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## Message from our Co-Presidents



**Zoom on January 17, 2022 Meeting at 7:15 Social at 6:45**  
**Zoom link for the meeting will follow by email.**

Hello Ladies:

Happy New Year to all our members and their families! We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and had time off to enjoy with family and friends. We were both fortunate to have time off over the holidays and have been sewing up a storm! How are you all making out with your BOMs? I've been able to get 6 completed and I am really pleased with how they are turning out. Don't forget to share your BOMs at our next Guild meeting.

Our January speaker is Lise Belanger from Quebec. Her creativity and passion for sewing are expressed through her Art Quilts — original art pieces brought to life through the interplay of fabric, texture, and thread. Very excited to see her virtual presentation.

As the newest COVID variant is proving to be very aggressive, please be extra vigilant with taking precautions to limit your exposure. Don't forget to join us for our QBA on January 8th. Linda Lewis will be showing us how to make a sewing machine cover. Now who couldn't use one of those!!

Looking forward to a great 2022 and hopefully being able to have an in-person meeting in the near future.

*Julie & Heather*



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**no later than noon**

## The Executive

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Quilt Show:	TBD
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**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' section. [www.dufferinpiecemakers.org](http://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  
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**Please send newsletter submissions or change of email addresses to Sue Hopkins VanZant at:**

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*Dufferin Piecemakers  
Quilting Guild*

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



## The Social Media Feature Quilt!

It's been rough not being able to meet in person and share whatever we've been creating with others. I'm sure you miss seeing the quilts that we were treated to at the guild meetings in the past. It's been almost TWO years since we were last able to get together and celebrate each other's creations! Zoom meetings just aren't the same are they?

With this in mind we've come up with an idea to continue the tradition of sharing our creations. We're calling it the Social Media Feature Quilt and this is how it works:

- 1) Enter a quilt by emailing one photo of the whole quilt and one photo of a detail you wish to draw attention to – this might be a close up of your perfect points, or needle turned applique, or the quilting, whatever you want to show off on your quilt. You'll email these photos to Judy MacLeod, [jmacleod11@hotmail.com](mailto:jmacleod11@hotmail.com); or Oksana Slipenkyj, [oslipenkyj@rogers.com](mailto:oslipenkyj@rogers.com).
- 2) You are limited to ONE entry per month. In June and then December when we usually have our Socials the photos will be displayed in a Poll and members will choose which one they like. This is like the Viewer's Choice at our Quilt Shows. If we're able to meet in person, you'll be asked to bring your quilt to the meeting.
- 3) The winning quilt will be featured as the Banner photo on our Guild's official Facebook page, the Guild's Members Facebook group, the Guild website and in the Newsletter.
- 4) There will be a lovely prize package for the winner coming from local sponsors.
- 5) The quilts entered each month will be published in the newsletter so we'll have some extra eye candy to look forward to each month.



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Three drop off points  
Sue Pirie's house in Orangeville.  
Barb Davis's house in N. Guelph.  
Dianne Hope's house in Tottenham  
Call for directions



## Program Notes



### 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.



### February 28 Paul Leger

I took my first quilting course in September 1994 in Barrie, Ontario, near the armed forces base where I was stationed. After moving to Ottawa

in 1996, I joined my first guild. I took more courses and began to buy quilting books and lots of fabrics. Quilting has become my passion. I have made over 150 more quilts since then, and have never looked back. I now share my knowledge of quilting by teaching and doing presentations, and blogging!

## WHISPER QUILT PROJECT

Dec 10 <sup>th</sup> -Jan 14 <sup>th</sup>	Leah Mitchell
Jan 14 <sup>th</sup> -Feb 11 <sup>th</sup>	Marion Cole
Feb 11 <sup>th</sup> -March 11 <sup>th</sup>	Linda Horner
March 11 <sup>th</sup> - April 8 <sup>th</sup>	Barb Redford
April 8 <sup>th</sup> -May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Pat Forrest
May 13 <sup>th</sup> -June 19 <sup>th</sup>	Sue Hopkins VanZant

THANKYOU to Kim Beckner for the starting photo!

THE **BIG**  
REVEAL June



## 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**



### DATE CHANGE

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

Hello Members and welcome to month #5 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 9 and 10.



By now you've noticed that there's a lot of extra fabric when you trim and square parts of the blocks up. I hate wasting fabric so have been making myself "bonus" Half Square Triangles from the Stitch 'N' Flip method used for the flying geese. This month you'll get blocks 9 and 10. #9 has these flying geese again – 8 of them to be exact. So, if you're already done with winter or just want a bit more of a challenge, stitch those cut off triangles up from the flying geese and trim them to 1 ½ inches. And save them for later. You'll do it all over again with block #11 in February. Then, come March you'll be able to use them in block #13!

### SHOW YOUR BOMs AT THE ZOOM MEETING!

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

Happy stitching everyone! *Judy and Sheila*

### SHOW AND TELL IS BACK!

Send photos of quilts you have completed to  
Linda Lewis by **January 13th.**

[llewis1@rogers.com](mailto:llewis1@rogers.com)



**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 – January 2022

## Happy New Year to everyone!

Louise Cornelius is storing the fabric for Community Projects, and has been busy cutting kits. Contact Louise at [519-938-0160](tel:519-938-0160) if you want to pick up a kit or two or 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.

Please contact Fern Pugh if you have fabric to donate or wish to sew pillowcases. Kits are available. Contact Fern at [519-941-8515](tel:519-941-8515) or [lianmor@sympatico.ca](mailto:lianmor@sympatico.ca)

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



## Comfy Cases Communication December, 2021

All are welcome to join our FB group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/354360395912941>

**2,031 pillowcases** distributed this year and it's very special that we recently received these emails.

*Good morning Comfy Cases crew,*

*We wanted to take a moment to thank the volunteers of this amazing organization as Zach was recently the recipient of one of your pillowcases during his 2 week stay in hospital. Despite him being 14 years old, we want you to know that the "cool" Star Wars pillowcase that he received while at the Grand River Ped's unit, was the light during a difficult medical recovery. You have instilled a valuable life lesson where Zach now realizes first-hand how one act of kindness can go a long way in brightening someone's day. You have created a lifelong volunteer in the heart of this kid and we can't thank you enough for what you all do!*

*Wishing you and your families all the best over this holiday season and please pass along our gratitude to your amazing volunteers that made this happen!*

*Dear Comfy Cases,*

*I felt strongly about sending this email to express my gratitude for your efforts in making the hospital stays of young children more comfortable. My name is Stephanie and I'm the mother of a 20 month old who was recently admitted to Cortellucci Vaughan hospital. Hospital stays are never comfortable for anyone, let alone a toddler. Our little guy David was having a rough time after already having stayed for a couple days when one of the hospital's Child Life Specialists came in to save the day with one of your pillow cases! David was thrilled to have a new "Chew Chew" (train) pillow case and I can honestly say that having this lovely pillow case made a huge difference.*

*Thank you for your generosity and please know that your efforts really do make a difference in helping little ones get through some pretty rough days.*

*Attached is a picture of David enjoying his lovely pillow case.*

*Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for the New Year!*



Permission was given to share this photo.

[Comfy Cases](#) is a program of [OPACC](#)

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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.

**Our February Sew Along will be Saturday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 AM.**

Judi Sullivan will be showing us how to make a whirling octagon block. Imagine the right one as a wreath in Christmas fabric with a neutral centre and bow on it! The fabric requirements will be sent out at the end of January. **Look for the sew along Zoom link on Friday, Feb. 4.** Join in even if you prefer to do your own thing.



### Samples from the Tiny Tree QBA lead by Sue Pirie December 4.



Leah Mitchell



Marion Cole

**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](mailto:sulljudi@gmail.com) or Fern: [elizabethfern15@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethfern15@gmail.com)





We have all had one (or a few!) of those moments when we wished we had known about a quilting tip, trick, technique or tool earlier in our quilting journey. Hence, this new section in the newsletter. Each month, I will interview a Guild member and share their words of wisdom for all of our benefit! (Sue HVZ—Editor)

## January's Tips and Tricks from Linda Horner

### 1. How long have you been quilting?

Hi ...my name is Linda Horner and I'm a fabricoholic!! I've been sewing since I was a teenager...a long time ago!! Crafting, making teddy bears, ceramics, macramé ...quilting since 2002 or 2003. I've been a member of Dufferin Piecemakers since around 2005.



### 2. What is your favourite style of quilting?

I like all kinds of styles...mostly landscape / fabric art. And I love itty-bitty pieces!! I've machine pieced, hand pieced, machine and hand quilted...I'll stick to machine quilting!!

### 3. What is one tip, trick, technique or tool you would like to share?

I think the best thing I've learned is to just play with your fabric and try all kinds of techniques.....find what you like best as far as styles or colours and ENJOY the process. If doing something is causing you to "stress out" or not making you happy then you need to re-think what you're doing. Also NEVER put yourself or your work down thinking "I'm not very good" or "I'm not creative"... ...EVERYONE is creative in their own way and as long as you enjoy what you're doing.....then the "quilt police" can go somewhere else!!

**Thanks for sharing Linda!** If you would be willing to be interviewed for future issues, please email Sue at [dpqnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:dpqnewsletter@gmail.com)

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Save the dates! **June 15 – 18, 2022.**  
*Vancouver Convention Centre East Building*



A sneak peek at the content of the next issue of the **Canadian Quilter Magazine**

This issue will include:

Scrappy quilt Projects

An interview with Vanessa Genier of Quilts for Survivors

The Sew & Sew program of I Love First Peoples and how you may be able to help!

Myla Borden's Quilt of Many Colours

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and much more!

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! <https://canadianquilter.com/>

### International Quilting Day - March 19, 2022



### 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 ([megcox.com](http://megcox.com)) 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!

Registration is now open. There is no cost for members of sponsoring guilds. Guests are welcome to attend and to submit quilts for the Virtual Quilt Show for a \$20 fee. Visit [rcqg.square.site](http://rcqg.square.site)

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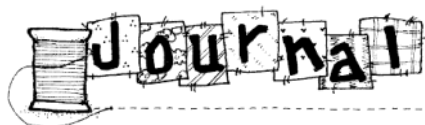
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Since mid March of 2020 the S'n'S Ladies have been staying in touch with each other through a weekly email chain called "Wed Chat". We share our individual activities, our gardens, our pets and anything else that takes our fancy.

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](mailto:hileahandbob@gmail.com)

## January Birthdays



January	01	Judi Sullivan
	01	Judy MacLeod
	14	Kathy Smith
	26	Berva Buttery
	28	Leah Mitchell



## Meeting Information

### General Meeting:

**Date:** Monday, January 17, 2022 Via Zoom  
**E-mail with link to follow.**

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



### Executive Meeting:

**Date:** Thursday, January 27, 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](mailto:julie.macfarlane@rogers.com)

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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 holiday this year.)



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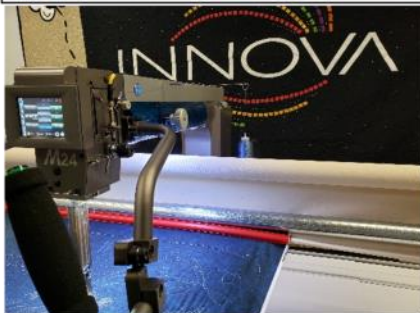
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