



# The Piecemakers' Star

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As the unofficial start to summer arrives, another Guild year comes to an end with our social on **June 17, 2024**, at the Orangeville Senior Centre, 26 Bythia St., Orangeville. Members with last names ending in A-M, please bring a monetary donation for the food bank. Members with last names ending in N-Z, please bring finger foods. Please remember to bring a plate, cutlery, and a drink.

The Lucky Draw will have 3 regular draws, and three special door prizes. The 3 gifts for the door prizes are amazing. You will receive one ticket when you come in and you must be in attendance when the draw occurs to win your gift!

I look forward to seeing all the entries in the President's Challenge. Remember to put your name on the back of your entry. As always, I look forward to seeing everyone's Show and Tell.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the September Meeting.

Have a lovely summer, everyone!!!

Louise Cornelius

## You still have time to create and enter the President's Challenge 2024

The challenge for 2024 is to create a quilt that has one or more flowers. The flower(s) could be appliquéd (turned edge, raw edge, satin stitched, etc.), or pieced like a traditional block such as Cactus Flower, etc. Create a quilt/wall hanging/table topper for example

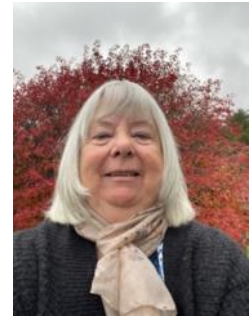
Sizes:

1. 18" square or larger
2. 16 x 20 or larger, throw (60" or longer)
3. larger quilt (72" or longer)

There are three categories for judging:

- A) Item that best meets the Challenge - that has a flower and meets size requirement)
- B) President's Choice
- c) Members' Choice

**Due at the June 17 2024 meeting.**



LOUISE CORNELIUS

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## The Executive

### DPQG Executive 2023/24

#### Executive:

Past President – Heather Sheridan

President – Louise Cornelius

Vice President – vacant

Secretary – Janice Jones

Treasurer – Tara Doyle

Program – Jill Cameron, Rose Mocella,  
Yvonne Guse Rahn

Membership – Barb Redford

Newsletter – Pat Forrest, Judi Sullivan

#### Committees:

Creative Projects – Linda Harris, Sue Pirie

Community Outreach – Karen Hunter, Trish  
McKibbin, Sharon Courage,  
2 vacant

Financial Reviewers – vacant

Historian – Judi Sullivan

Lucky Draw – Helen Currie, Sharon Courage,  
2 vacant

QBA – Fern Pugh, Judi Sullivan

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

Retreats – Lynda Black, Tara Doyle, Christine  
Robinson, Judi Sullivan

Communications/Website/Facebook – Judi  
Sullivan, Judy MacLeod/Oksana Slipenkj

Show 'n Tell – Dale McMillan, Mindy Swick

Stitch 'n Share – Judy MacLeod,  
Oksana Slipenkj

#### Want to contact a guild member?

The e-mail addresses of members can be found  
on the guild website in the private members'  
section. [www.dufferinpiecemakers.org](http://www.dufferinpiecemakers.org)

# Meeting Information

## General Meeting:

**Date:** **Monday June 17, 2024**

**Time:** **6:45 pm**

**Location:** Orangeville Seniors' Centre

## Executive Meeting:

**Thursday, June 20 at 6:45 PM**  
**At Judi Sullivan's**

**Thursday, August 22 7:00 PM**  
**Location To Be Announced**

All executive members and committee chairs please attend.

## Pillowcase Project

If you wish to have pillowcase kits, please contact Fern Pugh at  
519-941-8515 or email [elizabethfern15@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethfern15@gmail.com).

Fern also accepts pillowcases made from your  
fabric collection.



*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! If you're on Facebook pop over  
and click "Like". Just search for Dufferin Piecemakers Quilting Guild and there we  
are! We will post lots of pictures from Guild meetings, news about upcoming speak-  
ers and workshops, and things you don't see in the newsletter due to space con-  
straints. If you have news to share with the Guild, send an email to Judy MacLeod  
[jmacleod11@hotmail.com](mailto:jmacleod11@hotmail.com) and she will put it on the main Facebook page for you.

There is also a group for members. 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. It's called **Dufferin Piecemakers Members Group**.  
Go have a look and request to join us if you haven't already joined.

## An Update to AGM Business

At the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on May 13, members in attendance were asked to vote on the acceptance of the proposed Code of Conduct policy. A challenge was made that a vote could not be held because there was not a quorum, which is required for any changes to the DPQG Constitution and Bylaws (Article 7:1). When voting began, 50 members had signed in—a quorum would be 65 based on the current membership.

After some discussion, the vote proceeded as per Article 7:3 which states the meeting will proceed without a quorum and motions will be ratified at the next meeting in which a quorum is present. The result of the vote was 80% in favour of accepting the Code of Conduct policy.

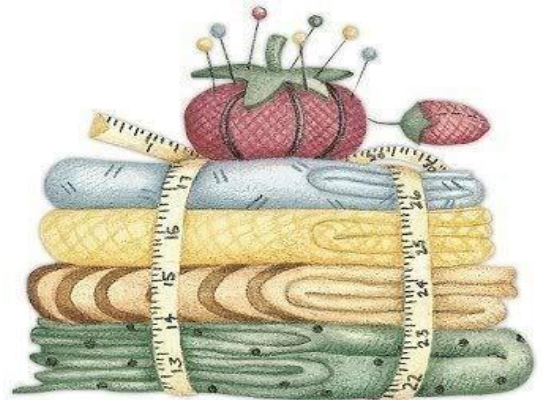
From the outset in creating a code of conduct for the Guild, the Executive sought advice and expertise from a variety of professionals and community organizations with knowledge and experience in this area. We recently sought legal advice and consulted with two of the experts, who concurred that because no changes to the constitution are required to accept the Code of Conduct policy, a quorum is not needed. It is a stand-alone, living document to which all members had the opportunity to offer input and ask questions, and to which amendments can be made.

Other business dealt with at the AGM, was the election of the 2024-25 Executive. As there were no other names put forth, and the slate of positions was uncontested, the Executive was acclaimed.

If there are any questions, comments, or concerns regarding the above, please contact the DPQG email address directly – [guild@dufferinpiecemakers.org](mailto:guild@dufferinpiecemakers.org)

## Breaking News

On Saturday June 1, our guild member Sue Pirie won the **Best of Show** at the Charmers Quilt Show in Feversham, sponsored by Threads that Bind Shop. Her prize was a big ribbon and a sewing machine! Congratulations to Sue. We hope many of you had a chance to visit this show.



## 2024 –2025 Executive

President – Louise Cornelius

VP – Barb Redford

Secretary—Christine Robinson

Treasurer – Tara Doyle

Program – Yvonne Guse Rahn

Membership – Janice Jones

Newsletter – Janice Payne &  
Judi Sullivan

LET'S  
HAVE  
FUN

**AT OUR JUNE SOCIAL!**

Join us for the final meeting of the year at the **Orangeville Seniors Centre**.  
26 Bythia St. Orangeville The fun begins at 6:45

**Prizes, Prizes, Prizes:**

Our lovely, regular lucky draw prizes (3 tickets/\$1)

**Plus**, complimentary ticket for ***Special Door Prizes:***

Win a lovely surprise package  
Win a free membership to the Guild for 2024-2025  
Win a pass for a one-day retreat

**President's Challenge Judging**

**Recognition Night:**

Presentation of the *Duffies*

Thanks to the executive and committees

*Show and Tell* – Don't be shy, bring the projects you've been working on this year!

**Finger food supplied by those members whose name begins with N to Z**

Fruit drink will be provided.

Don't forget your mug/glass, plate, and utensils

**A to M** - monetary donations to the local **food banks** appreciated.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

# Community Out Reach

Recent donations include:

**8** quilts to **Early On**, Orangeville

**19** quilts to **Family Transition Place**

**10** quilts to **Bethel Hospice**

**Mastectomy Pillows** donated this guild year.....**40**

Pillowcases for **Comfy Cases** program.....**250**

In total, **148 quilts** have been donated this guild year.

As always, we continue to ask for donations of quilts.

**Currently there is a need for “30x40”.**

We also accept the following sizes:

**Hospice** approximately 58x43 or 48x63

**Choices** twin size approximately 68x72 or 80x90

**Family Transition Place** approximately 70x80

At the June 17 meeting we will be accepting **monetary donation for the food banks.**

We suggest that members with last names starting with A to L, bring cash donations while the latter half of alphabet will bring our food.

We are still in need of a chairperson for the Community Outreach Committee. If you have questions about this position, please speak to Louise Cornelius.

Community Outreach Committee: Karen Hunter, Sharon Courage, Elspeth King, Rose Mocella

## In Memoriam Stella Graham

Stella, Latin for Star. Stella was stellar in all her challenges.

My friend Stella. I can truly say Stella loved you all. She was eager and willing to get up and go to lunch, Stitch and Share and DPQG Retreats.

Stella was gifted with many skills as we have witnessed in her quilting accomplishments, embroidery's and cross stitch and of course her passion and talent for knitting. She produced some exquisite items. She attempted to teach me to follow a knitting pattern. And oh, how she enjoyed her art classes. A few of us are blessed to possess a piece or two of her

accomplishments.

She was a voracious reader and happy to pass on her finished best read. She loved to share her travel experiences and was so looking forward to hearing about my granddaughter's

recent visit to Greece, one of Stella's favourite parts of this world.

She was accepting and gracious all at once.

I often sat with Stella in her garden or in her lounge sharing a Tim Horton's coffee and apple fritter. I will so miss those wee sojourns. Oh how I wish we'd done it all more often. We all send our sincere sympathies and condolences to her daughter Fiona and son-in-law, David and all who have loved and will miss Stella. Rest in Peace Stella.

Blessings, Marion Cole





*A great way to get to know other guild members!*

*What's needed?*

*Financial reviewers – 2      Program – 2 +      Secretary assistant – 1      Show & Tell – 1  
Community Outreach – 2 +Membership – 1      Creative Projects - 2*

*It takes many hands to keep the guild running in tip top shape. Speak to Heather Sheridan or Diane Woodward at the June meeting if you can help out. Or contact: [guild@dufferinpiecemakers.org](mailto:guild@dufferinpiecemakers.org)*



**End of Year Social Meeting** for Executive Members  
& Committee Members from the 2023-24 year  
New volunteers for 2024-25 are also invited to this social evening.  
**Thursday June 20 at 6:45 Judi Sullivan's home**  
66 Starrview Crescent, Mono on the north edge of Orangeville  
(Don't forget your lawn chair.)

\*\*\* Munchies provided by the executive members. Drinks available.

## **Membership Renewal**

The membership committee would like to remind everyone that it's almost time to renew your membership for the 2024-25 season.

We will once again be having a prize draw for all those who renew your membership prior to August 31st 2024 so be sure to see Barb Redford or Janice Payne to renew early and have your name entered to win.

# Thanks to all our QBA Presenters this Year

Split block techniques



Leah Mitchell - hourglass



Sue Pirie - double disappearing 9-path



Judi Sullivan - 1/2 square triangle



Sheila Klein - pinwheel



Pat Forest - gnomes



Fern Pugh - quilt as you go hexies



Sue Hopkins van Zant - fabric baskets

Thanks to Joyce Dennie for leading the April stitch and chat session



Our May Speaker  
Elizabeth DeCross



Hello,

I wanted to send our sincere thanks for naming the Museum of Dufferin as the recipient of the DPQG Education Fund for 2024! We are very excited to be able to use the money to purchase new boxes for our upcoming textile inventory project that we will be undertaking this summer. This will help ensure the continued care of the textiles in our collection and allow us to further share the history of Dufferin County through these items.

Please let me know if you would like a receipt of the cheque, and I can arrange to have it emailed to the appropriate member of the quilting guild.

Thank you again for your continued support of the Museum of Dufferin!

All the best,  
Caitlin



## 30th Anniversary of Our Guild

We are very excited to announce that we have already received some cut squares & rectangles – THANK YOU!

If we have enough squares/rectangles in by our meeting in June, you could start choosing block patterns & coordinating fabric pieces to start sewing in the summer. With that in mind, if it's possible, please bring your cut squares/rectangles to either the May or June meetings. We will check you off our list to keep track of what still needs to be cut.

Also, if you would like to cut more squares/rectangles, the live sign-up sheet can be viewed here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jVub0ISCnNilnynT5zIKvI2nJRMFHYNy8pGUPS1zIdQ/edit?usp=sharing>

This is the same link which Judi sent via email on April 26th.

We are looking forward to seeing all the different colours and fabrics!



Madeleine & Fabienne



## The Afternoon Stitch and Share Group

The Stitch and Share group meets on the **first** and **third** Friday each month at The Centre Church (corner of Blind Line and Hansen Blvd.) From 1 pm to 3 pm. Some pay in advance for a block of dates; costs depend on how many commit. Or drop in for a \$5.00 fee.

Contact Judy [jmacleod11@hotmail.com](mailto:jmacleod11@hotmail.com) or Oksana [oslipenkyj@rogers.com](mailto:oslipenkyj@rogers.com) for more information.

## Quilts on the Grand 2024

**Fri., June 7th** • 10am to 7pm

**Sat., June 8th** • 10am to 4pm

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### *A Thank You from Bethell Hospice (Inglewood)*

Dear Members of DPQG,

On behalf of the clients who will benefit from your talents, creativity and generosity, thank you for your gift of 10 quilts to Bethel Hospice. Your caring and warm gesture will bring comfort to those who need it.

Thank you Dufferin Piecemakers Quilting Guild!



Need to contact us?

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P.O. Box 325, Orangeville, ON  
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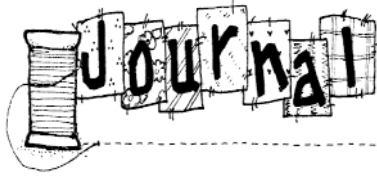
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**WANTED: JOURNALS**  
**Family Transition Place**



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)

**Upcoming Quilt Shows Spring 2024**

**Grand Quilt Guild**

**Jun 7 & 8, 2024 Quilts on the Grand 2024**

Fergus Sportsplex 550 Belsyde Ave. E. Fergus  
\$10 [www.grandquiltguild.ca](http://www.grandquiltguild.ca)

**Quinte Quilts**

Quinte Curling Club

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June	03	Karen Melnyk
	04	Janice Jones
	13	Brenda Mullan
	21	Lynne Norman
	22	Linda LeVon
	29	Rose Mocella
July	02	Valerie Lamothe
	03	Yvonne Guse Rahn
	06	Sheila Klein
	04	Lynda Black
	17	Lynne Wittman
	18	Gail Brown
	28	Jill Cameron
	29	Linda Horner
August	02	Marion Cole
	04	Cindy Sabo
	05	Sue Pirie
	06	Joan Tipping
	17	Madeleine Rentsch
	22	Cheryl Staeger
	24	Trish McKibbon
	25	Dale McMillan

## *Birthdays*



### Birthday Club ~ Secret Sister

You will want to keep your secret so you may use the Guild's address as your return address:  
 Dufferin Piecemakers Quilting Guild  
 PO Box 325  
 Orangeville, ON L9W 2Z7

Alternatively, gifts may be left on the membership table at our general meeting. If your secret sister is NOT at the meeting, please take the gift home and try another way to deliver it.

If you know of someone who should be sent a card from the Guild, contact Janice Jones at [janicejones25@hotmail.com](mailto:janicejones25@hotmail.com)



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**MEMBERSHIP FORM**

**JULY 1 2024 to JUNE 30 2025**

**TO JUNE 30, 2021**

Forms can be returned to the Membership Committee along with your payment of \$45.00 by cash or cheque. Or you can email the form back to [jankpayne@rogers.com](mailto:jankpayne@rogers.com) and electronically send a payment to the Dufferin Piecemakers Quilting Guild at [dpqguild@outlook.ca](mailto:dpqguild@outlook.ca). Or mail a cheque to: DPQG, P.O. Box 325, Orangeville, Ontario L9W 2Z6

Please fill out the following information

New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewing \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Disclaimer:

Photographs from Dufferin Piecemakers Quilting Guild events are taken from time to time to use on the Website, Facebook page, Newsletter and any other social media platforms and events to promote the Guild.

You have received with this Membership form a copy of the Constitution, Bylaws and Code of Conduct and have read and understood the contents. The Executive Committee has the authority to revoke membership privileges for anyone violating the Code of Conduct Policy.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**The Dufferin Piecemakers Quilting Guild  
Constitution and Bylaws**

Amended: May 25th, 1998/June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2004/May 18th, 2009/May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Constitution**

**Article #1:**

The organization shall be known as The Dufferin Piecemakers Quilting Guild. This shall be a non-profit organization.

**Article #2: Aims and Objectives**

1. To enhance the knowledge of quilting amongst the members and the community
2. To preserve quilting as an art form
3. To establish, maintain and update quilting standards
4. To encourage an exchange of ideas and methods
5. To participate in community project
6. To foster an atmosphere of kindness, support, and respect to all members

**Bylaws**

**Article #1: Membership**

1. Membership shall be open upon payment of the prescribed annual fee.
2. Visitors may attend meetings and workshops upon payment of designated fee.
3. Visitors may attend the Annual General Meeting as observers only. They will have no voice at the Annual General Meeting nor will they be allowed to cast a vote.
4. Changes in fees and membership dues will be determined by the Executive and after 30 days notification of the proposed changes be presented for approval by the membership at the Annual General Meeting.
5. Request for use of membership lists and other guild material, for purposes other than guild activities, must be submitted in writing to the Executive prior to consideration by the general membership.

**Article #2: Guild Year End Meeting**

1. The Guild year shall be July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>.
2. The Executive shall meet monthly during the guild year or as deemed necessary
3. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in May of each year unless another month is deemed necessary by the Executive.
4. The number and dates of Guild Meetings shall be determined annually by the Executive
5. There will be no Guild Meetings scheduled for the month of July and August. The Executive may meet in August to orient the incoming Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs and to plan the September Guild Meeting.
6. Unless previously authorized by the Executive, there shall be no commercial activity at any meeting or workshop of the Guild.
7. Reports and minutes of all Executive and Committee meetings shall be available to any guild member for review.
8. A short business meeting shall be held at each Guild Meeting.

**Article #3: Officers and Executive**

1, Officers of the Guild shall be:

- a. President
- b. Vice President
- c. Secretary
- d. Treasurer
- e. Past President

2. Executive of the Guild shall be the Officers, plus the Directors of the following standing committees:

- a. Membership
- b. Newsletter
- . Program & Workshops

The above shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall assume office in July for one year or until a successor is elected.

3. The Executive may commence new committees as needed and may terminate committees as needed except for Nominating and Financial Reviewer. The following are standing committees.

Nominating	Librarian
Refreshments	Community Projects
Lucky Draw & Door Prize	Financial Reviewer
Bulletin Board/Quilt Show Trip & Trips	Web-Mistress
Block/President's Challenge & Block of the Month	Quilt Show
Historian	Informal Stitch & Share Groups
Birthday Club	Retreats

1. No Officer, Director or Chairperson shall hold the same office for more than two (2) consecutive years, and an Executive position for more than three (3) years, unless otherwise decided by the Executive and voted on by the membership at the Annual General Meeting.

2. Additional Committee Chairperson can be appointed, when necessary, by the Executive.
3. Resignation from the Executive must be submitted in writing to the President with 30 days' notice. The Executive may appoint a replacement to serve the unexpired term.
4. When an Executive member has been absent for three consecutive monthly and/or Executive meetings, without explanation, or is in flagrant neglect of the duties of the office; the Executive has the right to appoint a replacement to serve the unexpired term, after notifying the member in writing.
5. The quorum of the Executive shall be no less than two thirds of the members of the Executive.

**Article #4: Nominations and Elections**

1. The Nominating Committee shall be decided by the Executive. Typically, it shall consist of the Past President, the Chair of the Membership Committee and one Member-at-large.
2. This Committee will prepare a slate of Officers, Directors and Committee Chairpersons to be presented to the Executive two (2) months prior to the Annual General Meeting. The membership will receive notification of this slate in the April newsletter or by special mailing.
3. Additional nominations for an office will be accepted by the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee. These must have the consent of the nominee and a seconder.
4. Elections shall be held at the Annual General Meeting. Those receiving the majority of the votes of the membership shall be elected. Assistants to the Directors or Chairperson of a Committee may be appointed at this time.
5. In the event that two or more persons are nominated for the same position, voting shall be by ballot, to be distributed at the Annual General Meeting.

**Article #5: Finance**

1. The fiscal year shall be July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>.
2. Financial commitments shall be reviewed annually by the incoming Executive.
3. Any Committee that proposes new or major projects must have the approval of the Executive and the membership.
4. All events and activities approved by the Executive shall be granted an operating budget and will be the responsibility of the Committee Chairperson or event organizer. Expenditures not covered in an operating budget must have prior approval of the Executive.
5. The operating budget for the current fiscal year shall be made available for the membership at the Guild Meeting in September.
6. Expenditures over \$200, not included in the budget, must be approved by the membership.
7. Signing Officers of the Guild shall be any two or three registered at the bank. They shall be the Treasurer, the President and another member designated by the Executive.
8. Services rendered by members on a volunteer basis are not reimbursable.
9. Financial records of the Guild shall be available and open for perusal by any Guild member at the Annual General Meeting. The Financial Records will be examined annually by two (2) members of the Guild, none of who is an elected Officer. Their financial review shall be made available to the Membership at the September Guild meeting.
10. Any profits of the Guild shall be used in promoting the Objectives of the Guild.
11. Treasurer to have online access to Guild General Account solely to transfer monies between Guild accounts NOT to add bill payment. The purpose of transfer of monies is to earn higher interest on Guild monies.

**Article #6: Parliamentary Authority**

11. In all matters not provided for in this Constitution and Bylaws, Robert's Rules of Order shall be the authority.

**Article #7: Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws**

1. The Constitution and Bylaws may be amended or repealed by a two-thirds majority of the members present at an Annual General Meeting. A quorum shall be sixty-five percent (65%) of the membership. Proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws must be submitted to the Executive in writing, with a mover and a seconder, by February 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. Written notice of a proposed amendment must be circulated to the Members via the newsletter thirty (30) days prior to the Annual General meeting.
3. In the event that a quorum is not present at the Annual General Meeting, the meeting will proceed and all motions will be ratified at the next meeting in which a quorum is present.
4. Voting will be by show of hands or ballot at the discretion of the Executive.

**Mark your Calendars—Meeting Dates**

Sept 16, 2024	Feb 17, 2025 Zoom
Oct 21, 2024	March 17, 2025
Nov 18, 2024	April 21, 2025
Dec 16, 2024	May 19, 2025
Jan 20, 2025 Zoom	June 16, 2025



## CODE OF CONDUCT

One of the cornerstones of the Dufferin Piecemakers Quilting Guild (DPQG) mission is to foster an atmosphere of kindness, support and respect for all members as outlined in *The Dufferin Piecemakers Quilting Guild Constitution and Bylaws*. The Code of Conduct clarifies the basic standards of behaviour expected of all members of the Dufferin Piecemakers Quilting Guild and offers a clear roadmap of how grievances will be addressed and resolved. It is a living code that is open to amendment as needed.

### **Fostering an atmosphere of kindness, support and respect**

In order to ensure a respectful and inclusive environment for everyone, all members and guests at DPQG events are expected to:

- Act with kindness, fairness, honesty and integrity.
- Be inclusive and make a concerted effort to be inviting and welcoming to others, particularly those you don't know well.
- Encourage the exchange of ideas by inviting the differing viewpoints of others, and by offering recommendations or opinions in a respectful manner.
- Encourage and support other members of our Guild community.

### **Unacceptable Behaviours**

Behaviours that do not foster an atmosphere of kindness, support and respect for all members will not be tolerated. These behaviours include, but are not limited to:

- Harassment
- Bullying
- Discrimination
- Personal attacks or offensive verbal and/or written comments (e.g. email, texts, social media posts, telephone, letter)

### **How to Report a Breach of the Code of Conduct**

The intention is the Code of Conduct be used only for serious issues, and/or if less formal attempts at resolution were unsuccessful. Any member or guest of the Guild who, at a meeting or event of the Guild, experiences or observes an unacceptable behaviour is encouraged to report their concern.

- Any member of the Executive can take a report at the time of the incident.
- The complainant can fill out the appropriate form at the link on the DPQG website. The form will be directed to a DPQG officer. Alternatively, a written letter can be submitted to a member of the Executive at a Guild meeting or event or mailed to the Dufferin Piecemakers mailing address.
- A DPQG officer will acknowledge receipt of the complaint within fourteen days via the preferred contact method indicated on the form or letter.
- Please understand that complaints filed anonymously will not be considered as it will not be possible to confirm details.

### **Response to a Breach of the Code of Conduct**

- A DPQG officer will present the concern to the Committee\* for review and appropriate action.
- The respondent will be notified and given an opportunity to present their response in writing.
- All complaints and responses will be documented.

If the complaint is in regard to an Executive member, that member will recuse themselves from the process.

If it's determined that a member has behaved in a way that is contradictory to the Code of Conduct, consequences could include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Conflict mediation
- Exclusion from any executive or committee positions
- Their Guild membership may be revoked, and from that time they will be prohibited from participating in all Guild events, activities and Guild sub-groups such as retreats, Quilting by Association, Stitch and Share etc.
- Any member whose membership in the DPQG is revoked is entitled to receive a refund of prorated dues and any deposits.
- The decision of the Committee is binding. All parties will be informed of this decision.

\*The Committee will consist of members of both the Executive and general membership, not personally involved with the breach of the Code of Conduct.