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President's Message

Hello ladies,

I hope everyone is staying warm with this crazy weather! The days are getting longer and I am hopeful that spring will come soon.

I would also like to wish everyone a Happy Valentines Day, I hope you get a few surprises or treat yourself to something nice.

The upcoming events for February include:

Our February 10th meeting guest speaker will be Vanessa Grenier – Quilts for Survivors

The February meeting will be in the comfort of your home as it will be a ZOOM meeting. The Zoom link will be sent out to you so please log on at 6:45 pm to socialize and then the meeting will start at 7:15 pm. If you have Show and Tell, please send pictures to Heather Sheridan at heathersheridan@rogers.com by February 7th, 2024.

Winter Weekend Retreat is Friday March 7 to Sunday March 9th 2025 and there are still a few spaces left.

President's Challenge – Make anything out of a jelly roll. It could be any quilted item, a jacket, vest, or a rug as long it is made from 2-1/2-inch fabric. You can cut your own or use a jelly roll. This is due at the June 16th. 2025, meeting.

I want to share a simple quilting tip – Arrange choices of fabric together. Then stand at a distance from them to judge how well they blend together.

Warmest regards,
Louise Cornelius



LOUISE CORNELIUS

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The Executive

DPQG Executive 2024/25

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30th Anniversary – Fabienne Good, Madeleine Rentsch + 3 more

Retreats – Tara Doyle, Judi Sullivan, Christine Robinson

Communications/Website/Facebook – Heather Sheridan, Kim Beckner

Show 'n Tell – Mindy Swick, Karen Turcott

Stitch 'n Share – Marion Cole

Want to contact a guild member?

Please contact Janice Jones

janicejones25@hotmail.com

Meeting Information

General Meeting:

Date: Monday, February 10, 2025
Time: 6:45 pm
Location: Zoom Meeting
Link will be sent out by email

Executive Meeting:

Thursday, February 20th at 7:00pm
Zoom Meeting
An email will be sent to all Executives with the Zoom Link
All executive members and committee chairs please attend.

2025 Meeting dates:

Feb 10* Zoom Mar 17 April 21 May 12* June 16

*date change due to holiday



*Dufferin Piecemakers
Quilting Guild*

The address for the website is: <http://www.dufferinpiecemakers.org/>

Members' Corner: Login: Use the e-mail address the guild has for you
Password: password10 (until you change it)

Guild Facebook Page—Did you take a look yet?

Dufferin Piecemakers has a Facebook page and here's the link to it:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61562908059084&mibextid=ZbWKwL>

We will post lots of pictures from Guild meetings, news about upcoming speakers and activities, and things you don't see in the newsletter due to space constraints.

If you have news to share with the Guild, send an email to Kim Beckner kim.beckner@gmail.com or Heather Sheridan heathersheridan@rogers.com and one of them will put it on the Facebook page for you.

*** A reminder to all members to please LEAVE the old Facebook page and group which are no longer being moderated

There is also a page for members only. Members will be invited to join as their membership is paid. Be sure to accept the invite when it is sent. Here you can do your own posting of things you'd like to share with other members, great patterns or deals you've come across, and accomplishments you've achieved.

Program News

February 10 Vanessa Grenier - Quilts for Survivors

Vanessa Grenier, founder of Quilts for Survivors, is an experienced and dynamic speaker who brings passion, heart, and a wealth of knowledge to every presentation. With years of experience working in the quilting community and supporting survivors of Residential Schools and other trauma through the power of quilts. Vanessa connects with her audience on a deeply personal level.



<https://www.quiltsforsurvivors.ca/>

March 17 Hands On Night In Person at the Seniors Centre

Join our members for our annual hands on night.

There will be demos of techniques and tools and opportunities to work on outreach projects.

Look for more details to follow in the March newsletter.



QBA - Quilting by Association Workshops by members for members

Our next **Zoom Sew Along** is **Saturday March 1** at 10:00 AM until noon.

Join Judi Sullivan as she demonstrates how to paper piece using freezer paper. No need to rip paper from the back of your pieces with this method.

Zoom links are sent the day before the workshop, along with project instructions. Log on and join us if you can. These workshops are open to all guild members.

Convenors - Fern Pugh: elizabethfern15@gmail.com and Judi Sullivan: sulljudi@gmail.com

Need help with Zoom? Contact us.

Lonely Star quilt Block



Winter Weekend Retreat

Friday March 7 to Sunday March 9 2025

9:30 Friday to 2:00 PM Sunday

Stayner Retreat Centre, Stayner Ontario

Join the group for fun and laughs and a chance to sew all weekend.

Meals and accommodation included.

\$350 double - \$410 single (Sadly the prices have increased)

OR Come for just for the day - Friday or Saturday \$85 – includes lunch and supper.

Register by emailing Christine Robinson christine.robinson.7@icloud.com

Or Judi Sullivan sulljudi@gmail.com

Payment by e-transfer to: dpqguild@outlook.com Or cheque payable to Dufferin Piecemakers Box 325 Orangeville L9W 2Z6

One Day Mini Retreat

Saturday April 12 9:30 AM to 7:00 PM

Orangeville Seniors Centre, 26 Bythia St. Orangeville

Join the group for a fun day of sewing and sharing.

Light supper, tea and coffee provided. Water at the Centre is potable.

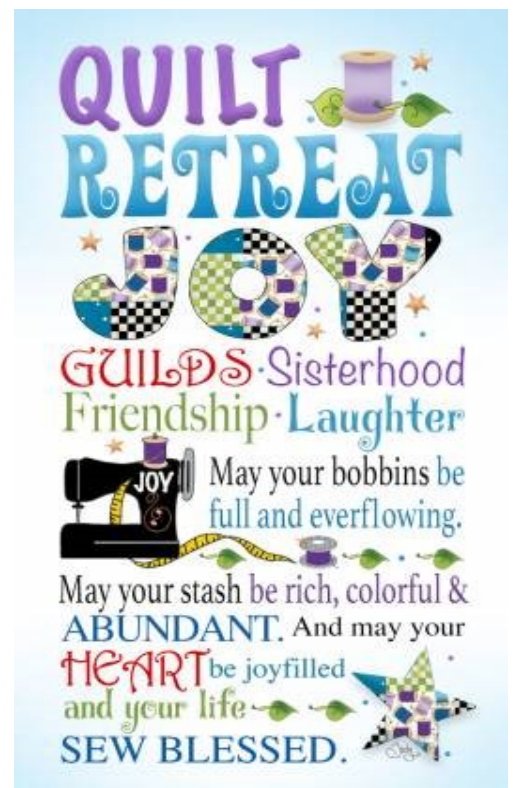
\$40 for the entire day. \$20 with no supper – leave at 4:30

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30th Anniversary Quilt Project

In the last newsletter, we mentioned that on February 20th, Sandy Lindal (the designer of the Heartfelt Quilt) will join us to give us tips and advice on how to piece our quilt.

Please note that the NEW LOCATION will now be the Orangeville & District Senior Citizens Centre on **26 Bythia Street** in Orangeville. We will be there from 9:30am to 4:00pm

This will be a hands-on day, so please bring your sewing machines, rulers, cutters, pins, irons etc.

Regards,
Fabienne & Madeleine
30th Anniversary Quilt Project

Community Out Reach

We are having Sewing afternoons again!

On the Mondays of the monthly meetings from 1-5pm. Monday February 10 is the next time, at Chartwell Montgomery Village Retirement Residence, 155 Riddell Rd., Orangeville.

If you're interested in joining us, or picking up kits, please contact Karen Hunter 416-786-2081 (cell) 905-584-8732 (home), or karenhdesigns@yahoo.com.

Community Outreach committee: Karen Hunter, Elspeth King, Sharon Courage, and Nancy Palmer-Neely

ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTED THROUGH COMMUNITY OUTREACH (Part 2)



family
transition
place

Since 1984, **Family Transition Place** has been providing critical services to women and their children who have experienced abuse and unhealthy relationships or homelessness. They are committed to providing safety, support, and inspiring hope through emergency shelter; transitional, legal and housing support services; and nonjudgemental counselling. FTP is a leader in healthy relationship education, including school programs.

DPQG's support:

Journals – Sue Pirie coordinates the collection and donation of 200 journals annually which are essential for the counselling program. More information can always be found in the newsletter.

Quilts - As quilts are symbols of emotional support and physical comfort, the Guild tries to donate a variety of sizes for children, teens and women for the shelter/housing services. These quilts are often made with many hands. For example: a member donates a quilt top to the Community Outreach committee who gets it long-armed, and another member binds to finish it.

Comfy Cases, a Canadian non-profit organization, provides fun, colourful pillowcases for children in hospitals with cancer or other life altering illnesses. It's a program of Ontario Parents Advocating for Children with Cancer (OPACC) which is dedicated to improving the quality of life for children and their families.

Pillowcases are selected by children, their parents or the Child Life Specialist in hospitals across Ontario. They go home with the patients and siblings get pillowcases too. Pillowcases are also given to hospice homes and camps for children with life altering illnesses or injury.

DPQG - Pillowcases made by Guild members are given to a local *Comfy Cases* representative and are prepared for distribution...washing, packaging and labeling. We also give pillowcases to local organizations such as Family Transition Place and Choices, as well as fire victims when we deliver quilts.

Fern Pugh has been coordinating the Guild's participation in the pillowcase program. She provides "kits" with cut donated or purchased fabrics for members to pick up at meetings; to be returned as finished pillowcases. Many members enjoy using their own fabrics to sew these quick projects throughout the year.

Creative Projects

Please note: Minor Error in Crossing Squares (5) (previous instruction sheet) Last sentence should say return to Baggie 4 not 5

Crossing Squares (6)



A

B

C

D

Unit 5

Sew a **B** strip to an **A** strip pressing towards the **A** strip. Repeat 2 more times to make 3 strip sets. Now sew a **D** strip to the other side of each **A** strip in the sets. Press towards **A**. You will now have 3 strip sets like this.



Cut each strip set part every 2 ¼”.

Vice President's challenge

The first (of many) Guild challenges - LOGO twist

Finished block to be 8" - Due at our in person meeting in March.

Our DPQG logo the Briar Rose in yellow on a field of turquoise blue replaced our original logo in 1997-98 and was designed by Kym Ranger. There are no thoughts to replace this logo but I want to see what our members can design in their own interpretation of our logo. Using ONLY the colours of the logo, design and sew your take, it can be thread painting, abstract, paper piecing, felted, crumb or scrap, it doesn't even need to look anything like the logo. The colours need to be from the logo - yellow, brown, turquoise, gold, and teal (or green if that's what you see in the logo) but otherwise the design is yours. You have until the December meeting to finish your block and bring it in. This should be a quick sew to get you into quilting mode for the winter and a fun way to try a new technique or try your hand at designing.

You may do more than one block, the more the merrier ! Blocks received will be used in a quilt.

I can't wait to see what you all come up with!

Barb Redford



Pillowcase Project

If you wish to have pillowcase kits, please contact Fern Pugh at 519-941-8515 or email elizabethfern15@gmail.com. Fern also accepts pillowcases made from your fabric collection

Membership News

Welcome back Connie Walterhouse!!!



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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.

Bring your own drink and some hand work to keep you occupied or just enjoy visiting. All members are welcome. A wonderful way to meet others who share your love of quilting.

We gather in the meeting room of the Orangeville Library – Mill Street branch on the corner of Broadway and Mill Street. The entrance is on Mill Street ... Meeting room is on the lower level, but there is an elevator.

Upcoming dates: February 5 and 19



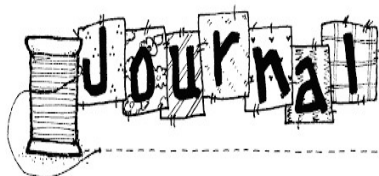
Need to contact us?

Dufferin Piecemakers Quilting Guild P.O. Box 325, Orangeville, ON, L9W 2Z7

Please send newsletter submissions as **Word Doc** and **jpeg**s or change of email addresses to Janice Payne at: dpqgnewsletter@gmail.com

Newsletter submission deadlines: **March 7th, 2025**

WANTED: JOURNALS Family Transition Place



Our commitment to FTP is 200 journals for the year. Please help by donating them at any time. The journals need to be about 6" x 8", lined pages, bound by either coil or glue.

Please bring **JOURNALS** to Next Meeting
or
Deposit in Sue Pirie's mailbox
30 Bredin Pkwy (beside Family Transition Place)

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Birthdays

Debby Panke	Feb 22
Bonnie McClellan	Feb 23
Louise Cornelius	Feb 27



If you know someone who should receive a card, please contact Christine Robinson at christine.robinson.7@icloud.com



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Quilt Shows

March 28-29, “Quilt Fever” Etobicoke Quilters Guild https://etobicokequiltersguild.com/quilt_show/

April 26-7 “Quilted Treasures” Region of York Quilters Guild Community Centre Newmarket <https://www.regionofyorkquiltersguild.ca>

May 2-3 PIECES OF MAGIC” Quilt Show 2025, Oxford Quilters Guild’s “ Embro Zorra Community Centre located at 355644 35th line, Embro www.oxfordquiltersguild.com

May 2-3 Quilt Show 2025 The Thames Valley Quilters Guild Admission \$10 Westview Baptist Church, 1000 Woodlawn Rd. S., London Ontario www.thamesvalleyquiltersguild.com

May 15-19, WEFTFest Festival TriSisters Art House St George Banquet Hall, 665 King St N, Waterloo, ON <https://weftfest.ca/>

May 30-31 “Stiches in Our Time” Halton Quilters Guild Sheridan Conference Centre, Oakville <http://www.haltonquiltersguild.com>.

June 7-8, “Stitching Among Friends” Quilting Corners Guild. Alliston Curling Rink, 52 Albert Street West, Alliston, Ontario. Admission Adults \$10 Children 12 or younger \$5 www.aqcguild.edublogs.org.

July 16-19 Wool Applique Show and Share Creebank Sewing Centre 031385 Grey Rd 14 Conn, ON Registration for entrants April 1 to May 16. Everyone welcome to enter their items. Door Prizes, demos, lectures, workshops and food

CQA Canadian Quilters Association

<https://canadianquilter.com/about-cqa/>

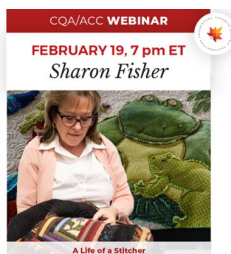
Save the date for Quilt Canada – a huge quilt conference with displays, speakers and workshops at the International Centre in Mississauga **June 19 to 21, 2025**.

[Check out the workshop, lecture and NJS tour information for Quilt Canada 2025](#)

CQA is active on [Facebook](#), [Pinterest](#) and [Instagram](#) and encourages you to follow along and join in the fun.



The Quilt Along has started. Head over to the website for [MORE INFORMATION](#).



Buy a ticket to the webinar with [Sharon Fisher on Feb 19](#).

Or [purchase a three ticket bundle](#) to the Feb, March and April Webinars at a savings.



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Sympathy to Kim Beckner on the loss of her brother in law Dan.

Its time to start thinking of your entries into the Fall Fairs for this year. We are hoping that everyone will participate in any one or all of our local fairs: Orangeville, Grand Valley, Caledon, and Shelburne. Below you will find the category description and the prize money available to win.



Special By Dufferin Piecemakers Quilting Guild:

Creative use of a panel made into a finished quilted item. May be hand or machine quilted by the entrant or another quilter named on the entry tag.

Prizes: \$10 \$8 \$6



Many thanks to Norrine from the Quilters Cupboard for the virtual tour of her store in Uxbridge. It was enjoyed by many.