

Nanaimo Quilters Guild

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Next Meeting

Our May meeting has been postponed, until a later date, once it is safe to hold our AGM. Further information as it becomes available.

Next Executive Meeting will be announced

Newsletter Deadline

May 21 (21st of every month)

From the Presidents' Pens

We hope everyone is staying healthy, washing hands and social distancing. Thank you to all the members who are making masks, scrub caps and other items to help keep our community safe.

These are rare and strange times, with hearts posted everywhere, and at seven every evening a great noise starts up: people banging on objects, cowbells being rung, fireworks going off, and BC ferries blasting their horns. It is indeed a rare occasion for whole cities to come together ~ it is all for the front line workers who are working to keep us safe and fed. There are so many people doing things to help others.

We don't know when we'll be together again as a guild. It could be quite a while for a crowd that large to be able to meet. In the meantime, stay safe and give yourself a hug. It's easy put your arms around yourself and squeeze ~ feels good doesn't it?

There was a similar pandemic in 1919, so this is not the first time and probably won't be the last. All we can do is take care of ourselves and those we love. Stay safe.

Elaine Cadell, Ethyle Riawetz, Co-presidents

Quilt Bee Quilts for Haven

We are still in possession of the quilts from the bee as Haven House is not needing any at the moment. They will call when they want some, or when isolation is over.

Thank you to all the members who made masks for Haven House. We collected over 175 as of this printing. Haven House now has enough. Thank you.

I think most of you are out in your yards as much as possible, if you are still sewing keep eyes open for any kid fabric for next year's quilt bee. If you are desperate for batting for your quilt bee quilts let me know and we can arrange to get some at the storage locker parking lot.

Stay safe, clean a cupboard, and go easy on the treats. Jeans are getting tight!?

Hope to see you all soon. *Janet Knecht*

Library

Hope you have been able to use some of the library materials you have had since February. I know we are all looking forward to the day when we can get together again and get some new reading materials. Until then, stay safe and stay well.

Special thanks to those people who been making masks, gowns, scrub caps and scrub bags, etc for our health care workers, senior facilities.

Thank you to everyone helping to keep us safe.

The Library Team

Satellite Groups

If anyone is interested in being in a satellite group, please contact Nadine at nqg.satellite@yahoo.ca

Guild Website

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

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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2020 Guild Program

As with the rest of the world, our committee is waiting for the end of the Covid-19 crisis. In the meantime, we can hope various programs and workshops will proceed this fall, but we must remain flexible. Thank you for your patience and your understanding as we navigate this uncertain period.

Procrastinator's Showcase: The showcase is on hold until a future date is determined. The silver lining in this will be an opportunity to complete more of your projects.

March 21 Creating a Modern Quilt Stacy Day Fee: \$40 plus \$5 pattern fee. This workshop is postponed and we hope to offer it once things are more settled. Those who have registered have acquired substantial suitable fabric, so we will make every effort to reschedule this class. Thanks again to Christine Godlonton for offering to billet Stacy.

May 30 Ice Dyeing Fabric Joy Heggland Fee: \$95. Joy Heggland's workshop is full. Thank you for your interest and support. We are hopeful things will be more settled BUT this workshop is currently in a "wait and see" situation. If the virus restrictions are still in place, then the workshop will need to be postponed and rescheduled for a later date.

Register for next year!

Register for the first two fall workshops by email to maryabbott@telus.net Registration for the remaining 2020-21 workshops will be open in September. Workshops will be posted in the June newsletter.

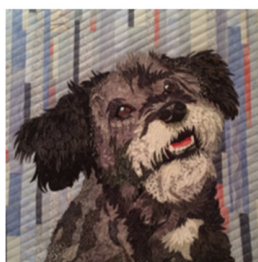
Sept 26 2020 Playing with Rulers Fee \$50.

Silly Moon Quilt Company will demo rulers and bring a variety of rulers for you to play with. They will assist and guide you in learning to quilt with a ruler. Participants MUST HAVE the correct ruler foot for your machine. You will receive a \$10 credit toward the purchase of rulers at the class.

October 17/18 2020 Pet Portraits Anne Mather Fee: \$120
CLASS IS LIMITED TO 12 STUDENTS. In this 2 day workshop you will learn how to make a pattern from a photo and use it to make an adorable portrait of your favourite pet. You will work from your own black and white image to make a "paint by number" master pattern and then you'll learn how to create the portrait using a raw edge fusible appliqué method. If you are comfortable using small pieces of fabric you will love this technique and be amazed at the results.

Students must bring an enlarged colour photo and a mirror image black and white version to the workshop. Photos must be identical in size. Instructions for preparing your photo will be included in the supply list.

On the second day, Anne will demonstrate how to make a background to showcase your portrait and how to free motion quilt the portrait and other finishing details so you will be able to complete the assembly and quilting after the class.



Challenge

The 2020 QUILT Challenge has been suspended until further notice. Your entries will be collected at our first return meeting, and each monthly meeting until November. At the December Christmas Party the Challenge entries will be hung for voting. With this pandemic these dates could be changed.

The theme this year is **Modern Geometric** - Google 'modern geometric art' for ideas. Here are the Rules to Play by:

- No kit is required.
- Multiple entries are allowed; but only one ribbon per participant!
- Finished perimeter to be less than 100". For example: a circle less than 31½" or a square less than 25" x 25" or a rectangle less than 20" x 30".
- Colour palette must be limited to two of the three primary colours (Red, Blue or Yellow) and one of the three secondary colours (Green, Orange or Purple only).
- Background must be black or white – No grey or cream!
- Must have at least one circle, one square and one triangle of recognizable size.
- Use primary colours on the geometric shapes. (And anywhere else you like.)
- Submit in an opaque bag with your name pinned to the back of the quilt and on the bag.
- There will be no prizes this year, only 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ribbons plus one or two honourable mentions.

We look forward to your entry!

Judy Peterson, Challenge Chair

Quilt Shows and Tours

From the Board of Directors and Executive Director of the CQA/ACC: **We have been closely monitoring announcements from our Canadian health agencies and governments and, given present circumstances, have decided to postpone Quilt Canada in Edmonton. Our new dates are Tuesday, September 1 to Friday, September 4, 2020.**

Comox Valley Schoolhouse Quilters' Guild has cancelled their May 16-18 'Visions 2020' Quilt Show.

The Victoria Quilters' Guild has also cancelled their June 5-7 City of Gardens Quilt Show.



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Membership

Early registration for 2020-2021 is underway even though we have not been able to hold meetings.

If you can, please fill out the registration form and mail it, with a cheque for your annual dues, to the Nanaimo Quilters' Guild; P.O. Box 943, Nanaimo, BC, V9R 5N2

The registration form can be found as the last page of this newsletter or on the website on the Membership page.

Annual dues are \$30.00. If you want a paper copy of the newsletter mailed to you there is an extra cost of \$15.00.

If you are 80 years and older at the time of registration you are entitled to Honorary Member status. Membership dues are waived, but you still need to fill out a registration form.

Honorary Members do not have to pay for their newsletter to be mailed. BUT we would never turn down the offer of \$15.00 to help cover the increasing cost of printing and mailing.

Keep safe everyone! *Laura Beswick, Membership*

To our valued customers:
We will be closing effective March 20th both our Courtenay & Campbell River Red Barn & Fabricland stores to the general public while the Covid-19 health crisis is upon us. Phone orders can be done thru the Courtenay store & we can offer 1/1 appointments to shop as long as the social distancing protocol is strictly adhered to (1-2 metres) and no symptoms of sickness, payment by debit/credit card only, no cash.
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Block of the Month

I've missed going to the meetings! Hope everyone is doing well and keeping sane during our self-isolation. I'm still working at Quality Foods so haven't had a chance to experience this.

For those of you who have taken time to do the previous months' blocks I had a thought that you could send or drop them off to me. I will hold them for the meetings and it would help at the next meeting whenever that will be. If you are interested in this option email or text me for my address (since the newsletter is public I'm not going to post it here).

I really like this last block we will be doing, it's a Window Pane Disappearing Nine Patch using 5" flower fabrics with 1 1/2" black strips. See picture for directions. YouTube video available through Missouri Star Quilt Company May 9, 2013. Although this time we won't be sewing the blocks together after cutting. I really like the idea of letting whoever wins the blocks create an even scrappier quilt.

Sarah Beyer, 778-269-2380, sarahbeyer@shaw.ca



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Window Pane Disappearing Nine Patch Directions

Use 5" squares of flowered fabric with 1 1/2" strips of solid black.

1. Sew black strips to squares in the inner sections (check picture at left, page 4).
2. Cut in half twice through the centre.
3. This time, **don't sew the sections back together.**

Request for Grocery Store Face Masks

I understand that some members of Nanaimo Quilters' Guild are sewing masks for various causes. Perhaps there are a few members who can assist with a project I am undertaking to provide masks to our front line grocery workers.

Providing re-usable washable masks to our grocery workers, is important to assist in the fight of COVID-19, as they are also on the front lines daily to ensure that we all have groceries. I am passionate to provide these masks to them, and have started, on my own, by sewing some for Thrifty Foods at Longwood Station. So



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far, I have created about a dozen masks, and am sewing more in the coming weeks.

I am limited by the amount of materials I have on hand, and can only make a few each day. Ideally it would be great to provide about 50 or 60 for this store, (and if there is enough help and fabric, create more for other grocery outlets). If there are guild members who could make some masks, I would appreciate it very much.

Please contact me at lynnsaunders01@gmail.com if you are able to help. Thanks Sincerely, Lynn Saunders
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Request for Scrub Caps

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Nominations 2020

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- President, or Co-Presidents – a crucial job that must be filled. This job is less onerous than it seems, you will have lots of help and a month by month timeline to follow in order to get the work done. Many of members you see around you at guild meetings have had their turn at this job and have not regretted it.
- First and Second Vice President – if you want to attend executive meetings but not have too much responsibility, this could be the job for you.
- Challenge Coordinator – this is a fun job for a creative person who wants to inspire other quilters to create a project.
- Coffee Committee – this is one of those jobs that doesn't absolutely have to happen, but if it doesn't, we will all be bringing our own drinks and snacks to meetings.
- Program – the big jobs in Program are taken care of for next year but if you'd like to see what this committee is about, they could use one or two more helpers.

Please consider joining a committee or taking on one of these jobs. Really, you can do this and it's your guild, so help us make it happen please. Strong committees make a strong guild and we are ready for some new and forward thinking ideas. Bring them on and help your guild grow with the times!

Thank you.

Christine Hustins, Past President, Nominations

Donation Quilts

Greetings from Bonnie. I am sitting outside on my deck enjoying a cup of coffee in the sunshine. The birds are singing, the mason bees are buzzing and baby birds are in the bird house. I am thinking about my next gardening project while waiting for a rainy day to do some quilting. We are very grateful for all the quilts donated so far. They are safely tucked away in storage until the time is right to deliver them to our local community.

Greetings from Pat. What a different and interesting time we are in. I am thankful for the beautiful weather and time to spend in the yard. Weeding and clean up has been my priority. At 7 p.m. many people in our neighbourhood go outdoors, when the ferry sounds the horn, to bang pots and make noise thanking all those who are keeping us safe and fed.

Dr. Bonnie Henry is my inspiration as she tells us all to be safe, to be kind and we will get through this

Our wish to our fellow guild members is to stay healthy and socially connected while respecting safe distancing

Bonnie Dormuth and Pat Clements, Donation Quilts Committee

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Nanaïmo Quilters' Guild

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2020 / 2021 year

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I attend the day ☐ and/or evening ☐ meetings.

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Yes, I do ☐

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Year of 80th birthday _____

I do/do not (circle) consent to my personal information appearing on the membership list that is provided to the members of the Nanaïmo Quilters' Guild.

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Print Name _____

Signature _____

Areas in which I am willing to volunteer:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality | <input type="checkbox"/> June Picnic | <input type="checkbox"/> Library | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership |
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