

The Piecemaker's Star



Dufferin Piecemakers' Quilting Guild

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President's Message

Happy Spring everyone,

April has arrived, bringing with it the promise of renewal, the gentle rhythm of rain showers, and the joyful return of blooming florals. It's the perfect time to refresh your quilting projects with light, airy designs that capture the spirit of the season.

Start with embracing a pastel color palette—think blush pinks, buttery yellows, soft lilacs, and tranquil sky blues. These hues lend themselves beautifully to quilts that feel fresh and light. Pair them with crisp whites or subtle neutrals to create contrast that feels clean and uplifting.

Then let the beauty of rain inspire your stitching. Consider patterns with flowing lines, raindrop motifs, or gentle curves that echo the calm of a rainy afternoon. These elements can add movement and softness to your work, making each quilt feel alive with the energy of the season.

Florals, of course, take center stage in April. From delicate prints to bold botanical statements, incorporating floral fabrics can instantly brighten your designs. Try mixing scale and texture—tiny blossoms alongside larger blooms—to create depth and visual interest.

If you're looking for a fresh project idea, consider a lightweight throw or wall hanging that celebrates spring's renewal. Keep your fabric choices light and breathable, and experiment with negative space to give your quilt a modern, open feel.

As you stitch this month, take inspiration from the world around you—the scent of rain, the first buds on trees, and the longer, sunlit days. Let your creativity bloom alongside the season, and don't forget to bring your creations to Guild night for show and share, we all want to be inspired by you!

Happy quilting, and may your April be full of color, comfort, and inspiration.

Barb



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MEETING INFORMATION

April 20th, 2026
6:45 pm Social
7:00 pm Meeting
Orangeville Seniors Centre

Executive Meeting

Wednesday, April 29 2026
Location TBA

Committee Chairs to send updates to Barb Redford

Meeting Dates 2026

May 11*

June 15

*Meetings moved due to holidays



Program

For our April meeting, I've asked my Northcott Rep Kirsten Stefanini to come discuss with us a brief history of Northcott and show us a preview of fabric designs that will be coming to your local quilt shops in 2026. As most of us know, Northcott is a large wholesale fabric supplier in the US and Canada with good quality fabrics. Northcott is involved with multiple charities such as Quilts for Kids, Quilts of Valour and sponsors many quilt guilds for challenges.

So come to the meeting in April ready for some inspiration and with new quilts in mind.

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



DPQG EXECUTIVE
2025-2026

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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 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 - April 2026

One Queen size Quilt went to a refugee family.

We had a great "Hands On" meeting, March 16th. Thanks to all who came out. A special thank you to Kim Beckner for donating a roll of batting that got cut up for 13 large and single size quilts.

When the Guild gets a donation of fabric, it goes to Louise's house. It gets sorted for breast cancer pillows, Comfy cases, and for quilts. Louise is always looking for backing fabric. She's always so happy when members donate a quilt top and the backing fabric with it.

Our next sewing afternoon is Monday April 20, 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 cell 416-786-2081

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





The Quilting Nook
Longarm Quilting Services

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Facebook page: The Quilting Nook

***This took forever so you better pretend to
love it!!***

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.

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Thank You to Our Members Who Facilitated Workshops this Year.



October—Versatile Block
Sue Pirie



November—Pine Tree Pillow
Leah Mitchel



December Snowman & Gnomes
Judi Sullivan



February—Twisted Block
Christine Robinson



March Improved Curved Piecing
Barb Redford



April Coasters & Table Toppers
Linda Horner

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

2026 UFO Challenge

This month's project #: 2

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

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

Debby \$62.00

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QUILTS at the PARK - October 16 & 17/26

QUILT SHOW UPDATES



Here are answers to some of your questions about our quilt show:

1. ENTRY FORM FOR YOUR PROJECTS (Debby Panke)

Q. *Why does my quilt show entry have to be submitted in May?*

A. Every entry will be assigned a specific location in the display, determined by its size and colour. It takes time to organize and record all of this information. As well, a data base needs to be built to track entries.

Q. *What if my entry isn't finished by May?*

A. It's important that the display committee knows the size, colour and design of your entry. This allows them to plan the display so complementary items are hung/displayed together.

Q. *Photos of unquilted entries are perfectly fine.*

A. Photos of partially completed entries are OK as long as you include a picture of the pattern showing the finished item. Any coloured fabric not shown in the sample should be mentioned. For bags and home décor items that are not complete, include a photo of the pattern and samples of fabrics/supplies to be used.

2. MINI DRAW (Karen Hunter)

Q. *What kind of items are you looking for?*

A. Small wall hangings, table mats, small runners—modern, traditional, whimsical Designs—maximum size of 20 inches. Samples and drop off at Guild meetings.

3. RAFFLE TICKETS (Elspeth King/Barbara Schroder)

Q. *Can I start selling tickets now for the quilt show raffle?*

A. YES! Ticket books are available for you to pick up at Guild meetings.

4. (MEMBERS) BOUTIQUE (Linda Horner/Marion Cole)

Q. *When and where should I drop off my donations for the Boutique?*

A. Bring donations to Guild meetings and leave on the quilt show table.

5. VOLUNTEERS (Val Lamothe)

Q. *How can I help at the show in October?*

A. There will be lots of different types of jobs on setup day, and on the two show days. More information is coming soon. We will need LOTS of help.

Boutique Update

A huge thank you to Gail Brown and Debbie Panke for their generous donations for the Boutique table at our upcoming quilt show. Several items were displayed at the March meeting and instructions for possible items to make were available. Here is a website for some more "ideas".... thesewingblog.com/100-free-zipper-pouch-patterns.

Also included in this newsletter is the template for a Christmas Stocking Ornament (and where to find the instructions in the Bulletin Board pages at the end of the newsletter).

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/>

Do you support these **three proud Canadian businesses**? Coincidentally, **JN Harper, H.A. Kidd and Company, and Cansew all started in 1924** and have evolved under the founders' descendants.

Go to the Quilt Canada website and click on the link to learn more about these Canadian companies!!!

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?

Dufferin Piecemakers Quilting Guild
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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



SPECIAL EVENT MONDAY!
 April 13 — 6:30 pm
 Back by popular demand!
 SMALL PROJECTS



SUN-KISSED BLOCK OF THE MONTH



Going fast but a few spots left!
 93" x 101.5"
 (the blues are deeper than in photo)
 10 month program
 Starts now
 \$100 deposit + \$28.50 on 25th monthly
 Email cobwebsandcaviar@gmail.com
 to sign up



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

Vice President

Program (3 or 4)

Community Outreach (2 or 3 more)

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

Louise Cornelius l.cornelium12@outlook.com

Sue Pirie piriesusan@rogers.com

NOMINATION COMMITTEE 2026-2027

Hello guild members from your nomination committee. It almost time for the DOQG AGM which will be held at the May meeting. We are currently taking nomination for executive positions and also looking to fill some vacancies on committees. If you would like to put your name forward for a position or committee please contact Louise Cornelius (l.cornelium12@outlook.com) or Susan Pirie (piriesusan@rogers.com)

If you have any time in your busy schedules to help out with the running of the guild or to organize/run various activities please let us know.

All the great things that make your guild meetings enjoyable happen because of the great volunteers we have. No time commitment is too small. We need the “one time helpers” just as much as the “run the whole committee” people.

Executive Nominations to date:

President - - Barb Redford / Janice Jones

Vice President -- VACANT

Treasurer –Cathy Voight

Program—VACANT

Membership –Diane Griffith, Fern Pugh

Newsletter—Janice Payne

Secretary—Yasmine Slater

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.

Can't wait until next weekend, whooo ho000. Bring your fun and relaxing self to the retreat. Remember no cooking or cleaning to do.

If you have a flannel shirt, we are doing **Flannel Friday** again. Don't forget your charm squares for the games. 3 -6 of them. We need 3 per game.

They are not allowing nuts of any kind in the building now. **Including nut milks.** So please if you are bringing snacks, that they don't have nuts in them.

Remember we are not allowed in the building until after **10 a.m. Friday** and we need to be out by **2 p.m. on Sunday.**

These wonderful stores have donated prizes: Bolts to Blocks in Stayner, House of Stitches in Creemore, Threads that Bind are in Maxwell. Country Concessions in Cookstown. Cobwebs and Caviar in Shelburne. Stop by any of these locations on your way to retreat, or take some time out over the weekend to drop in and support our local quilt stores!!!

If anyone orders online from Threads that Bind, I can do a pick up. It would have to be by Wednesday please. I don't live far from there.

Thanks
Heather and Michelle



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We can't wait to see you!



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BULLETIN BOARD

Birthdays—April

1 Betty Sanderson
 1 Daphne White
 5 Rosemary Galbraith
 9 Anne Parsons
 15 Lynda Moore
 19 Jean Simpson
 22 Michelle McGeer
 27 Ruth MacInnes
 27 Wendy Smith
 28 Pat Forrest

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 dpqnewsletter@gmail.com to inquire about rates.

Save the Date



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
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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
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QUILT SHOW 2026
 hosted by Trent Valley Quilters' Guild

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2026 10-6
 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2026 10-4

BULLETIN BOARD



Former President Linda Lewis with her wall hanging made from her president "thank you" blocks. The theme was Newfoundland where Linda is from and now lives.

Linda says - I thought you could share it and thanks everyone again. It turned out beautifully. I love it!

Day Retreat



Fern's Quilt As You Go which she demo'd at the March meeting



New member Yasmine with project blocks

Quilt Show Committee members at MoD.

Quilt show committee members sewed at the museum to create clothing bags and stuffed hangers used to protect textiles.

L to R Linda Horner, Louise Cornelius, Sue Pirie, Barbara Schroder, Fern Pugh, Debby Panke, Judi Sullivan

In return, the museum will lend us stanchions for use at our quilt show.



BULLETIN BOARD



Pattern for Christmas stocking card holder. Find the instructions at

www.stacey-lee.com/scrap-fabric-christmas-stocking

UFO Challenge



My goal was to quilt it
Janice Payne



Quilted hug made with my husband's
grandmother's blocks

Linda Horner

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 _____

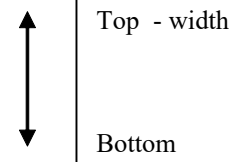
Story of the quilt **75 words or less**: tell us about your quilt (i.e. was this a Guld project from QBA, Special Projects, or a Challenge? What inspired you? What techniques did you use?)

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!