

The Piecemaker's Star



Dufferin Piecemakers' Quilting Guild

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President's Message

Hello happy quilters !

I hope everyone is using the cold days to be down in their sewing rooms, or maybe browsing fabric shops, but staying warm either way. If you follow the various "predictors" (aka groundhogs) of spring they are split between early and late spring so I guess we will just have to wait and see. I am embarking on my annual get warm holiday at the end of February and it usually leads to inspiration for quilts and photography through my year. We can all use a re-charge and whatever that is for you be sure to take some time to do it.

The January Zoom with Bluewaters Guild was awesome and hopefully those who didn't join on the day used the link to watch the replay. We are joining them once more for February and I am sad to be missing it, maybe the wifi at the Air bnb will be good and I can zoom in ! As the winter passes we have lots to look forward to starting with the March workshop/learning meeting, then the Spring one day and 3 day retreats. The preparations for the quilt show continue and we are looking forward to all your entries for the show. Don't forget to get your larger items done so you have plenty of time to participate in the Northcott- Presidents Challenge or assisting with some items for the boutique. The Quilt show is only as good as WE make it, having everyone on board and helping even in small ways spreads the work.

One last item before I let you all continue reading, it's time to be thinking about executive and committee positions that need filling. We have had some dedicated ladies over the past two years but we don't want anyone to be giving sooo much of their time for longer than that so they stay engaged and enjoy the Guild. There are bigger and smaller roles, some positions are a team and some need a leader, if you are approached by our nominations committee please consider what they are asking. I know these positions aren't for everyone, but if we can't fill the executive the Guild will eventually fold and none of us wants that. We have 70+ members, consider a 1 year commitment to help keep the Guild strong and vibrant.

Thanks and happy sewing

Barb



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MEETING INFORMATION

February 16th, 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, March 4, 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

February 16 Zoom

March 16 Resume In Person

April 20

May 11*

June 15

*Meetings moved due to holidays



Program

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

Please join the joint zoom meeting with Bluewater Quilts' Guild to share the knowledge and then there will be a breakout room to follow for our guild to have a show and share afterwards.



Join us for "**Scrap Attack**" with guest speaker Terry Rowland.

Terry Rowland has been an avid quilter since sewing her first quilt in 1989. Terry is a wife and mother of 4 daughters and is currently living on a farm in Central Alberta. Terry is known worldwide for her enthusiastic approach to quilting. She always challenges herself to learn and develop new techniques

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



DPQG EXECUTIVE
2025-2026

Past President	Louise Cornelius
President	Barb Redford
Vice President	Janice Jones
Secretary	Christine Robinson
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Program	Yvonne Guse Rahn Candice Kitchen Val Lamothe
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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
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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 - February 2026

Thank you to all who have been coming out for our sewing afternoons.

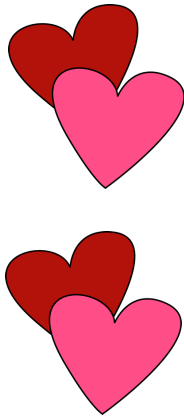
Monday March 16, we will be having our first in-person evening meeting at the Seniors Centre. It will be a "hands on" evening. Things will get started at 6:45pm.

Please bring your sewing machine.

Please bring any finished projects that you have picked up in the past.

Community Outreach committee: Karen Hunter, Elspeth King, Nancy Palmer-Neely, Jill Cameron, Sue Pirie (journals for FTP), Fern Pugh (Comfy Cases), Sue Van Zant & Ann Moum (Mastectomy Pillows)

I have a PHD... projects half done!!!




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*It's not a mess, its ideas lying around
everywhere*

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 saqa.com (Studio Art Quilt Associates)

QBA - Quilting by Association

Workshops for members by members.

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

Barb Redford will facilitate Improv Curved Piecing.



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.

2026 UFO Challenge

This month's project #: 3

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 place-mats, 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

Judi \$52.50

Barb \$50.00



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QUILTS at the PARK – October 16 & 17/26

QUILT SHOW UPDATES

The planning for an exciting quilt show continues! Have you decided what you'd like to enter... a bed quilt? A cozy throw? An elegant table runner? Maybe you want to contribute to the show by doing the President's Challenge, Mini Draw or Boutique items. Check the newsletters for information and updates each month. Ask questions at meetings or contact Louise – l.cornelius12@outlook.com



MORE BOUTIQUE IDEAS (Linda H, Marion and Fabienne)

We would like to have items in a “sellable” price range. For this show, all items are donated, not on consignment. We'll start accepting them at the March in-person meeting. There are lots of ideas on Pinterest, YouTube, and websites such as: diaryofaquilter.com sewcanshe.com weallsew.com.



Here are some examples:

Bowl cozies, corner bookmarks, cord organizers, zippered pouches, mug mats, small table mats or runners, scissors/rotary cutter/glasses cases, folding shopping bags, Christmas ornaments.

MINI DRAW (Karen H.)

Once again, our quilt show will include the popular mini draw where attendees can choose the prize(s) they want by putting tickets in the relevant container(s). Members have always provided lovely items—whimsical, modern, traditional—all kinds.

Maximum size is 20”

Table mats, small runners, art post cards, small landscape quilts

Coasters and mug rugs, sets of 2 or 4

Samples will be available for viewing at the March in-person meeting.

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
A Confluence of Fabric and Thread!
June 17-20, 2026
<https://canadianquilter.com/>

CQA/ACC WEBINAR
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



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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.



The Canadian Quilters' Association/ Association Canadienne de la courtois (CQA/ACC) announces a Member Guild Challenge. Only CQA/ACC Member Guilds may enter this challenge, which has the theme "What Canada Means to Me." The submitted quilts will be displayed at Quilt Canada 2026 in Winnipeg, MB, June 17-20, 2026.

More information:

<https://canadianquilter.com/member-guild-challenge-what-canada-means-to-me-a-quilt-canada-2026-exhibit/>

Are you interested? Our guild can send one entry to the challenge. Contact president Barb.

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
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?

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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

Upcoming Executive Positions

Its that time of year that we begin to look ahead to the 2026-2027 Guild year. There are a few positions that are essential to the survival of the Guild and we are asking that our members do their part in ensuring the Guild runs smoothly next year. Many of our current Executive and Committee members are staying on for another year, and we thank you and appreciate all that you do.

We need a Secretary, and people for the Program Committee as well as the Membership Committee. We also need more people to help with Community Projects.

Joining the Executive or a Committee is fun, and gives you a chance to work with and get to know other members of the Guild. It really doesn't require too much of your time, and you will be shown how it all works. The Guild needs many hands to keep it going. Please don't hesitate to speak to current Executive and Committee members or speak to myself or Sue. We'd love to share our past experience on many positions we've held .

Past President Louise Cornelius l.cornelium12@outlook.com

Sue Pirie piriesusan@rogers.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.

\$20 till 4:30 \$40 with a light supper

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

E-transfer the fee to: dpqguild@outlook.com with note it's for the day Retreat. Cash will be accepted the day of the retreat.

Spring Weekend Retreat – April 10 – 12

10:00 AM Friday to 2:00 PM Sunday
Stayner Retreat Centre All meals included
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Contact Michelle McGee mcgeem022@gmail.com
or Heather Sheridan heathersheridan@rogers.com if you'd like to participate.



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BULLETIN BOARD

Birthdays—January

22 Debby Panke
23 Bonnie McClellan
27 Louise Cornelius

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

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.

Upcoming Events

- March 7—April 2 Oakville Fibre Artists 6th Show
Hanging by a Thread
Queen Elizabeth Community and Cultural Centre,
2302 Bridge Road, Oakville
- Apr 23, 24 & 25th Huron-Perth Quilters' Guild Stonetowne Quilters' Guild
Piecemakers Quilt Show
Pyramid Recreation Centre, 317 James Street S, St Mary's
www.huronperthquilters.com/p/upcom
- May 1—2 Toronto Modern Quilt Guild, Quilt Showcase 2026
Wychwood Barns, 601 Christie Street, Toronto
- May 1 - 2 Chatham-Kent Quilters' Guild
Stitches in Bloom Quilt Show
St. Pauls Congregational Church, 450 Park Ave. W.,
Chatham www.ckquiltguild.com
- May 8-9 Kawartha Lakes Quiltmakers' Guild, Quilt Show
Peterborough Sport and Wellness Centre,
Peterborough, www.kqgquilts.ca



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