



Niagara Heritage Quilters' Guild

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Meeting Location: **Royal Canadian Legion**
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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

SCENT FREE

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BRING WITH YOU:

- 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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DOORS OPEN 6:15 MEETING STARTS PROMPTLY AT 7 PM

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I hope that everyone has had a wonderful summer and had time to relax with family, friends, or in your community. Summer is a great time to enjoy the beautiful country we live in or maybe you were able to see another part of the world. Summer for me is also a time when I like to reflect on the past year and start preparing for the new season. That is probably still the teacher in me, and I enjoy learning new skills. "Slow stitching" was one adventure I went on. I kept thinking I could do this quicker with the sewing machine, but at a boat-access-only cottage with no hydro, I could only work with fabric scraps, thread, and a needle. I needed to slow down and enjoy the process. During that week I made a rice bag with only hand stitching. I also enjoyed participating in the Quilt 2024 Summer Camp online. It sparked some creativity and what if questions. So, the what if question is this. What if every guild member makes a fabric postcard and brings it to our first meeting in September? An email went out in August inviting everyone to create a fabric post card or two. In case you missed it see page 4. You can also check the internet for more ideas. We will play a quick game to mix up the cards and hopefully everyone goes home with a fabric postcard. I encourage all of you to make one or two, bring a friend to the meeting, and let others know about our wonderful guild.

We have an exciting year planned with many opportunities for community building, learning, creativity and sharing. I am looking forward to seeing all of you in September.

Irene Bootsma

PAST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to a new guild year. I hope you all had a wonderful summer.

Thanks to Lynda Iannadrea's hard work we have a full and strong executive. As the past president it is now my turn to recruit volunteers for the next two years.

I want to thank those guild members who have stepped up to the plate this year. We have new committee chairs, and committee members. We are looking forward to getting to know you and work with you.

There is always room for members to join a committee and you don't have to wait for the May AGM to do so.

-Carol McRae



2024/2025 EXECUTIVE

As of August 12, 2024

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
		Raft	Julie Bayza
Membership	Towana McMeekin		Tania Malaschenko
	Jane Ann Morland		
Program & Workshops	Jean Christie		Luci Ronald
	Coby DeJonge		Judy Yovanovich
Publicity	Carol McRae	Newsletter	Pat Andres
		Newsletter Mailing	Lynne McDonald
		E-Mail Blasts	Carol McRae
		Website	Sue Moskal
		Facebook	Jean Christie
Scholarship	Dorothy DeRose		Anne Converset
			Marlene Paulak
			Carolanne Danch
Special Events	Gloria Simon		
	Marty Crowder		
White Gloves & Greeters	Donna Rauscher		

If I stitch fast enough, does it count as aerobic exercise?

Fabric Postcard Swap

September 25, 2024



Please come to our guild meeting with a prepared fabric postcard to swap.

- Bring a fabric postcard and leave the meeting with another creative card.
- Place your card on the display table at the beginning of the meeting for all to admire.
- If you bring a friend, please make two cards so that no one is left out.
- If you bring three cards, we can use the extras for thank you cards, etc.

Finished size should be postcard size (4" x 6")

Preparation

Please check out these free tutorials.

https://shop.sarahruiz.com/collection_s/postcards This is the tutorial I used.

You need to download your own free pdf tutorial. Very simple to do.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x_tlGFdexJD0 (this one uses fabric for the back of the card, but you can use cardstock as well)

This is a great way to try out something new in a small way. Sashiko? English paper piecing? Foundation paper piecing? Fabric painting? Slow stitching? Maybe use a discarded square and make something new out of it?

Game

We will swap our postcards during a game at the meeting.

Make a few extra for guests, or if someone forgot to take theirs to the meeting.

GIVING BACK

The Community Quilters' have been busy this summer. We have continued to meet each month and have made progress with the fabric we have on hand.

Sharree and I also delivered 20 quilts to the YWCA Women's Shelter and 16 quilts to the Kristin French Advocacy Centre. An additional quilt was also sent to Ukraine.

We have also started setting aside fabrics for the October 24th workshop where we will be making pillowcases for the Women's Shelter and Gillian's Place along with placemats for Meals on Wheels. I look forward to working together with you on these.

The "sew days" continue on the second Thursday of the month. The next one is scheduled for September 12 and then October 10.

Neonatal Quilts: The families and staff at the St. Catharine's neonatal appreciate our quilt donations. Since the beginning of 2024, Donna Murray has delivered 87 quilts. Many thanks for your support of this project.

Happy Sewing, Gloria Meyer



NHQG PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS

2024 - 2025 Calendar of Events

Coby and I, along with Luci and Judy are excited to unveil the program for the 2024/25 year. I hope that there will be something for everyone to get excited about.

Date	Name	Trunk Show	Workshop
September 25 th	Steven Clark	A Journey of 20 Stitches	N/A
October 23 rd	Theresa Sonnenberg	Learning to Love Yellow	N/A
October 24 th	NHQG Giving Back		Placemats/Pillowcases
November 27 th	Christmas Social		More Info to Follow
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		

September 25th – Guest Speaker

STEVEN CLARK - A JOURNEY OF 20 STITCHES

Steven was introduced to almost every fibre artistry there is at an early age, long before it was "cool" for boys. He graduated with a degree in Fashion Technique and Design leading to his exploring even more creative avenues with crossovers from multiple creative fields. He found his passion in quilting over 8 years ago. He believes in pushing ourselves creatively, and that we should never stop playing and learning. "Quilting isn't about rules, it's about passion, having fun and sharing a piece of yourself in everything you do." He is a strong advocate for quilt guilds, and that enthusiasm is what convinced us to invite him to speak to our guild as we begin our year. <https://stevenclarkdesigns.com>



Steven Clark

Owner and operator of Steven Clark Designs

October 23rd – Guest Speaker

THERESA SONNENBERG - LEARNING TO LOVE YELLOW



Theresa Sonnenberg is a life-long resident of Norfolk County. After 35 years as a teacher and school administrator, she retired in 2006 and began her quilting journey. She quickly realized how much there was to learn and began building her skills by taking workshops with such eminent teachers as Kaffe Fassett, Jane Sassaman, Elly Senkiewicz, Sue Spargo and Elaine Quehl. Years of work in her perennial gardens translated into bolder experimentation with colour in her quilts. An avid interest in auction sales led to collections of vintage fabrics, embroidery, ribbons, antique buttons and beading which became beautiful quilt embellishments. Her presentation “Learning to Love Yellow” documents this journey with more than 30 quilts, wall-hangings and other lovely projects with a few personal anecdotes tossed in to amuse and inspire you.

October 24th Placemats and Pillowcases Sew Day

A maximum of 18 people will be able to participate in this program making placemats for Meals on Wheels and pillowcases for Gillian's Place. Reserve your spot with a fee of \$10. at the September meeting or on our website with an e-transfer to payments@niagaraquiltersguild.com. Coffee, tea and cookies will be provided.

November 27th Christmas in November

We are planning an evening of Christmas crafting again. We heard that you all enjoyed the crafts we planned last year and hope we can repeat that fun evening to start the festive season in style. We hope to have sign-up sheets for the September meeting.



SCHOLARSHIP REPORT



Your scholarship team is happy to report that all our efforts in updating the scholarship process from properly naming it, updating the application form, communications to the schools and the final selection process, has not been in vain. This year we received 13 scholarship applications, all with outstanding grades, portfolios, and references.

Our 2024 Scholarship recipient is Kayleigh Gillies. Kayleigh graduated from Lakeshore Catholic High School and will be attending Niagara College. She intends to study welding and metalworking in the Welding Technician Program. She chose this program to further her creative abilities and use it as a stepping stone in prop and set design. Kayleigh is an outstanding student and is highly recommended for this scholarship by her visual arts teacher.

MEMBERSHIP

Hi Everyone,

I am Towana McMeekin along with Jane Ann Morland, your new Co-chairs of Membership. Also, helping is Tania Malaschenko. If you have any questions about your membership, we will be at the general meeting sign in table.

IT IS NOT TO LATE; our membership form is attached to this newsletter and is also available on our website. It can be completed online or print the form and mailed in. We will also have copies at the membership table. If you do not have a name tag and wish to purchase one, please let us know at the September meeting and we will put in an order for you. Looking forward to meeting you all again in September for another fun-filled year of quilting fun and laughter.

Sew long for now,

Towana McMeekin and Jane Ann Morland



Niagara Heritage Quilters' Guild Membership 2024 – 2025

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Last Name _____ First Name _____

Type of membership: New Renewal Charter Lifetime

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

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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 in order 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 _____

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Fall at Kindred Spirits

- **Fall 2024 Class Newsletter - Coming Soon!**
 - Registration opening soon for technique classes, project classes, and more! Join our email list today so you don't miss when registration opens
- **Upcoming Virtual Handi Quilter Classes**
 - Overview of Pro-Stitcher Designer - Lets Digitize September 3, 6:30pm - 8:30pm
 - Going Forward with Pro-Stitcher Designer - Lets make more from our designs September 17, 6:30pm - 8:30pm
- **Handi Quilter Hands on Event, October 17 - 19**
 - Stay tuned for more details

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