



The Piecemaker's Star

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW PRESIDENT

Hello and happy summer everyone!!!

I hope you are making the most of the sunshine — getting outside while you can, because those chilly days will be back before we know it!!! Personally, I've been spending the hottest afternoon tucked away in my cold basement, quilting. Summer always sparks my creativity — the colors of the flowers, the extra time outdoors, and the energy in the air, all inspire me. So go for a walk, sit in the garden, attend a local event... and of course think quilts!!!

Since some of you may not know me well, I thought I'd take a moment to introduce myself.

Many of you know I'm a retired RCMP Officer—I served 27 years, from New Brunswick to Manitoba and finally back to Ontario. Before joining the Mounties, I worked with the Military which took me to Germany and then to New Brunswick, where I wasn't in service but taught figure skating to the kids on the base. That ties into my hidden talent: I was a competitive figure skater for many years, even making it to Team Ontario and Team Canada as an ice dancer (I know right!!!) These days, much to my parents dismay, I'm a big hockey player, but I still watch figure skating whenever it is on.

I've always been crafty, something I picked up from my Mom. Over the years, I've tried nearly every creative hobby: needlepoint, crochet, tole painting, scrapbooking, needle felting, water color painting, woodworking, gardening, and of course, quilting. I'm also an avid photographer, which often inspires my art quilts.

Quilt-wise, I'm excited to share that I've just sent off my first two bed-sized quilts for longarming. I typically focus on lap quilts and smaller projects. I absolutely love our Community Outreach program because it lets me focus on the joy of quilting without needing to keep a dozen finished quilts at my home. Sew days are my happy place—I get to quilt to my heart's content for a great cause.

I'm always eager to learn new things and participate in online challenges. I try to catch QBA sessions and attend workshops whenever I can. And this year, I'm especially excited—it will be my first time attending retreat!!! I've heard so much about the fun and I can't wait to experience it.

As we continue to build on the momentum and fun we created last year, I want to gently remind everyone that our group thrives on participation. Membership is just a start—your involvement is what brings our quilting community alive. Whether its helping out behind the scenes, attending workshops, asking questions at speaker events, joining sew days, or picking up a pillowcase or quilt kit to work on at home, your engagement truly matters. And if you have ideas or suggestions, please speak up—we're always listening.

Here's to another creative, colorful season together!

Barb



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MEETING INFORMATION

General Meeting
Monday, September 15th
6:45 pm
Orangeville Senior's Centre
26 Bythia Street, Orangeville

Executive Meeting

Thursday, August 21st
7:00pm at the Watermark
Community Centre in Mono.
An email will be sent to all the
Executives with the agenda and
directions. All committee Chairs to
send in updates.

Meeting Dates 2025-2026

- September 15
- October 20
- November 17
- December 15
- January 19 Zoom
- February 9* Zoom**
- March 16
- April 20
- May 11***
- June 15



Judy Lyons, Author, Quilter, AQS Certified Quilt Appraiser will be our guest speaker to kick off the new guild year—September 15th, 2025

Judy Lyons is a specialist in the appraising of tradition and non-traditional quilts, and fiber art. Her credentials follow the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice. Ms Lyons is also certified with the American Quilters Society (AQS) Appraisal Program and a member of the Professional Association of Appraisers-Quilted Textiles (PAAQT). Judy is a member of quilt related guilds and associations. In addition, she is a quilter, a quilt collector and lectures on the history and valuation of quilts. Her experience extends across Ontario and other parts of Canada. She has written a few periodicals on her special quilts finds through her experiences. She was also instrumental in recording the Canada Packer Quilt Collection on the Quilt Index. The Quilt Index is a digital quilt repository of thousands of images, stories and information about quilts and their makers from private collections. The Quilt Index is a digital humanities research and education project of the Matrix: The Center of Digital Humanities & Social Sciences at Michigan State University. She is a member of Canadian Quilters' Association. She served on the Board of Directors for 3 years a Publicity Director (2000-2003). Judy has three quilt documentation projects in the Hamilton-Wenworth County in Ontario.

She will be discussing the history of quilts by highlighting in her own quilts through each quarter century. She will explain societal influences reflected in quilt designs from the 1880s to present-day art quilts. Judy will also discuss her book, "Canada's Forgotten Artifacts—1967 Centennial Quilts". Judy will have copies of her books for sale that evening. The book is \$45. Please bring cash. Judy is also asking if anyone to bring 1967 Centennial Quilts to share.



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).

Cobwebs and Caviar is having a contest. Drop off one or many journals at her home by her front door (don't forget to include your name on your bag) and AJ will put your name in the draw for an awesome thermal wine cup. The draw will take place in September.

"A finished quilt is better than a perfect quilt"



MEMBERSHIP

Thank you to everyone who renewed their membership at the June meeting—it was very busy and we appreciated your patience. Of course, we'll be happy to accept your renewal at the September meeting. But if you want to take care of it before then, here are two options:

Send an e-transfer for \$50 to dpqguild@outlook.com

OR

Write a cheque for \$50 to Dufferin Piecemakers Quilting Guild

Mail it to DPQG, PO Box 325, Orangeville ON L9W 2Z6



**DPQG EXECUTIVE
2025-2026**

Past President	Louise Cornelius
President	Barb Redford
Vice President	Janice Jones
Secretary	Christine Robinson
Treasurer	Cathy Voight
Program	Yvonne Guse Rahn Candice Kitchen Val Lamothe
Membership	Pat Forrest Diane Griffith Val Lamothe
Newsletter	Janice Payne Judi Sullivan
Creative Projects	Anita Rowland, Gail Brown
Community Outreach	Karen Hunter, Elspeth King, Nancy Palmer-Neely, Jill Cameron, Sharon Courage, Sue Pirie (Journals for FTP), Fern Puch (Comfy Cases)
Historian	Judi Sullivan
50/50 Draw	Lois Metz, Janice Payne Jennifer Reid, Helen Currie
QBA	Judi Sullivan, Fern Pugh
Retreats—Day Retreats—weekend	Christine Robinson, Judi Sullivan Michelle McGee Heather Sheridan Lynne Norman
Communication	Judi Sullivan
Social Media: Facebook Webpage: Social Secretary	Heather Sheridan, Kim Beckner Barb Redford Lorna Raney
Show 'n Tell	Karen Turcott, Debby Panke, Cathy Voight
Stitch 'n Share	Marion Cole

There is still space available for the fall retreat. Please let us know if you'd like to reserve your spot

Fall Weekend Retreat

September 26 to 28
Stayner Retreat Center
Double Room \$325
Single Room \$386



Fall Day Retreat

Saturday, October 25
Registration will take place at the September meeting
Location is at the Orangeville Seniors Centre on Bythia Street
Spend the day with other guild Members and sew the day away.

Friends are like fabric... you can never have enough!!

Fall Fairs

DPQG has a category in all the fall fairs.

“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 back of the entry tag.”

Orangeville Fall Fair Pinwheels and Pinecones August 29 to Sunday August 31

Shelburne Fall Fair Barns, Boots and Bales September 12 to September 14

Grand Valley Fall Fair Pumpkins and Pulls September 19 to September 21

Please note GV has an error in the fair prize book in the guild's sponsored category. Page 30 item #36 states the panel must be part of a finished quilt (not a quilted item). See their website at grandvalleyfallfair.ca.

Be sure to check all the fall fair prize books for the specific rules and requirements regarding exhibitors entries



Stitch 'n share

1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Orangeville Library meeting room (corner Broadway & Mill Street)

1pm to 3pm

All members are welcome. Bring a drink and some hand work to keep you occupied or just enjoy visiting. Don't forget to bring your items for Show and Share!

Questions?

Contact Marion Cole at marionbcole@rogers.com

Facebook Challenge

The challenge will be a true miniature. The entire perimeter of your finished piece must be less than 50" total. The only other requirement is that this piece must PREDOMINATELY include the 2025 Pantone Color of the Year. Knit, crochet, fiber art... all is welcome. Completion date? To be determined. Completed projects only. You will be voted on by members in attendance that day, similar to the President's challenge.

How You can help your Guild...

Do you have any ideas for the upcoming Guild year?

Any suggestions for workshops...

Or do you have a project/skill you'd like to show other members by hosting a workshop... we'd love to hear about it and help you in anyway to make that possible.

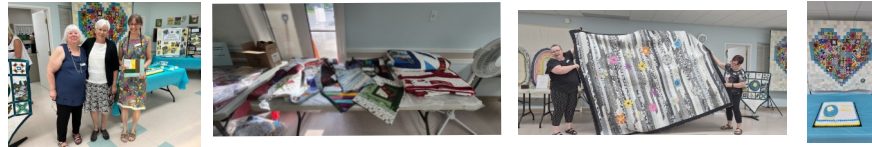
Please reach out to any Executive Members or Committee Members to share your ideas.

They are here to make your guild year as fulfilling as possible.

Do you know someone who would like to come to a guild meeting.. bring them with you to a meeting.

JUNE SOCIAL

Here are some eye candy from our June social... it was a fun evening with lots of great food, awards, the Presidents Challenge reveal, and lots of show and share!! The June social is always an event everyone enjoys!



Caledon Fair

Entries from Guild members were on display at the June meeting—with their ribbons. Thank you to everyone who supported the special category for placemats for our Meals on Wheels program, and our sponsorship of a quilted panel item.

Congratulations Barb Schroder, Heather Sheridan, Barb Redford, Judi Sullivan Fabienne Good, Louise Cornelius, and Janice Jones

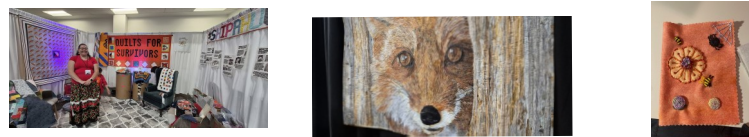


Quilt Canada

I was thrilled to get two days at Quilt Canada this year... one day taking a class, the other day was spent looking at the hundreds of amazing quilts hanging in the exhibits. I also enjoyed Marketplace... which was huge!!

I've recently gone down the rabbit hole with wool applique. After checking out all the classes, I knew I'd be signing up for Sharon Fisher's Bug class. I have had my eye on this class for awhile. It was an all day class on the first day of Quilt Canada. I learned how to stitch bugs using all the decorative stitches... and it was so much fun!! I stitched the front cover for what will end up being a needle case. I still have a few bugs that I want to add so mine is a UFO at this point. Janice Payne

Here are a few pics from Quilt Canada... and my needle case cover .



Creebank Show & Share Wool Applique Show

If you didn't get a chance to see this fabulous show from one of our long-time sponsors, Creebank Sewing Centre, you missed a great one! It was held at their store July 16 to July 19. Ribbons were awarded, awesome presentation on wool applique, a fabulous trunk show and some really good food. So many talented people submitted their work for the display. It was a real treat.

