

The Piecemaker's Star



Dufferin Piecemakers' Quilting Guild

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President's Message

Hello everyone,

Well, we've made it to the end of another wonderful year!

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make this Guild the vibrant community it is today. From our incredible Program Team—Yvonne, Candice, and Val—to our dedicated Executive who work behind the scenes to keep everything running smoothly, and to all of you who attend meetings, participate in outreach programs, QBA, sew days, and countless other activities—thank you. Together, we have built a Guild that I am truly proud to be part of.

As we head into summer, I know quilting may not be at the top of everyone's mind, but we have so much to look forward to next year!

First and foremost, our Quilt Show is shaping up to be something truly special. The committee has been working tirelessly to make it an incredible event. Now it's time for all of us to do our part—finish those quilts, work on the President's Northcott Challenge, complete the boutique items you've generously committed to donating, and mark October 15–17 on your calendars to volunteer and attend the show.

And that's just the beginning! Looking beyond the Quilt Show, we already have some talented speakers booked, including guests from the USA and New Zealand. Our Program Committee will also be looking for a Guild member to share their quilts, techniques, or quilting journey, so please consider saying "yes" if they come calling.

We've also decided to participate once again in the Museum of Dufferin Holiday Treasures Sale. You'll find more information in this newsletter and in updates throughout the summer.

Looking ahead to spring, we'll be hosting another Sale Day. As a result, there will be no Give-and-Take Table at meetings next year. Please hang on to any items you'd like to pass along until we finalize which meeting will host the sale (likely sometime between March and May).

And finally, one or two workshops are already in the planning stages, with more details to come.

Whew! It's going to be a busy year—but an exciting one. I encourage everyone to participate in as much or as little as fits their schedule. Every contribution, large or small, helps make our meetings, events, and Guild community stronger.

I look forward to seeing you all at our June Social Meeting. Let's enjoy some great food, plenty of laughter, and lots of quilting conversation.

Have a wonderful summer, and happy quilting!

Barb



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MEETING INFORMATION

June 15th Summer Social
6:45 pm Social
7:00 pm Meeting
Orangeville Seniors Centre

Executive Meeting

Wednesday, June 17, 2026
Location TBA
Please send Committee Year-end Summaries to Barb Redford

2026/2027 Meeting Dates

Sept 21
Oct 19
Nov 16
Dec 21 Social
Jan 16 Zoom
Feb 15 Zoom
March 15
Apr 19
May 17
June 21 Social



June Meeting Notes

Remember to bring your finger food item (Last name N-Z) to share, or food bank donation (Last name A-M), as well as your plate and cutlery. Fruit Punch will be provided.

There will be NO give and take table this month

Please bring back all completed Community Outreach kits/ pillow cases/ placemats.

It's membership renewal time, be sure to bring in your membership form + fee \$ 50 for 2026/27

There will be lucky draw as well as other prizes and recognition awards.



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
8. Cutlery, Plate and cup for our June Social

Community Outreach - June 2026

Thanks so much for all those who have come out for the sewing days over the past year.

Have a great summer! See you in September.

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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*Quilting is my passion... coffee comes in
a close second!*

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. See caledonfair.ca for details.

You are encouraged to check out the 2026 books for **each fair**, 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

1. Caledon – June 19-21 "Now and Then"
2. Orangeville – "Cows and Cornstalks" September 4-6
3. Shelburne – September 18 -20
"Harvest, Honey & Home"
4. Grand Valley -September 25-27
"Apples and Scarecrows"

2026 UFO Challenge

This month's project #: 6

Here is last month's finishes



Not quilted yet, but top is done!! Orange print fabric is embroidered napkins that called to me at the thrift store. Linda

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
June Moir	\$55.50

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QUILTS at the PARK – October 16 & 17/26

QUILT SHOW UPDATES

QUILTS AT THE PARK - Just 2 more Guild meetings before the show!!

Volunteers for the Show Days – Yes, it may seem early, but....

If you have a particular job in mind; or if you have a preference for a day, or if you just want to learn more about the jobs, see Val L. who has sign up sheets for set up and two days of the show.

This is also an opportunity for high school students you know who are looking for volunteer hours.

Raffle – Have you picked up your tickets to sell? There are still lots more!

Proceeds from the raffle will go to Community Outreach for the purchase of backing and batting—two expensive, essential items!

Tickets should be an “easy sell” @ \$5 each or 3 for \$10, for 3 attractive prizes.

Return ticket stubs and money at June social if possible. Deadline is September meeting.

There's a prize draw for sellers. You receive one entry for each book returned. See Barbara S. at meetings.

1st



2nd



3rd



And please, If you can, continue to make and drop of items that have been discussed in previous newsletters.

Members' Boutique – Members Participation Greatly Appreciated !!

The purpose of the Boutique is to raise funds to help offset the cost of the Quilt Show. Donated items may be wall hangings, table runners, pot holders, small bags, Christmas ornaments, cards, bowl cozies, etc. Lots of ideas on Pinterest; Quilting Digest (Facebook); thesewingloftblog.com/100-scrap-fabric-projects; or search "easy, scrap fabric projects".

Mini Draw – small runners, wall hangings, mats, etc. 20 inches or less

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



You will probably hear from us over the summer months... updating you on the Quilt show!!!

Here's the poster for our quilt show. We plan to place them around Dufferin/Caledon in August and September. If you can help with distribution, or can recommend specific locations like businesses, public buildings, etc. please tell Janice Jones. She'll have some at the June meeting.



Quilt Canada 2026

Quilt Canada, June 16 – 19, 2027

MEMBER GUILD CHALLENGE – “GO WILD / OSEZ”

The Canadian Quilters' Association/ Association Canadienne de la courtépointe (CQA/ACC) is announcing a Member Guild Challenge for Quilt Canada 2027. Only members of a CQA/ACC Member Guild may enter this challenge, which has the theme “GO WILD/OSEZ.”

- All entries must follow the guidelines below. Each individual Member Guild may select one quilt from their Guild's membership, on or before April 30, 2027 for entry into this challenge. How they choose to run this within their guild is entirely up to them.
- It would be appreciated if Guilds wishing to enter the Challenge could advise of their intent via email to Irene Lafleche, irene.lafleche@canadianquilteradministration.com by Feb 1, 2027. This helps in determining space allocation at the show. The official Quilt Entry form will be available as of April 1, 2027 through April 30, 2027.
- All quilts must be received between May 10 and May 25, 2027 and will be displayed at QC 2027, at the BMO Center, Stampede Park in Calgary. The location for shipping/dropping off your quilt entry will be determined and communicated to you by the end of April. The cut off for displaying quilts at Quilt Canada is restricted to the first 50 entries received.
- The winning quilt will be selected by Viewer's Choice during Quilt Canada 2027 and awarded a \$500 cash prize.
- All submitted quilts will either be returned to entrants at the Guild's expense, with invoices issued accordingly, or may be picked up at the end of the conference in Calgary.

The Challenge:

- The Theme: “Go Wild / Osez”
- There is no restriction on fabrics to be used.
- The quilt perimeter is to be no larger than 72 inches. (add up the inches on all four sides)
- Each quilt must be finished with either binding, facings or enveloped pillow case style.
- Please ensure that there is a hanging sleeve, at least 3 inches wide, for display purpose.
- All quilts must have a label with the Quilt name and Guild name visible on it; Quilter's name optional.
- Please enclose the Guild Entry Form when your quilt is shipped.

We look forward to your entry and thank you for your participation. Please send some photos of some of your Guild entries for posting on our Social Media sites. Most of all, have fun!

Irene Lafleche, CQA/ACC Membership Director

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

Retreats.... Save the dates!!!

One-Day Retreat—save the date!!!

November 21st, 2026

At the Seniors Center

More info in the upcoming newsletters

Fall Weekend Retreat

October 30—November 1st

Stayner Christian Centre

More info to come in upcoming newsletters



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22 Linda Levon
29 Rose Mocella
29 Anita Rowland

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.

Save the Date



What's new on our Webpage

There is now a calendar on the webpage, it is a Google calendar so if anyone has a gmail they can link the calendar to theirs so the guild events will come up in their calendars beside their own events.

QBA will resume Saturday, October 3rd with Leah Mitchel. More info to come in our September newsletter.

Sewing days will resume in September... keep your eyes peeled for the dates!!!

Please bring in all the Quilt Show raffle money to the June meeting... we still have lots of tickets and we'd love you to sell more!!!

Membership renewal will take place at the June meeting... \$50 cash/cheque, or etransfer!!!

Prez challenge is due in September... you will have plenty of time to get it done