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General Meeting Dates

Fourth Wednesday of the Month

September 24, 2025

October 22, 2025

November 19, 2025 (Third Wednesday)

January 28, 2026

February 25, 2026

March 25, 2026

April 22, 2026

May 27, 2026

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Show and Tell Quilts

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I hope that everyone has had a wonderful summer and had time to relax with family, friends, or in your community. We certainly enjoyed many hot summer days in the Niagara Region. As an executive committee, we have been busy working out all the details for beginning our new season in a new location. We are excited to announce that we will now be meeting in the Meridian Community Centre in Fonthill (100 Meridian Way, Fonthill, ON L0S 1E6). It is a wonderful community building that offers a bright and functional meeting room on the second floor. There are elevators as well as stairs to get to the second floor.

As I previously introduced during the AGM in May, we will be celebrating the new guild year with a gift exchange activity. Please find a quilting book (method book, novel, etc.) that you would like to donate to someone. It can be an extra copy you have at home, or a new book. Just not a book that is outdated and you want to get rid of. Remember, you will also be receiving a new book that evening. Please make a quilted bookmark and place it in the book, as well as wrapping it up in an attractive way. Here is an idea for the bookmark: <https://youtu.be/s8nH3QYhJj8?si=cBRvXDf2eB6YYlua>.

If you are bringing a guest, please consider donating an extra gift. The executive members will also be making a few extra for any guests. I encourage all of you to participate in this activity as we celebrate a new guild year, in a new facility.

With change there also comes changes in routines and setups. Please allow the executive members to set up the new space between 6:00 and 6:30. The doors to the meeting room will be opened at 6:30 and the meeting will start at 7:00. If you are a little early, check out the Meridian Community Centre. There is even a cafe on the second floor, called Mike's Place, where you can purchase a coffee/tea or something to enjoy during the evening. We have an exciting year planned with many opportunities for community building, learning, creativity and sharing. Please take time to read the newsletter which has important information. The web page is another great resource for finding out more about our guild. I am looking forward to seeing all of you in September.

Irene Bootsma – President

FUNDRAISING

With the movement of the Guild Meetings to a new venue we are looking at different ways to raise funds for our Scholarship, Giving Back and additions to our General Account. At present the 50/50 Draw and Loonie Draw are on hold as we solidify the best ways of raising funds for the Guild.

We will keep you informed as we move forward.

Respectively Submitted,

Debbie Hipple Fundraising Chair

VICE PRESIDENT MESSAGE

For those of you who don't know me, I am your new Vice-President, Dorothy DeRose. I have been quilting for over 30 years and generally make quite traditional quilts but have from time to time branched out to art and modern quilts.

I have the pleasure of setting the Vice-President's challenge for this coming guild year and I have chosen to set an "ugly" fabric challenge. Everyone wishing to participate will be asked to bring in half a meter (in one piece) of what they consider to be "ugly" fabric. "Ugly", just like beauty, is in the eye of the beholder and what you might not like the next person might absolutely adore. ***The fabric will be brought to the November meeting and redistributed at random to all those who wish to participate.*** More information will be provided in the next newsletter and at the October guild meeting. I just wanted to set your minds to thinking about this challenge. You can look through your stash to find that piece of fabric that you now don't like, or you have time to go and buy something that you find "ugly". That way we will all be ready for the challenge to begin in November.

Dorothy DeRose

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome members!

We can't believe September is just around the corner. I'm sure we are all excited to be moving over to the Meridian Center. Hope everyone can adjust to the changes, especially the membership sign in table. September is usually a very hectic month, and we appreciate your patience in advance.

Just a reminder that you are required to sign in at every meeting mainly for insurance purposes and in case of an emergency.

If you have not sent in your renewal, please do so as soon as possible.

Good things are happening!!!

Welcome to all new members. It looks like we have a full year planned with many interesting guest speakers and workshops. Hope you'll be able to attend some of them.

If you have any questions, be sure to ask someone, Jane and I are always available at the sign in table.

If you wish to purchase a membership badge, I will be ordering them October 1 and February 1 the cost is \$12.50. We also have the magnetic backs which are available at the cost of two dollars each.

Looking forward to a great year.

*Towana (Co-chair)
Jane Ann (Co-chair)*

2025/2026 EXECUTIVE

As of June 1, 2025

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		Neonatal Quilts	Gloria & Sharree
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GIVING BACK

Community Quilts

The following donations were made on behalf of the guild in June 2025:

20 quilts to the YWCA

20 quilts to Gillian's Place

47 Neo-Natal quilts to the Marotta Family Hospital

The Community Quilts group met in July and focused on making placemats. They cut, pieced, and sewed several mats and prepped others for future sewing.

August saw a small number of people meeting but more finished quilts were received and recorded ready for donating. More tops were planned.

Meals on Wheels

Many of you have been busy during our summer heat making placemats which is greatly appreciated.

The placemat workshop will be held Saturday, November 1, 2025, from 10-3 pm where the Community Quilts committee meets in St. Catharines. More information regarding this workshop will be shared at our first guild meeting in September.

Neo-Natal Quilts

Please continue to sew quilts for our Special Care Babies. Check the NHQG website under the Giving Back tab for instructions.

Pillowcases

The YWCA and Gillian's Place have a great need for the handmade pillowcases. They greatly appreciate these donations, as these locations have limited amounts of linens on site.

Stay cool everyone. See you in September.

Gloria Meyer & Sharree Eidt Co-Chairs



NHQG PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS

2025 - 2026 Calendar of Events

Date	Name	Trunkshow	Workshop
September 24	Tania Denyer	Creative Quilts	
October 22	Lorna Costantini	Modern Big Stitch Quilting	
October 23	Lorna Costantini		Afternoon 3 hours Big Stitch Quiltling
November 19	Christmas Social		
January 28,2026	TBA		
February 25	Anita Hardison Carol McRae	Disappearing Pinwheels NHQG Website	
February 26	Maureen Morrison		Handstitching
March 25	Member Vendor Night		
March 26	Lynne Wilkinson		Notions Bag
April 22	Peter Byrne	Peter 6 years later	
April 23	Debra Rolfe		Stack and Whack
May 27	AGM		

PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS

Wasn't the bus trip to Quilt Canada a blast! Thanks to Louise Dalrymple for suggesting it and to Coby deJonge and the staff at CAA for putting it all together. Participants were entertained by their bus hostesses along the route. They also took home prizes and gifts and hopefully memories of a great experience. My pictures did not do the show justice, but I must show the quilt that moved me most. This won "Best in Show". It depicts the three stages of a forest fire. The "artist", Wanda Lumsden, is from Chilliwack B.C. and if I remember correctly, I was told that there had been a fire in that area a few years before.

If you'd like to know more about this work of art please go to <http://canadianquilter.com/after-the-fires-best-in-show/> Her story is fascinating.



Moving on to upcoming events, be sure to join us at our new location on Wednesday September 24th for a presentation by Tania Denyer. Tania is a textile artist and illustrator with a foundation in quilting. Fabric and thread are her preferred canvas and paint, and her favorite question is "I wonder what this would look like in fabric?" Tania recently received a City of Hamilton artist grant and will be creating a textile art series featuring food found on the street, entitled "I wonder what happened here?" Tania firmly believes that textile art deserves

its place alongside all other forms of art, and that quilters have considerable skills and knowledge to contribute. Tania lives in Hamilton where her explorations of the city and interactions with its varied and often creative citizens, contributes to and continues to inspire her art. You can find her work on Instagram @tania.create and @tania.illustrates.



On October 22nd, we will welcome Niagara's own Lorna Costantini.

Lorna's presentation **Modern Big Stitch** centers around her beginning steps in quilting to creating modern quilts enhanced with Big Stitch Hand Quilting. If Big Stitch hand quilting is not in your basket of quilting skills, Lorna's presentation will introduce you to the joy of this technique. You will have the opportunity to learn the basics and see these work in both traditional and modern quilts. She shares tools, materials, and hints for success that will get you started.

Lorna is a quilter, pattern designer and teacher located in St. Catharines, Ontario. She is a graduate of the University of Guelph with a major in clothing textiles and design. She is retired from selling houses and school board governance but never retired from a passion for all things fabric, thread, and yarn.

Designing children's clothing, smocking, and knitting molded her career into pattern design. With a penchant for computer technology, she started designing her first pattern with a "Row by Row" pattern for Modern Bee in 2015 and has since built a business designing and selling quilt patterns. Her patterns and classes are often designed as a canvas for Walking Foot and Big Stitch Hand Quilting. Lorna is a founding member of the Niagara Modern Quilt Guild and served as the president in 2021/2022. Gramma to seven wonderful grandchildren and Mother to four equally wonderful children, she uses her quilting skills to keep them wrapped with love. Find Lorna's shop online at lornacostantini.com

On October 23rd, Lorna will present an afternoon workshop, teaching the techniques of Big Stitch Quilting. You will be able to purchase anything you might need for the workshop at the evening meeting and then you will be able to spend the morning at home, preparing for the afternoon. You should be able to go home with a finished project. The workshop will begin at 1pm. at the Fonthill Lions Hall at 103 Hurricane Road. It is just across the street from the Meridian Centre. The cost of the workshop is \$50. You will be able to sign up on-line or at the September meeting. A maximum of 15 participants will be accepted.

The November meeting will be a week earlier than normal, but that will give us more time to get ready for the holiday season. I will have sign-up sheets for the activities by October.

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT



The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that Hannah is this year's winner of the Niagara Heritage Quilters' Guild Visual and Creative Arts Scholarship. Hannah is a graduate of Laura Secord Secondary School in St Catharines and will be attending Brock University this fall in the DART (Dramatic Arts) program, hoping to specialize in theatrical design. Hannah's application included many textile art pieces along with glowing references and high academic standing. We felt, as a committee, that Hannah was a very worthy recipient of our scholarship.

This year we received eight applications, not as many as last year but still a good number. No two applications came from the same school. All the applications were from excellent candidates, and it was a very difficult choice. We decided that Hannah fit our criteria just a little bit more than anyone else. We wish all our candidates the best in their future endeavors.

Dorothy DeRose – Scholarship Chair

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QUILTING NOTION OF THE MONTH

SEPTEMBER NOTION

STELLETO



Sewing stilettoes come in a variety of shapes, sizes, and materials. The acute point enables the stiletto to hold small areas of fabric with accuracy.



I recently purchased this one and I love the rubber tip. It really grips.

The Binding Tool Explained

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ex2PajesRvU&list=PLkXp95fsrJhdII0IQK1pyLHpktN6VXvkV&index=1>

OCTOBER NOTION

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Exciting News at Hamilton Sewing! Please join us in welcoming John Stam, retired from Brampton Sew N Surge, to our team! John brings over 40 years of experience in the sewing machine industry and is our newest technical expert here at Hamilton Sewing. Whether it's repairs, tune-ups, or expert advice, John's knowledge and skill are second to none. We're thrilled to have him on board and know our customers will be too!. John and I will be working as a team and be more efficient with faster turn around times

