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Ancaster Quilters Guild

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DECEMBER 2025



President's Message

As the year winds down, it's hard not to smile on the successes our guild has stitched together.. We jumped into new projects where our skills and creativity truly shine and are appreciated by the community - pillow cases, fidget quilts and Christmas stockings, while **still meeting the needs we've embraced for years**, like quilts and placemats. **It's been a wonderfully** successful year for our guild, and every member should feel very proud. Celebrating our twenty year anniversary this fall was a great way to celebrate old and new friendships.

Now a brand-new year is racing toward us, and many of us are already thinking about which **challenges we're ready to take on..** More charity work, learning new techniques, mastering ones we have intentionally ignored (for me that is paper piecing) and the overall one many quilters can identify with – trying to reduce our current stash before being tempted by the beautiful new fabrics that are being introduced far too quickly. Also, **don't forget to refresh your computer skills as we** will be on line for the first two months of the New Year. Whatever your personal challenge(s) will be for 2026, we wish you luck for a successful year.

Wishing you and your family a joyful, healthy, and safe holiday season. We hope to see you at our meeting next Wednesday— *wearing your favourite festive sweater.*

Janice Haluszka, President



REMINDERS!!

3rd Wednesday of each month

Marshall Memorial United Church
20 Gilbert Ave, Ancaster

This meeting starts at 6:30 pm
Doors open at 6:00 p.m.
for social time

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PROGRAMME - DECEMBER 2025

Ho Ho Ho Everyone!

It is the most wonderful time of the year as it is our annual evening of Christmas festivities.

Our doors will open at 6:00 p.m. and the party starts at 6:30 p.m.

We had great feedback last year with our Strip Poker Game, so this year's colour theme is "Pastels of Spring". The colours should be Pink, Yellow, Green and Mauve. To play, you will each need 5 strips that are 2-1/2" wide, width of fabric (WOF).

Entrance to the party is your contribution to our potluck dinner. Please set up your dish when you arrive and then you are free to view all the lovely gift baskets for the draw. Tickets can be purchased before and after our meal. Monetary contributions to the Food Bank are encouraged as they are matched five to one. Instructions will be on each dining table to allow contributions to be made using your phone or online.

We look forward to seeing everyone for an amazing turnout and please remember to bring your own hot beverages.

Elves—Eva Butty & Judy Taylor



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

Secretary - Nadia Mustillo

Treasurer – Beth Edwards / Kerry Alldritt

Program– Judy Taylor

Membership – Debbe Durham

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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



MEMBERSHIP - UPDATE

Last month, we welcomed 3 new members to our Guild bringing our total membership to 90 Members.

Please remember to sign in each month, with the membership sign in sheets posted on the wall. The January and February meetings will be by zoom and attendance will also be recorded for these months.

Payment: **By cheque made out to the Ancaster Quilter's Guild**

OR by etransfer to financeancasterquiltguild@gmail.com. Payment is \$40.00

Wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

Donna Hamilton and Debbe Durham



Comfort Quilts

Hello quilters,

As it's our Christmas celebration and in keeping with the festivities we will not be bringing in extra work for anyone. As requested we will be bringing in some fall panels as there is still time to be creative and compete in our challenge.

If you have any completed bindings and/or kits we will gladly accept them.

Thank you,

Wendy & Janice

Dalrymple Leverton

Thank you to our Guild and Comfort Quilts

This thank you card is from the Dofasco Retirees, Purse Project and says: "Thank you so much for your generous donation of 15 beautiful quilts. I am sure the women who receive them will cherish and love them."



Block of the Month



We are excited to have finally started our Block of the Month program at the November meeting! Thank you to the 20 plus members who signed up. We hope you have made a start at the Broken Window and Diamond Star quilt blocks, and have enjoyed checking out the Fabric 406 website.

Happy quilting!

See you soon – Janet Randall, Beth Edwards and Marlene Reynolds



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Block of the Month
Kits

**LADIES, BE AWARE OF THIS
SCAM...**

**I ORDERED MY HUSBAND'S
CHRISTMAS GIFTS
BUT FABRIC SHOWED UP INSTEAD.**

TWICE.

VERY SUSPICIOUS.



**A NEW STUDY
SHOWS THAT BUYING
FABRIC AND SEWING
SUPPLIES PROLONGS
YOUR LIFE.**



**LOOKS LIKE I'M
GOING TO BE IMMORTAL**



FUNDRAISING REPORT

Are you ready for a repeat of the great fun we had at last year's Basket and Quilt raffle?

What a wonderful response from Guild members with donations for the raffle! Members are very generous and enthusiastic with their offerings. The popular themed baskets are back, as well as some new surprises. A few of the baskets contain a Gift Certificate for discounted long arm quilting. There are too many baskets to name, but one that is sure to please each of you. We also have a lovely wooden Quilt Rack included in the raffle prizes.

A big thank you to Sam who created, the **colourful Quilt for this year's raffle** and Marjorie who long-arm quilted it. This Quilt is a beauty.



Tickets will be on sale for all these items at the December meeting:

General Raffle – 3 tickets for \$5.00

Quilt Raffle – 2 tickets for \$5.00

Can't wait for the fun to begin!

Debbe Durham and Dianne Busser

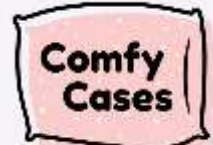
CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS

On behalf of all the guild members who participated in any way, fabric donation, batting donation, cutting, ironing, sewing or ..., you can be so proud of what our Guild has accomplished! The Nurse-Family Partnership/Healthy Babies/Healthy Children were gifted 75 stockings for distribution at the program's Christmas Party. These programs are for at-high risk young mothers and are sponsored by Hamilton Public Health who provides young families with regular home visits from their Public Health Nurse.



—Kerry Alldritt and Dianne Busser

COMFY CASES



Hello dear Members;

Marlene and I want to thank you again for your fantastic work for the Comfy Cases Organization. On November 23rd 104 Christmas pillowcases and 8 regular pillowcases were delivered to our representative.

Ladies, our numbers to date are 349 pillowcases in total, 258 of these were Christmas, 91 regular, these you have done since September. Outstanding.

As we said at our November meeting, we will not be bringing any kits to the December Christmas Party, but if you would like pillow case kits to work on over January and February, please contact either Marlene or I and we will bring them to our December meeting.

Marlene and I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and all the best for the New Year.

Marlene and Mary



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SOCIAL COFFEE BREAK

Dear ladies,



I want to say "thank-you" to the Guild Members who provided delicious treats at our November meeting.

As we've said before, we're trying something new by requesting members in alphabetical order to bring in snacks/treats to our meetings. I would say that November coffee break was a huge success.

January and February we're having Zoom meetings; December is our Christmas Party, so ladies you won't hear from me until our March meeting.

Ladies, thank you again, see you at the Christmas Party.

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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Exciting News at Hamilton Sewing! Please join us in welcoming John Stam, retired from Brampton Sew N Surge, to our team! John brings over 40 years of experience in the sewing machine industry and is our newest technical expert here at Hamilton Sewing. Whether it's repairs, tune-ups, or expert advice, John's knowledge and skill are second to none. We're thrilled to have him on board and know our customers will be too! John and I will be working as a team and be more efficient with faster turn around times



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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

Please continue to make placemats and mug rugs and bring them to our meetings.

Remember to use those orphan blocks to make placemats to donate also.



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Show and Share

At our November 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.



Leslie MacPherson and Diane Hrynczuk

- Poinsettia Quilt and Star Block Quilt

Kerry Alldritt

- Cat Rescue Quilts x 2 and Attic Window

Heather Greville

Scrappy Cat Love and Summertime Fun

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