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Ancaster Quilters Guild

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President's Message

November 2025

This fall our guild scheduled workshops to further our three new Comfort Quilt initiatives. The workshop organizers are delighted with the positive outcomes — the results from all three sessions exceeded the team's expectations.

Our area representative for Comfy Cases recently posted on their website, "So absolutely grateful for the amazing women at the Ancaster Quilt Guild. They heard that Hamilton's need for cases had increased, and they answered the call!" As of November 5th, 247 pillow cases have been donated for distribution to McMaster Sick Children's hospital and Ronald McDonald House. The response to this initiative has far exceeded our goal; by month end more than 300 pillow cases will be submitted.

Creating fidget quilts has made many of us more aware of the community's needs — especially the importance of providing tools that help children with attention challenges and offer calming effects for seniors. We hope to continue producing fidget quilts to meet these ongoing needs.

In addition, we continue to distribute quilts within the community, and contribute to fundraising efforts by donating quilts to local groups.

In closing, our guild should be very proud of the many ways we support our community — simply by doing what we love most: sewing!

Finally, a reminder that our *Block of the Month* project will be introduced at next week's meeting — always something to look forward to and another challenge to satisfy our creative and competitive spirits!

Janice Haluszka, President

NEW

REMINDERS!!

3rd Wednesday of each month
Marshall Memorial United Church
20 Gilbert Ave, Ancaster

Meeting starts at 7:00 **pm**
Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for
social time

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Programme

Welcome Members,

This month our guest speaker is Louise Hamilton. She is coming to us from Oxford County where her background included farming, raising a family and being a dental hygienist. She will be sharing a trunk show of bright fabrics, some following a pattern and some not. Paper piecing is her first love for the precision of perfect points. She is also a long armer and has now made this her full time business called Purple Rooster Quilting.

Louise is heavily involved working with her committee behind the scenes compiling the catalogue for the annual New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale. We look forward to seeing all the beautiful quilts and her sharing more than 25 years of quilting experiences.

Judy Taylor & Eva Butty



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

Vice-President –Corinne Ethier

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Committees

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 Guild Members!

We hope you enjoyed our October meeting as much as we did. A wonderful job was done by our program ladies, with the decor, delicious treats, and our guest speaker!

We had 84 members in attendance and 8 guests for the evening.

Our membership is \$40.00 for the year and can be paid at the membership table, by cash or cheque OR can be sent by e-transfer to

financeancasterquiltguild@gmail.com

NEW This month, in order to alleviate some of the congestion at the entrance to the guild and the membership desk, we will be posting the sign in sheets **on the wall** by the membership table, and ask that you please sign in **before the break**

ALSO

Each year we need your permission to print your information for our membership and website. **If you do not wish this information published**, please inform the membership table or email drdurham@rogers.com.

Looking forward to seeing you in November (already)!

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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FUNDRAISING REPORT

What a great response from Guild members with donations for our December Gift Basket raffle!

Once again, we have a beautiful Quilt for you to bid on (thank you Sam Croucher, Marjorie Weber and the Comfort Quilt team), and a Wooden Quilt Rack (thank you Mary Crowe) Karen Rienau brought in three beautiful fully constructed baskets and Janet Shannon, Cathy Snelling and Audrey McIssac each supplied several items for baskets. Many others have also contributed. Thank you one and all!

Several baskets are already in development, including the popular Italian, Chocolate and Quilting themed baskets. The Jam filled Christmas Stocking will also be back.

Save your money and get ready for a fun- filled time at the December meeting.

Please contact a Fundraising team member If you have additional items for the raffle or bring them to the November meeting.

Debbe Durham and Dianne Busser

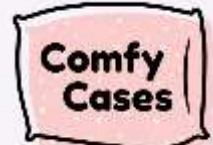


CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS

A huge **Thank You** to our Guild Members who came out to the Christmas Stockings workshop - it was a true dictionary definition of a workshop and crazy busy in a good way - Dianne had created a story board to help visualize the construction and it was a huge help - there were people quilting backs and some creating fronts using the sew and flip method - both fronts and backs were taken by others who, with the lining and the cuffs, created the finished product so ... how many finished stocking do we have at the moment? An amazing 65 fully completed and the rumour is more at homes being completed ... congratulations to those who attended - it is because of you this outreach programme will be successful and several vulnerable young mothers in our community will feel loved and supported—Kerry Alldritt and Dianne Busser



COMFY CASES



Hello dear Members;

Marlene and I are at a loss, we are so thankful to each and every one of our members for all the beautiful pillow cases that you made for our Comfy Cases program. These numbers are amazing..to date we have given 247 pillowcases.....154 Christmas; 72 Halloween and 21 regular/general pillow cases. Pamela, the representative who works in our area was very impressed with our numbers and the dedications of our members.

Ladies, if you have any Christmas design pillowcases, please could you bring them in, we need to pass these ones on to our representative as soon as possible, they will be needed at the hospitals within the next week or so.

As the holiday pillowcases are completed, we will start working on general design pillowcase. At our November meeting we will bring in a supply of kits and we hope that you will consider taking a number of them home to work on at your leisure. Remember, December is our Christmas party and January and February are Zoom meetings, so we don't meet at Marshall Memorial until March 2026....pillowcases are quick and easy and the children are the recipients of your work. Thank you so much!



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SOCIAL COFFEE BREAK



Dear ladies;

For the month of November I am requesting that members with the **last names starting "A" to "F"** to please bring in a small snack for our break. As mentioned previously 12 to 15 pieces is perfect.

If you're not planning or unable to attend the November 19th meeting, please let me know so I can get other members to bring in a snack.

Ladies, thank you so much for your participation.

Mary
Crowe,
Social



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

FIDGET QUILTS

We have delivered 15 fidget quilts this month.

Kits will be available November and December.

Thank you

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.

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Show and Share

At our October 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.



Martha Forbes—Beach Party
 Marlene Reynolds and Cas Snelling—Christmas Log Cabin
 Jane Waye—Sue Spargo Needle Roll
 Heather Greville—Animal Crackers and Kaleidoscope Quilt
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