

Niagara Modern Quilt Guild



September 2024

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Executive Members

Co-Presidents—Sylvia K, Jo-Anne V
VP/Membership—Jo-Anne V
Treasurer—Pat S
Secretary—Carol L
Program—Sylvia K

Non executive Members

Bee Hives—Kathleen O
Quilting Kindness—Kelly T
50/50—Carol L, Donna Z
Photographer—Terri T
Newsletter Editor—Shirley B

NMQG Meeting September 12, 2024 @ 7:00- 9:00 pm.

Doors open at 6:30 pm @ Meridian Centre,

100 Meridian Way, Fonthill

Accessible by Elevator 2nd floor.

Visitors \$5 or if Outside Guest Speaker \$10



September 2024—GARAGE SALE



It's time for the second **Annual Garage Sale** to support a local food bank. We asked that over the summer you put aside all that quilting / sewing related "stuff" you can't use, don't like, can't remember why you bought . not only can you bring quilty overflow and regretted items for the table but you can find new treasures and make a voluntary contribution to a Food Bank that serves the Fonthill area. We have The Bobbin Robin and Up Yur Quilt demonstrating rulers which will be available for purchase.

ALL PROCEEDS TO THE FOOD BANK

PROGRAM: October:

Krista Hennebury of Poppyprint Creates.

A Canadian quilter who lives in B.C. who will be speaking to us about how to turn that small project that inspires you into a Spectacular Quilt.

Krista will do her presentation on Zoom. The rest of our meeting will be in person. So please attend in person, we will have the kick off for the BOM and important info for the upcoming AGM in December.

Co-Presidents' Message

Have you the same September excitement at the start of a new school year with the start of the Guilds fall season. As a guild we are all students, we stock up on new rulers, new patterns, fabric etc. We have new teachers, and occasionally think about running for student council or the Guild Executive. Can't do much about the cute guy in the next row, sorry.

We are planning some great learning experiences over the next year with lecturers, the Block of the month with a Twist, Zoombees and Beehives. Like our own version of sewing prom dresses let's get together and sew for Quilting Kindness! Everyone is welcome to join our parties.

All we do and plan is accomplished with helping hands. We thank those who are and have helped out, but we need volunteers to spread the load. Think seriously about getting involved in some role, get to know the other "students" be part of the NMQG crowd! Helping out and joining in is a great way to meet quilting buddies. Remember our Apprentice program to learn more how the executive works. And we have other smaller roles too! We have wonderful people in our Guild, we'd love to know you better.

Jo-Anne V

Zoombees

Mondays with Anastasia
6:30—8 pm Sept 16, 23, 30

-Join us for a cozy quilting drop-in Zoom. Whether you're a seasoned quilter or just getting started. This is the perfect opportunity to share tips, showcase your latest projects and connect with fellow quilting enthusiasts. Bring your fabric, threads and questions for an evening of creativity and camaraderie. We can't wait to see what you're working on!

Zoombees

Sew and Chat with Tanya
Friday Sept 27 @ 7:00-9:00pm

A drop-in zoom meeting with your fellow NMQG members. Meet new people. Sew either on machine or by hand or any project you want to work on. Tanya is always happy to talk about quilting and so are our other members. (Link for Zoom is sent out by email Monday before the meeting)

Would you like to do a Zoombee and show our members how to do something you think they would love. Share techniques, projects etc
Contact: niagaramqg@gmail.com

Help Wanted

Are you comfortable setting up Zoom meetings? We are looking for someone to partner with Jo/Sylvia with the January and February 2025 meetings. If you are that person or you'd like to be trained how to set up zoom meetings. Please speak with Jo -Anne or send her an email at niagaramqg@gmail.com



Charity Sew Day
Saturday September 28th 9:30am-3pm
@Up Yur Quilt

Project Linus's mission is to provide love, a sense of security, warmth & comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized or otherwise in need of a hug. "Blanketeers" help a child smile.

Come and join us for a day of sewing and fun. You will be provided with the kits to make the quilt top. They then will be long armed and bound. Project Linus will distribute the quilts to teens within the community through Pathstone Mental Health.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

Cost is \$60



Quilting Kindness—Kelly T
Remember to bring any/all finished quilted items completed for Quilted Kindness to the September Meeting.

Sweet Pillows Kathleen O has **A LOT** of pre cut pillow case kits ready to sew. You can obtain the kits at one meeting and return at the next.

Please consider helping out and sharing your time. The pillow cases are donated to various organizations. Thank you

“QUILTING STASH SALE”

After 40 years of quilting, Jayne Barrett is hanging up her Rotary Cutter and is having a “QUILTING STASH SALE”.

Saturday, October 26, 10:00 am—2:00 pm St. Giles Church, 205 Linwell Road, St. Catharines *Cash Only*

ITEMS: Vintage Quilts from \$75.00 - Quilting Fabric, new Fat 1/4s, Yardage, Bagged selvages, Vintage fabrics, Scissors / Rotary Cutters

Bee Hives

Kathleen O



Wednesday—September 18— 1:00—4:00 pm

Hosted by Barbara Anyon 610 Lake St. St. Catharines Rope Bowl Tutorial—materials list to be e-mailed.

Wednesday—October 2—10:00 am—12:00 pm

Rittenhouse Library-4080 John Charles Blvd, Vineland. Continuing Chenille Tutorial, etc.

Wednesday—October 30—12:00 pm—3:00 pm

note longer time.—extra time booked

Dr. Huq Library, 425 Carlton St. St. Catharines I'm planning a tutorial. Bring your sewing machines.

Niagara Modern Quilt Guild Picnic August 2024

The Guild Picnic held at Charles Daley Park, was a great success. All who attended, around a dozen of us, had a great time. Played challenging games and got to meet many amazing ladies. See pictures of the picnic and the sew and show on the Facebook page.

Remember to bring in the completed pillow case kits picked up at the picnic.

Thank you to Kathleen O and her team for making this a success.



SOCIAL CORNER:

This new section is for members to let others know of events not organized by NMQG that are of interest to Quilters.

These should be of a quilting nature for example Quilt Shows, quilting charity projects, member led workshops etc.

Submit items to: niagaramqg@gmail.com 10 days prior to the meeting with the subject line Social Corner. Include a contact name, phone/email where required as NMQG will not be responsible for any part of managing the event. Please remember we post on Facebook.

Tanya's Sew and Chat Dates

—for the next 6 months:

Friday, September 27

Friday—October 25

Friday November 29

Friday—December 27—Tentative

Friday—January 31

Friday—February 28

By Law Change—Past President

At times a Past President may not be available to fill this role on the executive. As the executive has only 6 members it is important that a person fill this position.

We are therefore proposing a position called Continuity Officer. This may in fact be the Past President however it may be another past executive member who is available to sit on the executive.

This is not an elected position. It is considered an ongoing role for the President after their term. As 2 years is a long commitment for someone who has likely served a few terms on the Board, we propose to make this a 1-year term. In practice it seems that 1 year is sufficient to pass on past experiences. This can be extended to 2 years with the agreement of the incumbent and the Board.

In the case where the role will be filled for only 1 year the Board may search out a previous executive member who is willing to take on Continuity Officer for a year. This person should have expertise in an area. For example, when planning the next EXPO the Board may wish to appoint someone with previous EXPO experience.

In the event the Board cannot fill this position it will be an elected position for 1 year of Member at Large. Duties for this role will be determined at the time of announcing the position.

Block of the Month Club—

Round Robin With a Twist

Block of the Month (BOM) Programs will be familiar to many of our guild members who have participated in the Round robin workshops done with the NMQG a few years ago.

This year we decided to try a BOM combined with Round Robin Twist. How will this work? Simply explained it is a BOM using modern block patterns from our Modern Quilt Guild (MQG) resources to create nine 12 1/2 inch finished blocks to be created into a “Flimsy” (a finished quilt top) by October 2025. BUT this BOM has a twist, it is also a round robin quilt. A typical round robin starts with the participant making the first block. Then it is passed on to the next quilter to create the next round around this CENTRE BLOCK. It is usually a timed session of making and passing on. It is fun to create and pass on the quilt. It can be exciting or terrifying.

We are choosing the blocks to be a learning experience by all. Each participant will provide 12 Fat Quarters and 1 yard neutral of their favourite to bring to the October meeting. Each participant will put their fabric in a box provided for them. A number will be assigned to the box. Only the organizers will know who belongs to what box. At the end of each meeting you will drop off the box you took at the previous month (with the block completed and inside the box) and receive another box. The next pattern block will be emailed to you the day after the meeting. You will make the block sent to you, put it back in the box and bring it to the next meeting where you will drop that box and pick up the next months block. By having a variety of fabric of your choice it ensures that we get the thrill of the round robin (because we won't know the colour used to make the block from our box).

This BOM is open and encourages all members to participate. Hopefully all will consider joining in as you will get the blocks made by your fellow enthusiastic friends and members. You can of course follow along if you don't feel comfortable with the process, but you have to **be signed up to do the challenge and be able to enter for the prizes.**

Instructions will be attached to the September and October Newsletter. The challenge will start at the October meeting. Want to know more or not going to be at a meeting? **Contact Jo at niagaramqg@gmail.com.**

****In order to be organized for supplies, please sign up by Tuesday, October 8th, 2024 at niagaramqg@gmail.com**

Tips

This is a new spot for the newsletter—please feel free to send along any tips you may have and that you feel will help your sister/fellow guild members .

- My first tip I saw on the Fons & Porter TV Show this week. If you have your foot pedal on a slippery floor,, to stop it from sliding around, use a rubberized mat to keep it in place. I tried this and used the rubberized waffle material used in cupboards and surprise it actually worked
- - Do you have a tip on getting a stain out of the quilt? I was hand-sewing a baby quilt and my husband put his wet red ball cap on top of the quilt. Of course it ran on to the corner of the quilt. Not wanting to throw out the quilt , I have tried a combination of baking soda and hydrogen peroxide . The stain is now 99.9 % gone but a little bit lighter in colour. I will finish the quilt, but do you know if there's a better way to get RID of the stain. (Husband is still alive, but won't do that again LOL)

Thank you and please send any ideas/tips to :

niagaramqg@gmail.com

Shirley B

Modern Quilt Guild Web Site:

Did you know that as a member of the Modern Quilt Guild, (you probably get the emails almost daily,) you can go on the web site and there are **free** quilting patterns with instructions.

Check it out... www.themodernquiltguild.com

MEMBER BUSINESS OWNERS:

If you have a Quilty business and would like to let the membership know about it here is your chance. We are starting an advertising section in the Newsletter in November. If you submit your yearly fee of \$70 by mid October you will receive two free months of business card inserts. For full details email: niagaramqg@gmail.com with the subject line Advertising and I will get back to you.

Sylvia K