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Ancaster Quilter's Guild

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April 2024

President's Message

As I sit here trying to come up with some sort of message for the newsletter I'm reflecting on some personal "issues" which have taken up quite a bit of my personal 'bandwidth' over the past year, and hoping that with the change of seasons I can finally put some of them to rest. The change of seasons is a perfect way to renew and refresh in many ways.

As Jack and I have been shopping for a few new household items it's nice to see the garden centres of various stores starting to take shape. Many years ago (pre-internet) when I was considerably younger, I used to order (by snail mail) my seed catalogues in December, with the intent to order my seeds and supplies in January, and start my indoor planting in March and April. I had a very large 3 tier plant stand with lights, and it would take me days to get all of my trays filled and labelled, and then we would watch anxiously until new life would emerge from the soil, to be planted in the garden in late May.

This year I bought my seeds on-line, and some of my trays at local stores, and spent Easter Sunday filling and seeding the trays, and a short 48 hours later I have some very tiny seedlings...you have to admit it really is MAGIC!

Over the years I have taught many people quilting, sewing, and smocking, and one of the things I have said to folks learning these skills is that it is a journey, and a journey that can and should be enjoyed. Last month's zoom presentation by Lyric Montgomery, was an excellent lesson in starting – or continuing your quilting journey. She made some excellent observations about finding the artist inside...it's there - but you might have to poke around a bit...

With the change of seasons and new life and new colours surrounding us all, it's a great time to find new inspiration and get busy creating your own magic! With April we resume in person meetings for what should be another excellent presentation from one of our much celebrated local artists..and we hope to see you all there!

REMINDERS!!

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

Online is open at 6 p.m. for social
time at 6:30
Meeting starts at 7 p.m.

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Programme

April 2024

Hello Guild Members,

This month's guest speaker is Lorraine Roy who is a full time professional textile artist living and working in Dundas where she creates in her stand alone studio and gallery. Her formal education is in Agriculture, majoring in Ornamental Horticulture which is showcased in her pieces depicting her

connection to nature. Lorraine's topic is titled "The Joys and Challenges of Working in the Round"

While we love the look of circle shapes because they are so visually interesting, they do have challenges from initial concept to framing and finishing. Lorraine will be showing us her newest designs illustrating colourful pieces all incorporating circles.

Judy and I look forward to seeing everyone in person for this interesting and informative presentation.

Website: [Lorraine Roy: Textile Art \(lroyart.com\)](http://Lorraine Roy: Textile Art (lroyart.com))



Workshop Dates



Our last workshop for 2023-2024 is scheduled for Friday April 19th and Saturday, April 20th. Plan to join us for either day or both if you can. The cost for a single day is \$15.00

or both days for \$25.00. It is a great way to meet members and learn from their experiences.

Barb Masfield and Janice Haluszka

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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

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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Fundraising Report April 2024



Have you noticed Ancaster Quilt Guild members wearing their embroidered Polo/Golf shirts? If you have visited the Ancaster Senior Achievement Centre or participated in the Cherished Pieces Mystery bus tour you might have spotted the shirts. Our very own talented Guild member Marjorie Weber embroiders each shirt individually.

Navy blue with an embroidered logo in pink and aqua., these shirts are great for the upcoming Spring weather. Consider getting one to wear to your next Guild meeting, Quilting class, or

workday, at your next Retreat or on you next Quilting shop hop.

They look great and it is not to late to order yours!

Guild Members can order their own Guild Polo/Golf shirt at the April Guild meeting. 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. To order and arrange a fitting at other times. Please contact a Fundraising team member.

Debbe Durham, Cathy Pinelli, and Dianne Busser

Ways to Battle Quilt Burnout Part 4. From the July/Aug 2023 issue of Love of Quilting

- Work on a different quilting project like wool applique.
- Knit, crochet, embroider, read, cook, or (gasp) do some housecleaning.
- Try something new that you haven't tried before: paper crafting, watercolor painting, learn to knit socks etc.
- Clean up your studio for a fresh space. Rearrange it, even! .



Comfort Quilts

For the April meeting, the Comfort Quilt group will be away. Please keep your completed tops and bring them to the May meeting. We will have kits available at the May meeting.

Janet Shannon, Sam Croucher, Diane Childerly, Karen Rienau



Pop Tabs

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
- * 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.**
- * Blocks for Comfort Quilts

NOTE: our meetings are now fragrance and latex free

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More details: www.quiltshoptour.wixsite.com/hillsandvalleys

Upcoming Quilt Shows

- Niagara Modern Quilt Expo, Niagara Modern QG, Fonthill May 3 & 4 2024
- Check out the ad for the Hamilton Guild's show.



Just Sew You Know

Jordan Fabrics Jelly Roll Race Quilt

Here is a different approach to the Jelly Roll Race quilt. Instead of just sewing a roll together, Donna Jordan separated the roll by colour value. Then, she created accents that went on each strip. The result is a fast quilt that is quite stunning. The pattern is free and there is a you tube link for it. I will include the pattern when sending out the newsletter. This would look great in Christmas fabrics.

Website:
[adjustable Jelly Roll Race Pattern Updated 3.26.24 shoreline and batik.pdf \(shopify.com\)](http://adjustable%20Jelly%20Roll%20Race%20Pattern%20Updated%203.26.24%20shoreline%20and%20batik.pdf)

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Block of the Month

Dear Guild Members;

How wonderful it will be to meet in person and see everyone at our April meeting. Marlene and I and I'm sure many of our members are looking forward to seeing your Canada Quiltfrom what we've heard, the quilts will be unique and absolutely fabulous. Please bring in your quilts whether they are completed or at the quilt top stage.

If you have any questions regarding the Canada Quilt, Marlene and I will be happy to answer and assist you any way we can.

Again, we want to say thank you to each and every member who participated in the Block of the Month, you are the reason it was such a resounding success. Thank you.

Now, we're asking you to let us know what would peak your interest for a new Block of the Month, starting in September. One idea we are toying with is a "Mystery Quilt". With this, we would give you the fabric requirements, how many co-ordinating and/or different fabrics would be needed, and if we have interest in this Block of the Month.....we might consider offering a little "sneak peak" of the finished product, which you'll have to keep strictly to yourself.....a quilting secret. Ladies, this is just one idea, we welcome any suggestions, thoughts on interesting patterns, ideas you have for our next Block of the Month. We value your input.

Please send us your suggestions/ideas to the Block of the Month email address at:
bomancasterguild@gmail.com

Thank-you
Happy Spring
Marlene and Mary

Upcoming Spring Event HandiQuilter Hands on Event May 2 - 4

We are so excited to host our Spring Handi Quilter Van Event, running along with the Niagara Modern Quilt Expo, at the Meridian Community Centre. Join us and Handi Quilter National Educator Janel Metsker for hands on learning on an HQ Amara with Pro-Stitcher.

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