



# The Piecemakers' Star

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Greetings fellow quilters!!

As I'm typing this letter, it's snowing outside. My house backs onto a Christmas tree farm and many families [are](#) visiting the farm today. The kids are making snowmen and making S'mores around the fire. It's so nice to hear and see kids having so much fun at the farm.

**On December 18<sup>th</sup>, the meeting (at the Orangeville Seniors Centre) will be our Christmas Social.** Members are asked to bring their own drinks (plates and cutlery). Those with last names starting with A-M are asked to bring finger foods and those with last names beginning with N-Z please bring monetary donations for the Food Bank.

The January and February meeting will be hosted on Zoom so you can join us in the comfort of your home. Come to the computer corner at the meeting for a chance to practice using Zoom.

Please bring your quilts for Show and Tell.

Volunteers are needed for the following committees:

3 volunteers for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

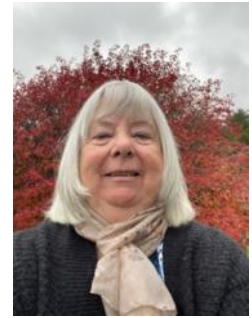
2 volunteers for the lucky draw and

2 volunteers for the community outreach which includes the chairperson

1 or 2 for vice president

Step up and share your talents.

Warmest regards,  
Louise



LOUISE CORNELIUS

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## The Executive

### DPQG Executive 2023/24

#### Executive:

Co-Past Presidents –  
Heather Sheridan, Julie MacFarlane

President – Louise Cornelius

Vice President – vacant

Secretary – Janice Jones

Treasurer – Tara Doyle

Program – Linda Horner, Jill Cameron, Rose  
Mocella, Yvonne Guse Rahn

Membership – Janice Payne, Barb Redford

Newsletter – Pat Forrest, Judi Sullivan

#### Committees:

Creative Projects – Linda Harris, Sue Pirie

Community Outreach – Karen Hunter, Trish  
McKibbin, Penny Squirrell, Sharon Courage,  
2 vacant

Financial Reviewers – vacant

Historian – Judi Sullivan

Lucky Draw – Helen Currie, Sharon Courage,  
2 vacant

QBA – Fern Pugh, Judi Sullivan

30th Anniversary – Fabienne Good, Madeleine  
Rentsch + 3 more

Retreats – Lynda Black, Tara Doyle, Christine  
Robinson, Judi Sullivan

Communications/Website/Facebook – Judi  
Sullivan, Judy MacLeod/Oksana Slipenkyj

Show 'n Tell – Dale McMillan, Mindy Swick

Stitch 'n Share – Judy MacLeod,  
Oksana Slipenkyj

#### 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)

# Meeting Information

## General Meeting:

**Date:** MONDAY, December 18, 2023  
**Time:** 6:45 p.m.  
**Location:** Orangeville Seniors Center  
26 Bythia St. Orangeville

## Executive Meeting:

**Date:** Thursday, Jan. 4 at 7:00 PM  
**ON ZOOM**

All executive members and committee chairs please attend.

## Pillowcase Project

If you wish to have pillowcase kits, please contact Fern Pugh at  
519-941-8515 or email [elizabethfern15@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethfern15@gmail.com).

Fern also accepts pillowcases made from your  
fabric collection.



*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?

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 speak-  
ers and workshops, and things you don't see in the newsletter due to space con-  
straints. 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 main Facebook page for you.

There is also a group for members. Here you can do your own posting of things you'd  
like to share with other members; great patterns or deals you've come across, and  
accomplishments you've achieved. It's called **Dufferin Piecemakers Members Group**.  
Go have a look and request to join us if you haven't already joined.

## PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT



### December 18, 2023 Meeting

**ORANGEVILLE SENIORS CENTRE** 26 Bythia St. Orangeville.

This is our Christmas Social. Bring your own refreshment, plate and cutlery.

Members with last names starting A - M , please bring munchies/ treats and members with last names N - Z, a donation to the Foodbank would be appreciated.

### January 15, 2024 Meeting VIRTUAL

Speaker is **JONI NEWMAN** - Stained Glass Landscape Quilts and more.

(website: [quirksandquilts.com](http://quirksandquilts.com) )

I am a quilter/designer recently moved to Vancouver Island, Canada who started sewing as a young teenager. My love of textiles and desire to create led me to quilting.

I enjoy all the steps from concept through design and production of quilts. At each step in the process, decisions about fabric and thread, colour and texture influence the final piece. I love play with different quilting techniques from traditional pieced quilts, to folk art and mixed media, and am always trying out new things.



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### February 12, 2024 Meeting VIRTUAL

Speaker is **BILL STEARMAN**, QUILT MAKER (website: [billstearman.com](http://billstearman.com)) ... I'm just a guy who likes to make quilts ... and tell stories. <https://billstearmanquilts.blogspot.com/>

Every day is an adventure as I try new things. Like the rest of life it seems, what can be done in quilt making is limited only by my imagination. What an incredibly exciting journey!

Fabrics and carefully placed stitches express joy, anguish, hope, gratitude, and love, providing glimpses into deep and important stories; stories that matter on personal and social levels.

His quilts make bold statements and provoke thoughtful consideration of a variety of issues.

"With the help of about 20 of my quilts, I'll tell their stories... my stories. I doubt that these quilts, and their stories, will remind you of your Grandmother's quilts."



## QBA - Quilting by Association

Workshops for members by members.

### QBA JANUARY 6, 2024 Quilt as You Go Hexagons



Our QBA presentation will be a technique rather than a project but of course, a project can be created from this technique! **Fern Pugh** hopes to give you options for working with this method.

We will be trying out quilt as you go (QAYG) hexagons which can be a totally hand work project or we can incorporate machine work which makes for a quicker finish.

See photo for a sample of this method. This could be a table centre piece, a candle mat or just the beginning of a much larger project.



### Who doesn't love a Quilt Along?

The 2024 Oatmeal Raisin Mystery Quilt Along is available at [canadianquilter.com](http://canadianquilter.com) now.

Running from November 2023 to June 2024, you can retrieve the introductory information now and start choosing your fabrics.

Then from December to June a new installment of the pattern will be revealed on the third Friday of each month.

Gather your quilting friends and do it together. Don't forget you can post your

progress in the [Canadian Quilters Association—Quilting Projects](#) Facebook

[MORE INFORMATION](#)



June 19 to 22



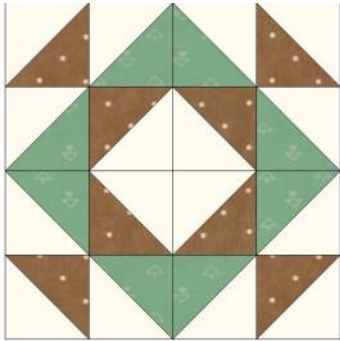
## Creative Projects Panel Quilt – 3 December

Colours

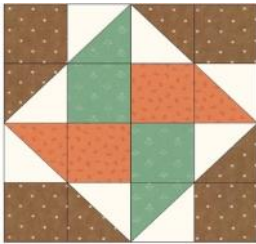


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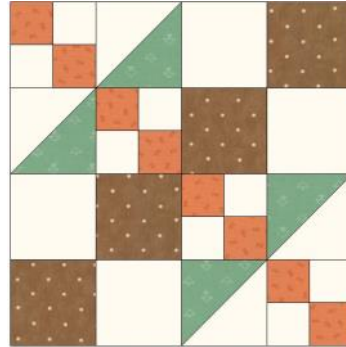
**Easy Peasy 8" Block** All HST  
Make HST as before to finish at 2".  
Assemble as in picture



This is also a 12" block. HST finish @ 3"



**12" Block** HST will finish @ 3"  
4 patch squares are cut @ 2" to finish @ 1 1/2"  
Solid squares are cut @ 3 1/2" to finish @ 3"  
Assemble as in picture



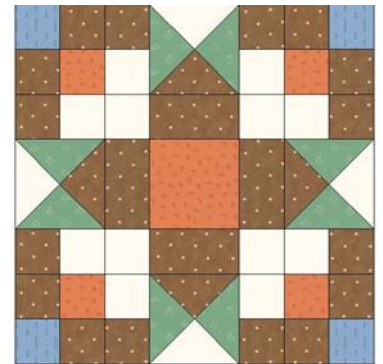
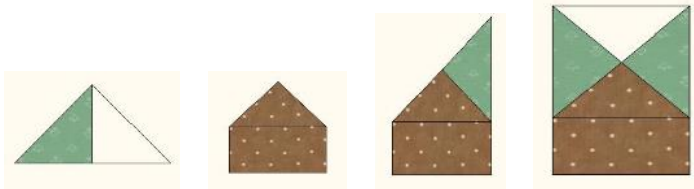
### HST

To make HST, cut squares 7/8" larger than desired  
Finished size. Draw diagonal and sew 1/4" away on  
Each side of diagonal. Cut on the diagonal.

This 16" block is a little more of a challenge but you can do it. I'm sure. Using the colour guide, cut as follows

- A** – cut 12 squares @ 2 1/2" and 1 square @ 5 1/4", cut in half twice diagonally to make quarter square triangles
- B** – cut 4 squares @ 2 1/2" and one square @ 4 1/2"
- C** – cut 2 squares @ 5 1/4" cut in half twice diagonally to make quarter square triangles
- D** – cut 16 squares @ 2 1/2", cut 4 squares at 4 1/2"
- E** – cut 4 squares @ 2 1/2" for outside corners

Using 4 1/2" squares, mark halfway on 3 sides, draw lines joining marks and trim on these lines. Add a quarter square triangle as shown. After joining a Fabric A and C quarter square triangle as shown, join this to the 4 1/2" square as in picture you are now ready to assemble as in diagram.



### Editor's Note: Moved? Change of address? Change of e-mail address? Change of phone?

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, Pat

# Community Outreach

## Stocking Stuffers



Your generous donations for the stocking stuffer program will have been delivered by the time you read this note.

We had sufficient donations to give gifts to Choices Youth & Men's Shelter, The Door Youth Drop In, Family Transition Place, and Cedar Heights School (2 locations).

Thank you so much for helping us fulfill this ongoing project in our Community Outreach program.

Respectfully submitted by Fern Pugh

**Save the date: Saturday February 10 for a CO sewing day at the Seniors Centre.**

## Pillowcase Update

I am so pleased to report that 127 Pillowcases were delivered to the drop off location in Brampton at the end of November. Thank you so much for all your contributions to this guild project.

The Comfy Cases program has delivered 5,708 pillowcases as of November 2023. This is up more than a 1000 from last year. The program is spreading throughout Ontario and is delivering pillowcases to kids in hospitals, hospice residences, Ronald McDonald Houses and other organizations that support kids with long term illnesses.



Our fabric stash for pillowcases needs replenishing so until I have opportunity to acquire more fabric, I will take a break from preparing kits. If you have kits, please continue to sew.

Thank you again.  
Fern Pugh



In September of 1994 the Dufferin Piecemakers Quilting Guild held it's first meeting.

In September of 2024 the Guild will begin it's 30th anniversary year.

How shall we celebrate?

- quilts in the gardens
- quilts displayed in the windows of downtown merchants in Orangeville, Shelburne and Grand Valley
- a special speaker
- a supershow and tell
- a special luncheon
- construction of a special quilt by members e.g. the Heart Quilt shown at our Oct. meeting
- your ideas

Please step up. We need a **volunteer committee** to come up with a plan and to execute it with members' assistance. Are you interested? Contact Louise or Linda Horner.

## Guild Museum Donations



MUSEUM OF  
DUFFERIN

October 24, 2023

Dufferin Piecemakers Quilting Guild  
c/o Judi Sullivan  
Box 325  
Orangeville, ON, L9W 2Z7

Dear Judi,

Thank you! We are thrilled to add your donation to the MoD collection!

We are proud to preserve and share the stories of Dufferin County. Your contribution will enhance the MoD collection for future generations to enjoy, to learn, and to remember.

The listing of your donation is included on the following page. If you have any questions about your donation or want to share more, my contact information is below. I look forward to speaking with you.

Thank you for adding YOUR story to our community's story,

**Caitlin Hudson-Dubsky**  
Curator  
519-941-1114 Ext 4012  
[chudsondubsky@dufferinmuseum.com](mailto:chudsondubsky@dufferinmuseum.com)

These two quilts that were owned by the guild were displayed at the Plowing Match. They have been donated to the Museum of Dufferin. Leah had been storing them at her home.



10th anniversary signature quilt using the Sisters Choice block. Every member made a block from their stash and the supplied cream fabric and then signed it. Quilted by Lisa Seinen of Threadbear.



The 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary quilt, was also stored at Leah's until she moved.

A pattern was taken from the block of the month archives – one for every year of the guild's existence.

The blocks were made by the Stitch and Share participants. Quilted by Janet Slater.



## The Afternoon Stitch and Share Group

The Stitch and Share group meets on the **first** and **third** Friday each month at The Centre Church (corner of Blind Line and Hansen Blvd.) From 1 pm to 3 pm. Some pay in advance for a block of dates; costs depend on how many commit. Or drop in for a \$5.00 fee.

Contact Judy [jmacleod11@hotmail.com](mailto:jmacleod11@hotmail.com) or Oksana [oslipenkyj@rogers.com](mailto:oslipenkyj@rogers.com) for more information.

## Computer Corner at the December Meeting

Find out how to join a Zoom meeting.  
Our January and February meeting will be virtual using Zoom.

**Bring your device to the meeting** - phone, tablet or laptop - whatever you will use to join a meeting.

Our gnomes will happily take you through the steps to join in.  
It's as simple as 1,2,3.

## Guild Meeting Dates 2023-2024

Third Monday of the month \* except February and May.

January 15 - virtual  
February 12 - virtual\*  
March 18  
April 15  
May 13\*  
June 17

\* change due to Family Day & Canada Day

Need to contact us?

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# **BULLETIN BOARD**

## Birthdays This Month



December	01	Jennifer Reid
	07	Tricia Richea
	09	Liz Nash
	15	Candice Kitchen
	17	Christine Taylor
	18	Doreen Riggin
	24	Joyce Dennie
	25	Sharon Courage
	30	Anne Swift-Peters



### Birthday Club ~ Secret Sister

You will want to keep your secret so you may use the Guild's address as your return address:

Dufferin Piecemakers Quilting Guild  
PO Box 325  
Orangeville, ON L9W 2Z7

Alternatively, gifts may be left on the membership table at our general meeting. If your secret sister is NOT at the meeting, please take the gift home and try another way to deliver it.

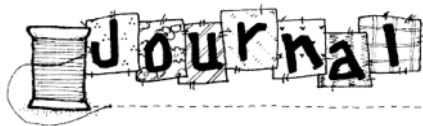
## Thank you

A thank you comes to us for donations made on behalf of the Guild from the IPM raffle quilt proceeds:

- from the Headwaters Health Care Foundation for the donation to the MRI fundraiser
- from The Orangeville Food Bank

If you know of someone who should be sent a card from the Guild, contact Janice Jones.

Lucky Draw will proceed as usual at the Christmas Social



### 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 bring **JOURNALS** to Next Meeting  
or

**Deposit in Sue Pirie's mailbox**  
30 Bredin Pkwy (beside Family Transition Place)



As of Dec,18, 2023, Joyce Dennie will not be collecting the outer milk bags for the Milkbag Sleeping Mat Program. She started collecting them in Jan. 2019. Things have changed since Covid. Thank you for your

support with this Service Project.

What to do with your bags? Metro in Orangeville has a Recycle Bin inside the Front Entrance. You can put in milk bags, bread bags and produce bags. They will be recycled.

Joyce Dennie, 519-941-6664 or

[dennie@auracom.com](mailto:dennie@auracom.com)