki Dods 2nd place, photo on page2), and #7 (Greta Simmons 3rd place, photo on page 10)

NANAIMO QUILTERS' GUILD SHOW 2023

Some Rules to Play By: To avoid problems, please read these before filling out your first form.

1. You must be a member in good standing of the Guild as of December 31, 2022.
2. Projects shown in any previous Nanaimo Quilt Show are *not* eligible. Quilts displayed in any other show are eligible.
3. The *quilt* need not be finished before *form* is submitted.
4. Use one entry form for **each** item. Please prioritize your projects using the designated line on each page. Ten pieces will be allowed per member.
5. This year we have created an **on-line** entry form. To reduce your work and ours, please use the on-line form if possible. For 2nd and higher entries, the form automatically enters your contact information. This link will be on the members-only section of the website and will be sent to the members as an e-cast. The form is submitted by pressing DONE at the end.
6. **Paper forms** will be available to members with no computer access. The paper "Call to Entry" form will be in the February Newsletter, or is available from the website. In order to enter via the Paper form, you must complete all **3** pages of the form. Put your story on the back of the 1st page, (for the Call to Entry Committee). Put a coloured photo or sketch of your entry on the 2nd page, in the space provided, (for the Hanging Committee). The 3rd page will be your receipt from the Depot Captains. The paper forms will be collected at the Show Table at each regular meeting from January 2023 to March 2023.
7. Both the On-line and Paper Call to Entry forms are due no later than March 22, 2023.
8. Your project must adhere to the size you indicate on the form. The Hanging Committee will organize the layout of the Quilt Show based on the information you submit. If you find the size of the finished item is larger or smaller than stated on the form, please inform the Call to Entry Committee at thornasite@gmail.com or call Val at 250 758 1185.
9. Each piece must have, on the back, both a 3" wide hanging sleeve attached across the entire width of the top and an identifying label with both the quilt's name and your name.
10. Finished quilts must be delivered to the Depot Captains by June 4th. Your Depot Captain will contact you approximately 2 weeks before the Show to arrange a drop-off time.
11. Pick up will be 1:30 – 2:30 Sunday June 11, 2023. No provision will be made for early pick-up. There will be no access to the show floor after 12:30 on June 11th. If you are unable to pick up your pieces, please inform your Depot Captain of the name and phone number of your delegate. In order to claim your pieces, you or your delegate must present the receipt(s) you received from your Depot Captain. Make sure your delegate has all of your receipts.
12. This year we will repeat the category, 'First Time Entry', for those who have never entered a quilt in a Nanaimo Quilt Show. Each eligible entrant will receive a participation ribbon. A prize will be awarded to the winner who will be selected by a random draw.
13. Insurance – The Nanaimo Quilt Guild cannot be held responsible for loss or damage to your piece. Please ensure your quilt is covered by your homeowner's insurance.
14. Any questions should be addressed to Val Ansell at 250-758-1185 or thornasite@gmail.com.
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