



Niagara Heritage Quilters' Guild

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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



The last couple of months have been so pleasant we have probably spent more time outdoors than in, but now we will be back to indoor activities, and I'm looking forward to getting back to quilting. Jennifer has been calling for quilters and longarmers to get back to work. Sharree is collecting placemats and microwave bowl warmers for Meals on Wheels. It's nice to have some small projects to get us going, and soon enough we will be preparing our homes for the holidays.

Along with this newsletter you will receive a bulletin about changes in our meeting place and meeting night. You may be pleased or you may not, but you deserve to know the reasons for these changes.

Please know that we were very pleased for over 20 years with the Merritton Lions and the hall. We had wonderful cooperation and service and all the space we could use. We were very sad to have to give them notice of our leaving. In October when a crew of 7 cleaned out our storage under the stage we thanked Lion Wayne Kinnear for all he did to make our meetings flow so smoothly. It was very sad to say goodbye. We moved our meeting things and library to a storage unit close to our new meeting place.

Presidents Message Continued

The reason for this move was money. As membership numbers went down over the years, more and more of your dues went to paying the rent. It left less for programs and for our expanding Community Outreach, which so many of you participated in with enthusiasm. We tried to start a conversation with the Lions about cutting our costs by possibly cutting the hours of our rent, or the space we used, but that didn't go anywhere. So we looked for a new home for the Niagara Heritage Quilt Guild, and happily we found one.

We are now going to be housed by the Royal Canadian Legion on Hwy. 20 in Fonhill. It is only a few minutes west of Hwy 406. Very accessible. There will be no charge to us as the Legion feels that it is fulfilling their mission to provide us meeting and workshop space as we are a registered nonprofit. The hall is a good size for us, but without any storage space on the premises. As with any move there will be adjustments, and the main one is that we will have to move our meeting night by one week. We will now meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month, September thru November, and January thru May. There is plenty of free parking and no stairs. We hope you like it. We held our October executive meeting there and we are all very pleased with the facilities.

Christmas is coming and I hope your homes will be full of family and happy times this year. Now that we are learning to live with Covid with more confidence, I'm hoping that we can get back to meetings in January.

Have a Very Merry Christmas.
Hugs,
Lynda Iannandrea
President Niagara Heritage Quilters Guild

2020/2021 EXECUTIVE

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

CHAIRS AND COMMITTEES

Archives	Sharree Eidt
Community Outreach	Jennifer Dyck
50/50 Draw	Donna Murray Lynne Wilkinson
Gloves and Greeters	Valerie Catton
Library	Lynne McDonald
Loonie Draw	Lynda Moffett Maureen Morrison
Membership	Sue Moskal Gayle Stewart
Newsletter	Carol McRae
Programs / Workshops	Pat Andres Luci Ronald Judy Yovanovich
Fundraising	Vacant
Scholarship	Gloria Meyer Kathryn Karr
Publicity/Website	Carol McRae Debbie Hipple Patricia Knebel
The Afternoon Group	Lolly Challice Heather Murray

AWESOME AD-HOC COMMITTEES

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

2022 – 2023 ELECTIONS

Once again we are looking to fill the positions on our executive. With the membership rather smaller than what we are used to, I would ask you to examine your schedule and see if you could be the ones to help out with some of the jobs we need filled.

The executive of the guild actually consists of five positions and they must be filled. There are two positions needed for the next season, that of President and Secretary. Heather Murray is stepping down as Secretary in order to be the Vice President (thank you Heather!) The Secretary takes minutes for the executive and the general meetings, and is provided with an agenda for each prior to the meetings. The President chairs both the general and executive meetings: this is a lovely job, believe me. I have done it twice and with a strong executive it is a lot of fun. There is always help available to anyone who takes on a position they have not tried to do before. You would be very welcome.

Two of the very important committees needing a leader are the Workshop & Program and Community Outreach groups. These are both jobs which could be done by two or more individuals. Both jobs have very experienced leaders who I know would help with someone new to the job.

Here is the list of executive positions for next year (2022)

President _____

Vice President.....Heather Murray

Secretary _____

Treasurer.....Theresa Bell

Past President.....Lynda Iannandrea

The rest of the executive consists of Committee whose leaders are appointed...meaning that they volunteer!

Archives.....Sherrie Eidt

Community Outreach.....

Neo-natal.....Donna Murray

50/50.....Donna Murray/Lynne Wilkinson

Gloves/Greeters.....

Library:...Lynne McDonald

Loonie Draw:....Lynda Moffat

Membership:.....Sue Moskal

Newsletter & Website (Publicity)...Carol McRae

Afternoon Group.....Lolly Chalice/ Heather Murray

Workshops and Programme.....

Scholarship..... Gloria Meyer

Meals on Wheels.....Sherrie Eidt

Raft.....Julie Bayza



It would be great to know who will be taking over, given the crazy times we have been through these past couple of years. Things are running smoothly and we are beginning to feel some energy again with the major decisions handled. You will find these jobs fun! I'm sure you are all as excited as I am to get back to regular meetings. Seeing each other again will be wonderful and hearing about your quilting adventures is always good for everyone's soul. Now more than ever we need your help to get going. You can understand why we are starting early to look for members to fill these positions 2022. Please consider joining us to become part of the Executive. For more information or to volunteer contact me at: 905-397-9036 or via e-mail at: francesvinglis@gmail.com

Fran Inglis

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

In September we donated 25 quilts to the YWCA Niagara, to be shared among all the shelters in the region. And then in October, we donated 10 quilts to Hospice. They are once again able to take quilts into homes. Both the nurses and the counselors have found the quilts to be meaningful for the clients. With those donations we have the least number of completed quilts in stock since the pandemic started. So with that in mind, I have asked members to start sewing again. In particular, we would appreciate having lap size quilts, which can go to Hospice. Lap size quilts should be approximately 50" x 60". We will take donations of quilt tops, or completed quilts. I have lots of fabric, and some completed blocks, so if you need a jumpstart on a project please contact me, Jennifer Dyck, for more information (jenniferk2p2@gmail.com or 289-690-1625).

Finally, it has been my privilege to lead Community Outreach since January of 2018. I am so grateful to all of you who have contributed to making it possible to donate so many quilts during my time as Coordinator. In that time, we have completed just over 425 quilts, with only a handful left not donated at this time. It is time for me to move on to other pursuits, so when my term is up in May of 2022, I will not be continuing in this role. If you think you might be interested in taking over, contact me for more details about what I do behind the scenes, or contact Fran Inglis to put your name in for the position.

Jennifer Dyck

PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS

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

SCHOLARSHIP

I am attaching 2 pictures of items from Barb Morrison's estate that are available for purchase with the proceeds going to the Scholarship Fund. I have already sold one of the quilt racks to a member. YAY!

I really don't have anything else to say right now regarding the scholarship, except that additional items from Barb Morrison's estate will be available for sale when we can meet.

Thank you and if you want any clarification or to make an offer, please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail at: gloryb@primus.ca

Gloria



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NEONATAL

Once again I was happy to deliver 70 neonatal quilts to the NICU this month. NICU offers 17 beds with glassed-in rooms equipped with incubators, special monitoring equipment, and sleeping cots for parents so they can stay with their babies overnight. The unit provided specialized care for 635 newborns this year. Your quilts are very much appreciated by staff and parents. Thank you to members for donations of quilts and materials.

Donna Murray

MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels Placemats, Koozies and Cards

I'm sure you've all been busy making placemats and hopefully some bowl Koozies too.

Once again, because we are unable to meet due to Covid, there will be 5 locations where you can drop off your completed items. Please contact one of the following people closest to you, by phone or email and make arrangements to drop these items off. The final drop off date is NOVEMBER 24, 2021.

Also, if you have unused Christmas cards, it would be greatly appreciated if you could write a greeting inside, include the following signature: ***Niagara Heritage Quilter's Guild*** and hand them in with your sewn items. I have 150 done so far, so any others would be great.

Some suggested greetings are: Peace, Joy and Friendship
Warm Winter Wishes
Holiday Greetings or Season's Greetings

Members collecting the placemats etc. are the following:

Theresa Bell	905-646-2977	24-50 Lakeshore Rd. St. Cath L2N 6P8
Sharree Eidt	289-929-9375	5581 Hodgson Avenue NFalls L2H 1N6
Lynda Iannandrea	905-964-4693	8 Rollins Dr. Welland L3C 6Z7
Fran Inglis	905-397-9036	49-275 Pelham Rd St.Cath L2S 3B9
Gloria Meyer	905-468-4002	785 Line 1 Virgil Los 1T0

Thank you for your hard work and continued support. Meals on Wheels recipients are always thrilled when their placemats arrive.

Sharree Eidt - Chair person

HUMAN INTEREST STORY

Letter from Amelia Johnson received on October 5, 2021

I wanted to thank the Niagara Heritage Quilters' Guild for putting together your collection of quilting events and links! My daughter MaryAnne's Girl Scout troop is currently working on their Textile Artist Badge and the quilting resources on your page helped us a bunch!

MaryAnne's troop leader encouraged us parents to work with our girls at home to ensure we stay on track. The Textile Artist Badge is an at home program - which is perfect for these uncertain times! The badge requires the girls to choose their textile method of choice, find tools, materials and patterns online to learn the basics. Your page led us to some great websites to check out, so MaryAnne and I wanted to make sure we thanked you :)

And if it's not too much trouble, I was hoping you could add a contribution from MaryAnne on your page?

MaryAnne found this guide to removing stains from fabrics, which I was very impressed with! It wasn't something I had even thought of covering, but I definitely think it's important! (I don't know about you, but we're a pretty accident-prone family LOL!) This is it... <https://www.winecellarinnovations.com/custom-wine-cellars/guide-removing-wine-stains>

Warmly,
Mrs. Amelia Johnson

Editors notes: Amelia requested that we add MaryAnne's contribution to our website. Their troop meets Thursday after school and she would love to be able to share this with the rest of the troop. We were happy to do that for her. See our website under Events/Links.

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Charles R. Swindoll

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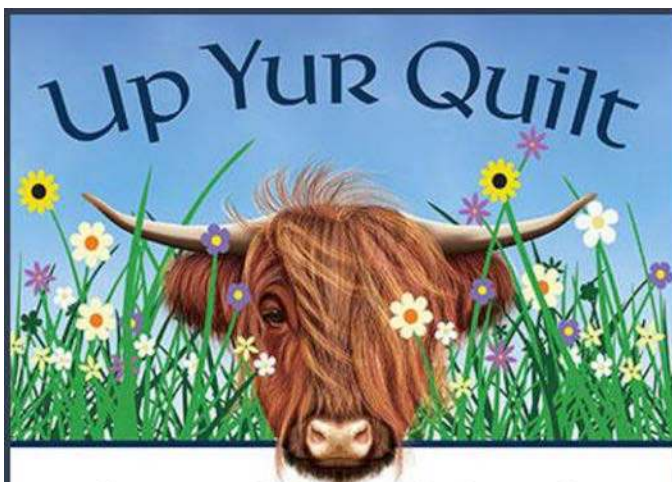
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