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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Lyne M.

I can't believe that summer is around the corner. What a year this has been. As president of your guild, I have seen us complete many projects for family members, charity, and ourselves. Some completed quilts went as far as Australia this year (Julia S.). The UFO challenge encouraged many of our members to complete projects that may have been started one or two decades ago. I know I certainly have a pile of empty bins to show that I have complete old projects. It's very rewarding!

This June's Annual General Meeting is being held on June 5th. Since we have a small amount of business to go through, there will be plenty of time to socialize with our friends that night. I am looking forward to passing the gavel to our new president, Sharon M. I know that she will continue to bring great leadership to our group over the next two years.

As you may know, we will no longer have the opportunity to take books out beginning in the fall at our monthly guild meetings. We do not have a volunteer for the position of Librarian for the 18/19 guild year. Please remember to bring back any books that you may have on loan at the June meeting as we must do inventory and then store our library in its most complete state. If you have lost a book, please address this issue with our current librarian, Anna A.

As we have new members who are stepping into new roles, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who is vacating a post: Anna A. – outgoing Librarian, Diane D. – outgoing Community Outreach, Kate H. – outgoing Past President, Meredith M. – outgoing Assistant Librarian, Holly P. – outgoing Retreats & Workshops, and Susan S. – outgoing Program. Your years of dedication and service have enriched all of our members' lives through your hard work. You are appreciated!

I am looking forward to moving to my new position as Past President. Kate H. has left some very big shoes for me to fill for such a short person in stature!

May your summer travels bring you to some of your favourite out of town shops and may you discover some new ones along the way!

Lyne

PROGRAM – Susan S.

There is no program in June as it is the Annual General Meeting.

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Sharon M.

If you can help with the room setup, please arrive at 6:30. Greeters are needed for each meeting from 6:45 until 7 pm. I will be calling members for their support. If you would like to sign up in advance please see me at the meeting. Thanking you in advance.

MEETING DATES – First Tuesday of the Month, October through June.

Setup time: From 6:30 to 6:45 is reserved for setting up the room. Helpers at this time are welcome but please do not come to sit down before 6:45 as it is too difficult to move tables around.

Arrival and Meeting Time: Doors open to members at 6:45, and the meeting begins at 7:00. Meeting will end at approximately 9:00. Note that the building's exterior doors close at 7:00 pm sharp.

LOCATION – Durham District School Board, Staff Cafeteria (2nd floor): 400 Taunton Road East, Whitby

DOORS TO USE – Enter via the doors which face Taunton Road by 7 pm (doors are locked after that)

REMEMBER TO BRING – DTQG name tag, library books, toonies for chance draw, a mug, and a plate. If you wish to participate, please also bring an item for the food drive (see previous page for details).

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

Our next Guild Executive meeting will be **Wed. June 20, 2018 at 7 pm**, at the Simcoe Street United Church in Oshawa. All members are welcome to attend. Please contact a committee member if you need details.

SOCIAL/REFRESHMENTS – Pam T. & Jana B. & Peggy F.



NOTE: NO orange products are to be brought into the building due to severe allergies.

Our June meeting is a pot-luck! If your last name begins with A through L we ask that you bring a savoury treat, while those whose last name begins with M through Z are asked to please bring a sweet dish.

SPREAD THE LOVE (but NOT in June)

Please note that donations to the food drive will not be collected in June. The collection of food donations will resume at the October meeting. Thank you!!



CHANCE DRAW – Brenda L.

As June is our AGM, there will not be a Chance Draw that evening. See you in October..

FABRIC EXCHANGE – Mary C.

There is no fabric to bring to the June meeting – the exchange is done. Please be sure to pick up the fabric waiting for you. If you cannot attend the June meeting, please arrange for a friend to pick up your fabric.

LIBRARY - Anna A. and Meredith M.

There will be no library at the June meeting, as we need all books back in order to do inventory. Please return all library books so they can be inventoried and put into storage for the summer. Note that there is a \$25 fee for books that are not returned by the end of the year (the June meeting).

WEBSITE – Julia S.

<http://www.durhamtrilliumquiltersguild.ca>. If there are any updates or corrections required please contact Julia through the Guild's e-mail.

“KUDO” TRADITION

At our monthly meetings, members are invited to share their celebratory or life events with the membership. These events may include the birth of a child or grandchild, a new job, recovery from an illness, or any other great acclaim or honour. As a “payment” for this, you are asked to choose to bring in a 2 ½” fabric strip of full width of fabric (i.e., 2 ½" x 42"). Please see Lyne M. if you have Kudos to share before meeting starts.

SUNSHINE – Stella D.

If you know of a Guild member who needs a little “sunshine” by way of best wishes or words of encouragement or sympathy, please let a member of the Executive know. A card will be sent on behalf of the Guild membership.



SHOW AND SHARE – Peggy G.

When you come to advise me that you have Show and Share for the evening, don't forget to enter your name in the draw for the monthly prize. Also, a reminder, according to our guild constitution, Show and Share is to promote our talents not our businesses!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

CUDDLE QUILT PROGRAM – Laura F., Sherry F., Linda S., Linda W.

As the guild year comes to an end, we would like to thank all members who helped with the Community Outreach Program. It is not too late to pick up kits to work on over the summer. Hope to see you at our table.

At the May meeting, we had 12 finished quilts returned. Thank you to Linda W. (4), Jane S. (2), Colleen Z., Diana S., Kathy D., Susan M., Gail L. and Sharon M. We also had 7 pieced tops returned. Thank you to Ann D. (2), Sandy P., Colleen Z., Joan E., Gail L. and Renate R. These quilts will be donated to charities in the Durham region. Don't forget that all finished quilt tops and quilts are eligible for the draw at the end of the meeting. May's draw winner was Susan M.

We are still looking for fabric. If you have anything to donate, please bring it to the meeting and drop it off at our table. These fabrics will be made up into kits for the new guild year.

SUMMER CHALLENGE – Laura F., Sherry F.




Next year from October through December, we will be collecting placemats for Meals on Wheels Durham. The placemats should be approx. 13” x 17” and made from Christmas or Holiday themed fabrics. Meals on Wheels Durham will include a placemat with their special Christmas dinner that is delivered to members of our community in December. Recipients are often house bound and feel isolated and this lets them know that someone in the community is thinking of them. Please consider creating some placemats over the summer!

WALKER BAGS PROGRAM – Maria S.

Many thanks to the members who have made Walker Bags for Seniors Residences in Durham region. In May we were able to supply eight walker bags to “Bowmanville Creek Retirement Home” and will be taking a number of bags to Taunton Mills Senior's Residence this month. I will have some kits available for you to work on during the summer and remember to return the completed bags to the Community Outreach Desk and get a ticket for the draw.

DONATION QUILT PROGRAM - Dorothy M.

Here are photos of the Donation Quilts that you could request for your Durham Region non profit organization for a raffle or silent auction with minimum bid. Please ask Dorothy M for the request form if you are interested.

		
<p>Red strippy (lap or small bed) 44" x 60" value \$230.00</p>	<p>Turquoise/gold quilt (large lap) 58" x 70" value \$400.00</p>	<p>Modern strippy (light to dark, single bed size) 56"x85" value \$410.00</p>

LONG ARM COMMUNITY DAY

On Sunday May 6th, we had a fun filled day at Whirls n Swirls Quilting with Tracey. We were able to complete a record-breaking 22 quilts. Thank you to the team of Lyne M., Julia S., Cheryl A., Laura F., Sherry F., Shirley J., Nora S., Mary Lou H., Debbie K., Linda W., and Kate H. This would not have been possible without the generosity of Tracey who let us use her studio on her day off! Tracey's mom even got into the act. Hard to believe it was her first time using a longarm. Below are photos from the event.



SCRAP BASKET – Lynn M.

Our scrap basket is a very popular stop each month for members. Please remember that fabrics need to be at least the size of your hand and 100% good quality cotton. If you have smaller pieces to donate, (for example, squares or rectangles) please put them into a small Ziploc bag first, then into the scrap basket.

MEMBERSHIP – Gail L. and Kathy D.

Membership for the year reached 110. We also had 20 visitors join us for various meetings.

The membership application for 2018 – 2019 is available on the website and will be sent out with the Newsletter and the Notice of our June AGM. There have been a number of changes to the form including the elimination of the survey, ability to pay by E-transfer and a confidentiality section. A new survey will be launched in the fall to encourage more participation, input and use of the talents of our members. If you get your fees and application to us by August 31st, 2018, your name will be entered in our Early Bird contest for a complimentary 2018-2019 membership.

If you need a ride to any of our meetings or you are willing to offer a ride to a member who lives close-by please speak to one of our convenors.

Fees and charges schedule:

- Guest - \$5 per meeting
- Annual membership - \$35 (October to June)
- Half year membership - \$17.50 for meetings from February to June
- Replacement name badge - \$13
- Forgotten name badge - \$0.25

Our guild does not have a cap on the number of members accepted. Remember to wear your badge so we can get to know you. Guests are welcome for all meetings except our Annual General Meeting in June. Have a wonderful summer and thank you for being a part of our wonderful guild

2017/18 GUILD CHALLENGE (UFO Challenge)– Kate H.

We have reached the finish line – some with more completed projects than others! There will be draws for prizes at the June meeting for everyone who completed projects within the UFO Challenge. Good luck!

2019 QUILT SHOW – Kate H.

Our show committee has had its first meeting. We are looking at determining the venue for the show, to be held in the fall of 2019. We still have an opening for the boutique. The boutique has always been a visitor favourite and earns quite a bit of money for the guild. It is my hope that two or more people who can work well together will join forces and come forward to run it. Only one person needs to attend the show committee meetings if there is more than one member on the team. If you are interested in these openings, please contact Kate H at the meeting, by email or by telephone.

One last thing, our quilt show is the only real fundraising that the guild does. Most of our events (i.e. workshops/retreats) are break even or marginal. In order to sustain our quality program for the next three years, we need to bring in approximately \$9,000 in profit to carry the program for three years. One of the spin off benefits is increased membership before and after the show.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH QUILT – Angie S.

Well ladies, all of your blocks should be finished by now and I will be sending out the finishing instructions for you to be able to complete the quilt over the summer months. Please remember to bring last month's completed block to the June meeting, to enter into the draw.

RETREATS AND WORKSHOPS – Holly P. & Kate H.

Workshops

We hope that you participate in one of our exciting workshops and retreat opportunities this year. Sign up is at the workshop table at the guild meeting. Payment can be made by either cash, cheque (made payable to Durham Trillium Quilters’ Guild) or by e-transfer. **Note: to pay by e-transfer, please use the exact security question & answer provided to you.**

NEW – Sew At Home Fall Retreat – Fri Oct. 19 to Sun Oct 21, 2018 – SOLD OUT



The event is full. Thank you to everyone who registered and paid their deposit at the May meeting. Watch your email for details on the final pricing. Next payment due at the October meeting.

Elim Fall Retreat – Thursday Nov. 15 to Sunday Nov. 18, 2018

Fall colours will be spectacular and lots of fellowship, fun and games. There is still room if you wish to attend. Please sign up with Kate at the desk. Below is the retreat’s payment schedule:



Length of stay	# of meals	Rate	Payments		
			June 5	Aug. 1	Sept. 1
3 nights (Thurs-Sun) – Single	10 meals	330.00	110.00	110.00	110.00
3 nights (Thurs-Sun) – Double	10 meals	300.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
2 nights (Fri-Sun) – Single	7 meals	260.00	90.00	85.00	85.00
2 nights (Fri-Sun) – Double	7 meals	240.00	90.00	75.00	75.00

We have invited our massage therapist, Corina, to help ease your aches and pains and Rick McBride will perform machine service while you take a break. We will have a visit from a new local shop, Bolts and Bobbins from Lindsay. Super exciting stuff!!

For those who registered in May, you will receive an email with your registration form, please complete it and return it to the desk at the June meeting. This information will help us to plan your stay.

Please bring your registration form and payment to the June meeting. We will accept post-dated cheques for the August and September payments. Make cheques payable to Durham Trillium Quilters’ Guild. If you wish to pay by e-transfer, ask for the information at the sign-up desk. If you wish to drop off your money over the summer, please contact Kate directly.

You must be a member in good standing to attend our retreats, don’t forget to pay your membership.

UPCOMING EVENTS

To find out about more upcoming quilt shows, visit www.canadianquilter.com and look in the calendar under Events for listings by month and province. Below is a short list of Quilt-related activities in Ontario.

June 8-10, 2018 – **Quilts Kingston 2018** – Royal Kingston Curling Club, 120 Days Road, Kingston. See www.quiltskingston.org

June 9-10, 2018 – **Behind the Seams 2018** – Trent Valley Quilters Guild, Brighton Community Centre, 75 Elizabeth Street, Brighton ON

June 15-16, 2018 – **Bring it Home** – Kincardine Sunset Quilt Guild, Kincardin Davidson Centre

July 7-8, 2018 – **A Stitch in Time** – Prince Edward County Quilters’ Guild. Wellington Community Centre, Essroc Arena, 111 Belleville Street, Wellington ON (<https://pecguild.weebly.com/2018-quilt-show.html>)

July 13-15, 2018 – **Quilts (on the Tav) 2018** – Lanark County Quilters’ Guild. Smith Falls Memorial Community Centre, <https://lanarkcountyquiltersguild.wordpress.com/>

July 28-29, 2018 – **Quilts at the Creek** – Quilts at the Creek Collective, Held outdoors at Black Creek Pioneer Village in Toronto. See www.quiltsatthecreek.wordpress.com

MEMBERS’ CORNER

We have had 2 people contact the guild looking to hire someone to assist them with quilting, as follows:

1. Rebecca has a few quilts that are pieced and quilted, but which need binding. She is wondering if anyone can be hired to do this. She is in the Beaverton area and would appreciate any help. If you are interested, please contact her by email (email was provided on non-website version).
2. Mary has a quilt that her mother made for her. It needs repair and sadly her mother is no longer here. She is wondering if anyone is available to check the quilt and provide a cost estimate to repair it. If you are interested, please contact her by email (email was provided on non-website version).

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