

# NIAGARA HERITAGE QUILTERS' GUILD

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## MEETING DETAILS



Third Wednesday of the Month:

September 18, 2019

October 16, 2019

November 20, 2019

January 15, 2020

February 19, 2020

March 18, 2020 **Cancelled**

April 15, 2020 **Cancelled**

Members Only AGM May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 @ 6:15

**Cancelled**

### OUR MEETINGS ARE SCENT FREE

We kindly ask that all members and guests attending our meetings be free of any scents, including strongly scented hair products, perfumes, and creams.

A valued member of our guild suffers from severe asthma.

AGM rescheduled for September 16, 2020.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here we are!! Our last newsletter of the year! We have now passed our 30<sup>th</sup> day of isolation and it's beginning to feel like it too. Things are surely different this year and this season is ending strangely for all of us. We will not meet until September...which means we can not have our AGM and make our changes of executive personnel. I think that means I will get to write the Sept 2020 newsletter!!

**It is very important** that you take time to read this newsletter. At the last executive meeting decisions were made that will affect you all. I had intended to soften the blow by talking at the March meeting but we all know what happened there.

The executive has decided to raise the membership dues to **\$45 if paid by June 30** and after that it is \$50.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

I don't think you will be surprised by this. Most of you are well aware of the rising costs of everything and I hope you realize how hard we worked to get everything squared away for this year. Speakers are becoming very expensive and if there are add-ons like mileage or over-night accommodations it becomes quite costly. Our program team does a wonderful job, BUT they have to come up with a program before we know how many members we have (so we know our budget) and this is causing some problems. Raising the fees by \$10.00 gives us \$1,500.00 more when we have 150 members and that makes a big difference.

We would like membership **dues paid before June 30 if possible**. This would be very helpful for figuring out a budget for the following year. This decision needs the approval of the members, usually done at an AGM so I am asking for your help here. It will make things much easier for everyone if we can pay now and vote in September. Please support this decision when you renew your membership.

It has been a pleasure working with this executive and being able to rely on them for advice and sound decision making. We have tackled some very big issues and I feel we have handled them very well. The Website is the jewel in our crowns and it is working well for all who need it. There will be some sorting out in September but it looks as though all positions on the executive are filled with eager candidates. I certainly never anticipated some of the issues we have had this year. This pandemic is heartbreaking and affects so many people all over the world. I know we realize how very fortunate we are here...our lifestyle is comfortable and safe and we are able to get about freely. Losing the ability to do that is a real eye opener. Even with a creative hobby like quilting time seems to have a different feeling and I am sure I am not alone in pondering the changes that have taken place. I hope you all stay well and stay safe. Thank you for the chance to be president of the guild for a second time.

*Fran Inglis*

## 2019/2020 EXECUTIVE

President	Fran Inglis
Vice President	Debbie Hipple
Secretary	Heather Murray
Treasurer	Maureen Morrison
Past President	Lynne Wilkinson

## CHAIRS AND COMMITTEES

Archives	Alice Muller
Community Outreach	Jennifer Dyck
50/50 Draw	Donna Murray Theresa Bell
Gloves and Greeters	Valerie Catton Lynne McDonald
Library	Lynda Moffett
Loonie Draw	Lynda Iannandrea
Membership	Lolly Challice Gayle Stewart Wanda Braukmann Carol McRae
Newsletter	Pat Andres
Programs / Workshops	Donna Pree Luci Ronald Judy Yovanovich
Publicity	Vacant
Scholarship	Lynda Iannandrea Gloria Meyer Kathryn Karr
Website	Debbie Hipple Patricia Knebel Carol McRae

## AWESOME AD-HOC COMMITTEES

Meals On Wheels	Sharree Eidt Ann Marie Tummillo
NeoNatal	Donna Murray
The RAFT	Julie Bayza

## VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This year I initiated our Guild challenge "Clue", in September 2019. There were 20 clues picked up and we will have to wait until our September 2020 meeting to see the quilted items depicting their clues. It looks as though our murderers are going to be on the loose a little longer. I am hopeful we can close in on them and make an "arrest" in September. Plan to be there for the line-up reveal!

I also worked with Carol McRae on the development of the new website. A busy year to get this off the ground. My sincere thanks to Carol for all her hard work on this project.

*Debbie Hipple*

## PAST PRESIDENT

### Proposed Executive List for 2020-2021

The following people have indicated their desire to fill the following executive positions. The new executive will officially take control of their office following the elections, which due to Covid-19 will now **take place at the September meeting**. It will be imperative for you to attend to vote in this new slate of officers.

#### Executive

President:	Lynda Iannandrea
Past President:	Fran Inglis
Vice President:	Debbie Hipple
Secretary:	Heather Murray
Treasurer:	Theresa Bell

#### Chairs & Committees

Archives:	Alice Muller
Community Outreach:	Jennifer Dyck
50/50 Draw:	Donna Murray, Lynne Wilkinson
Goves/Greaters:	Valerie Catton
Library:	Lynne McDonald
Loonie Draw:	Lynda Moffett, Maureen Morrison, Leslie Moulson, Rose Ranahan
Membership:	Gayle Stewart, Wanda Braukmann, Sue Moskal
Newsletter:	Carol McRae
Website	Carol McRae, Debbie Hipple, Patricia Knebel
The Afternoon Group:	Lolly Challice, Heather Murray
Workshops:	Pat Andres, Judy Yovanovich, Luci Ronald
Scholarship:	Gloria Meyer, Kathryn Karr
Publicity	Vacant
Meals on Wheels:	Sharee Eidt, Anna Marie Tummillo
NeoNatal:	Donna Murray
Raft:	Julie Bayza

## ARCHIVES

Archives are fun, and essential for keeping a record of the Guild's activities. Minutes of the General and Executive meetings are filed each month, as well as copies of each Newsletter. Clippings concerning our Guild or members from newspapers and magazines are also collected.

Short and sweet should do it. Hope you're keeping secluded and safe. A daily walk around the neighbourhood is as far as we have gone for the last three weeks. A big filled freezer keeps us fed, so it's all good.

*Alice*

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

### Community Quilts

- We had our last sew day on February 28, and as usual had a great time. We have had to cancel our other sew days that were scheduled and I'm sure we are all missing the fun of sewing together.
- In the mean time we have still been busy. I've heard from a number of quilters that you are busy piecing tops, using up your scraps and your stash! With the current requirements to stay home, I am not able to schedule any pick-ups or drop offs of fabric, batting or completed quilts. So please just keep working on whatever you have at home for now.
- Our YWCA challenge is on going. We've committed to making a total of 40 quilts for the new transitional housing units by January 2021. Ten quilts need to be double size (approximately 80"x 90") and 30 need to be twin-size (approximately 70" x 90"). I wonder whether that date will get pushed back with all that is going on, but let's keep working on this challenge as we can at home.
- The Family and Children's Services (FACS) Niagara initiative is also underway. Thank you to those that have already donated some lovely baby quilts that will be given to newly fostered babies. This is another great place to use up those bits and pieces of baby and child fabric you have in your stash. The quilt should be approximately 40" x 40" with flannel backing. Contact Kathleen O'Flaherty (irishapple1@sympatico.ca or 905-327-5252) for more information.
- Sharree Eidt was instrumental in applying for a grant for us to buy batting and wide back fabric for the YWCA challenge. Thanks so much, Sharree! We're still waiting to hear if we got it, we'll let you know!

*Jennifer Dyck*

### NeoNatal Quilts

I am happy to report that in 2019 I delivered 177 neonatal quilts to the Special Care Nursery. The nursing staff, and parents appreciate your donations of quilts and material. The love stitched into our quilts touches many hearts. Thank you so much.

*Donna Murray*

**Meals on Wheels** is an organization, which provides a hot and nutritious meal once a day from Monday to Friday to the area shut ins and seniors in their homes.

This year, 348 placemats that members of the Guild had sewn were donated to this organization along with a signed Christmas cards (on behalf of the guild). These were received with great delight and were appreciated by everyone.

The placemats had a variety of designs, techniques and colors. I was fascinating to see how creative everyone was. With everyone staying at home and busily completing projects, please consider putting Meals on Wheels placemats on your TO Do list. They will definitely provide some well needed cheer

*Sharree Eidt & Anne Marie Tummillo*

### Scholarship

The recipient of the scholarship in June, 2019 was Hannah Robertson, a graduate of Eden High School. This year with schools being closed early because of the virus, it remains to be seen if we will have any applicants at all. If you know of anyone who might qualify, please direct them to our website at

[www.niagaraquiltersguild.com](http://www.niagaraquiltersguild.com) for the information on scholarship requirements and application form.

*Gloria Meyer*

## **Membership**

Being on your membership committee for this past year has been great. Greeting and chatting with old and new members is always a pleasure. We look forward to seeing you again next year.

*Gayle Stewart, Wanda Braukmann, & Lolly Challice*

## **Loonie Draw**

The 2019/20 quilt guild year has been one for the history books. I hope you are all well and staying safe. I can't wait to see all the "scrappy" quilts we will have made over the months in isolation. What a great project time. That scrap bin is just calling my name.

Your Loonie Draw Committee made a few changes this year and I'm so glad that you seem to have enjoyed it. Up until our meetings were cancelled, we were on track to surpass the challenge presented in our budget. Much of the applause goes to our members who not only supported the guild with their loonies and toonies but also donated fabric, tools, books and patterns for us to bundle and use as prizes. It was a great way to share our stash and make room for more. Lynda and I certainly enjoyed seeing you line up at our table and get excited about what was on offer. So a big thanks you to all of you.

Next season, we will continue to offer a variety of prizes and with your help of donations of fat quarters, gently used or new tools, books and patterns of a recent vintage, I know we can have another bang-up year. There will be some new faces at our table so please come and say hello. Until then, remember to put aside things for the guild as you re-organize (maybe for the umpteenth time). You can bring your donations to our first meeting. Above all, keep safe and well. See you in the fall

*Lynda Moffett*

## **50/50 Draw**

Well this has been a very short quilt guild season. We have enjoyed seeing each and every one of you at the 50/50 table buying tickets. Half the proceeds from the sale of the tickets go toward the Scholarship Fund and of course the other half goes to the winner. A win win situation. Thank you for all your support during the year. We look forward to seeing everyone in September. Enjoy your summer, stay safe and stay healthy.

*Donna Murray & Theresa Bell*

## **WHITE GLOVES & GREETERS**

I would like to thank all the White Gloves and Greeters who volunteered this year, for sharing their time and energy during the meetings so all could be welcomed and acknowledged. It has also been a wonderful opportunity for me to get to know members by sharing our time together. So, on behalf of our membership, guests, and speakers, let me say,....Bravo, well done.

*Val Catton*

## **THE AFTERNOON GROUP**

During this past year the Afternoon Group started off with some candlewicking, we made a Christmas ornament, an embroidered Christmas card. In 2020 we started doing some crayoning on an embroidery pattern and we started working with wool.

*Lolly Challice & Heather Murray*

## 20/20 VISIONS OF QUILTS IN NIAGARA

I would like to start by thanking everyone on the show committee for all their hard work in planning our 20/20 Visions of Quilts in Niagara.

Sadly we've had to postpone the quilt show for this year but we are looking forward to having it next year. No firm date has been selected yet. We hope to have that information as soon as possible.

*Gloria Meyer*

### QUILT SHOW RAFFLE

Our quilt raffle will still take place in spite of the postponement of the Quilt Show. The draw will be held as stated on May 31st at 4:00pm.

So, if you have not already done so please return all sold and unsold tickets and monies by **May 15th, at the latest.**

In order to facilitate ease of this, we have two options available.

The first option is a "drop off" home near you, from which I can pick up the tickets.

Place your sold and unsold tickets with the monies in a sealed envelope and put your name on the outside of the envelope. Drop this envelope off in the mailbox and ring the doorbell or knock on the door and leave. You may wish to call the volunteer and let them know that there is money in their mailbox. Either way you should alert the volunteer, so that the money does not sit in a mailbox too long.

These people have volunteered to be "drop off" homes:

1. In the north end of St. Catharines near Lake and Lakeshore Theresa Bell 24-50 Lakeshore Rd (905-646-2977)
2. In the south end region, Doris Carbert 58 Clarke St. Port Colborne (905-835-2808)
3. Lynda Iannandrea, 8 Rollins Dr. Welland (905-964-4693)
4. Gloria Meyer, 785 Line 1, Virgil, (905-468-4002)
5. Debbie Hipple, 4275 Maple Grove Road, Beamsville, (905-562-4861)
6. Lynne Wilkinson 7-2684 Mewburn Rd Niagara Falls (289-296-6146)

The second option is to mail your sold and unsold tickets along with a cheque made payable to the Niagara Heritage Quilters Guild for the value of the tickets sold.

**Do not put cash in the mail.** Mail to P.O. Box 284, Thorold, ON L2V 3Y9

I can't thank you enough for selling these tickets for such a worthy cause.

*Lynne Wilkinson*

**ON-LINE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL PROCEEDURES CAN BE FOUND ON PAGE 11 AND THE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM ON PAGE 12.**

## NHQG 2020/2021 PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOP SCHEDULE.

DATE	Trunkshow	Workshop
September 16	<b>Fuzzy Mall</b> My Work in applique portraiture (so far)	N/A
October 21/22	<b>Brenda Miller</b> Developing the Designer in You	Everything Goes Bag
November 18/19	<b>Toni Major</b> My Journey into Art Quilting	Christmas Postcards
January 20/21 2021	<b>Kindred Spirits</b>	Pop up Shop
February 17/18	<b>Jennifer Dyck</b> Scrappy: From Mennonite to Modern	Using Scraps in Traditional and Modern Quilting
March 17/18	<b>Shahena Fredricks</b> TBD	Paper Piecing
April 21/22	<b>Wendy Spreitzer</b> My Quilting Journey	TBD

## SEPTEMBER GUEST SPEAKER

**September 16, 2020**

### **Guest Speaker: Fuzzy (Jeff) Mall** **Quilted Portraits**

Fuzzy was born in Pittsburgh and spent his career as a postal worker all the while enjoying a creative hobby as an self taught artist in painting. Along the way he discovered fabric art. Fuzzy moved to Dundas, ON with his wife who had accepted a job in a nearby college. In order to immerse himself into his new community he began to introduce himself to local strangers and offered to create a portrait of them while they posed in ordinary activities. These creations are done in fabric collages often using many recycle garments. His web site offers many for viewing.



# OCTOBER GUEST SPEAKER & WORKSHOP

October 21, 2020

Guest Speaker: Brenda Miller  
Developing the Designer in You



## Brenda Miller

Brenda's hobby became a passion for designing patterns for functional handbags, specialty bags, quilts, home decor and more. She teaches classes online and at her shop in Strathroy. Brenda started sewing early in her life, before she found her own passion for bag and quilt design. She enjoyed making quilts from patterns other people had designed. Today her focus is creating bag designs.

We look forward to hearing her journey through art, quilting and design. Read more about Brenda at <https://amongbrendasquilts.com/about/>

October 22, 2020

Workshop: Everything Goes Bag



## **IMPORTANT WORKSHOP INFORMATION**

Brenda's workshop to be held on October 22, 2020 is the "Everything goes Bag". You can view it at <https://amongbrendasquilts.com/everything-goes-large-handbag-pattern-abq-159/>.

If you plan to sign up for this workshop at our September 16 meeting, please note the **cost of the workshop is \$50** and that day is your only day to register unless you choose to register on line before September 16.

**The maximum number of participants is 15 for this workshop.**

**This workshop must be full in order to run. If we do not have 15 people registered for the workshop by September 16<sup>th</sup>, the workshop will be cancelled.**

**DO NOT BUY ANY SUPPLIES for this workshop until we announce at the September 16 meeting whether the workshop will proceed.**

If the workshop will proceed you need to:

**ORDER from Brenda's website the following:**

- **Pattern \$10.99**
- D rings (available in class) \$3.49
- Two bag zippers, one 14", one 22" (available in class) \$4.59 and \$4.99
- .7m Pellon Fusible Fleece \$10.99 pkg. 22"x 36"
- 1 package 18" x 58" Fusible Foam Stabilizer \$18.99
- **you need to cut out your own choice of fabric, fleece and stabilizer BEFORE THE WORKSHOP. This is very important if you are to complete your project and learn from Brenda.**

**She will be bringing the zippers (39 colors) and D rings (antique brass or nickel) to pick out during class.**

If you have any questions please email Pat Andres at [pat.andres54@gmail.com](mailto:pat.andres54@gmail.com) OR call Brenda Miller at 519-914-0523 or email [brenda@amongbrendasquilts.com](mailto:brenda@amongbrendasquilts.com)



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Niagara Heritage Quilters' Guild Membership 2020 – 2021  
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**Membership Dues** (before June 30<sup>th</sup>) **\$45.00** (after June 30<sup>th</sup>) \$50.00 Fulltime students with student card: \$25.00

**Please note:** Niagara Heritage Quilters' Guild will publish a membership list once a year that will include my name, city and phone number only. This membership list will be made available to members of the Niagara Heritage Quilters' Guild for **PERSONAL** use only.

The Guild reserves the right to use the member's information for Niagara Heritage Quilters' Guild business only

Charter and Lifetime members must fill out a membership form in order to keep your address and phone number current and your name on the Membership list.

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless.

Please check off any volunteer work you would be willing to help with. Thank you, thank you, thank you!  
If you're a member of the executive, you're already volunteering and don't need to check off anything below.  
If you're not a member of the executive, we'd like you to choose one of the following items below.

- If you own a long arm quilting machine, would you volunteer to quilt a few quilts for "Community Outreach Quilts"
- Help with social (help with setting up and cleaning up)
- Greeters (welcome members, new members and guests)
- White glove ladies (show off the quilts for speakers and members' Show & Tell)
- Library (helps with setup and put away)

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