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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Lyne Mielke



Spring is here and for some of us that means time to get outside and get busy with gardens and cottages. I have a couple of flower beds at home I like to play in; however, a green thumb I do not have! So, all my plants are low maintenance and I enjoy their blooms, whenever they happen!

This winter, our Guild committed to Quilts of Valour to make 500 of their Hug Kits to sell at Quilt Canada. I had the pleasure of delivering all 500 kits and 4 quilts to Jan Easton last week (pictures attached). Two of the quilts were ones

that we made at our January meeting, and the other two were donations from members Joanne Batho and Kathy Dornan. The kits were assembled from fabric which QOV supplied. We had a dozen members meet one night to make about half of them; the rest were assembled at our last retreat. Thank you to everyone who took time out of their schedule to help with this project. If you would like to get more involved with Quilts of Valour, please speak to me or to Diane Dorion, Charity Quilts Convener.

Lastly, as we look at a new Guild year just around the corner, please consider getting involved with the Executive Committee – either for the very first time, or again, after some time off. We have a very busy Guild and the only reason we can achieve all that we can as a group is because of a small number of members who have chosen to take part in something pretty awesome. Is it your year to step up? Did you serve on Executive some time ago and would like to do it again? We'd love to have you! Kate Hull, Past President, is the Chair of the Nomination Committee; she has an update in this month's newsletter. Some positions are lower key than others with smaller time commitments; however, all are very important.

MEETING DATES – First Tuesday of the month

TIME – Doors open at 7:00, meeting begins 7:30, ends approximately 9:30

LOCATION – Durham District School Board, Staff Cafeteria, second floor, 400 Taunton Rd. E.

REMEMBER TO BRING – Your Name Tag, Library Books, Show and Share Items, Loonies for the Chance Draw, and a Mug

PAST PRESIDENT SUBMISSION FOR MAY 2016

The Recruiting Continues!!

Our recruiting team is working on contacting members of the guild to join the executive. Betty Hearn has agreed to be our ‘Member at Large’ to assist the Past President (Kate) and President (formerly 1st VP- Lyne Mielke) in their quest.

I am pleased to advise some positions have been filled however, we still have some jobs that have yet to be spoken for. Some of them could be done by a group, such as Social.

Open Positions Available:

Convener Position Available	Currently held by:	Nominee	Term
Library Assistant	Anna Anderson	Vacant	2 Years
Publicity & Advertising	Angie Smith	Vacant	2 Years
Social	Retta Hartley & Jacqueline Hill	Vacant	2 Years
Workshops & Retreats	Holly Pigott	Vacant	2 Years

In accordance with the guild Constitution, Section V, paragraph 3: Any Committee Convener may serve an additional term of one or two years.

So now that you know which positions are **still open**, I will outline their jobs as written in the Constitution:

Library Convener (Assistant)

- Is responsible for researching, purchasing, lending and managing the inventory of books and materials to be made available to members at general meetings.

Workshop Convener (and Retreat)

- Arranges for workshops and enlists teachers as needed.
- Is responsible for registration and collection of fees.
- Advises the Treasurer of all expenses and has appropriate cheques at each workshop.
- Arranges for facilities and equipment as needed, with Executive approval.

Social Convener

- Arranges for coffee, tea and simple refreshments to be served at meetings.

Publicity/Advertising Convener

- Publicizes all Guild meetings and functions.
- Receives information about events of interest and informs the membership.
- Is responsible for invoicing and collection of fees for advertising in the Newsletter and on the Website.

These job descriptions are not all encompassing. If you are interested in one of these positions, please take a few minutes to chat with the current convener to ask them any questions you may have. If this is the job you are interested in, please see either Kate Hull or Betty Hearn at the May Meeting or contact them by telephone following the meeting.

What is the difference between a Guild Officer and a Convener? The Constitution outlines that the guild cannot run without the Officers. **DTQG’s Officer** Roster is as follows: President, Past President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. **Conveners** are committed members who volunteer their time to organize particular enhancements to the guild’s operations, to make the guild experience not just good, but **GREAT**. If we do not have Conveners for certain positions, the program simply does not run. For

example, if no one steps forward to run **SOCIAL** or help with **LIBRARY**, then we won't have that as part of our monthly meeting. It definitely would be missed by everyone at the meeting, but it would not be run in that guild year. Keep in mind these are all **VOLUNTEER** positions!

What's your skill set? Everyone on the executive has a job, so please don't ask those who already volunteer to take on positions in addition to the one they already volunteered for. We need to fill these open jobs, soon!!

What are the benefits to being on the executive? Thank you for asking! You get first-hand knowledge of upcoming events at the guild i.e. speakers, workshops, and first opportunity to sign up for retreat and workshops. As part of the executive, you are involved in shaping the direction of the guild, in the current year and beyond. Getting involved in the executive gives you an opportunity to network with (i.e., get to know) the guild and members of the executive. Why else? Because you **BELIEVE** in the guild and **WANT** to be part of its future. Some of the reasons are intrinsic, meaning that you can't put a price on them – it just makes you feel good to be involved. If you are one of those people, **WE NEED YOU ON THE EXECUTIVE**...Answer the call!

SOCIAL/REFRESHMENTS – Retta Hartley and Jacqueline Hill

Maria Zielinski, Kate Dockrill, Roseanne Green, Dana Nyklicek, Sylvia Hughes, Elaine Flintoff, Nancy Gemmill, and Peg Foreman are the volunteers for May...Thank you!

We will have decaf coffee and various teas for your enjoyment. Remember that **orange products are not allowed**.

MEMBERSHIP – Margaret Simpson and Carol Crossman

We have 125 members in our Guild. At the end of this newsletter is the new 2016-2017 Membership Renewal Form. Please fill out this form and bring it to the May 3rd meeting with your \$35.00 fee. There will also be some blank forms available at the Membership table.

Please fill out the second page of the form. This gives the Executive an idea of what you are interested in for our workshops and guest presenters at our Guild meetings.

As in other years, if we receive your membership dues by August 31st, your name will go in a draw for a refund of your membership fee.

Canadian Quilters' Association – QUILT CANADA



It's just around the corner - in time and physically! Quilt Canada will be running June 15-18, 2016, at The International Centre in Mississauga.

Have you thought about volunteering at this national event? They need to fill hundreds of positions. Check out www.canadianquilter.com for more details about volunteering at Quilt Canada.

DURHAM TRILLIUM QUILT SHOW 2016 – Kate Hull, Chair



Quilt Show Update – May 2016

The Quilt show committee continues to meet monthly, and we're making great progress. Our raffle quilt, "Fly Away Home", for Habitat for Humanity is completed and – boy, oh boy – is it stunning! Tracy Russell did an awesome job. We will have it displayed at the May meeting for you to see, and hopefully take tickets with you to sell to your friends and co-workers. A big thank you to Charlene Watson for completing the binding in record time so we could get it going on the road show. Habitat for Humanity Durham prints the tickets with their lottery license, Sharon MacDonald will have raffle tickets available for you to sell. We will provide you with a photo of the quilt to help you sell them.

We kindly ask that each member take a book of tickets to sell. Every raffle ticket sold will help Habitat for Humanity Durham to fund their builds in Durham.

Betty has worked really hard to secure vendors for the show. I'm really pleased that we now have 10 paid and confirmed vendors ready for the show. We will be welcoming the following vendors to our show:

- **WHITBY FABRICS, Whitby is our latest vendor to be added**
- Ultimate Sewing, Oshawa
- Ruby Pearl Quilt Shop, Oshawa
- Sew Have Fun, Oshawa
- Picton Fabric World, Picton
- Appleseed Quilt Works, Lindsay
- Past Time Pieces, Blenheim
- Soft Impressions, Tilbury
- Stitch Witch, Belleville
- Whirls N Swirls Quilting, Whitby

If you happen to be at any of these shops, be sure to mention how much we are looking forward to seeing them at our show.

Kleo is working on our publicity and we will have bookmarks available at the May meeting. If you would be kind enough to share them with any of the other guilds and shops in the area (or farther afield) we would really appreciate it. Just let her know where you're sharing them, so we don't double up.

The Boutique Sisters are progressing well; kits have been handed out at every meeting, and we kindly ask that you complete and return the items as soon as you can. If you have items that you have made for the boutique without a kit, they will be glad to accept them as well. Every item helps!

Silent Auction: Did you use the letter we attached to the April newsletter to secure any prizes for the silent auction? Lyne will be happy to receive them at any of the meetings. Keep in mind, we need prizes that will entice the men to put their money on the table as well. So, if you are out at a restaurant in the area, ask if they will donate a prize for our silent auction. The letter is available for you, as many companies don't just hand out things without verification. Don't be shy! Lyne is also continuing to collect 2½" strips to make jelly rolls.

Show Challenge: How are you coming along with yours? Mine, not even started, but I now have an idea of what it's going to look like! I will have an entry quilt and encourage all of you to do the same.

Our Youth Challenge is being coordinated by Susan Smyth this year. We have 2 categories: children 8-12 and youth 13-18. It is our hope that you have some young members of your family who might be interested in entering. The work should be reflective of the age of the child, of course with some guidance. I hope we get lots of entries. Summer is coming, kids are off school, so it is a great time to bond over a project!

Our Tea Room will be facilitated by Holly Pigott and Lynn Mayotte. At the April meeting, Holly suggested that there should be chocolate in them, and maybe chocolate frosting too (apparently chocolate items are good sellers at the show). They would like you to pull out your favourite recipes for cookies and squares. If you want to test out your recipes before the show, bring them to a guild meeting and indicate that these are some of the tasty treats we can expect at show time. Homemade is always preferred, and no loaves please. Keep in mind the show will be just before Hallowe'en, so break out the ghosts & goblin shapes as well!

Our Volunteer Coordinator, Carol Crossman, will be getting the sign up boards ready soon, and we will be looking for volunteers to help with set up, take down and lots of fun stuff in between. Keep your calendar open and watch for details. Ideally we ask that each member help for at least two hours of the show, or more if they wish. Don't forget to allow yourself shopping and viewing time!

Last, but not least, admission tickets for the show will be available at the May meeting from Kleo. **Tickets are \$5.00 each, which is quite the bargain if you compare it to other local shows.** If you come to work at the show, your ticket gains you admittance to all days, not just the day you help out. This offer is not for the general public – guild members only. Husbands and children under 12 are free (with adult accompaniment). With your admission ticket, you have the opportunity to win a door prize and vote for Viewers' Choice. Rosettes to be awarded for all categories, including a rosette from the CQA for the show favourite.

Our quilt show committee will be meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Next meeting is on May 11 at Taunton Mills.

Happy Sewing!

“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 6 ½” square **OR** half a 2 ½” fabric strip (i.e., 2 ½" x 21").

Please see Lyne, our President, if you have Kudos for May. She will include you in the agenda.

SHOW AND SHARE – Kleo Tobias

Hello Ladies... and Andrew ☺

Sorry I missed everyone last month, but I heard you had a terrific time showing off your beautiful work!

The monthly winner went home with a Spring Wall Hanging kit!!

This month is a ruler and another surprise!

Can't wait to see everyone on May 3rd!!

...and don't forget to put your name in the draw for the monthly prize :) I always look forward to seeing the quilts/items that you create!!

FALL RETREAT – Thursday, Nov. 10 to Sunday, Nov. 13, 2016 – Holly & Kate

Our Fall Retreat will be at Elim Lodge on Thursday November 10 to Sunday November 13, 2016. The cost for Thursday to Sunday (3 nights & 10 meals) is \$280.00 for a double and \$310.00 for a single. Friday to Sunday (2 nights and 7 meals) will cost \$205.00 for a double and \$225.00 for a single. Come and join us for fun, food, friends and lots of quilting.

Please sign up at the May meeting and payments will be due in June, August and September.

Thanks ladies for participating in all the fun at Spring Retreat.

FABRIC SWITCH 2015 – 2016 – Lynn Mayotte

The last colour is pastel peach, due in May. I encourage you to bring your squares to the meeting or you will not be included in the exchange for that month. You will have a week's grace after the meeting to get them to me.

Thank you to all who participated this year. I encourage you to show and share your finished projects that incorporated these squares.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH - MYSTERY QUILT – Susan Smyth

The final set of instructions for the 2015-2016 Block of the Month Mystery Quilt will be sent after the May meeting.

Congratulations to Terra Mitton, winner of a gift certificate to Ultimate Sewing in April!

Participants, please remember to stop by the Mystery Quilt table at the May meeting to complete a ballot. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please email me by Monday, May 2, if you'd like to enter the participation draw.

Let me know if you have any questions.
Susan Smyth

COMMUNITY OUTREACH - CUDDLE QUILT PROGRAM – Diane, Charlene, Linda and Lisa

Our members donated 12 completed quilts last month and continue to pick up kits for completing quilt tops and quilting them. We will be going to Whirls and Swirls on Sunday May 1st to do long arm quilting on the Quilts of Valour that have been finished, as well as some of our smaller quilts that we donate to families.

Come out and help us, as well so you can learn how to use these long arm machines, and maybe you can rent one to do your own outstanding quilts. Tracie is a great teacher and will gladly explain how you can become a long arm quilter.

PROGRAM – Diane Dorion

At our May meeting we will have Jane Cramer as our presenter. She is a representative of Quilts of the Creek and will present a trunk show and a very humorous and entertaining talk about her experiences since discovering the wonderful world of quilting.



LIBRARY - Colleen Zavrel and Anna Anderson

We will be having our semi-annual book and magazine sale at the May meeting. Bring those books and magazines cluttering your shelves and pick up some new reading material for the summer!

See you there!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH – DONATION QUILT PROGRAM - Dorothy Mattingley

We have one smaller **lap quilt still available** for a member to request for their non-profit organization.



Please request a form from me

It is a **Fall Quilt** in brown, rusts and gold measuring 46" x 48".

Thanks to the many hands that helped to create the tops, as well as quilting, binding and labeling them. If you have a top that you no longer want or need and wish to donate it to this program, please bring it in to me, as I am now back for the summer. I will quilt it and get it ready for next year's requests.

SCRAP BASKET – Judy Bowring

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.

Thank you.

WEBSITE – Kate Hull

Our website may go down temporarily while we migrate to a new server with our webhost. Please be patient and watch for our new updated website!

Show information will be updated soon.

SUNSHINE – Sharon MacDonald

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

CHANCE DRAW – Pat Moore & Shirley Jarvis

For your chance to win half of the monthly proceeds, see Pat Moore & Shirley Jarvis at the draw table.

GREETERS – Sharon MacDonald

If anyone would like to volunteer to be a greeter at a meeting, I would appreciate the assistance. There is a sign-up list at the Registration Desk. Please feel free to sign up! A greeter welcomes members, visitors and new members to the Guild meeting. When necessary, showing new members around the room; i.e., the library, workshop table, outreach table, etc.

Sharon MacDonald, 2nd Vice President

EXECUTIVE MEETING DATES

Our Executive meets at 7:00 at Taunton Mills Retirement Residence in the second floor hobby room on the third Wednesday of each month. All members are welcome to attend.

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. Please see last page for a short list.



Should the weather not co-operate with our plans, we have a procedure in place for all members to receive an email notification of the cancelled meeting by early afternoon of the meeting date. We will also alert the local radio stations and newspapers, and our members that do not have email will receive a call.

As always, use your own judgment when deciding if you should venture out on the roads to join in the fun of our monthly meetings.

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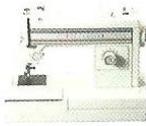
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UPCOMING EVENTS – continued...

May 6 & 7, 2016 – **A Show of Many Hands** by Port Perry Patchers Guild Quilt Show, Scugog Community Centre Arena, 1655 Reach Street, Port Perry, ON

May 6 – 9, 2016 – **Sew Full of Love Quilt Show** by Common Thread Quilt Guild, 2451 Riverside Dr.; Ottawa, ON www.commonthread.on.ca/quiltshow.htm

May 7, 2016 – **Doors Open Whitby** – Quilt Display at All Saints’ Anglican Church, 300 Dundas St. W., Whitby, from 10 am to 4 pm. Quilts will be from congregational members, Whitby Senior’s Centre and Lynne House.

May 21 – Sept 5, 2016 – **My Corner of the World – Art Quilt Exhibition** at Stratford Perth Museum, 4275 Huron Rd.; Stratford, ON www.stratfordperthmuseum.ca

May 23 – 28, 2016 – **Ailsa Craig Quilt Festival – Quilts of Latvia**, Ailsa Craig Recreation Centre, 155 Annie Ada Shipley St.; Ailsa Craig, ON www.ailsacraigquiltfestival.ca

May 24 – 28, 2016 – **Quilt and Fibre Art Festival** – Waterloo Region and Beyond; St. Jacobs, ON www.stjacobs.com

May 27 & 28, 2016 – **Dunnville's Own Tiny Stitchers** at Dunnville Memorial Arena, 275 Ramsey Drive; Dunnville, ON

June 3 & 4, 2016 – **Quilts In Bloom** by Hamilton Quilt Guild, 630 Trinity Rd.; Jerseyville, ON www.hamiltonquiltguild.ca

June 15 – 18, 2016 – **Quilt Canada 2016**, The International Centre; Toronto, ON www.canadianquilter.com

July 9 & 10, 2016 – **Prince Edward County Quilters’ Guild Quilt Show 2016** by PEC Quilters’ Guild, Wellington Community Centre, Essroc Arena – 111 Belleville St.; Wellington, ON www.pec.on.ca/quiltersguild/

July 23 & 24, 2016 – **Quilts at the Creek 2016**, Black Creek Pioneer Village; Toronto, ON www.quiltsatthecreek.wordpress.com