



# Niagara Heritage Quilters' Guild

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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, AGM**

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- Placemats
- Neonatal Quilts
- Show and Tell Quilts

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



This is my last message as president of the NHQG. As I reflect on the last two years, I can't believe how fast they have gone by. When I accepted the position of president two years ago, I felt rather overwhelmed that night. However, the executive committee and all the guild members have made this journey a joy. Thank you for all your support.

During the last two years we have had a few changes, such as a new venue to meet in and with that came fundraising changes as well. Everyone has adapted well to the changes, and we are all enjoying the beautiful new meeting room and the welcoming atmosphere of the Meridian Community Center. This past March and April, we were also happy to see the beautiful quilt display in the hallway leading to our meeting room. What a wonderful way to promote the art of quilting in a Community Center.

As you read through this newsletter, you will see how the various committees have been busy with fundraising ideas, developing the program and workshops for next year, the V.P. Ugly Fabric challenge, the new venue for the AGM in May, maintaining the website, making and distributing community quilts, organizing the membership list, the scholarship applications, the budget, etc. From this list you can see that there are many ways that you can contribute to the guild by volunteering to be on a committee. Please consider how you can get involved.

Being involved can also include showing up at the general meetings, sharing your ideas, talking with someone you don't know, bringing in a show and tell, contributing to the fundraising spool, or just giving an encouraging smile to those you meet. As president, it was my goal to encourage a caring community of quilters, that meet in a safe and caring environment where we can all grow in our quilting journey.

Have a wonderful and safe summer!

*Irene Bootsma, President*

## PAST PRESIDENT

***“VOLUNTEERS DO NOT NECESSARILY HAVE THE TIME: THEY HAVE THE HEART”***

This is how I would describe the guild executive, full of heart.

My last official duty as Past President is to Chair the Nomination Committee and conduct the election of officers at the May AGM which is just weeks away. ***As you all know, we need to elect a President and we need to re-elect our treasurer. We must have these officers in place to continue our guild.***

***We need a volunteer for the Fundraising Chair.*** Please don't let this position intimidate you. You would be responsible for investigating fundraising opportunities and create a team to implement these opportunities. This is a team-based effort. The White Glove & Greeters Chair position has been filled. I will reveal that information at the AGM.

Keep in mind, this may change by the time the AGM rolls around.

*Carol McRae*

## 2025/2026 EXECUTIVE

As of June 1, 2025

President	Irene Bootsma
Vice President	Dorothy DeRose
Secretary	Barbara Anyon
Treasurer	Theresa Bell
Past President	Carol McRae

### CHAIRS & COMMITTEES

Committee	Chair	Sub Committee / Initiative	Committee Members
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Special Events	Gloria Simon Marty Crowder		Linda Anderson Shannon Vary
White Gloves & Greeters	Donna Rauscher		

## VICE PRESIDENT

Thank you to everyone who participated in the VP 'ugly' fabric challenge this year. It was great to see so many of you rise to the challenge of what to do with that piece of fabric you received. A few prizes will be awarded, and you will have an opportunity to vote for the one you like the best at our May AGM.

The quilts will be returned at that meeting, please remember to collect your quilt before heading home that night or name someone to collect on your behalf if you are unable to attend the meeting.

If you were not able to complete your challenge quilted item in time for the hand in at the April Guild meeting, please bring it along to the May meeting so we can all see how you used your fabric.

*Dorothy De Rose*

## FUNDRAISING

The 2025-2026 Guild year was a year of adjustment and learning different ways to bring extra cash into the Guild. The cancellation of our 50/50 Draw and Loonie Draws meant we had to come up with other ideas.

The Spool was adopted to earn extra cash for the Guild operations. The idea was for the members to drop loose change or any monetary amount into the spool, at the Monthly Meetings, to help with additional operating costs and needs that can occur. A huge thank you to all the members who have supported this venture, you have been very generous. Your donations have helped us keep the Guild going.

**At our September 2026 General Meeting we will be holding a Silent Auction.** Auction items will be gratefully accepted from our members and do not have to be quilt related, but must be in good condition. At present we have had a few quilt kits, quilting gift certificates and current fabric yardage donated. We are hoping to have a large variety of items up for auction that night. Think Christmas shopping, maybe?

**If you would like to donate an item to the auction, please bring your item to the May General Meeting or contact myself at 905 651 3036 before September 1, 2026.**

*Debbie Hipple*

## GIVING BACK

Thank you to all the members of the Guild for all your support this last year. Since May 2025 we have gifted 157 neonatal quilts to the hospital, 106 quilts and 20 pillowcases to Gillian's Place, YWCA Women's shelter etc. and 400 placemats to Meals on Wheels.

We will continue the "sew days" throughout the summer months. We are grateful that Terry S. continues to allow us to use a good portion of his basement for all our efforts.

*Gloria Meyer & Sharree Eidt*

## SCHOLARSHIP

Niagara Heritage Quilters' Guild offers a \$1000 Visual and Creative Arts scholarship to a graduate of a Niagara high school who is pursuing further education in a related field. If you know anyone, be it family or friend, who fits these criteria please let them know about our scholarship. The application is available on our website and must be submitted by May 15th.

*Dorothy DeRose*

## MEMBERSHIP

It is a beautiful day today and I sure hope it is a sign that spring is here to stay. Before you know it, we will be enjoying the lazy days of summer.

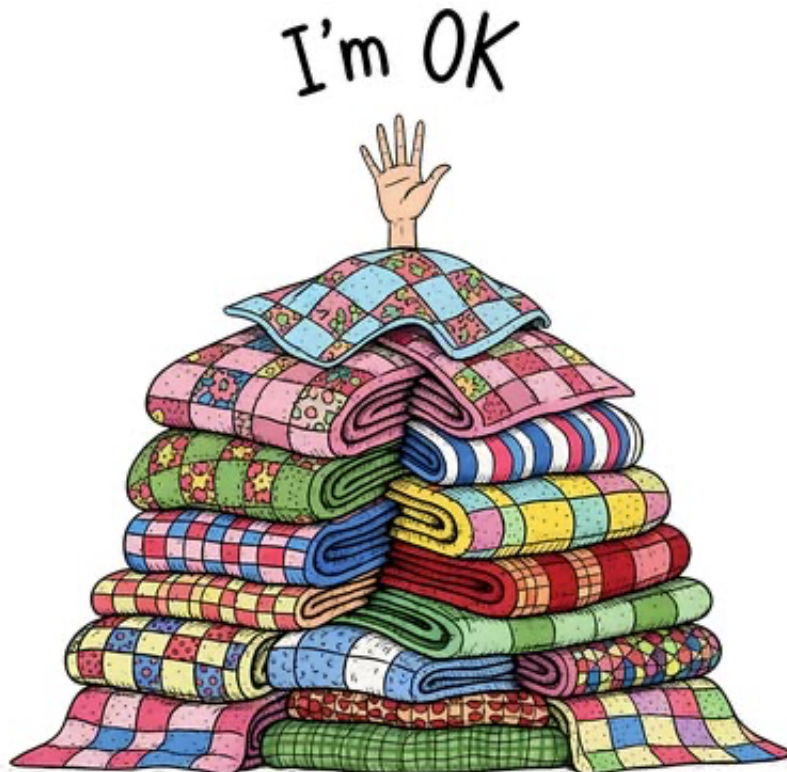
It is also time to renew your membership.

As I explained at the March meeting, the executive agreed there was a need for a small increase this coming year to offset rising costs and enable quality programs. To do this we need the approval of the membership at the AGM. Membership fees will be announced after the members have approved the changes. Present members do not have to fill out a new registration form, just check that the information is correct and that all questions are answered.

Thank you all again for all your help and support during the past year. It is greatly appreciated.

Sew long for now!

*Towana McMeekin and Jane Ann Morland*



## PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS

We started the year off in September with Tanya Denyer's presentation of her creative quilts. They were so much fun! She was fun and inspiring at the same time!



Lorna Costantini brought new horizons to our October meeting with her Modern Big Stitch presentation. Her workshop was our first at the Lion's Hall and was attended by 11 members who had done their homework and were all delighted with their completed pillows.

November's craft session was well-attended. We had a terrific time crafting, eating, and socializing.



Everyone outdid themselves with their contributions to the festive feast. The Social Committee and the Program and Workshop Committee were both pleased with the members' feedback.

In January, many members braved the elements on a nasty evening and came out to demonstrations by two guests of quilting methods for domestic machines. We'd like to see some of our members try these methods out. The Giving Back Committee is always looking for new volunteers to quilt the smaller quilts for our Outreach program.

The February meeting brought us a website adventure of our Guild website by our own Carol McRae and a Disappearing Nine Patch demonstration by our member Anita Hardison. Anita has promised to do a workshop in the coming season.



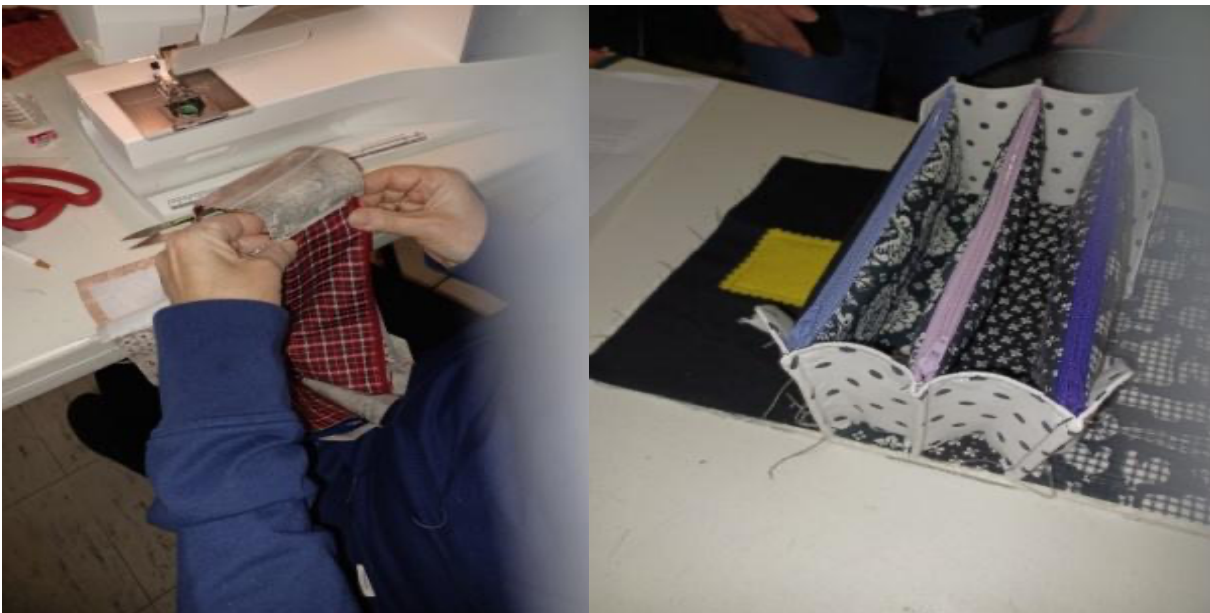
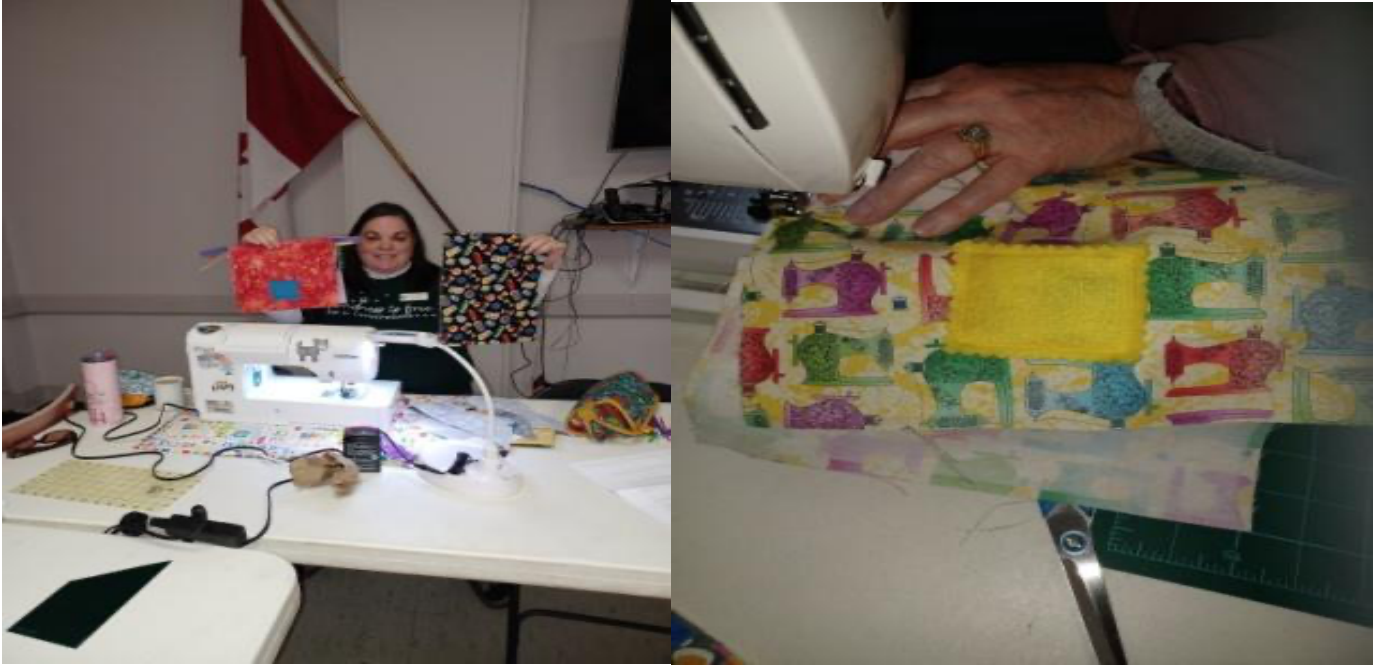
Our February workshop was Hand Piecing with Maureen Morrison. One particular member of our Guild was delighted to learn just how relaxing hand piecing can be.

Our Member Vendor Event at the March meeting was well attended and almost everyone went home with a treasure or two. Monies raised for the Guild and for the Giving Back Committee were a bonus!

Our mini survey that evening netted the Program and Workshop team only 14 responses; thank you for those. For those of you who suggested Laura Coia as a trunk show presenter, I'd like to share with you that we had approached her last Spring and were told that she was not doing trunk shows at that time.

Al Cote had done a trunk show for us just 3 short months before we began our planning for this year. We have followed up with your suggestions and at least two of the people suggested have been approached for next year.

The March workshop was a wonderful success. Lynne Wilkinson had ensured that everyone was prepared for the day, and everyone went home with their notions bag either complete or just needing a few more stitches to finish it off.



As I write this, I am looking forward to April's program of Debra Rolfe's Stack 'n' Whack workshop and Peter Byrne's trunk show.

I am already excited for next year and hope you are too!

*Jean Christie*

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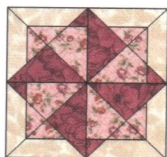
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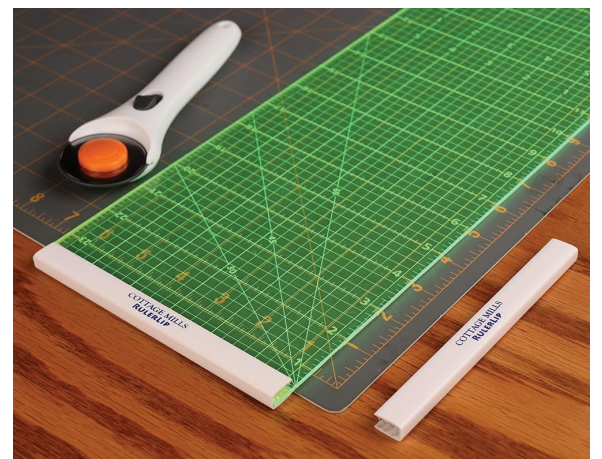
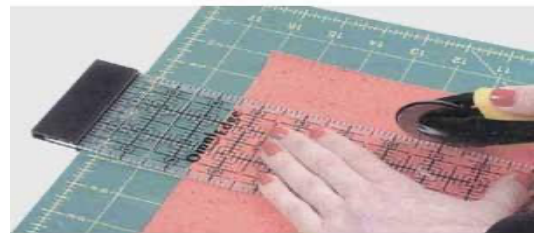
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### QUILT NOTION OF THE MONTH

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