

Nanaimo Quilters Guild

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Next Meeting

Note change of date!!

Thursday, October 23, 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

October 29

Refreshments:

In October, members whose last names start with the letters C and D, 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

There was lots of excitement in the air as another Guild year started with a great turnout at the September meeting. It was wonderful to see so much activity at the various committee tables: Membership renewals, Workshop registrations, Quilt Along sign-up, Library check-outs, Donations, Placements, Raffles ... !

If you've had a chance to see the video of the September meeting, with your co-presidents, Ellen and Kathleen, doing the 'roving reporter' thing, you'll know there is room for improvement, but it's a step in the right direction to providing a hybrid meeting option for those that can't be there in person. If you have any skills in that area, or want to help develop them, please let us know!

Our annual Retreat at Camp Homewood on Quadra Island will be happening right after Thanksgiving. It's a full house again this year and a time of unrestrained quilting, camaraderie and legendary food. There will be lots to report on and show off at the October meeting.

And because of the Retreat being rescheduled, we have moved our business meeting to **Thursday, October 23**. Be sure to mark your calendars for the rescheduled date.

We have a wonderful speaker and trunk show this month, Patti Dance, so check the Programs column for details. You'll also see info about Patti's and other upcoming workshops, so be sure to support the efforts of the Workshop committee and fill the remaining spaces.

Now that it is officially fall and the nights are drawing in, there will be more time spent inside doing lots more quilting for seasonal gifts or for donations to our many guild-sponsored charities.

As we look forward to celebrating Thanksgiving, we both give thanks to our wonderful Executive for supporting us, as well as all volunteers who keep the Guild operating. Happy Thanksgiving to all.

Ellen Ellis & Kathleen Kane, Co-Presidents

Library

It was great to see everyone at the first meeting of the year. Thank you so much for returning all the books and magazines signed out in May. Our October meeting is one week later than usual so the good news is that you have more time to peruse the materials. New acquisitions include:

B-25-001 Pineapple Play by Jean Wright

B-25-002 Quilts in Ireland by Kaffe Fassett

B-25-003 & B-25-004: Farm Girl Vintage, volume 2 (2 copies have been purchased to support this year's block of the month.)**

**one copy will be able for sign out, NO renewals

**one copy will be designated REFERENCE and available for members to access during the afternoon and evening meetings..

**both copies will be brought to Retreat for members to study, but not sign out.

See the book cover on page 3.

The Library Team

Placemats

All I can say, once again, is WOW! At the September meeting we received 87 placemats and 2 tea cozies. Every last one of them is gorgeous. Thank you all so much. I guess all those sunny days did not deter everyone from their sewing machines.

So, we now have 362 placemats and 27 tea cozies. We are just shy of what we had in November last year. I will be at the meeting in October with more batting. Again thank you all.

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

Membership

Thanks to the many who kept us busy with their renewals at the September meeting. Please make our two new members: Judy Hart and Judith Pilley feel welcome.

Membership is now \$40 for the year with a charge of \$16 for those who want the newsletter mailed to them. 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, B.C. V9R 5N2. The treasurer will be on hand at the October afternoon meeting for anyone wanting to pay by credit card.

Members for the coming year will be listed on the members only section of the website towards the beginning of October. For any questions please contact membershipnqg@gmail.com

Don't forget to pick up your new membership card and receipt at the October meeting. **The members only section of the website will have a new password October 1st. It is on the back of your new card.**

Keep on quilting and enjoying!

Barb Kerfoot & Laura Beswick, Membership



See more placemat photos on page 9

Raffles

Thank you guild members, for very successful raffles in September. Thank you to Sue Artuso, Joan Irving and Trish Thompson for their donations of future raffle prizes. Thank you also to Angela Bradford for donating fabric that belonged to her mother, a long time guild member.

All of these donations help the raffle budget so we can purchase some very nice prizes that you will be seeing soon. Our budget works out to \$9,00 per prize and what can you buy for that?

Serge & Sew has once again donated prizes for the day and evening meetings all year, so please think of them when you are shopping for quilty stuff.

Looking forward to seeing you with your loonies in October.

Carole Phinney, Raffles and Mystery Fabric chair



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October Quilt Along

We had 12 participants sign up for the Farm Girl Vintage 2 quilt along. Remember your first set of blocks is due at the new October meeting date of Thursday, October 23.

Two members volunteered to take over the evening meeting, Sarah Beyer and Karla Quinn. I'm grateful for their assistance

Remember to be careful to use the correct cutting list as each column uses both the 6" and the 12" sizes. Challenge yourself to do them all, especially since we have an extra week. Most of all, enjoy the adventure!

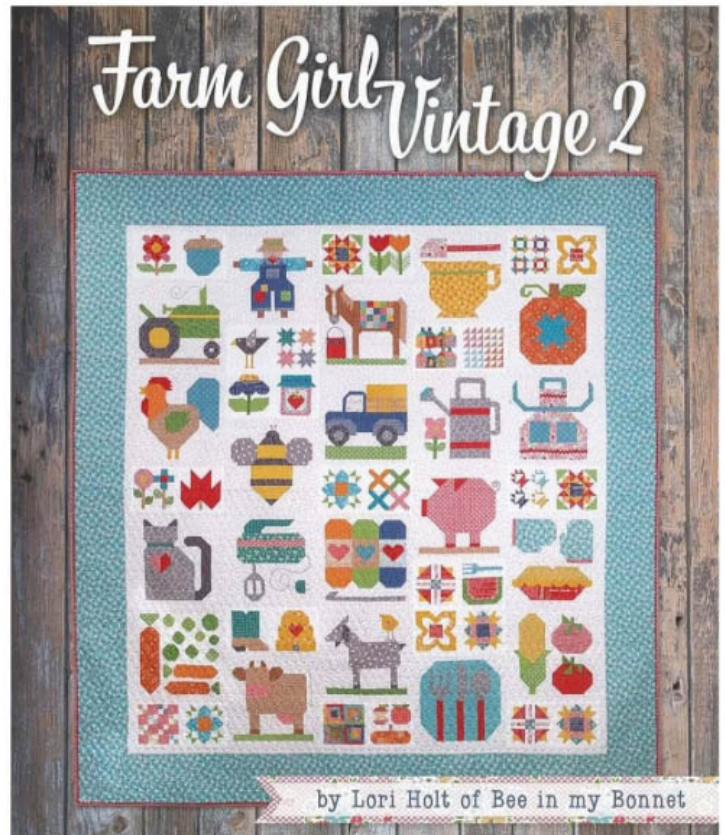
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CQA Report

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 non-members after October 15. This time you may enter bags as well as wall hangings. The 2026 National Juried Show Call for Entry is now available here:

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Susan Gaudion, CQA rep



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Thursday, October 23 (Note the New Meeting Date!!) Patti Dance of Phat Bear Studio in Port Alberni will be at our meeting in person, doing a trunk show about her amazing Canvas Bowls. See them up close and personal, prepare to be Wowed, then sign up for her Canvas Bowls workshop on October 30th. (See below)

We hope you enjoyed the Global Quilt Connection's Sampler Platter on September 27 and 28. There were some amazing ideas presented. The presentations were recorded and are available for seven days this time, so if you read this column before October, 5, you may still be able to view them.

After Carolyn's fantastic slideshow on Making Name Tags, we hope you've taken up her challenge and are busy creating a new name tag and/or lanyard. Don't forget to show it off at, or before, our November meeting at the Programs table to be entered into the draw.

And speaking of the November 19th meeting, we will be launching our Quilt Show Challenge that month and will have special guest, Philippa Zapf, talking about that very topic. She might even show you some of her creative process. You won't want to miss that.

While not technically a Program or Workshop, don't forget about our virtual Sew-In on Tuesday, October 7 from 10-2 (and the first Tuesday of every month.) Our host, Jeannette Blackmore, will open the Zoom line and welcome anyone who joins her. Drop in for the whole time or just to say hello. You will get the link a few days ahead.

WORKSHOPS

(email ProgramsNQG@gmail.com for more info and to register and e-transfer your payment)

We hope everyone had a great time at the Easy Does It Bag workshop on October 4. Please parade your completed bags at Show & Share.

Keep reading to see this year's workshops. They are

filling up, so if you are interested in any of them, please register early to avoid disappointment.

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

Patti Dance of Phatbear Creations (Port Alberni) will be doing a trunk show at our October 23 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 on her workshop: *In this class we are going to create a 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.*



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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 PennySpoolQuilts.com 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 hands-on, because it's a half-rectangle square and that's not one I expect people to be familiar with.

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Guild Program and Workshops for 2025-2026 continued

Saturday, January 31 9-3:30 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.

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

Darcy Hunter of DarcyHunterArt.com 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 tech-niques to create an 8" x 12" wall hanging or an 8" x 10" mounted mini flower quilt.

Using the tech-niques in this beginner/intermediate class will hopefully inspire you to explore other collage techniques to make beautiful one-of-a kind creations.

Check Darcy out on her website DarcyHunterArt.com 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.

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Spring Roll Pouch Pattern



NQG Quilt Show May 28-31 2026

Now that we have officially started our Quilt Show Year we would like everyone to fully participate. Things for general membership to do are as follows.

1. Get ready to participate in the guild show Challenge, which is coming soon.
2. Think about signing up to be a depot captain for your area. Many hands make less work.
3. Finish and/or start a quilt to enter in the show - the best part!
4. Give serious thought to how many hours you can volunteer to help with the set up day and take down day. Also we need plenty of volunteers for working on show days.
5. Time for boutique sewers to get sewing.
6. Keep on collecting those Country Grocer Receipts. This really helps with the tea room expenses.
7. Get geared up to sell raffle quilt tickets (after Christmas) This is a very big part of fundraising for the show.
8. Participate fully and have a super time.
9. Everyone on the show committee has lots of experience so ask us anything.

Remember that to keep the guild going for three years we need to get the most we can out of the show. Expenses

have gone up a lot so every ticket sale counts. The next meeting is on October 16 at Homewood retreat, then November 27, 1-3 pm at Bowen Country Grocer.

Thanks, Janet and Bonnie, co-coordinators. Janet quiltyjan@gmail.com 250-245-5936

Quilt Bee January 31, 2026

Our Quilt Bee is on 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. We will also have kits for bags and Christmas stockings, which I will bring to our guild meetings. *Joan Irving*

From Janet Knecht: check out a tutorial and free pattern for Christmas Stockings by Tricia Matt, which are a good size for Haven House Kids. Click on Pattern at top of the tutorial for stocking pattern. She has some good tips. Sewingpartsonline.com

Donation Quilts

Thanks to all of you who donated quilts and bags at our September meetings. We received the following quilts: 9 lap, 2 wheelchair, 2 NICU and 3 kids', for a total of sixteen, and two tote bags. A big thankyou to Heather Eriksen, who has volunteered to be at our evening meetings to accept donation quilts. We will have batting, backing and labels at our meetings. *Donation Quilts Committee*

It's our 31st Birthday

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General Meeting Minutes of September 17, 2025

Call to order: 1:36 pm by Kathleen Kane, Co-President
She notified members that she would be using a "travelling microphone" and other technology to tape the meeting so it would be available on Zoom for those not able to attend the meeting or for those wishing to see certain portions of the meeting again.

Hospitality: Afternoon: 80 members, two guests.
Evening: 19 members and one guest.

Moved by Judi Moran that the Minutes of the April 16, 2025 meeting as published in the May newsletter be accepted. Seconded by Lorna Craig. Carried.

Correspondence: Thankyou cards posted on the notice board.

Treasurer's report: posted on the notice board.

Moved by Lorna Craig and seconded by Judy Peterson to accept the budget for 2025/26 as circulated. Carried

Committee Reports

Kathleen introduced each of the committee chairs and they in turn, gave a short explanation of what their committees did to serve the guild.

New Business: We still need a First Vice President and more members to serve on the Program Committee.

Program/Workshops:

Carolyn Hunter presented an overview of the first four workshops to be held this year:

October 4 Easy Does It Bag at Jonanco taught by Avril Valentine

October 30 Canvas Bowls at Oliver Woods taught by Patti Dance

November 29 Improv for Planners on Zoom presented by Monika Henry

March 4 Flower Collage on Zoom presented by Darcy Hunter

Complete details of these workshops will be found in the September newsletter. (and this newsletter - editor

Carolyn Hunter then presented a slide show about making name tags. She issued a challenge to members to make a name tag and bring it to the November meeting for a chance at winning a prize.

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General Meeting Minutes of September 17, 2025 continued

Raffles:

Mystery Fabric: daytime Sheila Redel, evening: Sharon Horncastle.

Raffles: Sheila Redel, Norma Franks, Teresa Bellinger, Judy Roik, Kathy Doyle, Audrey Lloyd, Isabel Bunning. evening: Vicki Zoltay, Tracey Cook, Kathleen Kane, Sue Creba.

Show and Share: daytime Sherry Drebnicki, evening: Moire Porter.

Hospitality: daytime Joan Irving, Rebecca Meehan-Danesin, evening: Laura Beswick.

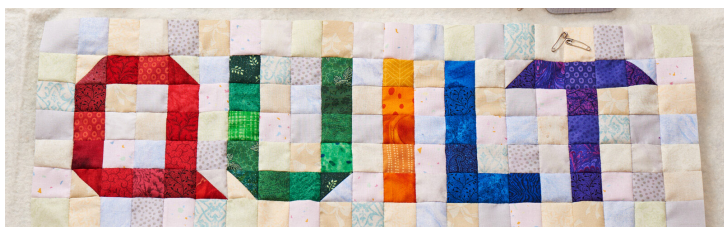
The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, Oct. 23** (note change from regular schedule)

Adjournment: at 3:14 pm.

Submitted by Valerie Ursulak, Secretary



More of the 87 placemats handed in on September 17!



NanGo Grannies Fabric Sale

The September 27 NanGo Grannies Fabric Sale was a huge success, thanks to many of you Guild members who not only donated items from your stash, but then came to shop! We are still awaiting the final amount of sales, but it is safe to say that our group will be sending over \$12,000 to the Stephen Lewis Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign. Fabric, panels and fat quarters remaining from the sale will be available at the free table at our Guild meeting. We start collecting fabric for our 2026 sale in March.

Sue Creba and Bonnie Eaton, NanGo Grannies



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Quilters' Chat Room

As the fall weather begins to cool, many of us are looking forward to spending more time working on sewing projects. Personally I need to pay attention to a growing number of unfinished quilts. While I really enjoy planning and piecing the quilt flimsy, I am less confident in quilting the quilt. The web continues to support me in finding new projects and adding to my skills. These are just a few sites to check out:

Krista Moser posts every Sunday with new ideas. Last month she showed how she lined up sashing and it was very helpful in a recent project. kristamoser.com

Have you met Jeremy from Sewing Parts Online yet? Each video demonstrates a new skill, block or technique clearly. Great if you are new or it is time to refresh your skills. sewingpartsonline.com

I just saw a Christmas table runner by Jacqueline de Jorge. The pattern is quite modern, especially for a Christmas theme. becolourful.com Unfortunately the

fabric used will not be released until next year, but I am sure you have fabric stashed that would work!

The House of Maile is a husband and wife quilting partnership who take a design and run with it in multiple colour waves. Their favourite fabrics are from the Kaffe Fassett Collective, but other lines are also used. A fan favourite on Facebook is the bordered diamonds. They are great at posting hundreds of photos. Really inspirational. [Creations from the House of Maile](#)

I am currently sitting in my room in Istanbul watching brides line up in beautiful dresses waiting for their turn for photos in a beautiful old hotel across the street while all the support teams for a Disney movie line up along the street while shooting is happening inside and a very noisy soccer game is just beginning across the street. This is all just the start of night life in a very vibrant city. Not much sewing for me, but there are patterns and blocks in every sight. Ellen Ellis ellenellis53@gmail.com

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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| <input type="checkbox"/> Raffles | <input type="checkbox"/> Placemats | <input type="checkbox"/> Block of the Month | |
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NANAIMO QUILTERS GUILD 2025-26 WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM

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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

Number of classes _____ Total Paid _____ Receipt # _____

Circle method of payment: Cash Cheque Credit E-Transfer

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