



Niagara Heritage Quilters' Guild

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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



I always feel like I need to come up with words of wisdom for the president's message. If I was to share any, they would be keep moving and doing what you love to do. Exercise your body, mind, and soul.

I found this poem that is full of words of wisdom called:

Beginners

All quilters start out as beginners.
No one is born knowing how
But all who would be good quilters
Should make this solemn vow:
I will buy only quality fabrics.
I will keep clean my sewing machine.
I will help my fellow quilters be they eighty or seventeen.
I will carefully follow directions that I am given in class
So that what I'm trying to make will truly come to pass.
I will try never to feel guilty about my stash or UFOs:
These are part of the quilting mystique as every quilter knows.
Above all, I will embrace the joys that quilting imparts
Of friendship, fun and sharing that cheers and fills our hearts.
And when I'm no more a beginner I won't hold in disdain
Those who know less than I do –
Who knows what heights they may attain?

Author: Unknown

Carol McRae, President

Membership

Membership renewal season will soon be upon us, and this is a reminder that all members, including **Lifetime** and **Charter** members **MUST** complete and submit a membership application form to keep your name, address, and phone number current on the membership list. If your name is not on the sign in sheets at the general meeting or on the membership list, it is probably because you did not complete the membership application.

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
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		Editor	Fran Inglis
		E-Mail Blasts	Heather Murray
		Website/Facebook	Carol McRae
Scholarship	Vacant		Anne Converset Marlene Paulak Carolanne Danch
Special Events	Vacant		
White Gloves & Greeters	Lynne Wilkinson		Ludmila Charest Stephanie McBride Kelli Steele

Past Presidents Message

Nominations and Elections

This year we have two officer positions and several committee positions to be filled.

President: is probably the one position that scares most of you, but among you I am sure there are qualified persons, ready to accept the challenge and enjoy it. Our president provides leadership, prepares agendas for our meetings, is a signing officer of the bank accounts, and helps prepare the annual budget. She oversees Guild committees, and executive actions, keeping us on the right track.

Secretary: is unexpectedly going to be vacant. It is a very important position and must be filled. This person records minutes of all meetings, circulates copies to the executive, and maintains a permanent file of minutes, reports, correspondence. She is also a signing officer of the guild.

Please note: These two positions must be filled for the guild to continue.

Our committees are:

Archives	Programs/Workshops
Auxiliary Groups	Publicity
Fundraising	Scholarship
Giving Back	Special Events
Membership	White Gloves and Greeters.

(The Auxiliary Group is presently not active as we are not able to have the hall in the afternoons).

The Chair of each of these committees is expected to attend the monthly executive meeting.

There is a need on every committee for you to get involved.

- The Publicity Chair position will be empty in September. This chair oversees the newsletter, website, and Facebook group. There is an immediate need for someone to take over the newsletter under this chair.
- Membership Chair and committee are also needed (2 volunteers) to keep records of our membership and to man the desk at meetings,
- Gloria Meyer would like a co-chair to share in the organization and running of the Giving Back Committee.
- The fundraising committee needs a 50/50 ticket assistant.
- We have been a year without a Special Events Chair, and it would be great if someone would fill this fun position.
- White Gloves and Greeters Position is going to be empty and will need to be filled.
- I'm sure the Programs/workshop committee could use more help.
- Scholarship Chair is also needed.

Many of these spots can be filled and shared by two people. This lightens the responsibility and can make it more fun.

Lynda Iannandrea, Past President

IMPORTANT VP CHALLENGE NOTICE

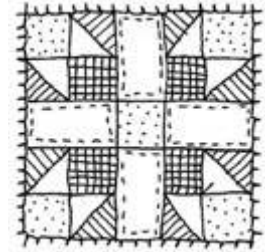
Correction: The instructions request a wall hanging however it can be a quilt of any kind. If your submission is not a wall hanging, then a hanging sleeve is not required.

It is never too late to participate in this year's VP Challenge called "LETTERS". You can find the details in the January–February 2024 Newsletter, now available on our website.

An **ENTRY FORM** must accompany your submission and you can find this form on the last page of this newsletter.

All submission must be handed in to Maureen Augerman on or before April 24, 2024.

Four (4) \$50.00 prizes will be awarded in the following categories: General Appearance, Design, Workmanship and Viewer's Choice



GIVING BACK

COMMUNITY QUILTS

We had a very successful "Sew Day" on February 8. We continue to sort new donations of fabrics and prepare backings and batting for already completed quilt tops. Some of these will be available to pick up for quilting at the Community Outreach table at the March meeting. There are also a few kits that can be picked up to work on at home at your leisure. Sew Days will be held on the second Thursday of each month. The next ones will be March 14 and April 11. Let me know if you plan to attend, so we can track the number of people to expect. Please bring your own beverage and lunch, depending on how long you can stay. Neonatal quilts are collected all year long and we are scheduling a delivery date in April. We are hoping to have 50 quilts to deliver.

Let's not forget Meals on Wheels. Placemats can be handed in at every general meeting. Thank you for your support of our neonatal quilts. A delivery is scheduled in April and hope to deliver 50 quilts.

Instructions for both these giving back initiatives are available on our website.

Thank you for all your support.

Happy Sewing,

Gloria Meyer

NHQG FACEBOOK GROUP UPDATE

The Facebook group page will now be available to all interested in joining. You no longer need to be a member of the Niagara Heritage Quilters Guild.

This is a great way to share your projects and connect with fellow quilters everywhere. Encourage your quilting friends to join and share.

NHQG Programs and Workshops

During our January meeting, we had a great time learning about and observing three demonstrations. Donna Pree shared her passion of creating felt wool flowers. She brought in many examples of various flowers and explained the process of making them. Lynda Iannandrea demonstrated the process of creating Sashiko quilts. She explained her journey in learning Sachiko, what books she recommends, and how she was able to find the materials from various places. Check out the website under guild events, to get the information about her resources. Michelle and Jane from Kindred Spirits brought in two embroidery machines and an accu quilt cutter to demonstrate. The possibilities of enhancing our quilts with adding applique and embroidery, creating soft toys, and using edge to edge quilting in a hoop were some of the things demonstrated or discussed. I am sure everyone left the meeting with something that intrigued them and possibly did some research on their own after being inspired.

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.

Please make sure to sign up for the following two workshops that are coming up this spring. You can talk to us at the guild meetings, sign up and receive hard copies of the materials needed. Or you can sign up online.

Thank you,
Irene and Jean (co-chairs)

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 hand crank to move the machine's carriage across a large quilt top with a geometric pattern of orange, blue, and grey shapes on a white background. The machine is white and features a large touchscreen display. The background shows a clean, well-lit workshop or showroom with shelves holding various items.

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“LETTERS” Entry Form

Members First Name: _____ Last Name _____

Quilt Block Name: _____

Quilt Size: Width: _____ Length: _____

Colors Used:

Quilted

Bound

Labeled

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