

Nanaimo Quilters Guild

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June Picnic - Potluck Social

Wednesday June 12, Bowen Park Lower Picnic Shelter (across from Nanaimo Curling Club parking lot) 4 to 7 pm (supper at 5) Pot luck meal - see article at right

Newsletter Deadline

August 21

*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

As we close another successful guild year, we thank you all for your support and participation. There were lots of learning and social opportunities this year and a special thanks goes to all the committees who made those happen. The guild would not be as vibrant and varied as it is without the efforts of members who volunteer in so many ways.

We appreciate everyone who agreed to take on guild roles in the coming year. Following the AGM, Lidia Hak offered to bring back Block of the Month next year – thank you Lidia.

October 2024 will see the guild celebrate 40 years of quilting, friendships and community service. With a full executive and active committees, we have a lot to look forward to.

We hope to see many of you at the June Picnic, one week earlier than our usual meeting, on Wednesday, June 12th from 4 to 7pm at the lower picnic shelter in Bowen Park. Details are in the newsletter.

Wishing all of you a safe, healthy and happy Summer.

Happy Quilting! *Terri Askham & Kathleen Kane, your Co-Presidents*

June 12 Picnic

Our year end picnic will be held Wednesday, June 12 at the lower picnic shelter in Bowen Park. Please bring an item for the pot luck meal, dishes, mug, cutlery, a plastic bag for your dirty dishes, and a lawn chair if you wish. A green bin for organics will be provided. Hot tea, lemonade and iced tea will be provided, otherwise bring your own beverage. Arrive after 4 pm and we will be done by 7 pm. Supper will be at 5 pm. We will have Show and Share, but no raffles. Bring extra layers to keep warm.

Come enjoy the good weather, good food, and good company!!

Bonnie Dormuth and the picnic team

Guild Programs and Workshops

Our Garage Sale is scheduled for Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at the Curling Rink during our regular Guild meeting. Remember the cost is \$10 per table with a maximum of 15 tables. We have space for 3 more members.

Our Studio Tour is scheduled for Saturday, November 9th and Sunday, November 10th. This is an opportunity for you to show off your quilting space. We only have 4 members registered so far; we have lots of room left.

The Pet Mesh Bag workshop is scheduled for Saturday, November 23... 9:00—3:30. Held at Jonanco, pot luck and the cost is \$20. Anyone who has registered was given a supply list. If you are interested in adding your name to the list, please let me know. *Program Committee Chair Vicki Zoltay*

2023/2024 Challenge



Left to right: Jeanette Blackmore, Vicki Dods, Laura Beswick and Kathleen Kane with their winning Challenge placemats



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Donation Quilts

At our May meeting, we received 17 lap quilts and 3 NICU quilts, for a total of 24. We also received 3 knitted preemie hats for the NICU.

We will be delivering donation quilts in the next few weeks to our community groups.

The Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) needs more incubator quilts. Requirements: 36" x 48" (or close), which allows for the overhang. Batting is not necessary, nor is intricate stitching. Dark flannelette backing is preferred to block out the light.

Thank you for your continuing generosity!

Donation Quilts Committee, the Scrappy Bags



Short Term Opportunity

40th Anniversary: We are looking for volunteers to plan our 40th Anniversary celebrations. This will involve a meeting or two (zoom or in person) and likely some phone calls/emails prior to September with a goal to have everything ready before the guild year starts.

Please contact Terri Askham at 250-882-5108 or terriaskham@gmail.com if you are interested in helping out.



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Membership

Thank you to all who have already renewed for the coming year which begins Sept. 2024. We look forward to receiving more renewals over the coming months as well as any new members.

Membership forms are on page 12 of this newsletter as well as on the Guild website (under the Membership tab)

The form can be printed or there is also a fillable pdf form that can be saved and emailed to membershipnqg@gmail.com. Payment is \$40. If you want the newsletter mailed it is an additional \$16. Payment is accepted by cheque or e-transfer to membershipnqg@gmail.com. Mailings can be sent to: Nanaimo Quilters' Guild, P.O. Box 943, Nanaimo, BC V9R 5N2. Membership cards and receipts will be available at meetings.

A full list of current members is in the Members' Only section of the website.

Keep on quilting and we look forward to seeing your creations in the Fall at Show and Share.

Have a great summer!

Barb Kerfoot & Laura Beswick, Membership Committee

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Upcoming Shows & Sales

June 7-9, 'Colour the World' Parksville Quilt Show & Sale, Oceanside Place Arena, 830 W. Island Hwy. Parksville. \$10/day \$15/3 days www.quilthouse.ca

Saturday, July 13 'Quilts in the Village', R.J. Haney Heritage Village & Museum, Salmon Arm, 10-4.

August 23-25 'City of Gardens', Victoria Quilters' Guild Show & Sale, Pearkes Rec Centre (behind Tillicum Mall) \$10 for 3 days <https://www.victoriaquiltersguild.org/events/city-of-gardens-quilt-show-quilts/>

Saturday, September 21 NanGo Grannies Giant Fabric Sale, Nanaimo Curling Club, 10 am to 1:30 pm

September 28-29, 10-4, 'Canadian Rockies' Quilt Show, The Mountain Cabin Quilters Guild, Canmore Recreation Centre, 1900 8 Ave Canmore, Alberta.

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General and AGM Meeting Minutes of May 15, 2024

Call to order: 6:34 pm by Kathleen Kane, Co-President

Moved by Sandra Radley, seconded by Tuesday Shay that the minutes of the General Meeting of April 17, 2024 be accepted as posted. **Carried.**

No Correspondence

Hospitality: 53 members present, no guests.

Committee Reports

40th Anniversary: would like a couple more volunteers.

June Picnic: June 12, 4-7 pm. see report on page 1.

Donations: see report on page 2.

Retreat: for strip poker: 2 1/2" strips the width of the fabric, 3 white with red and 3 red with white.

Program: see report on page 1.

Library: books signed out are due in September.

Quilts of Valour: see report on page 8.

Challenge Quilts: members voted on the six entries, the winner was Vicki Dods.

New Business: a big THANK YOU to Terri Askham for all her work as co-president for the past two years.

Annual General Meeting

Call to order: 6:40 pm by Kathleen Kane (Judith McLaughlin,

Nominations Chairperson is unable to attend)

Moved by Barb Kerfoot, seconded by Val Ursulak to accept the Minutes of the AGM May 17th 2023 as posted. **Carried.**

The Following slate was presented to the membership and all were ACCLAIMED, as there were no nominations from the floor.

Executive

Co-Presidents: Kathleen Kane and Ellen Ellis

1st Vice-President: Christine Hustins

2nd Vice-President: Bonnie Dormuth

Treasurer: Lija Bane

Secretary: Val Ursulak

Committees (Chair and Members)

Block of the Month: vacant

Coffee: Tuesday Shay

Donation Quilts: Lynn Bentson, Sue Creba, Bonnie Eaton, Jean Pennington

Historians: Greta Simmons, Marsha Whitmee

Hospitality: Sue Artuso, Bonnie Dimitry (alternate) Lorna Craig

Evening Hospitality: Sandra Radley, Val Ansell



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AGM Meeting Minutes of May 15, 2024 continued

Library: Pat Ryan, Robin Barker

Evening Library: Bonnie Palfy

Membership: Barb Kerfoot, Laura Beswick, Kathy Calder, Sheila Redel

Newsletter Advertising: vacant

Newsletter Editor: Sue Creba

Newsletter Mailing: Linda Campbell

Phoning Committee: Trish Kirk

Placemat Committee: Heather Henderson, Maureen Bryson, Norma Franks

Program: Vicki Zoltay, Judy Hunter, Lorraine Daley

Publicity: Lorraine Daley

Quilt Bee: Joan Irving, Leslie Millward

Quilt Show Chairs: Janet Knecht, Bonnie Dormuth

Raffles: Carole Phinney, Joanne Van Oosten, Sharon Horncastle (evening)

Retreat: Judy Peterson, Lorraine Daley, Vicki Zoltay, Judy Hunter

Social Media: Christine Hustins

Webmaster Liaison: Sue Creba

Christmas Party Chairperson: Arlene Ackerman

AGM adjourned at 6:57 pm

DRAWS:

Show & Share: Vicki Zoltay

Hospitality: Dana Roncin, Val Ansell

Mystery Fabric: Lija Bane

Raffles: Bonnie Dimitry, Mary Jane McLaughlin, Maggie Warren, Judi Moran, Elinor Martin-Law, Sue Creba, Norma Franks, Elinor Martin-Law

Adjourned: at 7:50 pm *Lorna Craig, Guild Secretary*



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Year End Quilt Bee Report 2023/24

Thank you to all members who have contributed over the past five years to the Quilt Bee donations. Remember the fun times we had during Covid in the parking lot get-togethers?

Bonnie Dormuth and I are stepping down, but will be leaving the BEE in the capable hands of Joan Irving.

Over the last year we have donated the following:

Haven House Quilts – 47
 Christmas Stockings – 61
 Tote Bags – 56

Foster Care Program Quilts – 18

Ukrainian Families Quilts – 13

Please note that Haven House has taken less quilts due to storage space issues. I was at the Guild storage locker the other day and reorganized the shelves. We have approximately 60 to 70 quilts in bins, a full roll of queen size batting and 40 kits ready to go.

I encourage everyone to keep on quilting, but ask you to keep your finished quilts at home until we get more room in storage. Haven House would still like as many Christmas stockings and totes as you can make.

The Foster Care program would like quilts for teen boys approximately 60 x 75 to 80 inches. You will need to add batting scraps to our 60 inch pre-cut length. We have enjoyed the Quilt Bee very much and will continue to help Joan out. Thanks for your support.

Janet Knecht and Bonnie Dormuth



Bonnie and Janet delivering to Haven House



- Interested in a new twist on traditional quilting? Maybe *Modern* quilting is for you.
- The Nanaimo Modern Quilt Guild meets the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7pm via Zoom.
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Library

The year has gone by very quickly for the new Library Team. Thank you to everyone for your patience as we figured out what we were doing. We look forward to the September Show and Share highlighting projects inspired by books signed out at the May meeting. See you then. *The Library Team*



Barb Kerfoot's crumb quilt

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Over the summer, you can drop off your donations and we can also pick donations up. Call Sue Creba 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.

Thanks to Guild members' generous donations of items to our previous sales, we continue to increase the amount of money we send to African projects.

Save the date! Saturday, September 21, 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Curling Club. Remember to bring your own bags or other containers. Cash & plastic accepted.

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Thank you for your beautiful donation quilts for QOV. I have had 6 requests for quilts this month and have presented 4 in April.

I can provide wide backing and batting for you if needed. Please email the dimensions you require.

Below are the quilt specifications from the quiltsofvalour.ca website.

I provide the required label for each quilt (see label at right). Please contact me if you have any questions.

A Quilt of Valour™ is a hug from a grateful nation and a tribute to an injured Canadian Armed Forces member, past or present. Although most of us will never know the soldier who will receive our quilt, imagine what it would be like for you if you did know the soldier. What if that soldier was your spouse, your brother/sister, your friend or your child?

A Quilt of Valour™ serves a special purpose and quality construction is important. Quilt standards must reflect the level of gratitude that we want to demonstrate to the recipient. Quilts of Valour™ can be made by individuals, social groups or quilting bees. In all cases we request that the standards we have established are followed. If you are making a quilt or have a quilt ready to donate please ensure that it meets the QOV Specifications.

Quilt Specifications

Fabrics should be new, high quality 100% cotton. Do not use repurposed fabrics (eg: old shirts, blue jeans etc.)

Choose fabrics with prints that are appropriate for a Canadian Armed Force member.

Patterns and blocks can be of any design; however, recipients often prefer quilts that have a Canadian theme.

Quilts must be large enough to cover an average-sized adult, with a minimum size of 55" x 70" and a maximum size of 72" X 84".

Quilts must have a top, batting, and backing, and must be machine quilted or hand quilted. A tied or tufted quilt is not acceptable as a Quilt of Valour.

Backing fabric should also be a good quality cotton fabric, and if seamed the selvage edges have been trimmed from the seam.

Batting should be 100% cotton or an 80/20 cotton/poly blend. Wool, bamboo or 100% polyester batting should be avoided.

Quilting should be appropriate for the quilt and not overly dense, which can reduce the loft of the quilt.

Binding strips should be joined with diagonal seams. Binding should be double-fold ("French fold"), attached by machine, and finished by hand or machine.

Please DO NOT wash the completed quilt. We want your gift to be crisp and new.

When your quilt is ready please contact a QOV Representative near you who will make arrangements to pick it up and sew on an official Quilts of Valour label. Provide your name and the names of others who helped make the quilt so that they may all be added to the label.

Thanks, Joan Irving, QOV Rep

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May 15 Show and Share Quilts



Above left: Vicki Zoltay's Bargello quilt

Above right: Kathy Coulter's quilt

Right: Janet Knecht's quilt

Above: Barb Kerfoot's zebra cushion cover

Right: Barb Kerfoot's giraffe cushion cover



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2024 / 2025 year

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I was an Honorary Member in 2023-24 ☐

I do ☐ do not ☐ consent to my personal information appearing on the membership list that is provided to the members of the Nanaimo Quilters' Guild.

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Print Name _____

Signature _____

Areas in which I am willing to volunteer:

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

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