



# The Piecemakers' Star

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### *Message from our Co-presidents*

May has arrived and as I write, it has snowed, sun has shone and the wind does blow. Thank goodness we have the signs of spring (green grass, daffodils & tree buds) so we know warmer weather will come!

We have now been in our "stay at home" for eight weeks now and Oksana and I truly hope that you have thrived during this time. We hope that your passion for sewing has kept you busy and energized. We are so proud of our members who have stepped up to help in so many ways with the Pandemic Project. As you know, 300 scrub bags with caps and headbands will be delivered during nursing week May 11-15, 2020 to our own Headwaters Health Care Centre. The need has been great and we have responded. A huge thank you goes to Judy MacLeod and Oksana for organizing our pandemic response and to Louise Cornelius for coordinating the gown making. We would also like to recognize and thank Cobwebs and Caviar (AJ Cavey) for keeping us in fabric. More information on this is in the newsletter...read on!

We have cancelled our May meeting which was to be our AGM. The June meeting is on hold but I am sure it will be cancelled as well. The executive met via Zoom and it was decided that the AGM will be held in October with the new Executive and committee members taking office at that time. We thank those members who are staying in their positions for this extra time. Duffies will be presented at our December social.

During our response to the pandemic, many non guild members have been active in helping sew the masks, headbands, scrub caps, ear savers and scrub bags. We hope to thank these individuals with an invitation to a future meeting.

Mother's Day will be over by the time you read this note and we hope all mothers have had an excellent day despite our distancing.

Our very best to everyone.....keep on sewin' until we can meet again.

Oksana and Fern



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## The Executive

Co-Presidents:	Fern Pugh, Oksana Slipenkyj
Vice-President:	Julie MacFarlane and Heather Sheridan
Past President:	Linda Lewis
Secretary:	Anne Nicholson
Treasurer:	Darlene Cordingley Assistant: <a href="#">Vacant</a>
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Newsletter Editor:	Judi Sullivan
Proof readers:	Ida Cunningham, Sue Pirie Penny M. Squirrell, Sue Hopkins Van Zant

## The Committees

Birthday Club:	Leah Mitchell,
Block of the Month:	Judy MacLeod, Sheila Klein
Bulletin Board:	<a href="#">Vacant</a>
Community Projects:	Karen Turcott, Karen Hunter, Connie Walterhouse, Trish McKibbin, Val Asbourne, Penny Squirrell, Fern Pugh
Financial Reviewers:	Diana Cordingley
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, Mindy Swack, Dale McMillan
Stitch 'n Share	Leah Mitchell
Web Coordinator:	Oksana Slipenkyj
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*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 Corner 2020

We are so disappointed to have to cancel all the great speakers that we had arranged for these past few months. We have rescheduled most of them and have all of next Guild year booked as well as some of the following year.

The serger workshop will be rescheduled in the fall.

### September 21 Noshi Gulati

Our guest speaker is Noshi Gulati with her trunk show titled "Airport Security...Stole My Scissors". A humorous journey thru life to India and back. Trunk show will feature original designs, hand appliqué and hand quilting.

Sew Happy!

Linda Lewis and Sue Pirie

### QBA—Quilting by Association

Guild members teaching workshops for members

**WANTED: volunteers to run the QBA committee starting in September.**

Contact Linda Lewis to volunteer: [llewis1@rogers.com](mailto:llewis1@rogers.com)



**Darlene Cordingley is going to be teaching the Project bag on Oct 3, 2020.** You can never have enough of these! Also great for your orphan blocks.  
Sign up at the Sept meeting

**Linda Lewis** has agreed to teach a class in March 2021 - the Easter bunny table topper. It works up pretty quickly and top can easily be done in 1 class. Isn't it cute?

All other months are available. Do you have a project or skill you wish to share? Classes are the first Saturday of each month. Please contact Linda.



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## COMMUNITY PROJECTS Report - May 2020

Connie and Penny gave 3 quilts to a family that lost their house in a fire in Melancthon.

**Penny and Connie** have been very busy during this time of isolation. They have been cutting kits for bags, headbands, masks and scrub caps. In doing this they have gone through a lot of fabric yardage!

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.

**Louise** Cornelius has been busy cutting kits for gowns. If you are interested in sewing these, call her 519-938-0160.

Stay safe

Your committee: Karen Turcott, Karen Hunter, Connie Walterhouse, Trish McKibbin, Penny Squirrell, Val Ashbourne, and Fern Pugh (pillow case lady)

**Can't say enough about the wonderful ladies who were the driving force behind our pandemic project.**

CAPTAIN OKSANA



Caps & Bands - Nurses initiative

CAPTAIN JUDY



Masks

ASSISTANT CAPTAIN FERN



You name it, she did it - whatever was needed!

ASSISTANT CAPTAIN LOUISE



Gowns

**Absolutely amazing as is everyone who supported this initiative!**

### Quilter's Nook

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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



## Covid -19 Community Out Reach

Guild members have been working from their stash, sewing and delivering facemasks, scrub caps & bags, headbands and gowns to health care providers, businesses, community groups and individuals in the area. Thank you to everyone for your time, skill and materials. Special thanks to individuals from the community and Cobwebs for donations of fabric and finished products. Everyone's generosity is much appreciated by the recipients of these gifts. Many recipients have made cash donations which will be re-directed to the Dufferin Food Banks. For more photos and stories go to the Dufferin Piecemakers Members Group and the Guild's Face Book page. Totals as of May 10<sup>th</sup> are listed below.



Face Masks - 300



Face Masks/Scrub Caps



Scrub Caps -838

**\$1600 collected from donations for masks has gone to the local food banks.**



Scrub Bags - 539



Headbands - 503  
Ear saver - 165



Gowns -155



Headwaters Health Care Centre



Dufferin Oaks



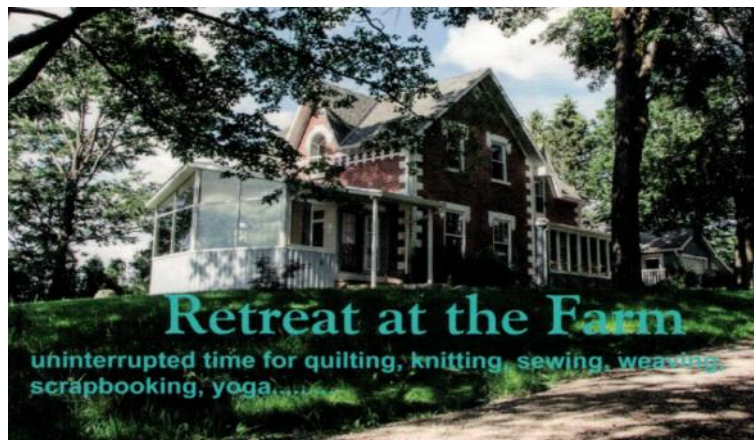
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May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020

Dear Darlene,

During this challenging time, our staff at Headwaters Health Care Centre and our community partners are doing everything possible to keep our community safe and healthy. It is truly heartwarming to see these efforts being recognized by our community and local businesses who are finding meaningful ways to support us.

We are very grateful for your donation of scrub caps for our staff. It is an important gift because it will help keep our staff healthy and safe during these challenging times.

It is so reassuring to know that we have the unwavering support of community members like you as we continue to deal with the unprecedented circumstances presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. Support like yours lifts our spirits because it shows how strongly our community believes in what we are doing.

Thank you again for your donation. It serves as a tangible reminder that we are *One Community, Caring Together*.

Sincerely,

Kim Delahunt  
President & CEO  
Headwaters Health Care Centre

Dora Boylen-Pabst, CFRE  
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## Block of the Month 2019 - 2020

### Town & Country Mystery Quilt April 2020 – Heart House, Trees & Flag

This month we thought we'd give you a few things to work on, just in case you're bored silly, or really, really tired of sewing masks, scrub caps and other protective items for family, friends and the community. By the way, we're overwhelmed at the generosity of guild members and non members who have stepped up with offers to help! Whether it be fabric and notions donations, or cutting or sewing, it's amazing what we've been able to do for our community!

Now for the fun stuff... The first block is a Heart House from AQS. It's a simple block but conveys so well what we're all feeling these days. Home definitely **IS** where the heart is. It's a free pattern so we're simply going to share the link. We've made the 8 inch block. Since we'll be making "filler" type blocks for this quilt, you could go ahead and make a couple (or a few) of the 4 inch version if you want. You'll be able to fit them in somewhere when it's time to put the quilt together. You'll find the block here, on the AQS blog:

[www.aqsblog.com/heart-home-block-swap-quilting-on-together](http://www.aqsblog.com/heart-home-block-swap-quilting-on-together)

Next, we thought we'd honour this great country we call home with a Canadian flag block. And finally, remember those templates back in January that I told you to hang on to? We're going to use them this month for some little trees.

Questions? Email Judy: [jmacleod11@hotmail.com](mailto:jmacleod11@hotmail.com)  
Missing everyone, Judy and Sheila  
(Pattern will be sent separately)





## Dufferin Piecemakers Quilting Guild responds to Community Groups in their time of need



Community Outreach L to R: Ms. Davis from Dufferin Caledon Victim Services, Ms. Cook from the Orangeville Youth Shelter and Ms. Kennedy from Family Transition House are presented with quilts from Guild members Penny Squirrell and Judi Sullivan.

Our donation to the Ronald McDonald House in 2017 as part of the Canadian Quilters Association's Big Quilt Bee project to donate 1,000 quilts to the Ronald McDonald homes across Canada.



Quilts were sent to Humboldt, Saskatchewan bus crash victims in 2017 and to Kelowna, British Columbia forest fires victims in 2009. Individual members make sleeping mats from milk bags, Mastectomy pillows, pillow cases for Cases for Smiles for Sick Kids Hospital and those with long arm quilting machines quilt the tops that are pieced.

And now, some members are responding to Headwaters Health Care Centre's need for scrub caps, head bands and face masks. They have buttons attached so they can hook the elastic over the buttons to protect their ears. Members are also making community masks to help curb the spread of Covid 19.



OR staff at break time wearing their new scrub caps. April 7, 2020

## Nomination Committee Report

Here is the list of Executive and committees for the next guild year. **We request that anyone resigning or changing positions, keep themselves available until the AGM in October.** Please let us know if you would like to volunteer for any of the vacant positions. Please email [llewis1@rogers.com](mailto:llewis1@rogers.com). Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered by staying in your existing position or signing up to try something new. We have a wonderful group of ladies. We hope to see you all soon.

### EXECUTIVE:

Co-presidents: Fern Pugh & Oksana Slipenkyj  
Vice- President(s): Heather Sheridan & Julie MacFarlane  
Past President: Linda Lewis  
Secretary: Anne Nicholson  
Treasurer: filled  
Treasurer Assistant: Michelle McGee  
Program: Sue Pirie, Linda Lewis **(2 positions needed to help at meetings)**  
Membership: Christine Robinson, Yvonne Guse-Rahn  
Newsletter: Sue Hopkins Van Zant mentored by Judi Sullivan  
Proofers: Ida Cunningham, Sue Pirie

### COMMITTEES:

Birthday Club: Leah Mitchell  
Block of the Month: Judy MacLeod, Sheila Klein  
Bulletin Board: **VACANT**  
Community Projects: Committee Coordinators: Karen Turcott & Karen Hunter  
With Connie Walterhouse, Trish McKibbin, Val Ashbourne, Penny Squirrell, Ann Swift-Peters, & Fern Pugh (pillowcases)  
Financial Reviewers: Maxine Barnes **(1 volunteer needed for once a year project)**  
Historian: Leah Mitchell  
Librarians: Liz Nash, Lorna Raney, Linda Horner, June Moir  
Lucky Draw: Stella Graham, Sharon Courage, Helen Currie, Louise Cornelius  
QBA: **VACANT**  
Quilt Show: TBD  
Refreshments: Diana Cordingley for socials only  
Retreats: Judi Sullivan, Yvonne Conway, Sue Pirie, (Linda Lewis – **volunteers needed for mini retreats**)  
Show & Tell: Cathy Smith, Dale McMillan, Mindy Swack **(1 position needed)**  
Stitch & Share: Leah Mitchell  
Web Coordinator: Oksana Slipenkyj  
Facebook: Judy MacLeod



## Virtual Quilt Show (VQS) - April 27<sup>th</sup> - May 3<sup>rd</sup> sponsored by Gemmell Inc.

<https://virtualquiltshow.com/quiltgallery/>

Guild member **Dale McMillan** entered three of her beautiful quilts in this virtual show.

"Always Hope", "Guest of Honour" and "Blue Heron Boogie" which won first place for the "Best use of Embroidery".



"Always Hope"  
won 1<sup>st</sup> place Viewers' Choice in  
the pieced category Northcott Challengein  
at the Guild's 2019 Quilt Show.



"Guest of Honour"



"Blue Heron Boogie"  
1<sup>st</sup> place for Best use of Embroidery  
the Virtual Quilt Show April 27<sup>th</sup> - May 3<sup>rd</sup>.2020

### DufferinOaks Long Term Care Home

April 21, 2020

Oksana Slipenkyj  
Fern Pugh  
Dufferin Piecemakers Quilting Guild

Dear Oksana and Fern,

On behalf of the staff and residents of Dufferin Oaks, I would like to extend our most sincere appreciation for the generous donation of scrub caps and headbands that were delivered today. Words cannot describe the impact it had on our staff as each cap was gratefully provided to our frontline healthcare workers.

During this extraordinary time of pandemic, community support is such an important element for everyone and I am so thankful for the kindness and generosity displayed by your group. I have attached a photo of our staff member, Esther, proudly accepting and wearing your beautiful caps.

Please extend our gratitude to all involved.

Sincerely,

Brenda Wagner

Administrator  
Dufferin Oaks

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May 7, 2020

Dufferin Piecemakers Quilting Guild  
Attn: Ms. Louise Cornellus  
204426 County Rd 109  
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Dear Ms. Cornellus,

On behalf of the staff here at Family Transition Place, and the women we serve, I wanted to thank you and the Dufferin Piecemakers Quilting Guild for generously donating 12 handmade surgical gowns. Your ongoing support and thoughtfulness make all the difference to the women and children who find refuge at our shelter and to the staff that serve them.

We receive a lot of feedback from women that have used our services and we are touched by their meaningful messages. See some of their "voices of courage" below. We thank you for being a part of their journey by supporting us in our work.

From past FTP clients:

"You have helped so much to help me believe in myself and to follow my dreams. I will never forget my time here of nurturing, sharing and caring. Bless you."

"Thank you for showing me that there is HOPE even when I was in the worst time of my life. I could not have managed without you."

"I felt welcome from the first night I was there. You are all so understanding and have helped me, and have allowed me to feel that I need to put the past behind me. I am a stronger woman now."

We sincerely appreciate the consideration and generosity of donors like you.

Sincerely,

Norah Kennedy  
Executive Director

Each year we endeavour to publicly thank our donors and supporters. If publicizing your name would create a problem please contact Kelly Lee at (519) 942-4122 ext. 243. In an effort to keep you in the know, we will forward to you future newsletters with information about our programs and initiatives unless you advise us not to do so. Family Transition Place does not sell or share our mailing lists.

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# BULLETIN BOARD



## In Sympathy

Our thoughts are with Linda Lewis on the loss of her mother, Juanita Hodder. Juanita was a member and attended some of the one day retreats. We'll miss her.

<https://www.dodsandmcnair.com/memorials/juanita-hodder/4207750/obituary.php>

## HELP STILL NEEDED

Dufferin Oaks is still in need of protective gowns. They need 90+ for each shift. Gowns are almost impossible to purchase because of the high demand across the country.

If you can help sew some gowns from precut kits (after the 1st one you can whip one up in about 2 hours)

Please contact Louise: 519 943-0756



## The Riverbend Artists of Grand Valley (RAGV)

produce a monthly Artz Info Network (AIN) calendar. You may access the calendar at:

<http://riverbendartistsofgrandvalley.ca/cal.html> to see the upcoming art events scheduled for the month in Orangeville and area.

## 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!

THANK  
YOU!

Our thanks to Rob Rebelo at **Fabricland** for his donation of elastic and buttons to our pandemic project. It was very much appreciated!



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Hope to see you soon, stay safe .

Thank you for your past and future patronage. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at: [Rebelo\\_fabricland@bellnet.ca](mailto:Rebelo_fabricland@bellnet.ca)

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## Birthday Club

*Celebrating this month: May*

Liz Chapman 28

*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.**

*Birthday Club Members Submitted by: Leah Mitchell*

### 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.

**Please support our advertisers  
in these difficult times.**

### 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)  
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, May 25, 2020  
**Orangeville Fair Grounds**  
(aka OAS Event Centre)

**Time:** 6:45 p.m. Doors Open

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**Place:** Orangeville Fairgrounds  
5 Sideroad of Mono

**CANCELLED**

## Executive Meeting:

**Thursday May 28 2020 7:00 pm.**

**Place:** Online with Zoom

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

**Cancelled until further notice.**

## 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**

And a .....





# More Covid Pictures



Social Distancing

Louise delivers gowns to Cedar Heights



Modelling a gown at FTP (Family Transition Place)



Kits received at Dufferin Oaks

**MEMBERSHIP:** Guild dues are on hold until September and will be paid by e-transfer or cheque .

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