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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Rhonda Drake (with grandson)



I hope that everyone enjoyed the beautiful weather over the Thanksgiving weekend and sharing time with family and friends. Since then we have had a change in the weather, what a great time for Retreats. I had fun with my friends at another guild retreat and am looking forward to DTQG's retreat on the first weekend in November. Great time to get caught up on making Christmas projects.

November is a special month for remembering the men and women who have served our country and have given their lives for Canada. In keeping with this theme we are privileged to have a representative from the "Quilts of Valour" organization at our meeting on Tuesday 3 November. As you can read in this month's newsletter they provide a little support to members of our Canadian Armed Forces with quilts of comfort.

Also at Tuesday's meeting, members of the Twisted Switchers Guild will be in attendance to sell quilt raffle tickets in advance of their upcoming quilt show on 6th & 7th November.

I am looking forward to Tuesday's meeting to hear more about the QOV organization and to seeing you, my quilting friends again.

Please Note: On Tuesday 3 November there is also a Board Meeting at the Board offices going on at about the same time as our Guild Meeting. You may want to come a bit earlier to get a good parking spot.

MEETING DATES – First Tuesday of the month

TIME – doors open at 7:00, meetings begin 7:30, end 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

SOCIAL/REFRESHMENTS – Retta Hartley and Jacqueline Hill

With thank you to the members who offered to send goodies....Aisla Vos, Marg Simpson, Susan Carey, Sharon Rutherford, Sandra Myers, Susan Myers, Anna Anderson, and Betty Hearn.. A short phone reminder will be sent. Tea and coffee will be presented by Jacqueline Hill and Retta Hartley for your pleasure..See you there..

Remember that **orange products are not allowed.**

PROGRAM – Dorothy Green

Wasn't our October speaker dynamite! I hope you all enjoyed her presentation "A Series of Series". My daughter, Sarah, and I had the privilege of having dinner with Maggie on the night of the meeting! Fabulous!

November brings us Jan Easton from Quilts of Valor. Jan is a volunteer with this amazing organization that provides quilts to injured soldiers to aid in their recovery. She will tell us about their very worthwhile endeavour and also give us the opportunity to purchase a "Hug in a Mug". The Guild will present Jan with two quilts created by the attendees of the last retreat. We can all be proud of this outreach.

The Guild rented a new PA system for last month's meeting so that we could all hear better. Hopefully we can make this equipment a permanent fixture. However, please be reminded to turn off your cell phone/pager for the meeting and save your chit chat for the break or after the meeting. We appreciate your co-operation!

DURHAM TRILLIUM QUILT SHOW 2016 – Kate Hull, Chair

Silver Extravaganza Quilt Show Update – November 2015

I hope that you are all working on your projects and considering the show to display your creation. I would love to see each member's creations hanging in the show. Quilts, bags, garments, table runners are all accepted at the show. I've seen the items rolling through at 'Show and Share' each month and I firmly believe that we are a talented group of artists. Let's show those talents ladies!

Show Date: October 28 & 29, 2016 at Sikorski Hall, Stevenson Road North, Oshawa

Show Logo: We received submissions at the October meeting, winner to be announced at the November guild meeting!

Show Challenge: The fabric is stunning! For \$10 you get 3 fat quarters to stretch your imagination and work your magic with. See Julia Smith for your kits. There are only 5 kits left, get yours soon before they sell out! Vendors are being contacted and we will update the membership once they are confirmed. We are only inviting 'brick and mortar stores' to support our quilt shops. Without them where else can you go and smell & touch the fabric?? Is it just me? I love that new fabric smell!

The Boutique sisters handed out all the kits they brought to the October meeting. Thank you all so much for getting involved. We need those items completed and returned to the November meeting so we can start assembling the inventory for the show. They will have more to hand out at the November meeting. Your support is really appreciated!

Please join us on November 28 for a Guild Sew Day. If you make something for the boutique that day, we'll give you the \$5.00 admission back to you. Details are included in the Workshop & Retreats section of the newsletter. Please see Holly to sign up and pay at the November meeting.

This is going to be a great year!
Thanks.

Show and Share – Kleo Tobias

Hello everyone and I hope you are enjoying the fall weather .
When you arrive to the meeting, you can register your quilts at my desk and receive a number. However, you don't need to bring the quilts with you. Please let me know how many quilts you are showing and the total inches of their perimeters, so they can be submitted for the CQA challenge. Last month we had 20 quilts/items and an astounding 11,114 inches - a terrific start to the year!!! When it's time to share, please come up with your quilts and remember to parade them around the room so everyone can have a chance to see them. If you are not able to do so, there are lots of helping hands, so kindly ask someone to help you prior to Show and Share.

...and of course your name gets entered into the draw, once for every entry, for a chance to win a prize!

Susan Myers was our September winner. Congratulations Susan!!!

I have another Connecting Threads 2016 Calendar with a little surprise.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in November,

LIBRARY - Colleen Zavrel and Anna Anderson

We are once again asking that members to check their bookshelves and sewing rooms for any library books that may be hiding there

Missing Titles

A New Look at Log Cabin Quilts	Flavin Glover
Elegant Machine Quilting	Joanie Zeier Poole
The Classic American Quilt Collection-Log Cabin	Rodale
Folk Art Favourites	Joined at the Hip
A Taste of Napa Valley	Patti Carey
Quick Classic Quilts	Marsha McCloskey
The Quilters Ultimate Visual Guide	
Quilt & Embellish in One Step	Linda Potter
Raw Edge Appliqué	Jodie Davis
On A Roll	Heather Mulder Peterson
Scrap Basket Crafts	Nancy Reames
Beyond Charm Quilts	Catherine McIntee
A Thread Runs Through It	Barbara Dieges
Glorious Interiors	Kaffe Fassett
Best Loved Quilt Patterns	
Thread Work Unravellled	Sarah Ann Smith
Razzle Dazzle Quilts	Judy Hooworth
Fast, Fun & Easy Fabric Postcards	Franki Kohler
Quiltastic Curves	Tammy Kelly
Fast, Fun & Easy Irresist-a-Bowls	Linda Johenson

Baltimore Bouquets
Between the Sheets with Angelina
Block Magic Too!
5-10-15 Fat Quarters
Quilting Dot to Dot

Mimi Dietrich
Alsyn Midgelow-Marsden
Nancy Johnson-Srebo
House of White Birches
Cheryl Barnes

We have several new titles in the Library including Bonnie Hunter, Deb Tucker, and Missouri Star Quilt Company Block Magazine.

Hope to see you in November

MEMBERSHIP – Margaret Simpson and Carol Crossman

We welcomed 3 guests and 8 new members at the October meeting bringing our membership to 101. Name tags - I will be ordering name tags for the new members in January, so if there is anyone who needs a new tag, please let me know. Congratulations to Kleo Tobias as the winner of the Early Bird Membership draw.

WORKSHOPS – Holly Pigott & Kate Hull

POMEGRANATE SALSA WORKSHOP – Saturday November 14, 2015

Think outside your box and combine the colours of fruits and vegetables like orange, yellow, red and green peppers, purple onions, pomegranate and mustard seed to create Maggie Butterfield Dickinson's Pomegranate Salsa. This quilt is made by cutting a basic square and inserting a contrasting strip (or strips). If you enjoyed her trunk show at last month's guild meeting, you will love this quilt and enjoy a day making it with Maggie!

Please note the location change: The workshop will be held at the **Oshawa Senior Citizens Centre at 43 John Street West** from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for a fee of \$40.00. Lunch is available in the cafeteria or BYO. Coffee & Tea provided during the workshop. Please sign up and pay your fee at the next meeting.



Pomegranate Salsa* - Maggie Butterfield Dickinson

GUILD SEW DAY – Saturday, November 28, 2015 at the Oshawa Senior Citizens Centre at 43 John Street West from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for a fee of \$5.00. We will be hosting a sew day for you to come out to work on your own project or make something for our quilt show boutique. If you make something for the boutique, we'll give you back your \$5.00. Sign up at the November meeting and pay to secure your spot!

HUNTER'S STAR WORKSHOP with Lianne McCallum – Saturday, February 20, 2015. Join Lianne to make another fabulous Studio 180 Design quilt with the Rapid Fire Hunter's Star ruler. The guild has Deb Tucker's brand new book 'Hunter's Star Hidden Treasures' in the library. Fee & Location details TBA. Sample coming soon! Need the ruler? Put it on your Christmas wish list!

STAINED GLASS QUILTING – Saturday April 16, 2015 Joni Newman will dazzle you with her northern landscapes, flowers and other designs at our April meeting. Check out her web site www.quirksandquilts.com

Joni has created a new easy method of Stained Glass Quilting using raw edge fusible appliqué on a black background. The edges are sewn down and the piece quilted in one step using free motion quilting. Students will learn how to transfer designs on fusible web and fabric. The workshop is \$30.00



FALL RETREAT - Thursday, November 5th To Sunday, November 8th, 2015 – Holly & Kate

Our fall retreat at Elim Lodge will soon be here (actually 2 sleeps from our guild meeting!). We will have a few demos, a visit from The Quilt Bolt Quilt Shop in Millbrook and lots of time for sewing.

Arrive after 9:30 on Thursday morning and finish by 2:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Looking forward to another fun retreat.

From your Retreat Divas

SPRING RETREAT - April 7-10, 2016

FABRIC SWITCH 2015 – 2016 – Lynn Mayotte

The colour for November is Mint green. You need to bring 21 - 5 inch squares if you are participating this year. Still time to join in, just bring October (pastel yellow) and November squares and signup with Lynn Mayotte.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH - MYSTERY QUILT – Susan Smyth

Thank you to those who brought in your completed quilt tops from the 2014 - 2015 BOM Mystery Quilt to share with our members. They were lovely! Lyne Mielke was the winner of the participation prize - a 25 dollar gift certificate to Ruby Pearl Quilts. Congratulations Lyne!

Participants for this year should stop by to see me at the November meeting. Bring a sample of your fabric and enter the participation draw for a 10 dollar gift certificate to a local quilt shop. Your first set of instructions will be emailed to you within 24 hours of our meeting.

It's not too late to sign up for this year.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH – WALKER BAG PROJECT – Judy Bowring

Please return your completed Walker Bags and Name Tags to the Cuddle Quilt table. There will be a clipboard on the table, so please write down your name and how many bags you are turning in.
Thank you

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

I want to thank the people who brought in 22 completed quilts at the last meeting as well as those members who picked up kits for making quilt tops and kits to quilt. The team is busy making up new kits and hope everyone will pick one up and give it back in at the December meeting so we can deliver them before Christmas. We also welcome any quilts that you make out of your own stash. Remember that these quilts go to unfortunate people who do not have much and a quilt makes a big difference in their lives.

We have decided to have a draw at the meeting for anyone who brings back a quilt top or a finished quilt at the meetings. Hope to see you there.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH – DONATION QUILT PROGRAM - Dorothy Mattingley

We have had 3 requests for Donation quilts this month.

The requests were approved by the executive and the recipients will receive them at the next meeting. They are...

- 1) Community Living, Oshawa (Karen Cooper via D Mattingley)
- 2) Clarington Older Adults Association (via Shirley Jarvis)
- 3) Order of the Eastern Star, Whitby Chapter248 (via Susan Carey)

Each of these quilts will be used for a raffle to raise money for the organization for their programs and activities. Each group will report back with the amount of money that was raised through their raffle. We are honoured to be able to help these groups with their projects with your kind help.

We have 2 smaller **lap quilts still available** for a member to request for their non-profit organization. Please request a form from me at bob.mattingley@sympatico.ca

The **Curious George** all flannel quilt is 52" x 68"
A **Fall Quilt** in brown, rusts and gold is 46" x 48"



Thanks to the many hands who helped to create the tops, quilt, bind and label these quilts.

If you have a top that you no longer want or need and wish to donate it to this program, please leave it with Kate Hull while I am away for the winter. I will quilt it and get it ready for next year's requests.





“Supporting our Canadian Armed Forces members past and present, with quilts of comfort in their time of need.”

Our Guild will be hearing all about Quilts of Valour at our November meeting. In addition, we would like to support this organization by donating quilts that will be made during our work meeting in January. In order to achieve the goal of donating four quilts in the new year, we need to work as a team! A team with eight divisions.

We will use the bulk of the January meeting to assemble four quilt tops.

Two teams per quilt top. These quilts will be all the same pattern and the fabric will be pre-cut.

In order to make this happen, we need 8 team captains. Who can be a QOV Team Captain? **You can!**

Ideally, we would like to get others than the executive team involved in this project. It is one night of the year and the result will benefit members of our Armed Forces that deserve to know we appreciate all that they have done for us and our country.

As a captain, you will be responsible to make sure your team has all the key players in place – sewers (at least two members of each team will need to bring their machines to the January meeting), cutters (bring own mats and tools – at least two), ironers (again, bring own board and iron – at least two), pinners (you know what I’m about to say.... bringing pins to meeting) and cheerleaders too! Teams should have 6-8 members, including captain. You can sign-up with a whole team, or you can volunteer to be a captain and members will sign-up to be on your team.

Please let me know personally if you would like to be a team captain – themielkes@rogers.com.

At the November meeting, because the representative of QOV will be our guest speaker, we do not want to advertise that we will be making these quilts in January. Code word – “Quilts for Charity” – any time you hear me, or anyone else mention the “Quilts for Charity we’ll be making at our January meeting”, we mean the quilts for Quilts of Valour.

I will have lists on the wall with the names of all eight captains for members to sign-up. In January, we will also have Boutique items that can be worked on, so if all teams are full or if there are idle hands, we will put them to work too. January is a work meeting and our goal is to be very productive.

Your Guild Executive has high hopes for this project and we hope that you too get excited about the great work we want to achieve.

Lyne Mielke, V.P.

INCHES FOR CQA – CANADIAN QUILTERS’ ASSOCIATION – www.canadianquilter.com

This year, inches from the perimeters of quilts shown at Show and Share, as well as the ones donated to Cuddle Quilt Program, will count towards getting the CQA from Lethbridge Alberta, site of Quilt Canada 2015, to this year’s site, Toronto! They need 3,627 km or 142,806,299 virtual inches! Guilds from all over Canada will be participating in making this happen.

From our October meeting, Durham Trillium’s contribution to CQA is 11,114 inches from Show and Share, plus 3,246 inches from Cuddle Quilts. That’s 14,360 inches in one month!

What measures 14,360 inches?

- almost a quarter of a mile
- some ten story buildings
- if you bought fabric at \$15/yard, it would cost you \$6,000 plus tax (and shipping, since you’re buying it from the US - it’s in yards, dead giveaway!)

Way to go Ladies! That’s a lot of inches for one month.

Lyne Mielke, V.P.

About the CQA – Canadian Quilters’ Association

Quilt Canada 2016 is running June 15-18, 2016, at the Toronto International Centre. Are you planning to attend?

A large juried show, market place, and classes offered every day.

Information about submitting a quilt for entry into the juried show can be found at www.canadianquilter.com.

This web site also has all the details to sign-up as a volunteer at the show, details about classes, Trend Tex Challenge, Youth Challenge, and much more.



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 zip lock bag first, then into the scrap bag. So check out the Scrap Basket each month, you never know what you will

“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”).

WEBSITE – Kate Hull

Our website has been updated and information regarding our upcoming show will be posted as soon as we have new information.

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. You can email me or speak with me at the meetings. Look forward to hearing from you.

Sharon MacDonald 2nd Vice President - sharon@mobilan.ca

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

To find out about more upcoming quilt shows, visit www.canadianquilter.com and look under the Events (calendar) for listings by month and province.

November 6 & 7, 2015 – Twisted Stitchers Quilt Guild, 10th Anniversary Quilt Show, Ajax Community Centre, Ajax ON

November 14, 2015 - Each November, the Pieceful Night Quilters' Guild participates in the bazaar at Armour Heights Presbyterian Church in Toronto. There is always a great selection of lap quilts, baby quilt, table runners, placemats, bags, purses, Christmas decorations and more for sale.

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INCLEMENT WEATHER!

Should there be a need to cancel our regular guild meeting, we will make the decision by 4:00 p.m. at the latest. Please watch your email for a meeting cancellation notice. Make sure you have the guild email in your list of contacts to stop it going into your junk folder. For those who do not have email, you will get a personal phone call from a member of the executive. We will also notify KX96 FM radio to be added to their cancellation list and announcements. Please exercise caution on the roads in bad weather and use your best judgement. Most of all, be careful out there!

Newsletter – Maria Steventon

Please note that you do not have to print the newsletter in colour if you don't want to. You can set your printer to black and white, and if you aren't interested in all pages, you can also set your printer to only print certain pages. Email, mchromej@aol.com or phone me and I will try to help you.