



# The Piecemaker's Star

**Dufferin Piecemakers' Quilting**

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## President's Message



Seasons Greetings Quilters !

The snow is flying, and I hope your homes are filled with decorations and seasonal quilted treasures. This time of year brings so many celebrations, and after working in a multicultural office, I've always loved learning about and joining in on new traditions with my coworkers.

Christmas, however, remains one of my favourite holidays to decorate for. My wife likes to say that Christmas "throws up" in our house on December 1st—and she's not wrong! I also take full advantage of a few other cultural traditions to keep the festivities going even longer. Growing up in Germany, we celebrated St. Nicholas Day on December 6th, and when I lived in Manitoba, I was surrounded by many Orthodox Ukrainian families. Thanks to them, our tree stays up until January 7th... because really, you can never have too much tree time!

It's been a fun and busy year, with even more excitement planned for 2026—including the return of our quilt show. I hope everyone is making good progress on those UFOs and will join in on this year's President's Challenge, which will run into the fall to coincide with the quilt show. More details coming soon!

I hope you'll join us for our December social! Remember, we'll be shifting to Zoom for January and February, but don't worry—we'll still have Community Outreach days, Stitch and Share gatherings, and a few fun challenges to keep your creativity flowing.

Merry Christmas .... Barb



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### MEETING INFORMATION

#### December Social

December 15th, 2025  
6:45 pm  
Orangeville Senior's Centre  
26 Bythia Street, Orangeville

#### Executive Meeting

Wednesday, December 17, 2025  
Via Zoom

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

December 15  
**January 19 Zoom**  
**February 9\* Zoom**  
March 16  
April 20  
**May 11\***  
June 15

\*Meetings moved due to holidays

## Program

Join us for our annual Christmas Pot Luck Social. Last names beginning with A through M are to bring finger foods for sharing. Last names beginning with N-Z can bring a monetary donation for the Food Drive. A fruit punch will be provided. Entertainment by Fiddling Duo Eleanor Matte and Susan Gesner.



Don't forget to bring your plate, cutlery and mug, Show 'n Share items, the Creative Projects Picnic Placemat, the Panetone Color of the Year Facebook challenge, and the 2025 Mystery Quilt Challenge. Phew!!!

Bring your cash as we will have some Christmas sale tables from our guild talents. If you want a table to see your products, please reach out to **Yvonne.guserhan@gmail.com**... the price is \$20 per table.

Dufferin Piecemakers Quilt Guild will share the wealth of knowledge in a join meeting with Bluewater Quilters' Guild on **January 19th** at 7pm. The Zoom link will be sent and there will be a breakout room afterwards.

Join us for the "Art of Applique" with guest speaker Kathy Wylie. We will have a breakout room afterwards for our guild to have a show and share.

Kathy is a multiple international award winning quilter specializing in applique quilt designs, domestic machine quilting and English paper piecing techniques. Over the past 25 years quilting has grown from a hobby to a full time creative career.

**Yvonne Guse Rahn, Candice Kitchen and Val Lamothe, Program Committee**



Photo of the quilt that was donated to QOV— our President Barb Redford with Elizabeth Seamans Regional Representa-



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).

**MEMBERSHIP**

**84 Members to date!!!**

Welcome New member Carol Mason



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,, 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
Communication	Judi Sullivan
<b>Social Media</b>	
Facebook	Heather Sheridan, Kim Beckner
Webpage:	Barb Redford
Social Secretary	Lorna Raney
Show 'n Tell	Karen Turcott, Debby Panke, Cathy Voight
Stitch 'n Share	Marion Cole Sue Pirie



Dufferin Piecemakers  
Quilting Guild

The address for the website is:  
[www.dufferinpiecemakers.ca](http://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](mailto:kim.beckner@gmail.com) or  
Heather Sheridan at  
[heathersheridan@rogers.com](mailto: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 patterns, 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 see-  
ing your projects!!!)
6. Tasty Beverage
7. Awesome smile

#### Additional items to bring for our Christmas Social

8. Picnic Placemat you made
9. Cutlery / Cup / Plate
10. Bring all your challenges  
Facebook Challenge,  
Mystery Quilt challenge,  
Picnic Placemat
11. Wear festive Christmas  
attire!

## Community Outreach - December 2025

Thanks to everyone who came out for our sewing day at Chartwell on  
November 17. We got a lot of work done!

Thanks for all of the toiletries, gift cards and things that were donated. Louise  
and Karen Turcott sorted it all and are getting it delivered to Family  
Transition Place, Choices Youth Centre, Men's Shelter in Orangeville, and  
Cedar Heights Residential School.

7 twin size quilts have been donated to Cedar Heights Residential School  
and, 7 twin size quilts have been donated to Choices Youth Shelter.

75 placemats have been delivered to Dufferin County Community Support  
Services (Meals on Wheels) and 14 placemats went to Grand Valley Meals on  
Wheels. 31 placemats were also donated to Grand Valley's Food Hamper  
Program.

We are in need of twin size quilts or quilt tops 60"x 80".

We've decided to cancel our sewing day for December, but we are looking  
forward to **January 19** as our next sewing afternoon  
1-5pm.

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

*I only quilt on days that end in 'y'*

## Volunteer Wanted



Are you experienced using Zoom? What do you know about  
breakout rooms? We could use your help if you do.

Please contact Barb: [barborangeville@gmail.com](mailto:barborangeville@gmail.com) or Judi:  
[sulljudi@gmail.com](mailto:sulljudi@gmail.com) Or talk to them at the December  
meeting.

*Quilting mends the soul*

## Creative Projects 2025-26

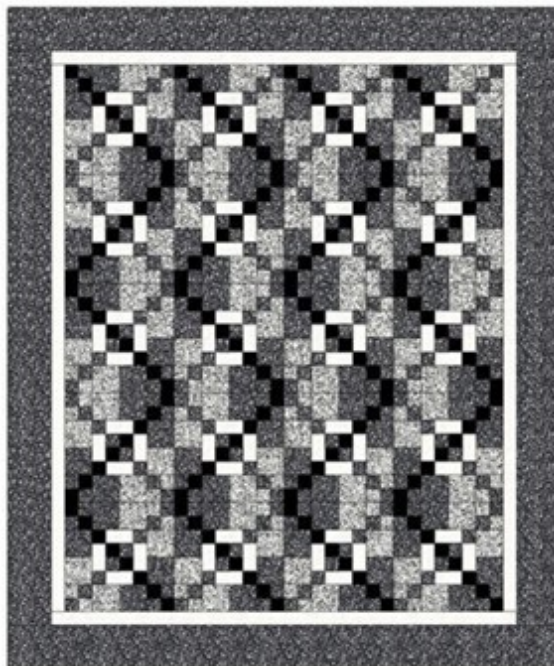
Don't forget to bring in your finished Picnic Placemat... there may be prizes awarded!!!

## Creative Projects 2024-25

### Mystery Quilt Challenge – Crossing Squares

Did you rise to the challenge last year? Did you finish the quilt? Complete the top? You could win a prize!

Share your challenge results at the December meeting – completed top or finished quilt.



As I get older, I'm always walking into things.

Quilt shops and fabric stores mostly...

... so no complaints really.



## QBA - Quilting by Association

Workshops for members by members.

**There will be no QBA Sew Along on January 3. It's New Years Weekend.**

See you on **Saturday February 7** for our next **Zoom Sew Along** at 10:00 AM until noon.

**Christine Robinson will facilitate the Twister Block.**

Have a wonderful holiday season from your **convenors** - Fern Pugh: [elizabethfern15@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethfern15@gmail.com) and Judi Sullivan: [sulljudi@gmail.com](mailto:sulljudi@gmail.com)



## What you can do once your scraps are organized!

Once your fabric scraps are organized, you can start using them for various creative projects. Here are some ideas to get you started:

1. Use your scraps to make a quilt. This would be super fast as all your scraps are cut into useable sizes. Its just a matter of finding a pattern you like, choosing the color pallet you want, and sewing the pieces together.
2. Fabric Postcards... create lovely cards to send to your friends.
3. Fabric art... create a wall hanging using the smaller fabric pieces you have sorted.
4. Trade with friends... organize a fabric swap with friends to get different fabrics.
5. Donate to a new quilter to start their stash.

### 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

Our lucky winners to date:

Yvonne \$62

Karen \$55.50

Judi \$52.50



DPQG presents **QUILTS AT THE PARK** – October 2026  
At Monora Park Pavillion, Mono

## QUILT SHOW NEWS

As you all know by now, planning for the quilt show is well underway! It is an exciting opportunity to showcase our talents and the work of the Guild in the community. Working together is a great way to get to know other members while having fun.

### Here are some things **YOU** could start doing to get ready for the show:

- \* Look through your quilt project inventory—whether they're finished, waiting to be quilted, partially pieced, waiting to be cut out, or a just a fabulous idea in your head.
- \* Book your long armer asap. They will be busy in the coming months.
- \* Work on the President's Challenge which will be displayed at the show.
- \* It will be introduced at the December meeting.

There will be many jobs needing volunteers from now to the show dates. Committee volunteers don't have to attend meetings. So if you want to join a committee, or just share a new idea or past experiences from other quilt shows, Contact Louise Cornelius – [l.cornelius12@outlook.com](mailto:l.cornelius12@outlook.com)

Note: A few members will be taking the food handler certification course. If you're interested in participating, contact Louise.



### What we are looking for to display:

Bed Quilts between 60 x 80 and 96 x 96 (can't hang larger than this)

Lap and Cuddle quilts between 36 x 40 and 40 x 60

Quilted Wall Hangings between 24 x 24 and 40 x 60

Home Décor (quilted runners, placemats, pillows)

Quilted totes, bags and purses

**Keep checking back every month. We will be having an update so you will know what is happening.**



**Quilt Canada 2026**  
**QUILT CANADA 2026**  
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**June 17-20, 2026**

<https://canadianquilter.com/>

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

Luana Rubin December 10 at 7pm “International Quilt Trends” tickets available through the CQA website.

CQA Trend Tex 2026 Challenge “Confluence”. Kits are available to purchase through the CQA website.

2025-2026 CQA Mystery Quilt “Meet you in Manitoba” runs from December through to May. Patterns will be available on the CQA website the third Wednesday of each month.

**A Tribute to Reading, Healing and Quilting**  
**November 4, 2025**  
**Carol Chenier**

*In 2000, during a difficult time in my life, I turned to books as an escape by reading 265 books in 18 months. True to my nature, I carefully documented every title in a spreadsheet, with 236 of them captured in this quilt.*

*In 2003, I discovered quilting as a creative outlet that brought me peace and a renewed sense of purpose. Last year, those book titles inspired me to bring most of them to life in a quilt. Using an embroidery pattern, I created a one-of-a-kind quilted bookcase and incorporated all those treasured book titles into the design for Reading is Healing. It symbolizes resilience and transformation through literature and creativity.*

*Read the complete article on the CQA website.*



## 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. Questions? Contact Marion Cole at [mari-onbcole@rogers.com](mailto:mari-onbcole@rogers.com)

## Pillowcase Project

If you wish to have pillowcase kits, please contact Fern Pugh at 519-941-8515 or email [elizabeth-fern15@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth-fern15@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](mailto:dpqnewsletter@gmail.com)

## Want to contact a Guild member?

Please contact Pat Forrest at [patsyf43@yahoo.com](mailto:patsyf43@yahoo.com)

## BULLETIN BOARD

### Upcoming Events

Orangeville Christmas Village Dec. 13/14  
Orangeville Fairgrounds 10am-4pm

Christmas Market Dec. 13th  
Mansfield Outdoor Centre 10am-2pm

Kay Cee Gardens Festive Christmas Light display  
29 Bythia St, Orangeville (across from Seniors Centre)  
December 1–31, 2025 5:30pm to 9:30pm  
Monetary donation

### **Birthdays**

Jennifer Reid	Dec 1
Charlene Buckley	Dec 2
Liz Nash	Dec 9
Candice Kitchen	Dec 15
Yasmine Slater	Dec 19
Joyce Dennie	Dec 24

### **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 Lorna Rainey at [lmraney72@gmail.com](mailto:lmraney72@gmail.com)

### **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.

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