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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Rhonda Drake



Hello fellow guild members,

It is hard to believe December is approaching and Christmas is less than one month away. I think the mild weather is tricking me into thinking I have more time to sew and bake before Christmas arrives.

As our schedules become full of events I wish you and your family a safe and joyous holiday season shared with family and friends.

Wishing you all the best as you work hard to complete all your sewing projects in time. May all your sewing elves come out when you lay your head down to sleep and work on your projects.

Our December meeting will have sign up for spring retreat. Please review changes to the retreat sign up process in the attached Retreat Guidelines.

Merry Christmas,
Rhonda Drake

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

The Christmas Snack Buffet is on for the next meeting. Those with names starting with **A to J bring Sweet** plates and those with names beginning with **K to Z bring Savoury** plates. This has always worked well.

Please remember your plate and mug. Decaff coffee, decaff tea and regular and green teas will be available. See you there and Merry Christmas. Remember that **orange products are not allowed.**

PROGRAM – Dorothy Green

Please join us Dec. 1 for a presentation by Sue Carmichael and her team from the Quilter's Cupboard who will dazzle us with an array of projects, kits, patterns and samples. She will show us a variety of great notions, tips and techniques to make your projects top notch.

DURHAM TRILLIUM QUILT SHOW 2016 – Kate Hull, Chair

Silver Extravaganza Quilt Show Update – 1 December 2015



Our logo has been chosen from the submissions. Congratulations to Kleo Tobias for her winning entry. This logo will be featured on our bookmarks, program and other publicity items related to the show. Thank you to everyone who took the time to submit an entry. Participation was great!

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 4 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?? To date, we have invited 11 shops to attend, and the confirmations are coming in. So far, Picton Fabric World and Ultimate Sewing Centre have confirmed their attendance. If you happen to be in one of those shops, please be sure to mention how much we are looking forward to seeing them at our show. While it's nice to shop online, our brick and mortar stores need our patronage to stay in business.

The Boutique sisters will be handing out more kits at the December meeting. The response has been fantastic. We need those items returned from the November meeting so we can start assembling the inventory for the show.

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. It's not too late, so please join us, you can pay at the door!

We are still looking for someone to handle the display job for the show. The display person organizes the locations of all the quilts at the show. It takes someone with a keen eye for colour, and size comparisons. If you are interested, please see me at the guild meeting. We need you!

The show is coming, and I hope that you are all working on your projects to show. I appreciate that it can be a challenge at this time of the year, with so many demands on our time with the upcoming holiday season. This is going to be a great year!

Thanks,
Kate Hull

SHOW AND SHARE – Kleo Tobias

Hello everyone,

The November meeting had a wonderful succession of quilts!!

We had 10 quilters present 19 quilts and we contributed 3,751 inches to the CQA challenge!!! Our winner this month was Ms. A. Jules and she took home a Connecting Threads 2016 Calendar and a cute chenille mug cozy kit. Congratulations to our November winner.

This month I have one more calendar and an accompanying gift.
Can't wait to see you all at our Christmas Pot Luck meeting!

LIBRARY - Colleen Zavrel and Anna Anderson

We will be having our semi-annual book sale at our December meeting. Bring your magazines and books and pick up some new ones to browse over the holidays.

Are there any titles you'd like to see in the library? Just let us know and we will do our best to get them for you.

Happy Holidays.

MEMBERSHIP – Margaret Simpson and Carol Crossman

We currently have 111 members.

Name tags will be ordered following the Dec. 1 meeting. If anyone would like to order a replacement one at a cost of \$10 please see me at the Membership desk. New members do not have to pay for their name tags.

WORKSHOPS – Holly Pigott & Kate Hull

SEW DAY - Saturday November 28, 2015

Our Sew Day is this Saturday at John Street Senior Centre from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. We will provide tea, coffee, water and morning snack. We will also bring irons, ironing boards, large cutting mat and electrical wheels. Lunch will be available from the cafeteria or bring your own.

The Boutique sisters will be demoing some items and I will bring the Christmas fabric if anyone wants to make the decoration from the retreat. I will refund your \$5.00 if you work on something for the boutique. We will also be working on the Show Raffle Quilt, please bring your Fast Flying Geese instructions and Deb Tucker's Wing Clipper Ruler. I will refund your \$5.00 if you sew something for the show. Come and join us, sew something for the show or your own sewing.

WORKSHOPS

Pomegranate Salsa

Thank you to those who attended this recent workshop. Maggie made this interesting technique easy and fun. Please remember the challenge to have a finished Flimsy (quilt top) for the next guild meeting.

Hunter Star Workshop - February 20, 2015

Leianne McCallum has agreed to teach another of Deb Tucker techniques using the Hunter Star Ruler. The workshop will be on Saturday February 20, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for a fee of \$35.00 with a maximum of 12 participants. More details at the meeting. Please sign up at the next meeting.

At right is a sample of a Hunter Star Ruler.



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Stain Glass - April 16, 2016

Joni Newman will display her northern landscapes, flowers and other designs at our April meeting. Joni has created a new easy method of Stain Glass Quilting using raw edge fusible appliqué on a black background. The edges are sewn down and the pieces quilted in one step using free motion quilting. Participants will learn how to transfer designs on fusible web and fabric. The workshop will be from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for a fee of \$40.00. Joni's web site www.quirksandquilts.com

SPRING RETREAT—Thursday 7 April to Sunday 10 April 2016 – Holly, Kate & Lyne

Our Spring Retreat will be from April 7 to April 10, 2016 at Elim Lodge for a fee of \$300.00 for a double (3 nights and 10 meals) and \$330.00 for single. Friday lunch to Sunday will be \$225.00 for double and \$245.00 for single room. Please note Elim has increased their fees due to the rising cost of food and hydro, also April fees are seasonal rates. In order to be fair, we have amended the Retreat Procedure and limited the number to 44 members including the co-ordinators. Please read the attached procedure and remember sign up on an INDIVIDUAL basis at the December meeting. Any spaces remaining after the meeting will be filled, in order of emails received December 2, 2015.

Holly, Kate & Lyne, Retreat Divas



This year's Fall Retreat 5 – 8 November 2015



Diane with Avalon

FALL RETREAT – THURSDAY NOVEMBER 10 TO SUNDAY NOVEMBER 13, 2016

FABRIC SWITCH 2015 – 2016 – Lynn Mayotte

The colour for December is Light Rose. Please bring 21 - 5 inch squares.
For those planning ahead January is Aqua and February is Pink.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH - MYSTERY QUILT – Susan Smyth

If you are participating in the Block of the Month Mystery Quilt, please stop by with a sample of your cut pieces from Part 1. You can enter your name in a draw for a participation prize. For those who cannot attend the meeting, please send an email with a photo to me at least 24 hours before our meeting to enter your name in the draw.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH – WALKER BAG PROJECT – Judy Bowring

Thank you for returning your completed walker bags and name tags. We have 45 that were turned in at the October and November meetings that will be turned over to Taunton Mills Retirement facility. If you have any more to return, please bring them 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

Thank you to everyone who picked up a kit to make a top, picked up a kit for quilting, and for returning completed quilts. We received 5 completed quilts at the meeting and 5 completed quilts at the retreat. All who returned a completed quilt at the retreat or a finished top, please put your name in the draw at the next meeting. We will have a lot of kits available at the Christmas meeting so please come visit us.

The cuddle quilt program has also been invited to quilt our tops at Whirls ‘N Swirls Quilting, so my team will be going to talk to Tracy to set up a date for us to go. Anyone interested in assisting us is welcome.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH – DONATION QUILT PROGRAM - Dorothy Mattingley

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.

JANUARY – DTQG IS WORKING FOR QUILTS OF VALOUR!

Over the last two months, our Guild has been planning and organizing a sew night to take place at our January meeting. We have asked for members to sign-up in teams and you have answered the call! Thank you!



Here are the **Team Captains**:

Diane Dorion
Maureen Eberhardt
Jacquie Favrin
Sharon MacDonald
Lisa Puddephatt
Kleo Tobias

Each captain will contact her team members in December to make sure there are sewers, cutters, ironers, etc., on each team. We have arranged to have more space at the Ed Centre than just the cafeteria for that night as to ensure we have plenty of electrical outlets and space for everyone.

If you are not on a team, make sure you bring your sewing kit. We will have projects that can be finished by hand available for the Boutique and Cuddle Quilt Programs.

There will not be an idle set of hands in the house that night! This will be a fun evening that will result in four quilt tops which, once finished, will be donated to Quilts of Valour. What a great project to be part of!

Lyne Mielke
Vice President

QUILTS OF VALOUR – HUG BLOCKS

Did you buy a ‘Hug in a Mug’ from our Quilts of Valour representative at the November meeting? We will be collecting the completed blocks at the December meeting. We offered to collect the blocks to assemble a quilt. If you bring me your completed block your name will be entered in the draw for a prize to be drawn at the meeting.

At the fall retreat, we had 24 blocks completed and returned. That’s enough blocks to make one quilt, and I’m counting on an additional 24 blocks to make a second quilt.

There will be an opportunity after the January guild meeting for you to get involved in assembling these blocks into a quilt at a sew day if you are interested. Details to follow in early 2016.

Thanks,
Kate Hull
Past President

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

By adding up the inches from our Show and Share, and Donation quilts’ parameters, we are helping the CQA virtually go from Lethbridge to Toronto. Next year’s Quilt Canada show will be in our own backyard!

Check out the CQA website for workshops and volunteer opportunities.

Last month, our Cuddle Quilt Program quilt donations totaled 1,538 inches and Show and Share quilt tops and quilts, 3,751 inches. That's 5,289 inches – incredible!
What measures 5,289 inches? 147 yards or almost 135 metres or almost a tenth of a mile or a building with 44 stories...

And, according to Wikipedia:

“An [Australian rules football field](#) may be approximately 150 metres (160 yd) (or more) long goal to goal and 135 metres (148 yd) (or more) wide... A 150-by-135-metre football field has... twice the area of a Canadian football field and three times that of an American football field.”

Who knew!

Lyne Mielke
Vice President

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. Thank you.

“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. There is a sign up list at the registration desk. Please feel free to sign up. A greeter welcomes members and new members to the guild meeting. If necessary, show new members around the room, i.e. the library, workshop table, outreach table.

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.

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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

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