

Ancaster Quilter's Guild

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September 2021

President's Message

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Welcome back to our returning members and a special welcome to any new members. It was only a year ago that we initiated the new format for our meetings, and unfortunately due to the continuing restrictions, we will start our fall program using the same online format. Thankfully, this new technology makes it possible for us to continue sharing our love of quilting with each other and allows us access to many talented presenters outside of our local area.

On the front page of this week's Saturday Star, the headline read "Why is everyone so angry? The headline went on to state that due to the pandemic restrictions "we may be losing sight of our shared humanity". Our guild could certainly challenge this statement as the generosity shown in our Comfort Quilt donations for the previous year has exceeded all previous years in donations of quilts and pillow cases. It truly is wonderful how so many of our members have donated fabric, money for batting purchases and most of all their time. Thank you on behalf of our executive for demonstrating to the Hamilton and Ancaster charities that we are here in their exceptional time of need.

In closing, I think WE all look forward to seeing each other at our virtual meeting next week!

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 2022.
Third Wednesday of each month
Marshall Memorial United Church

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Programme:

September's Program Guest Speaker

Melissa Marginet – Beausejour, Manitoba

Melissa is a Quilter, Author, Designer and Teacher who has called Manitoba home for her entire life. She believes that there are no right ways or wrong ways in quilting but, rather, there are different ways. She hopes as she and any other instructors teach, that we mold the instruction to work for us. Her two books are designs that have been created for the walking foot (one is edge to edge) but can also be used for free motion, longarm, ruler work or hand quilting.

On her website <http://melissamarginet.ca/> there is a free downloadable table runner pattern and a walking foot quilting pattern too!

We look forward to Melissa's talk,

Placemats & Mug Rugs

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.

Brenda Lupton

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, Diane Childerley,

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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Membership

Renewal of memberships for the 2021-2022 Quilting year began in June and continued through the summer months. To date about half of our members have renewed but it is not too late to do so. If you have a friend or relative who would like to join our friendly, inspiring group we currently have space for new members.

Again, this year there is a reduction in the yearly membership fee. The membership fee for 2021-2022 is \$30.00 and may be paid by either cheque or e-transfer.

Returning and new members can submit their registration fee to our treasurer Marlene Reynolds.

If registering by cheque, please make out to Ancaster Quilters Guild:

Along with your \$30.00 fee please include a note with your current contact information including your name, e-mail address, home address and phone number.

For e-transfer payment, see your emailed newsletter.

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We hope that you had a good summer and remained well.

Looking forward to seeing you on Zoom later in September.

Dianne and Martha

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WHAT TO BRING TO A MEETING



- * Name Tag,
 - * Indoor shoes
 - * 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

Caring Cards

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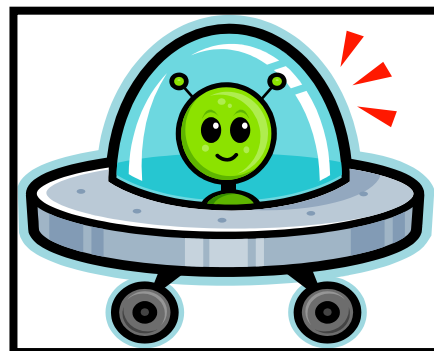
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Thank you for your participation. Jackie Syer



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Comfort Quilts

Hello Quilters,

Welcome back to the start of another guild year! We somehow managed through 2020 - 2021. Remarkable achievements were made in the Comfort Quilt program. A record number of quilts, around 330, were donated to the various groups we chose to support. We were also able to donate many pillowcases and fabric Covid masks. The Comfort Quilt Team would like to recognize the huge effort everyone has made. We know this reflects the caring and giving nature of our guild members and our community is truly blessed by your talents. Congratulations and thank-you to all!

Watch for a separate email outlining what our guild has been able to do over the summer months to support Margaret's Place, a new hospice in Dundas. An additional 47 quilts have been made or donated to support the hospice. More to come on that a bit later.

Our guild will not meet physically during the month of September. As I write this note, it has not been decided whether in person meetings will be possible for the upcoming months. Our team is trying to find a way to get together carefully, so that new comfort quilt kits can be cut and packaged. As we become more certain on how we will proceed this year, additional information will be provided on picking up new kits and dropping off finished ones.

We have not found a new volunteer to step up to the leadership position for Comfort Quilts yet. It's not too late to come forward and join us. Corinne Ethier and Diane Childerley have joined the team. Both ladies will work with the other team members who have decided to carry on. This group will ensure that the Ancaster Guild is able to sustain our assistance to those in need in our community. My thanks go out to all these hardworking ladies who make the program successful. We also don't want to forget to thank the long arm ladies (Marjorie Weber and Joanne Beard) who quilt the bulk of our tops. Their machines have been working non-stop to finish all your quilts. And finally, again, we give a special thank-you to our membership who support the charitable efforts of our guild.

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

In Memoriam

On a sad note, long time member Anne McFarlane passed away recently. She had been ill for a time. Anne is the mom of member Joanne Beard. She was an extraordinary sewer and quilter. Doubtless, many of her beautiful creations are treasured by her family and those who were lucky enough to receive one of her quilts. She assisted in making comfort quilts also. All of these memories will be a blessing and will be treasured by her family. She will be missed.

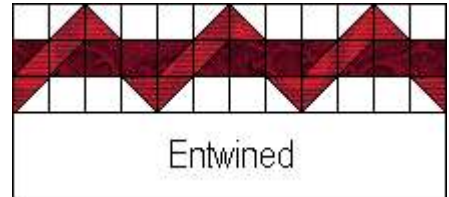
Getting the Edge on Your Quilts

I have posted this once before but am doing a redo on it. Check this link out. <https://www.quilterscache.com/B/Borders.html>

Here's a BORDER TIP from Julie, who says:

"... my suggestion relates to borders such as tipped bricks or braids, where you have to cut off the points 1/4" from the seam line -- a teacher showed me a couple years ago that it is better to draw a pencil line where the cutting line should be, and then sew the next border on (or sew this border to the quilt) **BEFORE** you cut off all the points. It helps stabilize all those bias edges on the border. I think it helps, but most of the instructions I've run across don't include this little tip **Thanks, Julie! :o)**

Check this link to learn how to make this border. It's delightful on the edge of your quilt.



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We added several new books that are sure to pique interest.

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