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## Message from our CO-Presidents

Looking back on 2020, this was definitely a very different guild year. Our members, like all Canadians, did their best to adapt to very challenging circumstances. On the positive side, we stepped up to help our community with sewn items that were different from our usual types of donations, but very needed with the shortages at the start of the pandemic. Then we donated the funds raised from this to several other community groups. So many of our guild members helped out with this project and we definitely spread the word about our guild.

Of course, one of the downsides has been that our in-person meetings were suspended and switched to virtual meetings. While I know we all miss the social aspect, at least with technology we can continue to safely stay in touch.

Have you attended one of our Zoom guild meetings? Over 50 members attended each of our September, October and November meetings. I know some people initially didn't join because they thought their internet was too slow, or they thought it was too complicated. But they tried it – and guess what – its very easy and basic internet works just fine. If you can post on Facebook or send an email, you can Zoom. You can use a computer, tablet, smart phone, or even just your phone and call in for the audio part. Don't worry if you don't have a webcam, you can still see and hear everyone else. If you need some help trying it out, please ask before the meeting.

December's meeting is usually our pot-luck social. We are still doing the social part via Zoom. There will also be a virtual show and tell, President's Challenge reveal, the Duffie awards, and time to socialize and see everyone.

And the best part is, you don't need to worry about the weather or the drive to the guild meeting. In fact, you don't even need to worry about what you're wearing below your keyboard, but a Christmas sweater or creative headgear is encouraged. Why not have your favourite beverage and snack on hand! Let's make this festive!

Wishing all of you and your families a very merry and safe Christmas and all the best for the New Year.

Oksana ([oslipenkyj@rogers.com](mailto:oslipenkyj@rogers.com))



**Zoom on December 21**  
**Meeting at 7:15 Social at 6:45**



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## The Executive

Co-Presidents:	Fern Pugh, Oksana Slipenkyj
Vice-Presidents:	Julie MacFarlane and Heather Sheridan
Past President:	Linda Lewis
Secretary:	Anne Nicholson
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Program:	Linda Lewis, Sue Pirie,
Membership:	Christine Robinson, Yvonne Guse-Ruhn
Newsletter Editor:	Judi Sullivan in training: Sue Hopkins Van Zant
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## The Committees

Birthday Club:	Leah Mitchell,
Block of the Month:	Judy MacLeod, Sheila Klein
Bulletin Board:	<b>Vacant</b>
Community Projects:	Karen Turcott, Karen Hunter, Connie Walterhouse, Trish McKibbin, Penny Squirrel, Fern Pugh (pillowcases)
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	<b>Vacant</b>
Quilt Show:	TBD
Refreshments:	Diana Cordingley for socials only
Retreats:	Judi Sullivan, Yvonne Conway, Susan Pirie,
Show 'n Tell	Cathy Smith, Mindy Swack, Dale McMillan
Stitch 'n Share	Leah Mitchell
Web Coordinator:	Oksana Slipenkyj
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Judi Sullivan : sulljudi@gmail.com



**LIBRARY BLOCK** for November **2020**  
Liz Nash, Lorna Raney, June Moir, Linda Horner

The Guild library is closed and we are meeting by Zoom online.

Be sure to consider visiting your local library in Caledon, Orangeville, Grand valley or Shelburne for quilting books and inspiration.



**CHRISTMAS FABRIC SALE**

**December 28-31**

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"Triangle Frenzy Swirl"

"Curvacious"

"Inside Out Mats"



*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](mailto:jmacleod11@hotmail.com) and she'll put it on to the Facebook page for you.

# Program Notes December 2020

## December 21 Virtual Social & Show & Tell

December's meeting will be our first virtual social and quilt show where we will show and tell what we have done during the pandemic shutdown. Put on your Christmas finery and serve yourself your favourite beverage and snack.

For show and tell just take a picture and write a few words about an item or 2 or 3 that you have worked on during this time - - finished or not, and send it to Linda Lewis ([llewis1@rogers.com](mailto:llewis1@rogers.com)) by e-mail and your job is done.

**In order to give Linda time to organize the pictures, we would like photos to be sent no later than December 6.**

Don't use a smart phone camera? Drop your paper picture(s) off at Sue Pirie's mailbox, 30 Bredin Pkwy Orangeville.

There will also be a presentation of the Duffie Awards and Member of the Year. This celebration is a little late, as we usually do this at our June meeting. Better late than not at all.

**Zoom link for the meeting will be e-mailed to you the day before.**

## January 18 Leah Mitchell

Our own Leah Mitchell will be outlining her quilting journey. She will be showing her work displaying techniques of traditional quilting as well as some of her original smaller quilt designs. On occasion, I have been able to see an individual item that Leah has completed and have not only admired the beauty of the completed item but its detail and precision. Seeing a display of her range of her work, I believe will be inspiring. (Sue P)



## February 22 Sharon Blackmore

The Pandemic might have forced us to do virtual meetings but there are a few small bonuses - one being we can have presentations without having to pay travel expenses. In February, we will have Sharon Blackmore from Love Shack Quilts in Airdrie, Alberta. She does long arm quilting, lectures and runs workshops in the Calgary area.

Note date change because of Family Day on the 15th.

Your Program Committee: Linda Lewis, Sue Pirie, and ??? (volunteers needed)



**JANET SLATER  
LONG ARMER**

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## COMMUNITY PROJECTS Report - December 2020

Karen Turcott and Connie Walterhouse delivered 68 quilts! Robyn from Choices accepts quilts. (photo on right) Connie and Fern have been delivering pillowcases and more will be delivered soon.

79 placemats have been delivered to Meals on Wheels.

Special thanks to Elizabeth Bricker for putting so many quilt tops together from Connie's cut out pieces. And special thanks to everyone who donated placemats.

Connie and Penny have been busy restocking now that they have some room to store quilts again! They continue to quilt any tops that are dropped off at Connie's.

Connie is looking for easy patterns for "pre-cuts". If anyone has them, please email them to Connie at: [conniewalterhouse@hotmail.com](mailto:conniewalterhouse@hotmail.com)

Connie and Penny just got another order of batting in, so that will keep them busy for the winter!



A donated CP top displayed by Sheila

If you have been cleaning up or out your fabric stashes, they are accepting donations on Connie's front porch. Call or text Connie 519-939-8783 or Penny 519-217-2935 to let them know you are coming.

**Tis the season for giving ...** normally we collect items for **The Door, Choices and Cedar Heights Residential School** at our November meeting. Cedar Heights would appreciate receiving underwear and socks for teen males, as well as Lego, board games and gift cards.

If you are wanting to donate to The Door or Choices, please go online to their websites and look at their wish lists.

**Donated items can be delivered to** Karen Turcott's home at 3 Westdale Ave. in Orangeville or to Connie's porch 585204 County Rd 17, Melancthon - by Dec. 13 please.

Remember that your local Foodbank is always in need of donated funds as well.

Stay safe and Happy Holidays!

Your CP committee: Karen Turcott, Karen Hunter, Connie Walterhouse, Trish McKibbin, Penny Squirrel, and Fern Pugh (coordinates pillow case donations)

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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

**Leah Mitchell** is featured in the November Canadian Quilters Association newsletter in the question of the month section.

The question was "What is your favourite quilt block?"

My favourite quilt block pattern is the Cathedral Window. I use three different techniques for my small projects:



1) traditional technique using two squares that are folded into two smaller squares and joined together (photo attached: Tree ornament)

2) four patches with two folded squares attached on the diagonal to each patch and then sewn together to make a four patch. Another patch is attached to the window space and the folded edge of each square is appliqued over the patch creating the window. (photo attached: needle case)

3) two "one seam flying geese" sewn together to create a window (photo attached: Xmas windows) This my own design using the one seam flying geese technique.

Leah M.



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## Holiday Quilt Raffle



**\*Tickets are \$5.00 each**

**\*Draw date is December 21 at our Zoom meeting**

**Proceeds from the draw will be used for supplies for Community Projects and Quilts of Valour Dufferin (batting and backings for example)**

**\*There are three ways to pay for your draw ticket and to enter your name:**

**1. Mail** your name and phone number with a cheque to Dufferin Piecemakers Quilting Guild Box 325 Orangville, On. L9W 2Z7  
Make the cheque out to DP Quilting Guild. Mail as soon as possible **to ensure delivery.**

**2. Send an e-transfer to:** [dpqguild@outlook.com](mailto:dpqguild@outlook.com) with "Quilt Draw" and the number of tickets in the message box  
If your e-mail is in someone else's name, please put your name in the box as well as.

**3. Put your cheque with name and number in an envelope and drop it off in Sue Pirie's mail box at 30 Bredin Parkway, Orangeville (519-942-8279) or drop it in the envelope on the Connie's front porch, 585204 County Rd 17, Melancthon (519-939-8783).**

Christmas Celebration  
created and donated by Judy MacLeod.  
Lap size from this year's Blocks of the Month

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## Zoom Hints

If you need instructions on how to use Zoom on a computer, watch the video here:  
<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-Meeting>

### Joining the monthly guild Zoom meetings is as easy as 1,2, 3.

1. Click the meeting link that is sent to you in an email the day before the meeting..
2. Click on join on "join meeting".
3. Click on "with video" and "with audio" if you have a camera and a microphone. (You can still watch without these 2 items, it's just that no one else can see or hear you.)

You can watch on your smart phone, tablet (e.g. I-pad) or computer.

**MEETING START TIME: SOCIAL 6:45 MEETING 7:15 PM**

## 2021 Secret Sister Birthday Club



Due to lack of interest (only 26 members participated in 2020) and Covid -19,  
the **Birthday Club will be cancelled for 2021.**

However, **if you wish to be remembered on your special day, Leah will continue the practice of posting your birthday on the back page.** Please email or call Leah. ([hileahandbob@gmail.com](mailto:hileahandbob@gmail.com) or 519 -928-3059)  
to give your permission to post your birth date.... no permission, no posting.

Call now while you are thinking about it.

Note: you will find out who your Secret Sister was for this year in January.

## MEMBERSHIP

*Did you forget to pay your membership? You can still do so. Please do it now before you forget!*

**The membership fee for this Covid year is \$25**, since we will not be gathering for a meeting, at least this fall.  
As our co-presidents noted we still require money to pay our speakers, support community projects and other activities.

### To pay your membership fee:

Please e-transfer your payment to [dpqguild@outlook.com](mailto:dpqguild@outlook.com) with a note giving your reason for the transfer,  
OR mail your cheque payable to: Dufferin Piecemakers at Box 325 Orangeville L9W 2Z6,  
OR place your cheque in Sue Pirie's mailbox 30 Bredin Pkwy Orangeville  
OR drop your payment off at Cobwebs and Caviar in Shelburne.

If there are changes to your information (address, e-mail, or phone number) please contact:

Christine Robinson: [christine.robinson.7@icloud.com](mailto:christine.robinson.7@icloud.com)

Your receipt and membership card will be mailed to you.



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## STAMP OUT POVERTY WITH YOUR OLD STAMPS!

Please continue to save your used stamps. Oxfam Canada's mission is to build lasting solutions to poverty and injustice with a focus on improving the lives and promoting the rights of women and girls. They work directly with communities, partners and women's rights organizations to challenge the systems that perpetuate inequality and keep people poor. Together they seek to influence those in power to ensure that women trapped in poverty have a say in the critical decisions that affect them, their families and entire communities. That's why they believe that ending global poverty begins with women's rights.

**Keep saving your stamps and when we get back to our in person meetings, Linda Lewis will collect them. Thank you.**

# **BULLETIN BOARD**

To my very generous, kind and caring secret sister. Your friend dropped off your present to me on a day that was beginning to be a difficult time. I had news that my well loved 100 yr old Aunt in England had fallen at home and had been admitted to the hospital it was determined she'd had a stroke. My dog had badly ruptured his cruciate ligament and he was waiting on surgery. All I could think of was what next and your present turned up. It was a blessing on a very difficult day. I have bought a jelly roll with all English prints. Houses of Parliament, Big Ben etc. I keep looking at all the goodies in the bag and re-reading your card. It arrived on a dark day like a ray of sunshine, someone cared. Thank you, ♥  
*Lynne Norman*

## *Special Thoughts*

If you know of someone who should be sent a card from the guild, contact secretary Anne Nicholson  
[anicholson1@sympatico.ca](mailto:anicholson1@sympatico.ca)

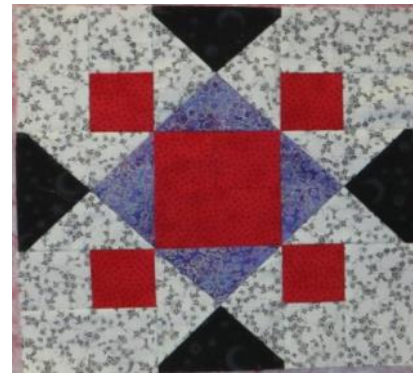


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## Block of the Month



## December Block



## December bonus block

from Sheila: [sklein@live.ca](mailto:sklein@live.ca) and  
 Judy: [jmaclead11@hotmail.com](mailto:jmaclead11@hotmail.com)



224 Centennial Rd ( by the Dairy Queen)

**MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYBODY !!!!!**

Christmas Fabrics, Fleece, Flannelettes & Quilting Cottons on sale !!!!!!! Ask about our extra 10% off with gift certificate purchase !!!  
 35% Off Regular Prices for Sewing Club Members !!!!!

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## CQA (Canadian Quilters Association) Corner



Quilt Canada 2021  
June 16 - 19, 2021  
at the International Centre  
in Toronto has been cancelled  
because of Covid.  
Watch for news of their big virtual  
show that's planned instead.

Check out the Canadian Quilters Association's new website: <https://canadianquilter.com/>  
Membership in this Association will give you 3 magazines per year, a monthly Newsletter, information on upcoming events, challenges, patterns, quilt galleries, blogs, as well as a list of Quilt Shops and professional teachers.

Purchase your TrendTex fabric bundle for the 2021 **TrendTex Challenge – Friendship**.

This a fundraiser for the Association. All submitted quilts are for sale.

<https://canadianquilter.com/product/trendtex-quilters-challenge>

### INTERNET FAVOURITES

Share your internet tips with members by sending them for publication in the newsletter to: [dpqnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:dpqnewsletter@gmail.com)

Sharing this month is **Sue Hopkins Van Zant**

I use [thesprucecrafts.com](http://thesprucecrafts.com) when I am looking for a block pattern for our Bag Ladies activity.  
When I want some fun ideas for machine quilting, piecing, or just some interesting tips and tricks, I listen to Angela Walters on her YouTube programs. One is called [Midnight Quilter](#). She is fun and fresh and encourages people to have fun and try new things. Everything doesn't have to be perfect! A good reminder for us all!

### Afternoon Stitch & Share update:

Since mid March the S'n'S Ladies have been staying in touch with each other with a weekly email called "Wed Chat". We share our individual activities, our gardens, our pets and anything else that takes our fancy.

If you wish to join this email "Wed Chat" group please let me know. Meanwhile stay safe and keep well.  
Leah Mitchell (Afternoon Stitch 'n' Share Committee)  
[hileahandbob@gmail.com](mailto:hileahandbob@gmail.com)

## 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 from and are passing on the knowledge.

Fern has set an example with her Zoom presentation on Dec. 5: Making Trees

Do you have a project you would like to share with the Guild? Contact Fern: [lianmor@sympatico.ca](mailto:lianmor@sympatico.ca) or Linda Lewis: [llewis1@rogers.com](mailto:llewis1@rogers.com) and they will be happy to assist you.

**Needed: a couple of volunteers to organize this program.**

**This entails finding presenters, booking a location, collecting money for the workshop, and contacting those who signed up with the project requirements.**



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### 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	
		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
Full Page	7"x10"	\$50.00	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$60.00

**Prepay for the year and get a 10% discount!**





## Birthday Club

*Celebrating this month: December*

**Jennifer Reid 01**  
**Olive Carr 23**  
**Sharon Courage 25**  
**Debbie Fawcett 26**

*You don't have to be in the birthday club to be recognized.  
 Contact Leah Mitchell and let her know your birth date.  
[hileahandbob@gmail.com](mailto:hileahandbob@gmail.com)*

Did you remember your secret sister with a small quilty gift or a card on her birthday? Because of Covid, gifts should be delivered to the person's home address if possible or delivered in other interesting ways!

**Contact Leah for information if needed**

*Birthday Club Members Submitted by: Leah Mitchell 519-928-3059*

## REFRESHMENTS

***We no longer enjoy  
 refreshments at our meetings  
 except at our socials.***

***Please supply your own drinks.***

## DATE CHANGES

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

## 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](http://www.dufferinpiecemakers.org)

## Keep receiving the newsletter

If you change your e-mail address, be sure to let the newsletter editor know.

E-mail: [dpqgnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:dpqgnewsletter@gmail.com)



## 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.**

**Please deposit your donations in Sue Pirie's mailbox**  
 30 Bredin Pkwy (beside Family Transition Place)

# Meeting Information

## General Meeting:

**Date: Monday, December 21, 2020**  
**Via Zoom**

**E-mail with link to follow.**

**Time: 7:15 PM Social at 6:45 PM**

Please wait until you are admitted to the meeting room by Oksana.

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**Place: your choice**

## Executive Meeting:

**Thursday January 7 7:00 pm.**

**Place: your choice via Zoom**

Please call/email Co-president Oksana Slipenkyj if you wish to join in: [oslipenkyj@rogers.com](mailto:oslipenkyj@rogers.com)

## Stitch 'n Share

Leah Mitchell

[See page 8 for a Stitch and Share up-date](#)

**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 Whenever We Meet in Person Again Bring

- ♦ Name tags worn
- ♦ Your mask
- ♦ Indoor shoes please
- ♦ 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**



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