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Message from our Co-presidents

Hard to believe it's already December. This year has gone by so quickly. Our tree is up, I'm almost finished decorating the house, and the shopping and wrapping will get finished shortly. But my favorite part of the holiday is having all of our family at home. This year my youngest son has started graduate school in Washington DC so I'm looking forward to having him home for the holidays. We also celebrate Ukrainian Christmas, so we aren't done until Jan 7th.

Last month I attended my very first weekend retreat and I had such a

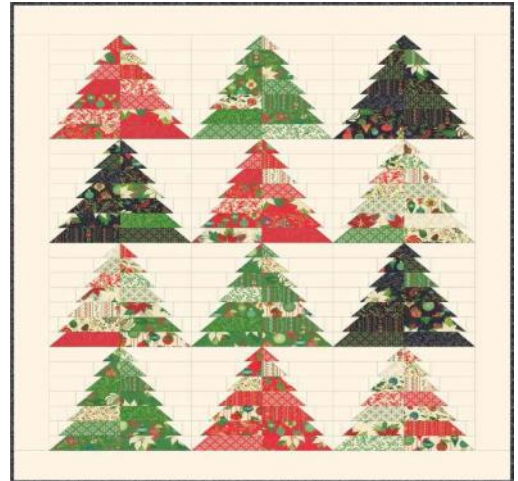
wonderful relaxing time. I've been to a few one day retreats, but hadn't had the opportunity to go to the weekend one until now. I was expecting some time to sew, but I was blown away by the wonderful company, the inspiration, the games, the laughs and all the helpful advice. I'll never forget that "ripper" game and the unique headwear. And if my glasses go missing, I know who's purse to look in! Thanks to my roomie for the late night chats and for being so welcoming. And thanks to everyone who contributed ideas for my Christmas lap

quilt. That one is now finished and bound and will be at show & tell if I can pry it away from my husband. The checkerboard quilt for my oldest son is now pieced and just needs quilting. I got a lot accomplished at retreat, but next time I will bring something I can actually finish while there.

If you've never been before, I highly recommend giving it a try. It was my first weekend retreat – but it won't be my last. I'm just glad that our guild doesn't do what they do at NASCAR races – they wrap up newbies in caution tape!

The next meeting will once again be our December social. If your last name starts with A-M please bring some food to share and N-Z bring a monetary donation for the food bank. Also remember to bring some extra cash for the Boutique raffle and the chair sale. *Oksana*

NEW MEETING START TIME - 7:15 PM
DOORS OPEN AT 6:45



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The Executive

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| Co-Presidents: | Fern Pugh, Oksana Slipenkyj |
| Vice-President: | Vacant |
| Past President: | Linda Lewis |
| Secretary: | Anne Nicholson |
| Treasurer: | Darlene Cordingley Assistant: Vacant |
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The Committees

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| Birthday Club: | Leah Mitchell, |
| Block of the Month: | Judy MacLeod, Sheila Klein |
| Bulletin Board: | Vacant |
| Community Projects: | Karen Turcott, Karen Hunter, Connie Walterhouse, Trish McKibbin, Val Asbourne, Penny Squirrel, Fern Pugh |
| Financial Reviewers: | Diana Cordingley, Maxine Barnes |
| Historian: | Leah Mitchell |
| Librarians: | Liz Nash, Lorna Raney, June Moir, Linda Horner |
| Lucky Draw: | Helen Currie, Stella Graham, Sharon Courage, Marie Tupling, Louise Cornelius |
| QBA | Candice Kitchen, Ann Swift-Peters |
| Quilt Show: | Kim Beckner, Yvonne Conway |
| Refreshments: | Diana Cordingley for socials only |
| Retreats: | Judi Sullivan, Yvonne Conway, Susan Pirie, Candice Kitchen |
| Show 'n Tell | Cathy Smith, Diane Harris, Mindy Swack, Dale McMillan |
| Stitch 'n Share | Leah Mitchell |
| Web Coordinator: | Oksana Slipenkyj |
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OR

Judi Sullivan : sulljudi@gmail.com



LIBRARY BLOCK for December **2019**
Liz Nash, Lorna Raney, June Moir, Linda Horner

Rulerwork Quilting by Amanda Murphy

Amanda Murphy's book is for both the domestic sewing machine quilter and longarm machine quilter. She explains thoroughly the advantage to using rulers and how to use them. Her book is a working guide for the beginner and for anyone considering doing rulerwork. It includes 59 outline designs to fill with free-motion quilting.

This month we are featuring books about **Finishing**



Send Santa in to fill your stocking!

Lots of quilty AND non-quilty gifts and stocking stuffers.

**For some ideas, check out our "Dear Santa" items at
cobwebsandcaviar.com**

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cobwebsandcaviar@gmail.com 519-306-3000



*Dufferin Piecemakers
Quilting Guild*

The address for the website is: <http://www.dufferinpiecemakers.org/>

Members Corner: Login is the e-mail address the guild has for you
Password: password10 (until you change it)

Guild Facebook Page—Did you take a look yet?
Please add a photo or two.

Dufferin Piecemakers has a Facebook page! If you're on Facebook pop over and click "Like". Just search for Dufferin Piecemakers Quilting Guild and there we are! We'll post lots of pictures from Guild meetings, news about upcoming speakers and workshops, and things you don't see in the newsletter due to space constraints. If you have news to share with the Guild, send an email to Judy MacLeod jmacleod11@hotmail.com and she'll put it on to the Facebook page for you.

Program Corner 2019

December 16 - Christmas Social & Chair Sale

This month is our Christmas social and Chair Sale. We have **8 members selling items** for your last minute shopping as well as some **boutique and lobby items** left over from the quilt show.

For our social, those whose last names begin A-M, please bring finger foods. N-Z, kindly bring a monetary donation for our local food banks - 50% to Orangeville and 25% each to Grand Valley and Shelburne. A drink will be provided, but not tea & coffee. Don't forget to bring your own plate, cup and cutlery.

January 20 - Brenda Dagg "If I knew then what I know now"

Brenda describes herself as an eclectic quilter: traditional piecing, paper piecing, appliqué, English paper piecing, landscapes, thread painting, etc. Her trunk show includes samples of her work with her focus on what she has learned along the way.



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COMMUNITY PROJECTS Report - December 2019

This past month has been a very busy time for our Community Projects Committee. We have been dividing up your generous donations of toiletries, socks, mitts and gifts that were collected at our October and November meetings for distribution by Choices, The Door and Cedar Heights. We have also delivered 110 Placemats to Meals on Wheels Shelburne, 17 Placemats to Meals on Wheels Grand Valley, 4 Quilts to Lord Dufferin Centre, 14 Quilts to Dufferin Family & Children's Services, 8 Baby Quilts to Early ON in Orangeville, and 4 Quilts to Dufferin Hospice.



There will be **no Community Projects afternoon stitching session** before our regular meeting this month, but we will be back at it in January. We will be collecting dollars for the Food Bank from our members whose last name starts with N through to Z.

Once again, we are very thankful for all of your donations that are left on our Community Projects table at every meeting. Those unfinished projects that you will never complete, the fabric bits and pieces and the orphan blocks, make so many incredible quilts for our outreach projects. Its absolutely wonderful how good some of these quilts look! These fabric gifts have also stretched our quilting imagination and design capabilities as we try very hard to make the best use of every bit. We really appreciate these gifts and the many hours spent by our members making all of this happen.

Wishing you and yours a wonderful Christmas Season spent with those you love doing special things together and making wonderful lasting memories.

Sample meals on wheels placemat on left

Your CP committee: Karen Turcott and Karen Hunter Co-Chairs, Connie Walterhouse, Trish McKibbon, Penny Squirrell, Val Ashbourne, and Fern Pugh (pillow case donations)

Quilter's Nook

@The Scottish Nook, 283 Main St., Schomberg

Hours of Business

Wed. - Fri.
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Sat. 10:00 - 4:00



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Editor's Note: Moved? Change of address? **Change of e-mail address?** Change of phone number?

It is important that you notify membership first, then newsletter. The members of each committee are listed on page 2 of every newsletter. **And ...** if you have any photos, quilty stories, tips, hints, web sites you might like to share, send them to your editor (email on pg 2) but remember the deadline which appears on every odd page of your newsletter!

Thanks, Judi

Quilt Show Focus

Magic of Cloth Act VII - Silver Threads

Next QUILT SHOW STEERING COMMITTEE meeting is Thursday, Dec 12th at 7pm, Meridian

Dear Guild Members,

Thank you so much to everyone of you who stepped up and volunteered your time and energy to help with our quilt show. Please **thank your family members and friends** who also came to help out! It was a lot of hard work but..... I, personally, had many, many people report to me on what a fantastic and **talented group of quilters, and crafts people**, we have in our guild.



Museum of Dufferin had a FANTASTIC display with a gorgeous quilt, red and white orange peel design, that I'd love to re-create someday. Not a big fan of sewing curves, but the results of such a beauty may be worth the effort. Luckily, I found out that we could win a copy of **Shelagh Roberts' book, The Quilts of Dufferin County**, by naming 5 of the nine blocks in their display. And... kismet, Shelagh was visiting our tea room at the time and autographed mine for me.

Thank you also to **Quilts of Valour Dufferin** for their attendance and display. Having worked with this group in the past, I know first hand, our Dufferin County veterans really do appreciate the recognition and the wonderful cozy hug they get every time they wrap themselves in their beautiful quilts.

Finances aside (success or failure thereof, to be determined at our wrap up meeting), it was a tremendous quilt show, tea room, lobby, kitchen, hangers, facility, registrants and their committees, vendors, advertising, and boutique and bed turning, all did a **BANG UP job** and the results were VERY evident throughout the show and on the smiles of our guests and they visited and as they left. Those who did not attend will never know what they have missed.

Photos of all items are (or will be) available on our guild website. Please take a moment to enjoy them and share with your family and friends.

Our wrap up meeting is coming on December 12th, and we will have much to discuss, including the results of the show. From the perspective of our guests, they were very pleased! I will provide more details to you at our guild meeting in December. Please consider whether or not you would like our guild to engage in plans for a future quilt show as we will most likely put this to a vote at that time. I know my mind has been reeling with all the good, and bad, things about this show.



OUR GUILD!

See you soon.... *Kim and Yvonne*



Janice Payne - Quilt Show winner of Viewers' Choice, 2nd & 3rd place, for her quilt "Dream Bigger" that she quilted on her long arm machine. R - Close up of quilting



Above - The last of Debbie's 5" square child's "I Spy" exchange from 2017-18 Guild year



November speaker, Ann Saunders, showing her Fiber Art piece created from items in a challenge of found objects.

Block of the Month 2019 - 2020

Town & Country Mystery Quilt December 2019 – Gingerbread House

This little gem was spotted hidden away in Melancthon Township, just shy of the border between Dufferin and Grey Counties. We just knew we had to replicate it and make it December's block!

And, would you look at that! The Halloween cat came back for another appearance, this time a lot more chilled out than she was back in October, lounging under a tree, checking out the garland, or maybe she's eyeing that cute snowman?

We hope that you're having as much fun with the Town and Country Mystery BOM as we are in creating it. Merry Christmas and all the Best in 2020!

Judy and Sheila

(Pattern will be sent separately)



BULLETIN BOARD

MEMBERSHIP

A receipt and membership card will be available for you at the membership table. Remember to stop by and pick it up.

Journals for Family Transition Place

The guild has agreed to supply FTP with 200 journals a year.
These journals are used by their residents.
Donations by you are appreciated.
Leave your journal(s) at the membership table.

**GET !
INVOLVED!**

We are in great need of an **assistant treasurer!**

If you have book keeping experience, please consider stepping up. The guild needs you. Speak to one of our co-presidents.

Also needed - a **vice president** or 2.

Consider volunteering with a friend to become co-vice presidents.

Things get solved if you get involved.

DECEMBER RAFFLE

Tickets will be sold at the November & December meetings. The draw will take place at the December social.

Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

1st prize is the lovely **quilt rack** constructed by Janet Slater's husband Jack.

2nd prize is a donated **lap quilt** quilted by Connie Walterhouse.

3rd prize is a **table runner** donated by an anonymous donor



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What's On - Upcoming Shows



Edmonton Alberta

June 18 - 20, 2020

<https://canadianquilter.com/quilt-canada-2020/>



Special Thoughts

If you know of someone who should be sent a card from the guild, contact secretary

Anne Nicholson

(anicholson1@sympatico.ca)

or one of our co-presidents.

QBA - Quilting by Association

Workshops for members by members

QBA is a program within our guild with members teaching members, from patterns or workshops that they have learned and are passing on the knowledge. It is a special event that is held on the **first Saturday of the month from October to June** at the Meridian Credit Union in Orangeville. It's a fantastic way to get to know other members in a smaller setting and learn a new technique for the low **cost of \$5.00**.

Below is a sample of some of the classes to look forward to, but as you can see we need to fill a few dates.

If you have a suggestion of something you feel you'd like to teach to our wonderful ladies, please see Candice Kitchen or Anne Swift-Peters

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| Jan. 4 | Ann Moum | Giant Pin Cushion ??? |
| Feb. 1 | Dale McMillan | Thread Painting |
| Mar. 7 | Kim Renshaw | Curvey table runner - free form sewing |
| Apr. 4 | TBA | TBA |
| May 2 | TBA | TBA |
| June 13 | TBA | TBA |

Email: candicekitchen@yahoo.ca or nina.peters@me.com

The Riverbend Artists of Grand Valley (RAGV)

produce a monthly Artz Info Network (AIN) calendar.

You may access the calendar at

<http://www.riverbendartistsofgrandvalley.ca/cal.html>

to see the upcoming art events scheduled for the month in Orangeville and area.

ADVERTISING RATES

| Type of Ad | Ad Size | Same ad Every Month | | Ad Changes Required | |
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| | | Guild | Non-Guild | Guild | Non-Guild |
| Secret Sister | | free | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Classified | 1"x3" | \$ 7.00 | \$ 8.00 | \$ 8.00 | \$10.00 |
| Business Card | 2"x3" | \$10.00 | \$12.00 | \$12.00 | \$15.00 |
| Quarter Page | 5"x3" | \$12.00 | \$15.00 | \$15.00 | \$20.00 |
| Half Page | 7"x5" | \$25.00 | \$30.00 | \$30.00 | \$35.00 |
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Birthday Club

Celebrating this month: December

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|------------------|----|
| Diana Cordingley | 07 |
| Olive Carr | 23 |
| Joyce Dennie | 24 |
| Sharon Courage | 25 |
| Debbie Fawcett | 26 |
| Lucia Ferris | 28 |

*You don't have to be in the birthday club to be recognized.
Contact Leah Mitchell and let her know your birth date.
weebobby@sympatico.ca*

Did you remember your secret sister with a small quilty gift or a card on her birthday? Gifts may be left on the membership table at our general meeting or delivered in many interesting ways! If your "sister" is not at the meeting, please take your gift with you.

Birthday Club Members Submitted by: Leah Mitchell

REFRESHMENTS

*We no longer enjoy refreshments at our meetings except at our socials.
Beverage provided. (not tea or coffee)*

DATE CHANGES

In the months of February and May our meetings will occur on the 4th Monday of the month in order to accommodate holiday Mondays.

CONCERNED ABOUT THE WEATHER?

Check your e-mail for a notice around 5:00 PM.
An e-blast will be sent out to advise you if a meeting is cancelled.

Want to contact a guild member?

The e-mail addresses of members can be found on the guild website in the private members' section. www.dufferinpiecemakers.org
See page 2 of this letter for instructions.



A FEW THINGS TO REMEMBER!
During the meeting **please....**

- ◆ Turn off the ring on your cell phone or go to another room to use it
- ◆ Minimum chatting when there is a speaker.
- ◆ Keep our meetings scent free (we have members and guests who are allergic/sensitive to perfumes, scented body wash, etc.)



WANTED: JOURNALS Family Transition Place

Our commitment to FTP is 200 journals for the year. Please help by donating them at any time. The journals need to be about 6" x 8", lined pages, bound by either coil or glue. Please leave them in the basket provided at the membership table at every meeting.

Journals are always needed.

Meeting Information

General Meeting:

Date: Monday, December 16, 2019
Orangeville Fair Grounds
(aka OAS Event Centre)

Time: 6:45 p.m. Doors Open

Please wait until 6:45 to arrive. This will allow time for the committee volunteers to set up the room. **The meeting starts promptly at 7:15 p.m.** but there's lots to do and see before we begin.

Executive Meeting:

Thursday Jan. 09, 2019 7:00 pm.

Place: Orangeville Meridian Credit Union

Please call/email Co-president Oksana Slipenkyy if you wish to attend. oslipenkyy@rogers.com

Stitch 'n Share Leah Mitchell

Stitch and share meets every Wednesday from 1:00 to 3:30 PM. in the Community Room of the Meridian Credit Union on Broadway in Orangeville. We are pleased to be able to meet there every week at no charge as part of their community outreach.

Please contact Leah Mitchell at 519-928-3059 **for any meeting information if you wish to attend** and are not on the current Stitch and Share e-mail list.

Every guild member is always welcome.

Next Meeting Bring

- ◆ Name tags worn
- ◆ Plate & utensils for food
- ◆ \$\$\$ for the chair sale
- ◆ Library books to return
- ◆ Any completed Community Projects or pillow cases
- ◆ Workshop or QBA fees
- ◆ Show and Tell
- ◆ \$\$\$ for lucky draw and raffle tickets
- ◆ **Journals for FTP**
- ◆ **Plastic milk bags**

And a



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