



The Piecemaker's Star

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Dufferin Piecemakers' Quilting Guild

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President's Message

Happy Thanksgiving all!

After we all sat around the tables stacked with food, and hopefully a few quilted items, I can't wait for our next meeting. We had such a wonderful first outing with so many people showing up and a great speaker presented by our program committee.

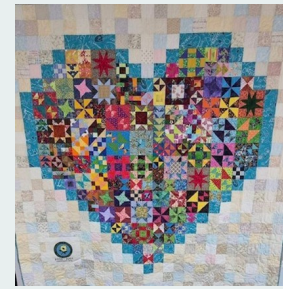
The start of the guild year is always so busy and it was made even more so by my attendance at my very first weekend retreat. Heather and Michelle organized an amazing fun weekend. I hope everyone gets to experience retreat at some point, and hopefully your machine doesn't break on day one like mine did! I have it back now, all fixed up, and have gotten all the projects finished that I started. But it was fun sewing on a loaner featherweight.

I also want to mention all the great Partnerships that we have started this year with. At the retreat the ladies were able to get so many great prizes donated, we have had past members donate fabric, and we had AJ of Cobwebs and Caviar come through with a huge journal donation. The Guild is also seeking some donations from local organizations to help us provide for our community outreach program, fingers crossed that some of those come through to make our year easier. If anyone knows of, or can suggest ways, for us to seek out more donations towards the guild please let us know.

The fun is continuing with the sew day coming up on October 18th, for Museum of Dufferin, then a sew day on our usual meeting day, and the fall one day retreat. So be sure to try and get out to at least one of those and contribute to your guild.

Looking forward to seeing you at the October meeting.

Barb



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MEETING INFORMATION

General Meeting
October 20th, 2025
6:45 pm
Orangeville Senior's Centre
26 Bythia Street, Orangeville

Executive Meeting

Wednesday, October 20th
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

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

*Meetings moved due to holidays

Program



The Program Committee has been working diligently on crating a fun and diverse program for you all this year. We are happy to have convinced one of our members and a prolific quilter to give us a trunk show. Debby Panke has been quilting for over 20 years and has been with our guild for approximately 16 years.

She has had the pleasure of having quilts published in Canadian Quilter's Magazine 4 times and has made a number of quilts for Trend Tex Fabrics for display purposes at various Quilt Canada Shows over the years.

Her trunk show will be based on themes as opposed to her journey. She will be presenting us with Halloween themed items and then Christmas/winter themed items all with her wonderful bright, modern twist. The presentation promises to be something you don't want to miss!!!

Yvonne Guse Rahn, Candice Kitchen and Val Lamothe
Program Committee



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).

A huge thank you to Cobwebs and Caviar!!!! AJ put the word out to her customers and friends to drop off journals and having their names entered in a prize draw. Well her customers and friends stepped up... **137** journals were picked up to be brought to FTP on behalf of our Guild!! A big thank you to Cobwebs and Caviar!!!

"May your bobbin always be full"



Don't forget to send in your membership fees by the end of this month to continue receiving the monthly newsletter and be able to attend our monthly meeting.

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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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. Name Tag
4. Money for Lucky Draw
5. Show & Share (we LOVE seeing your projects!!!)
6. Tasty Beverage
7. Awesome smile

Community Outreach - October 2025

We received a substantial monetary donation from a member who wished to acquire a community outreach quilt for herself. Thank-you

We received a thank-you text from Even, originally from Eritrea.

“Hi Janice. This is Even I am just texting you because I wanted to say thank you for the quilt you handed me It means a lot I appreciate it.”

We need placemats made for Meals on Wheels. Christmas on one side and whatever on the other, 13” x 18”. Deadline is the November meeting.

Our next sewing afternoon is October 20, 1-5pm. At Chartwell Montgomery Village Retirement Residence, 155 Riddell Rd., Orangeville.

We are in need of more helpers. If you'd like to join us, contact Karen Hunter at karen-hdesigns@yahoo.com or 905-584-8732

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

From the very beginning the Guild has been involved in giving back to the community. The number of organizations receiving our largess has grown over the years. These are community groups we presently support.



Meals on Wheels

Donation to FTP

Choices donation



Kits for the hospital (HHCC) 2020

Creative Projects 2025-26

This year Creative Projects will offer two or three small projects, rather than a quilt. The first one is the picnic/potluck placemat, from Gail Brown. Wouldn't it be fun if Guild members brought their finished placemats to our potluck social in December. Instructions are at the end of the newsletter.

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! We're having a Quilt Show!!

*Dufferin Piecemakers Quilting Guild will be showcasing the incredible talents of our members at the *Magic of Cloth – No. 8*

QUILTS at the PARK

October 16 and 17, 2026

At the Monora Park Pavillion, Mono

Preliminary plans are underway by the quilt show steering committee, co-chaired by Louise Cornelius and Barbara Schroder. There are still committees to form and so many details to work out, but we want to share the excitement with you now! So please start thinking about quilts you have, projects you want to begin, and the ways you can help with the show.

Stay tuned!

Quilting tips

- Master the quarter inch seam (“seams” to be an ongoing struggle!)
- Press fabrics before sewing (such a small thing to do but makes all the difference)
- Press seams as indicated in the instructions (they are there for a reason)
- Measure twice, cut once (well... we’ve all been there)
- Check your machine’s tension (it takes so little time but well worth it!)
- Make a test block (I have many “test” blocks... haha)
- Keep your rotary cutter blade sharp (it’s a matter of safety!)
- Have your machine serviced on a regular basis... she likes her SPA day too!!!

QBA - Quilting by Association

Workshops for members by members.

Our next **Zoom Sew Along** will be **Saturday November 1** at 10:00 AM until noon.

Join Leah Mitchell as she presents the Pine Tree block.

A supply list will be 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.



Quilt Canada 2026
QUILT CANADA 2026
A Confluence of Fabric and Thread!
June 17-20, 2026

So many opportunities to enter your own work for competition.

<https://canadianquilter.com/>

Webinar Autumn series continues - <https://canadianquilter.com/webinars/>

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 at the Quilt Canada website. (Guest viewing available.)

“It’s all fun and games until you realize you’ve been quilting with an empty bobbin”

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 patsyf43@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.

*“Good friends are like quilts... they age with you
but never loose their warmth”*

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.

A couple of spaces still available. Register at the October meeting or contact Judi Sullivan: sulljudi@gmail.com

\$20 if you leave at 4:30 \$40 if you stay for supper.
Cash or check at the meeting or e-transfer to dpqguild@outlook.com
Please let Christine Robinson know if you send an e-transfer
christine.robinson.7@icloud.com



FALL FAIRS

The Guild’s support of Dufferin fall fairs continues to be an important commitment to our communities. It was great to see many beautiful projects entered in the fall fairs by Guild members—including the panels in our sponsored category. When the judge at the Shelburne fair was asked for her opinion of the overall quality of the entered quilts, she replied “they’re pretty damn good!” If you haven’t done so, please bring your fair entries to the Guild meeting for Show and Tell time.

In case you didn’t know, the Executive sets up a display at each fair to promote the Guild and its activities. By scanning the QR code on a poster with their phone, hundreds of interested people were taken to our new website!! And, thanks to Linda Horner who lent a beautiful quilt top to use in the Guild’s displays at the fairs.

Welcome returning and new members...

Ann Moum

Pat Kalapaca

Jennifer Lapschies

Birthdays

Mardi Zeigler Oct 2

Ann Moum Oct 20

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

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 dpqnewsletter@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

BULLETIN BOARD



Custom made adjustable oak hand quilting hoop for sale at \$75.00.
Please contact Anne Nicholson 519-939-0614.

Our very own Fabienne Good was featured in the Orangeville Citizen. Check out the article.

Artist Statement:

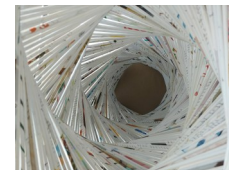
"Traces of an Altered Landscape" explores the tension between the natural and the constructed. Built from intricately woven paper, this sculpture evokes geological formations—layered, weathered, and shaped over time—while referencing the human impulse to mimic, intervene, and reshape the land. Through cycles of repetition and form, it reflects on how ideas are continuously re-used. Echoing both organic rhythms and imposed geometries, the work questions what remains untouched, what is altered, and what connections persist between what we inherit, what we build, and what we leave behind.

Paper sculpture

28x12x12"

by Fabienne Good

Instagram: @lost_in_context



Fabienne is also doing two workshops on this weaving process - one at the Museum of Dufferin on October 18th (which just sold out!) However the second workshop, in November, still has some spots left:

📅 Sunday November 16th
📍 "Basket Weaving with Repurposed Materials"
📍 Hillsburgh Library
🕒 1:00 - 3:00pm
💰 \$65

In this 2-hour workshop, you'll roll up your sleeves and step into the rhythm of an age-old craft—basket-weaving—reimagined with vibrant, glossy pages from recycled magazines. Feel the paper transform beneath your fingers as you interlace magazine spokes & weavers into your very own beautiful, functional basket. This is a hands-on celebration of creativity, sustainability, and the simple joy of making something from unexpected sources.

This workshop is affiliated with Over Here Community Arts Adventure.

Over Here Community Arts Adventure is a community-driven initiative with one simple, yet vital goal - to unite and build a thriving community through the power of creativity

For more information & to register:

https://www.overhere.ca/service-page/basket-weaving-with-repurposed-materials?referral=service_list_widget

Upcoming Events

October 17-18

2025 Quilt Exhibit
Waterloo County Quilters
Manulife Sportsplex 2001
University Ave E,
Waterloo, ON
www.wcqc.a

Oct 31—Nov 1

Celebration of Quilts
Gwillimbury Quilt Guild
Sharon Hope Church
18648 Leslie St,
Sharon Ont.

BULLETIN BOARD

Weekend Retreat September 26 to 28



A great time was had by all. Thanks to Heather Sheridan for the photos.



CREATIVE PROJECT #1: PICNIC PLACEMAT

Welcome to the first edition of a new guild initiative!

This is a quick and easy project for anyone wanting to bring along a plate and cutlery to an outside BBQ, a potluck...or a guild event! It can be made with quilting cotton or canvas. It can be lined with an easy to clean fabric like a laminated cotton or a easy to wash fabric.



While looking for something to use at community diners, I found the original video tutorial here:

<https://www.debsdays.com/2020/09/easy-to-sew-picnic-placemat-tutorial.html>

Materials:

- 2 pieces of 18" x 18" fabric (I used one canvas and one laminated but you can use 2 quilting cotton fabrics)
- 17.5" x 17.5" mid weight fusible interfacing (Pellon 931 for example or fusible fleece. Even an 18" square of flannel)
- 2" x 14" strip of matching fabric for the tie (or use a non-fraying ribbon)

Instructions:

Main placemat

- fuse interfacing to one fabric (if not using flannel)
- Put fabrics right sides together (if using flannel it should be viewable, not sandwiched in the middle) and sew around the perimeter with a 0.25" seam allowance leaving a 4-6" opening in one side for turning and placing the tie.
- Cut each corner diagonally being careful not to cut your stitches
- Turn right side out and poke each corner using a pencil, chopstick or other tool to get a crisp corner
- Press. If using a vinyl or laminate press on the cotton side (carefully) and use clips to close the opening for topstitching

Tie

- Take your 2" x 14" strip of coordinating fabric and press each long edge into the centre
- Fold in half again so the 2 cut raw edges are encased; fold each short end in by 0.5"; press well

Sew with a 1/8" seam allowance along the long edge with the 2 folded sides - your tie is complete

Final assembly

This step can either be done now so you are only topstitching once, or below in the next step before you stitch the vertical pocket dividing lines. No right or wrong way, just your comfort level:

Fold the bottom of the placement up as many inches as you want the pocket to be deep; I used 6"

Fold the tie (or ribbon) in half and insert in the opening left for turning making sure 0.5" is inside the hole; clip in place
Topstitch (1/8") around the whole placemat ensuring the opening is closed

Create the 3 pockets

You have discretion over both how wide and tall your pockets are. I measured 11" over from the left side and folded the bottom of the placemat up 6".

Measure the plate you intend to use, add an inch and make a vertical line over by that amount from the left side of the placemat; I used 11"

You can mark whatever way you are comfortable: using a marking pencil or pen, creating a line with a hera marker (my choice) or using your iron to make a crease

Sew on your line from top of pocket to bottom

Fold the placemat from the right edge to your sewing line to create a line for your second pocket (or measure from your stitched line to the edge and draw a line at the halfway point; stitch from top of pocket to bottom to create two smaller pockets for utensils and napkin.



You are done! Thanks for following along!

I know sourcing Canadian shops for some products can be tough. I have bought my laminated cotton during travels but I found some Canadian shops that carry it. It is usually 55" wide so it does come with a bit of sticker shock!

[My Sewing Room](#) , [Fabricana](#), [Out of Hand Quilting & Fabrics](#), & [Rick Rack](#)



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