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Ancaster Quilter's Guild

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December 2024



President's Message

It's hard to believe that 25 years ago this month, we were all concerned about whether we would start the year off in darkness. In a way it brought the world together, sharing strategies and plans to ensure everyone benefited in this challenge. Today, we share different concerns with political unrest and inflation impacting our lives. Volunteering has never been so needed and appreciated in our lifetimes. Our guild should be proud of the donations we have made to many organizations this year. So as we prepare for this year's festivities, it is important that we stop to appreciate the many friendships we are blessed with in our guild.

In closing, I wish you and your family a healthy and safe holiday season and a Happy New Year. Hopefully you can join us at our meeting next Tuesday, wearing your favourite festive sweater.

Janice Haluszka, Acting President

REMINDERS!!

Third Tuesday of each month
Marshall Memorial United
Church
20 Gilbert Ave, Ancaster

Doors open at 6 p.m. for social
time at 6:30
Meeting starts at 7 p.m.

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Programme December 2024

Last year so many of you enjoyed the game we played at Christmas, that we are bringing back the Quilters Strip Poker for our December Social.

That night, bring with you, 5 pieces of fabric, cut 2 1/2 inches wide and WOF (width of fabric) and in the colour way of BLUES and WHITES. Bring more if you wish to play an extra game. Any combination of prints or plains in those colours will work! Those 5 strips will be your 'pot' with which to play 1 game. As before the Rules will be on cards at each table with the 3 dice.

ALSO... We ask that everyone with surnames A-L are asked to bring a sweet treat,

- ANDthose with surnames M-Z are asked to supply a savoury treat.

The offerings will be delightful for sure!

Wishing you a bright and happy holiday season. See you soon.

Eva Butty & Judy Taylor

Brant Quilt Show 2026

When: September 25th & 26th Setup: September 24th
Take down: September 26th

Where: Best Western, Brantford The guild requires volunteers to become chairpersons for each of the committees, for Example: Administration, BHQG display, Special display, Door Prizes etc.

We need to have the chairpersons for each in order for the quilt show to move forward. Further info will be in subsequent news letter countdowns.

Rhonda Bennett, coordinator

Executive

President – Janice Haluszka **Acting**

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Program– Judy Taylor

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Committees

Advertising - Janice Haluszka

Block of the Month – Mary Crowe,
Marlene Reynolds

Membership – Corinne Ethier, Donna
Hamilton

Program – Judy Taylor, Eva Butty

Workshop –Janice Haluszka, Barb
Masefield

Social Coordinator – Nadia Mustillo

Comfort Quilts – Janet Shannon, Sam
Croucher, Diane Childerly, Karen Rienau

Draw Prizes – Linda Clugston

50/50 – Lois Hancock

Media/Newsletter – Susan Lusted

Greeter – Martha Forbes

Caring Cards - Sheila Clark

Fundraising - Debbe Durham, Cathy
Pinelli, & Dianne Busser

Workshop Dates

Our next workshop is scheduled for :



Our next Workshop is Friday April 11th and Saturday April 12th.

This will be the weekend before our monthly meetings (as Easter is the following weekend).

On Friday April 11th, Louise Hamilton from the Purple Rooster will be teaching her Cat wall hanging and the Dragon Fly reverse applique.

Any questions, call or email Janice.

Janice Haluszka & Barb Masefield

'Twas the night before Christmas,

'Twas the night before Christmas,
And the quilts were not made.
The threads were all tangled, the cookies delayed.
The stocking weren't hung, the pantry was bare.
The poor weary Quilter, was tearing her hair.
Stacks of fat quarters, tipped over in streams.
Visions of Log Cabins, had turned into dreams.
When what to her wondering eyes should appear,
But a bus full of quilters with all of their gear.
They went straight to work with just a few mutters,
Sorting and stitching and brandishing cutters.
The patterns emerged from all of the clutter,
Like magic the fabrics arranged in a flutter.
Log Cabins, Lone Stars, Flying Geese & Bear Tracks
Each quilt was a beauty-even the backs.
Her house how it twinkled, her quilts how they glowed.
The cookies were baking, the stockings were sewed.
Their work was all done, so they folded their frames,
And packed up their needles, without giving their names.
They boarded the bus, and checked the next address.
More quilts to be made, another quilter in distress.
She heard one voice echo, as they drove out of sight,
Happy quilting to all and to all a good night!
~Author Unknown
Merry Merry, Happy Happy, Quilty Quilty

Y'all!!! 
Sent from Cathy Roberts

Membership

Hello Ancaster Quilters Guild Members!

- Thank you to everyone for your membership dues for 2024 to 2025.
- We are pleased to announce that our membership is now at 95 members.
- The new membership list will be sent out after the December meeting to capture all the latest details.
- Remember that your friends are always welcome as guests, and the guest fee remains at \$5 for the remainder of the 2024 to 2025 year.
- Membership renewals for next year 2025-2026 will be announced in May 2025.

Your membership team,

Donna Hamilton and Corinne Ethier

corinnew.ethier@gmail.com



Fundraising Report



December 2024

Are you ready for the great fun we experienced at last year's Basket and Quilt raffle?

We have had a great response from Guild members with donations for the raffle. Members are very generous and enthusiastic with their offerings.

The popular Italian themed basket is back, as well as the Chocolate themed basket and more than one Quilting themed basket. Look for Leisure Fun themed baskets, a Gardening

themed basket and a basket for Tea lovers and Bee lovers! Too many baskets to name, but one that is sure to please each of you.

- Oh, and we also have two donated Gift Certificates for long arm quilting!
- Don't forget there are three lovely wooden Quilt Racks included in the raffle prizes.
- A big thank you to the individuals who created, and long-arm quilted, the wonderful Winter Quilt for this year's raffle. It is a beauty.

Tickets will be on sale for all these items at the December meeting:

General Raffle – 3 tickets for \$5.00

Quilt Raffle – 2 tickets for \$5.00

Can't wait for the fun to begin.

Comfort Quilts

“Just a reminder to members to return completed placemats and quilt back kits that you previously took home to finish. Janet Shannon



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- * Name Tag,
 - * Bring Your Own Beverage,
 - * Indoor shoes
 - * Money for Basket Draws
 - * Please keep saving Pop Can Tabs as there will be a container for them at the membership table
 - * Note that cell phones should be turned off or to vibrate. If you must answer your phone, please go to the entry hall to do this.
 - * Show & Share
 - * Money for 50/50 **NOTE please try to have toonies and loonies to pay for this.**
 - * "Comfort Quilts charity sewing you have completed"
- NOTE: our meetings are now fragrance and latex free**



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Show and Share

At our November meeting, a number of beautiful quilts were displayed by our very own members. Thank you for taking the time to show us your creativity and craftsmanship. It was very inspiring to the members. Keep up the great work and we hope to see more at future meetings.

1. Linda Hing - "Exploding Heart" – for her granddaughter
2. Lois Hancock - Black and White - "What Do You See"
3. Donna Hamilton - Panel Quilt – "Golden Christmas" in memory of Mia (the family dog). Cowboy Boots Quilt for her brother's retirement
4. Heather Greville - "Starry Christmas Quilt"
5. Rena Mahler - "Panel Quilt – Wild Animals" and "2 Santa Panel Quilts"

Please ensure that your name and that of your quilt is listed. We do thank you for sharing your works.

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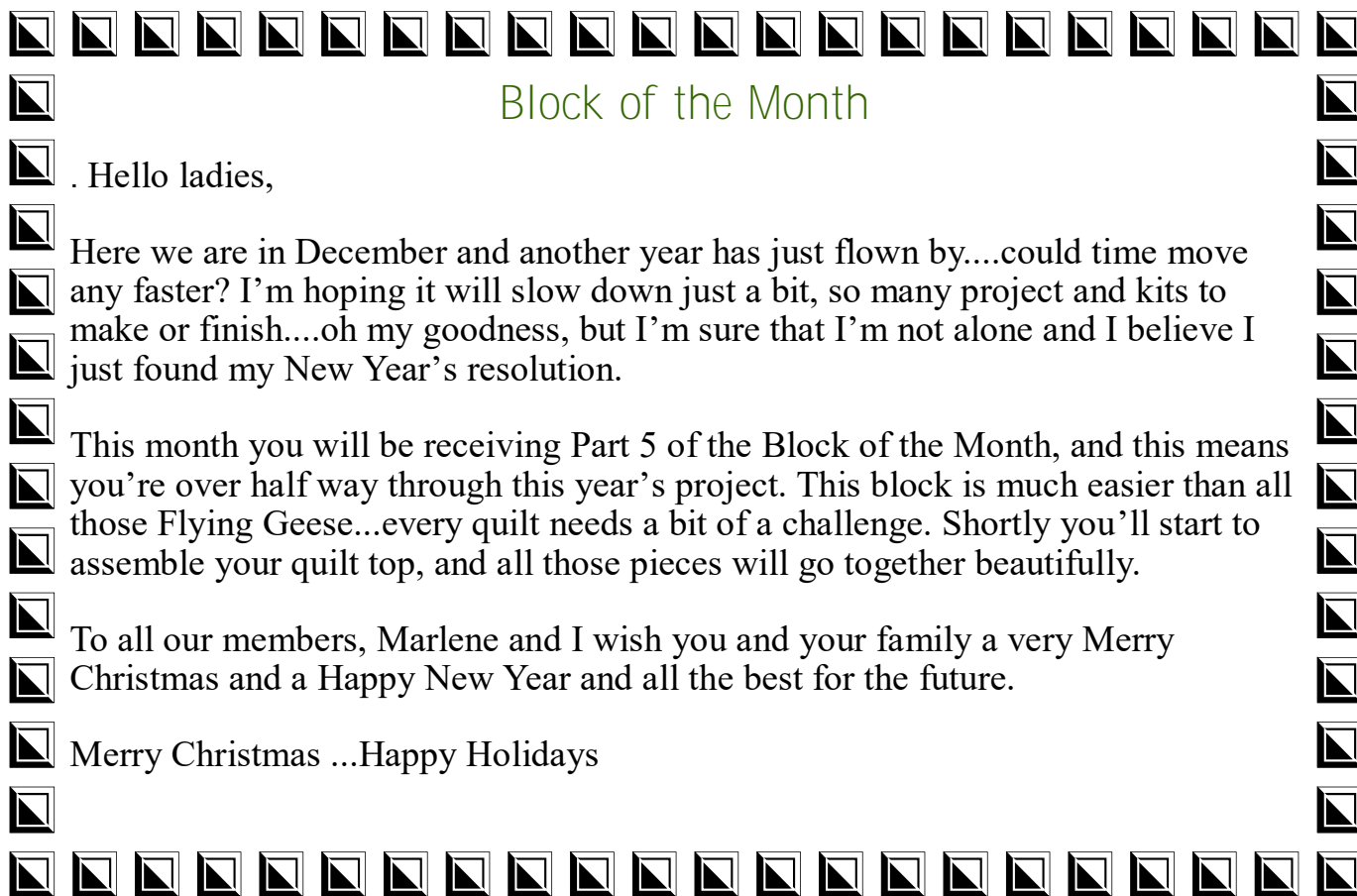
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Block of the Month

. Hello ladies,

Here we are in December and another year has just flown by....could time move any faster? I'm hoping it will slow down just a bit, so many project and kits to make or finish....oh my goodness, but I'm sure that I'm not alone and I believe I just found my New Year's resolution.

This month you will be receiving Part 5 of the Block of the Month, and this means you're over half way through this year's project. This block is much easier than all those Flying Geese...every quilt needs a bit of a challenge. Shortly you'll start to assemble your quilt top, and all those pieces will go together beautifully.

To all our members, Marlene and I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and all the best for the future.

Merry Christmas ...Happy Holidays

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Hi Everybody –

After a great deal of thought and discussion, we have made a decision regarding our Loyalty Reward Points Program and wanted to make you aware. For the past 5 years, many of you have enjoyed the savings from our Loyalty Reward Points program (a program that allows you to collect reward points based on your purchases, which can be used as "cash" on future purchases from the Studio.) Over the years the costs of maintaining this program have risen but we have managed to avoid making any changes or reductions to the program. However, we have been notified that costs for the program will shortly be rising again. We believe that we have reached the stage where the costs outweigh the benefits of the program for both the Studio and you. Therefore we have decided to permanently cease the Loyalty Reward Points Program as of December 31, 2024. What does this mean for you?

- You will continue to earn and redeem reward points as per our usual program until December 31, 2024 (earn 3 points for each \$1 purchase of physical merchandise - redeem points once a minimum of 250 points has been earned)
- As of January 1, 2025 you will be able to redeem your points at any time without a minimum accrual
- all points must be redeemed by February 28, 2025. Any points balances remaining after that date will be forfeited.

Please let us know if you have any questions about these changes or anything else regarding our program.

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Show and Share November 2024 Meeting



See page 6 for a complete listing of members who shared their expertise.