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The Newsletter for Durham Trillium Quilters' Guild
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Lyne M.

Every retreat, at home or Elim, DTQG has a charity component. It can be placemats, mittens, blocks, walker bags, etc. This past weekend, we encouraged our attendees to make blocks for the quilts being donated to Humboldt, SK, where they will be distributed to the many people who were affected by the tragedy of April 6th, 2018.



Early in the day on Saturday, a group of quilters from the Maritime Modern Quilt Guild in Halifax posted the following photo to Instagram. Note the beautiful blue sky, and “grassy” ground coverage...

Now, jump to later in the day when Susan S. came to show me the top she had pieced from blocks made by our group. I couldn't help myself. We had to take an outdoor pic and also post it to Instagram with #quiltsforbroncos!

Here are our pics:



You still have time to bring blocks or tops to our May meeting as a group is meeting at Whirls 'N Swirls on May 6th to complete them.

Please take the time to read this newsletter. It is our #1 way to communicate with membership. Is there a position you would like to volunteer for? We are still looking for a librarian. This is a feature of our meetings that many members enjoy and take advantage of on a monthly basis. If we do not have anyone step-up to this post, sadly, the books will remain in storage and not be used until we have a volunteer. We don't want books in storage; we want books inspiring our membership!

I am looking forward to the workshop with Albert Côté at the end of April. Can't wait to see all the “rugs” at the May meeting!

PROGRAM – Susan S.

Libs Elliott is the speaker at our May meeting. Libs will present a trunk show and a talk about combining Technology plus Tradition in her quilts. <https://www.libsellort.com>

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. May 16, 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. May treats will be complements of: Jane S, Diana S, Holly P, Maria S, Jacqueline H, Sandra P, Retta H, Dorothy M.. Bring your cup for decaf coffee or tea, and a small plate for treats.

Advanced notice for our June meeting 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 – Continued For All Meetings

The church and food bank really appreciate our donations, so the executive has decided to continue the food drive at all monthly meetings. Please consider bringing a food item. Thank you!!



CHANCE DRAW – Brenda L.

For your chance to win half of the monthly collected funds, please visit the Chance Draw table with your toonies. Good luck to all the participants.

FABRIC EXCHANGE – Mary C.

This year’s fabric exchange is 2 ½ inch strips (WOF – selvages removed), in retro fabric. Every month people will exchange 6 strips of retro fabric, so that each participant receives 54 strips by end of year. NO solid colours please. PLEASE USE QUILT SHOP QUALITY FABRIC. Please continue to bring your fabric strips to each meeting in a Ziplock type bag with your name on it. If you can’t come to a meeting, please arrange for a friend to bring the fabric in for you, or bring it in advance. **The fabric colour for the May exchange (the last time to bring in the fabric) is: Floral (to coordinate with all previous fabrics).**

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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

The team has been busy sorting, cutting and ironing the fabric on hand into new kits. Please come by the table to pick up one or even two of our new piecing and quilting kits.

As you start your Spring cleaning and going through your sewing bins or rooms, please keep the Community Outreach Program in mind. We are low on fabric, particularly neutrals and juvenile prints. If you have anything to donate, please bring it to any meeting and drop it off at our table. The success of our program depends on the generosity of our members.

At the April meeting, we had 8 finished quilts returned. Thank you to Linda W. (4), Jane S. (1), Diana S.(2), as well as one mystery donor who left a beautifully quilted sea themed quilt on the table. Also thank you to all members who had a hand in piecing them. All these quilts will be donated to Rose of Durham which is an organization that supports young parents and their children. Don't forget that all finished quilt tops and quilts are eligible for the draw at the end of the meeting. April's winner was Diana S.

WALKER BAGS PROGRAM – Maria S.

Walker bags kits are still available. Please come and see Maria S. and pick up a kit (or 2?) to be completed for the next meeting, so we can donate more to senior homes in the Durham region. Please deliver completed walker bags to the Community Outreach table to receive your 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>

NEW! LONG ARM COMMUNITY DAY – May 6, 2018

Come and join us for a fun day of long arming some of our fabulous cuddle quilts with Tracey at Whirls N Swirls in Whitby on Sunday, May 6, 2018 from 10:00 to 4:00. Never long armed a quilt? No worries, you don't need any experience to help out on this day and it's a great opportunity to try it out, although once you've done it, you'll see how much fun it can be. Can't come for the whole day? Come for a couple of hours and help out. No cost to members. Sign up with Holly at the April meeting. Limited spaces available.

Whirls N Swirls is located at 1077 Boundary Road, Whitby, Ontario.

MEMBERSHIP – Gail L. and Kathy D.

Membership is now at 110. **Our guild does not have a cap on the number of members accepted.**

Please remember your badges so we can get to know you. 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 (at the meeting)

If you have not joined, the registration form is on the guild website (www.durhamtrilliumquiltersguild.ca). Guests are welcome for all meetings except our Annual General Meeting in June.

PAST PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE – Kate H.

At the March executive meeting, open vacancies on the executive were discussed and reviewed based on completion of existing terms of service. The nomination committee is made up of the Past President, Vice President and a Member at Large. Our Member at Large this year is Anne M. This group is charged with the task of recruiting new members of the guild to serve on the executive in the coming years. Most positions have a two year term. As such, not every position will be recruited for this year. Some executive members are in their first year of a two-year term. In accordance with the guild Constitution, Section V, paragraph 3: Any Committee Convener may serve an additional term of one or two years

Open positions available at this time are as follows:

Convener Position Available	Currently held by:	How Long in this Position	Standard Term
Librarian	Anna A	3 years	2 years
Librarian Assistant	Meredith M	2 years	2 years

At this time, we are looking for a Librarian. Anna A. has offered to stay on for one more year to be the assistant. If you are interested in this position, please take a few minutes to chat with the current conveners to ask them any questions you may have. If this is the position you are interested in, please see either Kate H, Anne M or Sharon M at the April meeting or contact them by telephone following the meeting.

If we do not have a volunteer by the June meeting (AGM), we will not be offering the library for guild member use next year.

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!

LIBRARY - Anna A. and Meredith M.

Time to clear out your bookshelves for our semi-annual book sale! Our book sale will be held at our May meeting. Bring in your old magazines and books and pick up something new for summer reading. Also, please remember to return library books. Books are not to remain out over the summer – we need them back go do our inventory. Note that there is a \$25 fee for books that are not returned by the end of the year.

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.

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.**

We are sorry to have to announce that the Quick Curve Ruler workshop with Kate H, scheduled for May 27 has been cancelled due to lack of sufficient attendance. However, we have changed this to a guild sew day:



May 27, 2018 GUILD SEW DAY

Cost: \$20.00

Rundle Park Clubhouse, Oshawa

Time: 9:30-4:00 p.m.

Come out and sew your own projects for this fun day. Enjoy a carefree day of sewing with your fellow quilters. This is our last event of this guild year. Bring your own lunch and snacks to share. Coffee and tea will be provided. Sign up at the workshop table at the May guild meeting. Payment can be made by either cash, cheque (made payable to Durham Trillium Quilters’ Guild) or by e-transfer. If you wish to pay by e-transfer, please ask for the payment instructions when you sign up

NEW – Sew At Home Fall Retreat – Friday Oct. 19 to Sunday Oct 21, 2018



This retreat was introduced for the first time in April 2016 to offer a “retreat” to members who are unable to attend our Elim retreats because of health concerns or because they are caregivers to members of their family (children, spouses, or parents). As such, priority for this workshop needs to be given to that demographic of our membership. The room we have secured for this next Stay at Home can accommodate 13 sewers, in addition to committee members.

At the May meeting, we will have our first sign-up for this retreat, with two “tiers”. Members will sign up as either Group 1 or 2: Group 1 will be our members who were described above. They will have first chance for the available spots. Group 2, will be members who do not fall into the first group. Priority for spaces at the retreat will be given to Group 1 members. Group 2 members will fill out the complement of attendees, should there be room. We ask that members self identify which group they fall into when signing up.

After the May meeting, we will have a list of 13 people who are assured a spot at the retreat, with the possibility of having a waiting list. Anyone who signs-up after the May meeting would go to the bottom of the list (at that point, a Group 1 member cannot “bump” a Group 2 that may be above them on the list).

Again, this is necessary because of the size of the room we were able to secure for this event. If we had access to a larger space, on the required dates, at a reasonable price, we would certainly open this retreat up to a larger group.

Final fees are not yet available to be determined as we are confirming catering and venue details. Please sign up at the desk with your \$50.00 deposit.

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

The date is set for the fall retreat. Mark your calendars. More information will be provided later in 2018!



Length of stay	# of meals	Rate	Single Premium
3 nights (Thurs-Sun)	10 meals	300.00	30.00 (3 nights)
2 nights (Fri-Sun)	7 meals	240.00	20.00 (2 nights)

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 local shop. When you sign up, we will ask you which services you are interested in.

Sign up at the May meeting. First payment is due in June. More information will be provided later in 2018!

BLOCK OF THE MONTH QUILT – Angie S.

Hi ladies. Well, one more block to go! I hope that everyone has their blocks finished and up to date. Please bring the April block to the May meeting to enter a draw to win a prize.

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.



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.

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



THIS IS IT!! The final month! We had over 25 participants in the challenge this year. We had 13 members complete their project #2’s and earned bonus ballots at the meeting. Way to go! What about the rest of you? Are you making your own lists and getting things done? It’s been fun listening to members reminisce about how old their project really is, and those fabrics!! Some of them are coming back!

At the April meeting, we drew project #1 (well it WAS the last one in the box) for you to work on. For those of you who complete project #2, #3, #4, #5 or #6 and bring it to the next guild meeting, check in with Joyce who will give you a ballot for the end of the year prize. You can also show it at “Show & Share” with Peggy, and get a Show and Share ballot! No bonus ballots this month as we are on the final one.

Want to join in some more fun?? Join our Facebook group, DTQG UFO Challenge 2017-18 to check in with each other and lend some moral support. You can share your list and progress along the way and get some online moral support. Post your photos, we’ll be your encouragement to git’er done!

For those of you who registered and haven’t brought any completed projects in yet, you still have time! The last date for entries to be received is the May 2018 guild meeting.

The prize draw will be at the June AGM. You have a week left to get it completed!!

2019 QUILT SHOW – Kate H.

Our show committee is shaping up nicely. The executive was presented with the option of having a Fall Show or a Spring Show. They decided we should have a Fall Show in 2019. We will get busy with the show committee very soon. Our first meeting will be in the very near future. The show committee so far is comprised of the following brave members:

2019 Quilt Show Committee			
RESPONSIBILITY	MEMBER	MEMBER	MEMBER
Show Chair	Kate H		
Secretary	Maria S		
Treasurer	Joyce P		
Boutique	VACANT		
Challenge	Holly P		
Children’s Quilt Challenge	Holly P		
Display & Set Up	Julia S		
Publicity & Social Media	Lyne M		
Set up & Quilt Registration	Laura B		
Ticket Pull (Silent Auction)	Debbie K		
Tea Room & Kitchen	Gail L	Kathy D	Gwen V
Treasure Chest Table	Dorothy M	Angie S	
Vendor	Diane D		
Volunteer Coordinator	Diana S		
Raffle Quilt	Cheryl A		
Quilt Raffle Tickets	Cheryl A		

As you can see we still have an opening for 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, these shows are 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.

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.

May 4-6, 2018 – Feelings in Fabric 2018 – Kawartha Quiltmakers’ Guild, The Mount Community Centre, 1545 Monaghan Road, Peterborough ON. See <http://www.kawarthaquiltmakersguild.ca>

May 11-12, 2018 – Mount Forest – 20th Anniversary Quilt Show – Four Corners Quilt Guild of Mount Forest, The Mount Forest and District Sports Complex, 850 Princess Street, Mount Forest ON. Contact 4cornersquiltersguild@gmail.com for information.

May 31 – June 2, 2018 – Quilt Canada 2018 – Vancouver BC. Registration for members starts Jan 8, 2018. 10% off for members if registered before 11:00 am January 29, 2018. See <https://canadianquilter.com/quilt-canada-2018-2/>

June 1-2, 2018 – **Bluewater Quilters' Guild 2018 Show** – Bluewater Quilters' Guild, Owen Sound ON. Harry Lumley Bayshore Community Centre, 1900 3rd Ave East, Owen Sound.

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

July 7-8, 2018 – **A Stitch in Time** – Prince Edward County Quilters' Guild. Wellington Community Centre, Essroc Arena, 111 Belleville Street, Wellington ON

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

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