

Nanaimo Quilters Guild

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Next Meeting

**May 21, Nanaimo Curling Club,
doors open at 6:00 pm, meeting
starts at 6:30 pm
Evening meeting only!**

**Program: AGM, Elections, Voting
on Challenge Quilts**

Next Executive Meeting (Zoom) May 14, 1:30 pm

Newsletter Deadline

May 22

Refreshments:

In May, members whose surnames start with the letters **P, Q and R**, it's your turn to bring goodies to the meeting for our coffee / tea break.

*In our newsletters' **online version**, blue lettering gives a live link to websites and email addresses. Best viewed in Google Chrome (may not work on a Mac).*

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 [here](#)

Guild Website

The Members Only section password is printed on the back of your membership card. If you have something of interest for our Guild web site, please send it to Sue Creba at smcreba@gmail.com

Presidents' Pen

Wasn't that a party?! Ninety-nine members and guests joined together to celebrate 40 years of the Nanaimo Quilter's Guild in April. Several Founders and Past Presidents joined current members at a wonderful tea organized by Val Ursulak and her team of assistants where we were treated to tea and a delicious assortment of baked goods on beautiful china. Heritage quilts and small quilts were on display and the guild historians brought several binders highlighting activities of the Guild over four decades. Thank you to all the Local Quilt Shops and newsletter advertisers who provided prizes.

Our next Quilt show is only 12 months away and many members have volunteered to work on the organizing activities under the leadership of Quilt Show Chairs Janet Knecht and Bonnie Dormuth. There are a few open positions and committees that need filling. It is also time to start thinking about what quilts you would like to display. Remember to renew your membership as only members may enter quilts in the show.

Our next meeting will be our AGM on Wednesday, May 17 at 6:30 pm at the Curling Rink. Highlights will include: voting on Challenge quilts, checking out stacks of books from the library before summer, renewing your membership, and handing in a donation of a quilt, placemat, bag or Christmas stocking.

Our Guild exists thanks to the support of volunteers. There are a couple positions still open, if you are interested in learning more about the guild and the Executive, please think about volunteering. Talk with Terri Askham about the opportunities.

In other exciting news, Danielle King has reopened Cindy's Threadworks online at: www.cindysthreadworks.com

Happy Quilting!

Ellen Ellis & Kathleen Kane, your Co-Presidents

40th Anniversary Tea

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all the members who helped put on the 40th Anniversary Tea. If you brought quilts, brought your fancy china, made items for the prize bags, dressed the tea tables, hung quilts, served tea and goodies, cleaned up at the end of the tea, or helped in any other way, I love you all!! Thank you from the bottom of my heart - it was a real team effort! Sincerely, *Val Ursulak*

"LOST" at the Tea: One Royal Albert saucer belonging to Audrey Hale, Petit Point Pattern. Contact Audrey or Janet Knecht

Program

Hope everyone enjoyed our 40th anniversary tea. By the time you read this some of you will have taken part in our Studio Tours. Isn't it amazing the space some quilters use? And I hope you will enjoy watching the Sampler Platter, Did you come away with too many new ideas?

Vicki Zoltay, Lorraine Daley and Judy Hunter

Placemats

The April meeting with the 40th Anniversary of NQG tea was amazing. A big round of applause to the organizers of this event. I hope you enjoyed seeing all the placemats you made on the tables. Again, I am so grateful for your support, it is much appreciated. We took in 34 placemats and 16 tea cozies at the March meeting and 42 placemats and 5 more tea cozies in April. Incredible! They are all so beautiful. So, we now have 251 placemats and 25 tea cozies. (This time last year we had 188 placemats). Keep up the good work. The Armo fleece I like to buy for the batting is currently backordered in bulk. I managed to buy their last stock of 5 one yard pieces, but hope they have a re-supply soon. I will have some for the May meeting though.

Your Placemat Committee, Heather, Norma, Maureen

Membership

With membership for this year at 139, applications are now being taken for the coming year, which begins in September. A form is included on page 15 in this newsletter and updated forms are on the website islandquilters.ca under the **Membership** tab which can be printed off or completed online.

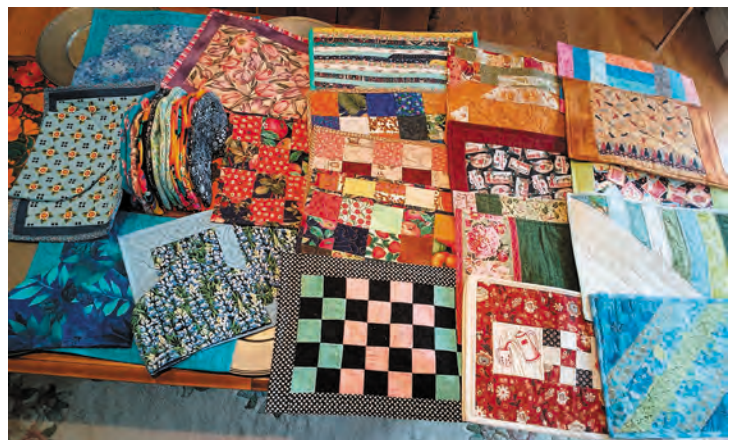
Membership is \$40 for the year with a charge of \$16 for those who want the newsletter mailed.

Funds can be paid via cheque payable to Nanaimo Quilters' Guild or via e-transfer to membershipnqg@gmail.com Mailing address is: Nanaimo Quilt Guild Membership, P.O. Box 943, Nanaimo. BC V9R 5N2. The treasurer will be on hand at the May meeting for anyone wanting to pay by credit card.

Current members are listed in the Member only section of the Guild website and are current to the date listed.

Keep on quilting and creating and we hope to see many of you at the May AGM. Happy quilting!

Barb Kerfoot & Laura Beswick



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CQA Report

Quilt Canada 2025 is just weeks away so here is the link that will take you to all the information regarding the show if you are interested. It takes place June 19-21 in Mississauga, Ontario this year. <https://canadianquilter.com/quilt-canada-2025/>

Finishing instructions are now available for the 2025 quilt along, True Colours. Below is an image of the finished quilt if you are interested in making one, it has white sashing and border. Instructions are available on the Canadian Quilters' Association website.

And here is one more page you might be interested in.....the CQA Quilter's Calendar. Member guilds post their upcoming events to this page and you can check it anytime for entries or updates to shows across Canada throughout the year. <https://canadianquilter.com/events/>
Happy sewing, *Christine Hustins, CQA Liaison*



Library

It's that second most wonderful time of the year ... the books you sign out at the upcoming meeting are yours until September. Bring your bags, boxes or backpacks to fill with reading material to keep you busy over the summer months. Hopefully all those items due May 21, 2025 (or earlier) will be returned so everyone can start with a clean slate. If you are unable to attend the meeting perhaps a friend could return those items for you. We will be sending out overdue notices via email for items significantly overdue. If you are not sure if you have something from the library, check your bookshelves. If the spine has a neon label on it, likely it belongs to the Guild.

See you in May. *The Library Team*

Two more new titles:

Quilts Made Modern by Weeks Ringle and Bill Kerr
Modern Quilt Magic by Victoria Findlay Wolfe



Raffles Report

Thank you for the very successful raffle and mystery fabric day on April 16. The tea was wonderful and enjoyed by all. In the last few months members Kathleen K, Vicki Z, Trish T, and Phyllis M. donated items to be raffled. We also received two wonderful donations of Christmas fabric bundles from the estate of Karen May, watch out for them in November. We look forward to more donations from members as it will be harder to keep to our budget next year. We look forward to seeing you at the May meeting. Remember tickets are \$1.00 each. *Carole Phinney, raffles chair*

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. A few committees need to be filled. If you have an interest to take any of these positions on, please let me know:

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.

All committees have manuals and many past volunteers who are 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's next meeting is May 22, 1 to 3 at Bowen Country Grocer. Contact me for more information if needed. quiltyjan@gmail.com or 250-245-5936

Janet Knecht, co-coordinator

Quilt Show Boutique

Although our Quilt Show is twelve months away, it is not too early to start thinking about what items you would like to make for sale in the show's boutique, and to begin sewing! Rules to play by will follow in subsequent newsletters as the show committee and the boutique committee iron out details.

Know Anyone Who Makes Memory Bears?

Member Linda Harris is looking for someone to make her granddaughter a Memory Bear from the fabric of her late father's favourite shirt. lindaharris255369@gmail.com 604-626-1325

Wanted: November/December 2019 issue of McCall's Quilting magazine


Member Sharon Dubyna is looking for this issue to finish the 'Interstellar' pattern she is working on. If you can help, please call her at 778-961-1388

Wanted: Quilting Books

Member Nicole Aube is looking for the following books:

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General Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2025 and 40th Anniversary of the Guild

Terri Askham welcomed the Founding Members and Past Presidents to this special occasion. She outlined the agenda for the meeting and Tea.

Call to order: Co-President Kathleen Kane called the meeting to order at 1:37 pm. She presented Val Ursulak with a lovely corsage for organizing the tea.

Hospitality: 85 members and 14 guests.

Moved by Linda Macey, seconded by Ginette Schewe to accept the Minutes of March 19 General meeting as published in the newsletter. Carried.

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

Committee Reports

Quilt Show: Janet Knecht reported there were three positions still open: Merchant Mall, Volunteer Room, and Hanging Committee Chair. Val Ansell volunteered to chair the Hanging Committee if someone else would take care of the Call to Entry. Elizabeth Nicol-Smith volunteered to be Secretary.

Nominations: Terri Askham reported that Heather Eriksen will take over the Hospitality and Donations

duties for the evening meetings. We still need a First Vice President and a Program Committee. The programs and workshops for the year have been mapped out but a committee is needed to put them into operation.

Block of the Month: Lidia Hak presented Christine Hustins with the prize for a completed BOM 'Leaf' quilt that was made for donation. The 9 April blocks were won by Sue Banasky.

New Business:

Ellen Ellis reported that Kismet has announced that it is closing its store but will continue with an online business. Kismet has offered to save customers mailing costs on orders by sending them to a member who would distribute them at the guild meetings. Mary Jane McLaughlin volunteered to coordinate the receipt of the orders.

Break: Members and guests were then invited to view the quilts on display including the Heritage Quilt, the Logo Challenge Quilt and the 25th Anniversary Quilt, vintage quilts and the little quilts hanging at the windows. As well, they were encouraged to renew old acquaintances, buy raffle tickets and do whatever business they usually do at meetings.

Raffles and Draws:

Show and Share: Nicole Aube

Mystery Fabric: Sharon Dubyna, Lynda Chyzzyk

Raffles: Vicki Zoltay, Dianne Ross, Teresa Bellinger, Tuesday Shay, Laverna Anderson, Lynn MacDonald, Sue Artuso and Ellen Ellis

Tea was then served while members presented their Show and Share quilts. Following that, Val Ursulak called out ticket numbers for the prizes generously donated by the following Newsletter advertisers: Cindy's Threadworks, Huckleberrys', Snip and Stitch, Serge and Sew, Kismet, Quiltnut, Gala Fabrics, Green Thimble, Troll Brothers and Barb Dickie

Presentation: Val Ansell then presented a very interesting retrospective on the Guild from its inception in 1984, highlighting special activities that have taken place since then.

Kathleen Kane then presented Val Ursulak with a lovely plant assortment for her work in organizing the tea.

Moved by Ginette Schewe, the meeting was adjourned at 3:06 pm.

Submitted by Val Ursulak, Secretary

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2025-26 Guild Nominations Report

The following is a summary of the vacancies anticipated for the 2025-26 guild year.

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

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

Evening Placemat Cttee 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.

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. 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.

The Donations Committee have agreed to carry on for one more year, and welcome anyone who would like to help out and shadow them in preparation for 2026-2027. Heather Eriksen has volunteered to be the evening representative.

Terri Askham, Nominating Committee

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Donation Quilts

At our April tea, we received 17 quilts: 12 lap quilts, 3 NICU, and 2 baby quilts. Thank you to everyone for their generous donations!

The May AGM will be the final opportunity to turn in donation quilts for the season. We will have batting, backing and labels at the May meeting.

A big thank you to Heather Eriksen, who has volunteered to be at evening meetings next year to collect donation quilts and give out batting and backing.

The Donation Quilts Committee, the Scrappy Bags



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40th Anniversary Tea



Left to right: Terri A., Val U., Greta S., and Val A.



Quilters' Chat Room

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Robin Pickens, a designer for Moda, also makes cross stitch patterns. I came across a beautiful pattern for a featherweight sewing machine. Check it out, and see many other patterns at: <https://robinpickensinc.com/products/stitch-lovely-floral-sewing-machine-digital-pdf-pattern>

For Singer Featherweight enthusiasts, the family-run **Featherweight Shop** has a fabulous website, not only selling parts and accessories to service your machine, but offering a wealth of information about the machines themselves, including detailed tutorials on every aspect of using and maintaining them. They also carry vintage-style quilting fabrics and patterns. Check them out at www.Singer-Featherweight.com

This is a fun quilt to make from a charm pack:

https://www.kristamoser.com/post/two-cuts-to-magic?utm_campaign=cca1706c-0af5-4683-be28-d6addee4cde9&utm_source=so&utm_medium=mail&cid=b0ce26fb-b5d3-4020-9d78-213f4fa2b0da

Washing your first quilt is a scary process, but having a plan is your first step towards success. Check out

options at: <https://www.toadandsew.com/blogs/news/how-to-wash-and-take-care-of-your-quilt>

For something a little different watch The Quilters on Netflix (available May 16). In this award-winning short documentary, men in a Missouri maximum-security prison design and sew beautiful, personalized quilts for foster children. The Quilters follows the daily lives of several quilters inside the sewing room at South Central Correctional Center, a Level 5 maximum-security prison in a small town two hours south of St. Louis, MO. From design to completion, the men reveal their struggles, triumphs, and sense of pride in creating something beautiful in this windowless, sacred space deep within the prison walls.

If you have a recommendation for the next newsletter, please send in your idea along with why you are making this recommendation and the web link to: ellenellis53@gmail.com *Ellen Ellis*



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April Show and Share



April Show and Share



Left: an example of the clothesline / rope bowl workshop and the mesh bag workshop

Right: members peruse the many history photo binders provided by the Guild History Committee at the 40th Anniversary Tea



More Photos from the April 40th Anniversary



This page: some of the many mini quilts displayed at the 40th Anniversary Tea

Lower right: Fine China tea service



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2025 / 2026 year

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | | |

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Heirloom Quilts at the April 40th Anniversary

