

The Piecemaker's Star



Dufferin Piecemakers' Quilting Guild

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Presidents' Message

Welcome Back, Everyone!

We're so excited to be back and looking forward to a fun, fulfilling, and fantastic year together!

As your Co-Presidents, we're happy to be working alongside all of you to make this year one to remember. We can't wait to share new experiences, create great memories, and make the most of the year ahead—together!



We're kicking off the year running! With *Quilts at the Park* just around the corner in October, the *Museum of Dufferin Holiday Treasures Sale* on the horizon, and our exciting new collaboration with the *Orangeville Food Bank* for their *Coldest Night of the Year* anniversary celebrations, there's already so much to look forward to!

Quilts at the Park will be more than a display of beautiful quilts—it's an opportunity to share with our community who we are as a Guild and why quilting matters to us. Quilting can traditionally be a solitary craft, but our show transforms it into a vibrant, interactive community experience where people can connect, learn, and be inspired. It helps support and fund our Guild activities, encourages new members to discover the joy of quilting, and provides opportunities for education, recognition, and the sharing of skills and creativity. It also allows us to celebrate the historical and cultural significance of quilting while highlighting the many ways our Guild brings people together. Most importantly, our Quilt Show reflects our Guild's aims and objectives by showcasing our passion, creativity, generosity, and commitment to keeping this wonderful tradition alive and thriving in our community.

With fall fairs to enjoy and participate in, Shelburne and Grand Valley are coming up, we're looking forward to seeing your beautiful creations at Show & Tell and to beginning another inspiring season together.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the September meeting 🍂 🌸

Barb & Janice



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MEETING INFORMATION

September 21, 2026
7:00 pm Meeting
Orangeville Seniors Centre

Executive Meeting

Wednesday, September 30th
Location TBD

2026/2027 Meeting Dates

Sept 21
Oct 19
Nov 16
Dec 21 Social
Jan 16 Zoom
Feb 15 Zoom
March 15
Apr 19
May 17
June 21 Social

Things to remember for the September meeting:

Please bring in your **Presidents/ Northcott Challenge**. Don't forget to put your name on the back and deliver it to Louise Cornelius.

Sign up for Fall Retreat

Sign up for Quilt Show jobs and bring any final items in

Things to bring to every meeting:

1. FTP Journals
2. Pillowcases / Community projects you have completed
3. Name Tag
4. Money for Lucky Draw
5. Show & Share (we LOVE seeing your projects)
6. Tasty Beverage
7. Awesome smile

Stitch 'n Share

Please join our friendly group of members the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

Starting in September we are now gathering in the gallery from 1pm to 3pm at The Centre 375 Hansen Blvd in Orangeville. Questions? Contact Marion Cole at marionbcole@rogers.com

Bring your hand work, creative quilty ideas, or come for a chat break. There is a very good choice of menu. Have lunch, a snack or just a drink. Gathering in this space is a very pleasant and comfortable opportunity to meet, greet and chat with fellow Guild members.

2026	
September 23	December 2, 16, 30
October 7, 11	November 4, 18
2027	
January 13, 27	April 7, 21
February 10, 24	May 5, 19
March 10, 24	June 2, 16, 30

Pillowcase Project

If you wish to have pillowcase kits, please contact Fern Pugh at

519-941-8515 or email

elizabethfern15@gmail.com. Or pick up a kit or two at every meeting. Fern also accepts pillowcases made from your fabric collection.

Program

Meet Your New Programming Committee

Anita Rowland and **Fabienne Good** will be taking over the reins of Programming for the Guild this year. We are looking forward to putting together an interesting mix of speakers, demonstrations, trunk shows and other quilting-related activities for our members. However, we would love some company!

The Programming Committee is still looking for a few additional members who would like to lend a hand. You don't need to have experience organizing programs — just an interest in helping make our Guild meetings engaging and enjoyable. If you have ideas, connections, or simply a little time to contribute, please come and talk to Anita or Fabienne.

We're also looking for members who can help **during meetings**. Sometimes the most important job is simply having an extra pair of hands — holding up quilts during a presentation, helping a speaker set up, passing around samples, or assisting with the little things that keep an evening running smoothly. If you're willing to pitch in from time to time, let us know!

A Year of Quilting Adventures

The programming for **2026/27 has already been organized**, thanks to the previous Programming Committee. Because many speakers and presenters need to be booked well in advance, planning for the year often begins long before the new season starts.

That doesn't mean we're done looking ahead!

If you have a favourite quilter, teacher, artist or presenter you think our Guild would enjoy, **it's never too early to let the Programming Committee know**. Simply send us an email or come and chat with us at one of the meetings. Your suggestion could become a future Guild program!

September Kickoff: Sarah Yetman of Spooled Rotten Quilts

We're kicking off the new Guild year with a special visit from **Sarah Yetman of Spooled Rotten Quilts**.

Sarah operates a small longarm quilting business from her home in Brantford, Ontario. She completed her first quilt in 2009 and quickly discovered that she was hooked. After six years of domestic quilting for herself, Sarah took the leap into longarm quilting — turning her passion into a full-time career.

Since then, **Spooled Rotten Quilts** has grown from offering edge-to-edge quilting services into longarm education through Buy the Bolt in Guelph. More recently, Sarah has been exploring the creative possibilities of digital design, developing her own quilting designs for the longarm.

For her presentation, **"For the Love of Quilting,"** Sarah will share a selection of quilts from her journey — from her early inspirations to her current projects. She'll also demonstrate how she uses **Procreate** to develop quilting designs and patterns. No more endless erasing and redrawing on paper!

Sarah's love of quilting clearly runs in the family. She and her husband Randy, are raising four busy children, and she has inspired three of them to make quilts of their own. For Sarah, quilting has been an incredibly rewarding journey — and one she feels is only just beginning.

We're excited to have her help us start our new Guild year!

October: Looking Back at Quilts at the Park

In October, the **Quilt Show Committee** will take us through a wrap-up of **Quilts at the Park**. This will be a chance to revisit the show, share highlights and perhaps see a few of the quilts and materials that need to make their way back home.

We'll also have a special short presentation from **Diana Taylor**, who will be introducing members to her new sewing-related business in Orangeville.

Diana offers:

- **Sewing machine care and repair**
- **Scissor sharpening**

Diana reached out to the Guild and asked if she could attend a meeting to introduce herself and tell members a little about the services she provides. We're happy to welcome her and give our members a chance to learn more about a useful new local resource.

Have an Idea? We Want to Hear It!

Great Guild programming is a team effort. Whether you have a presenter you've heard before, a technique you'd love to learn, a trunk show you think everyone would enjoy, or simply an idea that sounds like fun, **let Anita and Fabienne know**.

And if you'd like to be part of the Programming Committee — or help out occasionally at meetings — there's always room for another pair of hands.

Here's to another year of **quilting, learning, sharing and inspiring one another!**

Your Programming Committee,

Anita Rowland - anitarowland20@gmail.com
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Dufferin Piecemakers
Quilting Guild

The address for the website is:
www.dufferinpiecemakers.ca

Have you checked out the new
Facebook page?

We will be posting lots of pictures
from Guild meetings, news about
upcoming speakers and activities. If
you have news to share with the
Guild, send an email to
Candice Kitchen at
candicekitchen@yahoo.ca

There is also a page for members
only. Members will be invited as
their membership is paid. Be sure
to accept the invite when it is sent.
Here you can post your own things
you'd like to share with other mem-
bers, great patterns, deals you've
come across, and any accomplish-
ments.

Community Outreach Sew Days

Monday afternoons 1-5 pm

September 21
October 19
November 16

Bring your sewing machine and
equipment for sewing, thread,
scissors, rotary cutter, etc.

There will be an ironing station,
cutting station and projects for you
to sew.

Karen Hunter
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Community Outreach

For new members or those who are not aware, the DPQG Community Outreach Program involves the process of connecting and providing many different quilted and non quilted projects to community members to improve their well being and foster connections. This is achieved in many ways by our guild members volunteering hours of time sewing, quilting, sorting and sourcing fabric, arranging sew days, delivering items where needed.

If you were unable to attend the last meeting for 25/26 season, here is a recap of last years impressive achievements:

1 Quilt to Cancer patient
1 Quilt sold to a Guild member for \$600
7 quilts delivered to Youth Cedar Heights Residential School
7 quilts delivered to the Youth Shelter
89 Placemats to Meals on Wheels
31 Placemats to Grand Valley Food Hamper Program
1 Green quilt to a refugee family
12 child size quilts to Early On Child and Family Centre
1 double and 6 twin quilts to a home fire in East Garafraxa
6 lap and 4 baby quilts to Family Transition
6 quilts to Choices Youth Shelter
90 Mastectomy Kits (each kit includes a pillow & two cases)
150 pillowcases delivered to Bolton Comfy Cases and redistributed to Headwaters Hospital and local camps for children with serious illnesses

Our current inventory is approximately 12 baby, 42 lap, 6 twin and 8 Double/Queen. If you are working on Community Projects for the guild we would appreciate larger sizes and any fabric we can use for borders to increase the size of our smaller tops.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the program, please see us at our display table at the September meeting.

Retreats - Save the dates!!!

One Day Retreat

Saturday November 21st More information to come!

Judi Sullivan and Sue Pirie
Day Retreat Committee

Weekend Retreat

Welcome to the Hallowe'en Retreat on October 30, 31, November 1 2026. We will be giving everyone a fabric and pattern package to make a block or two for retreat. Then we will put them together and make a couple of quilts for Outreach. We will be doing our Annual Flannel Shirt Day on Friday, BINGO on Friday night, Best Hallowe'en Costume on Saturday, the Dice Game with Fall Themed 5 inch squares and some Hallowe'en games.

Prices for this year remain the same as last Spring.

Shared Accommodations - \$305 per person

Single Accommodations - \$433 per person

If anyone is interested in checking in Thursday night please reach out to Heather at heathersheridan@rogers.com or Michelle mcgeem022@gmail.com



QBA (Quilting by Association)

Join us the first Saturday of each month for a **Zoom workshop** facilitated by a guild member.

Log on to Zoom at 10:00 AM. We finish at noon.

The Zoom link will be sent to you via email on Friday October 2. No RSVP required.

The fabric requirements will be emailed to you the week before on September 25.

On **Saturday October 3 Leah Mitchell** will lead us through construction of the Hunter's Star block. Traditional piecing techniques are used. No special rulers required. Hope you will join us to kick off the first QBA workshop of the guild year.

Coordinators: Fern Pugh and Judi Sullivan



MEMBERSHIP

Hello DPGQ members.....another guild year is beginning and we encourage you to join us for another interesting year of quilting entertainment. Memberships will be accepted at our September 21 meeting. To facilitate the process, please note any changes (email address, phone number) and give to the membership chair. Our yearly fee is \$50 payable by cash, cheque (Dufferin Piecemakers' Quilting Guild) or by e-transfer to **dpqguild@outlook.com**. If you need to make significant changes or are bringing a guest who would like to join, please fill in a membership form at the meeting. Welcome back, please remember to wear your name badge.

Your membership team Diane Griffith & Fern Pugh

If you have any questions or need to get in touch with a Guild member, please contact Diane at **diane.griffitho264@gmail.com** or Fern Pugh at **elizabethfern15@gmail.com**.



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Saturday 10am - 1pm
Sunday & Monday CLOSED

SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL FAIRS



Check each fair's 2026 book for inspiration, information and entry forms. Note that some categories for quilting have specific size ranges. We have Guild members actively facilitating the homecraft sections of their local fairs. Let's support them!

Dates and Themes for Dufferin Fall Fairs

Shelburne – September 18 -20 – “Harvest, Honey & Home

Grand Valley - September 25-27 – “Apples & Scarecrows



Our commitment to Family Transition Place is 200 journals for the year. Please help by donating them . The journals need to be about 6”x8”, lined pages, bound by either coil or glue. Bring the journals to the next meeting or deposit in Sue Pirie's mailbox 30 Bredin Parkway (beside Family Transition Place).

2026 UFO Challenge

This month's project is: #1



This is called Fall Harvest... a fun little quilt I made for the fall fair. Hopefully it will be completed for the Shelburne fair! Fingers crossed! - Janice Payne

Lucky Draw begins again in September

Tickets

\$2.00 for one chance

\$5.00 for three chances

Need to contact us?

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Please send newsletter submissions as well as email address changes to Janice Payne at dpqgnewsletter@gmail.com

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QUILTS at the PARK - October 16 & 17, 2026

QUILT SHOW UPDATES

Message from the Display Committee

Once again, thank you for your fantastic submissions for our upcoming show. If you have submitted more than 2 large quilts, your third choice may be partially folded on a quilt rack, table, etc. If this is a problem, please let me know as we have limited spaces and trying to fit them all in is a challenge.

If you are still unsure of the hanging sleeve required, there will be a sample and instructions at the September meeting. Please direct any further questions or concerns to debbypanke@hotmail.com

Raffle

Reminder to all guild members to return raffle ticket stubs, monies collected and unsold tickets to the September meeting. Remember, there is a prize draw for sellers - you will receive one entry for each book sold and returned, to be drawn at the October meeting. See Barbara S. at the meeting.

Thanks very much,
Barbara Schroder

Boutique

Please bring your donated items for the Boutique to the September meeting. Also, please, please consider volunteering to help at the Boutique or with any "jobs" that need helpers at the Quilt Show.

Thank you
Linda Horner

Volunteers desperately needed!

The quilt show is quickly coming and we still require many volunteers. The committee members having been working really hard to make this a successful show to help support and keep our guild running but they can't do it all, so please consider volunteering in one of the positions listed. The time commitment is minimal (two hours shifts) or if you have more to give that would be awesome.

Most positions you are able to sit through the whole time.

Registration Quilt display: **Thursday morning** - receive quilts, issue receipt, have member pin label to quilt.
Saturday afternoon 5-6 - fold quilts and stack in alphabetical order.

Men required with 6ft ladders on Thursday to hang quilts and Saturday to take them down, please don't be shy to volunteer your loving hubby or strong son, nephew, friend?

Lobby (sitting): take admission and direct guest to show, boutique tea room etc

Raffle table (able to sit) take cash and wish them luck

Mini draw (sitting, possible light movement) take cash wish them luck

Boutique (sitting) take cash, keep area tidy

White gloves (Standing) - ensure quilts are not touched, show the backs if guests would like to see them.

Tea room - food is catered so we need 2 people per shift, to take cash and issue tickets for order. if able to stand, keep tables clean.

Please contact me at val.lamothe@gmail.com or any of our committee members if you are able to volunteer at the show. Or speak with us at our meeting in September.

Valerie



Quilt Canada, June 16 – 19, 2027

MEMBER GUILD CHALLENGE – “GO WILD”

The Canadian Quilters' Association/ Association Canadienne de la courtépoin tle (CQA/ACC) is announcing a Member Guild Challenge for Quilt Canada 2027. Only members of a CQA/ACC Member Guild may enter this challenge, which has the theme “GO WILD”.

- * All entries must follow the guidelines below. Each individual Member Guild may select **one quilt** from their Guild's membership, on or before April 30, 2027 for entry into this challenge. How they choose to run this within their guild is entirely up to them.
- * It would be appreciated if Guilds wishing to enter the Challenge could advise of their intent via email to Irene Lafleche, irene.lafleche@canadianquilteradministration.com by Feb 1, 2027. This helps in determining space allocation at the show. The official Quilt Entry form will be available as of April 1, 2027 through April 30, 2027.
- * All quilts must be received between May 10 and May 25, 2027 and will be displayed at QC 2027, at the BMO Center, Stampede Park in Calgary. The location for shipping/dropping off your quilt entry will be determined and communicated to you by the end of April. The cut off for displaying quilts at Quilt Canada is restricted to the first 50 entries received.
- * The winning quilt will be selected by Viewer's Choice during Quilt Canada 2027 and awarded a \$500 cash prize.

All submitted quilts will be returned to entrants by mail (at the Guild's cost) or to be picked up at the end of the conference in Calgary.

The Challenge:

- The Theme: “Go Wild”
- There is no restriction on fabrics to be used.
- The quilt perimeter is to be no larger than 72 inches. (add up the inches on all four sides)
- Each quilt must be finished with either binding, facings or enveloped pillow case style.
- Please ensure that there is a hanging sleeve, at least 3 inches wide, for display purpose.
- All quilts must have a label with the Quilt name and Guild name visible on it; Quilter's name optional.
- Please enclose the Guild Entry Form when your quilt is shipped.

We look forward to your entry and thank you for your participation. Please send some photos of some of your Guild entries for posting on our Social Media sites. Most of all, have fun!

Irene Lafleche, CQA/ACC Membership Director



BULLETIN BOARD

Birthdays

September

15 Fern Pugh

17 Connie Walterhouse

26 Mary Light

Caring Thoughts

Do you know someone who is going through something and might appreciate receiving a get well card or a sympathy card, please contact Lorna Raney at lmraney72@gmail.com

Need advertising?

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We would love it if you would consider advertising in our newsletter. Very reasonable rates for a one month, quarterly, or monthly ad.

Please send an email to dpqgnewsleter@gmail.com to inquire about rates.

Quilting Resources

Global Quilt Connection www.globalquiltconnection.com

An international online resource that connects quilt guilds and individual quilters with virtual-ready teachers, educational programs and community tools. Simply go to the website and log in.

Next events:

The All Star Sampler Platter runs October 24-25 from 3:00pm to 6:00pm Eastern time.

Workshops and Lectures: "How to Attract Younger Members" lecture and Q&A on September 23rd at 2:00pm ET.





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2026-2027

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