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General Meeting Dates
Fourth Wednesday of the Month

- September 25,2024
- October 23,2024
- November 27,2024
- January 22,2025**
- February 26,2025
- March 26,2025
- April 23,2025



May 28,2025 (AGM-Members Only)

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Niagara Heritage Quilters' Guild

Activities, Meetings & Workshops Are

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- Face Mask -Personal Choice
- Name Tag
- Community Quilts
- Placemats
- Neonatal Quilts
- Show and Tell Quilts
- Money 50/50 & Loonie Draw
- Money for Workshops
- Freebies**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome to a new year of quilting and other creative adventures in 2025. Sometimes I feel overloaded with ideas and possibilities, which is probably due to too much time spent on Instagram, Pinterest, and being inspired by all your wonderful quilters. I want to do it all and there is just not enough time. This year I want to focus on the word contentment. Being content and calm and enjoying the process of creating without being so critical of what and how much I produce. When I see the beautiful quilts being displayed at our meetings, I am in awe of the beauty, creativity, colour choices, details, and techniques used in the quilts. I also

feel a little overwhelmed and wonder how they can make so many beautiful quilts. Do they find time to sleep? I encourage you to come to the guild meetings with your own “show and tell” quilts, so that we can be inspired by your creativity and work. There are so many rich stories to share that go along with quilting.

Due to covid, I was not able to come to our last guild meeting. I heard that it was another great night of laughter and sharing. Thank you for being a part of that. That evening, a request was put out to help Maureen Augerman with creating a display in the St. Catharine's' Centennial Library, to promote quilting. Thank you to Wanda Braukman and

Luisa Smith. We have many exciting presenters coming to our guild this coming year. Please check out the website and read this newsletter for more information.

Happy New Year!

Irene Bootsma, President



VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

It's so exciting to have twenty-seven (27) members participating in this year's V.P. Challenge called Quilter's Soup.

Remember, you can make whatever you want with the fabric, but you must use at least half of the soup mix. You can add broth (one fabric of your choice) to the mix.

Prize information will be announced in the March-April 2025 newsletter. The entry form will also be made available. On the entry form we will ask for an artist statement. What inspired you to create what you created.

Your projects are due and must be delivered to Maureen Augerman, on April 23, 2024, at the general meeting. No extensions. The judging criteria is general appearance, design, and workmanship.

There is also a viewer's choice category.

Maureen Augerman



PAST PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Time to start thinking about the election of the Executive and appointment of new committee chairpersons which take place at our annual general meeting in May 2025.

As the past president, it is my responsibility to put together a nomination committee which includes me as the Chair and two members of the general membership or failing that, two past presidents.

I'm looking for two volunteers to help me with the elections. If you are interested in participating on the nomination committee, please email me: **cmcrae0410@gmail.com**

The Vice President & Secretary positions need to be filled this year. These are elected positions with a two-year commitment.

The Vice President would chair meetings in the absence of the President. You are also tasked with organizing an annual Quilt Challenge.

The Secretary records the minutes of the executive meeting and the general meeting and shall act as a signing officer for the bank accounts.

There may also be a need for new committee chairs or committee members. The current chairs and committee members will have to let me know if they would like to step down by the end of January.

Volunteering to serve on a committee can be a very rewarding way to contribute to the ongoing success of The Guild.

I hope to have the nomination committee in place by or at the end of the January 2025 general meeting.

Please keep in mind that being a member of The Guild also means being an active participant.

Carol McRae



2024/2025 EXECUTIVE

| | |
|----------------|------------------|
| President | Irene Bootsma |
| Vice President | Maureen Augerman |
| Secretary | Lynda Iannandrea |
| Treasurer | Theresa Bell |
| Past President | Carol McRae |

CHAIRS & COMMITTEES

| Committee | Chair/ Co-Chair | Sub Committee / Initiatives | Committee Members |
|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Archives | Sharree Eidt | | |
| Fundraising | Debbie Hipple | 50/50 Draw | Louise Dalrymple |
| | | | Karen Augerman |
| | | Loonie Draw | Gwen Koller |
| | | | Diane Therriault |
| Giving Back | Gloria Meyer | Community Quilts | Gloria |
| | Sharree Eidt | | CQ Team |
| | | Meals On Wheels | Sharree Eidt |
| | | Neonatal Quilts | Donna Murray |
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| | Marty Crowder | | |
| White Gloves & Greeters | Donna Rauscher | | |

Giving Back

Thank you to all the people who support the Giving Back initiatives. All these efforts continue to bring cheer to those in need.

Community Quilts

In November, Sharree and I delivered 20 quilts and 20 pillowcases to Gillian's Place. They were so grateful to receive these items. In December, we delivered 20 quilts and 38 pillowcases to the YWCA Women's Shelter on Oakdale in St. Catharine's. Some of the items will be shared with the other shelter locations. Our contact Catharine wrote "I cannot tell you enough how special it is for someone to be wrapped in their very own BRAND-NEW handmade quilt. At a time in life when people are at their most vulnerable it's a very special gift to receive." She also indicated they were expecting a family of 10 the following day. The need is always there.

The workshop in October was successful and at the end of the day, we had 40 completed pillowcases. Job well done everyone.

Thank you to all of you for the donations that were collected for RAFT in November. The people at RAFT were so happy to receive all the useful and needed items. It's wonderful to show the displaced teens that they matter.



The next "Sew Days" will be January 9 and February 13, 2025.



Meals on Wheels

In early December, 120 placemats and Christmas Cards were delivered to the Niagara Falls Meals on Wheels. We had a lovely response from Marianne thanking us for thinking of them and expressing the great pleasure their clients had upon receiving them.

That same day, 169 placemats were delivered to the St. Catharine's Meals on Wheels which were added to the 105 that they had on site from last year. Christmas Cards were included with these placemats.

Thank you all for heeding our distress call for help so that we could meet our goal.

Your continued support has made a difference in the lives of others.

Happy Sewing and Happy New Year

Gloria and Sharree



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Niagara Heritage Quilters Guild,
c/o Sharree Eidt

December 11, 2024

Dear Ladies:

I have the privilege of thanking you on behalf of the clients of Meals on Wheels for the beautiful placemats you made for them - complete with cards - for Christmas. They were very touched by your kindness and thoughtfulness.

Your placemats will be used year round and I'm sure we will see them on the kitchen tables of our recipients from now until next Christmas! They were very appreciative of receiving something made especially for them. It's difficult for most of us to realize, but it's a sad fact that some of our folks don't have anyone to bring them goodies or gifts at Christmas, so I know how much your placemats meant to them.

We have had inquiries of how they could send you notes of thanks, but I have assured them I would do so on their behalf.

Once again, thanks so much for remembering the Meals on Wheels clients this Christmas. Your kindness was very much appreciated.

Happy Quilting!

Yours truly,

M/

Marianne McRae
Executive Director



Take time to make your soul happy 

NHQG PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS

2025 Calendar of Events

| Date | Name | Trunkshow | Workshop |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| January 22 | Lynda Iannandrea Donna Pree | Sashiko Wool Flowers | N/A |
| February 26-27 | Al Cote | Modern Quilt Design | Curved Piecing |
| March 26-27 | Patti's Patchwork | Interesting Quilts from Unusual Fabrics | Conquer Curvaceous Blocks |
| April 23 rd | Pauline Grondin | Piecing Together Canada's History Through Quilts | N/A |
| April 24 th | Maureen Augerman | | Quilted Vest / Jacket |
| May 28 th | NHQG | AGM | |

Happy New Year from the Program Committee! We were glad to hear that everyone enjoyed our November meeting. The Christmas crafts were all lovely and the feast of holiday treats delicious.

The Al Cote Thursday workshop was completely full before the end of the meeting. There are only 7 spaces remaining in the Friday workshop which will be at Trinity Christian Reformed Church, 1230 Old Martindale Road, St. Catharine's rather than the Fonthill Legion.



There is still time to sign up for the January activities. Lynda Iannandrea will be teaching us the art of Sashiko Stitching. Donna Pree will show us how to make wool flowers and Carol McRae will take us on an adventurous tour of our own NHQG website.

If you didn't choose an activity at the November meeting, please send an email to me at jchristie@execulink.com so that I can add your name to the list and ensure that these ladies have enough materials for all who wish to participate.

Our October Workshop produced 40 pillowcases for Gillian's Place. After learning how to make them, I went home and produced 4 more for my grandchildren. Thank you, Gloria!



Our October meeting found us welcoming Theresa Sonnenberg who encouraged us to embrace yellow. She brought us a tremendous number of quilts to share and kept our white glove ladies hopping. I chose a few of my favorites to include in this newsletter.

I am partial to parrots.



March will bring Patti Carey to us. Her trunk show on March 25th, 2025, will feature Interesting Quilts from Unusual Fabrics. Her workshop the next day is called Conquering Curvaceous Quilt Blocks. You will be able to sign up for her workshop at the January meeting.

Maureen Augerman will be bringing her talents to a Jacket and Vest workshop in April. More about that in the next newsletter.



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Word Bank

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| 1. midnight | 2. mistletoe | 3. new | 4. year |
| 5. traditions | 6. clause | 7. presents | 8. gifts |
| 9. toy | 10. bells | 11. santa | 12. tree |
| 13. noel | 14. nativity | 15. snowflake | 16. family |
| 17. friends | 18. resolutions | 19. stocking | 20. ornaments |
| 21. christmas | 22. celebration | | |