

Ancaster Quilter's Guild

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June 2021

President's Message

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How quickly this year has gone. When we started with our meetings in the fall with the new virtual format, there were so many unknowns and there still are! The question most frequently asked is "When will be able to get together again for our in person meetings? Boy, would I ever like to have an answer for that one. Our executive held a meeting at the end of May, and agreed that in order for us to resume in person meetings, we are going to have meet the requirements of the government, health department, church and insurance company before safely meeting again. We will monitor this situation and plan our speakers accordingly.

As the weather has improved, although it has been somewhat of a roller coaster the last few weeks, with many of us tempted to put the furnace on for a few days and then the air conditioner the following weekend. The days are definitely getting longer providing us with lots of opportunities to get outside, so let's enjoy our Canadian summer.

In closing, I want to thank all of our members who log in to our virtual meetings and also to the members who have supported our Comfort Quilts program in their overwhelmingly successful year.

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:

June's Program Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker this month is Gail McHardy-Leitch from the Elgin Piecemaker's guild. This guild is a group of twenty members from the St. Thomas and Elgin County area, who meet monthly to share quilts, quilting and fellowship. Their members work in a variety of styles, both traditional and modern that will be shown in this presentation.

Last fall, a neighbouring guild approached this group and asked if they would create a virtual Trunk Show that could be presented at their virtual guild meeting.

The result is a video presentation highlighting both their quilts and some of the scenic highlights in their area as a backdrop for the quilts! Gail will narrate through the presentation and answer any of our questions

Enjoy,

Programme Committee

Placemats & Mug Rugs

Please continue to make placemats and mug rugs and when we resume our meetings, Brenda Lupton will be collecting them.

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 – Kerry Alldritt

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, Corinne Ethier

VON Placemats –Brenda Lupton

Draw Prizes – Heide Koehn, Linda
Clugston

50/50 – Diane Childerley

Webpage/ Advertising/ Newsletter–
Susan Lusted

Greeter –Colleen Dawson



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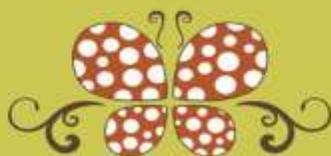
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Membership

Hello all,

Attendance at our Ancaster Quilters Guild Zoom meetings was great with 60 members joining the Guild meeting in May.

It is hard to believe that we are approaching the last meeting of our membership year.

Despite the change this year from in-person to zoom meetings, attendance remained steady over the months with over 50 members participating in May.

Renewal of memberships for the upcoming Quilting year will begin in June and continue during the summer months. Again, this year there will be a reduction in the yearly membership fee. The new membership fee will be \$30.00 and may be paid by either cheque or e-transfer. Watch for a separate e-mail with full registration details coming later this week.

We hope that you have a good summer, remain well, and take the opportunity to quilt to your heart's desire. See you in September!

Dianne Busser and Martha Forbes

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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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Global Quilt Connections



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Check the website for the listing of June events.

I received this link from a few members.
This could be of interest to you as members.

Global Quilt Connection was founded by Sue Bleiweiss and Lyric Kinard as a response to not being able to offer live in person teaching events due to the current pandemic situation. We recognized that guilds across the country are beginning to embrace virtual live online classes and lectures as a way to keep their membership engaged during this time of social distancing and so we started the GQC to help connect quilt teachers who are ready to offer live online teaching to guilds from around the world. It's exciting to us to help guilds connect with instructors who previously might have been economically out of their reach due to the cost of travel, etc.

Website: [https://](https://www.globalquiltconnection.com/teacherresources.html)

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GlobalQuiltConnection/>

DRAW PRIZE WINNERS

Congratulations to the April winners Elaine Latulippe, Vicki Edwards, Marlene Reynolds and Laurie Allen. Thank you to Debbie Winn, and Susan Lusted for donating the wonderful prizes.



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Thank you for your participation. Jackie Syer



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Comfort Quilts

Hello Quilters,

What a year it has been! With the support of many of our members, we have been able to make and distribute 320 quilts to the community this guild season. A few more quilts are in the works and will be distributed upon completion. There are so many people to thank for this wonderful accomplishment.

Thank-yous go out to those ladies who helped cut and package our kits, to those who pieced the quilts, to those who quilted the wonderful quilt tops, to those who picked up and delivered quilts, to those who finished sewing the bindings and attaching labels. Also, a huge thank-you to those who donated fabric.

This year our budget only included funds for the batting (a large chunk of change is required for battings). The donated fabrics allowed us to make many more kits that resulted in beautifully finished quilts for those in need. You should all pat yourselves on the back for a fantastic effort.

We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Corinne Ethier to the Comfort Quilt Team. Another set of hands along with new ideas and suggestions for improvement are always welcome. We look forward to working with her.

We are still looking for someone who would like to step up and lead the group. You will inherit an experienced team who will ensure that the guild continues to provide our community with support through our beautiful comfort quilts. Also, if you are looking for a kit to piece over the summer, please let us know. We still have several kits waiting for you.

Thank-you and enjoy the summer break!

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



Organizing Tips For Your Sewing Area

Protect Your Thread

One of the most overlooked considerations in a sewing or quilting studio is thread. Proper storage is essential to keep this vital sewing component in tip-top shape. Thread weakens with age, mostly due to a lack of humidity. Thread can also discolor, especially if exposed to sunlight, full-spectrum lighting, or dust.

Sort your thread by use—sewing, quilting, embroidery—and then by type, weight, and color. Store your thread near the appropriate machine, using thread racks, shallow drawers, closet shelving, baskets and boxes.

The best place is actually in a freezer!

You don't have to wait for New Years or spring to clean up your studio—there's no time like the present. Organizing may seem like a daunting task, but with a little thought and planning, it actually goes faster than you think. Just do a little each day, and before you know it, you will have everything arranged to perfection!



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Elizabeth Rosser, Mary Louise Duncan, Trish Murphy



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