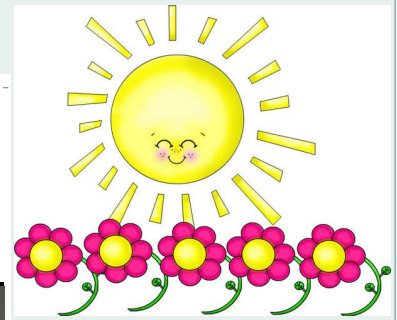


The Piecemaker's Star



Dufferin Piecemakers' Quilting Guild

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President's Message

Happy Spring (maybe) all,

Where has this year gone?! We're cruising right along and somehow already nearing the end of another wonderful Guild year. We've enjoyed such inspiring speakers and absolutely stunning quilts along the way — I hope all that creativity has had your sewing machines humming!

I've been happily bouncing back and forth between projects lately, especially the quilt I'm entering in our Quilt Show this fall. Entry forms are due at the May meeting, and since this will be my very first quilt show, I'm beyond excited (and maybe just a little nervous!) to share my work for everyone to see.

On top of that, I need to get moving on my Northcott President's Challenge project! My biggest problem right now is having *too many* ideas. I keep hopping from one possibility to the next, trying to settle on the perfect plan so I can actually start sewing instead of just dreaming. I hope you've got some fun ideas brewing too and are getting started for the fall!

Our May meeting is an especially important one as we'll be electing the 2026–27 executive team — the group that helps shape the Guild's programs, activities, and direction for the coming year. The good news is we already have some fantastic speakers lined up for our Zoom meetings, and after reviewing all the survey responses, there are plenty of exciting ideas to explore next year. Stay tuned for more details at the June meeting!

And finally, a little friendly request: we're always looking for volunteers to help keep our Guild thriving. Whether it's serving on the executive, binding quilts, helping with longarming, or simply holding up quilts during presentations, every helping hand makes a difference. If you can spare even a little time, please consider getting involved — many hands truly do make light work, and it's a wonderful way to connect with fellow members!

Happy sewing Barb



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MEETING INFORMATION

May 18th, 2026
6:45 pm Social
7:00 pm Meeting
Orangeville Seniors Centre

Executive Meeting

Wednesday, May 27th, 2026
Watermark Community Centre
Committee Chairs to send updates to Barb Redford

Meeting Dates 2026

June 15 Social

Program

Karen Murray from the Bluewater Quilt Guild will be our May Guest Speaker "I've quilted for over 10 years. I started barely knowing which end of a sewing machine to thread and now do long arming. I tend to like bold colours, intricate designs and, at the same time, simple scrappy quilts. I took up quilting around 15- ish years ago. I currently try to balance a "real" job as a vet, looking after the house and husband and quilting. I have a love of bolder colours but the rest is just a giant mess of trying different things to see what sticks.

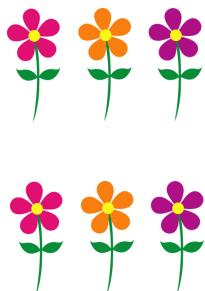


**Yvonne Guse Rahn, Candice Kitchen and Val Lamothe
Program Committee**



**DPQG EXECUTIVE
2025-2026**

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Stitch 'n Share	Marion Cole Sue Pirie



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 - May 2026

12 kids quilts were delivered to EarlyON this past month.

We've had a number of good sewing days this month. Along with our afternoons at Chartwell, in April and May, there were 2 days of sewing at Jill Cameron's house, where backings were put together for quilt tops, some of which had borders added to. Thank you to all who have come out.

Thanks to all who have sewn quilt tops, pillow cases, breast cancer pillows and placemats over this past year. Also thank you to the longarmers for quilting the quilts.

There won't be a sewing afternoon at Chartwell in June. The next one will be in September.

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)



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Finished is better than perfect!!!

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)

SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL FAIRS

It's that time of year again – when our local communities are planning their annual fairs.



Caledon is first up in June. So, it's time to finish projects you may want to enter.

See <https://www.caledonfair.ca/> for details.

Some of the three **Dufferin fairs** are still in the process of finalizing their fair books, so up-to-date information may not be available online yet. You are encouraged to check out the 2026 books when published, as there will be changes from previous years.

If you want to enter our DPQG sponsored special, please note that it has been revised this year to *exclude* bed-size quilts. This change was made to support exhibitors who enjoy making smaller quilted projects.

DPQG Sponsored Special for all Fairs

“Use of a fabric panel to complete a creative quilted item—excluding bed-size quilt. Suggested items include tote bag, clothing, pillow, runner, wall hanging, etc. May be hand or machine quilted by the entrant or another quilter named on the entry tag.”

2026 Dates for Caledon/Dufferin fairs

Caledon – June 19-21

Orangeville – September 4-6

Shelburne – September 18 -20

Grand Valley -September 25-27

2026 UFO Challenge

This month's project #: 4

Here is last month's finishes



Linda Horner completed her Puffin wall hanging



Janice Payne finished her BOM.

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
Yvonne	\$81.00

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QUILTS at the PARK – October 16 & 17/26

QUILT SHOW UPDATES

Why I like to attend Quilt Shows

I like to attend quilt shows because ...

Wonderful to see an amazing variety of patterns, colour and style all in one place. A great place to get your creative juices stimulated.

Enjoy sharing the show and a cup of tea with friends.

Fern

I like to attend quilt shows because...

Quilt shows spark creativity and identify trends in quilting. I always find one quilt I just have to start right away. It's also a great place to meet people with similar interests and renew acquaintances with people not seen for ages.

Elspeth

I like to attend quilt shows because ...

I go for inspiration – to see techniques, colour arrangements, and new quilted items that I haven't seen before.

I go because quilts and quilting are an art form that I enjoy viewing (sort of like a quilt art gallery). I go to read the stories behind the quilts to read about the quilt – what inspired its creation, what challenges did it present, how did they choose the fabric and any other information about that particular quilt

Sue

I like to attend quilt shows because ...

I love spending the day with like minded friends in my quilting community. I love discovering new vendors that are not within my normal shopping area. I appreciate and am inspired by the beautiful workmanship by fellow quilters. And I love learning about new trends in quilting

Barbara

Why I enjoy volunteering at our quilt show(s)

I enjoy volunteering at our quilt shows because ...

For starters the camaraderie is priceless. And you will experience firsthand something of how much goes into presenting a Quilt Show.

Marion

I enjoy volunteering at our quilt shows because ...

It is always exciting to help set up at the Quilt Show. You have first glance at the beautiful quilts as you help them go up on their frames. There is time to talk with members of the Guild and share your love of quilting. You always learn something new.

Joyce

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.

QUILTS at the PARK - October 16 & 17/26

QUILT SHOW UPDATES

Why I enjoy volunteering at our quilt show(s)

I enjoy volunteering at our quilt shows because ...

It was enjoyable to help my friends put together such an incredible show. Also to hear the comments from the people who came to visit. They were very impressed with our show. I hope to volunteer where I can this time around.

Lynne

I enjoy volunteering at our quilt shows because ...

A quilt show takes a lot of work, and I felt as members of the Guild we should all help out in some way. Many hands make light work.

I liked being part of the quilt show committee and having a part in planning the show. For a couple of shows I worked in the tearoom. I liked chatting with the people who came in. It was uplifting to hear that they liked our show and appreciated the talents of our Guild members. It was fun to share ideas and tips with them.

Lorna

Volunteers needed!!

In order to have a successful quilt show we are asking for volunteers to help with everything from set up (on Oct. 15) and take down (Oct.17), the cafe, white glove ladies and more.

Please consider volunteering a couple of hours for the show.

We also require some men for the set up and take down along with their step ladders. So go ahead and volunteer them too.

Sign up sheets will be available at the coming guild meetings.

Convenor Val Lamothe

Donate to the Boutique at the Show

Another big thank you to all members who are donating to the boutique.

Reminder that donated items may be wall hangings, table runners, potholders, bowl cozies, Christmas ornaments, cards, etc. They will be accepted at May, June and September meetings.

Committee members: Linda H., Fabienne and Marion



Registration forms for your items are due May 18th... if you need help with this please reach out to anyone on the Quilt Show Committee. We will be happy to help you!

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 _____

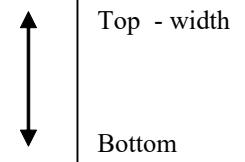
Story of the quilt **75 words or less**: tell us about your quilt (i.e. was this a Guld project from QBA, Special Projects, or a Challenge? What inspired you? What techniques did you use?)

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!



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View the 2026 JN Harper Youth Gallery [HERE](#)

Online Voting Starts Soon!
You can now view the entries for the 2026 JN Harper Youth Challenge.
Vote for your favourite quilt in each age category starting on Monday, May 11
Online voting will end on June 12.

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 dpqgnewsletter@gmail.com

Want to contact a Guild member?

Please contact Pat Forrest at patsyf43@yahoo.com



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DPQG NOMINATION SLATE for 2026/27

Members of the Guild will be asked to vote to accept the Slate of Candidates for 2026/27 at the Annual General Meeting on May 18. If anyone wishes to put her name forward for an Executive position, she should contact the Nominations Committee. Two or more committee members are required for Program. If interested, please contact nominations committee (Sue Pirie, Louise Cornelius)

EXECUTIVE

PAST PRESIDENT	LOUISE CORNELIUS
CO-PRESIDENTS	BARB REDFORD – JANICE JONES
SECRETARY	YASMINE SLATER
TREASURER	CATHY VOIGHT
PROGRAM	ANITA ROWLAND, FABIENNE GOOD +2 vacant
MEMBERSHIP	DIANE GRIFFITH, FERN PUGH
NEWSLETTER EDITOR	JANICE PAYNE

The following members have volunteered to serve in these Guild Executive positions or on Committees. No vote is required.

COMMITTEES

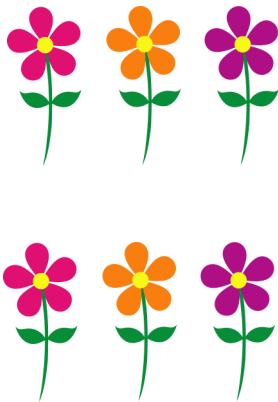
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JOURNALS FOR FTP -	SUE PIRIE
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LUCKY DRAW -	LOIS METZ, JANICE PAYNE, JENNIFER REID
QBA -	JUDI SULLIVAN, FERN PUGH
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RETREATS- WEEKEND -	MICHELLE McGEE, HEATHER SHERIDAN
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Spring Weekend Retreat – April 10 – 12



The Spring Weekend Retreat was held April 10-12th.... Lots of laughs and many projects completed!!! Good friend Yvonne completing Christine Robinson's unfinished top

Fall Retreat is October 30—November 1



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Birthdays—May

1 Betty Sanderson
1 Daphne White
5 Rosemary Galbraith
9 Anne Parsons
15 Lynda Moore
19 Jean Simpson
22 Michelle McGee
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.

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May 29th & 30th 2026
Hours: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Location: Osprey Community Arena
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Admission: \$10.00 cash at the door
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Making Memories Quilt Show
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MAY 29 & 30, 2026
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SATURDAY 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Admission \$10.00 (Cash Only)
Mildmay-Carrick Recreation Complex
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- 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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BULLETIN BOARD

Three ladies from the early years program accepted 3 of twelve quilts. Jill Cameron of the Dufferin Piecemakers Guild delivered them on behalf of the guild



Fabienne Good will be leading a cyanotype sun-print workshop on Sunday May 31st at Everdale Farm in Hillsburgh. Participants will create one-of-a-kind prints on paper & some on fabric - this could be a really cool way to add some unique touches to your handmade quilts...

Check out the link below for more information and or to sign-up:

https://www.overhere.ca/service-page/nature-s-blueprints-cyanotype-sun-print?referral=service_list_widget



This is a booklet filled with options for potato chip quilts by the Sarina Guild.
Fern

https://www.thread-graffiti.com/uploads/4/6/4/1/46415469/potato_chips_booklet.pdf