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## Hello Quilters!

As I write this, the holiday season is in full swing, and I hope you've been able to slow down a little and enjoy time with the people who matter most to you. This is my final President's note, and I want to say a heartfelt thank you to each of you for making this guild such a special community. It has been an absolute pleasure to serve as President, and I look forward to supporting Brandie as she steps into the role, bringing her energy, ideas, and passion to the guild in the years ahead.



At our January 20 guild meeting, we will hold our Annual General Meeting (AGM) to elect our directors and appoint officers for the coming year. This guild meeting will take place on Zoom only and we'll need a quorum to proceed—so grab a cup of tea (or your favourite beverage) and join us online!

Our guest speaker at the January 20 guild meeting is back by popular demand! Brita Nelson will present *Every Last Crumb*—a fun, informative and inspirational trek to find the best way to handle a mountain of left-over fabric. Brita will also be offering a virtual workshop, *Crumbs to Quilts*, on Saturday, January 24.

The Display and Competition team has launched our 2026 Guild Challenge: *Sweet Dreams are Made of These!* Members who would like to participate can create a small quilt or quilted item for children. They can be scrappy, from a pattern, or from your imagination. Your quilted items will be shown at the in-person meeting in May 2026.

Virtual Tuesday returns on January 13 with a virtual walk around the Celebration of Quilts XV, including highlights of set up day and other features of the show. Look for more details in the newsletter.

Our weekly Sew Alongs continue online and in person on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays – see the weekly Sew Along email for regular updates.

Also, the 7<sup>th</sup> annual International Quilting Day is on Saturday, March 21. Be sure to [register to attend](#) (there is no charge for guild members) and [submit your quilts](#) to the Virtual Quilt Show. More information is provided on page 5 in the newsletter.

Happy Quilting!

*Jody J., President*  
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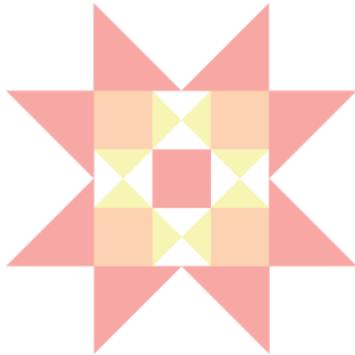


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# MEETINGS



Meetings in September, October and November are hybrid and will be available online by Zoom and in-person at the Toronto Botanical Garden. Our January, February and March meetings will be held virtually through the Zoom platform. April and May meetings are hybrid (both in-person at Toronto Botanical Gardens and on Zoom).

Doors will open at 6:30 pm for in-person meetings, and 6:45 on Zoom. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm, and run until 9:00 pm.

Invitations to all meetings on Zoom, including the link to the meeting, are sent a few days prior to each meeting.

If you need assistance to join the Zoom meeting, please contact one of the following people:

Apple users (MAC, iPad, or iPhone), please contact Chriss C. at either 289.383.0555 or [quilts@chrisscoleman.ca](mailto:quilts@chrisscoleman.ca)

PC users, please contact Sandra Y. at 416.523.0488 or [oudaze@hotmail.com](mailto:oudaze@hotmail.com)

If you are unfamiliar with Zoom and its controls, you can view the [YHQG Zoom Orientation video](#) prior to the meeting. And if you still have questions, join the meeting early and one of our Tech Team will be happy to help.

Prior to joining the meeting, we ask that you turn off any computer notifications you have (on your email account, for example) so we won't have dinging and donging going on during the meeting.

Once the meeting begins, please mute yourself to eliminate background noises.

## January 20– Brita Nelson—Every Last Crumb



This is a fun, informative and inspirational trek to find the best way to handle a mountain of left-over fabric. Brita had over 30 years worth of accumulated scraps which threatened to take over her sewing room and consume her. She had to do something! Some of you may have the same problem. Brita will show us how she managed to save herself and actually make some room in her fabric closet. With over two dozen quilts and projects, she will demonstrate some great ways to use that secret treasure hiding in your house. She will also cover basic color and contrast principles to make your scrap beauties really shine.

You can find more about Brita on her website [The Questioning Quilter](#), and take advantage of a limited-time 10% discount from her online shop for YHQG members. At check-out use code: york

This meeting will be online only – so snuggle up and grab a warm cuppa. Virtual doors open at 6:45, meeting starts at 7.

## Virtual Tuesday Returns January 13, 2026

Our quilt show may be over but we're not finished with it yet. Come on out to Virtual Tuesday (via Zoom of course) on Tuesday January 13, 2026 and enjoy a virtual walk around the Celebration of Quilts XV, including highlights of set up day and other features of the show.

Normally Virtual Tuesday is only open to York Heritage Quilters Guild members but we have a limited number of extra spaces in our Zoom room so, for this occasion only, each YHQG member can share the Zoom link with one additional person/device.

Watch for the Zoom link email on Saturday January 10, 2026.

# WORKSHOPS

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## 2025-2026 Workshop Schedule

There are 4 online workshops scheduled for the 2025/ 2026 guild year. Anyone is welcome to sign up for the workshops, however members get a \$10 discounted rate. Each workshop is individually priced below in CAD\$.

How to register: Use this [LINK](#) to sign up and pay your workshop fees. Watch for emailed registration information to follow receipt of your payment.

Some workshops require prep or special supplies – sign up early so you can be ready!

Where permitted by the teacher, some workshops may be recorded and made available on a limited basis to paid participants for a maximum of two weeks from the workshop.

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### Crumbs to Quilts with Brita Nelson

**Saturday January 24 9:30am – 4:30pm**

Have you ever thought about making your own fabric? In this class we will discuss tint, tone, shade, value and scale to take your tiniest scraps and turn them into one-of-a-kind textiles.

Brita's simple, organized method for assembling your curated crumbs results in fabric that is part planned, part free-form and totally fun!

We will use this new fabric to make a simple tulip block, but once you master this technique, there is no limit to what you can create.



- Hosted on Zoom
- \$80 for YHQG members, \$90 for non-members
- There is no pattern fee for this workshop
- The supply list can be found [here](#), and will also be emailed to students by the YHQG Workshop Coordinator before the workshop
- Max students: 20

This workshop will be recorded and made available ONLY to paid students on a non-downloadable basis for 2 weeks after the workshop. A link to Brita's private YouTube listing of the recording will be shared by the Workshops Coordinator. [Link to workshop registration.](#)



### Improv Curved Piecing: Pebble Pop with Daisy Aschehoug

**Thursday February 26 9:30am – 3:00pm (5 hrs plus break)**

Learn the basics of improvised curves with Pebble Pop, a flexible, fat quarter friendly pattern. We'll talk about contrast in colors and patterns, and you'll learn tips for sewing improv blocks that finish within a consistent size. We'll troubleshoot puckers, and we'll put your off-cuts to use to minimize waste. Grab that favorite stack of fat quarters you've been waiting to cut into or pick out some yardage and let's build some pebbles!

- Hosted on Zoom
- \$80 for YHQG members, \$90 for non-members
- The pattern is included with the workshop fee
- Max students: 20

This workshop will be recorded and made available ONLY to paid students on a non-downloadable basis for 2 weeks after the workshop. A link to Daisy's private YouTube listing of the recording will be shared by the Workshops Coordinator. [Link to workshop registration.](#)

# WORKSHOPS



## Giant Nested Curves with Daisy Aschehoug

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**Wednesday March 4 9:30am – 3:00pm (5 hrs + break)**

Combine a variety of precise curves with improv piecing in this day long workshop. With the help of two different kinds of template sets, participants will create their own, unique, improv masterpiece. We'll discuss various options for piecing the improv slabs, as well as tips for using large and small acrylic or paper templates to create the curves.

- Hosted on Zoom
- \$80 for YHQG members, \$90 for non-members
- The pattern and paper templates are included with the workshop fee  
Optional: Acrylic ruler set can be purchased from Daisy's website [HERE](#) (approx. CAD \$130 including shipping)
- Max students: 20

This workshop will be recorded and made available ONLY to paid students on a non-downloadable basis for 2 weeks after the workshop. A link to Daisy's private YouTube listing of the recording will be shared by the Workshops Coordinator. [Link to workshop registration](#).

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## The Skinny on Fine Line Piecing with Chriss Coleman

**Thursday, April 23 6:30pm – 9:30pm (3 hrs)**

Join our very own member (and social media maestro) for an evening of skill building. Learn how to piece fine lines to add interesting elements to any quilt project.

[Chrisscoleman.ca](http://Chrisscoleman.ca) / [@chriss\\_coleman](https://www.instagram.com/@chriss_coleman)

- Hosted on Zoom
- \$45 for YHQG members, \$55 for non-members
- No pattern required
- Max students: 20



This workshop will be recorded and made available ONLY to paid students on a non-downloadable basis for 2 weeks after the workshop. The Workshop coordinator will send the link.

[Link to workshop registration](#).

This workshop is now full. Please email [workshops1819@gmail.com](mailto:workshops1819@gmail.com) to be added to the waitlist.

# INTERNATIONAL QUILTING DAY 2026

7<sup>th</sup> Annual Virtual Celebration of International Quilting Day

**Priscilla Bianchi**  
Guatemalan Quilt Artist, Designer,  
International Teacher & Author

The Exciting Life of a  
Guatemalan Quilt Artist

**Ben Robinson**  
Supervisor of Guelph Public  
Library's Westminster Branch and  
Makerspace

Modern Making for Quilters

Information at [royalcityquiltersguild.ca/iqd2026](http://royalcityquiltersguild.ca/iqd2026)

**March 21, 2026**

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## International Quilting Day Virtual Quilt Show—Enter Your Quilt!

Please consider sharing photos of your quilted creations with others! Your work inspires others and is a joy to view. We encourage members of the sponsoring guilds and paying guests to submit up to two quilts to the Virtual Quilt Show.

Submit your quilts

Please be prepared to provide the following information about your quilt(s):

- \* Quilt name
- \* Pattern designer
- \* Quilter, if other than yourself
- \* An artist's statement or brief history of the quilt (Limit of 50 words)
- \* Up to five photos for each quilt. We recommend an overall view of the quilt along with several closeups of interesting details.

You will be asked to upload your photos. To be able to do this, you will need to log in to your Google account. If you do not have an account, you may ask someone with an account to submit the photos on your behalf.

Quilt show submissions are [now open](#) and close on February 15, 2026.

# DISPLAY AND COMPETITION

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## Our Tuesday, January 20th Meeting Show and Share is on Zoom!

Welcome to our first Show and Share of 2026! Our amazing quilt show and holidays are now behind us and we're looking forward to seeing what you have created since then.

Members who have a quilted item to share at our January meeting should send a photo to [vhqg.zoom@gmail.com](mailto:vhqg.zoom@gmail.com) by 12:00 noon on Monday, January 19th.

We will add it to our slideshow and you will have the opportunity to speak about your quilt or quilted item remotely.

## Guild Challenge—Sweet Dreams Are Made of These

Looking forward into the new year we would like members to take up our new challenge called "Sweet Dreams Are Made of These".

We realize members worked full out to get quilts and quilted items ready for our amazing November Guild Show and we thought a smaller challenge to year end might get our energy (and sewing) going once again!

We would like members to create small quilts or quilted items for children that we can donate at the end of May/June. They can be scrappy, from a pattern, or your imagination.

Your quilts and quilted items will be shown at our in-person May 2026 meeting and participating members will receive a memento of your creativity.



Quilters live here

FABRIC SPARK

A photograph of the exterior of Country Concessions Quilt Shop. The shop has a colorful, abstract logo on the sign. The sign also includes the text "COUNTRY CONCESSIONS Quilt Shop" and "Get \$10 off!". Below the sign, there is a small display board with the text "Visit us in store or online for your one time \$10 off with code GUILD10! (expires August 31, 2026)" and "35 King St. N, Cookstown (Just North of Hot Stacks)".

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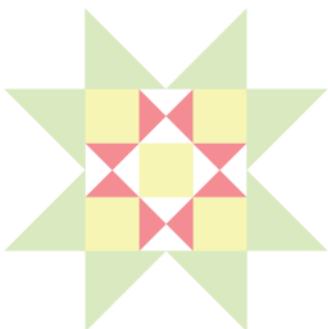


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# COMMUNITY QUILTING



## Community Quilting Projects

- Prepared tops for quilting
- Block kits for piecing in three pattern choices
- Quilting kits of top, batting, and backing fabric
- Slab block kits/make your own

## Community Quilting Groups

Join a virtual CQ sew-along on Tuesday or Saturday mornings. Zoom links are sent out to all members each month. Or join us in person on Mondays at Stan Wadlow Community Centre, Tuesday at the East York Community Centre or Thursday at 200 Madison. Check your email for registration information.

## Community Quilting Chair

*Anne M.*

## Thanks for Supporting CQ at the Quilt Show!

Thanks to all members who supported our CQ Fat Quarter Fishing Booth at the Guild Quilt Show in November, from Bev S. who designed and built the booth and fishing poles, to Sandra Y. who helped deliver it to the show and put it together, to members who donated fat quarters (all of which were beautifully wrapped by Bev S. to make them extra special), to the many volunteers who manned the ticket sale table. You all did an amazing job!

As an added bonus, our Fat Quarter Fishing Booth was repurposed as a “Fishing for Fun” Booth, and used at a November movie night for residents of the Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital, where fishers were rewarded with aqua/fishing themed toys. A great time was had by all!



Thanks also to everyone who made items which were sold in the Guild Shop at the Quilt Show, for the benefit of CQ (especially Brandie W.’s sardine stuffies, which sold out in nanoseconds!).

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# COMMUNITY QUILTING

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## December Donations



December was a great month for our CQ Program!

We continued our tradition of donating one hundred adult and child quilts to Nonnina's Table, together with several boxes of toiletries and other gifts that will make the lives of the recipients better.

We gave twenty quilt wrapped teddies to Nonnina's Table, and ten quilt wrapped teddies to Holland Bloorview Kid's Rehabilitation Hospital.

We also gave six quilts to Sistering, for their holiday party.

Thank you to everyone who:

- Brought in toiletries and other items for Nonnina's Table;
- Made teddy quilts and/or donated stuffies for the teddy quilt drive;
- Made all the tops, did all the sandwiching, and did all the quilting/binding for all the quilts that we donated this month;
- Made financial donations to Nonnina's Table; and
- Who picked up a quilt sandwich at the November meeting.

This was a great achievement, everyone—thanks so much!

## Thanks to Our Generous Members!

At our November in person meeting, we achieved a new record: every quilt sandwich we brought in was picked up by members. Given how hard everyone had been working on their Quilt Show submissions, this is a real achievement!

We also received lots of finished quilts and tops.

Special thanks go to Leslie B., Velma B., Jacintha B., Madison resident, Anna G., Cheryl L., Judy Me., Judy Mu., Sylvia R., Alex S., Ann S., Jean T., Daniela T., Brandie W., and the Madison Makers.

Finally, thanks to everyone who returns their CQ pins...open, please!

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# COMMUNITY QUILTING

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## And the New Year begins!

If you're thinking of helping our regular Community Quilting program, these are the items that we are pleased to accept for our program:

- Tops or quilts, child sized (36 x 40+ inches) and adult comfort sized (50 x 60 inches). You can, of course, make larger items (60+ x 80+ inches); we tend to save the larger items for refugees or for other shelters that need bed sized quilts, and we never have enough of these.
- You can get a head start in preparing Teddy Quilts for next year's holiday donation (approximately 18" x 24" in size, please).

## About our community quilting program:

We currently have THREE groups that meet in person from September to June at community centres or other locations in Toronto. At least one of these groups continues (at a different location) during the summer months.

The Monday in person group meets every Monday (with a few cancellations for holidays or other events) at Stan Wadlow Community Clubhouse, located at 373 Cedarvale Ave., Toronto, from 9:00 to 3:30. Members bring their own sewing machines, projects and supplies, but there are usually a few kits available for someone who wants a new project. There's a kettle for tea, and people usually bring a lunch.

The Tuesday in person group meets every Tuesday with a few cancellations for holidays or other events) at East York Community Centre, located at 1081-1/2 Pape Ave., Toronto, from 9:30 to 2:15. There are a few Guild owned sewing machines there, and members typically work on guild projects, like sandwiching tops, making backs, or other projects. Again, there's a kettle for tea, a microwave for warming things up, and people usually bring a lunch.

Our newest in person group is located at 200 Madison Ave. (enter through glass doors off MacPherson Ave.), Toronto, and runs on Thursdays from 12:00 to 4:00. In addition to being open to members, this meeting is open to residents of 200 Madison and neighbouring buildings, the hope being that people will come to learn different sewing techniques. There are three Guild owned sewing machines there, and members typically work on projects under the guidance of Janet Patterson and Mical Pearlman. Again, there's a kettle for tea and a microwave for warming things up.

There's an expectation that people who attend one of the in person sessions will spend at least half of their time working on CQ projects, but **anyone is welcome to drop in to have the group help to sandwich a quilt of any kind (we have raised tables to work on, so it's much easier!)**, to drop off finished items, or even just to have a chat. For people who are new to quilting, coming to some of these sessions is a great way to learn new skills from experienced quilters and designers.

We also have two on line Zoom Sew-Alongs each week, on Tuesdays and Saturdays; these run throughout the year, with few cancellations. People work on personal or CQ projects at home while talking to other members...it's amazing what one can learn at these sessions! These sessions were started during the pandemic, and were intended to be more of a social opportunity for our members; they're a great way for out of town members to stay in touch and for new members to connect with other members!

Since we don't have any in person guild meetings until April, if you want to drop off finished quilts or pick up a quilt sandwich to work on, please contact Anne M. at [annemarie.mclauchlan@gmail.com](mailto:annemarie.mclauchlan@gmail.com) to make arrangements.

*Anne M.  
Community Quilting Chair*

# GUILD CALENDAR

## January 2026 Calendar

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Day	Date	Time	Activity
Monday	Weekly	9:00 am–3:00 pm	In-person CQ Sew-Along at Stan Wadlow
Tuesday	Weekly	9:00 am–3:00 pm	In-person CQ Group at East York Community Centre
Tuesday	Weekly	10:00 am–12:00 pm	Zoom CQ Sew-Along
Thursday	Weekly	12:00 pm–4:00 pm	In-person CQ Group at 200 Madison
Saturday	Weekly	10:00 am–12:00 pm	Zoom Sew-Along
Tuesday	Jan 13	7:00 pm–9:00 pm	Virtual Tuesday—Quilt Show Walk-Around (on Zoom)
Tuesday	Jan 20	7:00 pm–9:00 pm	Monthly Guild Meeting (on Zoom) Speaker: Brita Nelson—Every Last Crumb; Annual General Meeting
Saturday	Jan 24	9:30 am–4:30 pm	Zoom Workshop—Crumbs to Quilts with Brita Nelson
Tuesday	Jan 27	7:00 pm–9:00 pm	Guild Executive meeting

## 2025-2026 Meeting Lecture Schedule

- January 20—Brita Nelson—Every Last Crumb and AGM
- February 17—Daisy Aschehoug—Anatomy of a Curve
- March 17—Terry Rowland—Diverse Quilting Journey
- April 21—Sandy Simmelink—Taking Stock



# QUILT EVENTS

**SAVE THE DATE**



**June 17-20  
2026**



**May 8 & 9, 2026 10 am - 4 pm**

**ODAS Park** 4500 Fairgrounds Road, Severn  
*New Location - Lots of Parking*

**Admission: \$10 CASH OR DEBIT**  
*per person / per day*

Feature Quilter  
Quilt Exhibit  
Vendors Mall  
Guild Boutique  
Refreshments  
Bed Turning  
Demos  
Scissor Sharpening



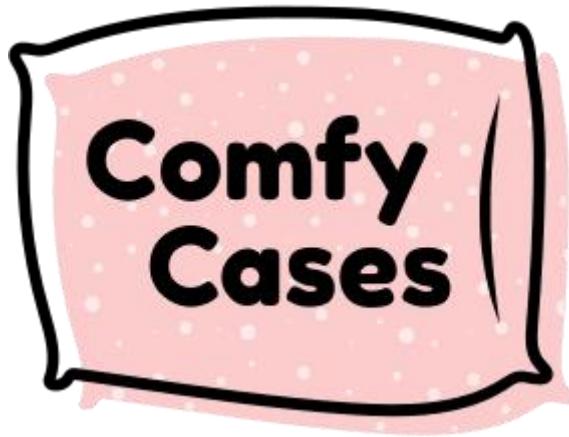
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# THIS & THAT

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## Quilting Frame—Free to a Good Home

This quilting frame measures 10.2 feet long (122 inches), 34 inches deep, and 4 feet 6 3/4 inches high (height includes the pantograph platform with laser pointer). The moveable carriage will hold up to a mid-arm sewing machine. Although free, it would be appreciated if the new owner would quilt one or two quilts for the community quilts program in exchange. Must be prepared to take it apart and remove from my home. If you are interested, please send an email to [yhcg.president@gmail.com](mailto:yhcg.president@gmail.com) and you will be put in contact with the donor.



## Volunteer Opportunity

Comfy Cases is a Canadian non-profit organization that brings volunteers together to stitch fun, colourful pillowcases for children with cancer or other life changing illnesses supported in hospitals and other organizations in Ontario. CASES stands for: Children And Sewers Exchanging Smiles.

Hospital stays can be overwhelming for a child. Comfy Cases pillowcases offer a moment of comfort, colour and cheer during their hospital stay.

If you would like to get involved, please visit [comfycases.ca](http://comfycases.ca) to see how you can help.

# YOUR EXECUTIVE

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## **Nomination Slate for 2026-2027 (presented by Brandie Wolff, Vice President)**

I'm delighted to announce the slate for the York Heritage Quilters Guild Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held on **Tuesday, January 20, 2025**.

The following directors will be presented for election at the AGM:

Brandie W. (President, currently Vice President)  
Jody J. (Past President, currently President)  
May P. (Treasurer, continuing in same position)  
Lori D. (Secretary, continuing in same position)  
VACANT (Vice President)

While these four individuals serve as the Board of Directors, there is a much broader team of dedicated volunteers who serve as members of the executive committee.

The following members have all agreed to remain in their roles for the 2026-2027 year.

Jacintha B., Website  
Leslie B., Workshops  
Chriss C., Tech Lead  
Sharon C., Library  
Susan G. & Leslie B., Display and Competitions  
Joanne L., Membership  
Anne M., Community Outreach  
Heather Q. & Barb K., Programming  
Jan R., Newsletter

We will be looking for an enthusiastic volunteer who will join the guild's executive committee as our Vice President at the next AGM in January 2027! If you're interested, please email [yhqp.president@gmail.com](mailto:yhqp.president@gmail.com) or speak to Brandie W.

Thank you to all those listed above and to the many, many other volunteers who make the YHQG such an active, warm and engaging community!

### **NEXT ISSUE**

Submissions for the February issue should be sent to [yhqgnewsletteeditor@gmail.com](mailto:yhqgnewsletteeditor@gmail.com) no later than **Friday, January 30**.



### **President**

Jody J.

### **Past President**

Vacant

### **Vice President**

Brandie W.

### **Programming**

Heather Q.  
Barb K.

### **Workshops**

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### **Newsletter**

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