

# The Piecemakers' Star

# Celebrating 25 years

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# Message from our Po-presidents

March is here and as the saying goes – in like a lion, out like a lamb. We sure had our share of wintry weather in Dufferin County this year but it's looking like things are finally warming up and spring is not far behind. Do you have some spring projects lined up? I'm working on a few baby quilts and also trying to do a Christmas quilt that our January speaker inspired me to try. It's the Mod Ornament by Sew Kind of Wonderful. This is my first attempt at sewing curves and it's going well. Not sure if I will have much time to sew in the next few weeks as we have a new addition to our family. Meeka has 4 big paws and brown fur and is an adorable little chocolate lab. It's definitely going to be a very busy spring at our house.

Thanks to everyone who came out to our February meeting. It was so inspiring to see so many of our members working together to make pillowcases, placemats and quilts to support our community projects.

This month our speaker will be Sue Sherman, a National and International Award-Winning Quilt Artist whose quilts use the magical properties of fabric and thread to reflect some of her other lifelong passions

Oksana (§ Fern)

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





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# The Executive

Co-Presidents:	Fern Pugh, Oksana Slipenkyj		
Vice-President:	Julie MacFarlane and Heather Sheridan		
Past President:	Linda Lewis		
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#### The Committees

Birthday Club:	Leah Mitchell,
Block of the Month:	Judy MacLeod, Sheila Klein
Bulletin Board:	Vacant
Community Projects:	Karen Turcott, Karen Hunter, Connie Walterhouse, Trish McKibbon, Val Asbourne, Penny Squirrell, Fern Pugh
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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: Facebook:	Oksana Slipenkyj Judy MacLeod

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Judi Sullivan : sulljudi@gmail.com

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



**Quílt As-You-Go Made Víntage by Jera Brandwíg** Thís book gives you a lot of choices – 51 quílt block patterns that measure 12 x 12 finished, as well as three quílt as-you-go finishing techniques. Quílt as-you-go is a doable way to complete a quilt

all on your own. If you're not ready to try this method, you can use the block patterns and finish a quilt using traditional methods.

# Step-by-Step Texture Quilting by Christina Cameli

Take your quilting to the next level with these creative textures. Bring out the best in your piecing with free-motion quilting that begs to be touched. Christina allows the quilter to improve their skills with her step-be-step guide to quilted texture. This book is perfect to use on home sewing machines and longarms, for advance beginners and beyond. This month books about History are being featured.





<u>MYSTERY BUS TOUR!</u> Saturday April 4—8.30 am to (approx) 5 pm FOUR SHOPS

Ticket \$49.98 (+tax) includes transportation \* box lunch \* mystery project \* goodie bag \* shop demos \* fun! Tickets available at shop or online at cobwebsandcaviar.com

COBWEBS & CAVIAR, 147 Main St. W. Shelburne, ON



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 <u>jmacleod11@hotmail.com</u> and she'll put it on to the Facebook page for you.

# **Program Corner 2020**

# March 16 - Sue Sherman - Fibre Artist

In March we will have a presentation by Sue Sherman. Sue has been working with fibres and fabric for as long as she can remember: Over the years she has enjoyed designing and creating in most of the established fibre arts: quilting, dressmaking, tailoring, knitting, embroidery, needlepoint, weaving and crochet, and related crafts such as beading and copper wire jewellery. Sue's quilts have been accepted to national and international quilt shows in Canada and the United States, as well as Studio Art Quilt Associates (SAQA) exhibitions. Her quilts have won awards at the Canadian National Juried Show, AQS Charlston, and the IQA Houston show.

Sue will have patterns for sale, so bring your cash or credit card.









# April 20 - Helen Martin

In April we will have Helen Martin who not only collects antique quilts but collects the stories that go with them.



# Workshop - Saturday April 25 - GETTING TO KNOW YOUR SERGER

9:30am - 3pm Meridian community room Bring your serger and join Monique from Brampton Sew and Serge for this workshop. You

will complete a workbook full of samples featuring various serger techniques. Great reference tool, specific to your machine!

Class fee is \$55. There is an additional fee of \$15 for the kit. This includes 4 cones of thread, workbook and fabric swatches.

Your Program Committee: Linda Lewis, Sue Pirie, Marcia Lalonde and ??? (volunteer needed)



# COMMUNITY PROJECTS Report - February 2020

This past month, Karen Turcott delivered 4 quilts to a homeless youth shelter and 12 quilts the Compass Eritrea Refugee Ministry. Since September, 89 quilts have been given to the local charities.

The February Work Bee / Learning meeting went very well. We had a really good turn out, for the afternoon, as well as, the evening. Many of us learned Penny Squirrell's way of making binding. If any of you missed it, she will have more copies of her instructions at the March meeting. We also learned about placemats, pillowcases and other sewing tips.

Elizabeth Bricker brought in over 40 finished placemats and 7 finished quilt tops! She has been a very busy bee! Val Ashbourne also brought in 2 finished quilt tops. Even though Elizabeth brought in so many placemats, we are still needing more. We gave out about 120 this past Christmas, and will need as many, if not more for 2020.

There are several kits cut and ready for you to take and sew. They will produce a twin size quilt top. They will be available for pick up at the Community Projects table at the meeting in March.

We are still looking for more places or individual people or families to give quilts to. If you know of any, please contact Karen Turcott.

There will be a work bee the afternoon before the meeting, Monday March 16th. Please join us any time after 1pm, with your machine and sewing supplies.

Members who wish to work on their own project are welcome to use available space in the afternoon.

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



Gwen Valliere attended the new members' day on Feb. 22. She got her blocks sewn at the workshop and finished her table runner over the weekend!



**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



## Retreat at the Farm

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Come & retreat to our 100 acre farm nestled in Mulmur Twp, close to the town of Shelburne. Features:

- a large workroom with lovely natural light
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Quilt donated to the Meridian Credit Union on February 5th, 2020 as the Guild's "thank you" for the use of their Boardroom. The Boardroom is used free of charge by the Stitch & Share Group, the Guild Executive, the Quilt Show Steering Committee, Quilting by Association (QBA) and some workshop classes. The quilt top was given to Community Quilts and was quilted by Penny & Connie. Meridian has donated the quilt to Hospice Dufferin for their Leap Year Fund raiser held on February 29th at Memoriam Life Celebration Centre.

#### IT'S TIME FOR SPRING RETREATS

**Guild quilting retreats** give you time to escape daily stresses, responsibilities and everyday interruptions. They allow you time to sew when and what you want. Enjoy the atmosphere of like-minded quilters and finish off all those UFOs or start on a new project.

#### **Spring Weekend Retreat**

Friday March 27 to Sunday March 29 at Stayner Retreat Centre. Double rooms with 2 or 3 piece bathrooms.
Double: \$215 Single: \$255 Includes all meals.
Sold out - add your name to the waiting list - often someone drops out at the last minute

#### **One Day Mini Retreat**

Saturday April 18 at the Orangeville Seniors' Centre Sign up at the March meeting. \$40 with supper \$20 for day only 9:30 - 8:00 9:30 - 4:30 Bring your own lunch

#### Block of the Month 2019 - 2020

#### Town & Country Mystery Quilt March 2020 – Row Houses

We're staying in town again this month and bring to you our version of those pretty Row Houses that have been built over by Westside Secondary School. This one is truly a combined effort.

Judy designed the block at the very beginning, but didn't take notes or pictures of the process. Sheila excels at reverse engineering and took the finished block and came up with a slightly different block just to show how little changes can result in truly unique look. We hope that you'll step outside of your comfort zone and make yours uniquely yours. We want to see them!

It's another appliqued block, but simple straight stitching is all you need to anchor the houses and trees in place.

Next month will be about Spring! And Easter! Stay tuned!

Judy and Sheila (Pattern will be sent separately)

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# February Hands On Meeting for Community Projects



Slab block top sewn by Sue HVZ



Penny illustrating continuous bias binding







Karen & Sheila conferring



Checking out Dale's thread painting at Show 'n Tell



June sharing with Connie, Yvonne GR & Lorna

# 🕱 BULLETIN BOARD 🌫



To Mary De Vries on the loss of her husband Robert June Moir who lost her sister Jacky Hill on the loss of her Dad



# DPQG PRESIDENTS' CHALLENGE 2020

The year is 2020 and we have 2 Presidents! We have chosen to work on the theme of Double Double.

Here are the criteria:

- Please work in pairs. Find a buddy & design a project. You can double up with more than one buddy but each pair is responsible for a project.
- The project must feature 2 techniques; such as appliqué & piecing, appliqué & paper piecing, hand stitching & embroidery etc.
- Project is anything you wish to make such as table runner, wall hanging, pillow, bag, baby quilt. Project must be completed & presented at the June 2020 meeting.
- Include a brief description of the techniques used.
- Use your imagination!



Congratulations to Debbie Fawcett who won the quilt draw at the February meeting. The Community Projects Committee thanks members for their support. Proceeds to the purchase of batting.

# **Nominating Committee Report**

Thank you to all our volunteers for the executive and the committees! We have started planning for filling the positions for the 2020-2021 guild year. Please contact Linda Lewis at <u>llewis1@rogers.com</u> if you wish to volunteer for a position or change to another committee. We had a lot of members confirm their positions at the last meeting. Thank you. That makes our job a lot easier. Many hands make light work!

Julie MacFarlane and Heather Sheridan have taken the position of co-vice presidents, effective immediately, as this position has been vacant all year. Way to go ladies!

We are currently looking for the following positions: (more may be available as members switch to try something new) Newsletter Editor – computer training provided on Microsoft Publisher.

**QBA**: (members teaching members) - need 2 people to coordinate this activity by finding volunteers to teach the workshops and to schedule the workshops.

Most other committees have some returning members confirmed, but there is still room.

What committee are you interested in joining? Contact us please.

Your nominating committee, Linda Lewis, Christine Robinson and Sue Hopkins Van Zant



# What's On - Upcoming Shows



Edmonton Alberta

June 18 - 20, 2020

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

QUILT FEVER 2020 Etobicoke Quilters Guild Mar 27 - 28 Fri 10-5; Sat 10-5 Nelson Park Creative Centre, 56 Nelson Drive, Etobicoke Admission: \$10 https://www.etobicokequiltersguild.com/

#### PIECEMAKERS QUILT SHOW

Huron Perth Quilters Guild & Stonetown Quilters' Guild **Apr 23-25** Thu 10-5, Fri 10-7, Sat 10-4 The Pyramid Centre, 317 St. James St. St. Marys Admission: \$8 https://www.huronperthquiltersguild.com/piecemakersquiltshow.htm

#### **QUILTED EXPRESSIONS**

Oakville Quilters Guild **May 1 – 3** Fri 10-4, Sat 10-4, Sun 11-4 International Union of Operating Engineers, 2245 Speers Rd, Oakville Admission: \$8 https://www.oakvillequiltersguild.ca/show2020.html

#### FEELINGS IN FABRIC

Kawartha Qultmakers Guild show & sale May 1 - 2 Fri. 4-9, Sat. May 2 9-7 Fleming College, 599 Bealey Drive Peterborough http://www.kawarthaquiltmakersguild.ca/QuiltShow.html

#### **QUILTS FROM THE VALLEY**

Rouge Valley Quilters Guild **May 1 – 2** Forest Brook Community Church, 60 Kearney Dr, Ajax https://www.rvqg.com/p/quilt-show.html

#### STITCHES IN BLOOM

Chatham Kent Quilters Guild May 8 – 9 St. Paul's Congregational Church, 450 Park Ave W, Chatham https://ckquiltguild.com/category/quilt-show/

#### MISSISSAUGA QUILTS

Mississauga Quilters Guild **May 8 - 9** Fri 10-6. Sat. 10-4 Burnhamthorpe Community Centre and Chic Murray Arena, 1500 Gullenden Drive, Mississauga Admissions: \$8 <u>http://www.mississaugaquiltersguild.ca/quilt-show-20201.html</u>

#### ALISA CRAIG COMMUNITY QUILT FESTIVAL May 18 – 23 Featuring Quilts from New Zealand

Alisa Craig Playschool, 155 Anne Ada Shipley St. Alisa Craig https://ailsacraigartscentreampquiltfibreartsfestival.wildapricot.org/

#### 20/20 VISIONS OF QULTS IN NIAGARA Niagara Heritage Quilters Guild

Friday May 29 – 31 Fri 10-8, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4 Meridian Community Centre, 100 Meridian Way, Fonthill Admission: \$8 <u>https://niagaraquiltersguild.com/2020-quilt-show/</u>

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# 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 couple of 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

Apr. 4	Leah Mitchell	Cathedral Windows - quilt as you go
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 <u>http://www.riverbendartistsofgrandvalley.ca/cal.html</u> to see the upcoming art events scheduled for the month in Orangeville and area.

#### ADVERTISING RATES

	Ad Size	Same ad Every Month		Ad Changes Required	
Type of Ad		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: March

Linda Lewis 13 Linda Davenport 23 Stella Graham 29

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

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.

**DATE CHANGES** 

In the months of February and May our meetings will occur

on the 4th Mondav of the

month in order to

accommodate holidays.

#### REFRESHMENTS

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

Please suply your own drinks.

# **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. If it's not cancelled, use your discretion and make your own decision.

#### Want to contact a guild member?

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



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

 $\bullet$  Turn off the ring on your cell phone or go to another room to use it

•Minimum chatting when there is a speaker.

 $\blacklozenge$  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.** 

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# Meeting Information

## **General Meeting:**

Date: Monday, March 16, 2020 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 March 26 2020 7:00 pm.

Place: Orangeville Meridian Credit Union

Please call/email Co-president Oksana Slipenkyj if you wish to attend. oslipenkyj@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
- 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
- Money for Sue's pattern

And a .....