



# Niagara Heritage Quilters' Guild

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## **WE ARE HAVING AN AGM ON MAY 25, 2022**

As long as Covid-19 restrictions allow.

### **General meetings will be held on the Fourth Wednesday of the Month:**

March 23, 2022

April 27, 2022

**Members only AGM May 25, 2022**

Doors open at 6:30pm

Meeting begins at 7:30pm sharp

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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



The last two years has been an unbelievable journey for everyone. From the email vote election the summer of 2020, to my about to end term as President, who could have foreseen the challenges and changes that the executive would face.

We met the challenges one by one in Pat Andres barn, masked and social distancing, or virtually on Google Meets. The executive decisions made were for the good of the guild, and none were taken lightly. I don't know how to thank each of the executive members.

The executive has stuck with it and have seen us to this time when things are beginning to happen again, some extending their positions an extra year so that we could continue. What a great team I've had to work with. I congratulate and thank the determined girls on the executive. The guild is not a vision by a few, but the combined ideas and work of the whole. Most notably the executive decided we needed to cut our rent expenses to save the guild's programming and we ended up in a different part of the peninsula. What a thrill it was to have over 80 members at our first meeting in 2 years on March 23rd at our new home in Fonhill. Everyone was smiling with their eyes over the tops of our masked faces. We were so happy to be together again.

By the time you get this newsletter we will have had our second meeting and workshop. Covid is not yet letting go of our lives but each of us will decide when we are comfortable going forward and join in. The AGM will be May 25th, and as all planning is sensitive to Covid restrictions, we will email blast you the details the week before.

This is my last message and report as President of the Niagara Heritage Quilt Guild. Covid didn't ruin my experience, it just changed it. It reinforced my belief that we all matter to each other as quilting enthusiasts, and the guild is the greatest place for us to gather and celebrate and share the joy.

I wish you all a Happy Summer and fun Quilting.

*Hugs Lynda Iannandrea, President*



# WE NEED YOU!!!

The time is drawing nearer to our needing to set up the executive for 2022-2023 season. We were excited to see so many people come out to the first meeting (in two years!!) However, it jogs our elbows into setting things up for the fall.

Here are the Officer positions that need to be filled:

President: [REDACTED]

Vice President: Heather Murray

Secretary: [REDACTED]

Treasurer: Theresa Bell

Past President: Lynda Iannandrea

Here are the Committee Chair and Committee positions that need to be filled:

Archives: Sharree Eidt

Auxiliary Group Chair: [REDACTED]

Fundraising Chair: [REDACTED]

Fundrasing Committee: 50/50: Lynne Wilkinson & Donna Murray

Fundrasing Committee: Loonie Draw: Leslie Moulson, Linda Moffat & Rose Ranahan

Giving Back Chair: [REDACTED]

Community Outreach Committee: [REDACTED]

Meals on Wheels Committee: Sharree Eidt

NeoNatal Committee: Donna Murray

RAFT: Julie Bayza

Library Chair: Lynne McDonald until closed permanently

Membership Chair: Sue Moskal

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Scholarship Committee: Nina Stahlschmidt, Kathryn Karr, Anne Carruthers and Joan Medina

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Special Events Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

**Gloves and Greeters Chair:** \_\_\_\_\_

Gloves and Greeters Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

This is the executive required according to our new constitution. You can see that there are several vacancies. Some of these positions can be filled by more than one person so consider sharing with a friend. It is exciting to accept responsibility for one of these jobs in our guild. This is the biggest part of my job as Past President, as well as attending executive meetings. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the guild. It's a great group!!

Welcome back everyone!

*Fran Inglis*

For more information about what is involved with these positions talk to a former Chair or Committee member. The Past President is also available to answer any of your questions. The Guild Constitution and Bylaws also has a breakdown of responsibilities. You can also approach anyone on the Executive for more information as well.



## VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It was such a joy to see all your smiling faces at our first in person meeting on March 23.

This meeting allowed the Guild to finish off some items that have been on my agenda over the last three years. The membership ratified the new Constitution and By-Laws that I had worked on with Pat Svensson and Carol McRae during 2021. This document protects the interests of the Guild as well as the membership.

We also were able to solve the Vice President's 2019-2020 Mystery Challenge. Congratulations to all the participants as they were able to disguise their clues from many of the detectives!

I would like to thank the Executive and our members for supporting me in the position of Vice President over the last 3 years. I have enjoyed my time as your Vice President.

Respectfully submitted

*Debbie Hipple*

## TREASURER

The past 2 years has passed by very quickly even though we have not been able to get together. Treasurer duties were very quiet this past term and having said that I have agreed to be your treasurer for the next two years. I am looking forward to getting back to normal monthly get together. Have a great summer and I'll see you all in September. Theresa Bell

Happy Quilting

*Theresa Bell*

## ARCHIVES

The majority of the archives are stored in our storage unit with those from 2004-present stored, in binders, in my basement. The last General meeting of the guild held in March 2020, was the last paper copy archived. The executive agreed that the newsletters and minutes starting in 2021 would be archived on a USB stick. Presently, I have 3 such sticks. This makes the storage of our archives less cumbersome.

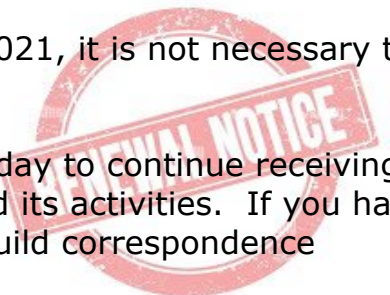
*Sharree Eidt*

## MEMBERSHIP

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Note: If you renewed your membership dues in 2019, 2020 and 2021, it is not necessary to renew again as your dues will not expire until May 2023.

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. If you have not renewed as of June 1, 2022 you will not longer be receiving Guild correspondence







## Niagara Heritage Quilters' Guild Membership 2022 – 2023

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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.

- 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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 & Tel)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

# GIVING BACK

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH REPORT

As of this writing, a total of 148 quilts have been donated this year. In addition, Kathleen O'Flaherty has facilitated donation of more than 50 baby quilts this year to FACS (Project Noah) and the Niagara Regional Native Centre. 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. Our recent donations are a private donation to 5 children who were abused, 13 lap-sized quilts to Hospice, 4 lap-sized quilts to Hope Recovered (a Niagara Mental Health program), 9 of varying sizes to the Native Centre, and 4 twin size to people displaced by the Hernder fire.

We had a small, but successful sew day on Monday April 4 at Kathryn Karr's home. A few people that had planned to attend could not for varying reasons, but we ended up with myself, Karen Jantz, Lynne Wilkinson, and of course, Kathryn. We did a lot of organizing and sorting of all the fabrics and projects brought back from my home to Kathryn's, binding on some quilts, some piecing, etc. I will bring quilts that need quilting, or binding, and project starters to the next meeting. Stop by the Community Outreach table and pick up something to do!

I want to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve you and this community in my role as Coordinator for Community Quilts. A special thank you to Kathleen O'Flaherty, my assistant, who has supported me in so many ways with this work. We kept working during our COVID lockdowns, thanks in large part to Kathleen who raised \$485 so we could buy batting. I took over in January 2018 from Linda Chambers and we have been going strong ever since. We have done some amazing things in those 4.5 years! The total number of quilts donated during this time is 504 quilts, plus many, many baby quilts which specifically happened through Kathleen's initiative. I am stepping down from this role, and giving someone else the opportunity to envision where Community Outreach should go next. It has truly been rewarding for me to see the joy that all these quilts bring to people. Thanks so much for entrusting me with all the beautiful quilts you have made.

*Jennifer Dyck*

## SCHOLARSHIP

Students will be graduating in April and have already started making plans for their post-secondary education. Please keep our scholarship in mind for any potential students and direct them to our website for information on the application process and form.

*Gloria Meyer*



## MEAL ON WHEELS

Once again the guild has stepped forward to sew a wide variety of beautiful placemats for those who are shut in or are provided with meals from Meals on Wheels. This year it was suggested, by a recipient, that we also put together bowl koozies. Altogether, we delivered 30 koozies, 204 placemats and 250 signed Christmas cards. The guild received a lovely thank you note from the Office Manager for Thorold-St. Catharines Meals on Wheels as well as one from one of the placemat recipients. Thank you again, to everyone, for contributing to this worthwhile project.

*Sharree Eidt*

## NEONATAL

Dear members this is a thank you from Carol, Charge Nurse in the NICU unit. Carol has retired, and has appreciated our donations since 2014.

"Dear Donna and members of the Niagara Heritage Quilters Guild,

Please accept our sincere thanks for the beautiful baby quilts donated to the NICU. The parents are thrilled to have them placed on their sick babies. We truly appreciate all the time and work put into making them

Thank you so much."

Our members have donated 1,120 quilts since 2014, including 208 in 2021. Thank you for donating to this special project.

Happy quilting,

*Donna Murray*



“THERE’S MORE *Foy*  
IN *giving*  
THAN IN RECEIVING.”



# PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS REPORT

As the Ontario Emergency Orders for the Covid 19 Pandemic continued to play havoc with our lives, so the Programs and Workshops Committee adapted this past fall as per provincial guidelines. Presenters who were scheduled were cancelled and planning started for a January Shop Hop that did not materialize due to further pandemic restrictions. We were happy to see everyone who attended the March general meeting. At this meeting a survey was conducted and thank-you to the 55 members who completed the Survey.

Here are the conclusions that have been determined from your responses:

55% of those who answered **No** to why they had not taken a workshop were due to work and other commitments and 29% had too many UFO's.

People are interested in **3** workshops a year and half day workshops as well.

There is a demand for learning new techniques, which emphasizes developing creativity. These included: wall art, landscape quilts, mosaic technique, freehand, applique, curved piecing, wack and stack, cloth dolls, and wool applique.

People would also like to make quilted clothing, which is also a creative direction.

Under embellishment, suggestions included crazy quilt squares, hand stitch beads and buttons and embroidery. There are some people interested in making bed quilts. Machine techniques people asked for were sewing with a long arm, machine embroidery, and how to use a machine to quilt and free motion techniques. A variety of guild member's names were shared for future considerations in workshops.

Again, thank you for your feedback. The Programs and Workshops Committee will endeavour to consider these suggestions in their fall planning within their budget allotment.

If you would like to make these conclusions happen, please consider joining our committee. Thank you to committee members Luci Ronald and Judy Yovanovich for all their support.

Respectfully submitted

*Pat Andres*

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