

Niagara Modern Quilt Guild



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NMQG Meeting

September 10, 2026
@ 7:00 - 9:00 pm.
Fonthill Meridian Ctr.

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President's Message

Welcome back! Remember when September meant a fresh perm, new shoes, new coloured pencils and a case to put them in? Yes I know many of you have no idea what I am talking about so just move on!

I am looking forward to our food bank fundraiser with the annual garage sale. Nothing like rummaging through fine quilting stuff for new ideas, stash fabric, unexpected treasures and notions, all free for the taking! Well not quite free it is a fundraiser...

In order to "demystify" the role of the executive in the management of the NMQG the October Executive meeting (via zoom) will be open to any member who wishes to understand the roles of the executive and the organizational process of this group. You will be an observer not a participant please. For anyone contemplating running for a position or those who would like a clearer picture of the executive roles please join us at 6:30 p.m. Oct.29th via the zoom link in the members section of our website.
Sylvia K

2026 Meeting Dates:

September 10 -Trunk show Anastasia Harris
and our **Annual Garage Sale**

October 8 - Johanna Masko

November 12 - Trunk show Denise Redgers

December 10 - Gift Exchange/ AGM,
Friendship Celebration and more

Open Executive Meeting

The October 29th Zoom Executive Meeting at 6:30 p.m. is open to any member wishing to attend as an observer. We encourage you to take this opportunity to understand the roles and the process. The Zoom link can be found in the members section of our website.

Quilting Kindness

October 3rd - 9:30 – 3:00 at Trinity United Church we will be having a Quilting Kindness Sew Day. Fabric will be provided from our stock, for placemats, NICU quilts and pillow cases. As Christmas draws near, our items will be distributed to agencies serving those in need. Bring your machines, cutting supplies and an assortment of threads. This is a good time to use up those half bobbins and spools. If you wish to work on your own QK projects and just enjoy the company, go for it!
Sylvia

Sew and Tell

There will **NOT** be a Sew and Tell this meeting due to the logistics of the garage sale. Keep those summer projects until our meeting in October (that will give you time to actually sew those bindings on!).

Members Corner

Fall Fair Entries - Those of you competing for ribbons and bragging rights at the Wainfleet Fall Fair, be aware items must be submitted Wednesday September 16th from 2 to 9 p.m.

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

Block Lotto

Next block for October Block Lotto is an improv 1/4 Circle/Drunkard's Plath Block

- Please bring your Tossed Triangle Blocks to our September meeting.

See our website for instructions.

Contact: Ellen S program@niaga



Zoombees

TANYA'S SEW AND CHAT DATES FRIDAY'S 2026

Friday night, sewing with Tanya. Bring your sewing project whatever that may be. No need to sign up just follow the link, Tanya is always happy to talk about quilting and so are our other members.

"The zoom link for the member ID and passcode, can be found on the Niagara Modern Quilt Guild website at: niagaramqg.ca on the "Members Area" page when you log in."

Sew and Chat with Tanya @7:00-9:00 pm
Dates to be determined....

Zoombees

Mondays with Anastasia 2026

Monday 6:30 – 8:00 pm
September 14th

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PROGRAM for SEPTEMBER

Trunk Show – Anastasia Harris

My great-grandmother and grandmother inspired me to start quilting. Now, my quilts demonstrate my love for my family, my artistic style, and my ambitions to always learn new things. Quilts have welcomed people to my family and have been there in the goodbyes. Like my grandmother, I recycle much of my quilt material, using what I have or thrifted/gifted materials. And, in times where a quilt isn't salvageable, parts of it and its memories become part of a new one as batting or fabric.

Annual Garage Sale

September 10th is our annual Garage Sale. Please bring gently used items and we will raise some money for charity. Sewing related items will most likely make more money for our charity. New this year, anything that you bring in that doesn't go, we are asking you to take home. It's a lot of work for the executive to pack up leftover items and deliver to thrift shops. This year our charity is The Dream Centre, which is an organization that serves soup and sandwiches to the un-housed in St. Catharines and Niagara Falls. We will be setting up the room beside us once we get access to it at 7pm. There will be tables outside to leave your items on. We will have a quick break after our trunk show by Anastasia and then the yard sale will start.

BeeHive Community



Wednesday – September 30

10:00 am – 12:00 noon

Dr. Huq Library, 425 Carlton St., St Catharines
Join our inclusive group for Members *and* bring a friend.

All projects are optional. Come to chat, bring Sew & Tell, *and there will be Shortbread.*

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SWEET DREAM PILLOWCASES

At the September Meeting, take a kit or two, make more, share more joy.

Destined for Xmas for Foster Kids in Niagara.

Sew them up, return at October or November meeting or to my veranda.

SEE YOU SOON

Questions: Kathleen O'Flaherty

Smile...



Good morning quilting peeps,

I hope everyone has had a great summer. We have had a great visit with family that came from Croatia for my husband's 65th birthday. We are also, currently laying 1000 square feet of flooring ourselves and we are still talking and married. So there are many wins in our household.

On Saturday September 19th from 9am-3pm we have a sew day at Trillium United at 415 Linwell. After our last sew day it was mentioned to me that why don't we group tables in groups of 4 for more socialization. We went and purchased power bars so you will be groups of 4. We will have 2 ironing stations set up, so please no travel irons. This is a free event for guild members, non-guild members welcome for \$10.

We are also having a Quilting Kindness Sew Day on Saturday October 3rd from 9am-3pm at Trillium United. At this event we will be making placemats for Birchway and NICU quilts. Bring your sewing machine, thread (if doing NICU quilts the thread has to be cotton) and cutting mat we will have all the material there to make placemats and quilts.

To register for either of these days reply to this email. Coffee and tea is provided, please bring your lunch. Hope to see you there.

Take care, Tracy and Donna

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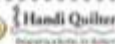
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Minimum diameter of 12 inches. (Shown is Christmas Table Topper – Pinterest.com)



Sew Days
Trillium United
 415 Linwell Road, St. Catharines
 From 9am-3pm
 Sept 19th/26 & Nov 7th/26

Come and join us for a day of quilting, friendship and fun. Bring whatever you are working on. Ironing stations will be provided. No charge for guild members, friends are welcome \$10 for non guild members. Coffee and tea will be provided, bring your lunch and snacks.

Please register at
program@niagaramqg.ca



While on a camping trip to Port Burwell, on Lake Erie, this summer, I saw Barn Quilts. They were so amazing I have to share at least one with all of you. Strawberry Smoothie at the Howe Farm Bakery/Market.
 Shirley B

