

Ancaster Quilter's Guild

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January 2021

President's Message

Welcome 2021! To think that one year ago we were welcoming in a new decade with all of its potential for new and improved opportunities to many aspects of our lives. We certainly have used the technologies in communication, as we continue to share our love of quilting and maintain our friendships through the use of Zoom for our monthly meetings.

Attendance at our meetings has exceeded our expectations, so we will continue with this virtual format until the 'coast is clear' to resume our meetings in person.

At the beginning of a New Year, many of us follow the tradition of making New Year's resolutions. As I rarely manage to follow through with mine, I've decided this year to set objectives instead. Although I'm not sure what the difference is, I am going to see if I'm more successful with different labelling. My objectives are defined under two categories: need to and want to. Quilting is obviously in the need to do, as it has a calming effect on me after reading anything to do with this pandemic. So, my objective will be to complete one quilt top from my stash and two charity quilt tops each quarter. (I recognize that for many of you, this could be accomplished in a month but I get easily distracted!)

In closing, I hope that you and your family are staying healthy and safe, as we continue to abide by the current government restrictions limiting our social activities. Looking forward to seeing you at our virtual meeting next Wednesday.

Janice Haluszka,
President

REMINDERS!!

Meetings online the third Wednesday of each month Logon for social time at 6:30 Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. "Doors" will close at 7:05 p.m.

We hope to be back at our usual meeting site in 2021. Third Wednesday of each month Marshall Memorial United Church

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Programme:

Dear Members,

Usually, for our January meeting, we ask a member of our guild to discuss their quilt journey and show some of their quilts. As this would be a huge task to ask of anyone this year, Cynthia Hildebrand, a member of our guild and the co-owner and operator of Cherished Pieces in Tillsonburg has agreed to be our presenter.

As their website states, Cherished Pieces is "one of Ontario's finest quilt & sewing shops, where temptations await as you explore their shop".

While the current government restrictions do not allow us to shop in person, Cynthia will bring a little of her shop to us virtually. We look forward to hearing (and seeing) Cynthia next Wednesday evening.

Also, if you have Facebook, Cynthia is online each Wednesday morning at 8:30 a.m. Check it out.

Willy Walker & Hanna Nudds

Executive

President – Janice Haluszka

Vice-President – **NEEDED**

Past President– Alison McDonald

Secretary - Debbe Durham

Treasurer – Marlene Reynolds

Membership Secretary – Dianne Busser
& Martha Forbes

Program Coordinator – Willy Walker,
Hanna Nudds

Program Fundraising– Sam Croucher

Workshop –Laurie Allan, Mary Crowe

Library – Elizabeth Rosser, Mary Louise
Duncan, Trish Murphy

Block of the Month - **NEEDED**

Social Coordinators – Heather Ritter &
Eva Butty

Comfort Quilts – Cathy Pinelli, Karen
Rienau, Mary Crowe, Colleen Dawson
Janet Shannon

VON Placemats –Brenda Lupton

Draw Prizes – Heide Koehn, Linda
Clugston

50/50 – Diane Childerly

Webpage/ Advertising/ Newsletter–
Susan Lusted

Greeter –Colleen Dawson



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Membership

Happy New Year Ancaster Quilters Guild Members

We ended last year with an enthusiastic response to our December meeting with at least 60 individuals joining in.

The new calendar year looks to hold great promise as we are becoming more comfortable gathering on-line.

The Guild membership renewal process for the 2020-2021 year continues with 88 paid memberships confirmed to date.

The Membership team continues to revise the hard copy of the current guild membership list. Thank you to all who have submitted changes.

If your contact information including your e-mail address, home address or phone number changed over the last few months or you anticipate a change soon please e-mail the updated information t

Dianne Busser and Martha Email:

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Placemats & Mug Rugs

Brenda reports that she found 18 placemats which were given to her early in 2020. They are now on track to be donated to Community Services for Meals on Wheels clients in 2021. Please continue to make placemats and mug rugs and when we resume our meetings, Brenda Lupton will be collecting them. Remember to use those orphan blocks to make placemats to donate also.

SEW WHAT ELSE?

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 - * Money for UFO/Workshops
 - * Tabs from pop cans
 - * 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
 - * Coffee cup, Lug a Mug
 - * Money for 50/50 **NOTE please try to have toonies and loonies to pay for this.**
 - * Library Books to return
 - * Blocks for Comfort Quilts
- NOTE: our meetings are now fragrance and latex free

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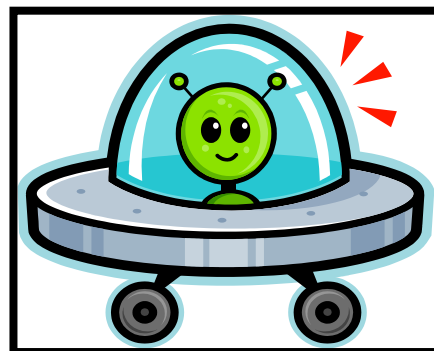
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Workshops and UFO Dates

Due to the current pandemic restrictions and health concerns, our guild is suspending UFO's until further notice.



Stashbuster Challenge 2021

Join us to BUST YOUR STASH this year with our Stash Buster Challenge! I have carefully chosen ONE 6 inch block that we will make using our stash. The block pattern is free and will be available January 1st, 2021.

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Moda Countdown to Christmas



Winter Frost is the 4th of this event. Blocks begin on Dec. 1 and continue until Dec. 31. Download and save until you are ready to begin.

Here is the link for the settings and the 31 block patterns available.

[Winter Frost - Snow Bunting | modafabrics.com](http://modafabrics.com)

There is also a Facebook link for this.

.Links for Quilt Guilds

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Canadian Quilter's Assoc.

<https://canadianquilter.com>

Row of the Month

Check this Link

Row of the Month Quilt Along: Row 4, Trees - Canadian Quilters Association/ Association Canadienne de la CourtepoinTE

DRAW PRIZE WINNERS

Back Next Month

FIFTY FIFTY DRAW WINNER

50/50.....Back next month

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unfinished
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starting
another
one?

POP TABS

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Watch for a new, challenging & exciting
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Comfort Quilts

Hello Quilters,

Wow! January 2021. The start of a new year that we hope will bring happier and healthier times for all. A huge thank-you to the ladies who have picked up or dropped off quilt tops. During December, we were able to send another 30 quilts to our long arm quilters so they could work their magic on your beautiful pieced tops. Please consider picking up some quilt top kits to piece over the winter. If you are bored and trying to decide how to use your time indoors and want to help our outreach effort, we still have a number of kits just waiting for you to take home and sew together. One of your fellow guild members took away 15 quilt kits in December after returning close to a dozen finished pieced tops she picked up at our only workshop this guild year back in October. We really appreciate her incredible enthusiasm and commitment to the Ancaster Quilter's Guild Comfort Quilt program. If you are able to make one or two tops over the winter, all efforts are appreciated since they support those in need in our community. Details on how to reach me (Cathy Pinelli) are contained in the December newsletter. Also, thanks to all who have made numerous single blocks for us to kit up so that other members of the guild can enjoy making them into quilt tops. We hope the winter goes quickly for you and look forward to the day when we can all meet in person again.

The Comfort Quilt Team

Mary Crowe, Colleen Dawson, Karen Rienau, Janet Shannon and Cathy Pinelli

Project of the Month January 2021

This month's project is an easily pieced table runner of February. It is a variation on a nine patch. You are going to use the Disappearing Nine Patch to construct the blocks. The ends are appliqued which can be done by machine. It is adorable.

There will be an attachment with the newsletter for the pattern.





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Elizabeth Rosser, Mary Louise Duncan, Trish Murphy



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