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**DUE TO COVID-19, OUR GENERAL 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.



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I can tell I'm missing our meetings as I've been uninspired lately and I realize that I need to be together with my quilting friends. The first six months of the pandemic I quilted like crazy. It was a free-time gift that made me get everything done while I had the chance. The next 6 months I worked on a couple of large challenging projects, and the last six months I've done very little (actually almost nothing). I miss the inspiration I get from you. Let's hope this ends soon.

The feedback I've received from members, through our Facebook group page, phone calls and emails has let me know that there is a lot of apprehension about the start of meetings. The pandemic has been very scary, and I bet it has affected all of us with negativity in some way.

I think just about all of us can say yes if asked if we are fully vaccinated, but what about the few that can't?

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Can we ask only fully vaccinated members to return? Is it legal, and is it necessary when we can all be a carrier, vaccinated or not. The Customer Care representative from Service Ontario that I spoke to this morning says it's a "grey area", that we can make up our own rules because there is no legislation in place, but tread with caution. I will continue to find answers as to when meetings can be continued, but for sure it won't be September.

We are still in Step 3 as I write this and my research has found out there is no Step 4, only a release of restrictions. The restrictions will be lifted when the government reaches it's set goals but not all of Ontario is getting vaccinations at the same rate, and it's not clear if we have to wait for the whole of the province to meet these goals before we are out of Step 3.

I feel badly that Niagara Heritage Quilters' Guild was not prepared to jump in with on-line meetings or workshops, because we all needed stimulation, and the pandemic caught us off guard. I'm happy to talk to members that have been able to do on-line classes. There were many options and if you are savvy with technology I hope you were able to catch a few.

The guild executive has been busy, sometimes remaking plans over, and then over again. There are changes coming. Early September (8th) we will have our first indoor, social distanced and masked executive meeting in a year. I would be happy to hear from any of you with suggestions or questions to raise at that meeting.

As we wait for Covid etiquette to be more clear we will somehow figure out the right way to approach re-opening the guild meetings. Take care and keep in touch.

Lynda Iannandrea,
President
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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.

PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS REPORT

The Programs and Workshops committee has been working on the 2021/2022 trunk shows and workshops schedule. When the province allows for face-to-face meetings, we will be ready to provide programming for you. Hope to see you soon.

Pat Andres

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

We have been able to donate some quilts lately, as Ontario opens up more. We have given 20 adult quilts and 10 baby quilts to the Niagara Regional Native Centre, and 10 quilts to Gillian's Place. Additionally, the YWCA quilts (48 quilts: 10 double, 30 twin, 1 lap size, and 7 baby) were donated on August 19 to the newly built transitional housing unit at 176 Oakdale. The quilts were presented to Laurie Andrews (YWCA Board Member), Arienne Good (YWCA Fundraising and Donor Relations) and Elizabeth Zimmerman (YWCA Executive Director). A reporter from Niagara This Week was also there and we should see the story published soon. We spread some of the quilts out on the grass in front of the building, and everyone was very excited and so thankful for the donation. A few residents happened by while we were there and were also very excited to learn that they would be receiving a quilt. The YWCA staff was so grateful for the donation, and indicated that it means so many of you care about what happens to marginalized people in our community. Thank you so much to all of you who made this possible.

As we are not yet through with this pandemic, keep sewing on your own for Community Outreach. No particular size is needed at this point, although we always do seem to have a need for bed size quilts. If you have tops, quilts, fabric or batting to donate, or want to do some piecing, quilting or binding for Community Outreach, contact Jennifer Dyck (jenniferk2p2@gmail.com) for details.



NEONATAL

Thanks to our generous members, I delivered 125 neonatal quilts in June 2021. The nursery was low on quilts and they were happy for the donation. The total number of babies born was 3,388. The love you put in your quilt is appreciated by the staff and parents.

To make these Quilts here are the requirements:

- Neo-Natal quilts should not be any larger than 22 to 24 inches square
- The front or top of the quilt may be made from either cotton or flannelette. You may be as creative with the top as you wish.
- The backing must be flannelette, and have no seams (*there is no batting put in these quilts*).

Simply lay top of quilt and backing fabric right sides together stitch around the edge leaving an opening. Turn right side out and top stitch around the edge.

Happy quilting.

Donna Murray

MEALS 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 own homes. Each year the guild donates placemats to this organization who then distributes them at Christmas. The St.Catharines/Thorold chapter distributes around 350 meals. Quite often this is the only present the recipient receives.

The following are some suggestions for making the placemats:

The finished size should measure about 12 in. by 18 in. Make them reversible with Christmas on one side and another season on the other. Applique a cut out from a large print on background fabric and add borders. Use an orphan block or make a log cabin block and add borders. They can be done for any season; they don't have to be Christmas themed.

Try the quilt as you go placemat pattern attached.

Soup Bowl Koozie

A client of Meals On Wheels, who is a former quilter, suggested that we might like to make Soup Bowl Koozies, as putting the meals in the microwave can make them quite hot. Attached, you will find instructions on how to make a Koozie. This might give you something different to make.

Completed placemats and/or Koozies need to be done by mid November. Delivery to specific members will be shared at a later date.

Thank you again for your support. Our efforts make a difference.

Anne & Sharre



Quilt-as-You-Go Self Binding Placemats

Finished size:- 17" x 12" (This just fits my fabric best)

Materials:- Strips of fabric - (cut 1 1/2" to 2 1/2" wide and 12" long)

Batting - cut 17" x 12" (I like "Fuse-a-Shade")

Backing fabric - cut 20" x 15"

Method:- Place batting on wrong side of backing fabric, leaving an 1 1/2" border around the batting.

Place a fabric strip, right side up, in the middle of the placemat. (fig. 1.)

Place a second fabric strip, on top of the first strip, right sides together and sew down one side with a 1/4" seam. (fig. 2)

Open up second strip & press down flat. (fig. 3)

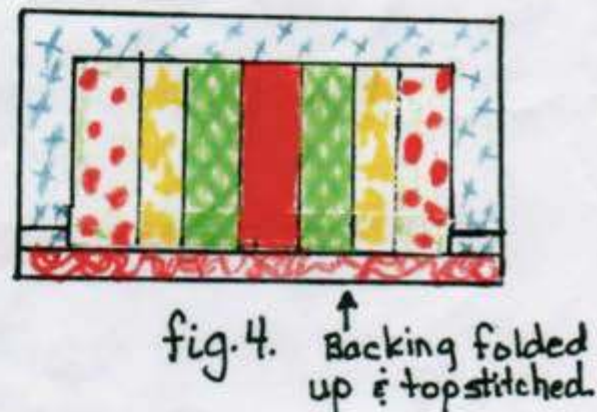
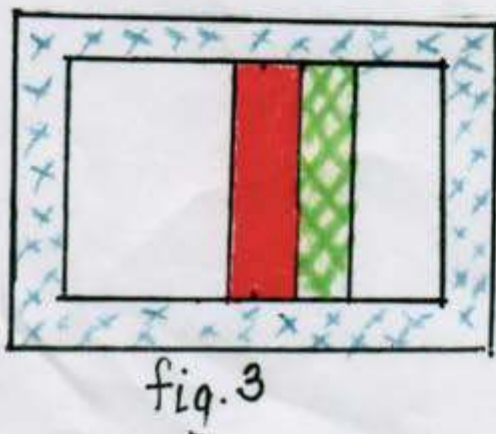
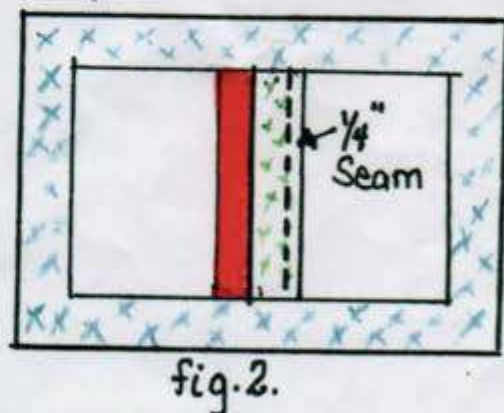
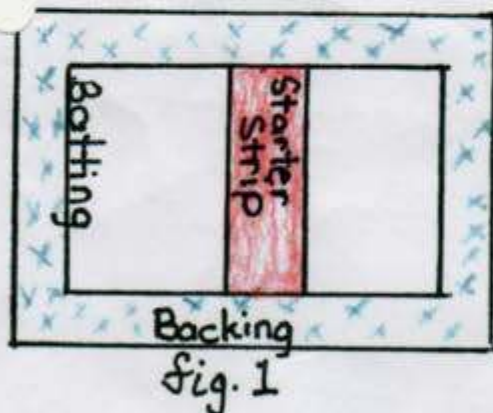
Place 3rd strip on top of second, & sew down seam with 1/4"

Open up third strip and iron down flat.

Continue sewing down strips, in this method, until all of the batting is covered.

Work the opposite side as the first.

Binding:- Fold the extra backing fabric over the placemat with a double fold to create a 3/4" binding. Topstitch binding in place. (fig. 4.)



Soup Bowl Koozie

(Read all directions before beginning)

Supplies:

(2) 10½" squares of cotton fabric

(1) 10" square of microwaveable 100% cotton or 50% cotton-50% bamboo batting. This batting does not have any scrim or poly in it and can be safely used in the microwave.

Remember to use 100% cotton thread and fabric without any polyester or glitz.

Directions:

You will be sewing a dart on each side of the square.

Fold one square in half RST (right sides together), so it measures 5½" x 10½"

Measure ¾" from fold at each raw edge.

Mark 3" down along fold and make a mark.

Pin folded side and sew dart from ¾" mark to 3" long mark.

Repeat for other side.

Open fabric and repeat fold, mark and sew darts.

Press darts to one side.

On right side of second square, draw diagonal lines from corner to corner with an erasable marker.

Centre the batting on the wrong side of the square, pinning at corners.

Repeat darts on all four sides of this unit, sewing the dart through the fabric and batting.

Carefully cut batting out of dart to reduce bulk.

Press dart to one side.

Layer fabrics together RST.

Pin and sew ¼" around edges, leaving a 4" turning spot open.

You should be sewing right along the edge of the batting. Try not to include the batting in the seam allowance.

Clip corners and turn through opening. Batting will have to be nudged into place since it is not sewn in the seam around the raw edge.

Stitch opening closed and topstitch around outer edges.

Quilt on diagonal lines and voila! A bowl koozie to use to keep from burning your hands when you remove hot soup or cereal from the microwave.

Simply set your bowl in the middle of the koozie and place in the microwave. Lift hot bowl by opposite corners.

Machine washable.

PUBLICITY

WEBSITE

Our website is just one of the tools that have enabled us to stay in touch.

The Show & Tell page is still available if you wish to share your finished or unfinished quilts and quilting projects. 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 VP Challenge quilts are featured on the Show & Tell page as well. I invite you all to check them out.

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

FACEBOOK GROUP REPORT

This summer we launched a Facebook group exclusively for members only. I am happy to say to date we have 44 NHQG members join. Below find information on how to join and start posting.

How to Join our Facebook group?

To join our Facebook group you must have a Facebook account/profile.

If you do have an account follow the instructions below.

To join a group as your profile:

- From your News Feed click **Groups** in the left menu.
In the search bar at the top, enter the name of the group you're looking for.
Niagara Heritage Quilters' Guild
Select the group then click **+ Join Group** below the cover photo.
Select to join as your profile and click **Join Group**.

You will be asked a qualifying question. "Are you a member of the Niagara Heritage Quilters' Guild in good standing?" Depending on the answer you may or may not be admitted to the group. You will also have to wait for a group administrator to approve your request.

As a member of the group you will be able see who the other members are as well as what they post.

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2021/2021 Newsletter deadlines are:

August 20, 2021
October 15, 2021
December 15, 2021

February 15, 2022
April 15, 2022

Note: All correspondence pertaining to the sale or purchase of an item should be directed to the respective individual listed in the advertisement.
The Niagara Heritage Quilters Guild is not responsible for any communication or transaction between individual parties.

WANTED

Pink ladies handkerchiefs for a quilt. Need floral's, stripes or checks. I would gladly buy the hankies. Contact: Nina Stahischmidt: 905-397-7462

FOR SALE

Left over fabric, started quilts and other treasures from Marilyn Holowachuks garage sale. Lots of good stuff and very reasonable priced. Anyone interested in seeing these treasures are welcome to come to my home and see what there is.
Contact: Nina Stahischmidt 905-397-7462

