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President's Message

Hello ladies,

I hope everyone survived the ice storm. Some areas got hit hard!

The days are getting longer. My rhubarb and spring flowers are coming up. We will soon be planting our gardens.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter. It's always good spending time with family and friends.

Our next Guild meeting will be Monday, April 21st, at the Seniors Centre. The speaker will be Celeste Compion from Meerkat Shweshwe in Elora. She'll be bringing fabric for sale, too.

If you wish, bring something you no longer want or need to share on the "Give and Take" table. Please pick up anything you like. Stop by the Community Outreach table to return a project or pick up a kit.

President's 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 ½ inch fabric. You can cut your own or use a jelly roll. This is due at the June 16' 2025 meeting.

Quilting Tip - Running thread through soap or candle wax helps prevent knots, tangles and raveling.

Warmest regards,
Louise Cornelius



LOUISE CORNELIUS

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The Executive

DPQG Executive 2024/25

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Lucky Draw – Helen Currie, Sharon Courage,

QBA – Fern Pugh, Judi Sullivan

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

Retreats – Tara Doyle, Judi Sullivan, Christine Robinson

Communications/Website/Facebook – Heather Sheridan, Kim Beckner

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

Meeting Information

General Meeting:

Date: Monday, April 21st, 2025 **IN PERSON**
Time: 6:45 pm
Location: Orangeville Senior's Centre
26 Bythia St, Orangeville

Executive Meeting:

Thursday, April 24th 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:

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 or Heather Sheridan 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

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/>

May 12 Candice Kitchen “Here’s what I Like to do”

(Note the date change due to the May long weekend)



Our past president Candice will share her quilting/sewing journey. She loves quilting and has shared her passion with kids and adults alike. Candice has a variety of business experience and currently operates her own online business “I can sew make that” selling bags and accessories. You can find her on Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/icansewmakethat/>

She’s having a great time at retreat in the photo.

Fall Weekend Retreat – Save the date Sep 26 to 28

Registration will take place at the June meeting

Stayner Retreat Centre, Stayner Ontario
Join the group for fun and laughs and a chance to sew all weekend.



30th Anniversary Quilt

We are currently working on getting a label for our quilt, which will include the Dufferin Piecemakers Quilting Guild logo – as well as the text “1994-2024 30th Anniversary”.

Next we will see where we will be able to show-off this beautiful quilt!

Some of you had expressed interest in the fun-signature fabric. If you are interested in purchasing the fabric for yourself, please reach out to Fabienne Good. (fabiennegood@gmail.com)

30th Anniversary Quilt Project
Fabienne & Madeleine

QBA - Quilting by Association

Workshops by members for members

Our Sew Along sessions for this year ended on April 5.

Thanks so much to all our presenters..



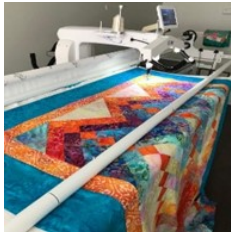
Christmas Star block
Sue Pirie



Fussy cut kaleidoscope block
Leah Mitchell



Quilt as You Go Methods
Fern Pugh



Long Arm Quilting Tips
Janice Payne



Freezer Paper Piecing
Judi Sullivan



Stitch and Chat

Coordinators: Fern Pugh: elizabethfern15@gmail.com and Judi Sullivan: sulljudi@gmail.com

The Executive Committee's Message

Dufferin Piecemakers Quilt Guild Constitution Update

In April an email was sent to all guild members with the Constitution, Bylaws and Policy documents attached. This will be presented at the May 12 meeting for voting. Our guiding documents for the Guild need to change from time to time to reflect the current status of the Guild, the membership and situations that arise.

Please come to the AGM and take part in the process that guides YOUR guild. We require, under the current Constitution, at least 45 voting members to be present. This is a hard number for us to achieve so please come out and let's finish what we started so the Guild can move into the new exciting future.

We love seeing you at the meetings and retreats; and are grateful for all of the 84 Dufferin Piecemakers! Hopefully we'll see more of you now that spring is here!

The Executive Committee



Community Outreach April 2025

This month we donated another 7 quilts and 1 quilt top and 17 blocks to Quilts for Survivors.

Thank-you to everyone that participated in this project. This was a one time deal we made with the founder and speaker, Vanessa Genier, in exchange for her being a speaker at our February meeting.

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

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



Good afternoon!

Thank you so much to all of you for the beautiful quilts we received today, kindly delivered by Jill. Your beautiful handcrafted quilts are distributed to the women and children we serve at every possible opportunity. They are ALWAYS appreciated and we are tremendously grateful to have them on hand for those important moments. Your quilts are providing comfort and warmth to countless individuals and have impacted many lives.

Thanks again for this donation. We're truly appreciative to all of you for your ongoing support and creativity.

Most sincerely,

Kelly

PS - Please feel free to use the attached photo in your upcoming newsletter (on the left in the photo: me!). 😊

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ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTED THROUGH COMMUNITY OUTREACH (Part 4)

BREAST CANCER CARE – MASTECTOMY PILLOWS



For many years, the Guild has been donating specialized mastectomy pillows for patients receiving treatment for breast cancer at Headwaters HCC. The demand has increased greatly over the past two years and approximately 100 kits are now distributed each year—to both female and male patients.

The mastectomy pillow kits consist of one pillow and two pillowcases, plus a small note from the Guild. They are given to patients of Dr. Wang, and patients who have surgery (mastectomies, lumpectomies, biopsies etc.) Arrangements can also be made to have a kit delivered to Guild members or people they know, who would benefit from them. The pillows can be used under the arm or between the chest and a seatbelt, for example.

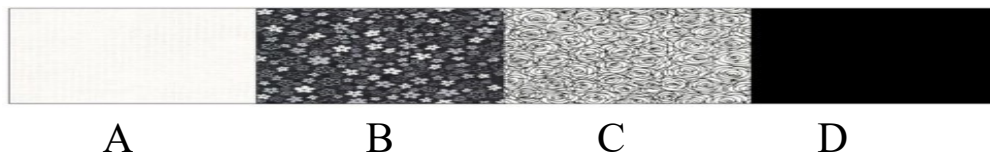
These pillows are made by two dedicated Guild volunteers, following specific directions for size and loft—so we don't ask other members to sew them. However, we gratefully accept donations of the following materials needed to make them:

Pillows – white or off-white, 100% cotton or muslin, polyfill

Cases – good quality, 100% cotton (a fat quarter will make one case), in cheerful prints and colours (some gender-neutral), and 1/4" to 3/8" wide satin ribbon

Creative Projects Mystery Quilt

Crossing Squares (8)



It's time to put the block together. You will need the following units – **Unit 1, Unit 3, Unit 4** and **Unit 7**. **The orientation of each unit is important so please check the diagrams carefully.** Press all seams towards **Unit 1**. Sew a **Unit 3** to a **Unit 1** and then add a **Unit 4** as shown



Unit 3



Unit 1



Unit 4

Now sew **Unit 1** to **Unit 7** and then add another **Unit 1** as shown



Unit 1.

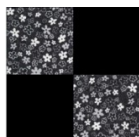


Unit 7.



Unit 1.

Now sew **Unit 4** to a **Unit 1** and then add a **Unit 3** as shown



Unit 4.

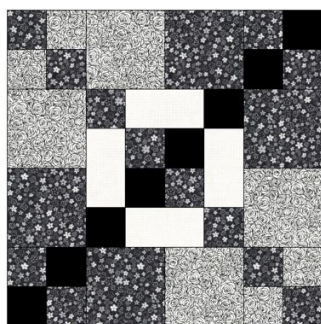


Unit 1.



Unit 3

Your block should look like this when the 3 rows are put together Make 20



Pillowcase Project

If you wish to have pillowcase kits, please contact Fern Pugh at 519-941-8515 or email elizabethfern15@gmail.com. Fern also accepts pillowcases made from your fabric collection

Membership News

84 members to date!!!

Stitch 'n Share

Please join our friendly group of members the 1st and 3rd 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: April 2, April 16, May 7, May 21

Questions? Contact Marion Cole: marionbcole@rogers.com



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and of course, Giggles!
(& maybe some non-quilty stuff)



CLASS TIME!

Janice will be
your teacher

as you make a
JELLYROLL RUG

SAT MAY 10—10 to 4

Shelburne Library

\$55, including lunch
Supplies are extra.

Sign up at
cobwebsandcaviar.com

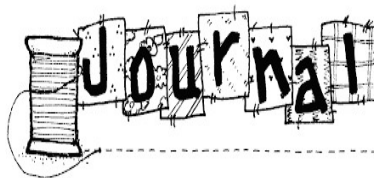
Need to contact us?

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Please send newsletter submissions as **Word Doc** and **jpeg**s or change of email addresses to Janice Payne at: dpqnewsletter@gmail.com

Newsletter submission deadlines: **May 3rd, 2025**

WANTED: JOURNALS Family Transition Place



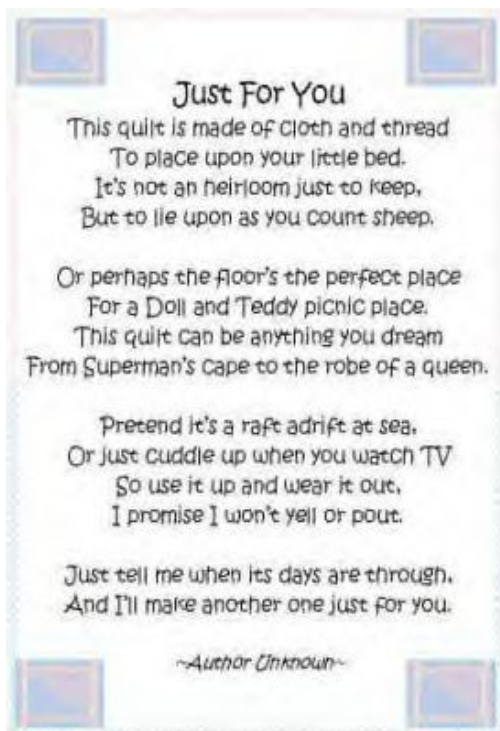
Our commitment to FTP is 200 journals for the year. Please help by donating them at any time. The journals need to be about 6" x 8", lined pages, bound by either coil or glue.

Please bring **JOURNALS** to Next Meeting

or

Deposit in Sue Pirie's mailbox

30 Bredin Pkwy (beside Family Transition Place)



BULLETIN BOARD

Workshop

Saturday April 26th 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 April meeting.

Let's Support Our 2025 Caledon and Dufferin County Fairs

Caledon – June 13-15 - "Seed to Table"

Orangeville – Aug. 29-31 (Labour Day weekend) – "Pinwheels and Pinecones"

Shelburne – Sept. 12-14 – "Barns, Boots and Bales"

Grand Valley – Sept. 19-21 – "Pumpkins and Pulls"



Sponsorship: Dufferin Piecemakers Quilting Guild Fall Fair Special

Creative use of a panel made into a finished quilted item. May be hand or machine quilted by the entrant or another quilter named on the entry tag.

Prizes: \$10 \$8 \$6



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Birthdays

April Birthdays

1 - Betty Sanderson
 1 - Daphne White
 5 - Rosemary Galbraith
 9 - Anne Parsons
 15 - Lynda Moore
 19 - Jean Simpson
 27 - Ruth MacInnes
 27 - Wendy Smith
 28 - Pat Forrest



If you know someone who should receive a card, please contact Christine Robinson at christine.robinson.7@icloud.com



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Quilt Shows

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

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

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

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.

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](#)

The Guild will be organizing carpools to CQA closer to the event.

Support the **Quilts for Survivors Binding Challenge** at Quilt Canada. They will be collecting binding at their booth at the show. Binding should be 2 ½ inches wide labelled with the length on the package. Their goal is to collect over a billion inches of binding!

Buy a ticket to the webinar on March 19 at 7:00 ET with **Tamara Kate Serrao** - Peek into the World of Fabric Design.

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

