



# The Piecemakers' Star

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## President's Message

Hello ladies,

As I'm writing this, the white stuff is coming down! I have been looking after our friend's dog, Lucky, for 6 weeks and he has become my quilting partner.

The Guild Meeting on March 17, 2025, will be in person (at the Seniors Centre, 26 Bythia Street, Orangeville). Please invite a friend as the Guild is always open to guest.

Our March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting is a hands-on night. There will be demos and techniques shared. We will also work on Outreach projects.

If you are making blocks or a quilt top for survivors, please bring them to the March meeting or contact Louise at (519)943-0160 to make arrangements as the project will end on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

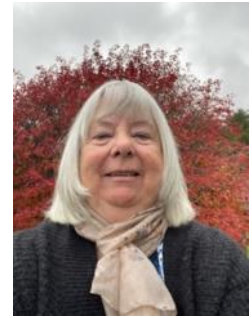
Journals - If you can support our FTP, please bring your journals to the meeting.

On Saturday, April 12, 2025, we are having a mini retreat.

President Challenge – Make anything out of a jelly roll. It could be any quilted item, a jacket, vest, or a rug as long as it is made from 2-1/2- inch fabric strips. You can cut your own or use a jelly roll. Finished projects will be due for the June 16, 2025 meeting.

Sharing a simple quilting tip- always wash your wide backing as they shrink 3 to 4 inches and add a colour catcher.

Warmest regards,  
Louise Cornelius



LOUISE CORNELIUS

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## The Executive

### DPQG Executive 2024/25

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QBA – Fern Pugh, Judi Sullivan

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

Retreats – Tara Doyle, Judi Sullivan, Christine Robinson

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Show 'n Tell – Mindy Swick, Karen Turcott

Stitch 'n Share – Marion Cole

**Want to contact a guild member?**

**Please contact Janice Jones**

[janicejones25@hotmail.com](mailto:janicejones25@hotmail.com)

# Meeting Information

## General Meeting:

**Date:** Monday, March 17, 2025 **IN PERSON**  
**Time:** 6:45 pm  
**Location:** Orangeville Senior's Centre  
26 Bythia St, Orangeville

## Executive Meeting:

**Thursday, March 27th at 7:00pm**  
**Zoom Meeting**  
**An email will be sent to all Executives with the Zoom Link**  
All executive members and committee chairs please attend.

## 2025 Meeting dates:

Mar 17      April 21      May 12\*      June 16

\*date change due to holiday



*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 and here's the link to it:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61562908059084&mibextid=ZbWKwL>

We will post lots of pictures from Guild meetings, news about upcoming speakers and activities, 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 Kim Beckner [kim.beckner@gmail.com](mailto:kim.beckner@gmail.com) or Heather Sheridan [heathersheridan@rogers.com](mailto:heathersheridan@rogers.com) and one of them will put it on the Facebook page for you.

\*\*\* A reminder to all members to please LEAVE the old Facebook page and group which are no longer being moderated

There is also a page for members only. Members will be invited to join as their membership is paid. Be sure to accept the invite when it is sent. 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.

## Program News

### March 17 Demos Kits and Tools

Join us for our annual demo and hands-on work night. Community Outreach has **kits** available for you **to sew** on site or take home. Bring your machine and sew up a storm if you wish.

You can also check out **demos** on how to press properly, "pillow case" small quilts or swirl or twist seams to reduce bulk for example. Janice Payne will supply information on different battings and when to use them.



We'd love to see you. It's a good time to catch up with fellow members in this informal setting. Please join us for our first in person meeting of 2025 at the Orangeville Seniors Centre

### April 21 Celeste Compion "My Colour Journey"

Celeste has a studio and shop in Elora - Meerkat Shweshwe. She spoke to us a few years ago about the South African Shweshwe fabrics she sells. She teaches a variety of classes using Shweshwe fabrics. **Join her for a slide and trunk show with quilts** made from a wide selection of fabrics, telling her personal quilting story.



Check out her website: <https://meerkatshweshwe.com/>

### February Program Summary

Our February speaker, Vanessa Grenier, presented an upbeat summary of how Quilts for Survivors (of residential schools) began and how it has progressed. She also gave us a tour of their facilities. The guild donated time and talent in the form of quilts to the project as part of Vanessa's speaker fee.

Heather Sheridan and Michelle McGee also donated tops. If you have made blocks for this initiative, please bring them to the March meeting.



Daphne White and Sue Pirie



Marie Tupling



Unknown Contributor



Judi Sullivan



Janice Payne



Karen Hunter (top)

## One Day Mini Retreat

**Saturday April 12 9:30 AM to 7:00 PM**

Orangeville Seniors Centre, 26 Bythia St. Orangeville  
Join the group for a fun day of sewing and sharing.

Light supper, tea and coffee provided.

\$40 for the entire day. \$20 with no supper – leave at 4:30

Sign up at the March meeting or by emailing Christine Robinson

[christine.robinson.7@icloud.com](mailto:christine.robinson.7@icloud.com) Or Judi Sullivan [sulljudi@gmail.com](mailto:sulljudi@gmail.com)



Payment by e-transfer to: [dpquilt@outlook.com](mailto:dpquilt@outlook.com) or cash or cheque at the March meeting

You may also mail a cheque payable to Dufferin Piecemakers, sent to Box 325 Orangeville L9W 2Z6

## Creative Projects Mystery Quilt

Have you been following the Creative Projects Mystery Quilt that's been in the newsletter each month since Septem Why not make catching up your project for the day?

## 30th Anniversary Quilt Project

We had a great day with Sandy Lindal on February 22nd – in fact, we almost finished the top before the end of the day!

Thank you to everyone who came out to put everything together – your work was greatly appreciated!

Regards,  
Fabienne & Madeleine  
30th Anniversary Quilt Project



## QBA - Quilting by Association

### Workshops by members for members

Our next **Sew Along is in person** on [Saturday April 5 at 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM.](#)

**Pat Forrest will demonstrate** an Improve design with thread and applique. This workshop will take place in the **Meridian Credit Union** board room at Broadway Square in Orangeville. These workshops are open to all guild members.

Sign up at the March meeting or contact one of us if you would like to attend, so we know how many to expect.

Thanks - Fern Pugh: [elizabethfern15@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethfern15@gmail.com) or Judi Sullivan: [sulljudi@gmail.com](mailto:sulljudi@gmail.com)



# Community Outreach

## March 2025 Update

After our February meeting, 6 finished quilts and 3 quilt tops were delivered to Quilts for Survivors.

The evening of March 17 is an in-person Hands On meeting at the Seniors Centre. Bring your sewing machine, cutting equipment, etc. There will be kits and projects to work on or pick up, as well as, demonstrations.

Our next sewing afternoon will be April 21, 1-5pm, at Chartwell Montgomery Village Retirement Residence, 155 Riddell Rd., Orangeville.

If you're interested in joining us, or picking up kits, please contact Karen Hunter 416-786-2081 (cell) 905-584-8732 (home), or [karenhdesigns@yahoo.com](mailto:karenhdesigns@yahoo.com)

Community Outreach committee: Karen Hunter, Elspeth King, Sharon Courage, Nancy Palmer-Neely, Jill Cameron

## **ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTED THROUGH COMMUNITY OUTREACH (Part 3)**



**EarlyON Child & Family Centres** are open to all families in Ontario—with three in Dufferin County. They offer free, high-quality programs for families and children from birth to six years old. For example, *Creating Understanding with Young Parents (CUP)* is a program that supports young parents (under 25) and their children to learn and develop while fostering confidence, self-esteem and attachment. They acquire knowledge and skills, and receive support in their daily lives while networking with other peer parents. A variety of

programs at the centres are drop-in, while others are scheduled with waiting lists-- which reflects the high need in the community.

**DPQG**— The Guild makes quilts for participants in the Infant and Toddler Time program. Some of our members make tops or complete the whole quilt as they are a smaller project--approximately 42x42 or larger. With cute fabrics, maybe a panel, these quilts are fun to do.

**\*Some baby quilt kits will be available at the March meeting.**

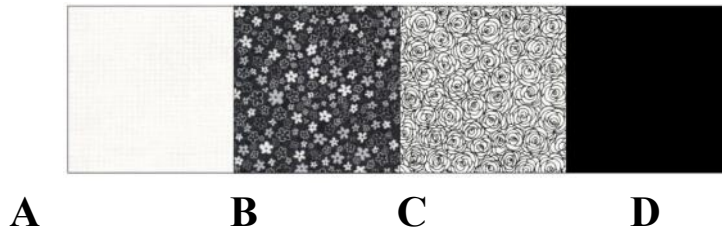


**Choices Youth Shelter** is a not-for-profit agency that provides a wide range of services to homeless youth in Dufferin. Since 2000, it has provided safe emergency housing for up to 30 days for youth aged 16 -24. Clients are enrolled in an independent living program which includes help with life skills, wellness, and nutrition. Referrals to other community organizations are made to support transition to a brighter and more productive future.

**DPQG** – The Guild donates quilts to the shelter located on Town Line in Orangeville. They are usually single-bed size, preferably in unisex colours. We've collected donations of personal care, winter wear accessories and gift cards at Christmas.

# Creative Projects Mystery Quilt

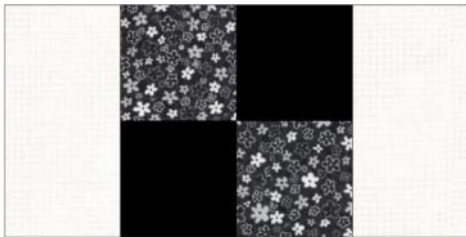
## Crossing Squares (7)



### Unit 7

To make the pieces for **Unit 7** you will need your pieces from **Unit 2**, **Unit 5** and **Unit 6**.

Sew a **Unit 2** piece to each side of a **Unit 6** piece as shown.



**Unit 2.**    **Unit 6**    **Unit 2**

Press seams towards **Unit 2**.    Make 20

Sew a **Unit 5** piece to the top and bottom of the combination above as shown.    Press seams towards **Unit 5**.

### Unit 5



**Unit 5**

This now becomes **Unit 7**.    Need 20.

## Vice President's challenge

The first ( of many ) Guild challenges - LOGO twist

Finished block to be 8" - Due at our in person meeting in March.

Our DPQG logo the Briar Rose in yellow on a field of turquoise blue replaced our original logo in 1997-98 and was designed by Kym Ranger. There are no thoughts to replace this logo but I want to see what our members can design in their own interpretation of our logo. Using ONLY the colours of the logo, design and sew your take. It can be thread painting, abstract, paper piecing, felted, crumb or scrap, it doesn't even need to look anything like the logo. The colours need to be from the logo - yellow, brown, turquoise, gold, and teal ( or green if that's what you see in the logo) but otherwise the design is yours. You have until the March meeting to finish your block and bring it in. This should be a quick sew to get you into quilting mode for the winter and a fun way to try a new technique or try your hand at designing.

You may do more than one block, the more the merrier ! Blocks received will be used in a quilt.

I can't wait to see what you all come up with!

Barb Redford



## 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

## Membership News

*Welcome Joyce Westwood*



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## Stitch 'n Share

Please join our friendly group of members the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month from 1:00 to 3:00 PM.

Bring your own drink and some hand work to keep you occupied or just enjoy visiting. All members are welcome. A wonderful way to meet others who share your love of quilting.

We gather in the meeting room of the Orangeville Library – Mill Street branch on the corner of Broadway and Mill Street. The entrance is on Mill Street ... Meeting room is on the lower level, but there is an elevator.

Upcoming dates: March 19 and April 2



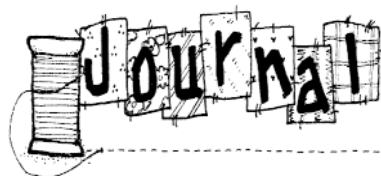
### **Need to contact us?**

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

Please send newsletter submissions as **Word Doc** and **jpeg**s or change of email addresses to Janice Payne at: [dpqgnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:dpqgnewsletter@gmail.com)

Newsletter submission deadlines: **March 7th, 2025**

### **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)



# BULLETIN BOARD

## *Volunteers for Next Year*

Dear Members: WE NEED YOU!

Running our Guild takes a collective effort – many willing hands to ensure we can support our aims of enhancing our quilting knowledge and skills, while supporting our community and each other.

There are a variety of roles and responsibilities, big and small. Whether you attend meetings regularly or occasionally; whether you like working with a group or a partner, there's a job for you. And it's a terrific way to get to know more members!

A HUGE SHOUT OUT OF APPRECIATION to all the members who are working for our Guild this year! Most have offered to continue next year, but there are some openings for 2025/26:

**Executive positions** – Treasurer, Vice President

**Committees** – Program, Draw, Show and Tell, Creative Projects

Explanation about tasks and time commitment will be explained at the **March meeting**.

You can also contact members of the Nomination Committee with your questions.

Heather Sheridan – [heathersheridan@rogers.com](mailto:heathersheridan@rogers.com)

Fern Pugh – [elizabethfern15@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethfern15@gmail.com) 519 941-8515

Janice Jones – [janicejones25@hotmail.com](mailto:janicejones25@hotmail.com) 519 307-2555

## Workshop

Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup> from 9-12 at the Meridian bank meeting room. Debbie Panke will be teaching a reversible pillow done in applique. I have attached a mock up of one she did. The applique can be anything not limited to bunnies and hearts. No cost to members but only room for 10 people.

Sign up at March meeting.



A very special thank you to everyone that helped organize the weekend Retreat that took place this weekend in Stayner. It was our first time attending and all we can say is Wow!!! From the food, to the prizes, to the little gifts we found at our tables when we were away from them... amazing!!! You made us Newbies feel at home and welcomed! We can't wait for the next one. Thank you!!! - Janice Payne and Lois Metz

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## Birthdays

Linda Coleman	March 1
Barbara Schroder	March 2
Lorna Raney	March 10
Linda Lewis	March 13
Linda Davenport	March 23



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If you know someone who should receive a card, please contact Christine Robinson at [christine.robinson.7@icloud.com](mailto:christine.robinson.7@icloud.com)

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## Quilt Shows

**March 28-29**, “Quilt Fever” Etobicoke Quilters Guild [https://etobicokequiltersguild.com/quilt\\_show/](https://etobicokequiltersguild.com/quilt_show/)

**April 26-7** “Quilted Treasures” Region of York Quilters Guild Community Centre Newmarket <https://www.regionofyorkquiltersguild.ca>

**May 2-3** PIECES OF MAGIC” Quilt Show 2025, Oxford Quilters Guild’s “ Embro Zorra Community Centre located at 355644 35th line, Embro [www.oxfordquiltersguild.com](http://www.oxfordquiltersguild.com)

**May 2-3** Quilt Show 2025 The Thames Valley Quilters Guild Admission \$10 Westview Baptist Church, 1000 Woodlawn Rd. S., London Ontario [www.thamesvalleyquiltersguild.com](http://www.thamesvalleyquiltersguild.com)

**May 15-19**, WEFTFest Festival TriSisters Art House St George Banquet Hall, 665 King St N, Waterloo, ON <https://weftfest.ca/>

**May 30-31** “Stiches in Our Time” Halton Quilters Guild Sheridan Conference Centre, Oakville <http://www.haltonquiltersguild.com>.

**May 30-May 31** 10am-6pm/4pm Quilted Treasures Quilt Show 2025 Lindsay Creative Quilters Guild, Lindsay Curling Club, 18 Peel Street, Lindsay, Ontario. \$10 Admission

June 1 Y Knot Quilt Show and Sale, Falstaff Family Centre, 35 Waterloo St., Stratford, On. All proceeds will go to support the Stratford family “Y” and the Stratford Perth Hospice. More info [www.yknotquiltshowandsale.com](http://www.yknotquiltshowandsale.com)

**June 7-8**, “Stitching Among Friends” Quilting Corners Guild. Alliston Curling Rink, 52 Albert Street West, Alliston, Ontario. Admission Adults \$10 Children 12 or younger \$5 [www.aqcguild.edublogs.org](http://www.aqcguild.edublogs.org).

**July 16-19** Wool Applique Show and Share Creekbank Sewing Centre 031385 Grey Rd 14 Conn, ON Registration for entrants April 1 to May 16. Everyone welcome to enter their items. Door Prizes, demos, lectures, workshops and food.



### **CQA Canadian Quilters Association**

<https://canadianquilter.com/about-cqa/>

**.Save the date for Quilt Canada** – a huge quilt conference with displays, speakers and workshops at the International Centre in Mississauga **June 19 to 21**, 2025.

[Check out the workshop, lecture and NJS tour information for Quilt Canada 2025](#)



CQA is active on [Facebook](#), [Pinterest](#) and [Instagram](#) and encourages you to follow along and join in the fun.

The Quilt Along has started. Head over to the website for [MORE INFORMATION](#).