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Next Meetings (Zoom)

March 17, zoom meeting starts at 6:30, presentation starts at 7 pm “Japan’s Quilt History” by Teresa Duryea Wong

April 21, zoom meeting open at 6:30 for socializing, meeting starts at 7 pm.

Next Executive Meetings (Zoom)

March 11, 1:30 to 3:30 pm

April 15, 1:30 to 3:30 pm

Newsletter Deadline

March 21

President’s Pen

Wow! Our first Zoom Guild meeting! Something to celebrate! And how good to be able to see, connect and share with each other. We were sufficiently successful that we will be carrying on with Zoom General Meetings throughout the Spring.

If all goes according to BC’s vaccination plan, most of us should all be able to be vaccinated by June/July. This is all good news after a year of not-so-good news.

When I look to the future, what strikes me most is gratitude for the past — how members have come together to keep and preserve this Guild because it is important and precious to them. Members have stepped up to learn new ways of doing things or overcome obstacles. The generosity of giving has been one of the important aspects that has survived the onslaughts of this pandemic. The presentation by Haven House this past general meeting illustrated just how important that generosity is and how important our quilts are to their recipients.

I’m grateful that the Newsletter has kept us all connected and that, despite everything, we still have 136 members at last count. It impresses me that Guild members continue to contribute on the Guild’s behalf without the fun and rewards of our person-to-person meetings, in parking lots, cold weather or behind their sewing machines.

I think this past pandemic year has given us an opportunity in so many ways to evaluate what is important to us and to make shifts in our priorities and commitments. It is my hope that the Guild remains an important aspect for each of us and we will be able to carry on because of that. *Bonnie Eaton, Acting President*

Library

Hope this newsletter finds everyone well. It looks like the quilt book publishing companies are just starting to release some new quilt books. In 2020 there were very few new quilting books published and distributed, but we’re starting to see a few new releases coming online in the next 6 months. It may not be a “landslide” of new materials, but a few would be nice. COVID restrictions and the supply chain have impacted everyone in many ways. Fingers crossed, we will be able to have some new books to add to our collection when we are able to meet together again.

If you need some “inspiration”, there’s always YouTube, Pinterst and many quilting websites from your favourite quilters to get you started as well as our Guild Zoom workshops and “sew-ins”. In the meantime, feel free to keep your library books circulating among your quilting friends and groups and “carry on quilting”.

Linda Addison and the Library Team

QUILT SHOW 2022 ~ moving to June, 2023

The executive has made the decision, based on the recommendation of our Quilt Show co-coordinator Mary Abbott, to postpone our Quilt Show, from June, 2022, to June 2023. This will provide sufficient time to plan it properly and also fits in well with other quilt shows planned for Vancouver Island and the CQA show. Mary still needs a partner! If this appeals to you, email maryabbott@telus.net Carol has left two binders with detailed notes and timelines so there are lots of guidelines to follow.

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:

<https://www.facebook.com/Nanaimo-Quilters-Guild-118598632009213/>

Guild Website

The password for the Members Only section of our website will remain the same in 2021. A reminder that it is printed on the back of your membership card, and new members will be given the password when they join. If you have something of interest for our Guild web site, please send it to Sue Creba at smcreba@gmail.com

2021 Guild Program Sew Day

Our next sew-in day will be **Sunday, March 7th, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm**. This will be a recurring event scheduled the first Sunday of the month. A Zoom link will be sent a few days prior to all guild members.

‘Get Your Motor Running’ February 22

Melissa Marginet certainly delivered numerous ideas full of variety that would spark any quilter’s creativity. Her visual presentation of more than twenty ideas to fire up our inner artist was well received by the 113 participants. In addition to giving lectures and online workshops, Melissa has also authored two books and created several patterns. She can be reached at

www.melissamarginet.ca

Upcoming Zoom Presentations

Wednesday, March 17, 2021 6:30 pm “Japan’s Quilt History” by Teresa Duryea Wong

We’re very excited about this March program as we’re going international! We’ll be travelling in cyber space to Japan to learn and see something completely new for our guild members! Teresa is an experienced American quilter, lecturer, journalist, researcher, and author. Her annual trips to Japan have given her exceptional

knowledge regarding Japanese quilts, their history, and their shows. Check her website for more information:

www.teresaduryeawong.com

As this event is scheduled on our regular meeting day, the third Wednesday of the month, there will be a short business meeting at 6:30 pm, prior to Teresa’s lecture at 7:00 pm. As always, the Zoom link will be sent a few days prior to the talk. So, please join us for both, the meeting and the talk!

Donation Quilts

Thank you to everyone who brought quilts to the Curling Club parking lot in February. We collected 21 quilts. The weather gods smiled upon us, we missed the snow and the sun came out.

It was great to see guild members. We got to chat and see people in person (masks and social distancing of course). In fact, sometimes it is hard to recognize who’s who when all you see is their eyes. A couple of people stopped to ask if we were having a boot sale.

We will be back next month on March 17, St Patrick’s Day. We will have batting, backing and labels available. We also have some backing panels available – an African Safari theme, Asian dolls and a western theme. See you there.

Thank you again to all the quilters who come through each month and bring us so many beautiful quilts.

Bonnie Dormuth & Pat Clements, Donation Quilts Committee

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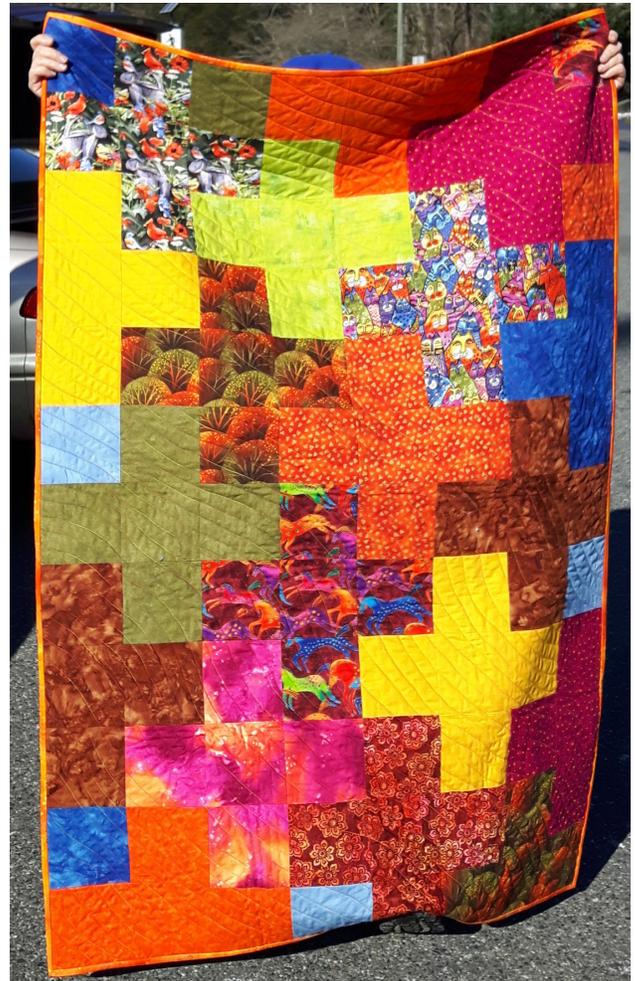
Quilt Bee 2021 ~ Virtual Version

Firstly thank you to everyone who signed in to the Virtual Quilt Bee.

I'm not sure how much sewing got done but there sure was a lot of debate about the state of the world and lots of longing for the old days. Fingers crossed gals, I am convinced by the end of the year we'll get there. Secondly thank you to all who came out yesterday to deliver quilts for Haven House, so far we have collected 42. I'm thinking we will keep stocking up until the fall and then deliver to Haven House for their Christmas season. The last batch was delivered in November. Total 101.

I will continue to be at the Curling Rink on Guild day from 12 till 2 to collect quilts and hand out batting. If you can't make it there give we a call or email and we will figure something out. 250-245-5936 or quiltyjan@gmail.com. Also thanks to our Zoom Master, Kathleen, I do believe were all getting the hang of this. Does this mean were getting younger? Keep sewing.

Janet Knecht quiltyjan@gmail.com or 1-250-245-5936



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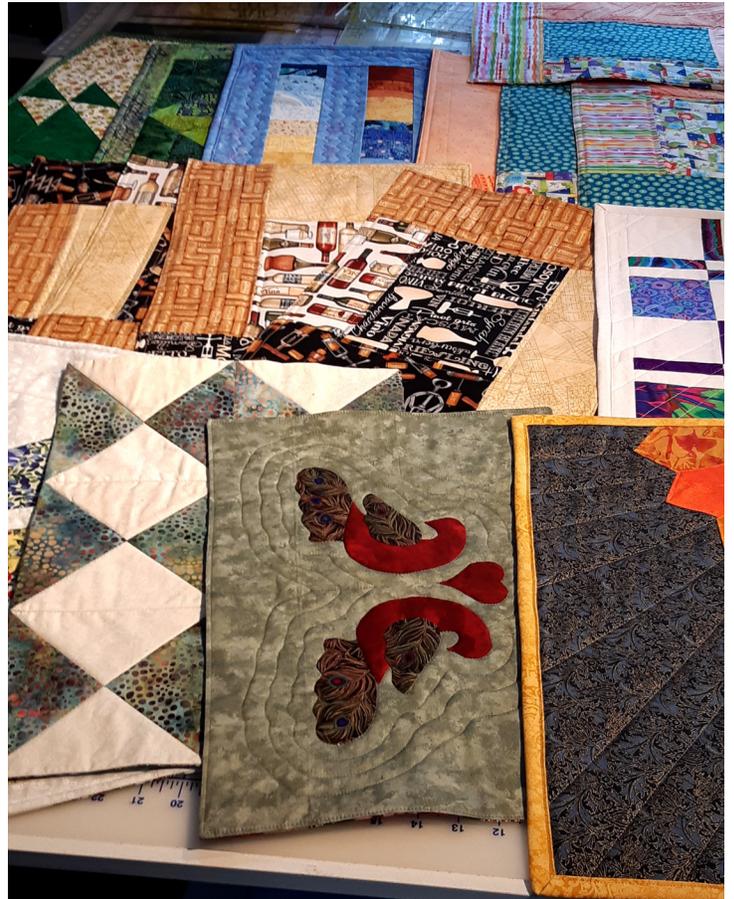
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Placemats

We had 46 placemats turned in for donation on February 17 at the Curling Rink parking lot (see photos). It was a beautiful sunny day, and so a very good turnout of people donating quilts and placemats. It was nice to see some of the members and everyone sure seems to be quilting up a storm. As usual the placemats are spectacular and very much appreciated. This brings our total number now to 83 placemats in stock.

I will be in the Curling Rink parking lot again on our usual meeting day in March which will be March 17 and I will have batting available (13" X 19"). It is a lot of fun to see the quilts as they come in, like show and share which is my favourite thing. There are so many creative and talented quilters in our Guild.

Your Placemat Committee, Heather, Norma and Maureen



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Internet Finds

I am a big fan of Karen Brown of “Just get it done quilts” she has now done 8 stash buster quilts, her latest is with a jelly roll. She also has a template video that shows you how to make a binding tool which also helps with a crisp mitered corner. Lately she has done a few interview podcasts with more well known quilters, fun to listen too while at your machine. Thought I would pass this along in case you are looking for any inspiration.

Also have you tried listening to free audio books while sewing. Lots for free on YouTube. Check these out.

submitted by Janet Knecht

Library Finds

Did you know you can ‘borrow’ quilting magazines from the public library, by downloading them to your device? You can borrow any number of them for 21 days.

submitted by Arlene Sanders



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Block of the Month Sew-Along is Back!

Hello everyone! While we are changing the format for our BOM I hope you still have fun making blocks I pick out. They are going to be extra scrappy but feel free to adapt to what best suits you as you will be keeping your blocks instead of participating in a draw. So choose a colour way or go through your boxes of scraps. If you want to do a more cohesive quilt I suggest at a rough estimate 10-12 fat quarters and 2 yards background fabric if we keep collecting to do 12 blocks. Also it's up to you what you want to do with the blocks so 1 quilt, placemats, etc, etc.

Christine H. had suggested a heart block. I got the pattern from Wanda Epps <https://www.scrapish.com/heart-quilt-block-pattern.html> but you can use any 12 1/2" heart block you like. Also I encourage you to make your own fabric and trim to 6 1/2" to make the 4 parts of the heart. The pattern calls for 36--2 1/2" squares, 2--3" background squares and 1--7 1/4". All background squares cut in half. See her page for her piecing instructions. The picture I have included shows how I did mine. I didn't make the background larger and also left off some of the squares that would have been cut off after sewing the larger background square. Just depends if you like the bonus blocks after finishing the heart block.

I hope you have fun with this block and don't forget to send in your pictures for show and share for next month. It's always fun to see what fabrics you choose plus if you decide to choose your colour way I hope you'll share a picture of that too.

Take care, *Sarah Beyer*, text or call 778-269-2380 if any questions, sarahbeyer@shaw.ca (*Sarah in Stitches Longarm Quilting Service*)



*Top: scraps for making blocks,
Middle: Scrap layout
Left: Finished block and bonus
half square triangle block*

Show and Share: at left and upper right, 3 quilts by Judi McLaughlin. Lower right: twin donation quilt by Nancy Lutes



Nominations Report

It's time to think of what the Guild needs from us and decide what we can each do to help.

Until we have meetings at a venue again there are some committees that we won't need to worry about. In the meanwhile the committees that are still operating have been busy behind the scenes getting the work done. We owe them all thanks for using whatever means they've had to meet and do their jobs.

We have set up a Zoom account for our guild and will be holding monthly executive and regular meetings. This is the good news as I'm sure we've all been missing getting together throughout the year.

Once this happens we will need to schedule an AGM and ask again for members to step forward where needed to help with the work of the guild. For now we have a standing President and standing Treasurer. At the AGM a guild member will need to be appointed to each of those jobs. This is the not so good news because we all know how difficult it is to fill the top jobs. It is my sincere hope that someone will decide they can step up and take on either of these jobs for the next year.

Some members are finding they are really enjoying the Zoom meetings. We make our tea or coffee, set ourselves up with a sewing project and enjoy a meeting with friends in the comfort of our homes. There is something to be said for this as it gives us meeting flexibility and the opportunity for committees to

meet quickly and easily as often as they need to. This will be especially helpful as we are going into a year of preparing for our next quilt show in 2023.

Don't let a fear of using Zoom keep you from attending meetings or volunteering. It's a user friendly system and any glitches we've come across have been easily fixed and really, it's pretty fun!

At this time I have left those who volunteered this year in place with the hope that they will carry on for now. We have just two critical jobs to fill and you know what they are. Both the President and Treasurer roles come with binders of information and all the help anyone would need to get these jobs done. The President even has a month by month list to follow so you will always be on track and on time.

The only other job that would be good to fill now if someone is willing would be that of a Challenge coordinator. This is something I think we could do from home and easily catch up on through our Zoom meetings, so if anyone has a fun idea for our guild in this area please let me know.

Thanks for considering what you might do to help. It was very fun to see many of you at the recent Program meeting and I look forward to seeing more of you next month as we come to terms with our new meeting format.

Stay safe and stay warm, *Christine Hustins*



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NQG Zoom Meeting Minutes February 17, 2021

Bonnie Eaton, Acting President, convened the meeting at 7:01 pm.

Welcome: Opening remarks celebrated our guild's first general business meeting using Zoom, thanks very much to the guidance of Kathleen Kane and the willingness of Bonnie Eaton to co-host.

Felicia-Marie Best, Community Engagement Officer, was welcomed as a guest representing Haven Society. Notice was also made that Norma Steven would be the recording secretary at this meeting and that Barbara Kerfoot would occasionally assist Laura Beswick with Membership responsibilities.

Notice was also given that in addition to herself as Acting President, the Executive members are Lija Bane, Treasurer; Nancy Lutes, VP; Lorna Craig, Secretary; Laura Beswick and Barb Kerfoot, Membership; Linda Addison, Library; Kathleen Kane and Sandra Radley, Programs. Other committees continue with members in place from the previous term.

Treasurer's Report: Lija Bane. Finances are in good order.

Committee Reports:

Block of the Month: Sarah Beyer

Using a slide show presentation, Sarah showed this month's heart block pattern. A scrappy block program by Wanda Epps (<https://www.scrapish.com/quilt-block-patterns.html>) will be used for BOM. No blocks will be traded or won. Each quilter can decide how many and for purposes the blocks can be used. Some uses could be: table runners; wall hangings; quilts; cushion covers; etc.

Library: Linda Addison jokingly observed that all books are overdue. Members may exchange books among themselves, but the library will remain closed. Little new is being published, but Linda will continue to hope for new and interesting publications to purchase for the guild.

Membership: Barb Kerfoot/Laura Beswick. Currently, there are 136 paid members. Electronic transfer of funds for members to the guild is active. Advertising funds have been successfully deposited to the account, as will any future program fees.

Program: Kathleen Kane. To date, there have been three teachers giving Zoom lectures to our members. We are collaborating with the Nanaimo Modern Quilt Guild and the Parksville Guild in contracting and sharing costs for these events. Our next program is scheduled for March 17th. Future programs may be considered for April and May.

Zoom Sew-In days have been well received and will continue to be scheduled on the first Sunday of the month from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm.

Consideration is being given for having a Zoom workshop with a professional presenter.

Quilt Bee: Janet Knecht welcomed Felicia-Marie, who expressed her thanks on behalf of the staff and residents of the Haven Society for all the quilts lovingly made and donated. Services to families have continued with the demand similar to pre-pandemic times. All quilts are appreciated, but there is a special need for double size or twin size quilts appropriate for women. Felicia expressed a willingness to be available for any future talks or presentations to the guild.

The Bee was well attended with 25 ladies. In November, 105 quilts were delivered to Haven and 42 were received at the Nanaimo Curling Club parking lot this month. Janet will continue to be at the NCC each third Wednesday of the month to receive quilts and give out backing and batting.

Quilt Show: Mary Abbot reported that the NQG Quilt show has been postponed until June 2023. Mary expressed a need for a co-convenor to assist her. Val Ansell volunteered to do the Call to Entry; Vicki Zoltay volunteered to be secretary.

Zoom Account: Bonnie Eaton. The guild now has its own professional Zoom account that will be used for meetings and get-togethers by the membership. Use of the account is available to all paid members. Access to it can be obtained by contacting Nancy Lutes.

Shout Out: Carol Klapstein has gone beyond generosity with donating her time, energy, and materials for personal face masks this past year. Her labour of love began in April of last year when she became aware of the acute need for masks by dialysis patients at the hospital. Ten months later, she has given 1000 masks to that effort and was recently interviewed by WAVE radio station. She continues making masks and suggests the three layer 3D pattern, online, is preferred by the recipients. Polypropylene, which can be obtained as a layer, is available at a few locations in Nanaimo. Well done, Carol; we're all very proud of your kindness and generous work. Truly, you are a woman for others.

Show and Share: A slide show, hosted by Kathleen, featured lovely quilts by Vicki Zoltay and Stephanie Gislason.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

CQA Report

CQA magazine editor, Marie Cheesman, is stepping down at the end of May this year. Quilting, publication and editorial experience is required for this post. If you are interested please contact Carole McCarville, Executive Director at CQA.

Ticket sales have now opened for the March 13th webinar presentation by Ana Buzzalino. In this PowerPoint presentation, Ana shares her views – together with some experts – on how to stay creative and motivated in times of stress. And how important it is to our well-being and mental health.

Ana shares ideas that will help you stay connected with your own creativity and find the motivation to move forward.

Tickets are limited for this event, so don't delay in purchasing a ticket. The price is \$10 + tax for CQA/ACC members. Ticket sales will open for non-members on March 8 and will be \$20 + tax.

And here is a list of highlights of activities, challenges and sew-alongs happening with CQA right now.....

- Join the 40th Anniversary Fat Quarter Lottery.
- Order a 2021 TrendTex Challenge Fabric Kit and create an entry for this year's challenge.
- Create an entry for the "Ties That Bind" individual member quilt challenge. Entry form is now open.
- Mentor a younger quilter and help them to enter the 2021 CQA/ACC Youth Challenge – BFF (Best Friends Forever). Entry form is now open.
- Solve the mystery by joining the 2021 CQA/ACC 40th Anniversary Mystery Quilt – An Incidental Refraction and then go to the newly formed Facebook group dedicated to this project to share and connect with others.
- Enjoy the Row of the Month Quilt Along for members and non-members. The monthly pattern will be found on our website and promoted on the Canadian Quilters Association - Quilting Projects Facebook group. Previous months will be found in the archives area of the blog. Be sure to check on this fun and free quilt along.
- Tell your family and friends about the Special TrendTex Award winning quilts from the 2016-2020 TrendTex Challenges that will be offered in a CQA/ACC fundraising online auction in April 2021.



Ana Buzzalino

submitted by Christine Hustins, CQA rep

Quilting Assistance Needed

I am a novice quilter and have a little project to do for my grandson. It involves some free motion quilting that I have never done. I have been watching lots of YouTube videos but don't quite get it. Wondering if there is anyone who can meet with me at a distance of course and give me some advice or who I can pay to quilt it for me? Kind of have a time line. Many thanks, Iona Belous ionabelous@hotmail.com



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