



Next Meeting (Evening Only!)

December 9

Brechin United Church

Doors open at 5:30

Potluck Dinner starts at 6:00

Next Executive Meeting

December 9 1:30 p.m.

Country Grocer, Southgate

Next Quilt Show Meeting

January 21 7:00 p.m.

Country Grocer, Southgate

Newsletter Deadline

December 22 (22nd of each month)

Things to Remember:

- name tag
- dishes, cutlery, cup, placemat, napkin
- food for pot luck supper
- donation for food bank
- donation quilts/placemats
- show & share
- change for raffles
- block of the month (for December)
- Memory Book page

Membership/Hospitality

Please stop at the Hospitality table when you arrive, sign in, and pick up your ticket for the name tag draw. Also, please remember to sign out if you leave before the end of the meeting.



June 17-20

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2010 QUILT SHOW 7 months to go!

From Our Presidents' Pens

Our wonderful sunshine seems to have taken leave and left us with the autumn rains. That means it must be time to curl up with our favorite magazines, quilt books, fabrics and patterns. It is now okay to hunker down for a few months of quilting.

We had a fun time at our "Newbie Tea" November 5, hosted by wee Laura Morrissey and her wee elf helper, Val Ursulak. The executive supplied the treats and the "Newbies" got acquainted with the oldies. We encourage the "Newbies" to take part in all of our Guild activities. That is the best way to get the most out of the Guild. Remember "you get out of it what you put in to it."

I have heard the food was out of this world at the annual fun-filled **Retreat to Quadra Island**. Vivian Scott brought a quilt she had made for Michael and April (talented chefs) and they were thrilled. An apron was made for Michael, who brought a loaf of bread for show and share. He made 56 loaves of bread for the girls to take home. Please put your name on the wait list for this great retreat for next year, as a few members usually cancel.

Our November program was by Barb Stengel, owner of the Satin Moon Quilt Shop in Victoria. Barb showed us a number of fabulous quilts and patterns.

Attendees of the "Love is in the Air" workshops by **Liz Faminoff** are well on their way to completing their projects. We look forward to seeing them at Show and Share. We received 126 **placemats** at the afternoon meeting and 46 at the evening meeting. Thank you everyone for a great push to reach our goal of 230 for the year.

REMEMBER: December 9 is the Guild Christmas Pot Luck dinner. There is an executive meeting from 1:30 – 3:30. Decorating and table set-up takes place from 3:30 – 5ish – please feel free to come and join us in the preparations, as 'many hands make light work'. Doors open at 5:30, dinner at 6:00 with fun and games (see page 2 for what to bring). Bring your most delicious pot-luck contribution and join in the camaraderie. Remember your placemat, plate, silverware, cup, glass, napkin etc.

GUILD MEETINGS

A special request to our Guild members: Please **DO NOT ENTER** our meeting room until **12:30 / 5:30** p.m. The executive needs time to set up and prepare for the upcoming meeting **PRIOR** to your arrival. We are excited to see you too, but not until 12:30. If you enter early we assume you are volunteering to be on the executive in 2010. ☺☺☺

As co-Presidents we encourage each and every Guild member to go a little bit out of their way to mix with some of the "Newbies" at Guild events. Remember how you felt when you entered a room and didn't know a soul? Let's really mix it up with the Newbies and Oldies and make everyone feel welcome and special.

Co-President Barb Root will be away from December 18 until February 28. During that time, please send all e-mails, calls, and letters to Co-President Norma Franks alanandnormafranks@shaw.ca or 250-756-9691

Wishing you all happy quilting! *Sincerely, Norma Franks and Barbara Root*

don't forget
your plate,
cup and
cutlery



your yummy
appy, main
course or
dessert



and your
donation to
the local
food bank



Ho Ho Ho: Time for the Christmas Party!

When: December 9. Doors open at 5:30, dinner starts at 6:00

Where: Brechin United Church

This year we have decided to give the Bingo Squares a rest and will do two other games to amuse you. The first will be a **Sewing-Themed Scavenger Hunt**. No worries, you go no further than your or your neighbour's purse. Bring some usual and unusual stuff; some items will not be sewing related. Individual prizes for the top three will be given.

Rather than a gift exchange we are doing something called "Cookies for Santa" although there will be no cookies and actually no Santa. **Bring a Batik fat quarter in a brown paper bag to participate.**

Please remember to put your name on your Potluck item's serving dish so that it can find you if you get lost. Please also remember to bring your plate(s), knife and fork so that we can be green and not rely on disposable plates etc.

There will be punch and other nibbles, some excellent prizes and best of all great food! *The Christmas Potluck Committee*



Program Committee

We have had a busy two weeks with the Liz Faminoff workshops. The ladies have done a wonderful job of their hangings and I am sure that we will be seeing many of them during show and tell in the near future. A BIG thank you to the angels who helped so much with the workshops. It is a very interesting experience!

In January we have ladies from three satellite groups who are going to talk to us about satellites and show us some of the projects that they have done as a group. Some groups like to do their own thing or teach each other techniques. Sometimes they take a day and make quilts for charity and sometimes they work on collaborative projects. We look forward to seeing some of these very interesting works at the January meeting.

Don't forget that we will be having the mini-demos at the February meeting. We will be signing up for the free mini-lessons at the January meeting. There is no charge and you will be able to choose 2 - 30 minute sessions. A big thank you to all of the women who will be presenting both in January and February and to the program committee for arranging them.

To register for workshops, contact Lise Skalos at nqgprogramme.lise@shaw.ca or 250-754-9636

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DATE	AGENDA	PROGRAM
December 9	Executive meeting	Country Grocer 82-12 th Street 1:30 p.m.
December 9	Festive holiday decorating	Brechin United 3:30 – 5:30
December 9	Guild Christmas Pot Luck 6 - 9 pm	Christmas Potluck Meal at Brechin United - doors open 5:30
January 14	Executive meeting	Country Grocer 82-12 th Street 1:30 p.m.
January 20	Guild: Full business, Short Program	"All About Satellite Groups" presenters TBA
January 21	Quilt Show meeting	Country Grocer 82-12 th Street 7-9 p.m.
January 30, 9-4	QUILT BEE, Oliver Woods	Leslie 390-9077 Sandy 758-6149
February 6	WORKSHOP 9-4 Part 1	"Creations from a Photo" Kathy Bush Day 1 of 2 Day wkshop
February 11	Executive meeting	Country Grocer 82-12 th Street 1:30 p.m.
February 17	Guild: Short business, Full program	"MINI DEMOS" by Guild members
February 18	Quilt Show meeting	Country Grocer 82-12 th Street 1:30-4:00 p.m.
February 28	WORKSHOP 9-4 Part 2	"Creations from a Photo" Kathy Bush Day 2 of 2 Day wkshop
March 11	Executive meeting	Country Grocer 82-12 th Street 1:30 p.m.
March 13	WORKSHOP 9-4	Choice of 2 quilt patterns Patty McRory Great for Beginners
March 17	Guild: Full business Short Program	Preparing for the Quilt Show
March 18	Quilt Show meeting	Country Grocer 82-12 th Street 1:30-4:00 p.m.
April 8	Quilt Show meeting	Country Grocer 82-12 th Street 1:30-4:00 p.m.
April 15	Executive meeting	Country Grocer 82-12 th Street 7 p.m.
April 21	Guild: Short business, Full Program	Nominations, Trunk Show by Phillippa Zapf
May 13	Executive meeting	Country Grocer 82-12 th Street 7 p.m.
May 19	Guild: Full business Short Program	"ELECTIONS"
May 20	Quilt Show meeting	Country Grocer 82-12 th Street 7-9 p.m.
June 10	Executive meeting	Country Grocer 82-12 th Street 7-9 p.m.
June 17-20	2010 Quilt Show activities	No Picnic this year due to Quilt Show



Library News

How quickly this year has gone by. Time to start/finish your quilts for our quilt show in June!

Looking for ideas? Check out the quilting magazines and fabric supplier websites. You'll find loads of free downloadable patterns. If you checked out a magazine this time, just look through it for website addresses and you can usually sign up for their free newsletters.

Don't forget – no library at the December potluck meeting. Next library - January 2010!

From all of us in the Library best wishes for a wonderful Christmas and a Happy 2010!

The Library Team



November Raffle Winners

Mystery Fabric: Day: Patty Jones **Evening:** Norma Franks

Raffles: Day: Grace-Ellen Capiere, Barbara Root, Vivian Scott, Linda Totzke, Lillian Charron, Yvonne Jans (2), Carol Bailey, Bobbi Moss, and Elaine Evans. **Evening:** Sue Royle, Gretta Simmons, Trish Kirk, Marcia Miller, Linda Addison and Kathy Peters

Door Prize: Day: Barbara Root **Evening:** Penelope Woodward and Julie Seirsen

Show and Share: Day: Angela McKenzie & Ginette Schewe, **Evening:** Anna Bonnell

Block of the Month: Shirley Fulla and Monika Kroeger (October), Mickey Lemmon (November)

Thank you to Sandra Radley, Morag Orr-Stevens and Satin Moon for their raffle donations.



Food Bank Donations

Well again you have outdone yourselves. What a haul Loaves and Fishes got this month.

I was unable to deliver our food donations to Loaves and Fishes distributing location on Thursday as I usually do, and was planning to deliver them the following Monday. BUT: I was shopping at Country Club Centre on Saturday, and lo and behold there at Mad Man Mackay was the Loaves and Fishes van and tables were set up. Alan and I swung around and when I showed the

people manning the collection location what I had in the van their eyes lit up. Within seconds all the employees of Mad Man Mackay were out at our van removing all your donations. There was not much there when we arrived but by the time they had arranged all our boxes on and around the tables and opened them up to display the food items the location looked very attractive and I hope would encourage others to slip into the store and pick something up. Well Done Our Members! The volunteer in charge

made sure to write down that the donation was from the Nanaimo Quilters Guild.

For December I would like to suggest something that is for the season. Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce or Jelly, Dried potatoes, cake mix, icing sugar, sugar cookie mix, or anything else that you feel is festive, and as always anything that you have on your pantry shelf. But can I just ask that you do not put clothing in with the food donations.

With grateful thanks, *Norma Franks*

Quilt Bee for Haven House Saturday, January 30, 2010 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Wow ! Our teams for the Quilt Bee in January are full. Our thanks to all of those who have signed up to participate. Anyone not signed up already can go on a waiting list just give Leslie or Sandy a call and we will do whatever we can. If you cannot join us for the Bee, and would like to make a quilt for Haven House, we will provide the backing and batting. This is a fun day and we are looking forward to seeing all the beautiful quilts when they

are completed. The backing will be available at the January meeting and the batting will be brought to the Bee. We will have a supply list of items to bring for that day at our January meeting.

Remember to bring your 10 1/2 inch square to the December meeting for a chance at a draw for a great prize. The Thread Catcher satellite group will then sew these into sampler quilts for Haven

House. Everyone can participate!!!! Just use your scraps and make your favourite square design.

Bring your favourite dish to share for the POTLUCK lunch that day. Coffee and tea are provided. The Oliver Woods Centre has lots of parking and the facility is nice and bright.

Happy Quilting J *Leslie Millward and Sandy Dobson*



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Minutes of November 18, 2009 General Meeting

Meeting called to order at 1:00 by Co-President Barbara Root. She encouraged members to continue to make our newer members feel welcome and included in all activities, and asked members to please not enter the hall until 12:30 so the Executive members can get set up for the meeting. Barb asked all Satellite groups to contact her to be included on a satellite list. Jonanco seems to be the only established group taking new members at present.

Hospitality: Hostess Laura Morrissey introduced two visitors -Suzanne Stevens and Greer Service and one new member, Christine Hustins. Welcome ladies! There were 105 members at the meeting in the afternoon.

Correspondence: A 90th Birthday card was sent to Fran Halsall and a "Thinking of You" card was sent to Donna Mae Bauer. Thank you letters were received from Loaves and Fishes and Nanaimo Family Life. Thank you cards were read from Mary Dodds for the Newcomers Tea and from a visitor from Edmonton for the warm welcome she received at our September meeting. Various Call for Entry Challenges were noted and displayed. An invitation to take part in the Santa Clause Parade in December was declined, but it gave us a heads up for possible participation in the May 24th parade to advertise our Quilt Show.

Treasurer's Report - Carol Bailey's report for November was accepted as read.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

25th Anniversary Party: Lillian Charron showed the quilt that the Anniversary Committee made for Sandy Saunders, the pianist at our party. Sandy, in turn, is donating the quilt in honour of her friend Graham Millington, who passed away from cancer.

Newcomer's Tea: The President thanked Laura Morrissey and helper Val Ursulak for hosting the Newcomers' Tea.

2010 Quilt Show: The Call for Entry will be published in the January 2010 issue of our newsletter. **Challenge:** see page 6 of this newsletter. **Trips and Retreats:** Thanks were expressed to Bonnie Dimitry and Sue Artuso for a marvellous retreat at Homewood. Members were encouraged to put their names on a waiting list for next year's retreat. Those interested in a bus trip to the Sisters, Oregon Outdoor Quilt Show can sign up with Bonnie and Sue. **Christmas Pot Luck December 9:** see page 2 of the newsletter. **Quilt Bee:** The Jan.30 Quilt Bee is full. Sandy and Leslie displayed two beautiful quilts which members can make. Batting and backing are available for anyone who wants to make a quilt at home for donation to Haven House. Once again, new members are encouraged to join a team or drop by to see how the Quilt Bee operates. Sandy Dobson reported that we will be hanging quilts in both Libraries in May to help advertise our June Material Magic Quilt Show. **Library:** see Linda Addison's report on page 3. **Food Bank:** Norma Franks thanked the guild members for their generous food donations (see page 4). **Membership:** Tracey Belcher announced that Membership Lists and remaining membership cards are ready for pick up. **Placemats:** 126 beautiful placemats were turned in at the day meeting and 46 were handed in during the evening meeting. Together with the placemats previously handed in, Georgia Zieglmeier was sure we would be able (continued page 7)

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QUILT SHOW PAGE

Quilt Show Categories

NQG Challenge Update

Here are the 2010 Quilt Show Category full descriptions. **Please note: To enter an item in our quilt show, you must have been a paid-up member of Nanaimo Quilters Guild as of September 2009.**

1. BED QUILT (any size)- Hand or Machine Pieced...HAND QUILTED
2. BED QUILT (any size)- Hand or Machine Pieced...MACHINE QUILTED
3. GROUP QUILT - this means more than one person worked on the quilt (i.e. the quilt was Long Arm or Professionally Quilted by someone other than yourself)
4. LARGE WALL HANGING (over 200 inches in perimeter)
5. SMALL WALL HANGING (under 200 inches in perimeter)
6. ART QUILTS - no size requirement. This 'mixed media' quilt should extend beyond traditional disciplines, using personal expressions and originality in the design, colour or technique. This must be an original design (not from a commercial pattern).
7. OTHER - clothing, accessories, holiday items, tablerunners, purses, placemats (items that do not fit into any other category)
8. HAND APPLIQUÉ (any size) - the majority of the quilt top should be hand appliquéd

Your 2010 Quilt Show Balloting Committee, Cathy Welte & Barb Root

UPCYCLING! This is the new buzz word as our world goes Greener and Greener. We almost are afraid to throw anything in the garbage without first asking ourselves "What else can I use this for?".

Upcycling is a word that was coined by William McDonough and Michael Braugart in their book "Cradle to Cradle" and it caught on. This is the task of taking something that is used up and turning it into something useful - something that appears valueless and give it a new purpose that sometimes turns into a greater treasure.

Why not try this theme and do a postcard using fabric selvages? Karen Griska started us off in this direction with her book. Try going to the blog "selvageblog.blog.blogspot.com" and in the archives go to the entry for October 11th, 2008. Another blog that could inspire is "ohfrasson.com" and the archive date for that site is October 19, 2008. At both sites there are some great pictures of selvaige postcards. Try Googling the word "selvaige quilts" and you would be surprised how many hits you get.

It doesn't take many selvages to come up with a piece sewn together 4" by 6". Also, it is a quick and easy way to create your postcard and touch and feel your stash at the same time.

Keep creating! Any questions? Call 250-729-9966 or lorie.rogers@gmail.com

Quilt Show Info on Website

The Quilt Show page on our website www.islandquilters.ca now has some information about the show, and will be updated regularly.

Below: Quilters at the recent Homewood Retreat on Quadra Island



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(continued from page 5) to hand out 230 placemats at Christmas to Meals on Wheels and the Nanaimo Telephone Visiting Society. **Program:** please see page 2 of the newsletter. Angela requested anyone wanting to be an "angel" for workshops to contact her. **Web Liaison:** Avril Valentine reminded members to be responsible for ensuring their privacy in the matter of photographs being sent to the Web. **Memory Book:** Avril reminded members to submit memories for the Memory Book. **Christmas Gift Bags:** Many thanks to those members who generously made 65 gift bags filled with fun and useful items. This year our bags will be going to "One Stop", operated by Nanaimo Youth Services. Sue Creba has been on the Board of Directors for 5 years and assures us that the gift bags will be very welcome and appreciated. No request was received from Five Acres Alternative School.

NEW BUSINESS:

Following discussion, it was moved by Norma Franks and seconded by Sandra Radley that Norma receive membership approval for her to research the option of Director's and Officer's Liability Insurance without commitment. CARRIED

After discussion on the matter of sending money to CQA to help defray the costs of their Show Book for the Calgary CQA Show in April/May, 2010, it was moved by Judy Moran and seconded by Sue Artuso, that we send \$75 to pay for an ad in the Show Book to advertise our June, 2010 Quilt Show. CARRIED

COMFORT QUILT SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Vice-President, Pat Clements called the meeting to order. The Minutes of last year's AGM were accepted as read. Moved by Pat Clement, seconded by Marg Bradley. CARRIED The Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer, Nancy Price-Munn. The financial documents were audited by Jim Ursulak and found to be correct. A final cheque for \$1786.12 was presented to the Guild as payment for donation quilts and placemats for this year. The Treasurer's Report was accepted, moved by Judy Moran and seconded by Laura Morrissey. CARRIED Lorie Skerget was acclaimed Secretary for the Society. Thank you Lorie for taking on this position! Pat Clement reminded guild members of the notice of motion, published in the November/09 Newsletter. This motion will be voted on at the January, 2010 guild meeting.

PROGRAM: Sandra Radley introduced Brenda Stengel from Satin Moon Quilt Shop (Victoria), and presented her with a Birthday card signed by our members and a petite cake for her to share with her husband. Brenda then presented designer Lisa Moore's "Quilts With a Twist" Trunk Show. Brenda had patterns and kits for sale before and after the meeting. She brought free Satin Moon patches to sew on your quilt bag which qualifies you to enter Satin Moon's monthly draw for a \$25 gift certificate. *Note of interest - Brenda, in her Blog, which you can access through the Satin Moon Website, gave special kudos to the Nanaimo Guild for honoring her on her birthday, for making such a generous collection of placemats and especially for the very welcoming atmosphere for new members. Val Ursulak



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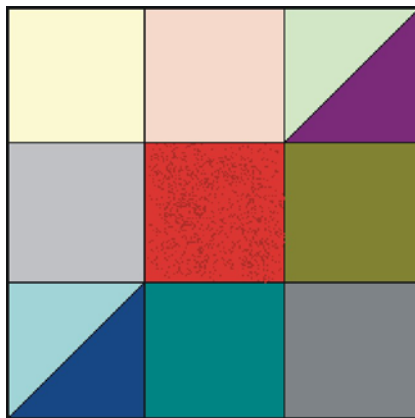
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January Block of the Month



Shaded 9-Patch Block

Thanks again to those who participated in the October and November Block of the Month draws. Both draws were held at the November Meeting since there was so much to do at the Party. Great job, ladies. There were so many blocks for October that we decided to draw two winners. Shirley Fulla won 11 blocks and Monika Kroeger won 10. We were very glad to see that so many of you enjoyed that block. Mickey Lemmon won the 15 November blocks. Congratulations to all and we hope you enjoy using them. Since there seems to be so much interest in the simpler blocks, here is another very popular one. It came to us through Coreen Zerr's sister-in-law, Phyllis Gagner,. She taught it to Coreen's satellite group when she was visiting. This block is a shaded 9-patch with two half-square triangles on opposite corners. This addition really increases the design opportunities. We decided to use a red centre square to suggest a mock Log Cabin block for cold January days.

Remember, accuracy in cutting and piecing is important. All seams are $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Block is $12\frac{1}{2}$ " x $12\frac{1}{2}$ " (unfinished).

Fabric Choices and Cutting:

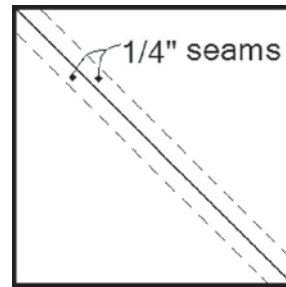
This Block works very well as a scrappy block so if you like to use up scraps from your stash, here's a great opportunity. For those of you who like a more controlled approach, cut the patches from one or two colours, say brown and green or blue and purple. Whether you go scrappy or controlled, choose four

darks and four lights and one dark red fabric for the centre square. Mottled fabrics or those with small patterns or tone on tone work best for this block.

- Darks: 3: $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ "
 1: $4\frac{7}{8}$ " x $4\frac{7}{8}$ "
- Lights: 3: $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ "
 1: $4\frac{7}{8}$ " x $4\frac{7}{8}$ "
- Red: 1: $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ "

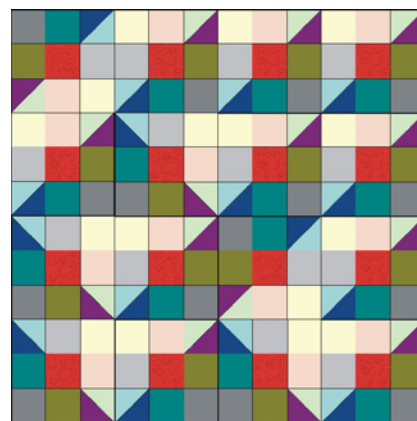
Construction:

First make the two half-square triangles for the opposite corners. Use the two $4\frac{7}{8}$ " x $4\frac{7}{8}$ " squares (1 dark 1 light) for this. Place the light square *wrong* side up and draw a pencil line from corner to corner. Place this square on the dark square, wrong sides together with light fabric on top. Using the diagonal line as a guide, sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam on either side of the pencil line (*See sketch at top right*). Cut on the diagonal line and press the seams to the dark.



Now lay out the nine patches on your table, using the sketch of the *block* as a guide. For those of you using the black and white print version, the upper left half of the block is light and the lower right is dark. The red patch is the centre of the block. Sew the block together row by row. Press the centre row in (to the red) and the top and bottom rows out (to the ends). Now nest the seams together and sew the three rows together with the 'red row' in the middle. Press.

If you have any questions, suggestions or problems, please call me at 250-758-1185. Wishing you joy, *Val Ansell and Sandra Radley.*



Sample Quilt Layout

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SATELLITE GROUPS:

I made an error in announcing the First Baptist Church as a place to quilt on Monday evenings. It is *only church members* who are invited. I apologize for any confusion this may have caused. Barb

However, there is always room at Jonanco:

Where: Jonanco Hobby Workshop on White Rapids Road

When: Tues. 1:00 – 4:00 Contact Pat Quinlan 722-2179

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New guild member, **Barbara Hallum**, and her husband, Paul, have offered to long arm quilt two comfort, donation, lap or crib size baby quilts per month for the next twelve months. One quilt per person would be appropriate. Please supply backing and batting and \$3 to cover the cost of thread. Barbara will have sign up sheets at the Christmas Pot Luck. noworkallplay@shaw.ca or 250 756 3564.

New guild member, Ginette Schewe has also offered to long arm quilt two comfort, donation, lap or crib size baby quilts per month for the next twelve months. Again one quilt per person would be appropriate (or more if space is available). Please supply batting and backing (and again a donation towards thread might be thoughtful). Contact Ginette at ginette@quiltme.ca or call: 250 468 1644.

Thank you to: Carol Bailey, Barbara and Paul Hallum, and Ginette Schewe, for your generous offers to our Guild members.

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Patty's Custom-Made Pressing Station

Thanks to Patty Jones for sharing her plans for this great pressing station with us. Those of you who went on the sewing room tour last year raved about it.

Supply list:

Baltic Birch plywood cut 24 x 60 inches

Padding (thinsulate) cut 28 x 64 inches

Cover fabric cut 36 x 72 inches. Use a canvas or very dense/high thread count drapery lining. DO NOT prewash!

Two plastic drawer-towers (height approx 34in)

Upholstery tacks

My pressing station measures 24in x 60in, therefore I can press a full half meter of fabric at a time, with enough room to rest my iron on the end. It was made from Baltic Birch plywood, cut to size by a local building supply store. This is a very dense, stable (14 laminate) product, which resists warping.

I attached a quarter round piece of molding to the bottom of the board to keep the top from sliding on the bases (see picture). To do this, I turned the board over - set the bases evenly on the upturned top and then positioned the quarter-round around the outside of this and nailed it in place.

To cover the board I cut the fabric 36in x 72in, 12 inches bigger than the top

measurement. I laid the fabric right side down on a table, making sure I kept the fabric on grain. I then placed the padding, cut 28in x 64in, (4in wider all around than the board) on top. The padding I originally used was an old white wool blanket that had been washed many times so it was, in effect, "felted". A more appropriate padding is thinsulate, or other padding with a reflective surface. Wool, over time, may mildew.



I placed the board upside down over the padding and fabric and folded both over the edge of the board, keeping everything taut as I progressed, and then turned under about 3 in of the fabric so there was a neat folded edge, which gives a more professional finish. I secured the fabric by using upholstery tacks to hold the padding and fabric in place: the plywood has *(continued on page 11)*

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a dense surface, so staples may not be strong enough. You can wrap the padding on the board and attach it prior to tacking the cover fabric, as this helps to keep everything in place.

I turned the covered top right side up and fitted it over the two columns of drawers. I pressed the top with lots of steam so that it shrank to a very tight fit. My station has wheels on it, so I can move it to any position on my carpeted floor. If your floor covering is a solid surface, make sure you use locking wheels to keep the station stable.

This article is adapted from a sidebar written by Patty for Myrna Giesbrecht's article "Inside Your Studio", that was published in Australian Stitches October 25, 2006, p.65.



A view of the underside of the pressing station

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