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# Ancaster Quilters Guild

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## President's Message

As our Comfort Quilt program takes on new projects this year, it made me realize the various groups within our community that benefit from our member's talent and energy.

We are all aware of the numerous quilts donated to many groups within the community, in the various sizes from baby and lap size up to double bed but we also make a specialized size to serve as dignity quilts for nursing homes and funeral homes. Placemats have been a contribution for many years to local meal programs. Some of our members have been making pillowcases for several years, many for the 'Comfy Cases' program. This year we have included it as one of our initiatives and at our first workshop completed 45 pillowcases that will be part of our donation to the children's hospital. Fidget quilts, our second new program, provided several of our members a learning curve at the workshop on what is involved in making them and their various uses. I was aware that they are needed in memory care units in nursing homes, but it was interesting to learn that they are also beneficial for children with attention deficit issues. It's amazing how something so basic can provide benefits to so many. Our last workshop for this year will be the Christmas stockings and we know when they are filled with treats, they will bring smiles to many children in the community.

So, it has taken me many words to say that there are numerous groups within our community that benefit from our love of sewing (and our need to find uses for the beautiful fabrics we have purchased).

In closing, a reminder that our October meeting is our "20 Years Young" celebration. The executive has been working hard to make this a 'special' meeting, so we hope to see everyone there.

*Janice Haluszka, President*

## REMINDERS!!

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

**For October only, meeting  
starting at 6:30 pm**  
Doors open at 6:00 p.m. for  
social time

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## Programme

Hello Guild Members,  
 The Singing Quilter—“Music and quilting have the power to invoke memories, sooth the spirit, warm the soul and create community”. Join us as we recognize Ancaster Quilters Guild’s 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and welcome AnnMarie Rowland to our celebration with her presentation called “Pieces of Time”. Using her antique quilts, humour, songs and stories, she’ll take us on a delightful journey that will have us entertained, laughing and thinking!

Bring yourselves and a mug, and we’ll see you there!

*Judy Taylor & Eva Butty*

## Caring Cards

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

Email: clarksh@cogeco.ca

## Executive

**President** – Janice Haluszka

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**Advertising** - Janice Haluszka

**Block of the Month** – Janet Randall, Marlene

Reynolds, Beth Edwards

**Membership** – Debbe Durham, Donna Hamilton

**Program** – Judy Taylor, Eva Butty

**Workshop** – Kerry Alldritt

**Social Coordinator** – Mary Crowe

### **Community Outreach**

\* **Comfort Quilts**: Wendy Dalrymple, Janice Leverton

\* **Pillow cases**: Marlene Reynolds, Mary Crowe

\* **Fidget Quilts**: Janet Shannon, Martha Forbes

\* **Christmas Stockings**: Dianne Busser, Kerry Alldritt

**Draw Prizes** – Kathi Larmand

**50/50** – Lois Hancock

**Newsletter/Media** – Nadia Mustillo

**Website/Media** – Corinne Ethier

**Facebook/Instagram** - Suzette Lucier

**Greeter** – Martha Forbes

**Caring Cards** – Sheila Clark

**Fundraising** – Debbe Durham, Dianne Busser

## Comfort Quilts

Hello everyone!



We still have a selection of quilting kits available to inspire your creativity. If you **haven't picked one up yet, now's** the perfect time to start your next project.

In checking the records from last year we have discovered there are still some outstanding quilts that are out being bound. Please return them as soon as possible.

We still have some fall panels available for those who would like to participate in our fall challenge, so be sure to grab one while they last.

We will have some new quilts that are ready to be bound as well!

Thanks for your participation.

Wendy & Janice  
Dalrymple Leverton

## Membership - UPDATE

Hello Ancaster Quilters Guild Members!

The process for renewing for 2025-26 is underway! Thanks to your generosity throughout the year, and at our fundraising events, we can keep the renewal price at \$40. Name tags costs have increased, so if you need yours replaced or for new members, the price for the name tag is \$8.

At the October meeting, we will be accepting cash or cheque, (please make out to Ancaster Quilters Guild) or you can send an e-transfer payment to:

[financeancasterquiltguild@gmail.com](mailto:financeancasterquiltguild@gmail.com).

or you may send your cheque to:

Kerry Alldritt  
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Please do not send cash by mail!

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. Please check in at the membership desk to sign the permission list and double check your details on the membership list at the meeting.

See you Tuesday!

Debbe Durham & Donna Hamilton

## Block of the Month

Hello everyone,

**Stay tuned for this year's Block of the Month.** We will share all the details and samples at our November meeting. We hope you will enjoy our upcoming techniques and designs to make a wonderful quilt for you or your loved ones.

See you soon – Janet Randall, Beth Edwards and Marlene Reynolds



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## WORKSHOPS AND SEW DAYS



### CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS SEW DAY

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20TH, 2025



Well ... because of donations of fabric from Sam, Rena & Cathy, Marlene has been stripping, Diane C has been cuffing and then lining, Kerry has been backing & tabbing, batting is cut, Dianne B has created a story, so now ... we need you to come & create stockings in an atmosphere of fun - when you leave, look around with pride at our group's accomplishments.



TONI MAJOR

November 7, 2025 – Friday

Toni Major – Textile Landscaping Workshop

Join this workshop to create beautiful landscape work led by Toni in thread painting and other embellishments to affect texture, colour and movement in your creations; Interested members will be emailed a supply list once registered and paid.

Limited to 20 participants. Cost is \$30 and includes a starter kit.

Please sign up at the October meeting.



Free Motion with Sandy Simmelink

On Saturday, September 20th, Sandy Simmelink provided instruction to 24 participant in Free Motion quilting. It was a fun and exciting day learning her techniques and having fun.

Thank you, Sandy for a wonderful workshop.

## COMFY CASES – OCTOBER



Hello Everyone,

We wish to give you an update on our workshop for Comfy Cases that was held at Marshall Memorial on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. It was an outstanding day. 45 pillow cases were completed that day and 30 more were taken home to be completed—a total of 75 pillow cases.

All Marlene and I can say is “thank you all so much”. Not only did we finish the Comfy Cases, but we also made new friends and boy did we have a great time.

Ladies, please come and see us at our table, we still have many kits, particularly the Christmas theme ones, we would love to have completed by our November meeting so they can be given to the children for Christmas.

See you at our October meeting.

Marlene and Mary



## FIDGET QUILTS

Thank you for your great support at our fidget quilt workshop On October 6th. 15 Fidget quilts were completed and a number of kits were sent home.

We will have kits available at our October meeting.

Thank you

Janet Shannon and Martha Forbes



## FUNDRAISING REPORT

The Fundraising team plans to hold the popular Gift Basket raffle at our December meeting. A few baskets are already in development, including the popular Chocolate and Quilting themed baskets. If you have ideas for additional baskets or items to donate, please contact a Fundraising team member.

Debbe Durham  
and Dianne  
Busser



## WHAT TO BRING TO A MEETING

- ◆ Name Tag,
- ◆ Bring Your Own Beverage,
- ◆ Indoor shoes
- ◆ Money for Door Prizes
- ◆ Show & Share
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Money for 50/50 - **NOTE please try to have toonies and loonies to pay for this.**
- ◆ Blocks and completed tops for Comfort Quilts



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National Educator Leslie Main from MainStreetDesigns is returning to share in her love and passion for machine quilting. You won't want to miss!



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Exciting News at Hamilton Sewing! Please join us in welcoming John Stam, retired from Brampton Sew N Surge, to our team! John brings over 40 years of experience in the sewing machine industry and is our newest technical expert here at Hamilton Sewing. Whether it's repairs, tune-ups, or expert advice, John's knowledge and skill are second to none. We're thrilled to have him on board and know our customers will be too! John and I will be working as a team and be more efficient with faster turn around times



SOCIAL AND SNACKS

Hello everyone, As mentioned at our September meeting, the Executive and Committee members want to try something different for our Social time at our Guild Meetings.

We have four meetings where members will be asked to supply snacks (November, March, April and May) as the other months are party months or Zoom meetings instead of a sign up sheet for volunteers.

I will be contacting 10 to 15 members alphabetically to bring treats for meetings of about 12 to 15 servings each.

Names will be announced in our newsletter and I will also send out an email as a little reminder to the members being asked to bring snacks. If you're not able to attend just let me know and I will contact some else.

I'm sure we'll have some fabulous munchies at our Guild Meetings.

Thank you, Mary Crowe

Placemats & Mug Rugs

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Keep saving those pop tabs. Bring them to the monthly meetings. There will be a container at the Membership Desk for you to put them in.



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# Show and Share

At our September meeting, a number of beautiful quilted items were displayed by our very talented members. Thank you for taking the time to show us your beautiful quilts, creativity and craftsmanship. It was very inspiring to the members. Keep up the great work and we hope to see more at future meetings.



Audrey McIsaac  
Mystery BoM



Suzette Lucier  
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Lucy Lobodici - Beach Girls

## PRIZE WINNERS

50/50 Draw—Marg Kew

### Congratulations to the door prize winners

Linda Clugston	Susan Sholer	Marjorie Weber	Kathi Larmand	Aline Koiter
Heather Frey	Janet Hockley	Mary Crowe	Laurie Allan	Willie Walker