

Niagara Modern Quilt Guild



DECEMBER 2025

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Christmas Tree - Free Quilt Block
Pattern- Quilt Fabrication (internet)

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

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
Tcoonie – Karen C, Bev B
Photographer - Janet T
Membership Sign in Desk - Elizabeth L

2026 Meeting Dates:

January 8 – Terry Rowland on Zoom
February 12 – Brenda Logan on Zoom
March 12 - Patti Carey and a workshop
on Friday March 13
April 9 -Brandon Wulff on zoom
May 14 -Trunk show Jo Vandermey and
our Advertisers showcase
June 11-Monika Henry on zoom
July 9- Emilie Trahan on zoom
September 10 -Trunk show Anastasia
Harris and our Annual Garage Sale
October 8 - Joanna Masko
November 12- Trunk show Denise
Redgers
December 10 – Gift Exchange/ AGM,
Friendship Celebration and more


President's Message

Hello Quilting Friends!!

Our final meeting of 2025 and it should be great fun once we've completed our AGM (not as much fun but necessary). I am feeling a little melancholy as this is my final month as President and I regret circumstances are not different that would allow me to continue. I've enjoyed the year and all the events we've had.

Please note: As we have a full evening planned with the AGM & Christmas Party – We will NOT be having Show & Tell this month.

Also – reminder that we will continue to have membership signups due before January 31st and Jo-Anne and helper will be available for renewals at the meeting.

 **Reminder of our Annual Business Meeting & Gift Exchange**

Our Annual Business Meeting is coming up soon and will include:

Elections for executive positions: there will be three executive positions open for election in December.

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Our always-fun Steal-a-Gift Exchange

A social time with treats and community

I hope everyone has had the chance to start their gift exchange table runner — it's a highlight of our year! Please remember to bring a sweet treat (6 servings) to share during the social portion of the meeting. You won't want to miss out on the fun!

With warmest regards,
Stephanie

Treasurers Report:

We continue to have a good bank balance; with a further GIC in reserve for a “to be planned” Expo.

As you are all aware, on Thursday December 11, 2025, we will have elections for the positions of President, Vice President, and Treasurer. Please plan on supporting your guild by volunteering your time and energy (and skill) for this wonderful organization.

During the AGM there will have a presentation of the 2025 accounts, followed by the proposed 2026 budget. I hope you will all make a concerted effort to attend this very important meeting.

Pat Scully
Treasurer

Membership Renewal

It is time for Renewing you Membership! The Renewal remains at \$50 for 2026 We had a great response in November. We thank everyone who has already signed up. Note we have more questions on the form to find out what you are interested in. It takes a Village to run a guild! Address and email etc. are required to check to see that yours are in our database correctly. January 31 is the date we hope to have all our renewals in and is the time we confirm our membership to the Modern Quilt Guild. Don't forget all your benefits of membership! The program Listing is in this newsletter with more information to come!

2 Ways to Sign Up

Online. Go to Niagara Modern Quilt Guild, Click on: Join Our Quilt Guild. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and fill out the form and submit. Then e-transfer \$50.00 to Niagara Modern Quilt Guild at our email address

In Person at the December 11th Meeting @ 7PM Please fill out the form attached to the newsletter and bring to the meeting with \$50 cash or cheque made out to Niagara Modern Quilt Guild.

The New website is here:



A new website with the same address. <https://niagaramqg.ca>

The executive has been talking for a while about our website. NMQG member Virginia has offered to build a new site for us. Virginia has extensive web and IT experience in her former career.

The new website is live. It has a great colourful picture on it and our logo. The site is bare bones right now and has some information up dating needed but has the basic information in place. Renewal form is active and can be used by clicking the link. Over time items are added. We are excited that the site will have some new features added. So, stay tuned and read more about it in the upcoming year... We would like to thank Roxane and her husband Stu for the work they have done over the years and Lorna as well as anyone else who brought the web to the NMQG. – on behalf of the Executive.

Zoombees

Mondays with Anastasia

Monday 6:30 – 8:00 pm

December 15, January 5, 2026

Zoom links will be sent out on Friday's .

Everyone welcome



BeeHive Community

There is no BeeHive in December.

Look forward to January

Do you have Questions?

Contact: KathleenO, NiagaraMQG@gmail.com

Zoombees

Tanya's Sew and Chat Dates

Sew and Chat with Tanya

Friday, January 2, 2026 @ 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)

SWEET DREAM PILLOWCASES

Follow up for our pillowcase sewing project:

Kits issued were: 54

Finished pillowcases returned were: 82

Pillowcases gifted to Birchway: 12

Pillowcases to FACS for Foster Kids: 70

Thank you to everyone who donated their Time, Talent and Fabric.

Kathleen O



QUILTING KINDNESS

Another year of amazing quilts for our QK program. Our sincere thanks to you all. As the dull winter days of Jan. & Feb. descend on us be sure you have lots to keep you busy in your sewing room. Kits for flimsies and sandwiched quilts ready for quilting, will be available at the meeting.

We look forward to sharing some Christmas cheer and wish you a Happy Quilty New Year.

Sylvia and Kelly

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

Patti Carey Workshop Making a Traditional Pattern Modern



Cost \$55 plus \$10 for pattern

Friday March 13th 9am-3pm

Trilluim United Church

415 Linwell Rd, St. Catharines

Pat S. Laynard Workshop – follow up!

The lanyard class was a delightful day filled with questions, laughter, and rippers. We had a member insert her first zipper and followed that up with another zipper. Everyone had FUN and we even had cappuccinos served to us. Now display those awesome zippered pocket lanyards ladies.

December 11 Meeting - Food Drive

20% + of Niagara Residents suffer Food Insecurity
– What does that mean? ? Have you ever?

- Not eaten so your children can
- Run out of food completely
- Worried about whether you have enough food for the week
- Looked for coupons/sales/discounts on groceries
- Eaten less expensive/nutritious options to save money
- Skipped meals occasionally
- Lined up at a Food Bank

Needed items listed below and please bring to guild meeting:

- #1 breakfast cereal
- #2 canned tuna
- #3 canned pasta
- #4 spaghetti sauce
- #5 \$\$ Google: FOOD BANK and your town/city's name

The next **FOOD DRIVE** suggested is June 11, 2026,
because we're hungry in the summer too.

ONTARIO QUILT SHOWS / EVENTS

BAY OF QUINTE MODERN QUILT GUILD / SARAH HIBBERT

The Bay of Quinte Modern Quilt Guild is pleased to announce that Sarah Hibbert will be presenting to our guild via zoom on **January 26, 2026.**

Sarah is a modern British quilter and will be talking about her journey from the first ideas for her book to the finished publication including insights into the construction of her quilts while sharing some fun stories along the way.

Here is the link to Sarah's WEB site: <https://www.sarahhibbertquilts.com/>

Tickets for this presentation are available through Eventbrite for \$10.00 plus the Eventbrite fee.

Direct link to purchase

tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/sarah-hibbert-quilts-tickets-1865213847829?aff=oddtcreate>

We look forward to seeing you on Zoom. On Behalf of the Program Committee

The Bay of Quinte Modern Quilt Guild

Nina McCannell

<http://www.bayofquintemodernquiltguild.ca>

Christmas Gift Exchange

Thursday, December 11, Meeting

This year's Gift Exchange is a table runner. Make your favourite table runner and bring it wrapped 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.



Pocket Posh Tips for Quilters Book Jodie Davis and Jayne Davis

Gold Coast Quilters Guild



Another way to use your seam ripper: Place the handle end into an empty bobbin spool. Very helpful.

"This is a picture of my seam ripper for this suggestion. Works for me.. Shirley B

DUTIES OF OFFICERS FOR DECEMBER ELECTION

ARTICLE 4 – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

4.1 PRESIDENT

- i. Prepare agenda and chair the meetings of the members and Executive Committee.
- ii. Call Executive Committee meetings as required.
- iii. Collect mail and distribute it as needed.
- iv. Carry out NMQG business as directed by the membership and in collaboration with the Executive Committee.
- v. Support members of the Executive Committee in their individual roles.
- vi. Act as the NMQG contact to other quilting organizations and the general public.
- vii. Forward NMQG related information to the membership; and
- viii. Place liability and property insurance for NMQG.

4.2 VICE-PRESIDENT

- i. Assume the duties of the President in the absence of the President.
- ii. Maintain a current list of active members and submit to Modern Quilt Guild.
- iii. Distribute membership list to members and coordinate with the Treasurer to promote membership.
- iv. Communicate NMQG information by e-mail to members, and
- v. Administer NMQG Zoom account.

4.3 TREASURER

- i. With the assistance of the Executive Committee, establish an annual budget for the Niagara Modern Quilt Guild.
- ii. Collect annual dues from members and coordinate membership needs with the Vice President.
- iii. Maintain financial records of NMQG and report to the Executive Committee and membership as required.
- iv. Receive and promptly pay authorized accounts, undertake banking for NMQG (receive payments, make deposits, write cheques, arrange for update of signing authorities), and manage assets; and
- v. Prepare the annual financial statements at the end of the fiscal year.

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We're Moving!

After 15 years, our time at Martindale Road is coming to an end and we're excited to be expanding. Our new location is 188 Bunting Road St. Catharines.

Our last day open at the current location will be Tuesday December 23rd and then visit us in our new location starting Monday January 5th!

Since we will be moving between Christmas and New Years we are moving our annual Boxing Week Sale to before Christmas. The sale will run Friday December 19th and Saturday December 20th from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. both online and in-store.

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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
- Minimalism
- Bold colour
- Bold prints
- Alt. Grid
- Improvisation
- High contrast
- Scale
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- Modern Quilting
- Graphic Design
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Niagara Modern Quilt Guild Membership Application Year _____

New Membership \$50	Renewal Membership \$50	
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First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City / Town: _____ Postal code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Identify any aspects of quilting you would like to learn more about? _____
 Would you be willing to teach a technique or do a workshop? _____
 Which areas of quilting do you enjoy? _____

Please indicate if you would like to be involved or learning about any of the following:

Workshop Help Program Quilting Kindness Quilts Block of the Month

Facebook/Instagram Photographer for Events Membership Sign In Help

Show and Tell Holding Quilts 50/50 Draw Toonie Draw Newsletter

Tech Setup for Meetings Information About Executive

The personal information collected from members of the Niagara Modern Quilt Guild for the use within the Guild ONLY to facilitate and conduct guild business and to provide an efficient means of communication among members.

Please check the box and initial if you do not agree to have the NMQG take your picture for purposes of publishing on the NMQG Facebook page and / or NMQG Newsletter.

Or if you do not wish your phone number on the Membership List

Date: _____ Member's Signature: _____

Administrative Use Only

Year One: Initial _____ Date _____ Cash [_____] Cheque [_____]

Year Two: Initial _____ Date _____ Cash [_____] Cheque [_____]

Year Three: Initial _____ Date _____ Cash [_____] Cheque [_____]

Year Four: Initial _____ Date _____ Cash [_____] Cheque [_____]

Year Five: Initial _____ Date _____ Cash [_____] Cheque [_____]

Please make cheques payable to Niagara Modern Quilt Guild. Cash and Cheques accepted in person.

Online sign up please E transfer to NMQG email address niagaramqg@gmail.com