Nanaimo Quilters Guild

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Next Meeting

September 17, Nanaimo Curling Club, doors open at 1:00 and 6:00 pm, meeting starts at 1:30 and 6:30 pm

Next Executive Meeting (Zoom) October 8, 1:30 pm

Newsletter Deadline

September 22

Refreshments:

In September, members whose last names start with the letters A and B, it's your turn to bring goodies to the meeting for our coffee / tea break

In our newsletters' <u>online version</u>, 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

Summer may be drawing to a close but we can look forward to more good times ahead as we commence a new Guild year, and all the new beginnings it brings. That includes new faces on our Executive and those volunteering for various jobs that contribute to our vibrant quilting community.

We always look forward to the September meeting because of the buzz of excitement in the air: greeting old friends, meeting new members, a flurry of library activity, donations to turn in, block of the month to check out, retreat plans to make. We also love the robust Show & Share period displaying all of the amazing work folks have been doing over the summer. We'd like to revive the past practice of hanging the S&S items so everyone has time to view them.

What else is going on this year? We will have our fabulous Quilt Show next May and you'll get regular updates. But before that, we have a full slate of speakers on a variety of interesting topics each month, as well as their related workshops, some in person, some virtual. Read all about what's on offer under the Program and Workshop column and plan your schedule. Registration begins with the form at the end of this newsletter.

This month we are also going to be testing an enhanced way to deliver our meetings going forward. We would like to transition to a hybrid meeting format, where we will still meet in person, afternoon and evening, but we will also be 'broadcasting' the meetings over Zoom to those that can't make it in person, perhaps due to scheduling conflicts, illness, inclement weather, winter travel, or whatever. We'll also be able to share all the wonderful Show & Share eye candy to the Zoom participants. So September will be an inhouse test month. We are hoping there might be a few people who feel comfortable enough with the Zoom platform to help us implement this by monitoring the devices during a meeting. Training provided. Come talk to us!

We're looking forward to seeing everyone on September 17th as we usher in our Guild's New Year. Cheers! *Ellen Ellis & Kathleen Kane, Co-Presidents*

Library

It's great to be back for a third year. Our team members are the same as last year: Anni, Barbara, Bonny, Elinor, Julia, Pat, Robin, Sharon and Susan. Bonny and Sharon are the evening team and the rest of us take turns during the afternoon meetings.

Please return all books and magazines checked out last year. (a familiar refrain?) Hopefully everyone has had an opportunity to go thru the signed out items as we will not be processing renewals in September.

Just to refresh everyone's memory the Library is open for one half hour before the meeting and again during the coffee break.

FYI: In the "Members Only " section of the website books are listed by both author and by title. An updated version will be uploaded to the website soon.

Placemats

I hope everyone had a lovely and productive summer. It was a bit too dry for my liking and I am sure the forests agree. Hopefully everyone found time to make a placemat or two. I normally would not have much to report, but we had one member give me 21 placemats in August. Perhaps this would be a good challenge? So, we now have 275 placemats and 25 tea cozies to start off the Guild year. It is a great start for sure. We will be at our Placemat table at the September meeting with some batting, cut 13 X 19" as usual.

Your Placemat Committee: Heather. Norma and Maureen (Laura to help at evening meeting)

Membership

As we begin a new Guild session we encourage all current members to renew and newcomers to join.

The 2025/26 is a special session as it includes our Quilt Show in May 2026.

If you want to participate in the Show, you must be a member of our Guild in good standing by the end of September 2025.

Membership fee is \$40 for the year. There is an additional charge of \$16 for those who want the newsletter mailed to them.

Membership forms are available on the NQG website, or in the newsletter.

Renewals can be made at any time by emailing the completed membership form to membershipngg@ gmail.com and making an e-transfer payment to the same email address. Or the completed form and cheque can be mailed to Nanaimo Quilt Guild Membership, P.O. Box 943, Nanaimo, B.C., V9R 5N2.

Memberships can also be completed at the regular Guild meetings. At the meetings we accept cash, cheques and the treasurer will be on hand at the afternoon meeting for anyone wanting to pay by credit card.



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Please make cheques payable to Nanaimo Quilters' Guild.

Thanks to the many who have already sent in their forms and funds for the 2025-26 year. Membership cards and receipts will be available at the membership table at the September meeting.

A list of members for the coming year will be placed on the members only section of the website once more renewals have been received. For any questions, please contact membershipngg@gmail.com

Keep on creating and we look forward to seeing you soon. membershipnqq@gmail.com

Barb Kerfoot & Laura Beswick, Membership

CQA Report

CQA is hosting next year's show in Winnipeg from June 17 to 20, 2026. The 2026 TrendTex Challenge "Confluence" kits will be available to members starting September 15 and after October 15 for non-members. This time you may enter bags as well as wall hangings. The 2026 National Juried Show Call for Entry is now available here: https://canadianguilter.com/2026-njscall-for-entry/ Susan Gaudion, CQA rep



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Block of the Month

Based on the success of the Farm Girl Vintage quilt along, this year we'll be doing Farm Girl Vintage 2.

September allows you to sign up, get your book and start choosing fabrics. I've asked Serge and Sew to order books for us.

Block months will be October, November, January, February and March.

This layout doesn't allow for definite rows across so we'll be doing 5 columns up and down Each column includes 4 (12") blocks and 3 pairs (6) of (6") blocks. If you're avoiding 6" blocks I'll accept your choice of one of the 6 smaller blocks in each column made in the 12" sizes Your quilt will be a little shorter. I urge you to try the 6" blocks as well, as Lori Holt's instructions are very clear.

Since there are only 5 columns, this allows those who are more industrious than I am to get it ready for the quilt show.

I would appreciate an evening volunteer to accept the rows and draw for a small monthly prize. I'm having difficulty driving after dark.

Sandra Radley 250-756-2421

Thankyous for quilts

Dear Nanaimo Quilters
Guild, thank you for the
beautiful handmade quilt
our son "Wesley" received
while staying in the Nanaimo
NICU. We wanted to share
everyone's hard work and
know the quilt is well used
and loved. Hope you enjoy
the photos and keep up the
amazing work you all do.
Sincerely, "Wesley's Mom"
Jolenne Robson



Hey! I just wanted to thank you guys so much for the blankets you make and donate to the Nanaimo palliative care unit! I unfortunately lost my dad last Saturday and I just want you to know that the blanket and little pillows that were given to us after he passed has brought a lot of comfort in this extremely difficult time. I haven't let go of the blanket since we took it off him! Thank you so very much, Tiffany McKee

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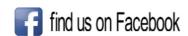
-Duncan @ 180 Trunk Rd. -Courtenay @ 2175 Cliffe Ave.

-We have in stock the latest cotton collections from amazing designers like Kaffe Fassett, Tula Pink, Tim Holtz & JasonYenter, to name just a few!

-Blenders galore including Moda's Grunge, Northcott's Toscana, Stonehenge, Canvas plus New Colourworks Solids!









Donation Quilts

We hope you enjoyed your summer! In May and June, we delivered 102 quilts to the following groups: Cornerstone and Sunfield housing, Crossroads, Tillicum Lelum, NRGH (NICU, Dufferin, Pediatrics, Dialysis), Eden Gardens. We also gave 17 tote bags to Crossroads.

We will have batting and backing at our September meeting.

Donation Quilts Committee



Left: Lynn Bentsen delivering to Crossroads



Above: Sunfield Manor

Left: Tillicum Lelum Building Better Babies



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NQG Quilt Show May 28-31 2026

At this time we have achieved a budget and are working on details for various committees. Our priority right now is the Raffle Quilts. We have one quilt confirmed from the Pearls Satellite group. Two more quilts have been offered for consideration. The Committee would like two or three more quilts for viewing. Perhaps at this time you are decluttering and may be willing to pass on one to us for consideration. The quilts, as you are aware, need to be of quality fabric, with good quilting. Photos and information for licensing need to be in place by the end of October. Please have a look in the bottom of your cupboard.

Also note that if you want to show a quilt you must be a member in good standing by the end of September so be sure and pay your membership at the September General meeting.

The show this time around is going to be higher in cost than ever before so the sale of raffle tickets will be important.

Next meeting will be on September 25, 1-3 pm at Bowen Country Grocer. *Janet Knecht, co-coordinator* guiltyjan@gmail.com 250-245-5936

Quilt Show Boutique: Start thinking about what items you would like to make for sale in the show's boutique, and to begin sewing! Rules to play coming soon.

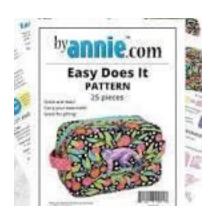


Guild Workshops for 2025-2026

Our Program and Workshops Committee has been hard at work to make sure we've got great speakers at our meetings as well as fantastic and interesting workshops to satisfy our creative interests. Please support their hard work by signing up for the classes using the registration form at the end of the newsletter and bring it to our September 17th meeting to sign up and pay.

Saturday, October 4 9:30-3:30 EASY DOES IT Bag at Jonanco \$20

We have arranged for **Avril Valentine** to teach an in-person workshop on the Easy Does It bag using an ever-popular By Annie pattern. This is a 'gateway' class that will teach you the basic techniques to approach other bag-making with confidence. And you'll make your own cool



bag! There will be some simple pre-workshop homework which will allow you to complete the bag during the class. Details will be available at the September meeting or prior to the class.

Thursday, October 30 9:00- 4:00 CANVAS BOWLS Oliver Woods \$30

We saw a demo by **Patti Dance** of Phatbear Studio (Port Alberni) at the Parksville Quilt Show and were blown away at how beautiful her canvas bowls were, and how 'do-able' she made the process..

Patti will be doing a trunk show at our October 22 meeting, then an in-person workshop on October 30.

We're trying a weekday workshop this time and hope it works for everyone. Patti will also provide the canvas for the bowls, and a supply list will be sent out prior to the class.

Patti has this to say about her workshop: In this class we are going to create a







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fabulous, decorative fabric bowl! You will be amazed at how simple the process can be. A fair warning though, it can be highly addictive. I will walk you through all of the steps and also share my knowledge of what has worked or not worked in my personal learning curve. Forget your pre conceived notions that you are not a "art" quilter. A willingness to try new things leads you to a new happy place. I will bring many of my own fabric bowls to spark your inspiration. for future projects.

Saturday, November 29 IMPROV FOR PLANNERS 9:00-3:30 on Zoom \$30

Interested in "improv" but don't like that freestyle thing? We think this workshop will pique your interest, but still honour your traditional quilting comfort level using the blocks we all know and love.

Monika Henry of Penny Spool Quilts in Ontario <u>PennySpoolQuilts.com</u> says this about her workshop:

Do you feel like you're too much of a planner to make improv quilts? Have you ever felt intimidated by making something without a plan? Or overwhelmed by making decisions on the go

instead of just following a pattern? Improv doesn't have to be intimidating, chaotic, or wonky.

In this online full-day workshop, I will teach you my system for bringing structure and order to improv quilting that suits those of us who like a plan and some guardrails in place before starting a new quilt.

We'll explore ways to have fun with fabric



and play with design, all while keeping some basic design principles in mind that will help to keep the overwhelm at bay, and create a quilt that reflects your unique style.

This workshop is for intermediate quilters, or advanced (and adventurous) beginners. You need to be able to read a pattern and make the blocks independently following the instructions and graphics. All the blocks are very basic ones, based on HSTs or using strips or squares (such as a nine patch block), so I will be teaching the improv method, but not how to make the individual blocks. There is one block that I will demonstrate handson, because it's a half-rectangle square and that's not one I expect people to be familiar with.

Saturday, January 31 9:00-3:30 QUILT BEE Oliver Woods

Our annual Quilt Bee is a day that Guild members gather for a day of fun, friendship and legendary food. Individuals or small groups arrange to make a quilt for Haven House Society, a safe shelter for women and their children needing to escape from abusive home situations.

Quilt top kits with patterns are available or you may use your own. Backing, batting and labels are also supplied by the Guild.

This year, you'll also likely see a demonstration on adding a hanging sleeve to a quilt you may be entering into the Show. And maybe some inspiration about quilt labels.



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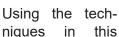


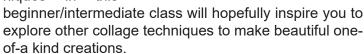
Guild Workshops for 2025-2026 continued

Wednesday, March 4 FLOWER COLLAGE MINI ART QUILT 9:00-3:30 on Zoom \$30

Darcy Hunter of <u>DarcyHunterArt.com</u> will be presenting an online trunk show and presentation about her gorgeous art quilts for both of our February meetings.

She'll then be hosting an online workshop using fun collage techniques to create an 8" x 12" wall hanging or an 8" x 10" mounted mini flower quilt.





Check Darcy out on her website <u>DarcyHunterArt.com</u> and explore the amazing mini-quilts she creates.



Saturday, March 28 UFO WORKSHOP 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Oliver Woods \$12

With our Quilt Show happening in May, we thought there might be some serious quilt finishing happening around now, so we've scheduled an ever-popular UFO Day. You'll also see a demonstration on adding a hanging sleeve to that quilt you'll be entering into the Show

Saturday, April 25 MAKE & TAKE DAY 9:00 - 4:00 Oliver Woods \$25

This will be a fun day, and one that won't require you to pack your sewing machine and other accessories. We're still finalizing details, but this day will see 4 of our fellow Guild-members, each instructing a small group in an interesting hour-long project with additional time to finish completing it. Then that group will move to the next instructor to learn yet another cool project. Rinse, lather, repeat, until you've experienced all four instructors and will leave with four amazing projects.

Debbie Hollett will teach us that intriguing technique 'Flower Pounding' that she learned on her recent Asian fibre-art tour. Other projects we're thinking about include felted dryer balls, wool appliqué, and Sashiko stitching.

Our 31st Birthday Sale will be in October!

Exact days will be announced in late September.

We are having some work done on the exterior in September & those dates will also be announced. Watch our Social Media & your emails to keep up to date!

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Quilt Bee January 31, 2026

Our Quilt Bee will take place Saturday January 31, 2026 at Oliver Woods Community Centre. I am in the process of putting kits together if you would like to sew prior to the Bee. This fall we will also have kits for bags and Christmas stockings. I will bring kits to our guild meetings. *Joan Irving*

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The Quilting Marine from Janet Knecht

Here is a YouTube interview from Karen Brown of "Just Get It Done Quilts": https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4tta7Zifnt] It is with Mark Derell, a Marine who quilts, and shows how quilting can be therapy. He is delightful. The interview come from her stream called Karen's Quilt Circle. Mark has his own YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/@TheQuiltingMarine



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NanGo Grannies Fabric Sale

You won't want to miss this!

On Saturday, September 27, 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. upstairs at the Curling Club, the annual NanGo Grannies Giant Fabric & Yarn Sale will take place. Thanks to many generous donations from quilters, we have a large selection of quilting fabrics, tools, supplies and notions for sale, in addition to our other fabric and yarn categories. Sorry, we are no longer accepting donations for this sale.

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. We continue to increase the amount of money we send to African projects.

Remember to bring your own bags or other containers. Cash & plastic are accepted. Masks are suggested if you are concerned about the number of shoppers.

Questions? Call Sue Creba at 250-753-3371



Quilters' Chat Room

Many members look forward to fall to get back to quilting, and this year we have a special motivation: our 2026 Quilt Show! Have you thought about what you would like to show? Is it a new challenge, completing a UFO or a still unidentified project? Here are a few links with ideas to help you get started:

Do you follow quilt shows online? The work of talented quilters is impressive. American Quilters' Society Grand Rapids has announced the winners for 2025. These are incredible quilts from around the world. Check out where the grand prize winner is from: https://www.americanquilter.com/blog/2025-aqs-quiltweek-grand-rapids-quilt-contest-award-winners/

Many of us are trying to resource our quilting materials in Canada. A member of the Facebook group, **Quilting** in **Canada**, created a list of Local Quilt Shops organized by province and city. Members of the group helped by adding shop names earlier this year. This list can be

helpful if you are travelling or searching for specific material online. Happy travels: Facebook: Quilting in Canada: Files. If you are not a member and would like the list, send me a request and I will send you a copy of the list.

I recently found a slip of paper with a to do list as I was unpacking my office after our move in July and found a quilting reference so I looked it up. I haven't found what I was looking for, but I did find Jeanette and Katrina on YouTube. They teach, share ideas and have a laugh. The session I watched was their final show from 2024 where they talk about the goals they set for the year and show what they did, and did not accomplish. It was worth the 20 min view. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qQtAcoZl8JE

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

Thread Spools Needed

Canada Comforts Society is collecting empty sewing thread spools to include in children's assessment kits being sent out to a number of countries. Each kit requires 25 empty sewing thread spools, plastic or wooden. These kits will be used in clinical and community visits, and in trauma counselling sessions. Some of the wooden spools will be painted, and kids will just be having fun and not concerned about being assessed. Joan Irving will collect spools at our meetings.



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NANAIMO QUILTERS GUILD 2025-26 WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM

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	Workshop Title	Date	Time	Venue	Fee	Payment	
1	Easy Does It Bag with Avril Valentine	Saturday, October 4/25	9:30-3:30	Jonanco	\$20	Cash Cheque Credit E-transfer	
2	Canvas Bowls with Patti Dance	Thursday, October 30/25	9:00-4:00	Oliver Woods	\$35	Cash Cheque Credit E-transfer	
3	Improve for Planners with Monika Henry	Saturday, November 29/25	9:00-3:30	Online via Zoom	\$30	Cash Cheque Credit E-transfer	
4	Collage Flower Mini Art Quilt with Darcy Hunter	Wednesday, March 4/26	9:00-3:00	Online via Zoom	\$30	Cash Cheque Credit E-transfer	
5	UFO Day	Saturday, March 28/26	9:00-3:30	Oliver Woods	\$12	Cash Cheque Credit E-transfer	
6	Make & Take Day (4 Teachers & Activities)	Saturday, April 25/26	9:00-3:30	Oliver Woods	\$25	Cash Cheque Credit E-transfer	
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