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Ancaster Quilter's Guild

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January 2024

President's Message

Happy New Year to all of our guild members! I hope everyone had a nice peaceful Christmas with family and friends. In our house we had some expected and some unexpected company and it was good to renew family ties.

I really don't have a lot to say other than to again sincerely thank the organizers of our holiday meeting for the super fun evening we enjoyed prior to Christmas, and to thank all of our members for turning our fundraising for Foodshare into the massive success it was. The guild fund raising committee and the gift baskets were also a huge success and our guild is in good financial condition as a result, and I'm sure, some lovely gifts were enjoyed under the tree on Christmas morning.

A reminder that January, February, and March meetings will be on Zoom, and our January meeting will be a presentation by a representative from Schmetz with a talk on the machine needles we use for creating our beautiful projects.

Log in for Zoom is at 6:30 and meeting starts promptly at 7. Please remember that if you have issues with logging in to the meeting it should be done prior to 7 so we do not interrupt the in-progress meeting. Take a bit of time in the week prior to the meeting to remember how Zoom works, and make sure you computer, tablet, or cell phone is ready. The link for the meeting will be sent out a few days prior to our meeting, so look for the email, save it and join in for a very informative meeting...hope to see you there!

Alison

REMINDERS!!

Third Tuesday of each month
Marshall Memorial United Church
20 Gilbert Ave, Ancaster

**Meetings on Zoom for Jan., Feb.
and March on the third Tuesday
of each month.**

Online is open at 6 p.m. for social
time at 6:30
Meeting starts at 7 p.m.

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Programme

January 2024

Happy New Year Guild Members,

This month for our Zoom meeting our presenter is Rhonda Pierce of Schmetz Sewing Machine Needles.

She is the spokesperson for Schmetz Needles North America and Vice President of Euro Notions. Rhonda will be providing information that will answer some of the questions that many of us have such as what needle to use when, what do those numbers mean and what are the subtle signs that the needle needs to be changed.

Just as a reminder, please send your pictures of the needle minder that you created from our December Guild give away to aggmembers@outlook.com It will be fun to show Rhonda what we created to tie in with her presentation.

Eva Butty & Judy Taylor

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Croucher, Diane Childerly,

Draw Prizes – Linda Clugston

50/50 – Diane Childerley

Media / Newsletter–Susan Lusted

Greeter – Martha Forbes

Caring Cards - Sheila Clark

Workshop Dates



Mark your 2024 calendar for our next Workshop days, Friday April 19th and Saturday April 20th

Also, keep the request for pop tabs as we will have a container on the Membership desk for people to drop them in. complete. Bring your lunch; coffee/tea will be provided.

Thanks, Barb Masefield and Janice Haluszka

Looking For Quilt Shows

Check out this website.

- https://canadianquilter.com/calendar/#start_date=2023-10-01

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Membership

Hello Ancaster Quilters Guild Members!

We hope you have already renewed for 2023-2024. If you are not sure, don't hesitate to contact us at corinnew.ethier@gmail.com.

We still have a number of names on our list from last year that have not renewed, we hope to see you this coming meeting. Please bring your cash or cheque for \$40, renewal and \$45 for a new member and see us at the membership table.

Keep your name on our email list for future newsletters and information from our executive team by renewing your membership asap. And of course, join us for our in person and zoom meetings; all included in your membership dues.

If registering by cheque, please make out to

Ancaster Quilter's Guild:

C/O Marlene Reynolds

9 Welbourn Dr.

Hamilton, Ont.

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For e-transfer payment please send to

financeancasterquiltguild@gmail.com.

Reminder to all that we are required to obtain your permission **every year** for our website

and membership list, and we also need to check your email and snail mail addresses.

That is why you must resubmit the

Membership Information and Declaration

Form annually. Your understanding and

cooperation is appreciated. This form was

sent by email on Oct. 4, 2024 so that it can

be filled in ahead of time.

See you Tuesday!

Corinne Ethier and Donna Hamilton



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Fundraising Report

January 2024

The Fundraising Team is very pleased to announce that the Ancaster Quilt and Basket Raffle at the December Ancaster Guild meeting raised \$1,260 toward 2024 Guild expenses. So many Guild members enthusiastically took part in the festivities and added to the fun and excitement. Thank you so much!

Quilt and Basket Raffle Winners:

Janice Haluszka	Quilt (made by Jackie Syers, quilted by Debbie Winn)
Kathy Fogarasi	Italian Basket
Sheila Clark	Chocolate Basket
Wendy Dalrymple	Coffee Basket
Cathy Pinelli	Hockey Basket
Claire Renaud	Comfort Basket
Dianne Busser	Kitchen Basket (donated by Karen Rienau)
Joan Hoskin	Quilted Wall Hanging
Lucy Lobodici	Guild Basket
Sandy Gaetani	Guild Basket
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Robin Lane	Guild Basket
Cathy Pinelli	Guild Basket



We are happy to announce our next fundraising endeavour. Guild Members are offered the chance to order a unique Guild Polo shirt. The shirts are navy blue with an embroidered logo in pink and aqua. Available in sizes Small, Medium, Large, Extra Large and Double Extra Large each shirt is \$30.00 prepaid. Samples are available for sizing, all sales final.

To order and arrange a fitting contact a Fundraising team member.

Debbe, Cathy and Dianne

Donations to Hamilton Food Share

At last count, we have learned that the approximate total through donations in the jar and online, was approximately \$1600 which is fantastic.



Neighbour to Neighbour Centre (Hamilton)
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December 18, 2023

Ancaster Quilters Guild
Janet Shannon
71 Chatterton Dr.
Ancaster, ON L9G 1B6

Dear Janet,

You recently donated to our foodbank, and we cannot thank you enough.

At Neighbour to Neighbour, we know that the impacts of food insecurity go well beyond a lack of food and have lasting effects on physical and mental health. Our foodbank has seen an increase of over 40% in the last two years, with our volunteers now serving more than 1,600 households monthly. With record-high food prices, increased rents, stagnant wages, and overall economic uncertainty continuing to rise, we do not see an end to statistics like these, and we are feeling it throughout the entire organization. With you in our corner we can take on the increased needs with confidence.

Thank you for your donation to our foodbank and for believing in what we do and for supporting those in our community who need it most. You are truly proving that community thrives when we take care of each other.

Sincerely,


Barrington C. Hector
Executive Director
Neighbour to Neighbour

Ways to Battle Quilt Burnout Part 1. From the July/Aug issue of Love of Quilting

- Make It a Game • Number your to-do list, then let Random Number Generator (random.org) choose a task for you, no arguments. •
- Use a timer: tell yourself you only have to work until the timer rings.
- Set up a rewards system for when you finish a project.
- Give yourself fake deadlines. Tell yourself the project MUST be finished by a certain date/time.
- Use music. If you listen to the radio, work while music is playing, and take breaks during ads.

Just Sew You Know

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/1321404865190416>

How to make bias binding using a fat quarter

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WHAT TO BRING TO A MEETING



* Name Tag,

- * Bring Your Own Beverage, snacks are on hold until our April meeting.
- * Indoor shoes
- * Money for Basket Draws, not until April
- * Tabs from pop cans container at the membership table
- * Note that cell phones should be turned off or to vibrate. If you must answer your phone, please go to the entry hall to do this.
- * Show & Share
- * Money for 50/50 **NOTE please try to have toonies and loonies to pay for this. On hold until April.**
- * Blocks for Comfort Quilts

NOTE: our meetings are now fragrance and latex free

Caring Cards

Remember to send the name of members to whom a caring card should be sent to Sheila Clark

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Stashbuster Challenge & Moda Blockheads 5

Stashbuster Challenge: This year Border Creek Station has offered a challenge to make a Scrappy Double Irish Chain. Their link for the pattern is here.

https://media.rainpos.com/5177/The_Stash_Buster_Challenge_2024_Instructions.pdf

The instructions allow you to cut your strips in widths that you choose. Take a look at it.

Moda Blockheads 5



Here is the link for the second set of Moda Blockheads 5

https://blog.figtreeandcompany.com/moda-blockheads-5-week-6/?fbclid=IwAR1I_PzwLzzhbf5JiXsa3g_94_g5HvFQjP7jWNDmoLbC4DKYFpqKheBXDOQ

This comes out once a week on Wednesdays. You can join the group.

Upcoming Quilt Shows



- Niagara Modern Quilt Expo, Niagara Modern QG, Fonthill May 3 & 4 2024
- Hamilton Quilt Guild Merritt Hall, Ancaster Fairgrounds 630 Trinity Rd. RR#1 Jerseyville May 31 - June 1, 2024 <https://www.hamiltonquiltguild.ca/quilt-show-2024-entry-rules--registration-form.html>

Webpage: <http://www.ancasterquilters.com/home>

Comfort Quilts

Thank you for all the finished quilt tops, donated quilt tops and fabric.

This month we will be bringing in the quilted tops and asking members to take them home and do the binding. Binding is supplied

Janet Shannon, Sam Croucher, Diane Childerly,

Sewing a Faux Flange Binding

Here is a neat way to bind a quilt. This is from Sew Very Easy. She has you cut the strips a bit wider than some I have seen but here is the link for it.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9DGNhbaA-3U>



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Block of the Month

Hello Ladies;

Happy New Year...Marlene and I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season, time spent with family and friends, great conversations, fabulous food, and some down time. As your sewing machines had a bit of a rest, time to get back to your routine and start the new year with new quilting projects, or if you're like me, time to finish off those UFO's that have been laying around for a while.

January's Block of the Month has two icon Canadian blocks, the Hudson Bay Block and the Inukshuk block. This block you can either do regular machine piecing or you can appliqué the Inukshuk, we have sent you both versions for the Inukshuk block.

Happy quilting on your Canadian Quilt Blocks, and if you have any questions, please send us a message and Marlene and I will answer you as soon as we can. Thank-you!



Happy Quilting for 2024

Marlene and Mary



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Regular Hours

Monday to Saturday

9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Closed Sunday

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