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General Meeting Dates

Fourth Wednesday of the Month

September 24, 2025

October 22, 2025

November 19, 2025

January 28, 2026

February 25, 2026

March 25, 2026

April 22, 2026

May 27, 2026

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Niagara Heritage Quilters' Guild

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Placemats
Neonatal Quilts
Show and Tell Quilts

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Our wonderful summer just kept going into September and October. There were so many sunny days to enjoy. We have experienced a smooth transition into the new season of fall, and a smooth transition into our new meeting facility. From the positive feedback from everyone I spoke with at the meeting and afterwards, I know that the Meridian Community Centre will be a great facility for our meetings. The large entry into the building, high ceilings, and great greeters to help everyone find their way to the meeting room were a joy to observe from my spot on the walkway upstairs. I enjoyed hearing the laughter and watching people having conversations as they connected after a few months of rest. The executive has worked hard this past summer to make sure that our first meeting was a success. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the book and bookmark activity in September as well. It was a great way to celebrate a new beginning to our year.

As we are looking forward to our **Christmas Social** at the November meeting, please note that our meeting date is **November 19**, the third Wednesday of the month. This change will only happen in November. Remember to wear your name tag for every meeting. Raft donations will be accepted that evening as well as the Christmas placemats. You are an amazing group that continues to bless others with your gifts. Thank you for your positive attitude and excitement for creating and learning.

Irene Bootsma

FUNDRAISING

Request for Door Prize Items.

We would like to provide more door prizes at the meetings this year. As you are working in your sewing area, if you come across items that you would like to donate to the Fundraising Committee, we would love to have them. We will assemble as many door prizes as we can to draw for over the year. Often what you do not want any more is exactly what someone is looking for. Please bring any donations to the meetings. Thank you!

Debbie Hipple

VICE PRESIDENT MESSAGE

V.P. CHALLENGE 2026

Everyone wishing to participate in this year's VP Challenge is asked to bring a half meter (in one piece) of "ugly" fabric to the November 19th Guild meeting. Fabric will be collected at the beginning of the meeting, placed in brown paper bags, and will be redistributed later in the evening. There will be a sign-up sheet, so we have an idea how many are participating. You will come with a piece of fabric and go home with a different piece of fabric.

Remember, just like beauty, "ugly" is in the eye of the beholder. What one person finds "ugly" another might find delightful or everyone might agree that it is "ugly". This can be older or newer fabric, just be sure it is 100% quilting cotton and that you have a half meter in one piece, not two fat-quarters please.

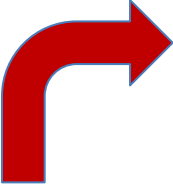
Your challenge quilted item needs to be finished for the April 22nd meeting. They will be collected at the meeting after which they will be judged and then displayed and returned at the May meeting. A viewer's choice will be voted on by those present at the May meeting.

The guidelines are simple –

You need to make a quilted item (three layers; front, back and batting) it can be anything, any size BUT you need to use most if not all your half meter. It must be finished.

The fabric you received must be visible on the front of the quilt.

Dorothy DeRose


**UGLY
FABRIC**



2025/2026 EXECUTIVE

As of June 1, 2025

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GIVING BACK

The members have been very supportive and busy both on the sew days and in between them. Our next “sew day” will be on November 13. There will be no sew day in December. Sew days will resume January 8, 2026.

We have donated 110 neonatal quilts to the nursery at the St. Catharines General. They are so appreciative of having them for the infants. We also donated 21 quilts to the YWCA Women’s shelter. These and other bedding are so in need there. They will be shared with other shelter locations, so they don’t last long.

Please consider making some placemats for Meals on Wheels. These will be distributed at Christmas to their clients. We currently have received 116 but need a total of 350. The November meeting is the deadline to bring them in for Christmas distribution.

We will be collecting personal items for RAFT at our November meeting. These will be collected just inside the main doors at the Meridian Community Centre, so no need to take them upstairs to the meeting room.

We want to wish all of you a wonderful holiday season.

Gloria and Sharree



PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS

By the time you read this, we will have already been treated to two delightful trunk shows. Tania Denyer was such fun! Her quilts were so interesting. I just loved her canned goods and her play on words.



We will also have enjoyed Lorna Costantini's trunk show Modern Big Stitch Quilting by the time you read this. Her workshop will have sent a group of us home with a completed project.

Our first UFO Sew day was a success! Ten of us met at the Fonthill Lions Club to work on our various ufos. This was a trial run to test the hall's facilities out in advance of Lorna's workshop. Everyone enjoyed themselves and would love to have them more often. We will set some up, and will try to have some different days, as well.



At the October 22nd meeting, we began to register for Lynn Wilkinson's workshop "Sew Well Together". That workshop will be held Thursday March 26, 2026. As this workshop includes the pattern for the notions bag, we will need extra time to purchase these patterns ahead of the workshop, so no registrations will be accepted after January 15th, 2026.

Our November 19th meeting will feature seasonal treats and several crafts. If you have not signed up for one, please email me at jchristie@execulink.com so that I can add your name to a list.



Also, at the November meeting, you will be able to sign up for the February workshop.

Maureen Morrison will teach us to hand piece some blocks as in the 1864 Dear Jane quilt... no need to bring your machines out in cold February weather... but still enjoy the camaraderie of a quilting group while learning new techniques.

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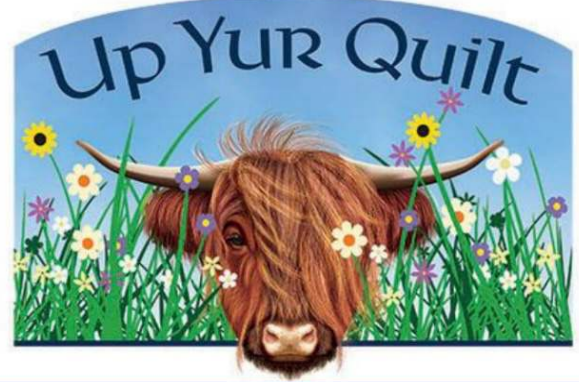
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pretty close."*

QUILTING NOTION OF THE MONTH

NOVEMBER NOTION

FRIXION HEAT ERASABLE PENS

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DECEMBER 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



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