



Profile of Nanaimo Quilters' Guild

The Nanaimo Quilters' Guild is a registered non-profit organization, formed in 1984 to promote and encourage the interest in quilting. Membership is open to anyone who enjoys quilts and quilting. Since its formation, the members of the Guild have been actively giving back to the community through donations of our cherished art. We have a membership of approximately 200.

Every three years, we host a quilt show – this is our major fund raising event and, with the monies raised, we fund our operating expenses and our charity events. Our Quilt Show is a venue to promote the wonderful art of quilting by displaying our beautiful articles which range from traditional style quilts, to quilted clothing, to wall hangings which are unbelievable works of art. There is fabric painting, appliqueing, embellishing, hand quilting, machine quilting; you name it; quilters can turn out projects that will leave you standing in awe.

In the past year we have donated 165 quilts to the following organizations: Aboriginal Infant Development Program, Building Better Babies Program, Island Health Prenatal Lunch Bunch, Crossroads Crisis Pregnancy Centre, Dufferin Place, Eden Gardens, Nanaimo Community Hospice Society including Palliative Care unit at NRGH, Nanaimo Family Life Association, Connections (for parents and babies), Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at NRGH, Victim Services RCMP, and VI Scan Department (NRGH).

Every January, we host a quilt bee to make quilts for Haven House. The total donated each February has been about 130 quilts to this organization (382 in the last 3 years).

Approximately 291 placemats and 41 tea cozies were made and distributed at Christmas to Nanaimo Meals-on-Wheels, Ladysmith Meals-on-Wheels, the Salvation Army for their Christmas Hamper program and to Good Cents for Change. (847 placemats and 139 tea cozies in 3 years)

Fidget Blankets were made for Alzheimer patients at Chartwell Malaspina Care Residence.

Our members also contribute at each Guild meeting to the Loaves and Fishes Food Bank.

Annually, we raise funds for a Student Bursary for a Textile student in School District #68.

Website: www.islandquilters.ca

Quilt Show: June 7 and 8, 2019