Nanaimo Quilters Guild

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NEXT MEETING:

Nov 20th 2013
Nanaimo Curling Club —
upstairs lounge 106 Wall Street
doors open at 1230p and 630p
meetings start at 1p and 7p **NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING**Thurs Nov 7th 130p at Country
Grocer — south end store.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

Bring your:

- *Cup
- *Name Tag
- *Completed Workshop registration form and fees
- *Membership renewal
- *Donation placemats and quilts
- *Show and Share
- *Change for raffle tickets
- *Food Bank donation canned goods, peanut butter

COFFEE BREAK

Thanks to all who bring treats for our break. November is for those whose last names start with E through H

MEMBERSHIP/HOSPITALITY

Please stop at the hospitality table to sign in and pick up your ticket for the name tag draw. You must be wearing your name tag in order to win. Please sign out if you leave early.

WEB LIASON

Sue Creba – Please send any photos or article for the website to:

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From our Presidents Pen

It was nice to see all of our returning members at our September guild meeting and a special welcome to all the new members. There are still a few Members who have not yet renewed their membership and we are hoping to see them soon.

We had some good suggestions regarding changes to Show and Share and the Speaker podium. We implemented some of those changes at the October meeting and this appeared to work out better. We will continue to display the quilts at the back of the room after Show and Share. Caroll and I appreciate your feedback and we will take all suggestions into consideration and try to implement if possible. I am sure there will be other minor adjustments during the next couple of months, but, I am sure it won't take long for us to settle into our new HOME.

What a terrific Garage Sale put on by our Program Committee. All 14 tables were filled with wonderful goodies, priced just right to draw the attention of anxious shoppers. Thanks to the generous donations to the Guild table, we took in a total of \$142.10. It was suggested that the proceeds from the Guild table be given to the Christmas Pot Luck and the June Picnic.

Our new cabinet to house all our coffee supplies was delivered to the Curling Club and what a wonderful job Bil Austin did. Thanks to Judy Peterson for arranging to have her husband Bil make the cabinet he also repaired the cabinet used to store our sound system.

Just a reminder, that your library books are due at the November meeting. Books taken out in November will not be due back until January Guild Meeting. Caroll and I would like to remind everyone to wear their name tags at the meetings. This helps not only the Newcomers, but also those of us who know the faces, but not always the names of Members.

For those members attending the Retreats, have a good time and happy quilting.

Lillian Charron/Caroll Rumo

Lost Item from the quilt show - Missing is one cream coloured, large plastic bowl with a flower pattern around the outside of it. The bottom has the name "Di" written in permanent ink. It was picked up from the main kitchen at the end of this past guild quilt show and was to be given back to Di Gibson. Would you all please check around your homes and see if it got packed away by mistake - she really could use it. Thanks.

NQG Guild Minutes October 16, 2013

- 1. Call to Order by Caroll Rumo @ 1300
- 2. Hospitality:

88 members present, 4 guests

New Comers Tea October 23rd from 1330-1530 @ Lynn's house inviting Exec and Heads of Committees and any others wishing to attend. Please bring goodies.

- 3. Announcements:
- a.) Program: Pat Ryan

Pat encouraged sign up for classes. Due to lack of participation the 1st one has been cancelled. Bobbi: spoke on the Jan. 6th /2014 program. She asked that everyone to sign-up under 1 of the 6 titles and bring 1-2 items to fill out the program.

b.) Raffles:

There was 2 draws, the 1st one after the Garage Sale and the 2nd will be after the Show and Share.

- c.) Retreat: Dona-Mae reminded all those who have signed up for the retreat to Please pay today as this is the last day.
- d.) Drop-off Spaces: Caroll reminded everyone that we have drop-off spaces for Membership and Nine Patch Swap.
- 4. Garage Sale: The Garage Sale was awesome with so much supplies and other stuff for sale. It was well attended and everyone seemed to have a good time shopping.

Lillian Charron told everyone that all proceeds go to Christmas Pot Luck or June Picnic and asked people registered for the Retreat to bring empty spools for the jar.

- 5: Coffee and Continued to Shop
- 6: Show and Share was limited but as always great.

2nd Raffle

7: Carroll Rumo adjourned the meeting @ 1500 and invited anyone wishing to continue to shop as long as the venders want to stay.

Submitted by: Ann Crawford

Library News October 2013

Just a reminder that ALL library materials are due back at the November meeting. All materials taken out in November will not be due until "next" year - January 2014!

Welcome to all our new members. The Guild Library is one of the best parts of joining the Guild. Please help us by returning your materials on time and keeping them safe.

If you would like to help us in the library, please stop by & we may just put you to work. It would be great if we had a few more volunteers for the evening meetings.

See you at the November meeting.

The Library Team

Programme Report

<u>GARAGE SALE</u> Thanks to all who participated. The general feeling is the sale was a success. Hope everyone got what they needed or wanted.

Our November meeting will be on the 20th and the program will be featuring Bev from Serge and Sew to give us an idea for Christmas projects. Save your allowance ladies, as there will be time to select any must have items.

<u>Mini Retreat Day</u> November 23rd. Almost full. Just a reminder this is a pot luck lunch and your will need to bring your utensil and plates and cups. Starts at 9a and goes to 4p.

If you would still like to come please give me a call at 250-245-5936 or quiltyjan@gmail.com

For our POTPOURRI TRUNK SHOW in January we've had a good response from people to participate. Still room, so give this some thought, did I mention there will be prizes. Our contact is Bobbi Moss 250-746-6517 or bobbi888@shaw.ca

A reminder for the February mini demo's. Please think about teaching your fellow quilters some of your tricks or tips. Please contact me at quiltyjan@gmail.com or phone 245-5936. or Pat Ryan at pat-ryan@shaw.ca or 250-756-0662.

There are a few spaces left in March for Magic Tiles workshop.

If you have already signed up and would like a pattern ordered for you, please let me know.

Cindy Scraba will be doing the April Workshop called "Texture without Drama. Looks really interesting. Lots of room left. Come to the program table to see a sample.

Don't forget there will be a sewing room tour in North Nanaimo in May. Filling up fast.

Janet Knecht at quiltyjan@gmail.com Thank you.



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The Food Bank (Loaves and Fishes)

Thank you to the members who remembered to bring Food Bank donations to the October meeting. Although our collection was smaller than usual, I'm sure all items will be appreciated by the recipients.

As I write, it is a beautiful sunny day; perhaps by the time you read this it will again be cold and rainy, making us think of those foods that fill up empty stomachs: beans of all types, canned chili, canned meat and fish, hearty soups, and the ever-welcome pastas and peanut butter. Any of these, or anything you can spare from your cupboards will be so welcome!

Lil Kosmider and Yvonne Jans (afternoon meeting) and Marsha Whitmee (evenings)

Placemat Committee

Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of our membership we have a very comfortable stock of placemats this year. We will be donating them to the Ladysmith Meals on Wheels, the Nanaimo Meals on Wheels, and the Mid Island Abilities Society (formerly Seniors Visiting Society). As this will still leave us with quite a few placemats we will also be donating placemats this year to the Salvation Army, for their Seniors Shut-In Christmas Dinner.

We are also still collecting Chemo hats and patterns will be available at the Placemat Committee table. I hope to have a better idea of our needs by the November meeting.

So please keep those placemats coming. They are all so beautiful and very much appreciated by those receiving them. Batting and Backing will still be available at the November meeting as well.

Placemat Committee Team Heather Henderson, Ingrid Morton, Laura Beswick and Nancy Lutes

Donations Committee Report

I hope everyone had as much fun at the garage sale as I did. Several trips around and every time I found something I could use, imagine that! A friend told me once that when she goes into her stash intending to use up some fabrics it seems that instead of shrinking, her store of fabric gets larger! I am having that same feeling these days, the more I try to use things up the more I seem to have on hand.

The good news is that our store of donation quilts is growing as well. We now have 42 quilts in the storage locker and hope to make a generous donation to the community in December. The winter distribution is especially nice because we know our warm quilts are going to make a cozy difference to needy people in the coming months.

Almost all the quilts are coming to us now with labels sewn on. We really appreciate this and are happy to have you drop by to pick up a label or two for donation quilts you have planned. Our order is in with Dog's Ear printing so our label box will be replenished by the next meeting. You are also free of course to make your own label to sew on. The words on our Guild labels are "Made with care by the Nanaimo Quilters' Guild".

That's all for this month. See you all in November, I hope all those going on retreats in the next few weeks have a lovely and productive time.

Happy sewing, Christine Hustins



October was a great success for our Nine Patch Swap, we had 35 members participate.

Here's a recap of what you do; bring in 12 identical 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches blocks in a zip lock bag with your name and phone number on the bag. I will take the bags home and exchange the blocks with 12 others so you will get 12 different nine patch blocks the next month. Participate every month or on occasional months, it's up to you to decide how often you can join in.

The corner squares and the centre squares are to be the colour of the month colour. The four other squares are a cream colour fabric. Please use 100% cotton plain or tone on tone fabric, batiks work well for this project.

The amount of fabric required for your 12 identical blocks is 15 inches of 42 inch wide coloured fabric and 12 inched of 42 inch wide cream fabric, these measurements are generous. Your fabric will be cut into 2 ½ inch strips for your blocks, five strips of coloured fabric and four strips of cream fabric. Remember to use a scant ¼ seam when sewing your block. The following web site has instructions for strip piecing nine patch blocks, www.daystyledesigns.com/9patchquiltblock

Colour for each month November Turquoise February Green April Burgundy January Purple March Rose

Each month a reminder will be in the newsletter letting you know which colour to use.

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Quilt Bee 2014

Our 15th Quilt Bee and we have a full house! Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Remember...Saturday, January 25, 2014 at the Oliver Woods Community Centre...9 to 4. Doors open at 8:30.

Quilt Bee Committee Carole Phinney, Vicki Zoltay, Marlene Jones

Christmas Pot Luck

Date: December 11th 5:30 PM - 8pm

Attention: CHANGE: Due to the Guilds own Potpourri Trunk Show by members in January there will be no Show and Share at the Christmas Pot Luck. We have substituted a Mystery Game.

Please remember to bring the following items.

Your Food Item, clearly marked if contains any allergy ingredient such as: nuts or gluten. Please bring a serving spoon and /or knife if required. Thanks. Your own eating utensils, plates, cups etc.. Food bank items. No gift exchange so please bring an extra item. Money for raffles.

Still looking for one more member to make and talk about her heritage Christmas traditional dish. Only need to speak for a minute or two. Tell us the country and the significance of the dish. Pretty simple Please contact Barbara at kerhoop@gmail.com if you are interested.

Please come and enjoy this holiday evening with your friends and fellow quilters. Arlene Ackerman will be our MC and that should be fun for sure. See you all there.

Submitted by Janet Knecht.





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Christmas Gift Bags

Again this year, we will be collecting items to make up gift bags for Nanaimo teens in need. These gift bags will go to young women and men in 4 programs at Nanaimo Youth Services; those who live in the 20 unit Waddington Youth Housing, many of them single young moms; young people living on their own in the community with support from the Supported Living Program; at risk street youth who participate in the One Stop Drop-In Program; and SCAP, a one-on-one program for young people with mulitple issues who are working to improve their lives.

Any and all of the items will be accepted at the November Guild meeting, and at the Christmas Potluck dinner.

We are looking for pillowcases (or cloth gift bags at least 9" by 12"), cash donations to help purchase additional items or any of the following suggested items:

We try to include at least these basics in each bag: bar soap or body wash, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, socks, or gloves.

Other suggestions for either gender: a warm scarf or toque, small Kleenex, small hand santizer, small notebooks, pen or pencil, gum, breath mints, candy, chips, chocolate bars, water bottles, bus passes, coupons or gift certificates for grocery stores, movies, Tim Horton's Subway, A&W, McDonald's, etc., a washcloth or hand towel.

Other items for males: deodorant, disposable razors, shaving cream, chapstick, playing cards

Other items for females: deodorant, chapstick or lip gloss, hair supplies, panty liners, disposable razors, shaving cream, emery boards, nail polish, body lotion, bath items, makeup (please no used makeup for health reasons)

The dollar stores have most of these items at affordable prices, and we welcome sample sizes of items from hotels and cosmetic counters. Any questions? Contact Sue Creba at 250-753-3371 or suecreba@aquariusd.com



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Did You Know?

Tea and Quilts



In May 2000, the *Mad Hatters' Tea Party* was held (and yes, the name came from Alice in Wonderland). Displays of the Donation Quilts, Challenge Quilts and members work lined the walls. The Tea Room offered tea and a light lunch. During the day, a 'P

In our September column we mention several "Tea Parties" that the Guild has held in the past. A few of the newer members asked what these were, and if they were the same as the New Members' Tea.

The New Members' Tea is an annual informal event, put on for the new members so they can meet the Executive and Committee members and learn more about the Guild and its many activities. The other "Teas," such as the Quilters' Sampler, the Mad Hatters' Tea Party, Small Wonders Tea Party and the Red Hat Tea Party, were one-day events put on so the public could come and see what the Guild is about and to learn about our community outreach projects.

Back in 1997, the Guild had decided not to host its' annual quilt show that year but instead would do a one-day event that the public could attend, but also it was a way to promote that the Guild would be moving into Brechin Church in the fall. The *Quilters' Sampler Open House* was held in May and featured displays of Donation Quilts, Meals-on-Wheels Placemats and the Challenge Quilts. A Boutique table offered items for sale made by members. A Quilt Registry was held with 34 quilts being registered, and in the "Teachers corner,' demonstrations on various sewing and quilting techniques took place. Tea and baked goods were served, and we sold raffle tickets on three large baskets of fabric fat quarters.

arade of Quilts' was presented. This involved draping quilts over members of the Youth Volunteer Corps, and like models in a fashion show, they walked among the tables while details of the quilt were read aloud. A quilt, "Garden of Jewels," was raffled.

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In May 2003, the *Small Wonders Tea Party* was held. This featured displays of miniature quilts (30" x 30" and smaller). Tea and a light lunch were served, and entertainment featured a piano player and a mother and daughter belly dancing display. A Guild Boutique table was available, and a 'mini' merchants' mall was held upstairs that featured four local fabric vendors selling their wares.

In May 2005, the *Red Hat Tea Party* was held. Displays included challenge quilts, donation quilts, wall hangings and small quilts. Red Hat Ladies dolls were made by several members to be used as centre pieces on the tables, which were auctioned off as a fund raiser. Upstairs featured a guilds' Boutique table, and a merchants' mall of fabric vendors was available. This event was attended by the public and four local Red Hat Clubs.

Marsha Whitmee and Greta Simmons





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Quilt Show Report

I have decided that I will stay on as Show Committee Coordinator. I am looking for two more Members to work with me and take on some of the responsibilities that go with this position. The Quilt Show Committee will continue to have meetings to implement the changes that were suggested at our wrap up meeting in August 2013. I recently sent out an email to all Committee Members and asked for feedback on a couple of main issues for the Quilt Show 2016. We are considering a 2day quilt show and the suggested date would be June 10th and 11th 2016. Also being considered is the times of the show. We are looking at FRIDAY, JUNE 10th - 10am - 8pm. SATURDAY JUNE 11th - 10am - 6pm. We would also like to have take down on SUNDAY JUNE 12th. The emails I received from Committee Members were very supportive of these two suggestions.

Caroll and I will be meeting in November with Denise at the Curling Club to go over these dates and times. Once we get the dates secured, we will then request a quote for rental of this venue. When all these specifics are completed, we will send out a notification to Merchants and Quilt Shops.

If you are interested in volunteering for a committee please contact me at meme150@shaw.ca. Lillian Charron

Quilt Show Coordinator

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Raffles

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Evening: Sandra Radly Laverna Anderson

MYSTERY FABRIC:

Afternoon: Mary Carr Evening: Lori Skerget

DOOR PRIZE:

Afternoon: Pat Ryan Evening: Pat Ryan

SHOW and SHARE:

Afternoon: Leslie Robinson Evening: Judith McLaughlin

Submitted by Debbie Van Otterloo