

Nanaimo Quilters Guild

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Next Executive Meeting

will be announced

Newsletter Deadline

December 21

Satellite Groups

Quilting camaraderie in the absence of guild meetings - and beyond!

Satellite quilting groups meet to socialize, support, inspire or just have lunch. Once we are safely able to get together in small groups, and you are interested in forming a satellite group, please contact Nadine at nqg.satellite@yahoo.ca

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 below:

<https://www.facebook.com/Nanaimo-Quilters-Guild-118598632009213/>

Guild Website

The password for the Members Only section of our website will remain the same in 2020/2021. A reminder that it is printed on the back of your membership card, and new members will be given the password when they join. If you have something of interest for our Guild web site, please send it to Sue Creba at smcreba@gmail.com

Good News!

It's the season for good news and I'm sure we all could use some. But let me begin by wishing everyone happy holidays and a safe new year.

As some may know, our co-chairs, Ethyle and Elaine have recently stepped down. Just prior to that, our Treasurer, Pam McAleer, moved out of the area and has tendered her resignation as well. Please join me in thanking them for their hard work and commitment during very challenging times. As 1st Vice-President, I have stepped in to fill the interim Presidency and Lija Bane has graciously stepped in as an appointed interim Treasurer. So that's good news. That is to say, things are under control as best they can be, given that nothing seems to be as it was.

Some more good news is that our ace Program Committee has been offering some excellent programs via Zoom. They even have a NQG Christmas party planned! See more about that in this Newsletter. Like many organizations, we are figuring out ways to re-invent ourselves for the moment.

Lastly but certainly not least, we have a healthy membership of 125 members and counting. This is something to celebrate considering how difficult it is for organizations to carry on in these times.

With the good news that there may be a vaccine on the horizon, we can say we are "ALMOST THERE" to having things back to something like what we knew. It is not unreasonable to expect that we will be able to have an AGM sometime in 2021.

All that said, it is equally apparent that we are not entirely THERE yet. As you will see from Christine's Past President's report below, key Guild positions need to be filled. In order to continue, we still need you. Make 2021 your opportunity to do something entirely new. You will be working with creative, inventive women and that is really good news. *Yours, Bonnie Eaton, Acting President*

Past President's Report

Hi everyone, your Past President checking in to ask you to please keep Nominations in mind for the coming year, when we are able to meet again. Let's try to be ready when the time comes....truly, we will need the help of members more than ever to pick up and carry on with all the work and benefits of having a local quilters' guild.

The big jobs to be considered (not necessarily most time consuming but essential to us being allowed to have this non-profit society), are

President/Co-Presidents Treasurer

After this we have need of

First and possibly Second Vice President Challenge Co-ordinator
Coffee committee, all positions available, great job for a satellite group.
Donation Committee evening helper

These are the jobs needed to complete this year. A President and/or Treasurer would be welcome to begin anytime, but most of the jobs available won't be necessary until we have meetings again. After the end of our guild year it will all begin again.

Please keep thinking of us. We are thinking of you and can't wait to get back to having regular meetings, programs, show and share and places to donate the quilts we've been making in these quiet months.

Take care everyone and see you on the other side of this moment in time.

Christine Hustins, Past President

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2020/2021 Guild Program

Happy December Ladies! The Committee has had some exciting times this past month arranging presentations for our new reality. And while this is true, we'd love to hear of any other interesting presenters of whom you may know. In the meantime, we hope you'll have fun and be inspired with what we have organized.

Procrastinators' Showcase

As much as we are thankful for the Internet, email, Zoom, and Facebook, all of which help us carry on during this pandemic, there are always a few glitches that pop up. Unfortunately, one of those problems was experienced by Greta Simmons' entry. Her work, as always, is lovely and the committee thought that we shouldn't be the only ones to have seen her artistry. Take a look at the showcase of Greta's prolific work (on page 3). Currently, her farm quilt is being quilted, so we've included a reminder of that pattern. Enjoy!

Summer Moon - Block of the Month

The deadline of November 15 saw one member, Lija Bane, complete the project. Take a look at her work! (page 5) If you missed the deadline, perhaps submitting your Summer Moon quilt could be an entry for next year's Procrastinators' Showcase!

Scrap Happy and Fat Quarter Friendly Zoom Presentation November 16

What a fun evening with Carola Russell from Chilliwack. Her refreshingly, unique modern way of featuring scraps and using FQ's stirred lots of creative possibilities. Thank you everyone who "showed up"; seeing you made the evening doubly enjoyable.

Zooming for Christmas Get-Together December 16 from 7:00 pm

This year the Program committee has magically morphed into Santa's Elves and are looking forward to sharing some fun and good times with you. Yes, we'll miss our potluck meal and party, but we're safe at home, in a comfy chair with a glass of our favourite _____. (You can fill in the blank so that your beverage remains your secret).

In no particular order, here are some of the evening's activities.

A slide show: Let's enjoy our December Show & Share with your help. Please submit some photos of your favourite seasonal quilt, wall hanging, place mat, table runner, craft etc. to Kathleen Kane by December 13. The email address to use is: ContactKKane@gmail.com

Receipt of your photos will be acknowledged with an email from Kathleen. If you don't receive a confirming email, feel free to telephone Kathleen.

Quilto: A version of Bingo will be played. We've provided a game card for your use in the newsletter (on page 11). Instead of numbers, we've prepared a list of quilt block names (page 12). Before the meeting, fill in each blank space with a quilt

block name that you chose from the provided list. For example, under the column for QU, select and write in five quilt block names from the list of twelve given in the QU section. Do the same for the I section, selecting blocks that are from the list of twelve under the I. Do this until all spaces on the Quilto sheet have been filled. Prizes will be awarded.

Seasonal Regalia: Let's dress for the occasion...a seasonal face mask; a fun sweater; a Christmas/Chanukah hat. And, yes, we'll be able to see each other's finery!

And More – We hope you'll enjoy this surprise we've planned!

Upcoming Zoom Presentations

Wednesday, January 20, 2021 7:00 pm Studio Magnificent by Brandy Maslowski

Brandy explores clearing clutter, organizing your stash, and managing your creative space. She inspires with tips on storage and ideas to make your space a creative sanctuary that brings you more joy and less overwhelm.

Monday, February 22, 2021 7:00 pm "Get Your Motor Running" by Melissa Marginet

Learn how to spark creativity in yourself or in your guild with challenges that will have everyone thinking outside the box. This trunk show has more ideas than you will know what to do with to get everyone learning new techniques and building quilting and creative confidence.

Wednesday, March 17, 2021 7:00 pm "Japan's Quilt History" by Teresa Duryea Wong

Surprise! We're not going to Ireland for St. Patrick's Day; we're going international! We'll be travelling in cyber space to a different country to learn and see something completely new for our guild members! Stay tuned...we're very excited about this quilt lecture.

Do You Have a Fear of Zoom?

No, this isn't a guest presentation, but if you're reluctant to give Zoom a try, the Program Committee is happy to try to help you with this technology. Why miss out because of Covid-19 and the lack of in-person meetings? We'd love to have you enjoy the virtual presentations we've arranged using the Zoom platform. Feel free to contact either Kathleen Kane or Norma Steven.



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Greta Simmons'
Procrastinators'
Showcase Quilts*



Placemats

We took in 18 placemats on Wednesday, November 18th at the curling rink parking lot. So, we will have 228 placemats and 84 teas cozies available for Christmas giving to Meals on Wheels in Ladysmith and Nanaimo, and the Salvation Army for their Christmas Hampers. I am sure they will all be appreciated as usual and maybe even more so during this pandemic. I will not be collecting placemats at the Curling Rink in December or January as it will likely be very cold and perhaps snowing. I will try to be there on February 17, 2021, weather permitting. I still have some pre-cut 13" X 19" batting available.

Hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a Happy 2021. (I think there will be a lot of people asking Santa for an end to this pandemic for Christmas).

Your Placemat Committee, Heather, Norma and Maureen

Wanted: Good Used Sewing Machine

I am looking for a good sewing machine to begin quilting again, with these features: needle down, a variety of stitches including straight and some for regular sewing (15-20) plus a few quilting features but not too many that I get overloaded. Well built and preferably less plastic than some of the newer models in fact, an old mechanical one would suit me just fine as long as it was in good working order and repairable.

Sharon Kofoed 250-753-5381 sharonkofoed@shaw.ca



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Donation Quilts

Thank you to everyone who braved the rain on Wednesday, November 18 at the Curling Rink parking lot (see the photo below). We received 6 quilts which will be safely stored until our next delivery. We will not be meeting in December 2020 or January 2021 but will meet again at the Curling Club parking lot on February 17, 2021 – weather permitting.

Thank you to Lois Anderson for taking a quilt sandwich to be quilted.

Sandy Dobson donated a quilt made from the donated African fabric panel. Please see the photo of Sandy with her donation quilt in the curling club parking lot (below). There is more of the panel available if someone is in need of a project.

Several guild members stopped by to go through the totes of quilting fabric and sewing notions donated to the guild by the family of Valerie Wilson. Other members picked up books that were requested from the email sent November 17. Among the requested books was the book Jewel Box Quilt – Quilt in A day. Unfortunately, this book was mistakenly picked up by someone other than the person who had requested it and I would like to get it to her. Please contact me at patclements@shaw.ca to arrange the transfer of the book.

Bonnie and Pat would like to wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas. We look forward to 2021 with hope and thankfulness for the many positive things in life.

Bonnie Dormuth & Pat Clements, Donation Quilts Committee



Above: A rainy November 18 in the Curling Club parking lot.

Right: Sandy Dobson's donation quilt.

Below: Lija Bane's Summer Moon quilt (see Program article on page 2)



Library

Hope everyone is safe and well.

If you're looking for a sewing book for yourself or as a gift, here's one that I recently purchased for myself and would highly recommend it. It is written by Bernie Tobisch, a retired sewing machine repairman from Vancouver. His first book is in our guild library.

He has now published a new, smaller compact version that will fit comfortably in your sewing bag and is a must take-a-long with your sewing machine.

Title: Sewing Machine Reference Tool: ... a troubleshooting guide to loving your sewing machine... Again! By Bernie Tobisch.

It has all the info you need to resolve common issues for stress-free sewing, a trouble shooting chart, solutions for presser-foot problems, needles, threaders, buttonholes & much more. Well worth the price! Check the quilt shops or Amazon.

From all of the Guild Library Team to all of you have a Great "New Normal" Christmas and a "New Normal" Happy New Year....

Stay safe, stay well and wear a mask! *Linda Addison*

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Quilt Bee

On Wednesday November 18, I delivered the balance of the 2020 quilts to Haven House. The total for this year was 101. They were as always awed by the amount and how beautiful they all were. The House will be using the quilts as part of their Christmas programs. All will be warm and cozy.

Thank you again for all your hard work.

As most of you know I have been at the Curling Rink parking lot on guild days from 12 noon till 2 o'clock handing out backing, batting and kits. **I will NOT be there in December or January due to Covid numbers and the weather.** If you are desperate for anything give me a call and I can arrange supplies for you.

I am also starting to collect quilts for next year. We have 12 so far. I will take your Bead Bags also if need be.

I know some of you have been enjoying the Zoom presentations. Kudo's to the program committee. Kathleen Kane has suggested that we do a Zoom Quilt Bee. What do you think? Obviously we wouldn't go 6 hours perhaps only 3 hours with sew and chat for the first hour, eat lunch in front of the screen with a virtual show and share for the last hour. Just throwing this out there to see what you think. PS For those of you who don't have the Zoom set up, this will give you time to get a neighbour kid in to help set you up. Let me know your thoughts.

Have a good winter, stay well and sew lots. Dare I say on behalf of the Christmas pot luck gang, Merry Christmas everyone. See you all next year. Thanks.

Janet Knecht quiltyjan@gmail.com or 1-250-245-5936



Membership

We continue to receive membership renewals, by mail and by email. Thank you! We currently have 125 members who have renewed for 2020/2021.

The membership form is in this newsletter and also separately on the guild website islandquilters.ca under the Membership tab at the top of the page. We also have a membership form that can be filled out online. Scroll down until you see Fillable pdf Membership form. That is the fillable one.

We now also have the option of paying by e-transfer. You can e-transfer your membership fee by sending funds to: membershipnqg@gmail.com

The cheque method is still an option by mailing to Nanaimo Quilters Guild, PO Box 943, Nanaimo, BC V9R 5N2.

Both payment methods still require sending in your membership form. You can email your filled in pdf form to membershipnqg@gmail.com or mail to Nanaimo Quilters Guild, PO Box 943, Nanaimo, BC V9R 5N2

Remember membership fees are now \$15 and if you need the newsletter mailed it is an additional \$15.

Honorary members (80 years of age and older) are exempt from fees.

We will not be mailing receipts or membership cards at this time.

Take care, stay safe and quilt on!

Laura Beswick & Barb Kerfoot, Membership

Below left: Janet Knecht and Bonnie Dormuth delivering Quilt Bee donation quilts to Haven House on November 18



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Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year !



News from CQA/ACC

As with so many organizations and activities, CQA is adapting to carry on as best they can to provide some fun activities, access to gorgeous quilts for us to see and some challenges for members and non-members. All while keeping our distance from each other as we have to do these days.

Following is a list, from the CQA newsletter, of activities for us to take part in to share the quilting fun.....

CQA/ACC has several activities for you to join ...

* Purchase your TrendTex fabric bundle for the 2021 TrendTex Challenge – Friendship. Purchase your fabric kit on the website here

<https://canadianquilter.com/product/trendtex-quilters-challenge-2021/>

* Mentor a young quilter in the 2021 CQA/ACC Youth Challenge – BFF (Best Friends Forever). Order your fat quarter of fabric from our President, Jane Cramer, by emailing her at

jane.cramer@canadianquilteradministration.com

* Join in on the 2021 CQA/ACC 40th Anniversary Mystery Quilt – An Incidental Refraction and then go to the newly formed Facebook group dedicated to this project to share and connect with others. See below for more details.

* Join the Row of the Month Quilt Along

<https://canadianquilter.com/news/new-row-of-the-month-quilt-along/> for members and non-members. The monthly pattern will be found on our website and promoted on the Canadian Quilters Association - Quilting Projects Facebook group. Be sure to check on this fun and free quilt along.

* **2021 TrendTex Challenge – Friendship**

* **2021 CQA/ACC Youth Challenge – BFF (Best Friends Forever)**

* **2021 CQA/ACC 40th Anniversary Mystery Quilt – An Incidental Refraction**

Until next time everyone, stay safe and keep quilting!

Christine Hustins, CQA Liaison

Thank you from Hospital Foundation

On behalf of the Nanaimo and District Hospital Foundation Board of Directors, we would like to sincerely thank you for your recent gift of the many beautiful quilts for Dufferin Place, VI SCAN and the Paediatrics Department. Your thoughtful support helps us to provide the best healthcare possible for our communities. We cannot express our appreciation enough! Thank for for your kind generosity.

Sincerely, *Janice Perrino, CEO, Nanaimo and District Hospital Foundation, October 14, 2020*

Handwritten note at the bottom of the above letter:

Never stop your work -
We can't live without
you!
From all of us,
Thank you

Below: thank you letter from our bursary recipient

Dear Christine Hustins,

I would like to thank you for the scholarship that I received. It means a lot to me and my family. This award will be put to good use as I begin my post-secondary education at Thompson Rivers University.

My future plans are to pursue a degree in business. When I finish my schooling, I hope to either open my own business or work in marketing.

Either way, I plan to continue sewing and to use my passion for sewing, and incorporate it into my business ideas.

Once again, I would like to thank you for making this award available to me. It will greatly assist me as I pursue my post-secondary goals.

Many thanks,
Nadine Arkell



Nanaïmo Quilters' Guild

Membership Registration Form 2020 / 2021 year

Name _____ Membership # _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ Postal Code _____

Email _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____

Are you a new member? _____ Have you ever been a member in the past? _____

I attend the day ☐ and/or evening ☐ meetings.

I wish to have the Guild Newsletter delivered by: regular mail (\$15) ☐ online ☐

Are you an **Honorary Member?** ☐ (over 80 years of age)

As an honorary member, I wish to continue to receive information/newsletters from the Guild.

Yes, I do ☐ No, please just retain my membership ☐

Year of 80th birthday _____

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

X

Print Name _____

Signature _____

Areas in which I am willing to volunteer:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality | <input type="checkbox"/> June Picnic | <input type="checkbox"/> Library | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Raffles | <input type="checkbox"/> Placemats | <input type="checkbox"/> Executive | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Do you have an **expertise** you could present at a program or workshop? _____

Are you a snowbird? Yes / No, if yes when are you away _____

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Print this page to play

For instructions, see page 2 in the Program Report (or page 12)

For Quilt Block selections to fill in your Quilto Card, see over (page 12)

Quilto Block Names

QU

Dresden Plate
Seesaw
Mexican Star
Chinese Coins

Gentleman's Fancy
Underground Railroad
Sunbonnet Sue
Turkey Tracks

Churn Dash
Gemini
Basket Weave
Formal Garden

I

Ohio Star
Log Cabin
Court House Steps
Grandmother's Fan

Double Irish Chain
Flying Birds
Saw Tooth
Shoo-fly

School House
Spools
Tippecanoe
Dutchman's Puzzle

L

Mary's Triangle
Irish Chain
Hens and Chicks
Flower Basket

Odd Fellow's Chain
Lady of the Lake
Goose Tracks
Grape Basket

Star of the East
Maple Leaf
Hour Glass
Pine Tree

T

Friendship Star
Bear's paw
Nine patch
Pinwheel

Pineapple
Chevron
Bachelor's Puzzle
Old Maid's Puzzle

Four Patch
Attic Windows
Kaleidoscope
Spider's Web

O

Drunkard's Path
Flying Geese
Snail Trail
Le Moyne Star

Tumbling Block
Broken Dishes
Windmill
Orange Peel

Card Tricks
Puss in the Corner
Corn and Beans
Toad in a Puddle

Directions: **Before** the Christmas meeting on December 16, fill in each blank space of the Quilto sheet on page 11 with a quilt block name that you chose from the provided list. For example, under the column for QU, select and write in five quilt block names from the list of twelve given in the QU section. Do the same for the I section, selecting blocks that are from the list of twelve under the I. Do this until all spaces on the Quilto sheet have been filled.