

Niagara Heritage Quilters' Guild

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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

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Community Quilts

Placemats

Neonatal Quilts

Show and Tell Quilts

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I am surprised how fast my first year as president has gone by. When I left the AGM meeting last year, after accepting the role of president, I kept asking myself, what have I done? Can I do this? With the support of an amazing executive committee helping me and the encouragement of a wonderful guild every month, it has been a blessing to serve as president of the NHQG this year.

Thank you for filling out the program and workshop survey last month. The committee is busy planning next year's program, and I am sure that you will be inspired again by various speakers. Please read this newsletter and the website for information about your guild. You will learn about every committee and what they are working on to keep you up to date with the guild. This is also the time to renew your membership for next year and to encourage other quilters to join you every month. I encourage you to reach out to guild members you don't know well at the meetings. When you begin to share who you are, your quilting knowledge or experiences, you will encourage others to do the same.

Here is a paragraph that I recently found in my searches about building community in guilds:

"For a quilting guild, "tapestry of life" refers to the idea that individual lives, like separate threads, are woven together to create a rich and meaningful whole. It emphasizes the interconnectedness of experiences, friendships, and community within the guild, where each member contributes their unique perspective and skills to a shared artistic expression."

Our guild is a community of quilters who work together to also bless others in our community. Please continue to find ways to add to our community quilts, pillowcases, Meals on Wheels placemats, scholarship fund, etc. throughout the year. Have a wonderful summer!

Irene Bootsma

TREASURER'S REPORT

Another year is coming to a close very soon with summer just around the corner. Time to relax and enjoy the outdoors. It is a privilege to be your treasurer keeping track of the guild funds. I'm looking forward to another great year as your treasurer. I hope you all have a great summer. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in September.

Happy quilting, Theresa Bell

2024/2025 EXECUTIVE

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

CHAIRS & COMMITTEE

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		
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			Marlene Paulak
			Carolanne Danch
Special Events	Gloria Simon		
	Marty Crowder		
White Gloves & Greeters	Donna Rauscher		

VICE_PRESIDENT

The last 2 years have been very enjoyable. We created a display promoting our guild at the St. Catharines Public Library Central Branch for the month of March 2025. We received a fantastic response from staff and visitors.

2025 VP Challenge: Quilters' Soup. Our members brought in canning jars filled with fabric strips. We received 27 jars to distribute to members. Looking forward to seeing all projects submitted by April 23 and the prize winners announced at the May AGM.

Maureen Augerman

PAST PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

The May AGM is just around the corner. This means election time.

Based on the Constitution and this being an uneven numbered year we need to elect a Vice President & Secretary. You can nominate yourself or a fellow member.

We also need an Archive Chair and a Program & Workshop Co-Chair. Committee members needed for Fundraising & Publicity. Please Volunteer.



Carol McRae

ARCHIVES

In accordance with the Niagara Heritage Quilters' Guild Record retention procedures, the archives for the guild from 2018-present are stored in binders. and/or on USB sticks. Any previous files will be disposed of with the authorization of the executive.

Future files are to be named in accordance with the Future File Naming proposal, dated April 8, 2025, which was passed by the executive.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharree Eidt

GIVING BACK

We have been a busy group this past year. Since July 2024, a total of 83 quilts and 58 pillowcases along with all the neonatal quilts and placemats for Meals on Wheels, have been gifted to those in need. We have also benefited from several significant fabric donations that we continue to work through.

I encourage everyone to continue to support these initiatives throughout the summer.

Thank you everyone for your participation.

Gloria Meyer and Sharree Eidt

Meals on Wheels Placemats

Meals on Wheels is an organization which provides a hot or frozen nutritious meal, once a day, from Monday to Friday to the area shut-ins and seniors in their homes. Each year the guild donates homemade placemats to this organization who then distributes them at Christmas. Quite often this is the only present the recipient receives.

The Giving Back committee has canvassed the different municipalities in the Niagara Region and discovered that the town of Fort Erie has not been receiving any placemats and Port Colborne may not be able to reach all their clients this year. We would like to meet this need, along with St Catharines, Niagara Falls and Niagara-on-the-Lake, and have set a goal of 350 placemats this year.

The following are suggestions for making the placemats. However, it is important to adhere to the size and use 100% cotton.

1. The finished size should measure about 12" x 17". You may choose any design you wish.
2. Reversible mats with Christmas fabric on one side and another fabric on the other is great fun.
3. Appliqué a cut out from a large print on background fabric and add borders.
4. Use an orphan block or a log cabin block and add borders.
5. They don't have to be Christmas themed.
6. Get together with a couple of friends for coffee, chit chat and sew.

Last year we made over 250 placemats which were greatly appreciated by the recipients. Let's work together to meet this 2025 challenge.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharree Eidt



PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS

What a fascinating year we have had. We started the year out with Steven Clark and his lovely quilts. Steven is a great advocate of quilt guilds, and we enjoyed hearing about his quilting journey.



October brought us Theresa Sonnenberg and her "Learning to Love Yellow" trunk show. Her vast array of quilts kept our white glove ladies busy, showing off her delightful and varied assortment, including some beautiful parrots.



Our October workshop produced over 40 pillowcases that were delivered to Gillian's Place and the YWCA Women's Shelter. We also worked on placemats for Meals on Wheels that same day. Members were also asked to make more at home.

November had us enjoying both sweet and savory treats while we worked on a variety of Christmas crafts in anticipation of the approaching holiday season.

We started the New Year off with sessions of Sashiko and Wool Flowers. Unfortunately, our very own webmaster was unable to be with us, but she promises to do a presentation in the future.

February brought us our long-awaited visit from Al Cote. We filled Trinity Christian Reformed Church with members and 27 guests that evening. His quilts are truly works of art and we were all suitably impressed. We had such demand for spots in Al's workshop that we asked him to conduct a second one that we also filled. We were able to find spots for 5 guests to take Al's workshop.



In March, we welcomed Patti Carey and her trunk show "Interesting Quilts from Unusual Fabrics" Her ways with panels were interesting and inspiring at the same time. Those of us who attended her workshop were empowered to conquer curves and learned that "If it doesn't fit, make it fit! You are in charge!"



By the time you read this newsletter we would have enjoyed Pauline Grondin a professional storyteller, historian, and quilter.

The finale to our 2024-25 season will be the bus tour to Quilt Canada, arranged in response to members' requests. CAA has already filled one bus and added a second. If there is enough interest, they will add a third. The price of \$119. includes all taxes and gratuities, as well as admission to the show. If you cannot attend on June 19th, the Dunnville DOTS are going on the 20th and Hamilton Guild is considering a bus for 21st. They may have room for you.

The Program Committee would like to thank everyone who completed our survey in March. We have read them all and compiled the results. They will be very useful to help us plan for next year and the year after.

Jean Christie, Coby DeJonge, and Luci Ronald

"Quilting is the perfect blend of art and engineering."

Unknown

MEMBERSHIP

Well, I can hardly believe a year has passed since we took over the membership committee. Hopefully we are through with the growing pains, and we have streamlined the process of membership renewal and registration for the upcoming year.

There is a new membership form to be complete, that we will be able to use for three years unless your information changes. The new membership form is a two-sided form. The front of the form is to be completed by the member. The back side of the form is for administrative use only. All members must complete this form.

If you need any help filling it out, please speak up, we are always happy to assist anyone.

A couple of things to remember:

- Cost of membership for 2025-2026 has not changed.
- If you are paying in cash, it would be helpful to have the correct amount.
- If you are paying by e-transfer, please indicate "MEMBERSHIP" in the message section of your e-transfer.

Please print clearly on your membership form.

We will do our best to make sure we understand it correctly.

(E.g. do your 5's look like S's)

- Only one telephone number is now required, so please make sure it is the one that you can be reached at. It doesn't matter if it is your cell or home number.
- Please volunteer to help by checking off one of the following: Greeter, White Gloves, and Community Quilts.
- The next question deals with your privacy. If you do not want your information listed on the membership list, provided to members only, please check NO. Please note that your information will appear on a membership list for executive use only.

If you have any questions regarding the new membership form, please feel free to contact Jane Ann or Towana.

Towana McMeekin / Jane Ann Morland (Membership co-chairs)



New Membership Form



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Spring is the start of the busy season for quilting events! Come see Kindred Spirits out and about at the Stitches In Time Quilt Show at the end of May as well as Quilt Canada in June.

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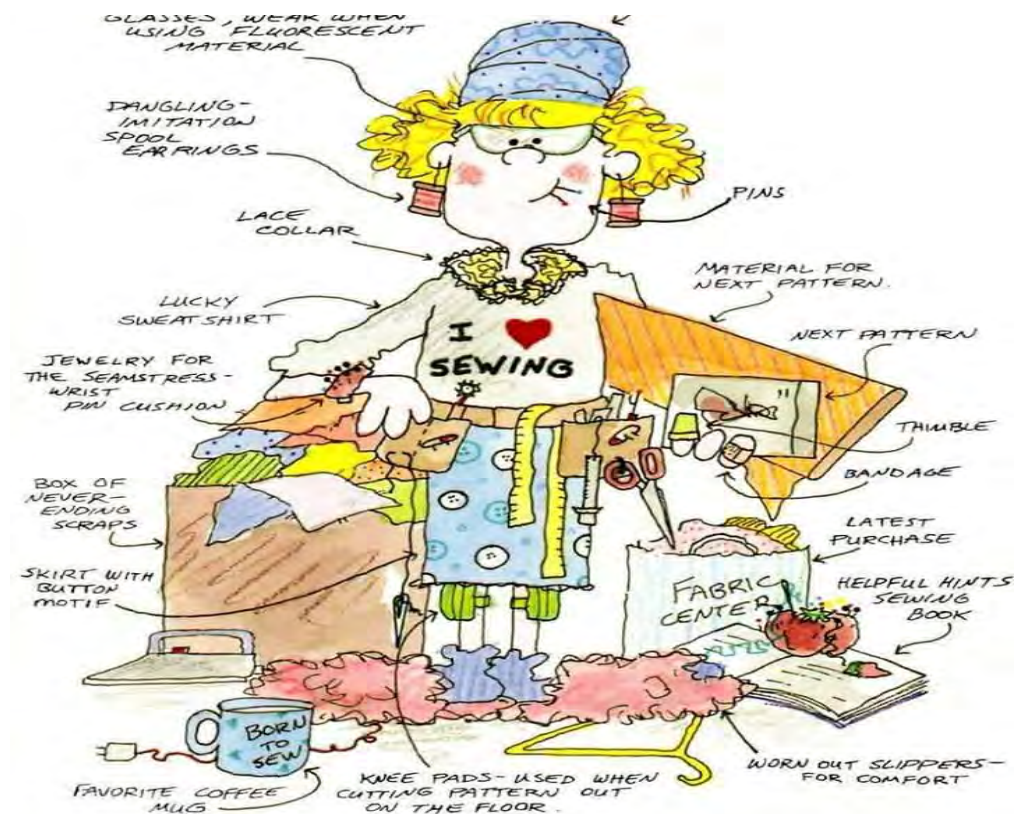
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Niagara Heritage Quilters' Guild (NHQG)

Membership Registration Form

Payment may be made by Cash, Cheque (payable to Niagara Heritage Quilters' Guild)
or E-transfer to (payments@niagaraquiltersguild.com)

Please print clearly. This information is used for Members list and name tags

Name

Address

Street # and Mailing Address

City

Postal Code

Contact Phone #

E-mail Address

Just as it takes many stitches to complete a quilt, it takes many hands to share the
work of our guild. Please indicate your interest in helping with one or more of the
Guild activities. Please check your preferences.

Greeter

White Gloves

Community Quilts

Please read and circle applicable choice.

Do you wish to have your information published on the membership information list
that is distributed to all members.

YES

NO

Signature

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Membership Fee	\$45	\$	Method	
Before June 30th				
Membership Fee	\$50	\$	Cash	Cheque
After June 30th.				
Name Tag	\$12		Date Received	
ToTal Paid		\$	Membership Card Issued	
Type Of Membership	New	Renew	Lifetime	Student
Executive use only 2026-2027				
Membership Fee	\$	\$	Method	
Before June 30th.				
Membership Fee	\$	\$	Cash	Cheque
After June 30th.				
Name Tag	\$		Date Received	
ToTal Paid		\$	Membership Card Issued	
Type Of Membership	New	Renew	Lifetime	Student
Executive use only 2027-2028				
Membership Fee	\$	\$	Method	
Before June 30th.				
Membership Fee	\$	\$	Cash	Cheque
After June 30th.				
Name Tag	\$		Date Received	
ToTal Paid		\$	Membership Card Issued	
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