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Ancaster Quilters Guild

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President's Message

As we look ahead to 2026, it feels especially meaningful to pause and reflect on the past year and the many positive moments we have shared as a guild. We are truly grateful for the dedication and commitment of our executive, committee members, general membership, and advertisers—each of you plays an important role in making our guild such a vibrant and supportive community.

There were many highlights throughout the year. Our Program Coordinators did a wonderful job organizing a memorable 20th Anniversary Celebration in October, and our Fundraising Committee brought great creativity and enthusiasm to the December meeting by assembling 26 beautiful gift baskets. These events were successful not only because of thoughtful planning, but because of the strong attendance and generous financial support of our members throughout the year.

Our charity programs also had a rewarding year, made possible by members who generously gave their time and talents by participating in workshops and activities.

We would also like to take a moment to recognize our advertisers, who are sometimes overlooked. This month, we extend a heartfelt thank you for your continued support of the Ancaster Quilters Guild. In turn, our members truly enjoy visiting your shops and discovering new fabrics and supplies.

Looking ahead, our January and February meetings will be held virtually using Zoom. This winter format allows us to stay warm and comfortable at home during inclement weather, while also giving us access to a broader range of speakers from near and far. Login details will be emailed a few days before each meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out—we are always happy to help.

Janice Haluszka, President



REMINDERS!!

3rd Wednesday of each month

Marshall Memorial United Church
20 Gilbert Ave, Ancaster

**** ZOOM Meeting ****
(separate email to follow)

This meeting starts at 7:00 pm

Log in earlier at 6:45 p.m if possible

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PROGRAMME - January 2026

Get ready for an *incredible* start to 2026!

This month's Zoom presenter is international award-winning quilter **Kathy Wylie**, and she's bringing inspiration in spades. Kathy lectures and teaches across Canada, is a Canadian Quilters' Association Certified Quilt Judge, has her own fabric line with Northcott, designs sought-after patterns, and distributes a variety of quilting products. (Yes—she does it all!)

Her fascinating presentation, “How Can an Appliqué Quilt Have Holes in It?”, is sure to spark curiosity and creativity. Curious already? Take a peek at her stunning quilt *Beauty in the Broken* on her website, www.kathykwylie.com—it's truly jaw-dropping.

This is one meeting you won't want to miss. Let's kick off 2026 with creativity, inspiration, and a little quilting magic!

Eva Butty & Judy Taylor



Caring Cards

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

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Executive

President – Janice Haluszka

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Membership – Debbe Durham

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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

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Facebook/Instagram - Suzette Lucier

Greeter – Martha Forbes

Caring Cards – Sheila Clark

Fundraising – Debbe Durham, Dianne Busser

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MEMBERSHIP - UPDATE

Happy New Year Friends!!

We are happy to report that our membership is at 90 members. New members are always welcome and can send their information **and payment of \$40.00 to ["financeancasterquiltguild@gmail.com"](mailto:financeancasterquiltguild@gmail.com)**.

Since the January and February meetings are by Zoom, please be sure to check in so that your attendance can be recorded.

This month's email with the newsletter link will also include our 2025/26 membership list. Please inform us if there are any errors or omissions.

Donna Hamilton and Debbe Durham

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COMFORT QUILTS

Happy New Year everyone!

Here's to a year of quilting, lots of fun and good friends by your side! We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and accomplished lots of quilting. Thanks to those who donated quilt tops, they are off to the longarmer.

We hope you are making progress on your panel challenge. If anyone needs ideas or perhaps a certain colour to help, give us a shout.

Stay warm and happy quilting!

Thank you,

Wendy Dalrymple & Janice Leverton




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Quilting Fabrics
Notions
Machine Quilting
Block of the Month
Kits

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



NOTE: our meetings are now fragrance & latex free

FUNDRAISING REPORT

January 2026

Thank you to everyone who participated in the December Basket and Quilt Raffle. Your enthusiasm and support made the event a wonderful success—whether you donated raffle items, contributed to the beautiful quilt, purchased tickets, or cheered on the winners.

The Fundraising Team is delighted to announce that the Ancaster Quilt and Basket Raffle raised a total of \$1,560 **toward the Guild's** 2026 expenses.

Your generosity, energy, and involvement continue to strengthen the Ancaster Quilters Guild and point to a vibrant and successful future. Thank you for your ongoing support!

Debbe Durham and Dianne Busser



SOCIAL



Dear ladies,

Happy New Year ladies, hoping you had a wonderful time with your family and friends over the holidays but it is nice to get back on track and know which day of the week it isI think I lost a few days over Christmas.

As we are meeting on Zoom for January and February, ladies I won't be putting in any requests to you until March. See you on Zoom.

Mary Crowe,
Social

December 2025 Guild Celebration

'Twas the guild before Christmas, and all through the hall,
Not a seam ripper stirred, not a rotary at all.
The baskets sat proudly on tables with care,
In hopes that the winners would be chosen fair.
The potluck was stocked with delicious good food,
not a Grinch in the place, all in such a good mood.
From casseroles cheesy to desserts galore,
Some had regretted the tight pants that they wore.
When out on the table there arose such a clatter,
We sprang from our chairs to see what was the matter.

The tickets! The tickets! The numbers were drawn—
For gift baskets abundant and one quilt to fawn.
Fat quarters and threads and chocolates so fine,
Patterns and notions—oh, prizes divine!
One lucky soul beamed as the quilt found a home,
While the rest sighed, then laughed, “Next year,
we’ll own!”

Then someone cried, “Games!” with a mischievous grin,
And dice soon appeared—let the gambling begin.

Not poker as played in the old western lore,
But the guild’s cheeky version of strip poker galore!
Off came the pins, then the thimbles, what cheer!
A roll, then a strip—oh, the laughter rang clear.
No scandal, no shock, just silliness spun,
As jellyroll strips were wagered but not everyone won.

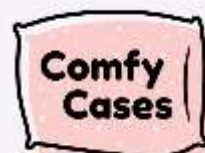
As the night wound down with goodbyes and delight,
We packed up our quilts and leftovers just right.
“Happy stitching to all, till we meet once again—
May your seams all be straight and your bobbins stay full till then!”

Special thanks to our program committee and our basket committee for such a wonderful night! Merry Christmas!

Posted on Facebook by Suzette Lucier, December 23, 2025



COMFY CASES



Hello dear Members;

Marlene and I wish you a very Happy New Year and extend our best wishes to you and your families.

Please note since we are not meeting in person during January and February, feel free to contact either of us if you would like a Comfy Cases kit during this time. We will be happy to arrange delivery.

We look forward to meeting in person again at our March meeting. Until then, enjoy your quilting.

See you at the Zoom meeting.

Marlene and Mary



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Block of the Month

Happy New Year! We've been enjoying some quilting since the Christmas rush was over. So far we have finished our first 4 blocks & we will be sending out 2 more for January in the next couple of days. We hope you are finding the instructions easy to follow and that you are enjoying this project!

Happy Sewing! e you soon –
Janet Randall, Beth Edwards and
Marlene Reynolds



FIDGET QUILTS

Wishing you a very Happy New Year and best wishes to you and your families.

As you are aware, we are not meeting in person during January and February, but will be back with additional kits in March for anyone interested in creating a fidget quilt or two.

We look forward to seeing you in March!

Happy Quilting!

Janet Shannon and Martha Forbes



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Pop Tabs

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.

Placemats & Mug Rugs

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Show and Share

At our December 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.

Colleen Dawson

-Doggies and Scrappy HSTs

Chris Durocher

– Sudoku

Heather Mackay

- Tulip runner and Penny the Penguin



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