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General Meetings Dates

Fourth Wednesday of the Month:

September 27, 2023

October 25, 2023

November 22, 2023

January 24, 2024

February 28, 2024

March 27, 2024

April 24, 2024

May 22, 2024 (AGM - Members Only)



BRING WITH YOU:

Face Mask – Personal Choice

Name Tag

Community Quilts

Placemats

Neonatal Quilts

Show & Tell Quilts

Money 50/50 & Loonie Draw

Money for Workshops

Freebies

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Freebie Table available at this meeting.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



HAPPY NEW YEAR

May 2024 bring you new happiness, new goals, new achievements, and a lot of new inspirations.

A new year is always filled with possibilities, so dream big and believe in yourself.



I received such positive feedback from our Christmas in November meeting. It was so much fun to learn a new craft, and we got a chance to meet and talk to fellow members. This really is what it is all about. This is your guild and only you can make it what you want it to be.

Here is a link to an article I read not that long ago about [How To Be A Good Quilt Guild Member](#). The author is Cheryl Sleboda/Muppin Inc. I apologize in advance if anyone takes offence as this article is not pointed at anyone. I just wanted to share it and check out the rest of the website. You might find something of interest.

Looking for a fun challenge in 2024. Check out the V.P. Quilt Challenge on page five (5). Maureen will answer any questions about this challenge you may have at the general meeting. If you can't make it to the January meeting, then do not hesitate to contact her or myself.

All the best for 2024

Carol McRae, President

Past Presidents Message

Happy New Year to our quilters and their families. Hope your holidays were full of family, fun and beautiful memories, and that you got some time for yourself to enjoy a bit of quilting.

It's winter and the start of the New Year means that I, as Past President, must begin to prepare a complete slate of officers and Committee Chairmen for the elections in May for the 2024-25 guild year. Positions must be filled, and an election held for the guild to continue. Time for you to think about where you can help.

We have some important positions to fill. One is the position of President. Another is Publicity chairman (to oversee the newsletter, website & social media committees). There are other positions as well and all committees need volunteers, as many hands will lighten the workload.

If one of your resolutions this year is to get more involved, then I am offering you the great experience of serving on our executive.

I am available for a chat most of the time. Give me a call 905-964-4693.

Lynda Iannandrea, Past President

2023/2024 EXECUTIVE

Presidents	Carol McRae
Vice President	Maureen Augerman
Secretary	Pat Andres
Treasurer	Theresa Bell
Past President	Lynda Iannandrea

CHAIRS & COMMITTEES

Committee	Chair	Sub Committee	Committee Members
Archives	Sharree Eidt		
Fundraising	Lynne Wilkinson	50/50 Draw	Donna Murray
			Karen Augerman
		Loonie Draw	Stephanie McBride
			Kelli Steele
Giving Back	Gloria Meyer	Community Quilts	Kathryn Karr
			CQ Team
		Meals On Wheels	Sharee Eidt
		Neonatal Quilts	Donna Murray
		Raft	Julie Bayza
Membership	Maureen Morrison		Sharon Watson
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	Jean Christie		Judy Yovanovich
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		E-Mail Blasts	Heather Murray
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			Marlene Paulak
			Carolanne Danch
Special Events	Vacant		
White Gloves & Greeters	Lynne Wilkinson		Ludmila Charest
			Stephanie McBride
			Kelli Steele

V.P. QUILT CHALLENGE 2023-2024

LETTERS

Using the first letters of your first and last name you will create a wall hanging that is no smaller than 16 X 16 and no larger than 48 x 48.

The first letter of your first name represents the quilt block. The chart below shows a picture of the quilt block. You will need to identify the name of the block and how to piece it.


Need a good resource just click on this link:

<https://www.generations-quilt-patterns.com/free-quilt-block-patterns.html>

The first letter of your last name represents the fabric color you must use, patterned, plain or color variation of. You can combine more than one color if the color starts with the first letter of your last name.

You can add any neutral-colored fabric, patterned or plain, in your design.

Example: Maureen Augerman

M = Quilt Block  (as per chart below)

A = Color – Any color starting with the letter “A” such as Aqua, Amber, Apricot, Azure, Amaranth,

Here is another link to help you with color: <https://www.color-ize.com/color-list.php>

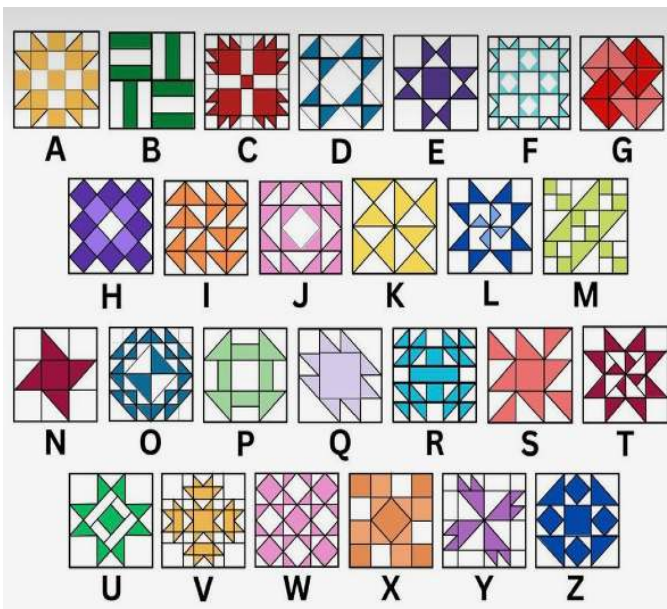
Wall hanging can be 1 block or multiple blocks. Can be traditional or modern.

You must be the only maker from start to finish. Be creative and change it up as long as you can tell what the block pattern was. Embellishments are allowed but not necessary.

Must be bound, quilted, and labelled. As this is a wall hanging, a 4” hanging sleeve is required.

Entries are due April 24, 2024, at the general meeting. No extensions.

Please give your entries to Maureen Augerman.



Judging Criteria:

1. General Appearance
2. Design
3. Workmanship

Viewer's Choice

Prize information will be announced in the February-March 2024 newsletter. An entry form will be made available at that time as well. Good luck and have fun.

GIVING BACK

COMMUNITY QUILTS

Quilters are indeed a giving bunch. I had the honor of delivering **40** quilts on December 14. 23 quilts went to the YWCA women's shelter on Oakdale Ave. in St. Catharines. 20 of them were ones made by the Community Outreach group and the additional 3 were from a guild member who gave them to me just the day before.

With the quilts were included 16 pillowcases, some of which were sewn by a guild member. They indicated they really needed quilts, as women and sometimes children as well, are there for a limited time until they get back on their feet. When they are housed elsewhere, they can take the quilt with them. It's a great source of comfort.

The remaining 17 quilts, 15 from the Community Outreach and an additional 2 from a guild member, were delivered to the Kristen French Advocacy Centre. They too are so grateful for them. Recently a FACS worker asked for one of the quilts. A woman that she has worked with for a long time, has turned her life around and recently had a baby. She was presented with that quilt.

Thank you too for your generous gifts for RAFT. It was very heartwarming for Julia to see the smiles on their faces when presented with everything that filled the back of her car. It will brighten this Christmas for all of them.

By giving back in all these endeavors, we are making a difference in our community. Well done everyone.

With the passing of Kathryn Karr, we are blessed to be able to continue to hold our "sew days" at her home. I have arranged the next "Sew Day" for January 11, 2024, starting at 10 a.m. and going until around 3. Please bring a beverage and lunch if you are staying all day. Happy Quilting!

Gloria Meyer

Hello Gloria,

It was so lovely meeting you this morning! Thank you so much for dropping by and donating all these beautiful quilts. I'm sure our clients will feel the love that was put into each one every time they wrap themselves up in it! I've attached the photos from this morning to this email.

Thank you again!! I look forward to seeing you soon! :)
Take care,
Megan

Megan Rader

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YWCA Niagara Region

She/Her





Picture of Raft donations in November



Picture from Kristen French Advocacy Centre

MEALS ON WHEELS



The picture on your left are the volunteers at MOW were raving about the beautiful placemats as they were preparing them for delivery to their clients. They found they were spending too much time looking and touching each one and exclaiming "this is my favorite ", over and over. It took them all day to process their packages. Thank you everyone, for your dedication and hard work- 391 placemats is amazing!

They were delivered to the seniors, Queenchester Terrace Health Centre, and RAFT.



This second picture is of my front hall..., ready for pick up.

Sharree Eidt

My Meals on wheels has just arrived and I received a beautiful Christmas placemat as a gift and was told it was made and donated by the Niagara Heritage Quilters. Thank you so much!! It is truly very lovely. I am 93 and sad because quilting is a craft I have never gotten into. Merry Christmas to you all and happy quilting.

Thank You all...Mary Arnold



NEONATAL

Thank you to our generous members in your support of the neonatal charity. We were happy to deliver 226 quilts in 2023. The neonatal staff love each quilt that brightens the rooms. Thank you also for your donations of flannel. Wishing you happiness and good health in 2024.

Yours in quilting.

Donna Murray

NHQG Programs and Workshops

Happy New Year and Happy Quilting!

This January we are pleased to host a Demonstration Night. We are looking forward to having three demonstrations presented by our own guild members. Donna Pree will be demonstrating the process of making a felt wool brooch. Lynda Iannandrea will be demonstrating the art of Sashiko and providing an opportunity for some hands-on work. Kindred Spirits will be demonstrating how to use an embroidery machine to enhance your quilting. You will be able to listen to all three presenters during the evening.

In February, we will have the opportunity to listen to four guild members give an update on their quilting journeys and projects. It is always a pleasure to hear Nina Stahlschmidt, Fran Inglis, Irma Bull and Lynne Wilkinson speak about their passion for quilting and to see some of their work.

March 27, 2024

Guest Speaker: Johanna Masko

Toronto-based textile artist and designer. She will be presenting a talk called:

Let's Talk About Colour and Print.

Here is a description of her presentation taken from her website.

For many quilters, choosing fabric for a new project is fraught with uncertainty. Where do we begin? Let Johanna Masko help you get going with her lively discussion about working with colour and print in quilts. A scholarly understanding of the colour wheel is not required! Johanna shares many of her sources of inspiration and the methods she uses to make artistic choices for her work, and hopes you'll walk away with a boost of confidence to do the same for yours. For more information about Johanna Masko visit her website:

<https://www.johannamasko.com>



March 28, 2024 Workshop:

Secrets of a Patchwork Pro

"Johanna Masko completed a sampler quilt comprised of 111 different 6" blocks, which were sewn in a total of 30 sewing sessions and used NONE of the provided templates. How? By using every piecing trick and Quilt Math formula she knew, plus inventing a few more along the way. The "Secrets of a Patchwork Pro" workshop is a hands-on crash course in the technical side of patchwork construction, from recognizing the underlying grid structure of traditional patchwork blocks to the many ways to approach commonly used patchwork units. We will work on several sample pieces as we deep dive into the details that make the difference in creating our beautiful patchwork projects."

April 24, 2024

Guest Speaker: Robin Bogaert

Robin is a long arm quilter, owner, and creator of quiltingintheloft.com and has many years of quilting experience. Robin was the past owner of a quilt shop in Windsor, Ontario and is now located in Waterloo. Robin's roots in quilting are traditional, however she appreciates modern quilt design and considers the focus of work to be designing, teaching, free motion quilting and thread painting. Robin is a past member of Windsor Quilters Guild, Erie Shores Guild and Waterside Quilters and keeps up to date with current quilting and sewing by being involved with the Elmira Needle Sisters and Waterloo County Quilter's Guild. The tri city areas included in Waterloo Region sponsor an abundance of quilt related activities and resources along with lovely farms, local grown produce, and a thriving arts community and therefore Robin is excited about her contribution to the quilting community.



April 25, 2024 Robin Bogaert Workshop - Crumbled Pieced Star

The quilt is designed as a one-block quilt to keep it simple/modern and use up lots of fabric in the process. You will also have blank spaces to feature some free motion or ruler quilting. Robin will also send you dimensions for **crumb piecing** so you can be ready with your "crumb sheets at the class". Quilt Sizes- 18 x 18", 27" x 27" or 55" x 55". Your choice.

Robin has done all the math, so you don't have to. All you need to do is come to the workshop with crumb sheets sewn up ready to be sub cut.

The focus of the workshop will be piecing, however quilting suggestions will be discussed as well.

Remember you can sign up on-line to guarantee your workshop registration as well as at the general meeting. Looking forward to quilting with you in 2024.

Irene Bootsma and Jean Christie (co-chairs)



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A woman with long brown hair, wearing a tan shirt, is operating a Hamilton Sewing Q'nique 16X Elite Quilting Machine. She is using a foot to sew a quilt with a blue and orange pattern. The machine has a large touchscreen display. The background shows a clean, well-lit sewing room with shelves and a sign that says "Free Machine".

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