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Ancaster Quilters Guild

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MARCH 2026

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I am writing this message, a deep fog covers our town, but the weather forecast is for a high of 17°C on Saturday! How wonderful after the long winter we have had. I heard someone say that in the corner of their yard, they have those hardy crocuses peeking up already; I can't wait to see some colour.

Thank you to the team of quilters who showed up last month to make placemats. From Kerry (our hard-working workshop leader), the amazing results are "73 completed placemats ... 46 WIP ... and ... people have taken some home to complete. Thanks to each of you for donating your talents and time." And thank you to Marshall United for donating the space at the church so that we can continue our charitable work. There will be another workshop scheduled on April 13th, as outlined on page 3 of the newsletter.

This is my first president's message, even though I am still just a vice-president. It makes me think of many firsts – my first quilt, my first quilt class at the senior centre with Sam as my teacher, and the best, my first quilt guild meeting back in 2018, I think. It has been a wonderful experience to attend these meetings, and I look forward to many more. Where else can you find such a group of friendly, helpful, creative, and fun people, all with the same interests and passions? We are so fortunate to have the opportunity to meet, share, and grow.

What are some of your firsts in the quilting world? Do you still have your first quilt? Are you still quilting with your original quilting friends? I hope so. Perhaps that's food for conversation at our next meeting, in person, during our social break. Check out the message from our program team to see who is coming to delight us with beautiful quilts, in person, and don't forget to bring your own sewing efforts from the dark days of this past winter for the show and share.

See you soon — did I mention we meet in person!? — on Wednesday, March 18th. Until then, bask in any sunshine we get.

Corinne Ethier,
Vice-President



REMINDERS!!

3rd Wednesday of each month
IN PERSON
Marshall Memorial United Church
20 Gilbert Ave, Ancaster
This meeting starts at 7:00 pm
Come in earlier at 6:45 p.m to sign in if possible

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PROGRAMME March 2026

Hello Guild Members,

This month, we are delighted to have one of our own, Deborah Shadbolt, presenting **Colour Theory 101**. During this session, Deborah will guide us through the fundamentals of colour theory, including the colour wheel and how to use it, colour saturation, temperature, and the elements and principles of design.

Deborah brings a wealth of experience to this presentation. Her background includes Interior Design, teaching colour theory for interiors, and Visual Arts. Among her many accomplishments are creating an art installation for the Bank of Montreal, as well as producing private commissioned acrylic and watercolour paintings.

Deborah began quilting at the age of 20 and soon after started designing her own quilts, initially focusing on watercolour quilts before expanding into mixed fibre art applications on quilts.



This promises to be a fascinating and informative presentation—one you won't want to miss!

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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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

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Caring Cards – Sheila Clark

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UPCOMING WORKSHOPS



BABY QUILT WORKSHOP

Come out and join us for a fun day of sewing baby blankets. The NICU BABY BLANKET Workshop will be held on Monday, April 13th, at Marshall Memorial Church from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm.

There is no cost to attend this workshop as it is for charity, with the completed blankets being donated to the **Neo Natal Unit of McMaster Children's Hospital**.

Kits will be provided. They are simple to make and benefit such a good cause. You just need your sewing machine and white / light thread and related tools. Don't forget your lunch and there will be snacks and tea and coffee. Please email Kerry to indicate if you will participate so we have a spot for you.

Hope to see you there.

Kerry Alldritt, Mary Crowe and Marlene Reynolds



NEW YORK BEAUTY WORKSHOP

*The New York Beauty Class, for March 27th **has a few more spots available.** Contact Judy for more info and to register.*

For those registered, doors will open at 9:00 am to set up your machines and gear.

Louise Hamilton will run the class from 9:30-3:30pm.

Participants can expect an email 4 or 5 weeks prior to the class, detailing all they need.

It will be fun!

Judy Taylor & Eva Butty

PLACEMAT WORKSHOP (FEB 23, 2026)

WOW ... look at these amazing numbers

73 completed placemats ... 46 WIP ... and ... some people have taken kits home to complete

Thanks to each and every participant for donating your talents and your time.

If anyone wants to start on Christmas Placemats, I will have kits available with the very simple instructions which does not involve putting a binding on - it is stitch around, leave a gap turn the good side out, top stitch and do a couple of cross hatch quilting lines ... ta da!

Kerry Alldritt



A post was also featured on Facebook!



We're on Instagram! Follow us @ancasterquiltersguild_

We're excited to announce that the Ancaster Quilt Guild now has an Instagram presence: [@ancasterquiltersguild_](https://www.instagram.com/ancasterquiltersguild_)

Instagram gives us a wonderful opportunity to share our creativity beyond our meetings—**showcasing members' quilts, promoting workshops and events**, and connecting with the broader quilting community. **It's also a valuable way to learn, exchange ideas, and stay inspired through the incredible work being shared by quilters around the world.** Building an online presence helps us reach a greater audience and raise awareness of who we are and what we do. By increasing our visibility today, we help ensure the Guild remains vibrant and sustainable for years to come. Follow us, like, share, and help spread the word!

Use your cell phone camera to scan this QR code—> or click the Instagram icon on the first page at the top of the newsletter to link directly.



Comfort Quilts

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



Membership - UPDATE

Hello Members and Welcome to Spring!! ☐☐

Spring is just around the corner, bringing the promise of warmer days, bright sunshine, and fresh new beginnings after a long, cold winter. **With the days growing longer, we'll have even more daylight to enjoy extra quilting hours!**

As you know at this meeting in March we're back to gathering in person! Please remember to sign in on the sheets located on the left wall as **you enter the hall.**

We can't wait to see everyone again and as always, new members are warmly welcome — bring a friend! ☐

Donna Hamilton and Debbie Durham

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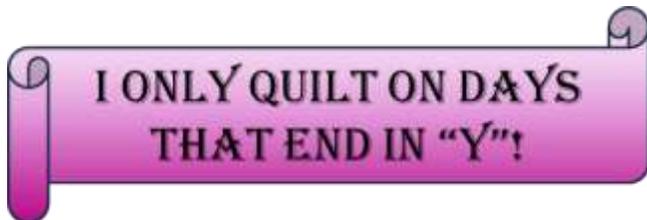
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- ◆ Bring Your Own Beverage,
- ◆ Indoor shoes
- ◆ Money for Door Prizes
- ◆ Show & Share
- ◆ Note that cell phones should be turned off or to vibrate. If you must answer your phone, please go to the entry hall to do this.
- ◆ Money for 50/50 - **NOTE 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

March 2026

Hello everyone, as we did not have in-person meetings in January and February, there is no significant fundraising update to share at this time. We would, however, like to take a moment to thank you for your continued generosity, involvement, and ongoing support of our Guild's activities.

Our fundraising efforts remain ongoing, and we truly appreciate the commitment of our members. We look forward to seeing you in March and resuming some of our events together.

Debbe Durham and Dianne Busser

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Thank you to those who have shared completed blocks with us! It's always interesting to see how the same block can look so different with your fabric and colour choices. Feel free to share completed blocks on the 18th at our in person meeting!

We will send out the links to the next 2 blocks before our meeting. Happy quilting!

Beth Edwards, Janet Randall and Marlene Reynolds



Comfy Cases

Dear Members,

Marlene and I are looking forward to seeing you at our March Guild meeting. Here's hoping you were able to complete some of those UFOs we all have sitting in our sewing rooms — or perhaps even start a new and exciting project!

At the meeting we will have kits available for Comfy Cases, and we hope you'll be able to make time to sew up a few of these pillowcases for children. Members of the Ancaster Quilters Guild have donated an impressive 439 pillowcases to date. Comfy Cases needs a minimum of 150 pillowcases for McMaster Children's Hospital and 50 for Ronald McDonald House every two months, so our members are truly doing their part for this very worthwhile cause. Thank you to everyone who has contributed their time and talents.

Marlene and I will also be sharing an update with members regarding Comfy Cases.

We look forward to seeing you at the March Guild meeting. Until then, wishing everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day — Go Irish!

Marlene and Mary

SNACKS / SOCIAL

Ladies, Happy St. Patrick's Day.



What a wonderful time to get back together.

For our March Guild meeting I am requesting that members with the last name starting with **"G to Mac"** bring in a snack for our break.

Thank you so much for your participation in the Ancaster Quilters Guild.

Mary Crowe
Social



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Janet Shannon & 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.

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Show and Share

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



Canadian Exploding Heart
by **Lois Hancock**



Kitten Embroidery
by **Kerry Alldritt**

Block of the Month
By **Margaret Kew**



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Meeting
Participants**