

The Piecemaker's Star



Dufferin Piecemakers' Quilting Guild

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Presidents' Message

"As the leaves begin to fall, my fabric stash begins to call"

Firstly, we want to say how happy we are that so many members attended the September kick-off meeting, bringing energy and excitement to the new Guild year.

And a special welcome to the new members who decided to join us on our 2026/27 adventure! We look forward to getting to know you!

Have you been embracing Fall yet-- like enjoying a pumpkin spice "something" while admiring the change of colours? The weather was fantastic for our Dufferin fall fairs last month, where some of you entered quilts and other ribbon-worthy items. Please bring them for Show & Tell.

October definitely takes us to sweater weather and preparations for Thanksgiving feasts and Halloween fun. And, of course, our much-anticipated quilt show, *Quilts at the Park*, will be ready to showcase our Guild to friends, family and community on October 16 and 17. Did you see the write-ups in *Our Routes* and *In the Hills* magazines? The amazing steering committee has spent a year organizing all aspects of the show. Now it's up to you to help out for a couple of hours, if you can, to make the show a success. Be sure to read more information about this in the newsletter—there's still time to volunteer.

The October 19 Guild meeting will have opportunities to interact with each other, as well as learning more about the special projects we have with Orangeville Food Bank and the Museum of Dufferin. Be there for the debut of "Quilt Snack", a requested addition to our meetings

We'll be seeing a lot of each other in October—at quilt show set up on the 15th, show days on the 16th and 17th, and then right after, our Guild meeting on the 19th. Can't wait!

Barb and Janice



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MEETING INFORMATION

October 19th, 2026
7:00 pm Meeting
Orangeville Seniors Centre

Executive Meeting

Date October 26th 7:00pm
Watermark Community Centre
49 Strathmore Way. Mono

2026/2027 Meeting Dates

Oct 19
Nov 16
Dec 21 Social
Jan 18 Zoom
Feb 15 Zoom
March 15
Apr 19
May 17
June 21 Social

Things to remember for the meeting:

1. FTP Journals
2. Pillowcases / Community projects you have completed
3. Name Tag
4. Money for Lucky Draw
5. Show & Share (we LOVE seeing your projects)
6. Tasty Beverage
7. Awesome smile

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.

We are now gathering in the gallery from 1pm to 3pm

The Centre 375 Hansen Blvd in Orangeville.

Questions? Contact Marion Cole at

marionbcole@rogers.com

Bring your hand work, creative quilty ideas, or come for a chat break. There is a very good choice of menu. Have lunch, a snack or just a drink. Gathering in this space is a very pleasant and comfortable opportunity to meet, greet and chat with fellow Guild members.

2026

September 23	December 2, 16, 30
October 7, 21	November 4, 18

2027

January 13, 27	April 7, 21
February 10, 24	May 5, 19
March 10, 24	June 2, 16, 30

Pillowcase Project

If you wish to have pillowcase kits, please contact Fern Pugh at

519-941-8515 or email

elizabethfern15@gmail.com. Or pick up a kit or two at every meeting. Fern also accepts pillowcases made from your fabric collection.

Program

October: Quilt Show Wind up

The Quilt Show Committee will take us through a wrap-up of Quilts at the Park. The winners of Viewer's Choice, President's Challenge and the top Raffle

The October meeting will have many opportunities for interaction among Guild members - catch up with old friends and meet new members - which is good! There may even be some surprise Halloween treats!

Bring your fair entries, favourite fall and Halloween projects and anything else, to share with the group!



Introducing Quilt Snack!

We're excited to introduce a new "block" in our guild program—**Quilt Snack!**

Quilt Snack is a fun, hands-on part of our guild meeting designed to share small quilting and sewing skills that can make a big difference in your next project. Each month, a different Guild member will share a favorite technique, tip, or skill through a short demonstration.

And the best part? You can join in! Those who would like to participate will have the opportunity to try the skill themselves, with our featured teacher there to guide and encourage you along the way.

Think of Quilt Snack as a little bite-sized serving of quilting knowledge—quick, practical, and something you can take home and use in a larger quilt or sewing project.

October's first quilt snack is disappearing blocks with Barb. We will be working on 4 patch, 9 patch, bow tie, and windmill blocks.

Bring along :

- At home create a few blocks of your own to bring
- A rotary cutter
- Your phone to take pictures. So do up a few blocks and bring them along to cut up!

We'll also have a special short presentation from Diana Taylor, who will be introducing members to her new sewing-related business in Orangeville. Diana offers sewing machine care and repair Scissor sharpening. We're happy to welcome her and give our members a chance to learn more about a useful new local resource.

November—Pat Forrest

November will be an extra special presentation with our very own Pat Forrest. This will be an interview/trunk show event. Stay tuned for more info!!

Have an Idea? We Want to Hear It!

Great Guild programming is a team effort. Whether you have a presenter you've heard before, a technique you'd love to learn, a trunk show you think everyone would enjoy, or simply an idea that sounds like fun, let Anita and Fabienne know.

And if you'd like to be part of the Programming Committee —or help out occasionally at meetings — there's always room for another pair of hands.

Here's to another year of quilting, learning, sharing and inspiring one another!

Your Programming Committee,

Anita Rowland - anitarowland20@gmail.com

Fabienne Good - fabiennegood@gmail.com



Dufferin Piecemakers
Quilting Guild

The address for the website is:
www.dufferinpiecemakers.ca

Have you checked out the new
Facebook page?

We will be posting lots of pictures
from Guild meetings, news about
upcoming speakers and activities. If
you have news to share with the
Guild, send an email to
Candice Kitchen at
candicekitchen@yahoo.ca

There is also a page for members
only. Members will be invited as
their membership is paid. Be sure
to accept the invite when it is sent.
Here you can post your own things
you'd like to share with other mem-
bers, great patterns, deals you've
come across, and any accomplish-
ments.

Community Outreach Sew Days

Monday afternoons 1-5 pm

October 19
November 16

Bring your sewing machine and
equipment for sewing, thread,
scissors, rotary cutter, etc.

There will be an ironing station,
cutting station and projects for you
to sew.

Karen Hunter
www.KarenHunterJewellery.com
905-584-8732



Community Outreach

First of all, thank you to the members who have donated quilts and tops to the program. Of course we are always in need of larger fabric yardage for backs or to enlarge some small tops.

Once again, its Meals on Wheels "Placemat" time and we need your help! They should measure approximately 13" x 18" with Christmas on the front and all season on the back.

If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to one of the Committee Members at the next meeting.

Don't forget Community Sew Days are at Chartwell on our Guild meeting days. Check the sidebar on this page for details.

Debby Panke, Karen Turcott, Jennifer Lapschies, Elspeth King, Nancy Palmer-Neely,
Lynne Norman, Karen Hunter, Jill Cameron
Community Outreach Committee Members

Retreats - Save the dates!!!

One Day Retreat—November 21

Join us for a fun day of sewing and socializing.

Orangeville Seniors Centre

26 Bythia Street, Orangeville

9:30 to 4:30 OR to 7:00 PM if you would like to stay
for supper.

\$20 for sewing only \$40 includes supper.

You choose the project(s) you want to work on.
Or we can supply you with a kit.

Bring your machine and sewing supplies.
Irons and boards are provided.
Tea, coffee and snacks are available.

Sign up and pay at the October meeting on the 19th.

Convenors: Sue Pirie & Judi Sullivan

Weekend Retreat—October 30, 31 and November 1

There is still room to join us if you'd like to come to the Hallow'een Retreat on October 30, 31, November 1 2026. We will be giving everyone a fabric and pattern package to make a block or two for retreat. Then we will put them together and make a couple of quilts for Outreach. We will be doing our Annual Flannel Shirt Day on Friday, BINGO on Friday night, Best Hallow'een Costume on Saturday, the Dice Game with Fall Themed 5 inch squares and some Hallowe'en games.

Prices for this year remain the same as last Spring.

Shared Accommodations - \$305 per person

Single Accommodations - \$433 per person

Please reach out to Heather at heathersheridan@rogers.com or
Michelle mcgeem022@gmail.com



QBA (Quilting by Association)

Join us the first Saturday of each month for a **Zoom workshop** facilitated by a guild member.

Log on to Zoom at 10:00 AM. We finish at noon.

The Zoom link will be sent to you via email on Friday November 6. No RSVP required.

The fabric requirements will be emailed to you the week before on October 30.

On **Saturday November 7**

Fern Pugh will lead us through the construction the Evergreen Wreath Quilt

Coordinators: Fern Pugh and Judi Sullivan



MEMBERSHIP

We have 79 members this year, and 4 of them are new members!

Yay, and welcome to Dufferin Piecemakers Guild.

If you are a current member & have not already paid for 2026-27, please remember to bring your dues (\$50) to the October meeting

or you can e-transfer to: dpqguild@outlook.com

Diane Griffith & Fern Pugh
Your Membership Team

A photograph of the interior of a quilt shop, showing shelves filled with various fabrics and quilts. The text "COUNTRY CONCESSIONS Quilt Shop" is at the top. Below it, it says "Helping you build your stash for over 20 years!" and "35 King St. N. Cookstown (Just north of Hot Stacks)". At the bottom, it says "We can't wait to see you!" and "705-458-4546 | countryconcessions.com".

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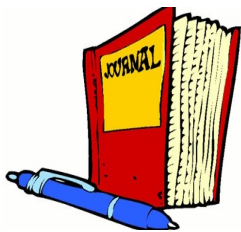
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SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL FAIRS

We would like to thank all our members who supported the local fairs in our area. The displays were well represented by our members. And our very own Michelle McGee won Machine Quilted for her Double Wedding Ring quilt and will go on to District competitions; and Louise Cornelius won a rosette as well for Machine Quilted and will go on to District competitions as well... well done ladies!!!



Our commitment to Family Transition Place is 200 journals for the year. Please help by donating them . The journals need to be about 6"x8", lined pages, bound by either coil or glue. Bring the journals to the next meeting or deposit in Sue Pirie's mailbox 30 Bredin Parkway (beside Family Transition Place).

2026 UFO Challenge

This month's project is: 8



Sept UFO challenge done....this challenge is really working for me.
Linda

Lucky Draw

\$2.00 for one chance
\$5.00 for three chances

Sept Lorna Rainey \$74

Need to contact us?

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QUILTS at the PARK - October 16 & 17, 2026

QUILT SHOW UPDATES

Things Guild members need to know:

Please bring your quilt entries to Monora Park between 10:30 and 1:00 on Thursday October 15.

If this time frame doesn't work for you, please arrange for someone else to drop off your quilt.

Contact Debby Panke if this is a problem: debbypanke@hotmail.com

Didn't get a chance to finish your **president's challenge** by the September meeting?- Entries accepted until Wednesday October 14. Contact Louise Cornelius l.cornelius12@outlook.com

Looking for members to help on Friday Oct. 16 and Saturday October 17

- **with the café** making tea and coffee and clearing tables.
- with the **mini draw**
- with the **raffle**.

Contact Val Lamothe val.lamothe@gmail.com to volunteer

If you sold raffle tickets your name was entered into a draw for each book sold.

The draw for the selling prize will take place at the October Guild meeting.

Let's work together to make this a successful quilt show!





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Scrappy bird ornaments



Fabric Sheet



Bits Method

Materials Required

- Scraps of fabric - for the Cardinals use various reds, for other birds try christmas fabrics, or random colourings like a blue bird, robin, etc.
- ribbon
- Wonder Under or similar paper backed fusible web
- Thread and batting
- Backing fabric

Instructions

1. There are many methods of using fusible to make a "sheet" of fabric, the 2 I use are; 1- by putting the scraps randomly on a piece of wonder under or similar fusible product. Iron the scraps down. OR 2-have random fabrics fused and cut bits from those pieces.
2. If using a "sheet" of made fabric, cut the template out and then trace your birds onto the paper back of the newly made "fabric" and cut out. If using the cut bits method, cut the template and place under a fusing mat then arrange the bits over the template. Iron down and then use template to cut bird detail.
3. Using small pieces of other coloured fabric with wonder under and add things like beaks and eyes made out of black or yellow.



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4. Place the cut out birds on a piece of batting. At the top make a loop of ribbon to hang the bird and tuck the edges under the bird. Remove the paper backing and iron the bird to the batting. Watch when ironing that your ribbon or batting don't melt. Use a protective sheet or piece of spare fabric over to protect the ribbon and batting.
5. Place your birds with batting onto a piece of backing fabric. Using a free motion foot "scribble" around the bird ornament to secure all 3 layers. Be sure to go around the edge, add feet, tail feathers, and make a teardrop type shape as on the template for a wing. Use a darker thread so it can be seen.
6. Trim the birds into individual pieces using either regular scissors or pinking shears leaving $\frac{1}{8}$ " of batting around the bird. Be sure not to cut the hanging ribbon!

Tips:

Using a teflon or non stick pressing sheet will ensure that if there are spaces in your scraps the fusible will not stick to your iron.



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lines tail swimming
on tail fin motion



mouth is
open
swimming

mouth
open
swimming



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Flip/Turn hot dish carriers



Fabric Requirements

- 2 different coordinating fabrics
- Batting
- Matching top/bobbin thread for each fabric

Instructions

1. **Decide on size:** We will be making 2 sizes, 9x9 square and 13x9 rectangular.
2. If making the 9x9 square you will need fabric and batting cut to 14 ½" square. If making the 13x9 rectangular you will need fabric and batting cut to 19 ½" x 14 ½". You will also need one fabric for 2 handles 3"x 10" finished approx ¾" x 10"
3. These will be made "pillow case flip" style. Take the two fabrics placed right sides together and the batting on the bottom. Sew a ¼" seam around the entire edge leaving a small opening to turn right sides out. Once turned right sides out press and then sew a ¼" in from the edge around the entire piece ensuring the turning opening is closed.
4. **Decide which fabric will be showing when flat for storage.** Place this fabric down (as the bottom).
5. Measure 2½" in from each edge and sew a straight line along the entire length of the piece. For the rectangular carrier, measure 2½" in from each short end and sew lengthwise along both long sides. These two stitched lines will make the folds easier to create.



Quilt Canada CQA (Canadian Quilters Association) Webinar

<https://canadianquilter.com/product/exploring-the-world-of-international-quilt-festivals/>

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Kim Caskey

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"Postcards from Sweden" quilt by Julie Ottewell

save the date

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
April 2	April 3	April 4*
10 am – 5 pm	10 am – 4 pm	10 am – 2 pm

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www.etobicokequiltersguild.com

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Birthdays

October

- 2 Mardi Ziegler
- 18 Anita Rowland
- 19 Louise Pendleton
- 20 Anne Moum

Caring Thoughts

Do you know someone who is going through something and might appreciate receiving a get well card or a sympathy card, please contact Lorna Raney at lmraney72@gmail.com

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