

Nanaimo Quilters Guild

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Next Regular Meetings:

Jan 21st, 2015
Feb 25th, 2015
Mar 25th, 2015
doors open at 12:30p & 6:30p
meetings start at 1p & 7p Nanaimo
Curling Club – upstairs lounge
106 Wall St.

Special Event:

**Christmas Pot
Luck Dec 10th,
2014 5:30 - 8:30**
(in lieu of Dec. meeting)

Next Executive Meetings:

Jan. 8th, 2015
Feb. 12th, 2015
Mar. 12th, 2015
1:30 at Chase River Country
Grocer, 82 Twelfth St.

Refreshments:

Thanks to those who brought the delicious goodies last month. Refreshments begin again in January. Members whose last names begin with the letters I, J, K, & L to bring refreshments to the January meeting. (It's okay I'll remind you closer to the time!)

Remember to bring:

- change for raffle prizes
- food bank donations
- pot luck contribution
- dishes, utensils & plastic bag for the return trip
- your singing voice?
- weather appropriate apparel for walking a little further in the parking lot
- Christmas spirit & laughter

& to take home

- your dishes to wash
- the spirit of friendship & a sense of well-being with you!

Web Liaison:

Sue Creba – Please send any photos or articles for the website to suecreba@aquariusD.com

Newsletter:

Next newsletter is January, 2014.
Submit articles to
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– 22nd each month



’Twas the night before Christmas...

From our President's pen

Stop! Is it really that time of year? Did I see frost a few days this week? Time to get weather prepared. This means that one day snow may fly and there may be a need for an e-cast advising of cancellations. So please, if you've moved in the last year; if you've changed your email address or your telephone number, Judy Peterson, judymp@shaw.ca, Membership Chairperson, needs to be advised of such. This will help us reach you either through email or by telephone if the weather is nasty.

Our November meeting was awesome. Who knew about all of those informative gems that Julie Plotniko and Kathy Schroter imparted at both afternoon and evening meetings! Is there anything about quilting they don't know! For those who were unable to join us, we missed you, and sadly, you missed an excellent presentation.

Our December meeting promises to be loads of fun. Well, not so much fun, if you forget it's an evening meeting only or to bring your dishes, utensils, and a plastic bag in which to take them home to wash. It's amazing the variety of food that appears on the tables...oh, to have a tummy large enough to sample them all! Graham will be playing Christmas music and rumour has it there will be singing. It will be a great celebration of a wonderful guild year.

Something new.....The Scrappy Bags satellite gals have volunteered to manage the Food Bank as well as Hospitality this year; thank you ladies. Thank you, also, to Lil Kosmider for her work toward the Food Bank in the past. So, here's our first "heads up"; Hospitality will need new faces come September. There are other newsworthy items in this newsletter. Please take some time, pour yourself a cup of..., and enjoy the read.

As the year draws to a close, I wish to thank everyone for their contribution to the guild. Through your efforts, be it through your quilts, visits, running errands, or speaking a kind word, we have cheered friends, lightened burdens in our community, and had a wonderful time in the process. As our various traditions look forward to a return of the light, I have to say, "We are the light, and we never left".

Best wishes and blessings to all.
Norma Steven, President

Get Well Wishes

Speedy recovery and get well wishes are being sent to Linda Campbell whose surgery is scheduled for early December. As well, we extend our wishes for good health to Pat Quinlan, a former and long-time Guild member. Our thoughts are also with our guild members who are facing serious health challenges themselves and with those caring for seriously ill loved ones.

Norma Steven

DID YOU KNOW?

Good Friends, Good Food, Good Cheer!

The December Guild meeting has traditionally been our time to sit back, relax and enjoy food and conversation with our quilting friends, both old and new.

Originally, our Christmas Pot Luck started out as a Christmas Social. In 1985, one of the members volunteered to host the social in her home. Members brought appetizers to snack on and a wrapped handmade Christmas ornament for a gift exchange.

In 1987, a room was rented at Beban Park and featured a Pot Luck Dinner and ornament exchange. This was also the first time non-perishable food items were collected. The donation went to the Salvation Army.

When the Guild moved to the Community Services Building in 1991, it was decided to hold the Pot Luck Dinners at the hall. Members were encouraged to bring Christmas theme quilts and wall hangings to decorate the hall and for show and share.

In 1995, the Program Committee issued a "Pretty Placemat Challenge." Members were encouraged to make a Christmas placemat that would be judged at the Pot Luck Dinner. The 49 entries were then donated to Meals on-Wheels to be distributed along with their clients Christmas meals. This was the first placemat donation.

In 2001, it was decided to break with tradition and try something different. The Pot Luck Dinner was moved to January and held at the Wellington Hall. The theme was a *Hawaiian Luau* and members were encouraged to wear their most exotic tropical print clothes. The December meeting was a workshop to make gift bags.

Members brought their sewing machines and made 5" x 8" drawstring bags that were filled with small gifts and toiletries. At the end of the day 147 bags had been made and filled. A large amount of non-perishable food for hampers had been collected. It was decided to give half of the food and 100 gift bags to Nanaimo Family Life for families in need, and the remaining food and 47 gift bags went to Haven House.

In 2002, a bus trip to Victoria was organized which included a dinner and a tour of Butchart Gardens Christmas Light Up. The December meeting was used to make gift bags for 5-Acres Alternative School, and collect food for food hampers. Members also participated in a cookie and ornament exchange. The Pot Luck was held in January at the Wellington Hall.

In 2005, the Pot Luck Dinner was followed by an "Ugly Fabric" auction. The funds raised (\$244.00) was donated to the Local 7-10 Club to help with Christmas hampers.

In 2006, the Pot Luck Dinner was followed by "Quilt Bingo" with the bingo cards made with fabric pieced blocks from the pattern in *Fons & Porter* (September 2006) magazine. Afterwards the cards were donated to Comfort Quilts (as it was called then) to make donation Quilts. This popular game was repeated in 2007, and in 2008 with the blocks that year going to the Haven House Quilt Bee.

In 2010, the Pot Luck Dinner included a scavenger hunt, door prizes, raffle prizes and a voluntary gift exchange. This was the first year that Graham Gates provided musical entertainment.

December 2012 Pot Luck Dinner provided punch and warm apple cider to get the evening started. The ladies from Brechin Church were very helpful and much appreciated.

In 2013, the Pot Luck dinner was held in our new venue at the Nanaimo Curling Club. Once again Graham Gates provided music and Liz Simonson led everyone in a sing along.

Our 2014 Pot Luck Dinner will again include Graham Gates providing musical entertainment. Thank you, Graham for sharing your music with us for 5 years.

Marsha Whitmee and Greta Simmons History Committee



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Library News

*Wishing everyone all the best of the Christmas Season
and the New Year.*

See you in 2015....

Thank you for your continued support.

The Library Team

Raffles

Mystery Fabric:

Afternoon: Heather Robertson

Evening: Julie Plotniko

Show & Share:

Afternoon: Avril Valentine

Evening: Joan Irving

Raffles:

Afternoon: Dorothy Baumel, Karen Shook, Shirley Herritt, Cherry Patten, Ann Hutchinson, Arlene Sanders.

Evening: Nancy Lutes, Val Ansell, Heather Henderson

Door Prize:

Afternoon: Caroll Rumo

Evening: Greta Cimmons

We would like to thank the generous donations from: Val Ursulak, Sue Creba, Leslie Robinson and Bonnie Dormuth.

Don't forget to bring your change to buy lots of Raffle and Mystery Fabric tickets in our next meeting in December. We will have only one meeting, so more opportunities to win.

Hugs,
Maggie

SPCA DOG (AND CAT) BEDS

As I stand in my sewing room, barely able to move through the bags of fabric scraps, I want to thank you all for being so good at collecting your scraps and bringing them in to have another life as dog (and cat) bed stuffing. I have made 8 beds since yesterday and still there is a huge pile of scraps - backlog from the several months I was away. I took four beds in to the SPCA yesterday and by the end of the day I should have another dozen or so to take to them - they are grateful to receive them.

Just a few reminders on what can and can't be donated to this cause:

YES:

Fabric scraps; batting scraps; t-shirts (with necks and arm bands cut out); soft clothing (ONLY if all buttons, collars, cuffs and any other hard bits are removed and the remainder cut into pieces); sheets & other fabric homewares (ONLY if cut into about 10" squares, otherwise they ball up into big lumps). Yes also to large pieces of drapery weight fabric (ugly is okay) which is used for the outside casing.

NO:

Pins, needles, paper, tear-away, dryer sheets; the shiny backed stuff used in potholders; parts of your husband's underwear; empty thread spools, bobbins, buttons, pills, cookies, kleenex, parts of jeans, etc etc....YES, I have found all of these things in the scrap bags. Please go through your scraps before you hand them in - it is imperative that no foreign objects find their way into the dog bags. I don't want to discourage you from saving your scraps, but I hope you don't mind doing this one extra step please and thank you!!



Ginnie Thompson (and some happy dogs)

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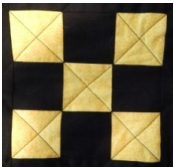
Well another Homewood Retreat is over, we had Great weather, some of the ladies got out on the water in canoes, and some wonderful photos were obtained. Many quilts and other beautiful projects were completed and hung with pride for all to see. At last year's Retreat a challenge was put forward to the ladies to bring a poppy block, to be put into an Honour Quilt, the quilt was assembled at Retreat, quilted by Ginette Schewe. This year around Remembrance Day we presented the quilt to Corp. William Burwood It was a night to remember, Corp. Burwood is a member of the Canadian Scottish Regiment "B" Company. He was deployed to Afghanistan and spent his 55th Birthday in Kandahar. He is now 61 and retired from the Forces. His Father and Grandfather were in the Canadian Forces also.

The Poppy Quilt was presented to Corp. Burwood in the drill hall, in front of his B Company troops. It was very touching and a proud moment to see these burly men holding the quilt for the Corporal. In the Mess Hall Corp Burwood shared several stories with us. Other higher ranking Officers came in to congratulate him, and they also shared stories.



It was an Evening to Remember and I am glad that I was there.

Dona-Mae



Black Nine Patch Swap

WOW!!! We had 32 participant is our nine patch swap in November. I continue to be delighted with the response from our Guild members.

This year you have the opportunity to join in a Nine Patch Swap. If you participate every month you will have 72 nine patch blocks of six different colours ready for a quilt.

Here's what you do, bring in 12 identical 6 ½ 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**, in a jewel tone. The four other squares are a **true dark black fabric**. **Serge & Sew** and **Snip and Stitch** both carry Robert Kaufman Kona for approximately \$14.00 per meter and Maywood Black Magic for approximately \$10.75 per meter. I took a look at Fabricland but their black cottons are a blue/black rather than a true black. Kathy of **Snip & Stitch** has offered a discount if you mention that you are purchasing fabric for this project. Please use 100% cotton plain or tone on tone fabric, batiks work well for this project. Please, no printed fabrics.

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 black 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 black fabric. The following web site has instruction for strip piecing nine patch blocks, <http://www.daystyledesigns.com/9patchquiltblock.htm>

January	Orange	February	Green
March	Purple	April	Yellow

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

Sherry Drebnicki

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An Introduction to the Quilt Show Virgin

A new subcategory is being added, that of Quilt Show Virgin (QSV) to the 2016 Material Magic Quilt Show. A QSV is a Nanaimo Quilters Guild member in good standing who has never entered a quilt in a quilt show anywhere. This does not include, for example, a Fall Fair where quilts are a minor part of the event. A list of QSV's will be generated from the Call To Entry form and a winner of this category, determined by a DRAW, will receive a prize, to be determined, and a special ribbon. With the addition of this subcategory we hope that more members will enter their works into the show. SO, please hang on to one of your quilts or arrange that a recipient of your work will lend it back to you so it can be hung in the show.

Judith McLaughlin
Chair, Ballot Committee

Quilt Bee Report

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all members who donated 10 inch squares! We were able to make a number of kits, many of which have now gone home with our members to be transformed into lovely quilts for Haven House.

We have now filled all 18 teams. Don't forget that you can pick up your backing at any time and the batting for the 45x60 in quilt is available at the January meeting as well as the day of the Bee.

We are happy to take names for a waiting list since January is in the middle of cold and flu season. The committee is looking for one more helper to take photographs of our event on January 31. If this is something you would like to do, please phone or email one of us.

Carole Phinney
Marlene Jones
Nancy Lute

December Program Report



UFO Lunch

Our recent program entitled Battings and Stabilizers was very well received. To quote our president Norma Steven: "it was very informative, well presented, and very engaging". Kathy and Julie (from Snip and Stitch) did an excellent job on educating many or maybe all of us. Who knew there were so many different types for so many different purposes! There is no program scheduled for December. The November UFO workshop was, as always, a lot of fun.

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Many projects were started, continued, or finished. The potluck lunch was up to its usual incredibly high standards. Special thanks to Angels Barbara Waine, Ginnie Thompson and Gina Dingwell for collecting and setting up the equipment, making the tea and coffee, setting out the lunch and just generally keeping us on track.

All upcoming workshops still have spaces available. Don't delay too long in making a decision to attend one or more of them. We may be opening up registration to other guilds early in the new year to ensure our classes are near or at capacity. We will not, however, be taking registrations at the December Christmas Dinner. If there is something you are interested in taking please contact Robin Barker at wrbarker@shaw.ca. If you prefer to mail your registration in there are forms available for downloading from the Guild webpage.

Thank you to the members who submitted suggestions last month. We will be reviewing them at our next meeting. More suggestions are always welcome.

Pat Ryan
Program Committee

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Nanaimo Quilt Guild Meeting

November 19, 2014 Call to Order: President, Norma Steven welcomed all in attendance at 13:30

- She noted that Barbara Root has generously donated items left over from The Pacific WestCoast Guild inventory- for gifting **free
- "Time for Colour" CQA Exhibit has been at the Kaleidoscope Quilt Co. At the Whippetree Junction, Duncan .
- Norma noted that she has a blue rain jacket left behind at the last Guild meeting.

- At last year's retreat at Homewood on Quadra Island, the members attending were asked to submit a block featuring poppies. Mr. William Burg, retired soldier was presented with the quilt at a special presentation. He was thrilled and the quilt was treated with great respect by his fellow soldiers.

HOSPITALITY:

Afternoon: Sue Creba

Sue reported that we had 79 members attending our meeting and had 4 guests welcomed. Special Guests Kathy Schroeder and Julie Plotniko (Guild Member) from Snip and Stitch were in attendance for presentation on Batting and Stabilizers Evening: Greta Simmons

Greta reports that there were 28 members signed in

Special Guests Kathy and Julie were present for their talk on Batting and Stabilizers

Afternoon: A motion to approved the minutes as published in the newsletter was made by Judith Mclaughlin and seconded by Barb Root. **Carried**

Evening: A motion to approve the minutes as published in the newsletter was made by Marsha Whitmee and seconded by Nancy Lutes. **Carried**

TREASURER: Lija Bane

A report was read by Lija and accepted by membership.

CORRESPONDANCE: Ann Crawford

- Red Barn: Duncan/Courtenay and Campbell River is now offering a 10% discount off on all Non-sale stock
- Hobbs Quilting Batting Promotion: Darlene Potts at Creative Quilting is offering a great deal with bolts of Batting. Order by Nov.30th by calling 250-746-8033 or e-mail @ creativequilting@telus.net
- Thank-you from Nanaimo Curling Center Halloween Bonspiel Committee:
Thanks for the donation of the Quilt for the "Draw to the Button" Contest.
- Parksville Quiltinghouse Quilters are having a show in the Spring 2015 and is advising that paid Membership is required by November 30th to enter a quilt in their show.

CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS: Sue Creba

Sue noted that there is a generous donation of gift bags and cash for Christmas and members can still donate at the Christmas Pot luck

DONATION QUILTS: Liz Simonson

On behalf of the Donation Quilts i would like to thank everyone how has donated quilts this fall. We have an amazing array of beautiful quilts to pass on to all the agencies before Christmas. We will be accepting quilts at our Christmas pot luck Dinner,so any unfinished donations will be happily received at that time. We have had a request a few days ago from VIHA Parent Child Services. They were wondering if the Guild could produce some small quilted stockings to hold toiletries, gloves etc. They would need about 20. I do think this request is too late for this year, but perhaps could be considered for next year. They of course will receive some of our baby quilts, and any others that they need. We have lots of batting, backing material and labels available at our table each month. Again many thanks for all of your donations.

FOOD BANK: Norma

Norma reported at Lil Kosmider is unable to continue in this position and is currently looking for a volunteer to replace. The **Hospitality Committee** has offered to replace Lil. Thank-you noted from Norma.

QUILT BEE: Carole Phinney

Notes that she is still collecting 10" squares. There are quilt kits but they don't include sashing and borders. There is still room for some teams. Call Carole cphinney@telus.net or 250-247-8437 to book your team.

QUILT SHOW: Judith Mclaughlin

Judy notes that there will be a new section "Quilt Show Virgin" it will be for any member who has never entered a quilt show. Please don't give all your quilts away or make sure there is a return policy for the show. There will be a draw with all their names in a pot.

CQA: Christine Hustins

Christine reports that CQA is counting inches quilted until the end of June,2015 Measure the perimeter of all quilted items and submit the measurements to Christine. She also notes that there is a pattern for Tablet bags on the CQA site. Anyone wanting to donate a bag please give them to Christine.

LIBRARY: Linda Addison

Linda notes that she found a "N" in among the books returned, anyone missing this item can pick it up at the library table. Note that there is no Library in December so any books checked out now will be due back in January, 2015 President Norma also asked membership to check NQG website for update for e-cast in case of poor weather, for the Pot Luck Dinner

NINE PATCH SQUARES: Sherry Drebnicki

Sherry notes that there is a good response for the black 9 patch, she wants to remind everyone that the Colour should be in the outer 4 corners that means that there should be 5 colour and 4 black squares and The finished size of the blocks should finish at 6 ½ inch square.

PROGRAM: Bobbi Moss

Bobbi notes that we are light on signups for the Arched Attic Window Class to be held in Feb.2015, Currently only 4 members have signed up. Please consider this class to prevent cancelling it.

Barb Waine introduced Kathy and Julie from Snip and Stitch and welcomed them to the Quilt Guild Meeting and noted their accomplishments. Julie gave a talk about Batting and Stabilizers. Very informative and useful information about the different types of batting and stabilizers given. Thank you to both Kathy and Julie for a great talk.

MEMBERSHIP: Bonnie Dimity

Bonnie notes that receipts and printed name tags are available to those who have paid their dues. She also noted that we have 2 new members.

NOTE:

- There is a LOOM for Sale from Ev's Gabriola Island group call 250-758-8640 if interested.
- Sue Creba noted that she received an e-mail from Sarah who wants a Quilted Christmas Stocking for her child and was wondering if anyone at the Guild would be interested in making one for her. She will pay for it. Call Sue at 250-753-3371 for information.

RAFFLES: Maggie Pickard

Mystery Fabric: Afternoon: Heather Robertson

Evening: Julie Plotniko

Show and Share: Afternoon: Avril Valentine

Evening: Joan Irving

Raffles:

Afternoon: Dorothy Baumel, Karen Shook, Shirley Herritt, Cherry Patten, Ann Hutchinson, Arlene Sanders

Evening: Nancy Lutes, Val Ansell, Heather Henderson

Door Prize:

Afternoon: Caroll Rumo Evening: Greta Simmons

We would like to thank the generous donations from Val Ursulak, Sue Creba, Leslie Robinson and Bonnie Dormuth

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 1515 by President, Norma.

Submitted by:

Ann Crawford, secretary NQG



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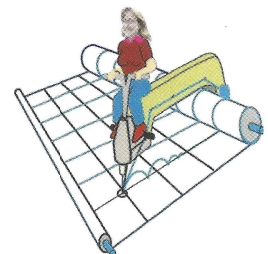
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CQA Report, November 2014

CQA's Quilt Canada biannual conference is coming up in June 2015 in Lethbridge, Alberta. Those who have spent time in Lethbridge will understand how the show came to be named Blown Away. Guilds are again being challenged to quilt our way across Canada by measuring the perimeter inches of items we quilt from September 2014 to June 2015. I will have a jar at each Guild meeting and encourage you all to measure and contribute your quilted inches to this fun challenge. The goal is to reach 197 million inches, the distance from St Catherines ON to Lethbridge AB. Our guild collected 12,000 inches at the November meetings.

NQG has contributed \$250 to CQA to be used as part of the Added Purse prize money in the upcoming show. In supporting this show we also support the talented quilters we have in our guild who enter their work, some of whom are past CQA winners.

At the afternoon meeting I showed members a sample of the tablet bag to be used as a gift to banquet guests at the Lethbridge conference. Guilds across Canada have been invited to make bags to send to CQA for these prizes. I will be sending a couple on behalf of our guild and would be happy to send more if anyone would like to make an extra tablet bag for this event. It is a quick and easy pattern available on the CQA blog page, <http://www.canadianquilter.com/pdf/quilt-canada-2015/QC2015-gift-bag.pdf>

I will also have a few patterns with me at the meetings if anyone would like one. These bags will need to be sent off by mid March so that gives us time to get some together.

The It's Time For Colour show will be travelling about the country between now and June, with a sampling of the talents of

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CQA members, including two members of the Nanaimo Quilters' Guild. The CQA home page has a tab you can click on to read about this and view a gallery of these quilts if you haven't had a chance to see them. They will be on display at the show in June, and proceeds of their sale will go to the The Children's Wish Foundation.

There is so much information on the CQA website for those who would like to know more of what goes on in the organization. It is worth going there for a look and if you are like me you will find yourself drawn in to the enthusiasm and volume of information available.

Here is the starting page to make it even easier for you...

<http://www.canadianquilter.com/> CQA's quarterly Canadian Quilter magazine is also available in our library.

Until next time, please keep measuring your quilting work and feel free to email your inches to me if that is easier for you.

Christine Hustins, chustins@shaw.ca

Christmas Gift Bags

Thank you to all the Guild members who made pillowcases and cloth bags, brought items and made donations at our November meeting for this year's Christmas gift bags for young people at Nanaimo Youth Services. Once again, I am overwhelmed with your generosity. You have provided 5 large boxes of stocking stuffers, 30 pillowcases and bags, and \$415 in cash to help purchase more items!

Items will continue to be accepted at the Christmas Potluck dinner. For a list of items needed, please see page 5 of our November newsletter. The directions for sewing 'burrito' style pillowcases are in our September 2011 newsletter on page 6,

available in the newsletter section of our website. If you have any questions, or would like to drop off items before December 10, please call or email me. Sue Creba 250-753-3371 suecreba@aquariusd.com

Christmas Pot Luck Reminders

This year's pot luck will have the same format as last year. Graham Gates will do the music, and Arlene will lead us as the MC. There will be plenty of door prizes, raffle prizes as well as a few games. Again, no gift exchange..... better to fill up the food bank. Thanks.

The Christmas Party committee will do the set up. Thank you to all the volunteers in the past, we've got it covered.

We encourage you to bring a seasonal 'Show and Share'. If you have a seasonal ethnic food or story to tell, please send Arlene an email and let her know: parmal@shaw.ca.

If the weather doesn't cooperate, we'll send an emergency e-mail to you all.

If you question the weather and have not heard from someone, please call a member of the executive before heading out.

LIST OF THINGS TO BRING:

- ★ Food bank contribution
- ★ Wear your Christmas finery. Just maybe you'll be rewarded
- ★ Seasonal Show & Share
- ★ Pot luck dish (please mark with gluten, nut or any allergy concerns)
- ★ Plate, cup, utensils, and serving spoon for your pot luck dish
- ★ Money for raffle tickets
- ★ Please put a name label on your pot luck container and serving spoon
- ★ Wear your Christmas finery. Dress well re prizes (just sayin'...)
- ★ Warm up your singing voice

Try not to come too early. Prepare to have some fun!

Any Questions please give Janet Knecht a call (250) 245-5936

