



President's Message

Hi Everyone,

Well, summer seems to be just around the corner. Hard to believe though, when one looks at the mountain range and sees fresh snow two days in a row, and a hail storm last night that would of decimated my vegetable garden had it been planted.

I keep in touch with the "Village" for some news on the "Hall" but nothing yet. By "Fall" I hope things start changing and we can all return to sewing and socializing on Thursdays.

I wish all of you a great summer,

Your President,

Diane

Community Quilts News

The **Community Quilts Group** has had a busy and productive year. Despite the on-going challenges of covid and the guild not meeting, we have managed to remain very active and connected – creating dozens of items for the community. Here is some of what we have achieved:

Transition Society – 35 adult quilts & 37 children's quilts donated

Seniors – 60 quilts

Cumberland Lodge – 9 quilts

Baby Group – 32 quilts

Vanier Toddlers – 10 quilts

Quilts of Valour – 3 quilts

Pregnancy Care Centre - 4

Breast Cancer Comfort kits – 120

We also had some special projects this year:

UIWONA – 16 toddlers quilts

Crown Isle auction – 1 Teddy Bear basket (quilt, placemats, coasters and other items)

Yana – 1 quilt to raffle

Cumberland Lodge – 1 Dignity quilt

Placemats (Soroptimists) – 26

Pregnancy Care counselling rooms- 2 quilts

When you add all these creative items up (211 quilts, 120 Breast Cancer Comfort kits, and 26 placemats) it is quite an impressive donation to the community. **We couldn't have achieved this without all of the guild members – our "quilt angels" who were busy sewing, donating their time, fabric and batting scraps – Thank You!!**

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News from **Nerissa Thomas**

I have volunteered to share the job of North Island Representative/Presenter for Quilts of Valour Canada, and I will be looking after Comox, Courtenay & Campbell River. If you know of anyone who you think may qualify for a QOV, please go to the website, read the information & if they are eligible, fill out a nomination form.

It's so important to recognise our service men & women who have been injured in the line of duty. With that in mind, please consider making quilts to donate.

The standard measurement for these quilts is 55" x 70" and you do not have to use Canadian themed fabric or a special pattern. I will be receiving batting & backing from Quilts of Valour Canada to be used to complete the quilts.

When you have finished your flimsy, contact me for the batting and backing if you are quilting it yourself (preferred). If you are not able to quilt it yourself, I will pass it on to one of our volunteer long-arm quilters.

Due to COVID, presentations were not done for a while, but protocols were put in place and we have now resumed. So, I'm now really in need of quilts to present & would appreciate any help I can get. Please contact me if you need more information.

From **Verna Power**

Senior's Quilts are in need of some quilters to help quilt some tops. If you can help, please contact Verna Power (rvpower@shaw.ca or 250-339-0298) for more info.

Hopefully the fall will see us meeting again. Until then, Community Quilts will be busy sewing.

Myra Shearer

Coordinator, Community Quilts

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Community Quilts meeting outside



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SUSIE SINGER IS FEELING NEGLECTED

Hi Again!

Well, this month has not been very productive. We started to put the sashing on the baby quilt and then that project was put on hold to work on a new wall hanging for the Mammography Clinic at the hospital. I can't do appliqué, so I was put back under cover & Philomena got busy with that. "LluLlu Llama" is really cute & you can meet her in person, when you make your regular appointment for "the squeeze". That's something I don't have to worry about, but I know it's a very important thing to do.

Then, it was a quilt for Granddaughter Caron's new house, and a table runner for someone else. So I'm still under cover until further notice. At least I'm still in my special spot and not back in the case!

I'm hoping to get out & about a bit this summer and maybe spend some time sewing outside on the patio. I know there won't be a regular newsletter in July & August, but if I happen to do something really exciting, I'll let you know.

Have a good summer & enjoy this beautiful island where we live.

Sew On!

Susie



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Newsletter Advertising:

To advertise in the newsletter please contact Sandy MacDonell for rates. Submit advertising by the **15th** of the month for inclusion in the next month.

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Newsletter Deadline:

Please submit all entries for the newsletter by the **15th** of the month for inclusion in the next month's newsletter.

Submit articles to Hope (current editor) using the email:

editor@schoolhousequilters.com

Meetings before COVID

Guild Meetings before COVID-19

Normally our guild meets every Thursday from 9:00am to 9:00pm for quilting at the Cumberland OAP Hall.

General Meeting (September to June) on the **1st** Thursday of each month at **6:30 pm**

Executive Meeting (September to June) **3rd** Thursday of each month at 1:00pm

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Suggested Sizes for Community Quilts

Seniors (The Views) 40" x 50" or 45" square

Adult lap (Lilli House) 45" x 60"

Children' 40" x 50"

Ardythe Crawford is having a fabric and notions sale on **Sunday, June 6th** starting at **10 am to 2 pm**.

There will be bundles of like fabrics, groups of notions, some storage bins, lots of yardage, many Quilt books.

Payment by cash or cheque.

Parking is at a premium, so perhaps park on the street and walk in to the complex.

Ambleside Estates, 3355 First Street in Cumberland, # 10.

Be aware of Covid, wear a mask, use hand sanitizer, (some will be available on site.)

Member Activities

Colleen has been busy

Isn't this great fabric? Even my husband likes it, which is a bit of a surprise as he is not usually a fan of bright fabric.

Gladi picked this fabric up from the Free Table one Thursday morning before I got there because she figured I would like it. She was correct, the clever duck that she is!

I was waiting for the right project for it, I had to be very careful with the cutting as there was just enough for this purse with a couple of very small pieces left over.

Thank you Gladi for thinking of me, much appreciated.

This was a kit from Connecting Threads.

With some careful cutting and not using their fabric for the back, I was able to make 2 of these from the one kit.



Dragonfly



More Member Activities

Clare has been busy

I really enjoyed the May newsletter. Thanks very much keeping us in touch with each other.

I attach a picture of my latest project for the next newsletter if you'd like to use it.

The pattern is called Painted Moon, from Villa Rosa designs. It's the third time I've done this pattern, and just have to finish the binding. It uses three yards of fabric with little waste, is straightforward and makes up quickly. This is a Northcott fabric, Bee Kind.



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Dates to remember in 2021

Daylight Savings	March 14th
St Patrick's day	March 17th
Good Friday	April 2nd
Easter Sunday	April 4th
Easter Monday	April 5th
Mother's Day	May 9th
Victoria Day	May 24th
Father's Day	June 20th
Canada Day	July 1st
British Columbia Day	Aug 2nd
Labour Day	Sept 6th
Thanksgiving Day	Oct 11th
Halloween	Oct 31st
Remembrance Day	Nov 11th
Christmas Day	Dec 25th



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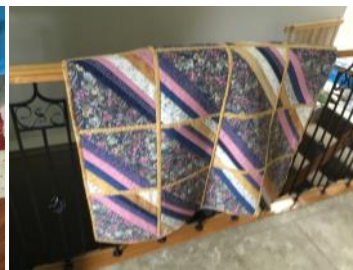
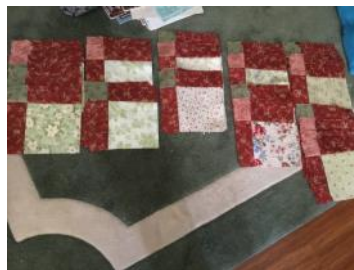
Members Activities

Sharon H. has been busy

I have finished my Quilt As You project that was started over 12 years ago. I wasn't totally thrilled with doing it again, but forced myself to get it done, and after I decided I do like it as a lap quilt maybe for camping etc.

Now I'm back doing this quilt called Sweet Melissa. It's a basic pattern but I had a good collection of greens and reds in my stash so they will look great. I plan for it to be a bed sized quilt.

I'm taking golf lessons after some encouragement from friends so that is going well. Our gardens continue to show their beautiful flowers which keeps us cheered.



Susan R. has been busy

Here is my Covid table runner.



I also tried finger knitting.



Member Activities

Gail K. has been busy

The Flower New runner for us.

Gift of beautiful dahlia(8inch diameter) from brother Doug's garden.



Quilt for baby group.



More Member activities

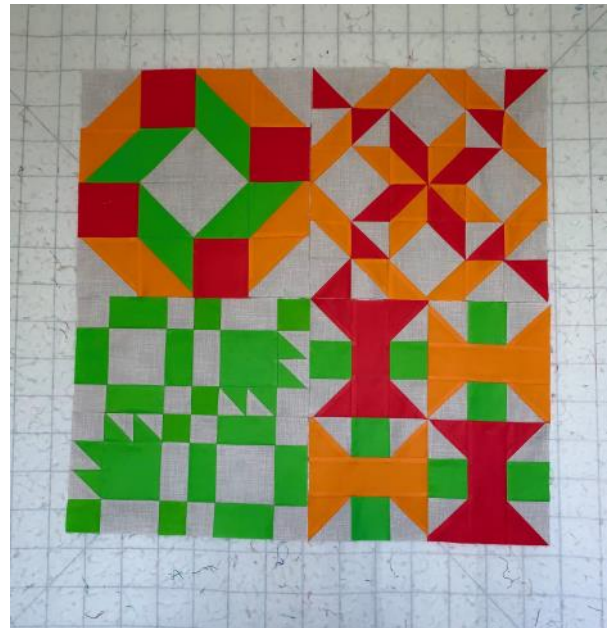
Beth has been busy

This is a quilt I made with a collection of fabrics given to me 5 years ago as a 70th birthday gift by a very old friend who is also a quilter. She had included a pattern and had the fabrics cut to the required sizes in her local shop but I just didn't care for the pattern and kit so it all just hung out in my stash making me feel guilty!

I finally decided that I had to do something with the gift before I turned 75, it became a challenge. So I finally bought a new pattern called Garden Tiles, added some different fabrics, eliminated others and I am very happy with the result. Fortunately my friend never asked about what had happened to her kind gift during visits but I did send her photos just before my 75th birthday when her quilt gift was finally complete - she really liked it and asked for the new pattern!



Beth has also been busy doing our Block of the Month—love the bright colours. All four blocks.



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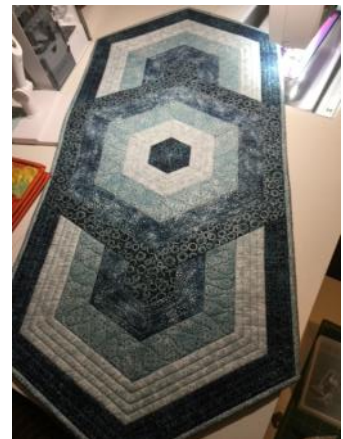
More Member activities

Lois has been busy

I won a jellyroll of bright batiks at one of our meetings. To avoid matching so many seams, I put sashing between the blocks. It has been put aside, to be quilted next winter.



Wanda has been busy



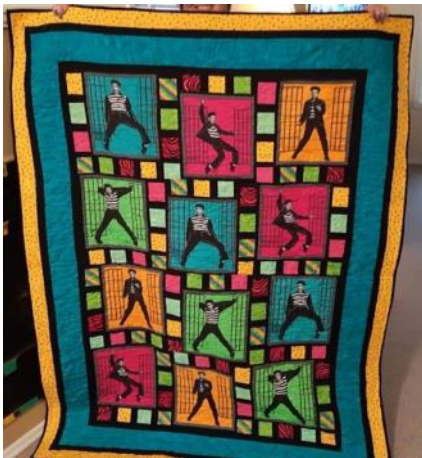
More Members have been busy

Anita has been busy making quilts and doing the Block of the Month



Barb M. has been busy too

These are quilts I made for our friends that are moving to NS. She loves Elvis, he plays guitar and the Wheelchair Quillow is for their son, he likes Hot Wheels.



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Have you seen the wonderful online demos that Huckleberry's staff have been doing? If you missed them check them out here.

All their videos are on their YouTube channel ☐

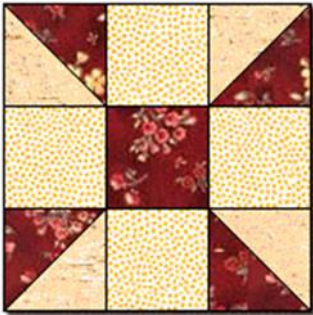
Most people may already know this – but just in case

Huckleberry's have been doing some you-tube videos – some a demos of a new product or ruler – some are just tours of the store – for anyone who might be missing just the visual of shopping

This is link to the latest 'store tour' – it is February of course no doubt there will be a March one but not sure when

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kEIYh_SRgr0

Block 5 Calico Puzzle



This makes a 12" block! I'm doing this one in traditional piecing, making it a GREAT one for beginners!

Supply List is for one (1) 12" Block



Colour 1 Colour 1 needs: one 4-1/2" square, AND one strip 4-7/8" x 9-3/4"



Colour 2 Colour 2 needs: one strip 4-1/2" x 18"



Colour 3 Colour 3 needs: one strip 4-7/8" x 9-3/4"

Preparing the Pieces and Sewing the Block



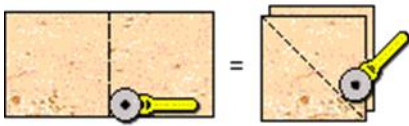
Mark and cut the Colour 1 4-7/8" x 9-3/4" strip into two 4-7/8" squares. Stack and cut these squares once on the diagonal to make four half square triangles



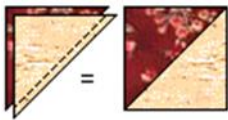
Next mark and cut the Colour 2 4-1/2" x 18" strip into four 4-1/2" squares...

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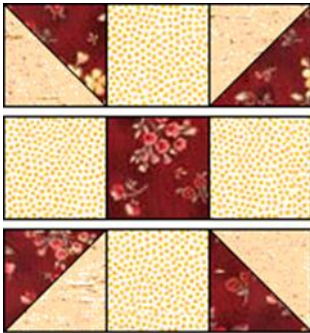
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Now mark and cut the Colour 3 4-7/8" x 9-3/4" strip into two 4-7/8" squares. Stack and cut these squares once on the diagonal to make four half square triangles...



Sew a Colour 3 half square triangle to a Colour 1 half square triangle, right sides together, using as SCANT 1/4" seam. Repeat this to make a total of four half square like this...



Now piece the block, using the diagram at left for placement and orientation of the units, using the Colour 1 4-1/2" square as the block's center. Make rows first, then join the rows, alternating pressing directions as you do this. All Done!!

SUNSHINE

Another month has rolled on with some spring like weather and the feeling that things are getting better. Hang onto that feeling because it will be awhile yet before we can get that summer feeling.

If we all do our part things will get back to what we looked at for normal. Still no big gatherings or spring weddings.

If you have information that you think someone would benefit from our best wishes please let me know.

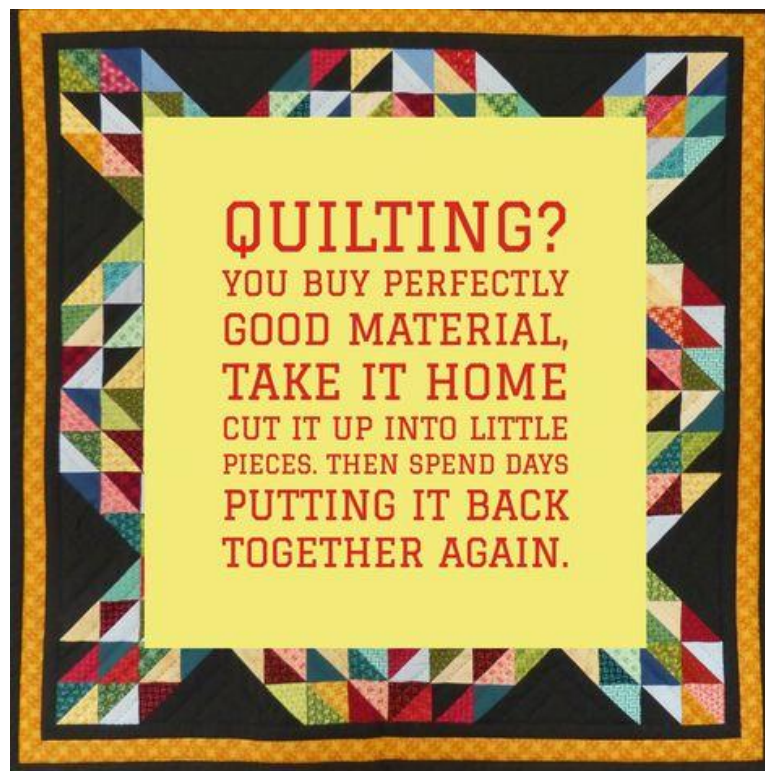
Be safe.

Please continue to let me know when you hear of a time when a need is there, without your input I cannot do my job.

Thank you.
Florence

Email me at: sunshine@schoolhousequilters.com

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School House Thread Orders

Did you know that the guild has access to a thread supply?

A Canadian company, CanSew, has been supplying us with Cone threads at wholesale prices.

Ardythe Crawford has been providing this service, usually once yearly, for the past 15 years. The guild would like to thank Ardythe for this service as she is retiring. Marlene Hooper has offered to take over for Ardythe.

If you have ordered thread before then you know the process. If not here is some information.

Two types of thread are available – 100% cotton and 100% polyester. The spools hold 6000 yards of thread. The colour choices for the cotton thread are a bit limited with only 33. The polyester has more of a colour selection with over 100. A colour chart is available for your choices. Arrange with Marlene to view the colour chart.

You can contact Marlene at her e-mail (available from the membership list), to place your order. To best reduce costs – she will wait until there are at least 10 orders before the order is placed. The wholesale cost per spool usually varies between \$30 - \$35 per spool for cotton thread and \$25 - \$30 for polyester thread.

A mandatory deposit of \$30 per spool for cotton thread and \$25 per spool for polyester thread will be required for the order. The final cost may vary – depending on the updated costs during these Covid times and the cost of shipping.

The delivery time is usually a few days – if the thread is in stock in Vancouver. Otherwise, the thread comes from Montreal and takes about a week.

Usually, Ardythe would bring the thread to the guild on Thursdays. Currently the thread pick up will have to be arranged between the purchaser and Marlene who lives in Courtenay, close to the Driftwood Mall.

Let Marlene know if you are interested.



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Happy June Birthday

Please wish everyone a Happy Birthday



Diane	Davies	6/3
Mary	Nicholas	6/3
Gayle	Hampton	6/4
Michele	Lampron	6/4
Pat	McEwen	6/5
Barbara	Messer	6/8
Jessie	Schut	6/13
Sheila	Scrase	6/16
Beverly	Luck	6/20
Bente	Bunting	6/22
Eva	Hansen	6/26
Raelene	Robertson	6/28
Roberta	Kerr	6/30

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The new Guild Facebook group page is up and running. When you click the link (or copy and paste it), you will be asked to join. Then you will be added to the group. This allows the group to be a closed group to just our guild membership. Why the new group page? This new group will be attached to a guild account rather than a personal page. It has quite a few benefits - it will allow all group members to post their own pictures, interact with other group members and can allow us to have video calls with each other.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/813194142640864>

If you have difficulty joining the group ask Tracy Richards or Hope Rychkun for help. You can find their email in the Members Only section of our website www.schoolhousequilters.com

Let's have some fun sharing ideas, quilts and more.
Only guild members will be allowed in this group.

More Member Block of the Month

Enjoy the BOM's done by our testing crew and our guild members so far.

Judy Flynn's Block #4



Claudette's #4



Barb Messers' blocks



Block of the Month from our testing crew

Clare's blocks & comments Calico Puzzle block #5

I enjoyed this traditional block design. My samples are below.

My comments are similar to last month, regarding the HST construction. I did mine using the method as follows (from previous block instructions):

For Colour 1 and Colour 3 cut one 5"x10" strip into two 5" squares. On the back of the two lighter squares lightly mark the diagonal line. Stack the Colour 1 and Colour 3 squares right sides together, and sew a scant 1/4" above and below the marked diagonals. Cut these apart on the diagonals between the rows of stitching. Trim to 4 1/2". This gives you four HSTs for the corner units.



Jean's; comments & Calico Puzzle

Block 5 – Calico Puzzle

- Quick & easy sew
- One change to directions for me - The directions have you cut the squares and then diagonally cut to make into triangles but then direction says to sew colour 3 half square triangle to a colour 1 half square triangle when what it really wants you to do is to sew a colour 3 triangle to a colour 1 triangle – to create half square triangles

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I chose fabrics for this one to show that with the placement angle of the HST's in this particular lay-out.

(Jean's block)

you can easily use a directional fabric in this block without having to worry about which direction your HST's will end up.



Sheila's Calico Puzzle



More Member Activities

Julie Ann is busy outside

Anyway broom is time sensitive so that has been my focus in the past few weeks. I do need to do a quilt for a wedding gift but that has to wait for now.

Best wishes to you and the rest of the guild.

Julie Ann at Abbey Acres



Hope has been busy helping her hubby plant a large veggie garden—lots of garlic



Hope has also managed to do some quilting. This is my favourite pattern, must have made at least a dozen sets in different fabrics.



Rhubarb Muffins

It's rhubarb season and I decided to try making these muffins and so glad I did.

Ingredients:

2 1/2 cups flour	1 tsp baking powder
1 tsp baking soda	1/2 tsp salt
1 1/4 cups brown sugar	1/2 cup vegetable oil
1 egg	1 tsp vanilla extract
1 cup buttermilk	1 1/2 cups diced rhubarb
1/2 cup chopped walnuts (optional)	1 tbsp melted butter
1/3 cup white sugar	1 tsp ground cinnamon

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees, grease two 12 cup muffin pans or line with paper muffin cups

In a medium bowl, stir together flour, baking soda, baking powder & salt.

In a separate bowl, beat brown sugar, oil, egg, vanilla & buttermilk with an electric mixer till smooth. Add this to the dry ingredients and mix by hand till blended.

Stir in the rhubarb and walnuts.

Spoon the batter into the prepared muffin pan, filling almost to the top.

In a small bowl stir together melted butter, white sugar & cinnamon, sprinkle 1 teaspoon of this on top of each muff.

Bake in preheated oven until the tops of the muffins spring back when lightly pressed, about 25 minutes (depending on your oven).

Cool in the pans for 10 minutes before removing.

Enjoy

Hope

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Guild Member's Personal Information

If you need to contact any of our guild members, executive or committee members please go to the **Members Only** page and then to **Memberships** on our website for the most up to date list of all email, addresses and phone numbers of current guild members. Remember you will need to be a paid member to get the userid and password to enter this area.

To protect the privacy of our guild members' personal phone numbers or email addresses will not be published in the newsletter unless specifically requested by the committee member. Most committees have a guild email address that is redirected to their personal address.

If your committee does not as yet have one or you are organizing a special event please send an email to our webmaster using webmaster@schoolhousequilters.com to request one.

As a paid member you have received the login and password for this section.

Personal Information Changes

Please notify the Membership Committee of any changes to your email, phone number or address.

The Membership Committee will then pass this information on to those who need the information to update email lists, and membership files.

Keep your information up to date in order to receive email regarding guild events.



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	Past President	Jan Hill	

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N. Island Health Newborns	Myra Shearer	
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