



**Niagara Heritage Quilters' Guild
General Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2025**

Location: Royal Canadian Legion, 141 Hwy 20, Fonthill, ON

The meeting was opened by our President Irene at 7pm with a special thank you to the greeters this meeting, Joanne and Doreen. Irene welcomed our 8 visitors and 71 members and thanked everyone for coming out this beautiful evening.

Program co-chairman Jean was called to introduce this evening's speaker, Patti Carey. Patti's trunk show was "Interesting Quilts from Unusual Fabrics". Patti's return visit was long overdue, and she wowed everyone with her creations for her work with Northcott Fabrics.

Coby co-chairman of Program and Workshops thanked Patti Carey on behalf of the guild.

President Irene announced a ten-minute break for mingling and talking to Patti and looking at her quilts. She encouraged our visitors to stay for the rest of the evening as they would find the business section of the meeting interesting.

Irene called on Theresa to give the treasurer's report. Theresa reported on the income and expenses of February. Theresa brought to the membership's attention that the proceeds of the 50/50 draw, in support of the yearly Scholarship are falling short of the \$1000 target for the year.

Past President Carol reported the newly formed election committee included Maureen and Donna. She reported that two executive positions were open, Vice President and Secretary, and that a committee chairman had to be found for Archives, Program and Workshops. Also, the Fundraising committee was looking for help at the fundraising tables. Help is also needed with the Website. She encouraged everyone to not be shy and participate.

Giving Back Co-Chair, Gloria reported that the turn out for the Sew Day in March was fabulous and that the next Sew Day would be April 10th. She had received two boxes of fabric donations from this evening's speaker, Patti Carey.

The 50/50 draw was held for a prize of \$86.50 and the winner was Marcia. The Loonie Draw prizes went to Ann, Joanne, Ticket # 5463, and Shannon.

Program and Workshop Co-Chairs Jean and Coby mentioned that there was still room in tomorrow's workshop with Patti Carey. Our speaker in April will be Pauline Grondin who will present her trunk show "Piecing Together Canada's History Through Quilts". Jean encouraged everyone to come and enjoy this interesting and informative show. Also, in April Maureen will be holding a workshop on a Quilted Jacket. Spaces were still available.

Coby announced arrangements had been made for a bus trip to the CQA conference on Thursday June 19th. Cost would be \$119 and would include a luxury coach ride to Toronto leaving at 8am and returning at 5:30. Also included is the entry fee into the show. Bookings could be arranged through the CAA office. Our Publicity Chair Carol would put the details on the website. The committee expressed their appreciation for everyone that filled out the workshop survey for them and said the information would be helpful in planning next year's program.

Our President Irene reminded everyone that the guild's Quilt Display at the St. Catharines Library would be there only until the end of March.

Irene asked Fran to speak about a group of members that are working on "Dear Jane Quilts". Fran showed a Dear Jane from 1863 with 169 blocks in it and explained that the original Dear Jane can be seen in Vermont during the month of September. A finished quilt made by member Maureen Morrison dazzled the audience. Members involved in the group wandered through showing their beautiful work and anyone interested in joining were encouraged to talk to one of them.

Irene called on members to bring up their Show and Tell and thanked the white glove volunteers for the evening.

Four members showed their projects from the Al Cote workshops in February. Seven members shared their stories and projects, and five quilts that were donated to Community Outreach were shared with the members.

President Irene thanked everyone for coming and asked that they spread the word about the guild.

Gloria told a funny joke to send us on our way with a smile.