

Nanaimo Quilters Guild

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Next Meeting

March 20, doors open 1:00 and 6:00, meeting starts at 1:30 & 6:30 pm Nanaimo Curling Club – upstairs lounge 106 Wall St. Program: “23 Years of Stitching” Val Ursulak

Next Executive Meeting

March 14, 1:30, Chase River Country Grocer, 82 Twelfth St.

Next Quilt Show Meeting

March 27, 1:00, Chase River Country Grocer, 82 Twelfth St.

Newsletter Deadlines

March 21 (21st 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 cup
- library books
- Call to Entry forms
- change for raffle prizes
- donation quilts / placemats
- show and share
- Mystery Quilt, Block of Month
- food bank donations



2019 QUILT SHOW

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

Well, we had another big, bad snowstorm in February, as we did last year and the year before. Hopefully now the worst is past and we can move on into spring! I am seeing trees budding out and spring bulbs popping up, so I know we are on the right side of winter again. We can find quilting inspiration all around us it seems, and never more than when the sun warms the days and life begins anew at this time of year.

This is a busy year for quilt shows it seems, with ours right alongside many others in the coast area. With just three months left to get ready for our Material Magic show, it is crunch time and we all had better have our works in progress well on their way by now! I have a couple completed and the quilting left to do on a third quilt...I've been putting it off since I always find the start of the quilting process the most difficult. But I'll get there, it's just a matter of jumping in and I'd better stop lingering on the side of the pool. The deep end is calling!

I think a good time was had by most of us at the February meeting as we bought and sold treasures to improve our quilting lives. I was lucky to find a new 6" X 12" ruler.... I've been rather hard on mine and it's had increasingly chipped corners and fading numbers. Now I'm back in business and have been using the new ruler to make log cabin blocks for the QOV block challenge this year. I should have 48, enough for one quilt top, completed soon and that will be another thing to check off my list.

We receive requests every month or so from people looking to have a deceased loved one's clothing made into quilted items for family keepsakes. I have had another request recently, so if there is anyone interested in taking this on, let me know and I will pass on the contact information to you.

As you know from Vicki's talks at Guild meetings, lots of volunteer positions have been filled but there are some crucial jobs still vacant. As a volunteer organization, we run on the efforts of those who step up to help. Some jobs are bigger than others but there is something most of us can do to help get the day to day work of the guild done. For me, volunteering in one way or another is part of my membership. I get much more out of being a part of the guild when I help out. I've made friends, learned so many new things and grown in my ability to communicate with one person or a hundred people. I encourage anyone considering helping to come forward, contact Vicki and join the fun.

March will prove to be a fun and inspiring meeting with a “23 Years of Stitching” presentation from Val Ursulak. Don't forget to bring back your library books and I hope everyone is working away on their challenge quilts, which will also be due before we know it!

Your President, Christine Hustins

Guild Garage Sale

Our garage sale was well attended. I hope everyone found some hidden treasures and our vendors were happy with their sales. I would like to thank all the generous members that contributed items to the Guild table for the garage sale and those that couldn't resist buying the items. I am pleased to announce that we have raised \$201.95 toward our student bursary. The material and sewing items left over are being donated to the NanGo Grannies and the books are finding a new home at the Hospital Recycle Store on Turner Road. Thanks again everyone. *Carol Rumo*

Library

Please remember to bring ALL your library materials back to the March meeting. We need to keep the materials circulating so everyone gets a chance. March & April are regular library days. In May you get to check them out for the whole summer. Thank you! *The Library Team*

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2019 Guild Program

February Highlights: Thanks to all who participated in the garage sale, both shoppers and vendors.

The February 23 felting workshop was a great success. Thanks to Main Street Yarn in Ladysmith for donating some rovings for continued felting play!

March Program: Our program in March will be 23 Years of Stitches: a trunk show by Val Ursulak. We have all seen Val's work and this show is not to be missed!

Workshops: In order to fill our workshops, space will be open to non-guild members two months prior to the workshop.

March 23: Practice Your Free Motion Quilting: Enjoy an entire day of free-motion quilting. Learn several quick, easy and stylish quilting designs suitable for cuddly quilts and donation quilts. Also spend a little time exploring ways to audition designs on quilt blocks. Most of the day will be spent practicing techniques and developing skills by working on your own projects. This session will be suitable for beginning level quilters as well as those who have some experience with free-motion work. **\$40.00 (space is available)**

Mini UFO April 13: Still a few spaces available here.

Fall 2019 Carol Seeley: Award winning instructor. To view more of her work, see www.fibreartnetwork.com



WORKSHOP: Designing a Landscape Quilt

Space is limited. Sign up soon!
October 19 and November 2, 2019
FEE: \$95 payable to the Guild
\$6 material fee payable to instructor

Description: Create a small quilted seascape while learning fabric selection and Carol's special pieced appliqué construction method. This class will start with discussions on how Carol creates patterns. Then while using either one of her designs (four to pick from) or drafting your own design begin fabric selection with tips for creating visual depth in your water, sky and islands. During this step, pieced appliqué construction technique will be demonstrated, using both the hand and machine methods. Then taking this seascape, we will give it an authentic look while exploring the basic surface embellishment techniques I use in my landscape quilts. Learn the processes for creating textured objects, such as bushes and trees from far away to up close and personal. Create water movement and shading as well as a passing sail boat using thread painting and machine embroidery.

Quilt Bee January 26, 2019

We're sure everyone who attended the annual quilt bee in January would agree we had a great time. It was so relaxed, fun and very productive. (See photos on page 10.)

Thank you again to Leslie MacDonald and Leslie Robinson for being our angels and keeping us well supplied with coffee, tea, goodies and for organizing lunch (which was yummy) and for generally helping wherever needed. Our thanks goes out to Nancy Lutes as well for being our photographer and for submitting an article to the News Bulletin about this event. Thank you Girls!

We know this is a busy year for so many of us with the quilt show coming up and our own full schedules, so it was very heartening to see how many quilts have been donated to Haven House; it looks like we'll have well over 100 lovely quilts to given them in March. Thank you to all of you who contributed this year! The final count is unknown at this time as we have to bag, tag and count all of them first. The final tally will be available at the March meetings when Chantal Lambert from the Haven Society will attend and accept our gift to them. She'll also tell us a bit about the Society and how our quilts impact their clients.

There won't be any backing fabric, batting nor kits for hand out at the March meetings, however, for those who want to get a head start on a quilt for next year's bee, we will have supplies available for sign out at the April meetings. Questions can be directed to our committee members. *Bonnie Dimitry, Marlene Jones, Heather Cowan, and Arlene Sanders*



Above: felted rabbits made by the participants at the February 23 workshop



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Nominations

Our "garage sale" meeting was good in more ways than one. Thank you to the following members who were given hugs: Membership (September/October), Raffles (Evening), Social Media, Treasurer. Keep in mind that I have not spoken with all our current volunteers. But in the meantime, please answer the following questions: "how can I help?", "what is available?" and "what can I volunteer for?": **President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Coffee, June picnic, Quilt Bee Chair.** Vicki Zoltay, Past President — Nominations

Quilt Show Boutique

A reminder from the **BOUTIQUE COMMITTEE** about the Boutique at our June Quilt Show where you can place items for sale. Most sewn and quilted items are welcome – some restrictions do apply, for example no knitting, etc. and there is a consignment fee of 10% that goes to the Guild. Interested? For more information or to register in advance contact Kathy Calder at kadirica@shaw.ca

Wanted for Quilt Show Lunchroom

The Quilt Show Lunchroom team is requesting that you save your 4 litre plastic ice cream pails and lids for them. You can drop them off at any meeting at the Quilt Show table.

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Clearance fabric - \$10.00 per metre.

And don't forget to check out our featured notion showstopper special!!!!

Attention All Members ~

Show Volunteers Needed !!!!!!!!!

Starting in March we will only have three meetings left to sign up to volunteer. And to make our show the best, I know it can be. At this time we only have a few members who have volunteered their time. If the show is to be successful many more of you will need to step up. As of today the kitchen/tea room is way short of help. Please try to give this area some of your time. Shorter shifts have been rescheduled. I know standing for long periods of time is hard on all of us, but you need to try. Also signage needs help. Many areas need attention. For those of you who have already signed up for a shift consider doing another on the same day. If everyone pitches in just a little bit, then the show will run smoothly. If you cannot get to a meeting you are welcome to call me at home 250-245-5936 or email at quiltyjan@gmail.com. Remember this is a chance to have some fun and enjoy the super bowl of show and shares. Thanks for your consideration.

Janet Knecht Volunteer Coordinator

Quick Meeting of Quilt Show Demonstrators

Would the following demonstrators please meet Val Ursulak/ Barb Root after the March Guild meeting: Philippa Zapf, Sue Artuso, Judy McLaughlin, Becky Keizer, Vicki Dods, Briony Goddard and Sue Creba. This will be a short (20 min max) meeting to bring everyone up to date, view the display boards, and for us to receive your samples, plans etc.

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June 2019 Quilt Show Update

Would you believe that there are only 3 more months until we have our quilt show? I am happy to report that your Quilt Show Committees are working diligently and everything seems to be coming together very nicely.

In February, Kathy Calder had information about the boutique and Judy Peterson reviewed raffles and had a stampede to her table for picking up tickets to sell. REMEMBER!! The more tickets we sell, the more money we raise for our Guild.

We will have the Call to Entry (CTE) table at meetings to receive your entries and to answer questions. The deadline for submitting your entries is March 20. Remember, you do not have to have your quilt finished in order to submit the CTE form. The finished quilts must be ready at least one week before the show for delivery to the Depot Captains.

If you are a snowbird or will be away, you can always mail your entries. Please contact Val Ansell at 250-758-1185 or email her at thornasite@gmail.com.

We now have 80 entries for CTE and I am anticipating a much larger influx of entry forms for March. It will be a great show if we have lots to share with all our friends and the public.

As of the end of January, we still need a few more Depot Captains: we need 2 for Chemainus, Ladysmith, Saltair, 2 for Nanaimo North and 1 for Nanaimo South. If you are able to help, please contact Leslie Millward or Sandy Dobson.

The Merchant Mall is filling up nicely, there are just a few more booths to be filled.

You will soon see advertising for our show in the media. Our Quilt Show posters were on display at the February meetings. One is a general poster, and the second has photos of the lovely quilts that are being raffled. Book marks were placed at

the Guild Raffle Table and the CTE table for everyone to pick up and share. Local quilting stores have our book marks and they have been mailed to all the Island quilt stores.

A hand out was made available at the raffle table pertaining to the Guild, which highlights all the great stuff we do. This will be available on our website so when you are engaging the public about our Guild, you will have up to date info.

The volunteer sign up sheets are calling your names, so please pick up your pen and jot your name down in a few areas to help. *"Many hands make light work"* These sheets will be available at meetings until they are filled. If you have any questions, contact Janet Knecht at quiltyjan@gmail.com

I am very excited about our upcoming show and looking forward to see how well we are going to amaze everyone.

Caroll Rumo Quilt Show Committee Chair

Quilt Show Raffle Tickets

It is time for Raffle ticket distribution to the Guild Members. Our License run from February 9 to June 8.

I started handing out tickets at the February meeting. Ticket will be available at all Guild meeting from now until May, both afternoon and evening meetings. I would like all the tickets and monies turned in by May 15.

Each ticket is \$2.00 each.

Each book of tickets has 10, not the usual 20.

Every time you turn in a book of tickets completely sold (that's 10 tickets and \$20.00) your name will go into a draw. The prize is a basket with over \$300.00 worth of sewing goodies and drinkables. On June 9 (that's our take down day) at our coffee break I will draw for the basket.

A few things to remember:

We can only sell tickets to BC residents SO!!!! If you have buyers out of province please put YOUR!!! address and phone number on the ticket stub.

Please print clearly on the stub. Nothing is worse than trying to read a winner's name and you can't read the writing.

Check your book to make sure you have 10 tickets. Some times at the printer pages stick together in the bundling machine and you get 9 or 11 tickets in a book.

I can be reached at 250-245-4492 or leave a message at 250-741-6071 if you need more tickets between meetings. My email address is judymp@shaw.ca

We have four lovely Quilts and they are donated by:

Sue Artuso "Starry Night", quilted by Sue

The Quilt Bats (Judy McLaughlin, Val Ansell, Linda Robinson, Norma Franks, Sandra Bradley) "Rustling Leaves", quilted by Quilt Me Studio Ginette Schewe

Lillian Charron "Blue Rhapsody", quilted by Lillian

Leslie Robinson "Garden Charm", quilted by Quilt Me Studio, Ginette Schewe *Judy Peterson*

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March Block of the Month

Such beautiful Valentine's blocks! Thanks to everyone who participated in both meetings! Anne Roncin won the afternoon 25 blocks so I'm sure she and Dana will be busy putting those together. Greta Simmons won the 15 blocks in the evening. We were lucky as Sharon Horncastle brought in two quilts from her previous wins. So fun to see the BOM in a finished quilt.

For March we've chosen a strawberry block which is 7 1/2" x 10 1/2" unfinished, and uses scraps. The pinks (or reds) can be cut from any number of different fabrics. For the calyx (green bit) I used three different green fabrics (A, B, and C) to create the definition of the different leaves and stem. Cutting:

PINK	GREEN	WHITE/CREAM
17 2" squares	2 3" squares from print A	4 2" squares
3 3" squares	2 3" squares from print B	5 3" squares
	2 2" squares from print C	

This block uses half square triangles. I've increased the size to 3". Once sewn together (draw a diagonal line then sew 1/4" on either side, cut to get 2 half square triangles), trim HST to 2 inches.

Step-by-step instructions with pictures: <http://skyberrieshandmade.blogspot.com/2014/08/strawberry-block-tutorial.html>

Don't worry about trimming it or adding the borders like in the picture on the web site. The colours are white or cream for the background (tone on tone works fine), green for the leaves (there's 2 different fabrics for the leaves and another one for the stem) and for the strawberry go for reds / pinks.

If you have any questions: Sarah Beyer, text 778-269-2380 or sarahbeyer@shaw.ca; Becky Keizer, kidkeizer@shaw.ca



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Above: March's strawberry block, in progress and completed. Below: Sharon Horncastle with her two completed BOM quilts from previous wins. Bottom: Greta Simmons won February's 15 blocks in the evening.



Donation Quilts

At the afternoon meeting we received 11 quilts and 4 at the evening meeting. Thank you to the generous members who donated quilt backing and some random blocks from the garage sale.

We will have batting (45"x60"), backing and labels available at the March guild meeting. If you require a different size let us know and we will cut it for you. We have 3 more meetings to collect quilts before they are delivered in June. We will delay the June distribution of quilts until after the quilt show as many of the quilts will be displayed at the quilt show. Also information will be available about the organizations we donate quilts to.

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Westshore Quilt Show 'Piece...Quilt...Love!' Friday April 12 (10-5), Saturday April 13 (10-4), Eagle Ridge Community Centre, 1089 Langford Parkway. Admission \$6 (2 days), kids under 12 free. www.westshorequiltersguild.ca

Ridge Meadows Quilters' Guild 'Quilt Stories 2019' Friday April 12 (9:30-6), Saturday April 13 (9:30-4) Maple Ridge Alliance Church, 20399 Dewdney Trunk Road, Maple Ridge. Entry \$7 includes tea & treats.

Abbotsford Quilters Guild 'Quilts in the Valley', April 26 & 27, 10 am - 5 pm. Abbotsford Pentecostal Assembly Church, 3145 Gladwell. Admission \$5.

Nanaimo Quilters Guild 'Material Magic', June 7 & 8 (10-4), June 9 (members only) Nanaimo Curling Club, 106 Wall Street, Nanaimo

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:

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Minutes of the February 20, 2019 Nanaimo Quilters Guild Meeting

President Christine Hustins called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm. Evening meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Leanne Sturgeon.

Hospitality: Afternoon: 97 members and 3 guests; Karen Killens-Robinson, Maddie Gibeau and Judy Hyslop. **Evening:** 35 members, no guests.

Moved by Georgy Bowen (afternoon) Sandra Radley (evening) that the Minutes of the January 16, 2019 meeting as published in the February newsletter, be accepted. **Seconded** by Dianne Ross (afternoon) Janet Knecht (evening). **Carried.**

Treasurer: report posted on notice board.

Membership: Guest Judy Hyslop became a member at the afternoon meeting.

Correspondence: Posted on notice board.

Announcements: Barbara Waine announced one opening for an April 30-May 3 retreat in Parksville, contact her if interested. Bobbi Moss reminded members that Creative Quilting in Duncan will be open 8:30 am to 5:30 pm on April 12 & 13, to allow quilters travelling down to the Westhore Quilting Show to take advantage of specials and regular low prices on their way to and from the show.

Committee Reports:

Nominations: see report on page 3.

Block of the Month: see page 5.

Raffle Quilts & Tickets: Judy Peterson referred to the 4 beautiful raffle quilts displayed at the meeting. There will be no 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th prize, the first winner drawn will choose their favourite and so on. Raffle ticket books will be available until the May meeting and all sold/unsold tickets and money must be turned in at the May meeting. There are 10 tickets per book, tickets are \$2 each. Members are encouraged to sell tickets, and there is an incentive – for every 10 tickets sold, members will be entered in a draw to win a huge gift basket worth over \$300. The raffle quilt poster, Quilt Show poster, bookmarks and a description of the donations to community organizations our Guild makes will all be on the Guild website. See article on page 4.

CQA/Quilts of Valour: Sandra Radley and Barbara Clement noted that to date for February, Nanaimo Guild has given two donations of 67 and 60 blocks, for a total of 127 blocks, plus 2 completed quilts and 3 quilt tops for Quilts of Valour (QOV). Everyone is encouraged to continue making blocks and quilts. There may be a local Sew-In day for QOV quilts – stay tuned! Karen Killens-Robinson also noted the 52 blocks in 52 weeks project online at CQA. Log cabin pattern is on page 9. *(continued on page 8)*



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Minutes of the February 20, 2019 Nanaimo Quilters Guild Meeting (Cntd.)

Quilt Bee: See report on page 2.

Quilt Show Boutique: Kathy Calder has packages available and will make a presentation at the next meeting.

Quilt Show: Caroll Rumo reminded members that there are 3 months left until the Quilt Show. See her report on page 4.

Programs/Workshops: Report on page 2.

Meeting Program: Garage Sale

Raffles: Afternoon: Lorraine Whillans, Bonnie Palfy, Lija Bane, Arlene Sanders, Mickey Lemmon, Bonnie Dimitry, Sue Artuso, T. Kyla Shay. **Mystery fabric:** Lija Bane, Heather ?

Show and Share: Christine Hustins.

Name Tag Draw: Heather Henderson, Vicki Zoltay.

Mystery Quilt Draw: Val Ansell

Evening: Janet Knecht, Judith MacLaughlin,

Sharon Horncastle, Kathy Calder. **Mystery Fabric:** Barbara Waine, Val Ansell.

Show and Share: Greta Simmons. **Name Tag Draw:** Sharon Horncastle. **Mystery Quilt Draw:** unknown

Following show and share, the meeting was adjourned by Christine Hustins at 3:20 pm, and by Leanne Sturgeon at 7:35 pm.

Minutes submitted by Sue Creba Secretary, Nanaimo Quilters' Guild, with contributions from Janet Knecht, evening secretary



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The Quilting Lies I Keep Telling Myself...

"Maybe one of these days when I square up a quilt, it will be 100% squared up, not just close enough."

"I WILL use all these tiny scraps."

"I won't buy any more fabric until I use what I have."

"I am going to sew all day today!"

Phoning Committee

We came out of hibernation to phone members without email to let them know that our Guild meeting would be on February 20, not February 13. *Trish Kirk, Phoning Committee Chair*



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Quilts of Valour

Quilts of Valour has presented 12,000 quilts and want to raise this number to 20,000 by the year 2020. At the moment there are 45,000 injured veterans with the average age of 45!

Quilts of Valour is celebrating its 10 year anniversary and are hoping everyone in the Guild will celebrate by making a log cabin block or even a finished quilt. The block is 10 1/2" unfinished, made in reds, whites, with a yellow centre representing a light in the window welcoming them home again. Details are below. Come on Nanaimo quilters, let's make several blocks each for our veterans. Blocks can be turned in to Barbara Clement or Sandra Radley. *Barbara Clement CQA rep*

Log Cabin Block (10 1/2" unfinished)

Fabric Requirements:

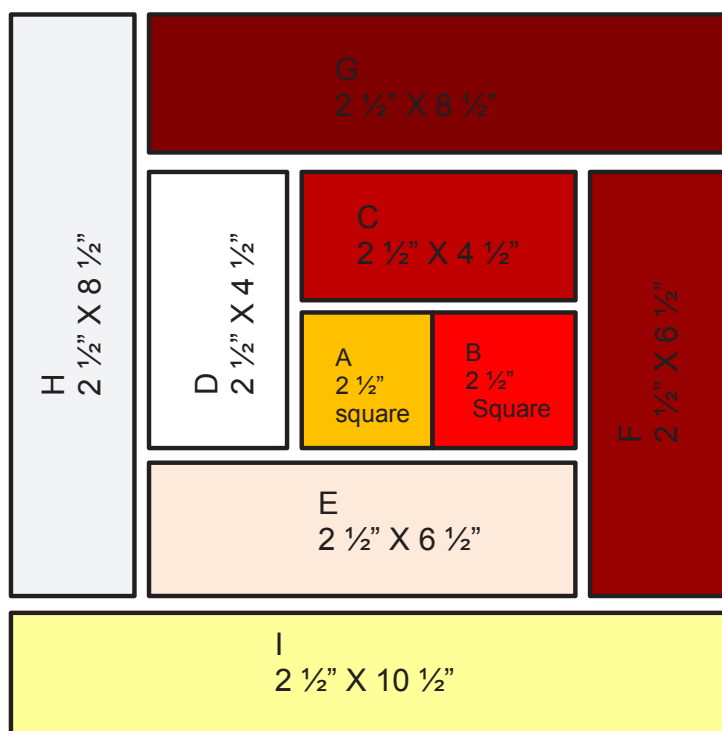
2 1/2" wide strips of various darks (reds)

2 1/2" wide strips of lights (white - cream)

2 1/2" squares of yellow for centres

8 rows of 6 blocks will give you a quilt approximately 60" x 80".

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April 12 to 13, 2019
 Mark your calendars!! We will be at the quilt show at Eagle Ridge Community Centre, Langford April 12 & 13th, 2019.

Hours: Mon.-Sat. 9:30-5:30, Sun. 12-4
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Members' Restaurants will promote our June 7 & 8 Quilt Show!

Nanaimo Guild members Patricia Konechny and Pamela McAleer will be promoting our June quilt show through their Rawthentic Eatery restaurants at their three locations:

407B Fifth Street, Courtenay (250.338.0571)

108, 4440 West Saanich Road, Victoria (778.432.4800)

144 Morison Avenue, Parksville (250.586.4406)

They will be using Rawthentic Eatery's social media platforms (Instagram has 1,484 followers) and Facebook (over 1,200 posts) and their newsletter which is emailed to over 2,000 subscribers (Island, Mainland and beyond).

Posters, bookmarks and tickets are in all 3 locations. People can purchase tickets and/or pick up a bookmark - that will definitely help to boost raffle ticket sales and bring awareness of the upcoming event!

Thank you Patricia and Pamela, on behalf of our Guild!

Membership

At our February meeting we had one new member join us. Please welcome our new member Judy Hyslop. We now have a total of 190 members! *Laura Beswick, Membership*

Quilt Bee January 26, 2019

