

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



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NO Freebie Table available at this meeting.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Two years ago, I was so nervous about taking on the role as President as well as maintaining my position as Publicity Chair. I will admit, despite being a very organized person there were challenging times.

Holding more than one position on the executive is not for everyone and I do not recommend it. I'm not the only one who has held more than one position and believe me we don't do it for health reasons. We do this because we love the Guild, and we want to see it continue.

I want to thank everyone for their support during these last two years. What made things easier was the amazing team I had on the executive and the support I received from past presidents. Once again thank you so much.

I certainly encourage more teamwork on all committees if appropriate. Some committees require only one person and other committees require a team. Gloria has approached the Giving Back initiatives as a team, and boy what a team.

As a guild we matter, and we make such a big difference in our community. I want to thank everyone who participated in any way to this endeavor.

Since I joined the guild in 2018, membership has declined due to many uncontrollable factors such as Covid, financial issues, and relocation. Things have settled down and it's time to reinvigorate the guild. My challenge to the next executive and membership is to do just that. I have some ideas that I will share with the next executive.

Have a wonderful summer.

Carol McRae, President

TREASURER MESSAGE

This past year has passed by very quickly. During this past year we have enjoyed being together at our general meetings interacting with each other. Being your treasurer has been a pleasure and a privilege and will continue my duties for the upcoming year.

I hope you all enjoy your summer and I look forward to seeing everyone in September.

Happy Quilting

Theresa Bell, Treasurer



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
Program & Workshops	Irene Bootsma		Luci Ronald
	Jean Christie		Judy Yovanovich
Publicity	Carol McRae	Newsletter	Carol McRae
		Newsletter Mailing	Lynne McDonald
		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

By the time you receive this last newsletter of this guild year I will have probably had a conversation with most of you about the extreme need for volunteers to keep the club going into the near future. We must fill the Presidents and Secretary's position, or the club will fold. I hope I have some good news to share with you when we speak again.

We need chairman for Fundraising (someone to oversee the 50/50 and Loonie draws and work with the executive on the needs that may arise during a club year.

If we want a newsletter, we need someone to take the job on. There must be some members that enjoy working on a computer that once every two months could collect and assemble the information to provide us with this valuable service. Carol already has the program and set up established, or you could redesign the newsletter to your own system and talent.

We must find a Publicity Chairman to oversee the newsletter, the website (volunteer already doing this job), and Facebook page (again there is someone on this job already).

We need a minimum of two people to look after membership renewals and man the table at our general meetings.

We need a White Gloves and Greeters chairman as well.

The Special Events position has been vacant all year, and it would be great to have a member or two take it on for our next season.

I have served on the executive for many years in many different positions. Every year, every position has been a great experience. Quilters are some of the nicest people, and I have the great pleasure to call so many of you friends.

If these positions can be filled, I may be retired from the executive soon, but for as long as my aging body can keep going, I will be among you at the Niagara Heritage Quilters meetings, doing whatever I can to help, and taking from you your enthusiasm and love of quilting. Thank you for being a part of my life.

Lynda Iannandrea, Past President

ARCHIVES


Most of the archives are stored in our storage unit with those from 2011-present stored, in binders and on USB sticks. The last General meeting of the guild held in March 2020, was the last paper copy archived. This makes the storage of our archives less cumbersome. At the recent April Executive Meeting, after careful research and consideration, the executive passed a motion to accept the Niagara Heritage Quilters' Guild Records Retention, which outlines the procedures to be followed regarding the Guild's Archives. These guidelines will be followed and will be revised (if necessary) and included in the next revision of our constitution.

Sharree Eidt

MEMBERSHIP

Membership renewal season is 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.

Membership dues will remain the same for 2023-2024 guild year. The application form has been updated and will be available at the general meeting or click on our [application](#) form, to print and submitted at a general meeting or mail in.

Click here to renew your membership [on-line](#). 



You can also find the membership application form on the last page of this newsletter.

GIVING BACK

COMMUNITY QUILTS

This has been quite a year for us. There haven't been as many "sew days" due to Kathryn's illness and subsequent death. We are fortunate that her husband Terry has let us continue to work at his home. To date though from September to April, we have donated 77 quilts, 18 pillowcases and 80 neonatal quilts, plus the placemats for Meals on Wheels. Well done everyone.

The next sew day will be on May 9. 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.

Thank you for all your support.
Happy Sewing,

Gloria Meyer

MEALS ON WHEELS

The guild has once again, stepped forward to sew a wide variety of beautiful placemats for those who receive meals from Meals on Wheels. Altogether, 391 placemats, along with 400 signed Christmas cards, were given to Bertha, the Meals on Wheels representative of St. Catharines. She assured us that their clients look forward to receiving the placemats at Christmas. During the next four months, please set aside some time to make placemats for these special people. We'll be ready to receive them in the Fall! Thank you again, everyone, for contributing to this worthwhile project.

Sharree Eidt

NHQG PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS

Our year started with a very successful fabric sale at our September meeting. It was great to see most of the fabric prepared in various sized bundles being purchased. The leftover fabric was donated to various charities. In October, Maureen Augerman presented her Art of Quilted Clothing. With the help of her models, we saw many artistic and creative designs. We had a fun Christmas Craft event in November. It was a relaxed evening of socializing, while participating in making a fabric Christmas craft. In January, we enjoyed a Demonstration Night from three of our guild members. Donna Pree talked about her journey of working with felt wool. Lynda Iannandrea spoke about her Sashiko journey and Kindred Spirits demonstrated various ways of using the embroidery machine in quilting. In February, Nina Stahlschmidt, Fran Inglis, Irma Bull and Lynne Wilkinson spoke about their quilting projects and brought in many beautiful quilts for us to see. In March, Johanna Masko from Toronto, gave a presentation called, Let's talk about Colour and Print. We had our first workshop the following day on the Secrets of a Patchwork Pro. In April, we had a trunk show from Robin Bogaert, who is a long arm quilter and owner of Quilting in the Loft, located in Waterloo. The following day, she presented a workshop called the Crumbed Piece Star. A special thank-you to the program and workshop committee, Luci Ronald and Judy Yovanovich for their help and support.

Irene Bootsma and Jean Christie (co-chairs)

SCHOLARSHIP

Thanks to Anne Converset, Marleen Paulak and CarolAnn Danch the NHQG Scholarship program has been updated to reflect the current Ontario curriculum and assessment practices. The name has been changed to **Niagara Heritage Quilters' Guild Visual and Creative Arts Scholarship**. The new name reflects what the scholarship is all about.

We received very positive feedback from the District School Board of Niagara and the Niagara District Catholic School Board.

To date we have three applicants, and more are expected.

We need someone to Chair this committee and hopefully someone steps up to the plate.

Carol McRae

ADVERTISING

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN ADVERTISING WITH US?

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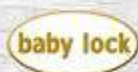
July Shop Hop is Back! July 2-31, 2024



- July Shop Hop has 13 participating shops in 2024. Visit www.julyshophop.com for details.
- Visit all 13 stores and be entered to win 1 of 3 grand prizes
- Plan a day out in Niagara and make sure to stop at Kindred Spirits
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PUBLICITY

I invite you all to visit our website and if you are not a member of our Facebook group join today. Share your quilting journey with your fellow members or just keep in touch over the summer holidays.

On our website under Events/Links you will find a list of various guild shows taking place as well as some fabric sales happening in the area. These fabric sales are a great way to stock up at a great price.

We post these events on our Facebook group as well.

There are also links to our advertiser and various resources you may like to explore.





Niagara Heritage Quilters' Guild Membership

2024 – 2025

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Last Name _____ First Name _____

Address _____ City _____

Postal Code _____ Home Phone _____ Cell _____

Email Address _____

Type of membership: ☐ New ☐ Renewal ☐ Charter ☐ Lifetime

Payment made by: ☐ Cash ☐ Cheque ☐ E-transfer via your online banking account

to: payments@niagaraquiltersguild.com

(Please write **membership dues** in message field of the e-transfer)

Membership Dues (before June 30th) \$45.00 after June 30th \$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 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 to keep your address and phone number current and your name on the Membership list.

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.

- ☐ If you own a long arm-quilting machine, would you volunteer to quilt a few quilts for "Community Quilts"?
- ☐ Greeters (welcome members, new members, and guests)
- ☐ White glove ladies (show off the quilts for speakers and members' Show & Tell)

Signature _____