

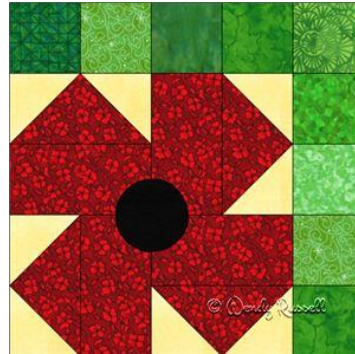
# Niagara Modern Quilt Guild



## NOVEMBER 2025

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Poppy – Free Quilt Block Pattern  
– Patchwork Square (internet)

**NMQG Meeting**  
**November 13, 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  
Twoonie – Karen C, Bev B  
Photographer - Janet T  
Membership Sign in Desk - Elizabeth L

### **2025 Meeting Dates:**

**November 13** – Tracy Mayer,  
Donna Zimmer, Our Quilting  
Journey – Trunk Show

**December 11** – Christmas party  
(table runner) and Executive voting  
(President, Vice President &  
Treasurer)

### **President's Message**

**Dear NMQG Members,**

What a whirlwind 2025 has been and already we are in the middle of November!!! The cooler weather, darker days, may encourage us to make more time to quilt! As we are quickly getting to the New Year, it is a perfect time to rethink your quilting goals. I hope you'll take time to try new techniques, use the MQG member's resources to inspire you, and continue incorporating more modern elements into your quilting projects.

This is the final month for the President's Challenge, and I hope that during the year that you were inspired to try something new, challenge yourself to work outside your comfort zone.

#### **📌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**

President, Niagara Modern Quilt Guild

♥ *Happy Quilting!*

## NOVEMBER MEETING PROGRAM

Tracy Mayer & Donna Zimmer

### Our Quilting Journey



Tracy Mayer: Learning to quilt was on my bucket list for retirement. In Fall of 2012, I suffered a TBI which left me disabled. In 2016 my neurologist suggested jigsaw puzzles or sewing to help with my concentration. I probably shouldn't have chosen a 2000 piece puzzle for my first one, so needless to say I didn't have the patience or hand eye coordination for the puzzle. I took my first class at Kindred Spirits in Fall of 2016 and I haven't looked back. I love love the quilting peeps that I have met and collected on my journey. This is the first quilt I made. It was a Christmas gift for my Momma, knowing that no matter how it turned out she'd love it.

Donna Zimmer:

I started my love of sewing in grade 7 home economics. I loved making a shirt and matching skirt in that class. Even at that young age life got in the way of my sewing FUN.

My mom sewed everything from curtains, tablecloths, clothes and quilts so I was very familiar with sewing. It was fall 2010 when I decided to take a sampler quilt class at Kindred Spirits. I completed the class and I was hooked! I sew everyday unless I'm away or on vacation .



Striking Skinny Table Runner –  
American Patchwork & Quilting –  
Free Patterns

Two Tone Star Pattern Table Runner –  
American Patchwork & Quilting – Free  
Patterns



## **Treasurers Report:**

Your treasurer (aka Pat) is requesting that as many members as possible attend the December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, meeting. Not only do we have elections for the positions of President, Vice President, and Treasurer but we will have a presentation of the 2025 accounts and a presentation of the 2026 budget. I hope you will all make a concerted effort to attend this very important meeting.

Of course, we will also have our gift exchange and some goodies to eat. Don't forget your 6 little pastries or treats for all to share.

Pat Scully

Treasurer

## **Membership Renewal**

It is that time of year again! The Membership Fee of \$ 50 will stay the same. Costs are going up in all areas but strong support for fundraising initiatives will help keep great content and value for your fees. The partnership with the MQG gives so much value to all levels of modern quilters. It is like workshops on the web... because it is!

### **Two ways to sign up.**

1. **In Person** at a *Meeting*. *Fill* out the **New Form** in full that is attached to the Newsletter and bring cash or a cheque. Cheque to be made out to Niagara Modern Quilt Guild. Forms will be available at the meeting, but it helps process sign up faster for all.
2. **Online**. Go to <https://niagaramqg.ca> Click on the up Banner – Join Our Guild The **New Form** will be at the bottom of the page. Please click on it and fill out all the questions. Once you have submitted it please send an e-transfer to: [niagaramqg@gmail.com](mailto:niagaramqg@gmail.com)

**Note: We are moving to a 5-year form. All Forms will be kept in a Membership Binder. Forms will be reused. This has been used by other guilds and will cut down on paper and work for the VP – Membership and Treasurer.**

**The new form will have more questions to help executive meet the needs of the guild. It takes many moving parts to make a great guild. Any questions? Please contact Jo Vandermeij at [niagaramqg@gmail.com](mailto:niagaramqg@gmail.com).**

## Zoombees

### **Mondays with Anastasia**

Monday 6:30 – 8:00 pm

November 3, 10, 17, 24

December 1, 8, 15, 22?, 29?

Zoom links will be sent out on Friday's .

Everyone welcome

## Zoombees

### **Tanya's Sew and Chat Dates**

**Sew and Chat with Tanya**

**Friday, November 28@ 7:00-9:00pm**

- **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)

## QUILTING KINDNESS

Another stellar month with 18 finished quilts, 9 of which came from Shirley's mother-in-law plus 16 baby bibs, 2 flimsies and 1 NICU quilt brought in. The bibs and 25 quilts were delivered to Birchway. One quilt went to Port Colborne Legion for a fundraising raffle and 7 NICU quilts reached the St. Catharines site.

The Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) is in need of quilts. To this end QK kits will be available at the November meeting for pickup. These are quick and easy so take more than one! They cannot be larger than 22 - 24 inches but can be a bit smaller. These are very tiny babies so even 20 inches is good and makes more use of the yardage. Instructions with each kit.

Birchway has also requested placemats so let me know if you would come to a Sew Day to make placemats, pillow cases and NICU quilts.

Sylvia & Kelly



## **BeeHive Community**

**BeeHive Wed Nov 19 - 10:00 am-noon**

Dr Huq Library 425 Carlton St Catharines

**Please note:** 2nd last Wednesday of the month.

**New Project:** Liz Leger presents the intriguing MANX BLOCK Hint: Google Isle of Man.

This block looks like a traditional Log Cabin Block but hand sewn and has 3-D effect.

Supplies to bring: 9" square of Light weight foundation fabric - 3"sq for centre aka: heart of the home. - 2" light/medium/dark strips (at least 2 of WOF) of each tone or equivalent scraps

-Thread, needle, small pins, sewing scissors-

Optional if you prefer more precision: a small ruler and a marking pencil or pen.

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**Continuing :** first 30 minutes Project: Part 2 FABRIC BOOK "Sew as You Go" Cloth Book inspired by Instagram @itsalovelydayfor Lindsey Dickson Creative Continue to stitch on lace remnants, Stamped linen-provided, buttons etc BRING Valdani thread, crewel needle, small scissors, piece fabric 18"x24" □ All projects are optional

**There will be shortbread**

Bring a friend, free will offering

Do you have Questions?

Contact: KathleenO, NiagaraMQG@gmail.com



## **SWEET DREAM PILLOWCASES**

Reminder:

Please return to our NMQG Meeting November 13.

😊 Thank you for donating your Time and Talent to support "Birchway Niagara".

They are dedicated to protecting and empowering survivors of abuse.

Kathleen O



**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**

## Lost and Found

One pair of aviator sunglasses at the ice dyeing workshop.

One black bag containing Bosal Interfacing and several large pieces of fabric. Found in the front of the meeting room after Octobers meeting. If these belong to you contact Jo Vandermeij at : niagaramqg@gmail.com

## WEBSITE

We are happy to announce in the near future that our website will be updated. Virginia has agreed to use her skills in IT from her working life in her retired life. It takes time to do this task. Our first update has been the new membership renewal form. Thank you to our web people of the past who have given of their time. It truly is appreciated! Questions? Contact Jo Vandermeij niagaramqg@gmail.com



**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

York Heritage Quilters Guild  
presents

### A Celebration of Quilts XV Abstract to Patchwork

Friday, Nov 14, 10-5  
Saturday, Nov 15, 10-4

Over 200 handcrafted quilts  
Vendor and Guild Artisan Marketplace  
Café

Admission \$15

Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre  
6 Sakura Way, Toronto



## 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 website: <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=oddtcreateo>

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>

## Pocket Posh Tips for Quilters Jodie Davis and Jayne Davis

Measure and then fold fabric for your stash. Place a piece of painter's tape on the top corner and mark it with the yardage. This way, you won't have to keep unfolding fabric to find one with the needed yardage for a specific project.

# **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.

## 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](mailto:niagaramqg@gmail.com) for more information.



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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)

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My quilt features these modern elements:

- Maximalism
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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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