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Ancaster Quilters Guild

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President's Message

Welcome back to another exciting year at our Guild. Just like some school children look forward to getting back to school to meet up with their friends, we are no different, looking forward to socializing and discussing our latest quilting projects with other members.

One of our challenges for the upcoming year was to fill in the positions in our Guild. The executive is pleased to report that we have accomplished this goal. Although, we are still looking for two members to shadow Program for the 2025/2026 year and then take the lead position for the following year. So we will continue to reach out to our membership!

Our Comfort Quilt program is expanding this year to include three different initiatives. As an introduction, we have scheduled a **workshop for each one: children's pillow cases** on September 22nd, fidget quilts on October 6th and Christmas stockings on October 20th. These workshops will serve a dual purpose: an opportunity to learn the method/technique and to socialize with fellow members. Mark your calendars! We will also continue to provide kits for sewing quilt tops, as well as having quilts on hand that require bindings to be sewn down.

In closing, after such a hot and humid summer, I am sure many of our members have hibernated in their cool sewing areas, so I am looking forward to seeing many quilts and sewing projects at the Show and Share in September.

Janice Haluszka, President

REMINDERS!!

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

Doors open at 6:15 p.m. for
social time at 6:30
Meeting starts at 7:00 pm

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Programme

Welcome Back Guild Members,

We have another great year of informative guest speakers and fun activities planned. This month our guest presenter is Michelle Dunn of Kallisti Quilts. She will share her knowledge of Japanese textile history which includes Sashiko and Boro as well as her trunk show of quilts. A perfect way to start off the quilting season and get us back on track after a beautiful summer. Our programme guest will also be setting up a small on site shop for us. People may want to have some cash or credit available.

*Judy Taylor &
Eva Butty*



Caring Cards

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

Email: clarksh@cogeco.ca

Executive

President – Janice Haluszka

Vice-President –Corinne Ethier

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Program– Judy Taylor

Membership – Debbie Durham

Past President– Janice Haluszka

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

Greeter – Martha Forbes

Caring Cards – Sheila Clark

Fundraising – Debbe Durham, Dianne Busser

Comfort Quilts

Hello everyone!

Welcome
quilters to a new
year of guild meetings and
quilting fun!

Comfort quilts is under new
leadership so bear with us as we
navigate our way with your help
through the year.

At present we have 33
quilts ready for distribution to
the community and lots more
almost ready to go! The binding
needs to be finished on them so
stop by our table and take one,
two, three or more home with you
to finish.

If you wish to work on new
pieced designs, we will have kits
available to take home for you to
complete.

Looking forward to seeing
everyone in September.

Wendy & Janice
Dalrymple Levertton



Membership - UPDATE

Hello Ancaster Quilters Guild Members!

The process for renewing for 2025-26 is
underway! Thanks to your generosity throughout
the year, and at our fundraising events, we can
keep the renewal price at \$40. Name tags cost
have increased, so if you need yours replaced or
for new members, the price for the name tag is
\$8.

At the September meeting, we will be
accepting cash or cheque, (please make out to
Ancaster Quilters Guild) or you can send an e-
transfer payment to:

financeancasterquiltguild@gmail.com.

or you may send your cheque to:

Kerry Alldritt
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Please do not send cash by mail!

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. Please
check in at the membership desk to sign the
permission list and double check your details on
the membership list at the June meeting.

See you Tuesday!

Corinne Ethier & Donna Hamilton (2024-2025)
Debbe Durham (2025-26)

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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Quilting Fabrics
Notions
Machine Quilting
Block of the Month
Kits



Hello Everyone,

We hope you had a wonderful summer, spending time at your cottage, camping, swimming, enjoying grandchildren or if you're anything like me, spending lots of time in a lovely cool sewing room. However you spent your summer, we hope you had a great time.

I'm sure ladies that you know that Marlene and I have moved on from Block of the Month to "Comfy Cases". We are both looking forward to this new challenge and we are sure you will love participating in this program. These pillow cases are destined for sick children in hospitals. We will be part of a large organization made up of individuals and groups who work to make pillow cases for children who need a bit of comfort.

We will have kits ready to hand out at our Guild Meeting. You will notice that each kit is numbered and it also has instructions and information for a YouTube demonstration on how to make "burrito style" pillow cases. We are also asking that when you have finished making the pillow case, please return it in the same plastic bag that you received.

Ladies, to help you with this project, we will be holding a workshop on September 22nd at Marshall Memorial Church from 9:00 to 3:00 and we're hoping you'll join us for this sewing day to learn how to make these pillow cases and stay as long as you want and or can and see how many we are able to complete on that day. If you're not able to come to sew on this day, but you have a few minutes, please drop by and we can give you a demonstration on the "burrito style" pillow case technique.

We have a few instructions regarding the pillow cases; one is.....PLEASE DO NOT WASH OR DRY the pillow cases. Marlene will look after this....ladies this is very important, also please do not trade out or swap out any of the fabrics that are in the kits, some of these kits come from Comfy Cases and we want to return to them exactly what we received.

Also, we will make a surprise announcement regarding the pillow case kits which I'm sure you'll all enjoy.

Thank you and looking forward to another wonderful quilting year.

Marlene and Mary



FUNDRAISING REPORT

We are excited about the opportunities to continue to support the needs of the Ancaster Quilt Guild in the year ahead.

Once again, we plan to hold a Gift Basket raffle at our December meeting. A few baskets are already in development, but if you have ideas or items to donate, please contact a Fundraising team member.



Debbe Durham
and Dianne
Busser

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



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Placemats & Mug Rugs

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Show and Share

At our June 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.



Corinne Ethier
Twin



Deb Shadbolt
Community
Garden



Ann Roy
Clamshells



Janice Haluszka
Block of the Month



Debbie Winn
Tote Backpack



Lois Hancock
Birds from Scraps

Show and Share *continued....*



Judy Taylor
Blues



Suzette Lucier
Chevron – Front and Back

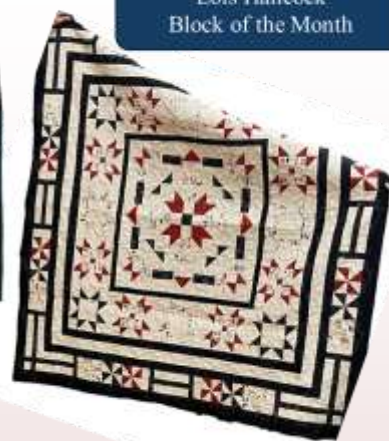
Kerry Alldritt
Traditions 3 Yard Quilt



Suzette Lucier
Friendship Braid



Lois Hancock
Block of the Month



Eva Butty and
Nadia Mustillo
Sample Pennant Blocks



Don't forget - if you have worked on a block for the pennants that we will be using to decorate for our 20th Anniversary in October, please bring it to the September meeting. These can be any finished block and shape you prefer complete with a backing and loops at the top for ease of hanging in the hall.