



## **Niagara Heritage Quilters' Guild General Meeting Minutes January 22, 2025**

Location: Royal Canadian Legion, 141 Hwy #20 E. Fonthill, ON

The meeting was opened by our President Irene at 7 pm with a thank you to greeters and a warm welcome to 5 new members signed in this evening and 3 guests.

Coby our Co-Chair of Workshops & Programs introduced the workshops for the evening. Due to an unexpected illness, Carol was unable to hold her workshop on the website. Donna was set up at the back to guide everyone in free-form wool flowers, and Lynda was at the front to introduce the art of Japanese Sashiko to those interested.

Everyone was asked to bring a chair to the area they were signed up for or to fit in where they could if not signed up.

At 7:55 Jean our Co-Chair of Workshops & Programs announced that the workshops were closing and then she thanked Donna and Lynda for doing the workshops.

Our President, Irene welcomed everyone to shop at the back of the room where Susan had fabric for sale from her friend and quilt member, Barb who had passed away recently. The proceeds of the sale were to go to our Giving Back community work.

She also invited members to shop for patterns at the Community Quilts table with Gloria and Sharree to also aid in the Giving Back fundraising.

A 15-minute break followed.

Irene called the meeting back to order and thanked Susan for setting up the sale of Barbs fabric. Susan reported a \$175 profit for Giving Back.

Thanks, were also extended to Gloria and Sharree for holding the pattern sale and they reported a profit of about \$130.

To begin the business meeting, Treasurer Theresa gave an update of the November and December bank activity.

In the absence of Past President Carol, Irene asked the members to think about volunteering for the election committee to help Carol with this year's election. Anyone that can help can get in touch with Carol or Irene.

Gloria our Giving Back Chair reported that 20 quilts and 30 pillow slips had been delivered to YWCA before Christmas. They were warmly received and appreciated. She said that the Kristen French Advocacy Centre had indicated they had a fair supply of quilts. A note Gloria received, that she shared with the members, told how a little girl chose a quilt over a teddy bear at the centre and remarked that it was the prettiest blanket she had ever seen. Everyone's heart was warmed to realize the difference the work of the guild had an impact on little lives. Sharree reminded everyone that it's not too early to get placemats started for next Christmas. The next Sew Day is February 13th.

This month's winners:

The 50/50 draw saw Janie win \$68.

The Loonie Draw had four prizes.

The first winner was Chris.

The second was Joanne.

The third was Diane.

and the fourth was Donna.

Program and Workshops Co-chair Jean started her report by thanking Donna and Lynda for running this evening's workshops. She also acknowledged the hard work of the people that ran workshops at our Christmas meeting in November, Gloria, Coby, Lynn, and herself.

Jean announced that the two workshops in February for Al Cote are full.

Patty Carey from Collingwood will be our special guest in March and will be offering a workshop March 27th. The price is \$50, and she encouraged members to sign up tonight.

Vice President Maureen will be doing a quilted jacket workshop in April.

Jean said that she had several requests for her committee to arrange a bus to go to Quilt Canada in June. A show of hands showed great interest in them proceeding.

President Irene reminded us that there is a quilt display in March at the St. Catharines library to promote our guild. She asked everyone to try to get in to see it and spread the word to others.

Vice President Maureen asked if there were any questions about the VP Challenge and confirmed that the maximum perimeter was to not exceed 200”.

For Show and Tell, Gloria showed a pillow cover she made using the hexagons from circles that was demonstrated at the November meeting. Chris showed two quilts from Covid projects that got completed and Gloria showed 7 quilts that had been donated to Community Quilts tonight.

Irene closed the meeting by thanking tonight's White Glove ladies and thanking everyone for coming out on this cold night. Then she introduced Gloria for our evening-ending joke to send us on our way laughing.