

The Piecemakers' Star

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Message from our CO-Presidents

Christmas is fast approaching and as we scramble to finish all our last-minute Christmas gifts, we are thankful for all our Executive volunteers for the roles they play in keeping our Guild active during COVID. We want to thank each and every committee for working on behalf of the Guild.



We can't wait for the first in person meeting so that we can all get together. We will miss seeing everyone at our Christmas dinner this year, but we will make next year's extra-special. We are continually amazed by the number of quilts, pillows and placemats our guild creates and donates with the help of the Community Projects Committee. We have enjoyed all of our speakers that the Program Committee books every month and look forward to all the speakers set up for next year. Being able to do our speakers virtually has allowed us to have speakers from all over. We enjoyed our QBA on Saturday and especially enjoy the lively conversation. Please try to join us this year as they are a lot of fun! Our Block of the Month is so beautiful this year; if you haven't had a chance to do any of the squares the Christmas break might be a good chance for you to catch up. LOL I will be right there working with you.

We still need a Vice-President for the next 2 years. We also need a back-up Secretary if anyone is interested. The Executive is a very important part of our Guild and the Guild cannot continue without filling these positions.

We are looking forward to seeing all the beautiful quilts from the Elgin Piecemakers Guild and the Oxford Quilters' Guild Quilt Show at our next meeting on December 20. We also can't wait to see everyone's Christmas projects at the small Show 'n Share. Please make sure you send a picture of your project to Linda Lewis by Dec 15. Remember to try and get together and sew with others; virtually of course. If you have the opportunity, please invite others to sew along with you. We really need to include others in our activities; especially during these trying times.

We hope you are getting into the Christmas spirit and all your quilty gifts are close to being finished and will be ready for Christmas. We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and get to visit with your families. Christmas is a time for family and friends. It is a feeling of joy and peace as we all get together to be thankful for all that we have. It is the glow of all the Christmas lights, the smell of baking, the feast of traditional foods and the sparkle of all the Christmas decorations, but most important of all it is the time spent with cherished friends and family. Christmas isn't just a season; it is a feeling.

All the Best! Heather and Julie

Zoom on December 20th Meeting at 7:15 Social at 6:45 Zoom link for the meeting will follow by email.

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Quilt Show: TBD

Refreshments: VACANT (for socials only)

Retreats: Linda Black, Sue Pirie, Judi Sullivan

Show 'n Tell: Dale McMillan, Cathy Smith,

Mindy Swick, 1 more required

Stitch 'n Share: Leah Mitchell
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Zoom Coordinator: Julie MacFarlane

This list is for Guild purposes only.



Want to contact a guild member?

The e-mail addresses of members can be found on the guild website in the private members' sec-

tion. www.dufferinpiecemakers.org



The Guild library is closed while we are meeting by Zoom. Be sure to consider visiting your local library in Orangeville, Caledon, Grand Valley and Shelburne for quilting books and inspiration.

Need to contact us?



Dufferin Piecemakers Quilting Guild P.O. Box 325 Orangeville, Ont. L9W 2Z7.

Please send newsletter submissions or change of email addresses to Sue Hopkins VanZant at:

dpqgnewsletter@gmail.com



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

Members' Corner: Login: Use 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 will 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 will put it on the Facebook page for you.

Program Notes



December 20 Elgin Piecemakers

The Elgin Piecemakers, a small guild of about 20 members from the St. Thomas/

Elgin area, worked with the Oxford Quilters' Guild, a guild centred around Tillsonburg, to produce a quilt show. They will be sharing their video presentation that highlights both their quilts and some of the scenic highlights of their locale. One of their members narrates and will be available to interact with us.



January 17 Lise Belanger

Lise Belanger is a textile artist from Trois-Pistoles, Quebec on the south shore of the St. Lawrence River. She worked as a seamstress and tailor for

theatres and now channels her creativity into her Art Quilts. Her presentation is entitled Action Inspiration Creation. The presentation is to encourage people to trust themselves in their creativity and to show them how to do it.



Do you miss seeing the beautiful projects your fellow Guild members have been working on over the past several months? Well here is your chance to change that!

We are going to have a virtual Show & Tell during our December Zoom meeting.

The theme is CHRISTMAS (naturally).

Please send a photo of a Christmas project you have completed to Linda Lewis by December 15 and she will put it in a slide show for all of us to enjoy!

<u>llewis1@rogers.com</u>

Thank you Linda!





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 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. iPad) or computer.

MEETING START TIME:

SOCIAL 6:45 MEETING 7:15 PM

KEEP CALM AND SHOW YOUR WORK

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The Whisper Quilt Project

Sue Hopkins VanZant and Leah Mitchell have volunteered to lead a Whisper Quilt Project similar to the World Wide Whispers project that our speaker, Kim Caskey, told us about at the September meeting.

What is a whisper quilt? It is similar to the children's game of "telephone" where one child whispers a short sentence into the next child's ear and so on until the last child repeats what they heard. It will be nothing like the first sentence. To start a Whisper Quilt Project, one person will start with a selected photograph which they will use as inspiration to create a small quilt. They photograph their quilt and send the photo and an Artist's Statement to the next person on the list who uses this photo as inspiration for their quilt and so on.

Schedule:

- 1. To participate register with Sue & Leah by Dec10th (if more than 6 people sign up a second group of 6 people will be formed). Use the email: dpggnewsletter@gmail.com
- 2. Each person will have one month to finish their quilt (size: minimum 80" on the perimeter, no maximum). Your finished product can also be a pillow, bag etc.
- 3. Write an Artist's Statement, photograph your quilt and email both to the next person on the list. **Do not share** with anyone else in the group.
- 4. The Whisper Quilt Project will be unveiled at the June 20th meeting.



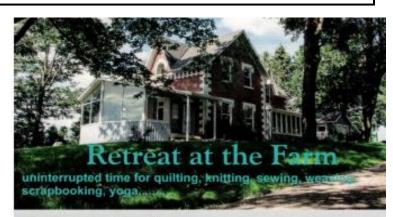
Retreat News -Fall 2021

Check out the stockings constructed by Pat Burbidge at the Retreat at the Farm on November 3!



Organizers: Lynda Black, Sue Pirie, Fern Pugh and Judi Sullivan

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Dufferin Piecemakers Quilting Guild Block of the Month Program for 2021-22

Hello Members and welcome to month #4 of our BOM program for 2021-22! Windsor, Ontario is home to the quilt store Quilting Confections. Heather, the owner, has graciously given us permission to reprint a BOM offered by her store a few years ago. Laura Coia, from Sew Very Easy, made YouTube tutorials for every single block! The links were sent out in both September and October. This month you get the patterns for blocks 7 and 8.













SHOW US YOUR BOMS at the December Zoom meeting!

It's easy—just hold them up in front of your camera for all of us to enjoy!

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 page 2) but remember the deadline which appears on every odd page of your newsletter! Thanks, Sue

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Community Projects Report – December 2021

Lots of things have been delivered this past month!

Placemat deliveries include: 75 to Dufferin Meals on Wheels, 12 to Grand Valley Meals on Wheels, 50 to Grand Valley Foodbank, and 80 to Orangeville Foodbank.

The photo on the right shows part of the donation that went to Comfy Casesthanks to our members! Please contact Fern Pugh if you have fabric to donate or wish to sew pillowcases. Kits are available. Contact information 519-941-8515 or lianmor@sympatico.ca



Personal Care items were delivered to Family Transition Place, Choices, and Cedar Heights. 30 quilts were delivered to Family Transition Place and 6 quilts went to Cedar Heights.

Monetary donations for the Foodbank need to be in by December 17. They can be made by e-transfer to dpqguild@outlook.ca OR they can be delivered to Karen Webster at either of her places of work:

RLB Accounting, 273 Broadway, Orangeville, ON, L9W 1K8 OR

RLB Accounting, 136 Main St., Shelburne, ON, L9V 3K5.

If you need to ask Karen Webster any questions about this, her email is: karen.webster@rlb.ca

Louise Cornelius is storing the fabric for Community Projects. Contact Louise at 519-938-0160 if you have fabric or finished tops to drop off. She also has pre-cut strips in multiple widths ready for anyone working on projects to be donated. 204428 County Rd. 109, East Garafraxa, ON. Stella Graham is storing our finished quilts.

Your CP committee: Karen Turcott, Karen Hunter, Trish McKibbon, Penny Squirrell, Louise Cornelius, Stella Graham and Fern Pugh



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Orphan Block Challenge

17 members completed 21 tops from the orphan block kits. Trish McKibbon was recognized with a prize for completing 3 of the tops. Sue Pirie and Louise Cornelius were chosen by random draw to receive additional prizes.

Thanks to all members who participated in this challenge. The tops go to Community Projects to be quilted by Penny Squirrell. Many thanks to Penny for all the long arm quilting she does for the guild!! The completed quilts will then be distributed in the community as needed.





Janice Jones

Penny Squirrell

Barb Radford

Connie Walterhouse





THANK YOU EVERYBODY!

Quilt tops also made by Leah Mitchell and Debbie Fawcett (no photos available)

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QBA - Quilting by Association

Workshops for members by members

QBA is a program within our guild where members teach other members. They share things they have learned from patterns, workshops or perhaps YouTube. Not everyone who participates completes a project, as some prefer to do their own thing. Regardless, all enjoy the camaraderie at the Saturday gatherings.

In the New Year, our Saturday Sew Along will be January 8th at 10:00 AM.

Linda Lewis will be showing us how to make a sewing machine cover. This will be another project that can make use of your scraps.





The fabric requirements will be sent out at the end of December. Look for the Zoom link on Friday, Jan. 7th. Join in even if you prefer to do your own thing!

In anticipation of more workshops, we need volunteers to present projects. Do you have a project you would like to share with the Guild this year? We'd love to hear from you.!

Contact Judi: sulljudi@gmail.com or Fern: elizabethfern15@gmail.com

Samples from the Bull's Eye QBA lead by Fern Pugh on November 7.

Below Left: Sabina Auberger's alternate use of the blocks to create a Drunkards Path pattern.



Right: blocks made by Judi Sullivan. Top: the original 9 ½" block. Middle: 8 ½" block made from the cut outs from the top block. Bottom: 7 ½" block made from the middle cut outs. Circles were cut free hand so are not symmetrical.





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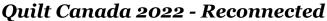




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There is always something new and exciting going on at CQA/ACC. New members are always welcome. Check the CQA website for more information about their many activities such as the 2022 mystery quilt, Trendtex challenge, member and guild challenges: 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. Check it out.

Our November speaker, Jackie White, mentioned this competition. Do you know a young person who might want to enter this challenge? More information here:

https://canadianquilter.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/CQA Youth Challenge 2022.pdf

Email the Director of Youth Programs, Bonnie Rankin, to request a fat eighth of the challenge fabric:

bonnie.rankin@canadianquilteradministration.com.





From the Royal City Quilter's Guild:

This year's virtual celebration of International Quilting Day will be our best yet! Our collaborators will include York Heritage Quilters Guild (Toronto) and Waterloo County Quilters' Guild (Waterloo). Please mark your calendar for **Saturday**, **March 19**, **2022**. Festivities will begin at 9 am, Eastern Time and run throughout the day! Some of the events you can look forward to this year include:

- keynote speaker Meg Cox's (<u>megcox.com</u>) presentation "Behind the Scenes at the Greatest Quilt Museum in the World";
- a vendor showcase;
- projects and demonstrations from guild members and presenters;
- a virtual quilt show featuring work from all three guilds' members;
- door prizes!

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BULLETIN BOARD



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 deposit your donations in Sue Pirie's mailbox

30 Bredin Pkwy (beside Family Transition Place)



Since mid March of 2020 the S'n'S Ladies have been staying in touch with each other through a weekly email chain 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

Birthday Club

December 9 Liz Nash 24 Joyce Dennie 25 Sharon Courage 26 Debbie Fawcett

The Secret Sister Birthday Club will remain inactive from Jan.1st to Dec. 31st, 2022. Meanwhile you may sign up now for the 2022 Birthday List. If you have entered your birth date on the Membership Renewal Form your name will appear on the Birthday List in the Newsletter.

Judy Duffy Penny Squirrell

Speedy recovery!

Meeting Information

General Meeting:

Date: Monday, December 20, 2021

Via Zoom

E-mail with link to follow.

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



Executive Meeting:

Date: Thursday, January 6, 2022 7:00 pm.

Place: your choice via Zoom

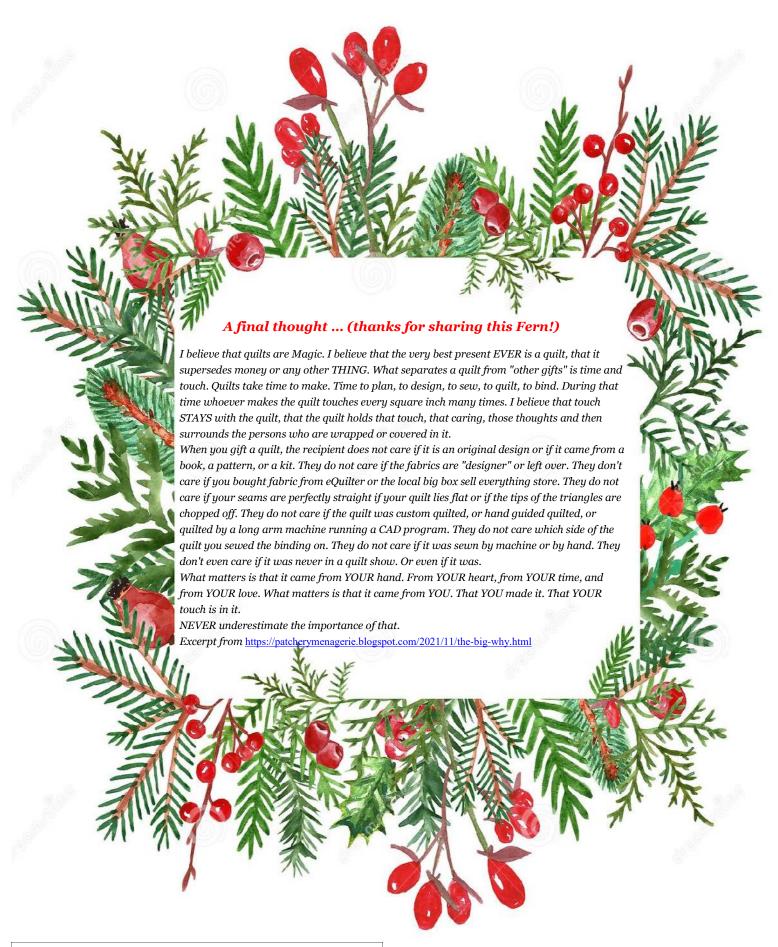
Please call/email co-president Julie MacFarlane if you wish to join in: julie.macfarlane@rogers.com

DATE CHANGES

In the month of February our meeting will occur on the 4th Monday of the month in order to accommodate Family Day.

May meeting on the 16th is not a heliday this year.

(May meeting, on the 16th, is not a holiday this year.)



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