

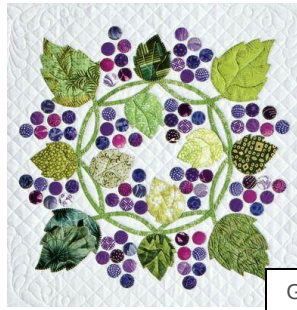
Niagara Modern Quilt Guild



SEPTEMBER 2025

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Grape Vine pattern – free from Pintrest

NMQG Meeting
SEPTEMBER 11, 2025
@ 7:00 - 9:00 pm.

Because of the amount of “stuff” to get thru we will do “SEW AND TELL” at the October meeting.

Executive Members

President - Stephanie B
VP/Membership - Jo-Anne V
Treasurer - Pat S
Secretary - Carol L
Program - Donna Z, Tracy M
Continuity Officer - Sylvia K

Non-executive Members

Newsletter Editor - Shirley B
Bee Hives - Kathleen O
Quilting Kindness - Kelly T, Sylvia K
50/50 - Carol L, Donna Z
Toonie – Karen C, Bev B
Photographer - Janet T
Membership Sign in Desk - Elizabeth L

2025 Meeting Dates:

September 11 – Jennifer Holden, improv
October 9 - Anne Vandermeij, Janie Wallace, resources and trunk show.
Slide show presentation of Sisters Oregon Quilt show, by Shirley B
November 13 – Tracy Mayer, Donna Zimmerman, journey to bag making
December 11 – Christmas party (table runner) and Executive voting (VP & Treasurer)

President's Message

*** Hello Quilters!**

Can you believe it's September already? Time for crisp air, cozy projects, and *all things pumpkin and fall!* I hope everyone had a wonderful, restful summer and is feeling refreshed and ready for a season full of quilting fun! We've got a number of **workshops and sew days** lined up for the fall, and I hope you'll be able to join us for some creative time together.

Reminders & Updates:

Our **June Challenge – Negative Space / Bold Colour** – is **due at the September meeting**. Can't wait to see your creations!

We have a **full agenda** this month, so please **hold off on Show & Tell until October**.

Lots of great **workshops and sew days** are coming up—hope to see you there!

Looking Ahead:

Our **Holiday Party & AGM** is in December! This year's **gift exchange** is a **table runner**, so feel free to start early.

Executive Opportunities:

We'll have **two positions open** on the executive team: **Vice President and Treasurer**

If you're passionate about our guild and want to help keep it thriving, please consider volunteering! It's a wonderful way to get involved and help shape the future of our community.

Wishing you a fall season full of creativity, cozy moments, and modern quilting inspiration!

Cheers,
Stephanie

QUILTS
BY
JEN



JENNIFER HOULDEN

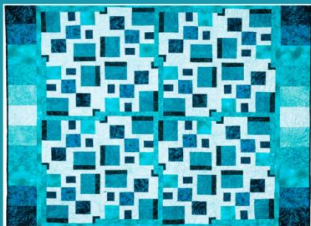
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SUNFLOWER



SQUARE DANCE

SEPTEMBER MEETING PROGRAM

"From Then to Now", a Quilting Journey

Growing up in Saskatchewan, I always had my hands on one type of craft or another. Despite my mother being a skilled seamstress, I was never going to sew. However, never say never as fate had other plans for my creative journey. It wasn't until I found myself in the Canadian Arctic working as a flight nurse that I stumbled upon the wonderful world of quilting and was hooked. Little did I know that this newfound passion would accompany me across continents. In the remote expanses of the Australian Outback, my sewing machine hummed, I stepped into the world of designing and soaked up all kinds of inspiration from my unique surroundings. Returning to Canada, I developed my label, Quilts by Jen. I am a designer, teacher, speaker, pattern writer, blogger and magazine contributor. I draw inspiration from the world around me, infusing my quilts with color, texture, and movement. My art combines traditional and non-traditional techniques, utilizing various textiles and embellishments. I have an obsession for colour, value and fabric runs. I can spend hours in my studio creating fabric runs and making a mess. Using all the colours under the rainbow I infuse these fabric runs into much of my work whether it be in a block, border, Bargello or an art quilt. From my off-grid studio in the Canadian Shield, I teach and share my passion for quilting surrounded by the beauty that inspires me. My classes are not just lessons; they are immersive journeys into the heart of quilting, where art meets technique, and passion meets joy. You can find out more about my quilting adventures at quiltsbyjen.ca.

Improv Quilting Workshop
With Jennifer Houlden
on Friday September 12th



At Trillium United Church
From 9am-3pm
Cost \$50
Non refundable
Bring your lunch
Zoom information session
Wednesday July 16th at 7pm.

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Expires: October 31, 2025

Zoombees

Mondays with Anastasia

Monday 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Sept 15, 22, 29, Oct 6, 20 27

Zoom links will be sent out on Fridays

Zoombees

Tanya's Sew and Chat Dates

Sew and Chat with Tanya

Friday September 26, 2025 @ 7:00-9:00pm

- **Oct 31, Nov 28, 2025, Jan 2, 2026**

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

QUILTING KINDNESS

2 groups of adventurous Guild members came out to the wilds of Wainfleet and did an amazing job! 49 finished quilts were labelled and another 13 kits are ready for quilting.

Distributing the quilts will start late September as summer has not brought an urgent need, but cool weather is coming as is the need for Christmas items.

Flimsy kits and quilting kits will be available at the meeting. See you then!

Sylvia Kenyon/Kelly Twerdy
Quilting Kindness

PRESIDENTS CHALLENGE

Stephanie is hosting two zooms and workshops on an aspect of Modern Quilting.

Great opportunity to learn or brush up on the aspects of what is a modern quilt and how do I do it. More will be announced at the meeting.

First Zoom on September 25th @ 6:30 pm with an in-person workshop.

Saturday, October 4th from 9 - 3pm at Trillium United Church, 415 Linwell Rd, St. Catharines

Second Zoom on October 23rd @ @ 6:30 pm with an in-person workshop, Saturday, November 1st, from 9 - 3 pm at Trillium United Church, 415 Linwell Rd, St. Catharines

BeeHive Community



When: Wed Sept 24 10am-12pm

Where: Dr Huq Library 425 Carlton St., St Catharines (Kiwanis Centre)

Bring your stitching, knitting. Let's make some plans...

...**there will be Shortbread.**

Come join us in a social small group setting. NMQG Members and all stitchers are welcome. A free will offering welcomed. Meetings alternate between Dr Huq Library in Thorold Library 41 Ormonde N. and Dr. Hug Library in St. Catharines.

All projects are always optional, free and delivered by volunteers. No registration needed. Watch this Newsletter for info monthly. We are looking forward to meeting you.

Do you have Questions?

Contact: KathleenO

NiagaraMQG@gmail.com



BOM - With a Twist - aka The Pizza Box BOM

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Block of the Month with a Twist. We are looking forward to seeing your finished top at the September Guild Meeting. A finished top is all that is required to be entered into the prizes. There are three prizes to be won. 1. Prize to be awarded to the people who participated in the Twist part of the BOM. These are the people who braved handing over their fabric to the pizza box rotation part of the BOM. 2. A prize draw for all the people who participated in the BOM – those who rotated pizza boxes and those that chose to work on their own blocks. And 3. A prize to the viewers choice as voted by the membership.

Draw tickets BOM participants as they hand over their quilt top so they can be placed in the proper draw bag. A number will be placed on the top. The quilts will be then displayed around windows for the viewer's choice award.

Ballots for the viewers' choice will be handed out by the membership table and will be placed in the appropriate bag. Voting will be closed after the mid meeting break so the ballots can be tallied.

The quilt tops will be shown by the members instead of our usual show and tell segment. And the prizes will be awarded then.

It has been fun to host this BOM. The blocks have been a challenge for some and a learning experience. In the end it is about the experience, fellowship involved and hopefully get a quilt top finished!

Jo Vandermeij

Modern Corner... How can you find out more about 'Modern Quilting'

Finding out more about Modern Quilting via Electronic Media

As a lifelong learner it is fun to find new info on the subjects that interest me. I thought others might be interested too. I like to explore and watch content while sewing.

While looking for "Modern" or things that can be adapted to Modern Quilting I found Jen George Burt on You Tube. She is a modern quilt maker and pattern designer fairly new to you tube. I found her videos well-made and interesting. Her episode nine features her making and explaining her process of square in a square block. She has about 30 videos so far. She has a book called Randomize Your Adventure Prompts for Improv Quilts. I have not read it but with it you could do a "Find your own adventure" for a quilt. Maria Shell, a well know improv teacher has a class on this topic too.

Jenn George Burt

Web Site: <https://jenngeorgebrt.com>

You Tube: <https://Youtube.com/watch?v=WbeZExyrCzk>

Ice Dyeing Workshops

Thank you to all the people who attended the Ice Dyeing workshops. It was a great deal of fun for me to share with the NMQG.

In answer to your question about hosting another session in 2025 that won't be possible. But if there is interest, we could plan for 2026.

In **October**, please bring your pieces to share with the guild for show and tell.

Any bucket supplies can be returned to October in person meeting for me.

Jo





**Christmas Gift
Exchange
Thursday December 11
@ The General Meeting**

This year's gift exchange is going to be a table runner. Make your favourite table runner and wrap it in pretty paper. At the December meeting we will have a gift exchange, you can pick a gift from the table or you can steal a gift from someone, a gift can only be stolen twice. This is sew much fun.

ONTARIO QUILT SHOWS / EVENTS

1860s Fall Fair Weekend & Quilt Show

Upper Canada Village 13740 County Rd 2,
Morrisburg, Ontario, Canada

**Saturday, September 13, and Sunday,
September 14,**

Fall Fair Weekend & Quilt Show at Upper Canada Village. And don't miss our Village Fair treats! Fresh apples and cider will all be available.

- Sept 13, 9:30am – 5pm | Guild Quilt Show at Family Activity Centre.
- Participating: Cornwall Guild, Vick's Chicks, and Quilts by Janice Toonders
- 10am – 5pm | Quilting Bee at Ross House

Quilts in a Small Town



a Quilt Show presented by
the Almonte Quilters Guild
Friday Sept 26 & Saturday Sept 27, 2025
10 am - 4 pm

QUILT EXHIBITS
VIEWERS' CHOICE RIBBON
DEMONSTRATIONS
COMMUNITY DONATION DISPLAY
VENDORS

Admission \$10
Children under 12 free

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Wainfleet Fall Fair

September 18-20, 2025

31943 Park St., Wainfleet L0S 1V0

Thurs, Sep 18: 6:00 – 9:00, Sept 19 – 9:00 – 9:00,

Sat Sept 20 – 9:00 – 7:00

**Cost: Adults \$10/ Children \$5, Seniors between 10:00
am – 4:00 pm - \$4.00**

The Wainfleet Fall Fair is an annual event taking place the third weekend in September.

If you are a Niagara Region resident you can enter your quilts (and many other items) in the judged show at the Fair. Add to your collection of ribbons (and cash, a few dollars) and boast!

Give Janie and I a run for the prizes!

www.Wainfleetfallfair.com

QUILT & CRAFT SHOW

**Friday, October 3 • 2pm - 6pm
Saturday, October 4 • 10am - 2pm**



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Simcoe County Museum – 1151 ON-26

Minesing, ON L9X 0X7

Cost : Adults \$10, Seniors \$8

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Don't miss out on this incredible event!

For more information, visit: museum.simcoe.ca.

Lanyard ID Zippered Wallet Workshop

I am offering another interesting sewing project. This is a small zippered wallet. A great “wallet” for when you only need to carry identification, and not your large purse.

For those interested in participating, I was thinking either, Monday 15th or Tuesday 16th of September . Alternatively, if you work, then we could do Saturday September 27th. I'd like to do this class only once.

Once the date is set, we can get to work.

Contact niagaramqg@gmail.com . with **“zippered name tag”** in the subject line. If we get enough interest, we'll set up a workshop/sew day.

Pat S



2nd Annual Charity Sew Day
Saturday October 4th 9am-3pm
@Up Yur Quilt

Project Linus's mission is to provide new, handmade, washable blankets to children in need, offering them comfort and a sense of security during difficult times. These quilts, lovingly crafted by volunteer "Blanketeers."

Join us for a day of sewing and fun. You will be provided with the quilt kit to make the top. They will then be long armed by lovely ladies of the community, then bound. Project Linus will distribute them in the community to teens through Pathstones.

Cost \$65

Lunch and refreshments included.



Member Business Owners

Include your business card in the Newsletter. Let our members and FB readers know where they can access their quilting needs. Send an email, subject line "Advertising" to: niagaramqg@gmail.com for more information.



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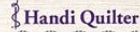
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Sew & Tell

Your Name _____

Quilt Name _____

Tell us about your quilt(Inspiration, pattern designer, quilting, fabrics used, intended recipient/use, technique, something you learned)

My quilt features these modern elements:

- | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| ☐ Maximalism | ☐ Alt. Grid | ☐ Neg. Space |
| ☐ Minimalism | ☐ Improvisation | ☐ Modern Quilting |
| ☐ Bold colour | ☐ High contrast | ☐ Graphic Design |
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NMQG Membership Form

Member Name: _____

Amount Received: _____

Member in good standing until December 31, 2025 Signed:

for Niagara Modern Quilt Guild