

The Piecemaker's Star



Dufferin Piecemakers' Quilting Guild

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President's Message

What an end to 2025 we had—rain, snow, wind—weather as tangled as a box of thread! Hopefully it gave you even more reason to retreat to the sewing room and finish up those UFOs, so you could start the new year with a clean worktable and a fresh slate.

Instead of making a resolution this year, I've chosen a theme. It's not that I dislike resolutions, but they often boil down to success or failure. A theme feels more like a framework—something that gently guides decisions and actions throughout the year. This year, I want to be intentional. Intentional about what I say yes to, how I spend my time, what I welcome into my life, and who I spend that time with. I want to be picky about the projects and patterns I commit to, where I put my energy, and whether those efforts help me grow or learn something new.

My theme for the year is inspired by several exciting changes ahead. My wife is finally calling it quits at her job, we're planning a summer full of camping and travel, and I'm feeling energized by the direction of the Quilt Guild and the projects I've joined. Simple as it may sound, my theme for this year is **LIVE!** (yes—with an exclamation point).

Live life to the fullest and enjoy the journey.

Live for the things that bring you joy.

Live for the projects that stretch your skills, spark curiosity, and challenge your creativity.

And as you think about your own resolutions, themes, or intentions for the year, I hope they include the Guild. Take on the Northcott Presidents Challenge, get a quilt ready for our Quilt Show, sew quilts, pillowcases, or placemats for community outreach, or volunteer to support the Guild in some way. Whatever you choose, don't let the year pass by without truly living every moment of it.

Here's to a year of living fully—both in and out of the sewing room.



Barb



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MEETING INFORMATION

January 19th, 2026

ZOOM MEETING

6:45 pm

Zoom link will be sent out before the meeting. Please check your junk mail. If you didn't receive please contact Judi Sullivan at sulljudi@gmail.com

Executive Meeting

Wednesday, January 28th, 2026

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 2026

January 19 Zoom

February 9* Zoom

March 16

April 20

May 11*

June 15

*Meetings moved due to holidays



Program

Kathy Wylie - The Art of Applique Kathy is a multiple international award winning quilter specializing in applique quilt designs, domestic machine quilting and English Paper Piecing techniques. She started sewing and embroidering as a young girl, laying the foundation for the life altering discovery of quilting two decades later. Over the past twenty-five years, quilting has grown from a hobby to a full-time creative career. <https://kathykwylie.com/>



Zoom links and information will be sent out in a separate email.

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



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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

86 Members to date!!!

If anyone does not have a name tag, please email patsyf43@yahoo.com. I will make name tags for the next in person meeting.



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 mem-
bers, great patterns, deals you've
come across, and any accomplish-
ments.

**Things to bring to every meet-
ing:**

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 - January 2026

Our next sewing afternoon is Monday January 19, 1-5pm. At Chartwell Montgomery Village Retirement Residence, 155 Riddell Rd., Orangeville.

We will have lots of things ready for sewing.

We are in need of helpers. If you'd like to join us, contact Karen Hunter at karenhdesigns@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)

I'm not a fabric hoarder, I'm a curator



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*I don't need to get organized, I just need
a bigger sewing room*

Northcott- President's Challenge



Don't have a package of fabric yet? Let Barb know, barborangeville@gmail.com

The Challenge

- To coincide with the Quilt Show - Quilts at the Park
- Due at the September meeting
- Theme - Falling Leaves
- Size - No larger than 20" x 20"

The Rules

1. You must use all 3 fabrics from the Northcott package in the project, but there is no size requirement for each fabric, all 3 fabrics must be on the FRONT of the project
2. Think outside the box, be artistic and wild, go 3D, edges do not need to be square.
3. Your project can be anything, a small mug rug, a bag, a wall hanging; but it must be finished ! (and no larger than 20inx20in)
4. You can use any other fabrics to finish your item.
5. Embellishments are encouraged! Add buttons, ribbons, embroidery, paint, needle felting etc
6. The items will be hung on a "clothesline" type display using clips. A hanging sleeve is not required unless it will help your project hang better.

Presidents Note

I'd love to see art pieces rather than traditional quilt blocks, but blocks are welcome! Explore the theme, interpretation is up to you. Some of my inspirational artists are Lorraine Roy, Alyson Vega, and saga.com (Studio Art Quilt Associates)

QBA - Quilting by Association

Workshops for members by members.

Our next **Zoom Sew Along** will be **Saturday February 7 at 10:00 AM until noon.**

Christine Robinson will facilitate the construction of the Twist Block from Teresa Downunder.



Quilt photo from
Grand Guild newsletter

2 colour block

3 colour block

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.

Fern Pugh: elizabethfern15@gmail.com and Judi Sullivan: sulljudi@gmail.com

2026 UFO Challenge

Here's how it works. There are no "quilt police" that will send you to quilt jail if you don't accomplish all UFO's on your list. Here's how it works.

1. Create a list of 8 projects that you are currently working on. It doesn't matter how far along you are, just that it is a UFO. And it doesn't necessarily have to be quilts. Your UFO could be placemats, pillowcases, table runner. It really doesn't matter, just that it is unfinished.
2. Write the current state of the project, ie: pattern and fabric only; or, fabric cut ready to sew together, or just needs binding.
3. Keep it in a place you can find it. Each month (February to June, and September to November). Starting with the February newsletter, a number will be listed under the 2026 UFO Challenge and you will have one month to complete that project.
4. Once your UFO is completed, send in a picture to the newsletter email and it will be included in the next newsletter.

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
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Barb \$50.00

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QUILTS at the PARK - October 16 & 17/26

QUILT SHOW UPDATES

The quilt show will be an exciting exhibit that showcases the work of all members of the Guild—all quilting levels, styles, and trends. It's a *celebration*, not a competition to share with the community.



QUILT ENTRY FORM

The quilt entry form is included with this newsletter. It can be handed in at the in-person meetings in March, April and May to Janice Payne. Read the form carefully, noting specific instructions such as:

The stated quilt size measurements are minimums and maximums.

ANY SIZE

IN BETWEEN is good.

Include a colour photo (min. 3x5)

Story – Using max. of 75 words, write a story about your quilt/quilted item. It can be as simple as why you chose the pattern, or colour. Or for whom it was made.

Make two photocopies of the form – 1 to submit, 1 for your records

Don't forget to attach a 4" sleeve on all quilts larger than 24x24".

Help with this task will be provided at in-person meetings.

RAFFLE

Elsbeth K. is coordinating the quilt show raffle. The license application and ticket order are already taken care of. Now she's looking for one or two volunteers to help co-ordinate the distribution and tracking of raffle ticket booklets to members at Guild meetings from March to June.

Can you help? Contact Elspeth – elspeth4445@yahoo.ca

QUILT SHOW BOUTIQUE

Linda Horner, Marion Cole and Fabienne Good are working together to plan for a small Boutique/Sale table at the Quilt Show. They will be asking for donated items to sell—no consignment items for this show. They will look at ideas for appropriate items...*easy to make/ priced to sell*, which will be posted in future newsletters. If anyone has suggestions or is willing to help them, please contact Linda Horner at wicked1915@outlook.com. *Watch for updates in upcoming newsletters.*



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.



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JANUARY 21, 7 pm ET
Julie Garcia



The Layered Landscape: Painting with Fabric & Thread

CQA/ACC WEBINAR

FEBRUARY 11, 7 pm ET
David Taylor



Welcome Home

CQA/ACC WEBINAR

FEBRUARY 18, 7 pm ET
Bobbie Gentili



Don't be Such a Square

CQA/ACC WEBINAR

MARCH 18, 7 pm ET
Robin Bogaert



Add Exciting Techniques to Your Quilting Repertoire

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 Bundle**
Members Only



CQA/ACC WEBINAR

APRIL 15, 7 pm ET
Lisa Thorpe




Photo to Fabric: Design in the Palm of Your Hand

Enjoy the benefit of your CQA/ACC membership with the 5 webinar ticket bundle for the price of 4 webinars. Five Ticket Bundle on sale until January 21, 2026 at www.canadianquilter.com. Non members are welcomed to join the individual webinars. Check the website for more info.

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 marionbcole@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. Or pick up a kit or two at every meeting. Fern also accepts pillowcases made from your fabric collection.

Need to contact us?

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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



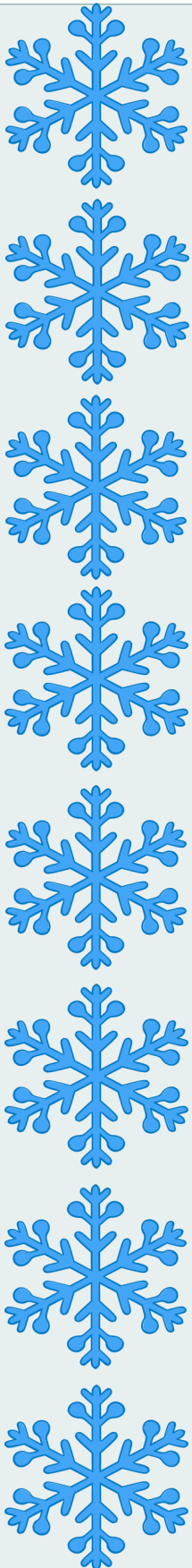
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Upcoming Executive Positions

It's that time of year again and we are looking for volunteers to be on the nominating committee for upcoming executive position openings to be filled at the AGM. If you have a bit of time to spare and are willing to speak to a few members of the Guild to find nominee's please let us know.

Send an email to dufferinpiecemakers@gmail.com

Winter Day Retreat – March 21

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.

Contact Christine Robinson christine.robinson.7@icloud.com
Or Judi Sullivan sulljudi@gmail.com if you'd like to attend.



Spring Weekend Retreat – April 10 – 12

10:00 AM Friday to 2:00 PM Sunday

Stayner Retreat Centre All meals included
A wonderful getaway for sewing and socializing.

Contact Michelle McGee mcgeem022@gmail.com
or Heather Sheridan heathersheridan@rogers.com if you'd like to participate.



BULLETIN BOARD

Birthdays—January

1 Judi Sullivan
11 Nancy Palmer-Neely
28 Leah Mitchell
29 Janice Payne

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 lrraney72@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.

Please send an email to dpqgnewsletter@gmail.com to inquire about rates.

Some eye candy from our December social... lots of beautiful quilts were shared, wonderful entertainment from the Fiddling Duo Elenor Matte and Susan Gesner, and lots of tasty treats from our guild members were shared. A special thank you to Barbara Schroder for donating the beautiful poinsettia that decorated the table and was then raffled off.



One of the items on our potluck table was a cheeseball made by Diane. We thought it was a keeper and wanted to include the recipe .

Cheese Ball

1/4 cup unsalted butter (not margarine) at room temp.
1 pkg/block of cream cheese at room temp
Small bunch of green onions
2-3 cups shredded old cheddar cheese
2/3 cup of manzanilla olives with pimento
3/4—1 cup chopped walnuts

Beat together cream cheese & butter until well blended. I use a stand mixer.

Measure whole olives, and chop finely. I use a mini food processor.

Snip about 2 tbsp of green onions.

Measure pre-shredded old cheddar. Or use a food processor to shred cheese. This method takes about 3/4 of a block of cheese.

Add shredded cheese, chopped olives and snipped green onion into cream cheese/butter mixture. Mix on med/low until blended. Stopping once to scrape bottom of bowl.

Tear off 18" of waxed paper and sprinkle with chopped nuts. Using spatula and scraping sides to remove all of the mixture from the bowl and shape into a ball.

Roll the ball in the nuts trying to cover all surfaces of the ball. Leave in centre of waxed paper and rinse your hands. Wrap in waxed paper and refrigerate. You can make this a day before as well and it tastes great.

Remove from fridge 15-20 minutes before putting it out. Serve with substantial crackers.

OUR ADVERTISERS



MONDAY JANUARY 19

6:30 pm

CRAZY CLEARANCE!



Join us on our Facebook Page for a LIVE event!

It's surprisingly easy & fun!

Prizes and giggles the Cobwebs way!!!

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but I'd rather keep
shopping for more fabric.



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Quilts at the Park

Quilt Entry Form – due May 18, 2026

ID # -----

Location _____

Committee use only

One Form per Entry - Maximum 3 entries per person

Please number your entries with 1 being your most preferred entry.

*Name _____ * Email _____ * Phone # _____

*Name of Quilt _____ *Predominant Colours _____

* Required fields

Attach a coloured photo to this form 3" x 5" or larger

Category – please select one

4 inch sleeve required on all quilts larger than 24" x 24"

Bed Quilt between 60" x 80" and 96" x 96" (Unfortunately our racks don't allow for larger quilts)

Lap/Cuddle quilt between 36" x 40" & 60" x 80"

Home Décor

Wall Hanging between 24" x 24" & 60" x 80"

Bag/Totes/Clothing

Small Quilt – less than 24" x 24"

Top made by _____ Quilted by _____

Source for pattern _____

Story of the quilt **75 words or less**: tell us about your quilt (i.e. was this a Guld project from QBA, Special Projects, or a Challenge? What inspired you? What techniques did you use?)

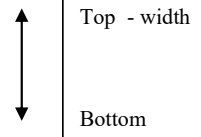
PLEASE PRINT _____

Measurements - in inches to the nearest inch\

Let this diagram represent your quilt as it will be hung at the show

(proportions may not match your quilt).

Give us the length and the width of your quilt as it will hang.



Length (top to bottom) _____ Width (side to side) _____

To complete your entry – attach your colour photo to this form and make 2 photocopies of the completed form. (Black and white photocopy is OK)

Submit the coloured original to the show Committee, plus one B & W copy. Keep the 2nd photocopy for yourself so you will remember what you submitted!