



The Piecemaker's Star

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President's Message

Happy Fall everyone !

As soon as September arrived, the weather quickly shifted - and I think most of us are grateful for the cooler air after this year's relentless summer heat. Fall is such a wonderful time for quilting whether it's cozy warm bed quilts to snuggle under, a festive new fall runner for Thanksgiving dinner, or even a playful pumpkin or two for Halloween. And before we know it, we'll be stitching up Christmas projects!

This fall is a busy one at the guild, Stitch and Share kicked off our Guild year on September 3rd. We have some amazing speakers coming up. Starting us off is Judy Lyons, then guild member Debby Panke will take the stage, followed by Quilts of Valour, and then the December Social.

We also have the fall weekend retreat in September, the one day retreat in October, and QBA starts back up October 4th.

The creative projects team has a series of small projects for you to tackle through the year, and our Community

Outreach sewing days are back with the first one September 15th at Chartwell Montgomery Village.

Whew - I'm tired just writing about it! We hope everyone finds something that fits their interests, schedule, and energy level ... remember you are the heart of the Guild- the more you join in, the richer the experience is for all of us !

I hope to see you all out at our first meeting September 15th and don't forget your Facebook challenge items and all your fair entries.

Life is short, buy the fabric !

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

Wednesday, September 24
7:00pm location TBD
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"



At the September meeting, the membership committee will be accepting new memberships and renewals for this guild year. \$50.00 And thank you to the 35 members who have already paid. 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**

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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
Lucky Draw	Lois Metz, Janice Payne Jennifer Reid, Helen Currie
QBA	Judi Sullivan, Fern Pugh
Retreats—Day	Christine Robinson, Judi Sullivan
Retreats—weekend	Michelle McGee Heather Sheridan
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Stitch 'n Share	Marion Cole Sue Pirie



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 Kim
Beckner at
kim.beckner@gmail.com or
Heather Sheridan at
heathersheridan@rogers.com.

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 members, great pat-
terns, deals you've come across,
and any accomplishments.

Things to bring to every meeting:

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

Community Outreach - September 2025

I hope everyone has had a good summer!

One quilt was given to a 14 year old boy from Eritrea.

We are doing sewing afternoons before the evening meetings every month. At Chartwell Montgomery Village Retirement Residence, 155 Riddell Rd., Orangeville. Monday September 15, 1-5pm. If you'd like to join us, contact Karen Hunter at karenhdesigns@yahoo.com or 905-584-8732

There will be pillowcase kits available at the evening meeting.

Community Outreach committee: Karen Hunter, Elspeth King, Sharon Courage, Nancy Palmer-Neely, Jill Cameron, Sue Pirie (journals for FTP), Fern Pugh Comfy Cases)

Creative Projects 2024-25

Mystery Quilt Challenge

Did you rise to the challenge last year?
Did you finish the quilt?
Complete the top?
Are still working on your top?

You could win a prize!

*** Bring your competed top or finished quilt to the December meeting



It's going to happen!

Your steering committee has been meeting.

Lots and lots of decisions need to be made.

Stay tuned for more details.



QBA - Quilting by Association

Workshops for members by members.

Our first **Zoom Sew Along** of the year is **Saturday October 4** at 10:00 AM until noon.

Join Sue Pirie as she presents the **Cutting Corners Versatile Block** from Revolution Quilts

Many variations are possible!



Supplies are sent by e-mail the week before the session.

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.

Fall Day Retreat –October 25

9:30 till 7:00

Enjoy a light supper.

Orangeville Seniors Centre on Bythia street.
Spend the day with other guild members and sew the day away.

Register at the September meeting.

\$20 if you leave at 4:30.

\$40 if you stay for supper.



“Even the best quilter started with a single stitch”

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 Braodway and Mill Street. The entrance is on Mill Street. Meeting room is on the lower level but there is an elevator. Questions? Contact Marion Cole at marionbcole@rogers.com

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.

Need to contact us?

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

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

Want to contact a Guild member?

Please contact Pat Forrest at patstf43@yahoo.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.

Beautiful things come together one stitch at a time

Quilt Canada 2026 A Confluence of Fabric and Thread

June 17—20, 2026



Quilt Canada 2025

The gallery containing images and information about all the 2025 National Juried Show (NJS). Entries can be viewed in the member studio of the website when you log in to your account. The gallery can be found on the website www.canadianquilter.com (Guest viewing available)



Fall Fairs

DPQG has a category in all the fall fairs.

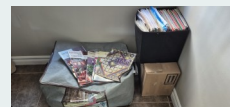
“Creative use of a panel made into a finished quilted item. May be hand or machine quilted by the entrant or another quilter named on the back of the entry tag.”

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.

A huge thank you goes to Lisa Seinen who was a member of the guild years ago, she made a wonderful donation of books, magazines, patterns and fabric to the guild as she cleaned out her sewing room... we have already set aside many items for upcoming prizes and give aways as well as fabric for community outreaches quilts and placemats.



Remember to bring your entries for the Facebook challenge - 2025 Pantone colour of the year, there are prizes to be won...

Thanks to all the members who have entered the area fairs this year, it was nice to see entries from many who have never entered before, and an increase in the fair entries in general. Remember Grand Valley fair is September 19-21st entry forms and information available online at www.grandvalleyfallfair.ca

Sign up for the Fall one day retreat will be at the September meeting and also guild dues will be collected from those who haven't paid yet.

Need advertising?

Do you have a sewing machine you'd like to sell? Are you a crafter needing to get your business out there or vending at a craft fair?

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 dpqgnewsletter@gmail.com to inquire about rates.

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.

Lucky Draw

Don't forget your money for our new Lucky Draw... win half the pot!!!

Tickets \$2.00 for one chance
\$5.00 for three chances

Birthdays

Fern Pugh Sept 15
Connie Walterhouse Sept 17
Mary Light Sept 26

UPCOMING EVENTS

Cobwebs & Caviar presents

Patti Carey

Northcott Fabrics Treasure!
September 21 at the Shelburne Library
in the KTH Room Doors open at 3:45
Tickets only \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door
Bring a Donation to the Food Bank & enter into
draws for Northcott goodies

Who is Patti Carey?

Patti Carey has worked with Northcott for many years, where she headed up the marketing/sample department from 1986 to 2012. This included co-ordinating Northcott's pattern program to support the new fabric collections, as well as liaising with the various quilting magazines, book publishers and quilt designers to provide current collections of fabric for editorial projects.

Currently she travels to quilts guilds and shops to inspire and educate quilters with interesting and entertaining presentations on how fabric is designed, and how to use it to her best advantage. Her comprehensive line of quilt patterns utilize efficient and time-saving techniques, and are available through her website at www.pattispatchwork.com. She has also published a book entitled "A Taste of Napa Valley". She was a regular contributor to The Quilter magazine and continues to contribute to the Fons & Porter group of publications. She has recently designed her first fabric collection, Vino, for Banyan Batiks, a division of Northcott. Patti is married and has 2 boys. In her spare time, she enjoys cycling, golfing and snowboarding.

2025 Quilt Exhibit Waterloo County Quilters'

October 17 & 18, 2025 at the Manulife Sports Complex, 2001 University Ave. E, Waterloo www.wcgg.ca

Celebration of Quilts, Gwillimbury Quilt Guild

Oct 31 & Nov 1, 2025, Sharon Hope United Church, Sharon ON

York Heritage Quilters Guild Quilt Show, Holiday Market and Café

November 14 & 15, 2025 at the Japanese Cultural Centre, 6 Sakura Way, Toronto. Admission \$15

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Sunday September 21—4 pm

Learn, be inspired & enjoy an evening in the World of Quilts.
Email cobwebsandcaviar@gmail.com for pricing & details.

(**this is an In-Person presentation & not offered virtually)

September 8 is a Special Event **MONDAY!**

Join us at 6:30 on our Facebook Live!

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