

The Piecemaker's Star



Dufferin Piecemakers' Quilting Guild

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President's Message

Hello all,

I had a completely different message prepared, but this week's loss of Christine has shifted me abruptly from that post-holiday glow into a place of sadness.

I only came to know Christine through the executive, yet over the past year I grew to truly appreciate her quirky humour and her incredibly sweet soul. Even in a relatively short time, she left a mark.

Unexpected losses have a way of turning us inward. They make us pause and ask ourselves what we're doing, what we're postponing, and whether we're living as fully as we could be. Each time I experience a loss, I find myself reassessing my own direction. I always return to the words my dad shared when he was diagnosed with MS. He sat all of us kids down and said simply: *live your life — because you never know what's coming.*

So yes, allow yourself to feel the sadness. But let it move you, too.

Set a new goal. Do the thing you've been putting off. Finish that quilt and gift it to a friend or family member **now** — don't wait. Experience the joy of seeing it received. Call an old friend. Plan the trip. Sign up for the retreat.

Don't shrink in the face of loss — expand because of it. Let it be a catalyst to do one more thing, and then another, and another.

We begin our in-person meetings again this month, and I truly can't wait to see you all and reconnect. Reach out to someone who might need a ride or simply a little encouragement to attend. Consider signing up together for the one-day or three-day retreat. Volunteer for the quilt show or join a Guild committee — staying connected helps us feel part of something larger than ourselves.

Let's honour Christine not only with our grief, but with our living.

Barb



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MEETING INFORMATION

March 16th, 2026
In-Person
6:45 pm Social
7:00pm Meeting

Executive Meeting
Will be scheduled for April.

Meeting Dates 2026

April 20

May 11*

June 15

*Meetings moved due to holidays



Program

Join us for our first in-person meeting for 2026. We have lots planned for our hands-on night.

- learn how to create a sleeve to hang your quilt for our Upcoming quilt show
- learn how to fold your quilt for the quilt show
- see samples / info for the boutique and mini draw
- get your quilt entry photographed
- information on completing the entry form
- watch some demonstrations
- work on community outreach projects (bring your machine)

It promises to be a very informative night!! Lots to learn. Doors open at 6:45... meeting starts at 7:00pm. Don't forget your journals, anything kits you have taken and completed, your Lucky Draw money, and your smiles!! We look forward to seeing you!



DPQG EXECUTIVE
2025-2026

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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 - March 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 if you would like work on a CO project

There will be demonstrations happening.

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)

You never know what you have until you clean your sewing room

Your Chance to Help

Our Guild is an enthusiastic, fun place to be because of you --- our dedicated and talented members! Whether you are a longtime member or have just joined, we encourage you to get involved and volunteer to join a Committee starting in September 2026.

The following essential positions are open:

Secretary

Program (3 or 4)

Community Outreach (2 or 3) or more

If you are interested in helping to keep our guild running smoothly please contact:

Louise Cornelius: l.cornelius12@outlook.com or

Sue Pirie piriesusan@rogers.com

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 April 4 at 10:00 AM until noon.**

Linda Horner will demonstrate some easy coasters and table mats (great idea for donation to the Quilt Show Boutique). Fabric requirements, instructions and zoom link will be emailed closer to the date.

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.

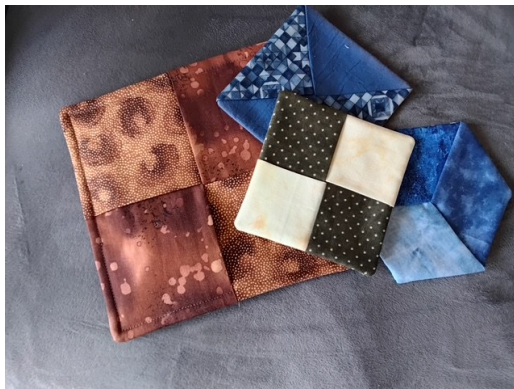
These workshops are open to all guild members.

Convenors -

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

Need help with Zoom? Contact us.

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



2026 UFO Challenge

This month's project #: 7

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

Judi \$52.50

Barb \$50.00



MONDAY MARCH 9

6:30 pm

MARCH MADNESS CLEARANCE!



Join us on our Facebook Page for a LIVE event!

It's surprisingly easy & fun!

Prizes and giggles the Cobwebs way!!!

Join our "BUILD A BOX" Program
Or partner with a buddy to share shipping
Keep inspiration high & shipping cost low!



QUILTS at the PARK – October 16 & 17/26

QUILT SHOW UPDATES



Here are a few quilt show reminders...with just 7 months to go to October!

Entry Form:

The quilt entry form for the show is attached to this newsletter. Printed copies will be available at the March meeting as well.

The entry forms are due no later than the *May meeting*. Your quilt/ quilted item does not have to be finished when you hand in your form. But *if* your quilt is not going to be finished in time for the show, be sure to let Debby Panke know at least two weeks before the show.

Quilt Show Boutique

We will have a donation box at the March 16 meeting and samples/ instructions for easy-to-make, sellable items.

Also, join Linda Horner for the April 4 QBA to learn how to make easy coasters and table mats. Instructions for Scissors Holder and Picnic Placemat (Creative Projects in previous newsletters) are now on the Guild website.

*****Do you have questions, suggestions, or want to help?**

Great!! Let us know!

The Quilt Show steering committee members are: Louise Cornelius, Chair; Judi Sullivan, Karen Hunter, Elspeth King, Barbara Schoder, Debby Panke, Anita Rowland and Janice Payne, Jill Cameron, Val Lamothe, Janice Jones

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

Registration begins February 24 noon Eastern Time) for members

Member discounts on Show Hall Entry Wristbands and workshops from February 24 - March 10 (noon Eastern Time)

NEW this year. Members must login to their account on the CQA/ACC website: <https://canadianquilter.com/> in order to access the discounts.

If you plan on attending Quilt Canada 2026 in Winnipeg, we strongly suggest that you take the time before February 24, to attempt to login to the website so that you know you will be able to do it during the member discount period.

You can view a video tour and explanation of registration on the CQA/ACC YouTube Channel [HERE](https://canadianquilter.com/) <https://canadianquilter.com/>

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

marionbcollection@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?

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Fall Fair News

**New for 2026 **

For Hand and Machine quilts in categories for District and Provincial competition, total perimeter measurement is now a minimum of **280 inches** (previously a minimum of 324 inches). Please check your local fair prize books for sizing requirements for all other categories for fair competition.

And as always, the Guild will have a category in all surrounding fairs. Please support the fairs by entering your creations. Its fun, it helps the fairs to keep going, and its so much fun to see all the ribbons won at our meetings.

Winter Day Retreat – March 21 9:30 till 7:00

Enjoy a light supper. Orangeville Seniors Centre on Bythia Street. Socialize, share and sew the day away with other guild members.

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

There are still spots available. Come join in the fun.

Contact 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

It is retreat time ladies. Time for a quilt weekend to have fun and be creative while relaxing with no housework. We have single and shared accommodations available. The cost for a single accommodation with all meals is \$433 and shared accommodation \$305.

Cut off for members is **March 16** and then we will open it up to friends and family that are non-members.

Michelle will be at the meeting for those of you that wish to sign up. Don't hesitate it usually fills up quickly. We will require a deposit of half of the money owing by Friday March 20 2026. And then the remaining payment by April 3 2026.

Payment can be made by etransfer (dpqguild@outlook.com), cheque or cash. And please email Heather Sheridan heathersheridan@rogers.com or Michelle McGee mcgeem022@gmail.com. Please indicate that the etransfer is for weekend retreat.



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IN MEMORIAM



Christine Robinson

Christine became an active and involved member almost as soon as she joined the Guild in 2011.

From 2013 until now, Christine supported the Guild in many ways which included serving on committees—Lucky Draw and Retreats, and sitting on the Executive for Membership and most recently as Guild Secretary. Her admirable spirit of volunteerism also extended to several other organizations in the community such as girl guides, the Café at the hospital and the St. Mark's church community..

A positive, kind, funny and enthusiastic participant, she was always willing to lend a hand, and to try something new. Some of you will remember how excited she was last fall when she won her very first fair ribbon.

Christine's sudden passing has left a significant void in our Executive, and our Guild.

Information about arrangements will be shared at a future time.



BULLETIN BOARD

Birthdays—March

1 Linda Coleman
2 Barbara Schroder
3 Pat Kalapaca
10 Lorna Raney
13 Linda Lewis
15 Janet Slater
22 Carrol Mason
23 Linda Davenport
29 Marilyn Copeland

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 Raney 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 dpqnewsletter@gmail.com to inquire about rates.

UFO Challenge

Linda Horner



Janice Payne



Barb Redford



Barb Redford



The Guild also received a generous donation of fabrics and notions to use in our Community Quilts and possibly our Boutique items.

BULLETIN BOARD

Upcoming Events



Sunshine Quilt Show

May 8 & 9, 2026 10 am - 4 pm
ODAS Park 4500 Fairgrounds Road, Severn
New Location - Lots of Parking
Admission: \$10 CASH OR DEBIT
per person / per day

- Feature Quilter
- Quilt Exhibit
- Vendors Mall
- Guild Boutique
- Refreshments
- Bed Turning
- Demos
- Scissor Sharpening



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Grey County Charmer's Quilt Club
 presents
'A STORY OF STITCHES'
QUILT EXHIBIT
 May 29th & 30th 2026

Hours: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 Location: Osprey Community Arena
 494196 Grey Road 2, Feversham ON

Admission: \$10.00 cash at the door
 Accessible Facility | Buses Welcome | Free Parking



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Making Memories Quilt Show

presented by: New Millennium Quilters' Guild

MAY 29 & 30, 2026
FRIDAY 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
SATURDAY 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Admission \$10.00 (Cash Only)

Mildmay-Carrick Recreation Complex
 24 Vincent St. Mildmay, ON

INCLUDES:

- Viewers Choice
- Vendors Market
- Toonie Table
- Bed Turning (11:00 am & 2:00 pm)
- Boutique (cash only)
- Lunch Cafe (cash only)
- Christmas corner
- Quilt Raffle

MORE INFORMATION
 newmillenniumquiltersguild@gmail.com



QUILT SHOW 2026
 hosted by Trent Valley Quilters' Guild

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 Facebook page: The Quilting Nook

Let's admit it, we put "made with love" on our creations because "made with cursing, 2 trips to the quilt shop, and lots of wine" just won't fit on a cute little label

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 _____

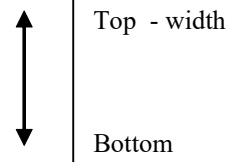
Story of the quilt **75 words or less**: tell us about your quilt (i.e. was this a Guld project from QBA, Special Projects, or a Challenge? What inspired you? What techniques did you use?)

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!