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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



In my sewing room i have a silly block that makes me smile everytime I look at it, and I'd like to share it with you. I made this block the night I got the call to tell me of the sudden passing of the NHQG President Margaret Glassford. I was so overtaken with sadness that I didn't know what else to do, so I made a block, quilted and bound it and called it my Margaret block. I hung it where I would see it and it remains there today to remind me of what it means to be a member of a group of quilters. It doesn't look like much, but to me it is special.

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In September 2007 I walked alone into my first NHQG meeting. I had heard about the group at my local quilt shop where I had taken my first and only quilt workshop, and I decided to see what it was all about. I got quite a shock. I had no idea there were so many quilters in Niagara.

I was greeted by a friendly lady named Chris who showed me around and introduced me to her sister and friends so that I wouldn't feel alone at my first meeting. It was a great beginning.

I don't remember who did the trunk show that night, but I do remember that I was amazed at the talent, and the willingness to share. And I remember Margaret in her bright jacket making everyone welcome and relaxed. And I remember the Show and Tell, and feeling so lucky to be among talented local quilters. And I remember learning that quilting was fun, and you could even put chickens on your quilts.

I couldn't wait for Octobers meeting.

I also couldn't wait to be a part of the action. I took any workshop I could, and never missed attending a meeting without good reason. I participated and even, eventually got up at Show and Tell to show you something I was hoping would make you smile.

Serving the guild comes naturally to me. I've always been involved in any organization I belong to. I realize that not everyone is comfortable getting up in front of a group, but there is some way that each of us can give back, and I thank each of the many of you that do.

I long to get together with you again so that the fun and learning can continue.

Remember Quilting is Powerful! It gets rid of depression, relieves anxiety, and improves creative thinking. Be Powerful. Don't let this pandemic get you down.

Hugs

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AWESOME AD-HOC COMMITTEES

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

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I would like to begin by thanking the members who were taking part in last year's Clue Challenge and were holding on to their creations into this year. We had six entries into that challenge and the finished quilted articles have been showcased on the web site in the Show and Tell page. Although we tried to figure how we could vote on-line, the entries were difficult to see and to appreciate the thought, design and workmanship of each, let alone the devious construction to stump us as to what clues they were working with. I have decided that at our first in-person meeting, we will have these entries displayed and be able to vote for our favorite creation as well as award the other prizes.

Since I decided that I couldn't challenge the members again without finishing off the previous challenge, the Guild Executive decided that I would present you with a Mystery Quilt for you to try. It has been hard not knowing if anyone undertook this type of challenge, but I have discovered that there have been a few. Please let me know if you tried the Mystery Quilt and send us a picture of your creation. Hopefully these Mystery Quilts will also be shared at the next Guild meeting, whether they are finished quilts or tops only.

I would like to thank Fran Inglis and Lynda Iannandrea for helping to guiding the Guild through the past two years as we navigated Covid and many thanks to Carol McRae for her tech knowledge with the website and email blasts.

Respectfully submitted

Debbie Hipple

TREASURERS REPORT

The first year of my 2 year term as treasurer is coming to a close. It has been a very different time due to Covid-19. I hope that we can all get together again when this pandemic is behind us to enjoy what we love to do, and that is resume our meetings and share our love for quilting. I hope you all have a safe and wonderful summer and hopefully see you soon.

Theresa Bell

ARCHIVES

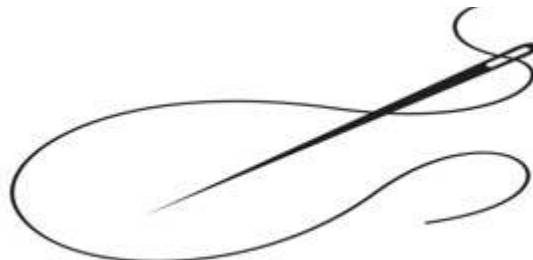
The boxes of Archives were received from Eric Muller in August, 2020.

They were very organized and information was easy to find.

It has been decided by the executive that only pertinent Newsletters (eg Anniversary years) will be stored as well as the last 7 years of Guild Meeting Minutes and Executive Minutes. The Archives will also be saved in a file on the Archivist's computer as well as on USB sticks and minutes will be signed after the Annual General Meeting in May.

Sharree Eidt

Create



PAST PRESIDENTS REPORT

What a year! I'm sure you join me in thanking those who are doing their best to keep us organized and aware of our guild. It is not an easy task and I think we are getting tired of trying to think of ways to make things work. Well done, those who are part of this effort!

It's my job to help set things up, as much as possible, with an executive for the fall. We are looking for a couple of new folks for positions: we need a new **Secretary**, although Heather Murray will keep doing minutes for us for the rest of this year. We also need a new **Vice President**, as Debbie Hipple is ready to step down. These two positions are essential and must be filled this year. This could be your opportunity to help make things happen with the guild.

Our executive would look like this:

President: Lynda Iannandrea

Past president: Fran Inglis

Vice President: _____

Secretary: _____

Treasurer: Teresa Bell

The committees are a little more confusing because we don't yet know what the fall will bring. However as it stands we have:

Archives: Sharree Eidt

Community Outreach: Jennifer Dyck

50/50: Donna Murray/Lynne Wilkinson

Gloves/Greeters: _____

Library: Lynne McDonald

Membership: Sue Moskal

Newsletter: Carol McRae * This position will change to Publicity so as to include the website and other social media initiatives. This may require a constitutional change at a general meeting. Debbie Hipple, and Patricia Knebel are on this committee as well.

Afternoon Group: Lolly Chalice and Heather Murray

Speakers and Workshops: Pat Andres, Judy Yovanovich

Scholarship: Gloria Meyer, Kathryn Karr

Meals on Wheels: Sharree Eidt, Ann Marie Tummillio

RAFT: Julie Bayza

Loonie Draw: Lynda Moffett, Maureen Morrison, Leslie Moulson

Neo Natal: Donna Murray

Please let me know if you see your name and you are ready to step down, but many of these positions will be clarified when we are able to meet again. As I said it is difficult to organize things as the pandemic continues but I know we will see each other before too long and won't we have fun being together again. Stay safe!

Fran Inglis

MEMBERSHIP

Note: If you renewed your membership dues for 2020, it is not necessary to renew again as your dues will be attributed to a full year following our next start date.

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**"
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No group can "run on air" let's pave a way forward by maintain our membership dues.

Community Outreach Report

Our biggest challenge for this year was working to meet the deadline for the YWCA donation to their transitional housing unit. We met, and actually exceeded our goal, with many beautiful quilts completed. Officially we are donating 48 quilts (10 double, 30 twin, 1 lap size, and 7 baby). Thanks to photographer Tara McInerney and helpers Kathleen O'Flaherty, and Karen Jantz for making the photo shoot at Montebello Park so much fun!



Many, many thanks to all who participated in sewing for this project and special thank you to the members of the Niagara Modern Quilt Guild who assisted us. (*)

Jennifer Dyck *	Karen Jantz *
Jean Christie	Jayne Barrett *
Joan Medina	Sharon Hops
Gwen Koller *	Towana Mcmeekin
Tara Mcinerney *	Nancy Payne
Carol Norton	Carole Lusby
Leslie Moulson	Pat Svensson
Nelly Visser	Diane Hrynczuk
Kathleen O'Flaherty *	Lolly Challice
Linda Anderson	Margrit Richardson
Maryann Madden	Debbie McClung
Lorna Costantini *	Irene Bootsma
Lynne Wilkinson	Amanda Hughes
Effie Faubert *	In memory of Alice Muller
Pamela McAndrews *	Sandra Theal
Sharree Eidt	Rose Ranahan
Sylvia Kenyon *	Dorothy Holdenmeyer *
Paula Perri	Carol McRae
Stephanie Baisley *	Anonymous
Heather Salter *	Anonymous *

As of this writing, a total of 161 quilts have been completed this year. More tops have been donated, and a number are still in process of being quilted or bound. Everyone certainly has been prolific this year! Thank you to everyone who has contributed to piecing, quilting, binding or donating fabric or batting. All of this would not be possible without you.

Kathleen O'Flaherty has been coordinating the baby quilts for FACS. Thanks to her efforts, a total of 98 baby quilts were donated in 2020, and a total of 30 so far in 2021. Baby quilts are dropped off every week on her porch. This initiative for FACS grew from a desire that each sweet baby taken into care should be wrapped in love just as our own babies were. Approximately 100 babies per year in Niagara are taken into care. Thank you to many sewers who often give from the heart using their own materials.



This past year (June 2020 to current) a total of 54 quilts were donated to Hospice, the YWCA Shelter for Women, Hope Recovered (Niagara Mental Health), Pathstone, a family sponsored at Christmas time, and several individuals. This is considerably less than we have donated for the last several years, but many of the places we have previously donated to are not currently taking quilts due to COVID-19.

Funding continues to be an issue for Community Quilts. Although in past years, we have received money in the annual budget of the guild, all spending from guild monies was halted. Therefore, the only way we were able to meet our commitment to the YWCA initiative was through many individuals donating fabric for backing and bindings, pieced tops, and rolls of batting. In addition, Kathleen O'Flaherty has been tireless in fund raising through selling of donated items on FaceBook Marketplace. The money she raised has gone to purchase needed batting.

This year has certainly been different, and we have all had to learn to adapt and change with the times. Since this is a time of change, this is a good time to ask what the members would like to see from Community Outreach. Please take the time if you haven't already, to email Jennifer Dyck (jenniferk2p2@gmail.com) to let me know what you think Community Outreach should focus on for the next year.

PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS REPORT

As the Ontario Emergency Orders for the Covid 19 Pandemic played havoc with our lives, so the Program and Workshop Committee adapted to this new reality. During the summer of 2020, all speakers for 2020/2021 were contacted and made aware of the potential cancellation of programming and were asked for their consideration in cancelling their contract if indeed we could not meet as a guild. In August 2020, the fall speakers and workshop presenter's contracts were cancelled and samples were returned. Again in December, the remaining speakers and workshop presenters for 2021 were approached for cancellation and workshop samples were returned. All speakers were open to being approached again in the future once we are able to meet again. A tentative plan is in the works for trunk shows and workshops once it is possible to open up under government orders. The committee looks forward to serving the needs of the members through engaging speakers and workshops.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Andres

SCHOLARSHIP

The recipient of the scholarship in June, 2020 was Krystyna Augustyn, a graduate from Notre Dame College School. This school year has been a challenge for students because of Covid but I'm hoping for a number of applicants. If you know of anyone who would qualify, please direct them to our website for the information and application forms.

Gloria Meyer

NEONATAL

I was happy to deliver 109 neonatal quilts in 2020. Our members continued to support the Special Care Nursery in spite of no meetings. I was contacted that they were ready, and thanks to Theresa Bell who gathered the quilts and delivered them to my door. Thanks for all the quilts, and I passed on the love you sewed into each one.

Yours in quilting,

Donna Murray

MEANS ON WHEELS REPORT

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, 317 placemats, that members of the Guild had sewn, were donated to this organization along with 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 colours. It was fascinating to see how creative everyone was.

With u staying at home and busily completing projects, please consider putting Meals on Wheels placements on your TO DO list. Any unused Christmas cards could be signed with a cheery greeting and Niagara Heritage Quilters Guild as well. They will all definitely provide some well-needed cheer.

Sharree Eidt

NEWSLETTER / WEBSITE REPORT

I hope you are all enjoying the by-monthly newsletters as well as visiting the website. This has been the only way we have been able to maintain communication with the membership during COVID-19. Really looking forward to when we can all meet again.

This year we added a Show & Tell page as well as a Mystery Quilt page to our website in an effort to keep the membership engaged.

Thank you to those members who participated in our virtual Show & Tell. Keep sharing your projects. It doesn't have to be a finished quilt; it could be about a quilt in progress, a new quilt block or technique you are trying to learn. Remember to send a picture via e-mail in **jpeg format** to: quiltshowandtell@hotmail.com and in the subject field indicate: Show & Tell. In the body of the e-mail tell us about your picture in 80 words for less, starting with your name & the name of the quilt if applicable.

The Mystery quilt project is still on line, although it's not a mystery anymore. Never too late to make this quilt and share your results.

For the month of May we are featuring pictures of the VP Challenge on the Show & Tell page. If you haven't seen the entries, check it out. We have very creative members.

Carol McRae

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n:/one who has perfected the art of stashing fabric.

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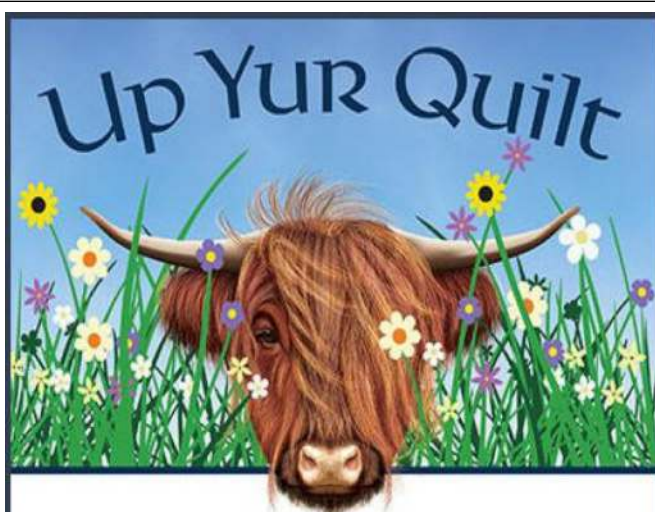
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