

Nanaimo Quilters Guild

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Next Regular Meeting

March 21, doors open 1:00 and 6:00, meeting starts at 1:30 & 6:30 pm Nanaimo Curling Club – upstairs lounge 106 Wall St. Program: Mini Demos

Next Executive Meeting

March 8, 1:30 at Chase River Country Grocer, 82 Twelfth St.

Quilt Show Meeting

March 28, 1:00 at Chase River Country Grocer, 82 Twelfth St.

Newsletter Deadlines

March 22 (22nd of every month)

Refreshments:

Members whose last names start with the letters P, Q and R, it's your turn to bring goodies to the meeting.

Remember to bring:

- your nametag and mug
- change for raffle prizes
- notebook/pencil for Mini Demos
- donation quilts / placemats
- mystery quilt blocks
- show and share
- food bank donations

Guild Website

If you have something of interest for our Guild web site, please send it to Sue Creba at suecreba@aquariusd.com

From the President's Pen

Welcome to March everyone! I hope it's safe to say that winter is behind us and we can all look forward to the longer, warmer days of Spring. Weren't we lucky with our last Guild meeting to just miss a rather large snowfall. It looked beautiful on the trees but it was a day to stay home and let others tackle the roads!

For those who were not at the last meeting, I want to let you know that we have rented a tour bus to take us from Beban Park to the Quilt Canada Show at the Vancouver Convention Centre and back to Beban Park at day's end. The date we will be going is Thursday, May 31, the most popular day by choice so far. We will meet the bus about 7:30 in the morning and the return time will be determined soon. So far, we have 21 people signed up for this day and it will be first come first served, so let me know if you would like to go and I will add you to our growing list. The bus holds 47 passengers and our travel cost will be about \$72 per person, less for seniors who will get a discount on the ferry trip.

Looking on the website, I see that tour buses are encouraged to have tickets beforehand, and also that we will get a 10% entry fee reduction for buying more than 30 tickets. So the plan will be to add the ticket price to your bus fare. I will let you know what that is when I know for sure. Once we have enough people I will buy the tickets and we will be in business.

Another item of business I wanted to mention is a second gift we will be giving at the May evening meeting. I was given a Go! Fabric Cutter with two dies for Guild use. We have decided to hold a draw for this item and it will be given at the May meeting. It is too difficult to keep these things as a Guild, with limited space available and the need for someone to then be the 'keeper' of the item. We hope the winner of this item will use it for some charity quilts as well as her own work, but of course that will be up to her!

Vicki, as you know, is offering a full size quilt kit with all patterns and fabric needed to complete the top. It is a lovely quilt in rich jewel tones for someone who loves those colours. As with the fabric cutter, we will offer a chance to win to anyone attending the May meeting who wishes to enter the draw for this item.

I hope you all enjoyed Cindy's photo to fabric transfer program at our last meeting. This is something I haven't tried yet but I think there will be times coming in my life when I am going to want to use this technique on some heirloom quilts for my children.

I am writing this President's Pen on what I am going to assume is our last day of snow this winter. When I looked out my window this morning I was struck by the beauty of it, covering everything so perfectly and hanging heavy on the trees and shrubs. The silence that comes with a heavy snow is always a welcome and serene experience for me. We tend to fear the snow and ice as we get older but I think it's also important sometimes to just stop and look at it, at the wonder of nature and the beautiful displays of the season that we get to enjoy.

And now that we have done that, we are ready for Spring flowers and showers and the changing of the seasons once again.

Thank you all for being part of my quilting family, I look forward to meetings with all of you, the fun we have and the quilts we create. Happy sewing, see you in March!

Christine Hustins, Guild President

2018 Nanaimo Quilters' Guild Program

The March Program will be Mini Demos! Bring a notebook and pencil to take notes. Get ready for:
 Sue Creba: How to make a Tea Wallet (both meetings)
 Briony Goodard: Bead Embellishments (both meetings)
 Bonnie Dormuth: How to make a Rag Quilt (both meetings)
 Vicki Dods: Hexie Folded Flowers (both meetings)
 Janet Knecht: Pineapple Rule (daytime meeting)
 Val Ansell: Quilting Tips & Techniques (daytime meeting)

Don't worry if you can't see every demo as all handouts will be available under the Members Only section of our website. A reminder that there will be no Library at this meeting as the Demos take up all of the space.

Thank you! I think we can all agree that Cindy Scraba provided us with the inspiration and courage a lot of us may have needed to try photo transfer (or retry it). I know that I'll be definitely looking at my everyday items as potential subjects - flowers, blueberries, dogs, plus some that I'm keeping as a surprise for later if they work out. Also a big thank you for the extra door prizes that Cindy provided to both of the meetings. Her shop is always open at: <http://www.cindysthreadworks.com/>



February 17 BYOP Bags and Purses Workshop

At least 18 different bags & purses were made. We're hoping to see a lot of them at Show & Share! Some were UFOs and some were brand new starts but progress was made on every single one of them. There were doorprizes (thank you to everyone who donated them), many, many bag samples to view, some unsewing, and lots of laughter. Thank you to the coaches, Dona-Mae Bauer, Avril Valentine, Barbara Waine, Cathy Herrington, & Becky Keizer and to the angels, Nancy Lutes, and Irene Madsen. We hope to do it again!

We also got to meet two guests who joined us for the day and participated in the workshop (maybe future Guild members?!?). Stacie Wilson is from Cobble Hill, is the president of the Victoria Modern Quilt Guild and the owner of the Troll Brothers Quilt Design, a new online quilt shop. Dara Thomasson is newer to Nanaimo and a free motion quilter and a long armer. Thanks for joining us for the day Stacie & Dara. We hope to see you both again. They can be reached at:

Stacie: www.trollbrothersquiltdesigns.com

Dara: www.stitchedquiltingco.com



March 24: Crazy Quilt Techniques - Sue Artuso

Many of you already know Sue as a member of our Guild. She started sewing and quilting at a very young age. Her grandmother and great aunts would get together every summer and put a quilt on the frame under a big tree and quilt every day for weeks at a time, until each one had a completed quilt. Sue would be under the frame sorting scraps, and threading needles. It follows that scrap quilting is her favourite. This lends itself well for crazy quilting, which adds embroidery stitches to her scrap quilting. She enjoys the traditional quilts best, but has tried many styles and types.

"Crazy quilting" refers to the textile art of crazy patchwork and is sometimes used interchangeably with that term. Crazy quilting does not actually refer to a specific kind of quilting, but a specific kind of patchwork lacking repeating motifs and with the seams and patches heavily embellished. Because the careful geometric design of quilt blocks is less important in crazy quilts, quilters are able to use smaller and more irregularly shaped pieces of fabric. Crazy quilts are far more likely to use exotic pieces of fabric (velvet, satin, tulle, silk, and embellishments (buttons, lace, ribbons, beads, embroidery).



Crazy quilting as a textile art is extremely creative and free-flowing by nature, and crazy quilters often learn as much about embellishments as about crazy quilting itself. (*from Wikipedia*)

Sue will teach you several techniques of crazy quilting needed to put a block together at class so you can leave and make many more on your own. Skill level: beginner to advanced

April 14: A Splash of Colour with Coreen Zerr

Presenter: Coreen is a fibre artist living in Nanaimo, BC, who utilizes fabric and thread to create art in a way that captures the elements of texture, colour and line that fibre can achieve. She wants her work to show what can be created with these elements and to educate others. The tactile feel of this art is exhilarating and rewarding. Coreen creates realistic art,



often using the beautiful scenery and nature of the world around her.

Workshop: Learn to create your own fabric just for fun or for a specific project. Using a variety of techniques and tools, Coreen will introduce you to the art of painting fabric. Skill Level: Beginner to Advanced

OTHER EVENTS:

All Year Long: Mystery Quilt by A Little Crispy

March is Month 7. Receive a monthly email (or arrange to pick up your instructions at the Guild meeting). There are printed templates for everyone to pick up this month.

Bring your completed February blocks pinned together or to a background piece to the March Guild meeting and enter the draw to win a participation prize! February winners of the monthly participation prizes: Pat Montgomery (afternoon) and Judith McLaughlin (evening). Any questions, contact Becky Keizer, email: kiddkeizer@shaw.ca

Coming Next Year: October 20 - Sliced Circles

Presenter: Art -in some form or other- has always been a part of lonne's life. Since she was a child, she sketched and painted right along with her sewing - making clothes for herself. Then, during a six-year visit to Australia, she became interested in

batik. She designed and made casual batik clothing for sale, learning a lot about dyeing fabric and using colour along the way.

After returning to Canada, lonne's focus shifted to quiltmaking and by 1997 she was teaching colour classes for quilters. This has led to teaching many different classes for all levels of students.

lonne is a member of several fun quilting groups, her local guild, the Canadian Quilters' Association (CQA/ACC). She also belongs to a surface design group - the members of which experiment in various mediums, not just fabrics!

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Workshop: Circles are among the most satisfying shapes to work with and the combination of circles and straight lines is exciting! Play with great, favourite fabrics and create a wall-hanging-sized art quilt top, while you learn about shapes and lines and designs. Quilting options are discussed for your finished project.



Did You Know ... Newsletters

One of the jobs of the History Committee is to document the activities of the Guild over the years.

Some of the information comes from the minutes of various meetings, old photographs and newspaper articles and so on, but one of our best sources of information comes from the back issues of the Guild's newsletters.

The Guild's first newsletter was published in December 1984. It contained fourteen (14) pages and sported a green cover page since it was Christmas. Inside was a message from the President, a list of Executive members, minutes of the October and November meetings, January's agenda, quilting tips, book reviews, an article on the "Chronicles of Quilting," and a list of upcoming events. (continued on page 5)



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Donation Quilts

We received 12 quilts at the February guild meeting. Thank you to everyone who took labels home to sew onto their quilts before turning them in. We have bamboo batting cut to 45"x60" and some poly batt cut to the same measurements. We will cut the poly batt to a specific size. Please contact Pat at patclements@shaw.ca with your request.

Thank you to all the quilters who have donated quilts. Your efforts are truly appreciated. *Bonnie Dormuth, Pat Clements*

Membership

At our February meetings we had 2 members renew and 2 new members join us. Please welcome our new members; Kathy Coulter and Cathryn Paish. We now have a total of 165 members. *Laura Beswick, Membership*

Quilt Bee January 27, 2018

Our annual quilt bee was awesome! We donated a total of 127 quilts to Haven Society this year. Well done ladies! Once again we have made up some new kits for those who would like to get an early start sewing this summer. These kits will be available to sign out at the April and May Guild meetings. You are welcome to sign one out and start sewing! Our sincere thanks to all of our members who donated so many beautiful quilts. *Quilt Bee Committee: Leslie Millward, Margaret Carmichael, Marlene Jones*

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CQA Report

Registration is on going and a good idea is to go on the web site and read the TIPS sheet for all you need to know about registration before you do so. Lots of information here. It seems to be very involved to get it all straight. All registration for workshops and lectures is online.

Many are full or filling up fast. They are taking waiting lists. Due to room movement many could open up more space.

The web site is currently having some trouble with their e-mail system so the web site has information for trouble shooting and how to follow up on your registrations. *Janet Knecht*

Library News

There will be NO library at the Guild Meeting in March. Next library will be at the April meeting. Enjoy all those mini demos.
The Library Team

Postcard Challenge

Just a reminder - I personally challenged our past Guild officers to make a postcard for the "Postcard Challenge". That must have fallen on deaf ears because I received about 5 postcards. I hear the Victoria Guild has made dozens. Certainly we won't let their Guild make more postcards than our Guild! I am now challenging everyone in the Nanaimo Quilt Guild to make postcards. They are small, quick, easy and very addictive. The theme is: "Inspired by Nature". The size is 4" x 6" (3 layers). That leaves the field open: animals, bugs, reptiles, trees, shrubs, flowers, grasses, bears, rabbits, deer, cougars, eagles, robins, whales, fish, humming birds, landscapes, seascapes and on it goes. Start thinking about what you might have seen living here in B.C. These little cards will be sold at Quilt Canada 2018, with a starting price of \$5.00. All funds raised will be donated to the Children's Hospital. If you have never donated to the Children's Hospital - now is your chance. Please give it a shot and make a few of these little postcards. People from all across Canada will purchase these little gems and take home a little bit of B.C. By supporting this initiative you'll be amazed at the dollars we'll create. *Barb Root*

Update: As of February 17, our Guild had 49 postcards turned in - one less than Victoria!



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Did You Know ... Newsletters (*continued from page 3*)

Also included were: the Guild membership list and a list of member names interested in meeting to quilt outside of the Guild. It also contained a suggestion section, one could fill out the form and put it in the suggestion box at the meeting. Members who didn't attend the meeting had their newsletters mailed to them. This changed a few months later when members preferred to receive their newsletter before the meetings. A decision was made to mail everyone a newsletter prior to each meeting.

By 1986, the format of the newsletter changed as printing costs took its toll on the Guild's limited budget. The newsletter became a double sided single sheet of paper 8-1/2" by 14" folded in half. Information was condensed with only the highlights of the previous meeting, program information, upcoming events and brief committee reports.

In 1990, the Executive passed a motion that allowed the newsletter to expand as they wanted to see a list of committees, more helpful hints, birthday greetings, and more puzzles or patterns to be included as space permitted. In 1991, the format changed and more pages were added, but in 1992 the newsletter went back to the previous folded format due to printing costs.

In 1992, the Guild was contacted by a company in Alberta that specialized in hand-dyed cotton wanting to advertise, on a regular basis, in the newsletter. Instead of money, payment was made in fabrics that were used as a door, raffle and quilt show prizes. In 1993, a motion was passed that the newsletter

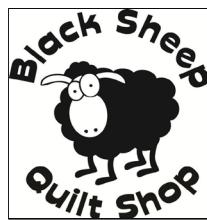
would start accepting advertising to subsidize its' cost, but it wasn't until 1996 when other companies and Guild shops began to place ads in the newsletter.

Up to now the newsletters were printed monthly except for December, July and August. When the Guild expanded into both afternoon and evening meetings the newsletter added more pages and in December 1999, began printing a December newsletter.

In 2001, the newsletter was available online on the Guild's website. Those who had access to computers were encouraged to read or print their own copies of the newsletter to help cut down on the Guild's printing and postage costs. In 2012, a motion was introduced to have those who needed a paper copy of the newsletter mailed to them should pay a fee to cover the increased cost of printing and postage. Although a motion had been passed in 1993 regarding the income of the advertising to be used to subsidize the costs of the newsletter, it was felt by the Executive that the advertising funds belong to the Guild as a whole and that others were not being similarly subsidized and in "fairness" the recipients of the paper copies should cover the rise in costs.

Today our newsletter is just as important as it was in the past in helping members stay in touch with each other. It is always full of information and to those who are new to the Guild, back issues are available to read on line.

Marsha Whitmee and Greta Simmons , History Committee



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Block of the Month

Wow, excellent turn out for the February Heart block. Thanks to all who participated! Judy Peterson won the 28 blocks at the afternoon meeting, while Barbara Hallum won the 16 blocks in the evening. Just a thought, you can make more blocks and designate which meeting you'd like to enter. We had a treat as Sue Artuso had her win from last month made into 2 small quilts plus 2 placemats. See the pictures. Wonderful! She won a mug and a fat quarter for finishing.

The March block is a 12 1/2" unfinished bug jar pattern from: www.thespruce.com/easy-bug-jar-quilt-block-pattern-2821135 The centre is a 8 1/2" square of bug or butterfly fabric, the background should be white (can be plain or a tone-on-tone or a low volume white) and the lid can be as you wish. Any questions or suggestions? Sarah Beyer, cell 778-269-2380 (call or text), sarahbeyer@shaw.ca, or <https://www.facebook.com/SarahinStitchesNanaimo/>



Left: Sarah Beyer in front of the blocks won by Judy Peterson (afternoon). Middle: Blocks won by Barbara Hallum (evening). Upper right: March block. Right and below: Quilts and one of the placemats completed by Sue Artuso, winner of January's Raspberry Kiss blocks.

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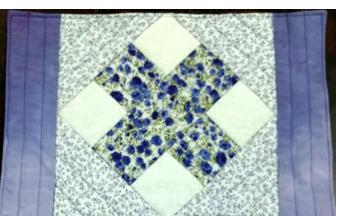
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Nanaimo Quilters' Guild General Meeting February 14, 2018

President Christine Hustins called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

Hospitality: Afternoon: 88 members attended with 6 guests: Karen Killins-Robinson (CQA), Chris Longmore (Quilts of Valour), Cathryn Paish, Dawn Clark (Haven Society), Kathy Coulter, Wendy Walker. Evening: 24 members attended and 1 guest Chantal Lambert (Haven Society)

Moved by Barb Root to accept the minutes of the January 17, 2018 general meeting as published in the February newsletter. Seconded by Debbie Van Otterloo. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Posted on the bulletin board.

Correspondence: Graham Gates thank you note for his gift given at the December Christmas Potluck meeting.

Announcements: Cherry Patten, a founding NQG member, passed away January 22. Norma Steven will record the minutes, since Val Ursulak is still experiencing sciatica. Arrangements are being made to charter a bus for the CQA Vancouver Show on Thursday, May 31. A sign-up sheet is available and ridership for the 47 seats will be on a first come basis. Pick up will be at Beban Park at a cost of \$72, show tickets will be purchased in bulk for a discount. Lori Skerget brought magazines that were freely available at the break.

Presentations: Dawn Clark thanked the guild on behalf of the Haven Society for the lovely quilts made at the Quilt Bee. Chantal Lambert did the same at the evening meeting at which time all quilts were given to her.

Chris Longmore gave a brief history of the Quilts of Valour project. She is the QOV representative for Duncan and the

area north of it (Mid Island and North V.I.). In the last ten years, 10,000 quilts have been given to our veterans but there is still a need. Each quilt is registered as to who made it and to whom it is given. Pictures of the recipient with the quilt are often available. The quilts may be of any design, a minimum of 55 x 70 in., cotton and washable. To contact her: (250) 927-0780 or chrislongmore@shaw.ca Thank you to Sandra Radley who will collect Quilts of Valour for our Guild.

Committee Reoprts:

Block of the Month: Sue Artuso made quilts and placemats with the January Raspberry Kiss blocks. February Heart Blocks were won by Judy Peterson and Barbara Hallum. The March block pattern will be a Bug Jar. See report page 6.

Donations: Bonnie Dormuth reminded members to please ensure they sign the list of quilts received sheet when donating quilts, and to please sew a NQG label on your quilt.

Library: No library next month - all borrowed items should be returned at the April meeting.

Membership: Welcome to our two new members to the guild: Kathy Coulter and Cathryn Paish. We wish them many happy quilting moments and friendships in the guild.

Nominations: **Nominations:** please see Vicki Zoltay's report on page 9 for the current list of vacancies that need to be filled for the 2018-19 guild year (August 1, 2018 to July 31, 2019). The majority of the Executive is remaining. Mary Abbott has agreed to lead the Program committee for the 2018-19 year. Vicki has promised to award a prize at the May General meeting. It consists of a pattern and all the associated fabric.

(minutes continue on page 8)



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February 14 Minutes Continued

Program: There are still spots available in workshops. Next year a felting workshop with Nancy Wesley is being planned. Cost will be \$60.00.

The featured presenter was Cindy Scraba of Cindy's Threadworks, who was introduced with a lovely bio given by Sandra Radley. Cindy's topic of photo transfer for quilts/sewing projects gave us a peek into the variety of printable sheets such as silk, organza, twill; computer programs and setup; printer settings; etc. We were also given tips for techniques, usages, limitations, etc. Cindy concluded with one of Albert Einstein's observations: "Creativity is intelligence having fun".

In addition to her power-point presentation, Cindy donated four prizes for draws at the meetings. Thank you Cindy!!

Quilt Show: The committee is in need of a secretary. See job description on page 9.

Raffles:

Winners (afternoon) Sue Artuso, Lija Bane, Blanche Gates, Mary Abbott, Cathryn Paish, Georgy Bowen, Lorraine Daley, Lori Skerget, Marlene Jones, Irene Madsen. Mystery Fabric: Lise Skalos. Show and Share: Barbara Root. Name Tag Draw: Ethyle Riawetz, Debbie Van Otterloo. Cindy's Threadworks



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Prizes: Dana Roncin, Carole Phinney. Mystery Quilt Draw: Pat Montgomery

Winners (evening) Barb Kerfoot, Audrey Lloyd, Sarah Beyer, Vicki Dods, Nancy Lutes, Leanne Sturgeon. Mystery Fabric: Sarah Beyer. Show & Share: Greta Simmons. Name Tag Draw: Audrey Lloyd. Cindy's Threadworks Prizes: Vicki Dods, Linda Addison. Mystery Quilt Draw: Judith McLaughlin

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by Christine Hustins at 3:35 pm *Minutes submitted by Norma Steven*



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Position needed for meetings: Secretary

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The role of the secretary is to:

- Receive all the committee reports prior to the meeting.
- Read the reports for those who are unable to attend.
- Note any input/discussion during the meeting.
- Compile all the reports sent to you. All you need to do is copy and paste the reports into your minutes and note the addendums.
- Lastly, email the minutes to the convenor to proof read and send out to all the committees.

If you are interested, contact Caroll Rumo caroll6@rumo.ca

Nominations

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much". Helen Keller

As most of you know when the response from our members has been, "yes, I'll continue" the volunteer is given a hug. I am VERY pleased with the number of hugs...so far. But there will be many more—yes???

The opportunities for providing the glue that holds the Guild together are as follows:

Evening Secretary CQA Representative

Coffee: 1 Afternoon / 1 Evening

Hospitality: 2 Afternoon / 2 Evening

Membership: 2 Afternoon...but 3 in Sept/Oct

1 Evening...but 2 in Sept/Oct

Program: 1 Library: 1 Evening Raffles: 2 Evening

If you have questions about Nominations and/or Job Descriptions and/or whatever else I can help with, you know where to find me. Vicki Zoltay, Past President / Nominations

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Quilt Canada: CQA Juried Show May 31 to June 2, 2018, Vancouver Convention Centre. www.canadianquilter.com

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