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Ancaster Quilter's Guild

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February 2024

President's Message



By the time you read this hopefully you all had a lovely happy Valentine's Day with your family and enjoyed some treats..perhaps some flowers or chocolate...mmm the special treat of quilters everywhere.

And by now you all know that Warton Willie predicted an EARLY spring, so as

groundhog predictions go, I'll take it!...I heard a cardinal cheering very loudly this morning as I walked the dog through the local woods, so it's definitely coming. I'm sure hoping for a short winter season as I'm sure most are. I'm ready to play in the dirt and plant some seeds, and am watching my mailbox with great anticipation for my seed catalogue choices.

Hopefully you all continue to diligently work on your guild BOM project and are keeping up, or trying to. I think in my case it's going to have to be a longer term project, perhaps on to pack along for the trailer this summer.

This month's program will again be held online via Zoom, so take some time to refresh your computer/tablet settings and then join us for another informative program. Take a few minutes to log in early enough to iron out the connection wrinkles and say hi to fellow guild members.

Feeling a bit uninspired for writing this message, I will close with one final thought...did you know this is a LEAP year so February has 29 days?

Yay, an extra day to quilt and eat chocolate!!!

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

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This month's zoom presenter is Joanne Kerton of Canuck Quilter Designs. Don't be fooled into thinking that

Joanne is presenting from somewhere in Canada, when in fact she resides in the state of Iowa. Her story takes her from being a Physics student to a published pattern designer of seventy patterns as well as being featured in quilting magazines and catalogs.

Joanne will be sharing tips on how to take a pattern and make it your own. This will include mixing and matching elements from different patterns and looking at things with fresh eyes.

For any of us who have ever wanted to make changes to a pattern, but were intimidated, this presentation may just be what we need to get started.

Eva Butty & Judy Taylor

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Croucher, Diane Childerly,

Draw Prizes – Linda Clugston

50/50 – Diane Childerley

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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

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

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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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The Fundraising Team is pleased to offer Ancaster Quilt Guild members the opportunity to support the fundraising efforts of the Ancaster Guild while looking great doing so!

We are happy to announce Guild Members can now order a unique Guild Polo/Golf 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 to try on for sizing, all sales final.

A Fundraising Team member will be at the Ancaster Senior Achievement Centre at 622 Alberton Road South on Wednesday February 21st and Wednesday February

Ways to Battle Quilt Burnout Part 2. From the July/Aug issue of Love of Quilting

- 2. Don't Look at the Big Picture
- Break things down into many steps. Make each step small enough that it can be done quickly, so you can check things off the list more often. This makes the project seem less overwhelming.
- Use focus blocks. Choose a couple times of day when you're at your best, block out interruptions, and knock things off that list.
- Use the Pomodoro technique: Work 25 minutes, take a 5-minute break; repeat 4 times, then give yourself a longer break



Pop Tabs



From Janice Haluszka,
Keep saving those pop tabs. Bring them to the April meetings. There will be a container at the Membership Desk for you to put them in.

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
- * Please keep saving Pop Can Tabs as there will be a container for them at the membership table Janice Haluszka.
- * 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

Caring Cards

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

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Moda Blockheads 5



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

<https://modafabrics.com/blockheads5>

This comes out each Wednesday and you can join the group on Facebook.

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

We received a request for a quilt for an Ancaster Resident whose house completely burned down the end of January.

We were pleased to be able to deliver a quilt which was well received by the resident

Janet Shannon, Sam Croucher, Diane Childerly,



*A Labour of Love
Quilt Show 2024*

Thursday, April 18, 2024 10:00am - 4:00pm
Friday, April 19, 2024 10:00am - 7:00pm
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Block of the Month

Happy Valentine's Day....Marlene and I hope you had a wonderful day.

February is going to be quite a fun month for the continuation of our "Canada Quilt". Ladies, we'll be forwarding information for 12 ½" pieced blocks, or if you have your favourite block, please use it in your design of the Canada Quilt. Also, the last week of February we'll be sending you "bonus blocks", most of these are appliqué, and we're sure you'll enjoy them.

We hope to see some of your blocks, please show them either at our zoom meeting or send pictures to Susan Lusted for our Show and Share. Marlene and I are very interested in progress.

Enjoy your Block of the Month



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