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**DUE TO COVID-19, OUR GERNERAL MEETINGS ARE
SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

We will keep you notified of any changes on opening dates via newsletter,
website and or e-mail blasts.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, what do you know! We're still in this!! Who would have thought it??

I hope you are all well and I include your families in that, too. Have you adjusted to having extra time for your interests and hobbies? Have you, like Lynda Iannandrea, finished all your UFO's....me, neither!! But I am loving having extra time with my grandkids!!

Last night we held an executive meeting...in Pat Andres' barn, which had lots of space and was immaculate!! Sigh!! The meeting went very, very well with many good points raised and lots of good discussions. You were all praised for your support of the guild. The fact that so many of you have renewed your memberships despite the nebulous situation we are in, is very encouraging to the executive and confirms that positive atmosphere that we strive for in the guild.

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Congratulations to you all on the raffle quilt success. The thank you letter from the Kristen French Advocacy Centre was very heart-warming. I'm sure they have not had many gifts of that amount and you deserve the great big thank you that came from them.

As of this writing the Merritton Community Centre is not yet open. We will let you know as soon as we can, but we are limited in planning for the fall. However, as I have said previously, your dues will go into effect as soon as we are up and running and we will adjust things accordingly. I know you join me in thanking Pat Andres for the wonderful job she (and her committee) have done lining up our speakers and organizing things for this crazy time. A truly amazing job!!

Please support us with our election. Having volunteers for the two positions is great and hopefully we will make the transition very simple. Our well run website has proven to be very timely, smoothing out things like our newsletter and renewals. Glad we did that!!

I am looking forward to stepping down as President, because I really want to figure out some fundraising for the guild and for the Community Quilts. I have received some very good suggestions but I am hoping that there are others in the guild with some experience in fundraising. If you have done this for other groups please email me (or phone) with your thoughts. I would love to talk things over with anyone who has done this work as I never have. But I love what we do and hopefully will see it continue.

I thank you all for your support and understanding over the past two years. This is a really good guild, filled with creative and wonderful people who are unafraid of work and who come up with terrific ideas. It is a pleasure working with you and I look forward to seeing you again when things are opening up once more.

I bet our next Show and Tell will really be something!!!

Take care and stay safe.
Fran Inglis

2020/2021 EXECUTIVE

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

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Scholarship	Lynda Iannandrea Gloria Meyer Kathryn Karr
Website	Carol McRae Debbie Hipple Patricia Knebel

AWESOME AD-HOC COMMITTEES

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

VICE PRESIDENT'S

I know that our eager sleuths are chomping at the bit to be able to solve the mysteries surrounding the "Clue Challenge", but we will have to wait till we can meet together again to view your diabolical creations that are forth coming. For those who have selected an envelop to be part of the challenge and have not completed this work of art please go ahead and work on it to finish it or if you haven't started then you still have time to get it finished. When we are able to meet then we will be able to solve these mysteries!

Debbie Hipple

PAST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Election Update:

By now you should have all received an email (or a letter) explaining the e-mail election we are having and the procedures. The election will take place on September 12 by e-mail or phone call if you are one of the few who does not receive email.

The positions of President and Treasurer need to be filled this year. There are also a couple of vacant chairs that need to be filled as well. If you would like to help out and fill the position left by the passing of Alice Muller (archives), or publicity or fund raising, please come forward with your desire.

Archive Chair Responsibilities:

- Shall collect and maintain a record of pertinent information about the guild.
- Shall assemble and collect newsletters, financial reports, minutes of both executive and general meetings and oversee the maintenance of the records of the quilt shows.

Publicity/Fund Raising Chair Responsibilities:

- Shall arrange for publicity of the guild's activities and distribute guild materials to craft councils, stores, guilds, local media resources, community displays, etc.
- Shall create and maintain a Facebook page.
- Shall create fund raising opportunities and apply for community grants.
- Shall establish a committee of volunteers to aid in publicity and fund raising activities.

Lynne Wilkinson

*A creative mess
is better than tidy idleness*

MEMBERSHIP

If you haven't already done so, please renew your membership today to continue receiving the bi-monthly newsletter with information regarding the guild and its activities.

ON-LINE NHQG MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL PROCEDURE

1. www.niagaraquiltersguild.com (Home page will open)
2. At the top menu bar Click on **Membership**. A membership information page will open.
3. 5 lines from the bottom of this page click on "**online membership/payment form**"
4. Complete contact information, type of membership, membership dues, publication consent and volunteer request.
5. Click on **Submit**
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MAIL IN RENEWAL PROCEDURE

Complete the attached Membership application form and mail to:

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Niagara Heritage Quilters' Guild Membership 2020 – 2021
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Type of membership: New Renewal Charter Lifetime Paid by: Cash Cheque

Membership Dues (before June 30th) **\$45.00** (after June 30th) **\$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.

- You **must check here and sign below if you do not wish** to have your information included in the membership list to be given to members only.
- You **must check here and sign below if you do not give your consent** for publication of any photos taken of you to be used by any means by Niagara Heritage Quilters' Guild.

Signature _____

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)

Name _____ Phone number _____

Community Outreach

COMMUNITY QUILTS

The quilters have been very active in contributing to the work of community quilts, even though we haven't been able to have our sew days together. Many of you have dropped off tops, completed quilts and fabric, and many have picked up quilt packages to quilt or bind. Thanks so much to everyone for your ongoing hard work and contributions to Community Quilts. Your efforts really make a difference.

Our YWCA challenge is going well. We have a total of 17 completed twin quilts, with at least 5 more in progress (we need a total of 30). We also have a total of five completed double quilts, with at least 3 more in progress (we need a total of 10). The original due date was January 2021, but I think sometime in spring 2021 is more realistic now. We had run out of batting, but just recently we had a very generous anonymous donor give us an entire 30-yard roll of batting! Thank you so much! We have used up our wideback fabric for backing, and I have been piecing the backings for the quilts out of our fabric stash. However, we have very little left that is over one metre. So if anyone is cleaning out unwanted fabric from your stash, I would certainly welcome the larger pieces for backings (or really any fabric!!).

Our FACS baby quilts initiative is continuing. Very successful so far with a total of 35 baby quilts completed. 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. We do have some tops that come in without any backing, so if you have any flannel that you want to part with, we would take that as well.

Six quilts were recently donated to Hospice and three to family fire victims. Other organizations are not currently taking donations, as the number of clients through their doors has been drastically reduced during this time. Please continue to make and donate quilts to Community Quilts though, as I'm sure there will come a time when there is a call for many more quilts.

Finally, please save your UPC labels from Hobbs batting packages. With five UPC labels, we can order a roll of Hobbs 80/20 for a drastically reduced cost through their charity program. If you wish to pick up, or drop off items for Community Quilts, contact Jennifer Dyck, jenniferk2p2@gmail.com or 289-690-1625.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Even though we aren't able to meet together this fall, I encourage everyone to take some time to make placemats for Meals on Wheels. We will have the next three months to sew a placemat for those who are shut in and unable to provide meals for themselves. The placemats should be approximately 12" x 17" and can be made with Christmas fabric or any suitable fabric you choose. The placemats will be delivered in early December and are greatly appreciated by the recipients as they bring much needed joy into their homes. More information regarding where to deliver these placemats will be coming in a newsletter later in the fall. Thanks for your dedication and happy sewing!

Sharee Eidt

NeoNatal Quilts

I am happy to report that I delivered 25 neonatal quilts in June. The Special Care Nursery in St. Catharines Hospital appreciates your donations, and the love stitched into our quilts touches many hearts.

With Thanks
Donna Murry

2020 Scholarship

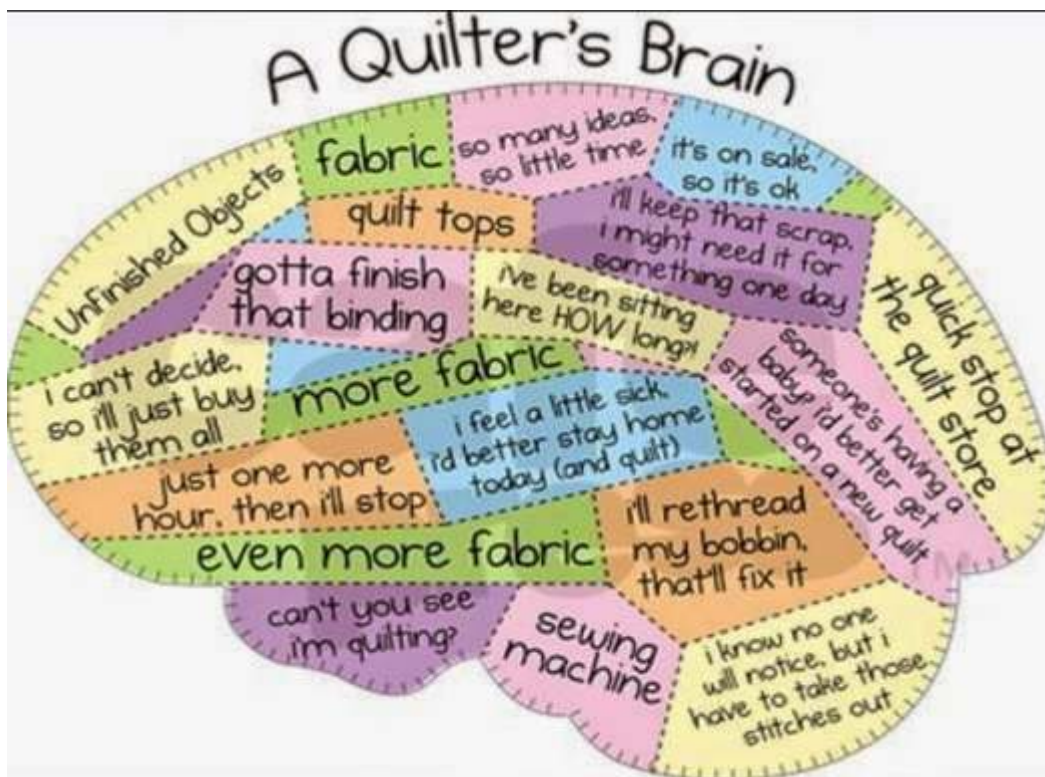
The scholarship committee has selected Krystyna Augustyn as this year's recipient of the \$1,000 award. She is a graduate of Notre Dame College School and is going to York University to pursue a degree in Design. She has been a top scholar throughout her high school years and has had numerous positions of leadership. Krystyna is an outstanding student and we wish her great success in her future endeavours at York University and her career.

Gloria Meyer

Chair - Scholarship Committee



Krystyna Augustyn



Visions of Quilts in Niagara

Plans were well on the way for our quilt show when sadly we were hit with the Covid 19 pandemic and things had to be cancelled. We have decided to postpone the show indefinitely, rather than commit to another date, until things settle down in the world.

When we are able to have the show, the plans can be used, modified as needed, and the show can go on. Keep those quilts and ideas you have been working on. When we can safely have the show, it promises to be a fantastic one!

Gloria Meyer

Co-chair, Quilt Show Committee



(Janet Handy, (from the Centre) is flanked on the left by Gloria Meyer and Mark Doyle. On the right are Lynne Wilkinson and Sharree Eidt, co-chairs of the quilt raffle, and Frank Parkhouse from the Centre.)

This photo was taken July 13, 2020 at the Kristen French Advocacy Centre where we presented.

Our quilt raffle, which was to be the culmination of the "Visions" Quilt Show, was a great success. The quilt draw was made outdoors at the Merriton Community Centre on May 31st, and the winner was Joanne McAlpine of Niagara Falls. She was thrilled as she is a quilter and can appreciate its value.

Our quilt guild was able to donate a sizeable cheque to the Kristen French Advocacy Centre in the amount of \$4697.00. That was a wonder amount when you consider all that has gone on since we first launched the ticket sales for our quilt raffle!

My thanks to all of you who worked so hard to make this raffle possible. Congratulations for a job well done.

Lynne Wilkinson

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