

Nanaimo Quilters Guild

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Next Meeting

**April 16, Nanaimo Curling Club,
doors open at 1:00 pm, meeting
starts at 1:30 pm**

**Program: 40th Anniversary Tea!!
See information below right**

**Note : there will be no library and
no evening meeting this month**

**Next Executive Meeting
(Zoom) April 9, 1:30 pm**

Newsletter Deadline

April 21

Refreshments:

**At our April tea, refreshments will
be supplied!**

*In our newsletters' **online version**,
blue lettering gives a live link to
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work on a Mac).*

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for our Guild web site, please send it
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Presidents' Pen

Looking ahead at the month of April, there are so many things to celebrate,
not the least of which is that it's finally, officially, Spring!

This month we will be celebrating National Volunteer Recognition Week,
another official time to thank people who volunteer, in a big way or even
in little ways. With an organization like our quilt guild, where we are all
volunteers, any contributions, large or small, help keep things running
smoothly, giving credence to the saying "Many hands make light work". We
want to express our sincere thanks to each and every one of our members
for everything they do for the guild and to let you know that you truly do
make our job easier.

We will also be celebrating Easter in late April. Whether the holiday has
religious significance, a chance to share family time, more time sewing, or
just a chance to catch up on chocolate consumption, we hope it brings joy.

And as you read this, we hope know you are close(r) to celebrating the
completion of your Guild Challenge piece. Right?

But the ultimate celebration this month will, of course, be our Guild's 40th
Anniversary Tea, at our regular afternoon meeting on April 16. Below you'll
find more information about this epic event of 40-year proportion, so don't
miss it. Tea, cakes, founding members, a walk through history, quilts, prizes,
Oh My! And maybe something chocolate.

Happy Celebrating! *Ellen Ellis & Kathleen Kane, your Co-Presidents*

40th Anniversary Tea

Our Tea will be held, following a short business meeting at 1:30, on April 16.
Members are asked to wear their name tags and to welcome and converse
with Founding Members and Past Presidents who will also be wearing name
tags. The small quilts kindly lent by members will be displayed near the
windows. There may not be room for every one as members were very
generous with their submissions! Please take your quilt(s) home at the end
of the tea.

Thank you to all those who are helping supply fancy tea pots, cups and
saucers and serving plates. Thank you also to all those who are helping set
up the tables, hang the quilts and serve the tea and goodies. Special thanks
to Lillian Charron, Sue Artuso and Ginette Schewe for your creations!

Following the business meeting, there will be a short recess for members to
admire the quilts, buy their raffle tickets etc. then tea will be served.

Everyone will be given a ticket as they enter and sign in at Hospitality. Keep
that ticket handy as there will be LOTS of prizes.

After we finish our tea, Greta Simmons will give a short presentation and
show our Heritage Quilts. Several members have brought vintage quilts
and these can be viewed at the tables at the back of the hall.

As we celebrate 40 wonderful years of quilting and fellowship, I hope
everyone will enjoy the memories and friendships made. Here's to the next
40 years! *Val Ursulak*

Placemats

Well, again, thank you all for your placemat donations. They are beautiful. I love this job as it always amazes me how talented and generous our members are. We took in 32 placemats at the February meetings so our total is now 175 placemats and 4 tea cozies. I think you may get a chance to admire them at our 40th anniversary celebration tea at the meeting in April. Keep them coming while the weather is too cool for gardening.

Also, I am looking for a Placemat Committee volunteer who attends the Evening Meeting if possible. If you attend the evening meetings and are looking for a committee to be on, think of us and email me at heatherhenderson@shaw.ca. It just involves picking up the placemats at the end of the meeting and letting me know how many and I will pick them up from you at a later date. *Your Placemat Committee, Heather, Norma, Maureen*

Membership

We now have 136 members and are happy to welcome five new members: Carol Fisher, Wanda Moggert, Ena Newman, Lori Ohs, Sylvia Phillips, and Trish Thompson. Please make them feel part of our Guild and we look forward to seeing their creations

An updated membership list is now on the Members' only section of our website islandquilters.ca. Application forms and payment options are outlined under the **Membership Tab**. Otherwise please contact membershipnqg@gmail.com for any questions. Those without internet can call 250-751-1515 or 250-616-1380.

Starting in April we will be accepting memberships for the coming 2025-26 year for anyone who would like to renew early. Forms are on page 13 of this newsletter.

Happy quilting! *Barb Kerfoot & Laura Beswick*

2025 Quilt Bee

We have received a total of 27 completed quilts and 3 tote bags for Haven House from our January Quilt Bee. Please bring any completed quilts/totes to a meeting for collection.

We will soon be providing fabric for tote bags and Christmas stockings as they are always in high demand.

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Program

Hopefully you enjoyed Stacie Wilson's presentation at our March Guild meeting. She and her assistant, Avril Valentine, showed some amazing gadgets and notions. One was the Binding Eaze, a silicone mat for preparing binding for your quilt. Others were the Palette Scout and the Troll Roll. If you are interested in these items, and lots of others, visit Troll Brothers at 2744 Shawnigan Lake Road.

Stacie very generously donated two Troll Brothers' \$25 gift certificates to the Guild. These will be used as prizes during our 40th Anniversary Tea on April 16, 2025.

We have a workshop on April 12: Clothesline / rope bowls. And don't forget our Studio Tours on April 26 and 27...we are still looking for more participants to show off their studios. *Vicki Zoltay, Lorraine Daley and Judy Hunter*

Quilt Shows

Westshore Quilters' Guild Sew Magic, Evening Gala Thursday April 3 7-9 pm (\$15 - also allows entry to Show) Show April 4, 10-5, April 5 10-4, \$10 for both days. Juan de Fuca Recreation Centre Main Building, Upper Arena, 1767 Island Highway, Colwood westshorequiltersguild.ca facebook.com/WQGShow



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2024 / 2025 Challenge

“Time Flies, Celebrating 40 Years”

We are quickly approaching the due date for the Challenge. It will be exciting to see the various ways in which members interpret 40 in celebration of our 40th anniversary as a quilt guild.

It turns out that we will just be having an afternoon meeting in April, therefore all the pieces will be due at that meeting. If you are unable to attend during the day, please contact Jeannette Blackmore to arrange dropping your piece off in advance of the meeting.

Please bring your piece to the meeting in an opaque bag. Include your first and last name, quilt title (and longer description of how 40 is interpreted if necessary) as well as your phone number on a piece of paper safely pinned to the back of your piece. The pieces will be clipped to the cord above the window at the May meeting so no hanging sleeve is required. This is when voting by members will take place.

This particular theme has really stretched my imagination and I hope it has done the same for others as well. Happy finishing and Happy 40th everyone.

Vicki Dods & Jeannette Blackmore, Challenge Coordinators

Library

The Library will not be in operation at the April meeting. This means the books you signed out in March are yours until May.

Several new titles were available for borrowing at our last meeting. Apologies that the information was not included in the March newsletter. *The Library Team*

100 Modern Quilt Blocks by Tula Pink

25 Ways to Sew Jelly Rolls, Layer Cakes & Charm Packs

Modern Landscape Quilts by Donna McLeod

3-D Illusion Quilts simplified by Ruth Ann Berry

Luminous Landscapes by Gloria Loughman

Quilted Bags and Gifts by Akemi Shibata

Improv Quilts, Building Confidence in Color and Technique

Sewing Quilted Patchwork Jackets by Rae Cumbie

Quilt with Tula and Angela by Tula Pink

Fabulous Facades by Gloria Loughman

Quilt Modern Curves and Bold Stripes by Heather Black.



NanGo Grannies Fabric Sale Donations

The NanGo Grannies are now collecting clean, unused quilting fabric (any size), sewing & quilting notions, yarn and garment fabric (minimum size 1/2 meter) for our **Giant Fabric Sale on Saturday, September 27**. Sorry, we no longer accept upholstery fabric. You can bring your donations to any Guild meeting and give to Sue Creba or Bonnie Eaton. We can also pick donations up, call Sue at 250-753-3371 to arrange, or if you have any questions. All proceeds from this sale go to the Stephen Lewis Grandmothers to Grandmothers campaign supporting grandmothers and community groups working to provide assistance with HIV and AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa.

NQG Quilt Show May 28-31 2026

Our next Quilt Show is May 28, 29, 30 and 31, 2026. At this time a few committees need to be filled. If you have an interest to take any of these positions on, please let me know. They are as follows:

Merchant Mall: involves contacting vendors to come to our show and have a booth selling their wares.

Hanging: being in charge of where the quilts will be hung in the show. This can be done by two members.

Volunteer Lunch and Room: usually a lunch is provided on set up day for the workers and volunteers. On the other days this room is for resting and having a snack while working in the show. All food is donated. You just need to keep the coffee going.

Secretary: a member to take minutes at the show meetings.

All committees come with manuals and many past volunteers that will be happy to help out and answer any questions. To be successful the guild needs all hands on deck.

The more volunteers we have the easier for everyone.

The Show committee meets once a month. Date and time to follow.

Thanks and contact me for more information if needed quiltyjan@gmail.com or 250-245-5936

Janet Knecht, co-coordinator



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General Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2025

Call to order: 1:32 pm by Kathleen Kane, Co-President

Hospitality: Afternoon: 76 members, four guests and one new member. Evening: 22 members and two guests.

Moved by Joanne VanOosten and seconded by Sandy Dobson to accept the Minutes of February 19, 2025 General meeting as published in the newsletter. Carried.

Correspondence: Thank you letter from The Nanaimo-Ladysmith Schools Foundation for our \$750 Bursary.

Treasurer's report: at the Treasurer's table.

Committee Reports

Library: no library at April meeting due to 40th tea.

Program: April 12: Rope Bowls Workshop. Studio tours April 26 or 27. Creative Quilts Pop Up Shop March 28 & 29, St. Peter's Anglican Church, 5800 Church Rd. Duncan, 10-2:30. Jonanco Quilt Days: Mar. 27-31, 10-3

Nominations: Kathleen read Terri's report (see page 6 in this newsletter). We need a 1st Vice President, Block of the Month, Hospitality and Placemat volunteers.

At the evening meeting, Kathleen clearly stated that the

evening positions were the responsibility of the members who attend at that time and the onus should not be on those who stay over from the afternoon meeting.

Challenge: Vicki Dods gave ideas and inspiration for the 40th Anniversary Challenge quilts which are due at the April meeting.

Retreat October 14 - 18, 2025: Judy Peterson - 34 people have signed up. Balance of payment is due by the evening meeting in May. The Schoolhouse Guild is holding a retreat a week before ours and needs people to reach their minimum. Contact Judy Peterson if you are interested.

Quilt Show: Janet Knecht explained why we hold a Quilt Show every 3 years. She asked for volunteers. Show meetings will begin in April, the day to be determined. Quilt show will be May 28 - 30, 2026.

40th Anniversary Tea April 16: Val Ursulak thanked those who brought small quilts to decorate the hall. She encouraged all members to attend the tea, wear their nametags, and to welcome the Founding Members and Past Presidents. She noted there will be lots of prizes so all in all it should be a very enjoyable event.

Cindy Scraba: Members will have fond memories of Cindy Scraba who passed away in November. The current issue of the CQA Magazine has a lovely tribute here <https://canadianquilter.com/cindy-scraba/> Her husband, Wayne is holding a memorial for Cindy on May 25. Contact Val Ursulak if you would like his address to send a card. Also see page 8 for the tribute.

Program: Stacie Wilson from Troll Brothers gave a lively presentation showing new tools to help with quilting projects. She had an impressive display of bags and members enjoyed shopping at her Pop Up Shop.

Raffles and Draws:

Show and Share: Ginette Schewe (eve) Tuesday Shay

Hospitality: Lillian Charron (eve) Maggie Warren.

Raffles: Mary Jane McLaughlin, Rebecca Meehan-Danesin, Lynn Bentsen, Judy Roik, Phyllis Moore, Kathy Doyle, Wanda Moggert, Vicki Zoltay. Evening: Sarah Beyer, Tracey Cook, BJ Reeve

Block of the month: Judith McLaughlin

Meeting adjourned at 3:43 pm

Submitted by Val Ursulak, Secretary

Editor smcreba@gmail.com



2025-26 Guild Year Nominations Report

The following is a summary of the vacancies anticipated for the 2025-26 guild year. Members will see that in addition to the key position of 1st Vice President, there are a number of evening positions needed. Members who attend in the evening are requested to step forward for some of these positions so that evening attendees can continue to have a full and engaging experience.

Job descriptions for these roles are in the **Members Only** section of the guild website. Please contact either Co-President, Kathleen Kane or Ellen Ellis, the Chair of the nominations committee, Terri Askham, or the current folks involved in the committees to express interest or to get more information.

Executive Positions

1st Vice President: Liaise with the curling club and executive for meeting set up, attend executive meetings and contribute to decision-making. This VP attends the daytime meetings and the AGM though it is evening only.

Committee Chairs

Block of the Month or Quilt Along: Some members have expressed interest in a quilt along this year as a monthly project, which could take the place of Block of the Month for the coming year. A few years ago we did the "Farm Girl" quilt by Lori Holt as a year-long quilt along. It has been recommended that 2 members coordinate the BOM/QA so there is one for each meeting and to spell each other off if needed.

Challenge: The person or people coordinating the guild annual challenge decide on the theme for the challenge, prepare and distribute the materials, accept finished challenge projects and lead the voting and awards.

Program: A couple or small group of members recommended. The Chair of this committee is a voting member of the executive committee.

Evening Hospitality: The hospitality team are those you greet you on arrival, coordinating your sign-in/out, the nametag draw and welcoming guests. The afternoon meeting hospitality team ensures the materials and prizes are ready for the evening crew. This

is a great opportunity for new members, as it helps you get to know everyone. One or more people are needed for the evening.

Evening Placemat Committie Rep: This committee rep is someone who attends the evening meetings to receive, record and store the placemat donations that come in during the evening.

Of Significant Note: The Donations committee have agreed to carry on for one more year – but will need evening representative(s) this coming year. They suggest that taking on the evening representation is a good way for a group to get oriented for the following year.

Terri Askham, Nominating Committee



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In Fond Memory of Cindy Scraba

To have known her was to love her. You simply couldn't help yourself. Cindy was the most bubbly, caring, engaging person you could ever meet. She was a whirlwind of energy and always so supportive of quilters!

As a long-time member and huge supporter of CQA/ACC since 2008, we were deeply saddened to learn of Cindy's passing in November, 2024, after a hard-fought battle with cancer.

Over the years, we would see Cindy at Quilt Canada conferences across the country promoting her ever-popular online store called Cindy's Threadworks. You could not leave her booth without feeling like you were floating on a cloud of happiness, even if you were just browsing for thread.

Cindy was a regular contributor to *Canadian Quilter* magazine, sharing her vast body of knowledge about thread. Her articles were interesting and educational, and always with a 'touch of Cindy' in them.

Many quilters will remember her tremendous achievement in 2018 when she organized the Postcard Challenge to raise funds for the Vancouver, BC, Children's Hospital Foundation - \$13,000 was donated to this charity! It was an overwhelming amount of work and organization. Cindy picked her team from across the country and set to work. She was meticulous in ensuring all the details were covered. As you can imagine, with volunteers across the country, communicating and orchestrating a national project like this was phenomenal feat. In typical Cindy style, she did it all with a bubbly, happy disposition, even when there were hiccups or delays. Nothing ever set her back.

Our deepest condolences go to Cindy's husband, Wayne, and her family. I, along with so many other quilters across Canada, will miss her terribly. She had a spark that warmed every heart she met.

by Jackie White, March 4, 2025, CQA newsletter

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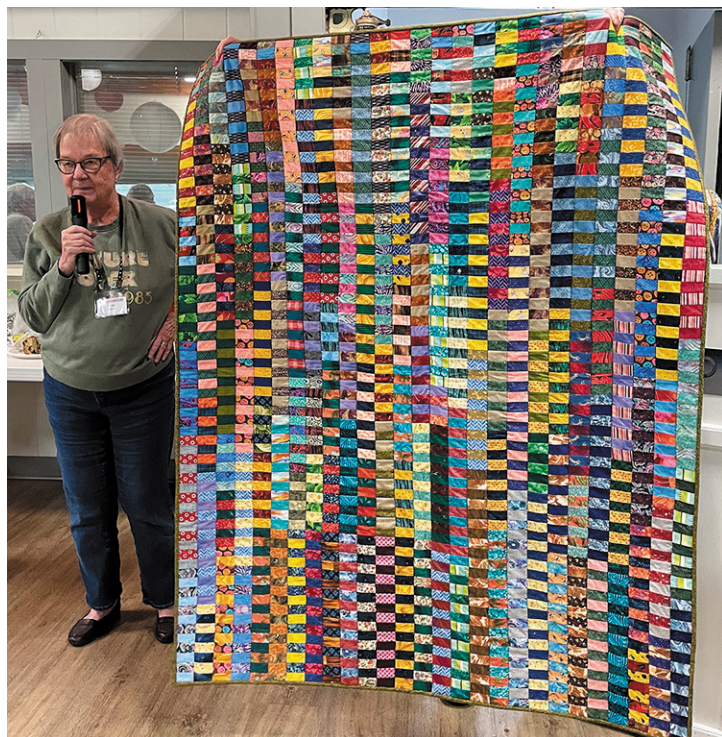
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March Show and Share



Left: Sue A., above: Lija B., below left: Sherry D., below Bonnie Do.



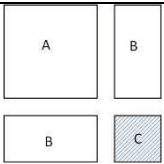
April 2025 Block of the Month

The March block finishes to 12" (12 1/2" x 12 1/2" raw edges). For every block made and submitted, your name is added for the draw to win all the blocks for the month. Draw for the blocks will be held at the evening meeting. Colours are recommended for each block. Since all the blocks will finish to 12 inches, if you wish to make the block but do not submit, you can make your own sampler quilt. (If not being submitted, colour scheme does not have to be adhered to.) The guild will offer a prize to the winner when the quilt is completed within 2 months of the submission day AND the finished quilt is donated. Questions? Lidia Hak at Lidia.hak@protonmail.com

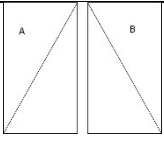
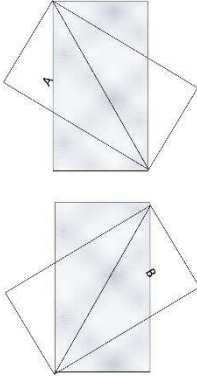
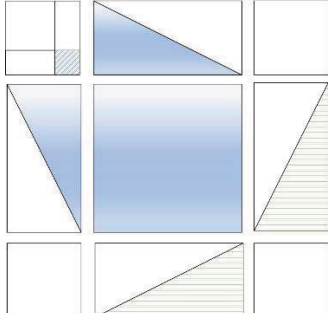
Cutting instructions & Colour suggestions

Background	Any light (not white)	1 @ 2 ½ inches x 2 ½ inches 2 @ 1 ½ inches x 2 ½ inches 3 @ 3½ inches x 3 ½ inches 4@ 4 ½ inches by 8 inches
Flower	Any bright colour	2 @ 4 ½ inches by 8 inches 1 @ 6 ½ x 6 ½ inches
Leaves	green	2 @ 4 ½ inches by 8 inches
Stamen	Any colour	1 @ 1 ½ x 1 ½ inches

Make corner 4 patch

Use background fabric pieces : (A) 1 @ 2 ½ inches x 2 ½ inches , (B) 2 @ 1 ½ inches x 2 ½ inches and (C) stamen piece	
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Make side petals and leaves

Use 4 ½ x 8 background fabric pieces. On two pieces draw diagonal from top right to bottom left. (A) On other two pieces draw diagonal from top left to bottom right. (B)	
Use Leaf rectangles and an A and a B background from previous step, place right sides together as per diagram and sew scant ¼ inch on either side of the drawn diagonal. Cut along diagonal. Trim to 3 ½ x 6 ½. Note that only one A triangle and one B triangle is used in the block. Use the assembly diagram as a guide as to which triangle to use.	
Repeat above using the Flower fabric.	
Assemble nine patch:	



Donation Quilts

At our March meetings, we received 26 quilts. In February, we delivered twelve baby quilts for the NICU (Neo-natal Intensive Care Unit) via the Nanaimo & District Hospital Foundation at NRGH. (photo at right).

We will receive quilts at the 40th Anniversary Tea April 16, but will not distribute batting or backing. Members requiring batting should make arrangements with Lynn Bentsen at 250-751-0075 or lcbentsen28@gmail.com and batting will be brought to the Tea. The May AGM will be the final opportunity to turn in donation quilts for the season.

Because printing or stamping labels for our donated quilts is costly in either time or money, the Donation Committee would like to encourage members to consider making their own labels for donation quilts. All quilts should have a label, but they need not be a label issued by the Guild nor of any particular colour. All that is required is that the label say "Made for you by the Nanaimo Quilters' Guild." Feel free to be as creative and decorative as you'd like with the labels.

We are also looking for a member or members who is (are) willing to collect donation quilts at the evening meetings for the April and May meetings, and for meetings next year. *The Donation Quilts Committee, the Scrappy Bags*



March Show and Share

Quilts made by (below: Sarah B., right: Tuesday S.





Nanaïmo Quilters' Guild

Membership Registration Form

2025 / 2026 year

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Raffles | <input type="checkbox"/> Placemats | <input type="checkbox"/> Block of the Month | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | | |

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March Show and Share



Left: Sarah B., right: Ginette S, Sue A. show tote bags



Left: Janet K., right: Vicki Duns.