



Niagara Heritage Quilters' Guild September 25, 2025, General Meeting Minutes

Location of meeting: Royal Canadian Legion, 141 Hwy 20E, Fonthill, On.

The meeting was opened by President Irene at 7pm by welcoming our five visitors and thanking the greeters.

Irene informed the members of a date change for the October general meeting from the 23rd to the 30th, due to the hall not being available to us on the fourth Wednesday of the month. The workshop scheduled for the 24th of October would not change. An email blast would be sent out before to remind everyone of the change in date, and the information would be changed on the website.

The speaker, Steven Clark, was introduced by Jean. Steven gave an inspiring speech on how 20 stitches at the age of 10 started his creative journey that inspires him today. His message of "Never stop playing and never stop learning" and "Don't strive for perfection" was enjoyed by the members.

Coby DeJonge thanked Steven Clark for his inspiring talk and sharing his wonderful quilts.

There was a 10-minute break in which members were able to speak to Steven, visit or buy raffle tickets.

During the break members were asked to arrange the chairs in a giant circle, and when called to order, Irene led the members in a fun postcard pass game.

The business of the guild continued with the Treasurer's report by Theresa and a summary of the budget that passed at the previous executive meeting.

The draws were held with the 50/50 draw being won by Carol Ann Danch and the Loonie Draw winners, visitor Trina McCormack, Lynne Wilkinson, and Gloria Simon.

Sharree of the Giving Back Committee reported on Sew Days, and reminded everyone about the Meals On Wheels placemats that will be collected until the November meeting. She asked that placemats not exceed 12"X17" so that they fit on a TV table and asked for donations of Christmas cards.

Gloria gave an update on quilts donated.

Arlene, member, spoke on behalf of the Mennonite Quilt Group in Niagara on the Lake. Arlene explained the work of the group, and asked for members to bring fabric scraps, and other sources of fabric such as tablecloths or sheets to our November meeting.

Carol showed our website page and explained that each month she would bring a feature of our website to the members attention.

Trina and Linda of the Dunnville "Dots" presented information on Bus Trips that their group are organizing to The Royal Ontario Museum in November, Quilt Canada next spring and Cambridge Fashion History Museum and shopping.

Jean spoke of our upcoming speaker for October 30th, Theresa Sonnenberg and prepped everyone for another exciting program.

Coby spoke about the Oct. 24th workshop to make placemats for Meals On Wheels and pillowcases for Giving Back quilts.

Special events committee chairs, Gloria and Marty introduced their plans for our Christmas Themed November meeting and said they would be asking members to bring a variety of savoury and sweet treats. There is a sign-up sheet to choose a craft that you wish to do at their table.

Julie spoke of the collection in November for the Raft Youth Home that we traditionally collect toiletries and small clothing items for each Christmas.

Towana of the membership committee explained the reason that everyone must sign in at each meeting and said that proper sign-in sheets would be ready for next month.

There were eight Show and Tell quilts by members, three of community outreach, five that were donated by Jackie Morningstar and Ludmila Charest shared the beginnings of her collage from around the world.

President Irene closed the meeting reminding everyone of the date change for our October general meeting. Then we were honoured by a joke by Pat Watt that left us laughing as we headed home.