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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Sharon M.

It's June and we have made it through another guild year, although not without some challenges along the way. Due to the worldwide pandemic, the guild has made changes to our operation. As you know we have been meeting virtually since April and had to postpone our planned speakers. The June AGM will also need to be virtual. I encourage all the members to sign up for and attend the meeting once the invitation is sent out. As it is the AGM, there is a minimum attendance required. We will have the business portion of the meeting followed by display of quilts finished for the Show and Share and the UFO challenge. Members have been busy sewing through this isolation period and the projects have been numerous and outstanding.

It is time for membership renewal. Due to the pandemic, we are switching to an on-line membership form, which is available via the guilds website and the early birds will be eligible for a free membership. Check the membership section of the newsletter for details. And a reminder ... all members of the executive need to submit their forms and be paid up by the end of June.

The guild is still pursuing members to step up to the executive. It is not too late to let us know that you are interested in helping. You can email or speak with Lyne M, Debbie K, Maria S., or myself with your intent.

The new executive will be meeting in June and again in August to plan for the upcoming guild year.

In closing I wish everyone a safe and healthy summer.

MEETING DATES: Second Monday of the month. Conflicts due to a holiday (e.g., Thanksgiving) will be determined by the executive each year and communicated to members. They are also on the website.

LOCATION: In-person meetings are suspended during COVID-19 physical distancing requirements. Instead, members will be sent an email invitation to a web-based virtual meeting.

VIRTUAL MEETING TIME: Meeting begins at 7:00 pm. Virtual login will be available starting at approximately 6:50 pm. Information on the virtual meeting will be sent via an email invitation, and is only open to members (to limit #s to ensure that all members are able to log in).

SHOW AND SHARE – Anne M. & Jean K.

We have had great entries in our 'virtual' Show and Share display for the last few months, so we will continue this for the June meeting. Send a photo of your finished project (one email per quilt) along with a few remarks/a story about your work to the guild's email (durhamtrilliumqg@yahoo.ca), by Thurs. June 4th. Each entry will qualify for the monthly draw of a \$10 gift certificate for a local quilt shop. In June there will be an additional draw for a \$25 gift certificate that includes all entries for the year. So remember - the more you participate the greater your chances of winning this prize!

MEMBERSHIP – Patricia K.

Several years ago my now 93 yr old Aunt (former seamstress but now legally blind) asked me if I belonged to a quilt guild as we stood in a fabric store; she enjoying the smell of fabric. At the time I did not but it got me thinking. Three yrs. ago I joined the DTQG & little did I know how beneficial it would be for me. I am ‘with my people’. The welcoming fellowship, constant inspiration from others, along with well organized & educational workshops has allowed me to increase my skill level & enthusiasm in the quilting world. Oh, and the food.....

We are all at different skill levels & interests in the quilt world. Perhaps it’s social, educational, community service or numerous other reasons that you’ve enjoyed being a DTQG member. Your current membership ends June 30th, 2020. Have you renewed? An exciting year is being planned for 2020-2021. It may be delivered in a different manner to what you are accustomed to (or not) but I can guarantee it will be the same inspirationally high quality program that you’ve come to expect from us.

HOW TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP. Although you can renew in a variety of ways, I would encourage you to do it via our new electronic form that has just been set up to reduce contact and paper handling, due to COVID19. You can get to the on-line registration in 2 ways. You can go to the guild’s website and click the “Want to become a member?” button on the top right, or you can go directly to: <https://www.cognitofrms.com/DurhamTrilliumQuiltersGuild1/durhamtrilliumquiltersguild20202021membershipapplication>.

Please submit your application form and payment (e-transfer to dtqguild@gmail.com) soon. Don’t forget, if your form and payment is received by **August 31st, 2020***, your name will be entered into an Early Bird draw for a complimentary 2020-2021 guild membership. (*past revision had incorrect date for early bird deadline)

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

Our executive meetings will not be held in person during the COVID-19 Physical Distancing requirements. Instead, we will have virtual meetings. If you wish to attend the June 24 executive meeting, please send an email to the guild asking for an invitation to the virtual executive meeting.

SUNSHINE – Steven B.

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.

WEBSITE – Laura B.

Our website continues to run at <http://www.durhamtrilliumquiltersguild.ca>. Two new pages have been added to the website. One page contains our weekly “Keep Calm” update and one has a summary of the UFO challenge to date, in case, like me, you need to look up what project #s have been drawn to date. Please note that the main page of the website will be updated if a meeting is cancelled due to weather. If there are any updates or corrections required on the website, please contact Laura B. through the Guild’s e-mail.

FABRIC EXCHANGE – Pam T.

Due to cancellation of the in-person meetings for April and May, the fabric exchange program has been put on hold. The program will resume at our next in-person meeting. Please stay tuned to the newsletter and website for updates.

PAST PRESIDENT – Lyne M.

Recruiting New Executive!

I am happy to report that the following members have volunteers for the positions listed for the 2020/21 guild year:

Laura B. Vice President	Maureen E. Treasurer	Maria S. – Library Janet H. – Library Assistant
Kate H. Block of the Month	Diana S. Membership Assistant	Holly P. – Retreats Jacqueline H. – Workshops/Sew Days

Remaining or advancing in their positions are the following members:

Debbie K. President	Sharron MacD. Past President	Steven B. Secretary
Lina S. Program (serving 1 additional year)	Patricia K. Membership	Jean K. & Anne M. Show and Share
Bev M. Publicity	Laura B. Web Site	Non-Voting Committees Pam T. – Fabric Exchange Jacqueline H. & Retta H. – Fabric Basket

Positions that are yet to be filled:

Newsletter	Social	Community Outreach
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The Executive committee have discussed the open positions. With the uncertainty of when we will be able to meet in person again, it was decided that we would play it by ear as it pertains to Community Outreach. We will have to assess in the fall how our guild will execute its outreach program within Durham.

Laura B., current editor of the newsletter, is willing to continue for another year, however, she is also stepping in to the position of Vice President and serving a last year in her term as Website manager. I believe that there is a member out there who could step into the newsletter post and ensure that Laura B. is not wearing three hats in the fall! Knowledge of a word processing software is key to publish the newsletter (Word or Publisher work well). Please reach out if this is a position that interests you or if you have questions about it.

During the AGM, you will be asked a poll question similar to “Do you accept the slate of members being presented as nominees for the open positions of the 2020/21 guild year?”. You will be able to answer yes or no virtually. I trust that we will have an overwhelming yes vote to show our confidence in all the members who are ready to serve our guild!

Thank you again to everyone who stepped up and I hope this note finds you well and healthy!

Happy Sewing!

NEWSLETTER – Laura B.

The newsletter is made available on the website 1 week before each meeting and since they are on line, they do not contain last names or personal information. Each year, members are sent a membership list to allow direct contact of a member. If you did not receive the list or the member had not registered by the time it was sent, you can email the Guild and we will do our best to pass along the message to the member.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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

Since we last reported in the April newsletter, the Community Outreach committee has been busy. We have completed 38 quilts. A huge thank you to Linda W. who completed 20 of those quilts and the remaining quilts were completed by Sherry F. and Laura F. At this time, I would like to thank all the guild members that supported Community Outreach over the last 2.5 years of our term. A special thank you to Linda W. and Sandra F. for volunteering their time and support.

As you know, a new convenor and team has not been found to take over Community Outreach. If you have any outstanding kits or donations, you can arrange to drop them off at my house (Laura F.) or keep them and we will collect them at the next in person guild meeting.

For the 2019/2020 guild year we completed 162 quilts, 61 placemats, 41 mittens, 30 walker bags and 3 dog beds for various charities in the Durham region. The 162 quilt total is down from our previous year's total of 211 quilts but keep in mind that members were focused on the guild's show at the beginning of the year and then we were not able to meet in person since April due to Covid-19.

We would like to wish everyone a wonderful summer. Stay safe and healthy and hope to see everyone in September

DONATION QUILTS – Dorothy M.

If you wish a quilt for a raffle or silent auction for your organization in the Durham region, we have a few on hand. I have the forms to send you to apply. See photos below.



Size 60" x 78"
Value \$400.00



Size 66" x 72"
Value \$375.00

RETREATS AND WORKSHOPS – Kate H. & Holly P.

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for the following upcoming events:

- Stay at Home – Fall Retreat (NEW) – the German Club – October 2 – 4, 2020
- Fall Retreat at Elim Lodge – November 5 – 8, 2020

Note that only members can attend so you will need to be a member next year to participate! Stay tuned for a future newsletter for information on how to sign up for these retreats.

PROGRAM – Lina S.

The June meeting will include the AGM. No speaker is planned for June, due to the AGM.

UFO CHALLENGE – Peggy F. & Peggy G.

At the April meeting, project #5 was selected as the next one to work on and it is due for the June meeting. To qualify for prizes, you must send in a photo for the completed quilt AND a photo of the label. Send in your UFO photos to the guild email (durhamtrilliumqg@yahoo.ca) with UFO in the subject line, BEFORE Friday June 5th, to allow time for the photos to be put into the presentation). Be sure to include a short story about your UFO project!! The number for the September UFO will be drawn during the June meeting and will be posted on the website.

FABRIC BASKET – Jacqueline H. & Retta H.

Happy June, Fabric Enthusiasts!! Retta and I would like to thank each and every one of you for your contributions to the fabric basket! It is great to see when fabric from the basket makes a re-appearance in the show and tell section of the Guild Meeting. If you feel blue and need to cut scraps... please do! Keep them over the summer (or drop them off to Kate H's house), and we can share when we gather again.

PS... one of our fondest memories of this year was when we had to push 6 (SIX) chairs together to house all the scraps that were brought to one meeting :) So I challenge you to dig deep and clean out those stash closets and share with those you care about :)

MORALE OFFICER – Jacqueline H.

In this time of physical distancing and staying home for protection from the COVID-19 virus, we may need some assistance to stay up beat! Jacqueline H. has volunteered to be our Morale Officer during this time and has been giving us some ideas and support on various topics. They may come in the form of a link to a project or video, or just a written message to bring our members together in this challenging time. Fresh ideas/contests and fun are being added to the guild website every Sunday Night. Check it out!

QUILT SHOW PHOTOS & RAFFLE DRAW – Laura B.

We have received our order of USB drives, and a drive with photos of the quilts entered into the quilt show can now be purchased for \$10 each. Please pay by e-transfer to the guild (dtqguild@gmail.com) and contact Laura B. to arrange for porch pickup.



The winner of the quilt show raffle quilt was Diana S. with ticket # 0418.

LIBRARY – Sandy M.

All books and magazines must be returned to the Library so an inventory can be performed. This is normally done after the June meeting. Please be sure to keep track of the guild's library books over the summer so that you can bring them back at our next in-person meeting. Here is a list of outstanding books and magazines. Please check your sewing rooms and reading materials!

Borrowed: March 2019:

Supersize 'Em, 22 projects from Oversized Blocks	
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Borrowed: January 2020:

Easy Peasy – 3 Yard Quilts	Fast & Fun – 3 Yard Quilts
Simple Graces	Free Motion Quilting Made Easy

Borrowed: February 2020:

Ruler Work Quilting	No Scrap Left Behind
Scrappy & Happy Quilts	Make It, Take It

Borrowed: March 2020:

Simple Friendships	Modern Quilt Magic
Free Motion Meandering	Jelly Roll Quilts in a Weekend
Machine Quilting – A Primer of Techniques	Big Book of TableToppers
Sisterhood of Scraps	Charm School
WALK	Jelly Filled – 18 Quilts from 2 ½” strips
I Believe	Quilt As You go Made Modern
Wool, Needle & Thread	Quilting Dot to Dot
Adventures in Leaders and Enders	Quilt Improv
Urban and Amish	Sister Sampler Quilts
McCalls Quilting – March/April 2020	McCalls Quilting – Sept/Oct 2019
McCalls Quilting – Jan/Feb 2019	The Canadian Quilter – Winter 2019
The Canadian Quilter – Summer 2019	Love of Quilting – Sept/Oct 2019
Love of Quilting – Mar/Apr 2020	Block Magazine – Early Winter 2017

I am very happy that the library will continue next guild year under the very capable hands of Maria and Janet. Please remember to give these 2 ladies all your support and ideas for new additions to the library

MEMBERS CORNER

Local Shops

The executive would like to remind people to consider local quilt shops before shopping on line. Many of the local stores have either on-line purchasing or are arranging “no contact door pickup” types of shopping. We encourage you to support the local stores before shopping from a distance.

From last Show and Share

Margaret F. provided some very interesting information about carousels, along with her carousel-horse inspired quilts, but we were unable to read such long and detailed information during May’s Show and Share. So, with her permission, we are sharing that information here, for your reading pleasure.

Here is my series of Carousel Art Trilogy Quilts when they were on display at the Boyd Gallery in Bobcaygeon. I made these over a period of about the last five years to showcase the three main styles of Carousel Art: From left to right; County Fair, Coney Island and Philadelphia.



County Fair horses are built to be fairly compact with minimal trappings in order that they may be moved from place to place when these carousels are dismantled and taken to other locations on the carnival circuit. County Fair master carvers include Allan Herschell, Herchell-Spillman and C.W Parker. My favorite horses on this quilt include the C.W. Parker “Lillie Belle” with its elaborate flying mane, the Allan Herschell “Trojan” horse, with its sturdy neck and draft-horselike roached mane, and the C.W. Parker Bucking Bronco.

Coney Island horses are actually my favorite style. These horses have everything! Lots of glitz and jewels and often gold leaf manes. Carousel creators of this genre include Marcus Illions, C.W. Parker, Charles Carmel and Stein & Goldstein. S&G actually created some of the BIGGEST carousel horses ever made and they can still be found at Central Park and the former “Nunley’s” carousel at Oyster Bay, also in New York.

Fun Fact: Charles I.D Loeff built the FIRST carousel at Coney Island. Up until then Coney Island was all wilderness and grasslands. But Loeff's carousel was such a huge hit that pretty soon he was building more, each bigger and more elaborate than the one before and having to hire employees as his factory became more prosperous. Next thing you know, other builders such as the ones previously mentioned were building carousels at Coney Island too. Back in the 20's there were literally dozens of them everywhere, on practically every street corner. If I had a time machine I would want to go to Coney Island in the 1920's!!

Last but not least are the Philadelphia carousels. These manufacturers include Philadelphia Toboggan Company, Dentzel, Muller and E. Joy Morris who was the predecessor of Philadelphia Toboggan Company. This quilt included the jester head that was usually seen on shields between the rounding boards of most Dentzel carousels, and the Philadelphia Toboggan Company logo. The carousel at Centre Island in Toronto is an excellent example of a Dentzel menagerie and there is a gorgeous P.T.C carousel at Canada's Wonderland. The bottom square in the middle showcases the Muller "Ghost" horse. The original is sadly lurking in the basement of the Sandusky Merry-Go-Round museum, but this magnificent steed used to ride the platform of the Cedar Point Frontierland carousel which eventually moved to Dorney Park. It's a long story but I would be happy to answer any questions!

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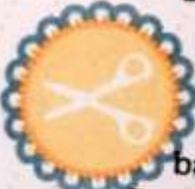
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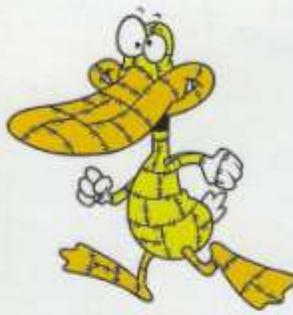


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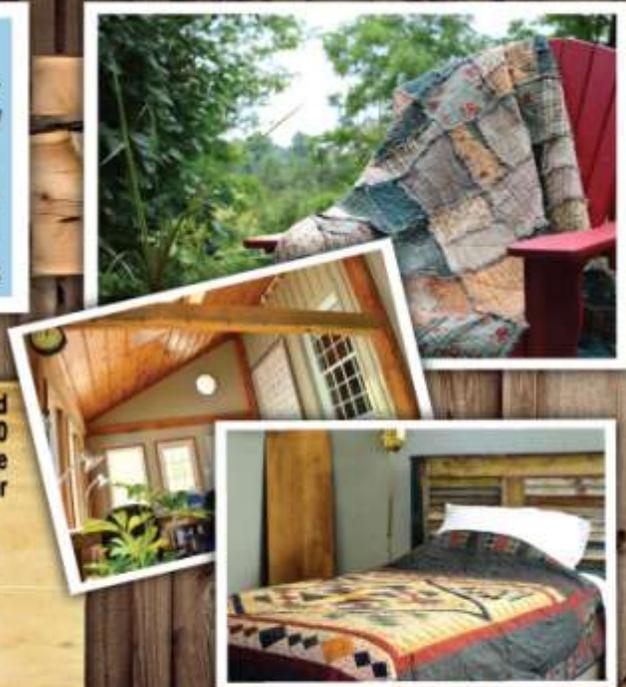
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