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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Sharon M.

Hope everyone enjoyed our guest speaker Kathy Wylie. Her presentation was very inspiring and her work with appliqué is outstanding. Maybe an appliqué workshop could be planned.



The cafeteria is undergoing a design change this month. I have been advised that it may no longer be suitable for our meetings. In light of this, I have booked the rooms along the cafeteria hallway for the November meeting (rooms 2027 and 2028). I will be visiting the site before the meeting to assess the future options available to us. The room may need to be set up so I ask in advance for the early birds to assist with this.

The Meals on Wheels placemat challenge is going great! Thanks to all who helped meet our goal. 146 placemats have been completed so far, surpassing our goal of 100. Let's see if we can increase this to 250. This would ensure that all community care clients would receive a placemat. What a great way to let them know we are thinking of them.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the November 6 meeting with our guest speaker B.J. Reid

MEETING DATES – First Tuesday of the Month, October through June

TIME - Doors open at 6:45, meeting begins at 7:00, ends approximately 9:00

LOCATION – Durham District School Board, Staff Cafeteria (2nd floor): 400 Taunton Road East, Whitby

*****ROOM***** – in the Cafeteria (if still suitable after construction)
OR in room 2027/2028. Watch for signs and/or greeters to get directions!

REMEMBER TO BRING – DTQG name tag, library books, toonies for chance draw, a mug and plate, and any donations you have for the food bank.

PAST PRESIDENT – Lyne M.

Results are in! Thank you to the 25 members who took the time at the October meeting to complete our short survey. The information garnered has been passed along to the appropriate convenors. If you wrote your name down to help at our monthly meetings, get ready to be called upon! We appreciate your help.

Also, topics for speakers and workshops have been noted - stay tuned

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR – Laura B.

The newsletters are posted on our website so do not contain last names or personal emails. Members receive a membership list to allow you to contact a member. In the meantime you can email the Guild at durhamtrilliumgg@yahoo.ca and we will do our best to pass along the message to the member.

EXECUTIVE MEETING DATES

Our next Executive meeting will be on **Wednesday November 21, 2017 at 7 pm**, at the Simcoe Street United Church, 66 Simcoe Street South in Oshawa, enter via “office” door. All members are welcome.

QUILT SHOW 2019 “Threads Of Friendship Quilt Show” – Kate H.

Sometime things happen for a reason beyond our control. We have moved our show location back to the Sikorski Hall in Oshawa, and we were fortunate to get the same date.

Show Date: November 22 & 23 2019 at General Sikorski Polish Veterans Hall, Oshawa.

The **Boutique** Team headed by Debbie W. handed out kits last month for boutique items and are expecting to have them returned in November, so that you may take another kit! And sew on and sew on! Thanks to everyone who picked up a kit. The group is looking for your leftover zippers, batting, large grommets, smaller grommets (with tool if applicable), heavy iron-on interfacing, terry cloth, rick rack, ribbon, d-rings, split rings, decorative rope and FABRIC just to name a few. If you’re cleaning out your sewing room or finishing a project and have a few bits left over, they would certainly put them to good use. We will have sew-days for boutique coming up, dates will be confirmed as we go.

When you are cleaning or sorting out your sewing room this year please save any unwanted items for the Show **Treasure Table**. This would include fabrics, quilting tools, craft items, craft/quilting books, zippers, ribbons, elastics, patterns, quilt blocks, unfinished kits etc. If possible, please store your Treasure items in a box at your house until we are ready to collect them. The "Treasure Table" was a favourite visiting spot at the last show and made a lot of money. Remember, your unwanted items are another person's Treasure find.

Show Challenge: ‘A Flutter of Friends’ is the theme, and the fabric is stunning! For \$10 you get a half metre to stretch your imagination and work your magic with. This fabric is very current, and wait until you see how much fun you can have with it. See Holly Pigott for your kits. We have one kit left and if that sells out we can take orders for additional kits.

The quilt show will not be a success without the support of the membership and the executive of the guild. The quilt show committee needs the support of the membership and the executive of the guild to ensure that the quilt show is a success. Without the income from our show, many programs that are currently offered would not have sufficient funding. Please consider helping in any way that you can!

Threads of Friendship Show Committee

Chair	Kate H	Secretary	Maria S
Treasurer	Joyce P	Boutique	Debbie W
Youth Challenge & Display	Holly P	Display	Julia S
Publicity & Social Media	Lyne M	Quilt Registrar	Laura B
Tea Room	Gail L, Kathy D & Gwen vN	Treasure Table	Dorothy M & Angie S
Ticket Pull	Debbie K	Vendor Coordinator	Diane D
Volunteer Coordinator	Diana S	Raffle Quilt & Tickets	Cheryl A

SHOW AND SHARE – Peggy G.

If you have a quilt to share, please make sure you come to the Show and Share table FIRST to register your quilts and enter your name in the monthly draw.

SOCIAL/REFRESHMENTS – Pam T. & Jana B. & Peggy F.

Very important: **NO orange products are to be brought into the building due to severe allergies.**

Treats for the November 5th meeting will be brought by Barbara S., Shirley J., Sandra F., Elaine F., Dorothy B., Diane D., and Aisla V.

Please remember your plate, mug and utensils. Decaf coffee and tea will be available. See you there!

BLOCK OF THE MONTH QUILT – Angie S.

I'm hoping everyone has had a chance to make their first 2 blocks. Please bring them to the November meeting so we can all see them. Anyone not yet signed up and still wish to do so can see me at the meeting. See the October newsletter for the quilt plan, size, and fabric requirements.

“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 Sharon, our President, if you have Kudos for the month and she will include you in the agenda.

RETREATS AND WORKSHOPS – Kate H. & Holly P.

Fall Retreat – Thursday, Nov. 16 to Sunday, Nov. 19, 2017 – 3 Spaces Available

Come and join us for the fall colours at Elim Lodge on Thursday, November 15 to Sunday, November 18, 2018 for our annual Fall Retreat. We have planned a few demos, a shop visit, machine cleaning and massages. The fee for this great weekend is \$300.00 for Thursday to Sunday or \$240.00 for Friday to Sunday. Single accommodation costs \$10.00 extra per night, and at this time we have one single available.

Don't miss the fun, food, friends and lots of inspiration!! If you have never been to retreat, you truly don't know what you are missing. It's such a fun time away with fellow quilters. A great way to get to know members of the guild in a more relaxed atmosphere. While I can't promise that all your seams will be perfect, I am confident you'll have fun, and it won't be your last retreat!

Final payment is due at the November meeting. We still have 3 spots available if you are interested in attending. Please see Kate at the sign-up desk!!

Payment method: cash/cheque (made payable to Durham Trillium Quilters' Guild) or by e-transfer at durhamtrilliumqg@yahoo.ca Security question: Fall Retreat Answer: Durham2018

NOTE: If you are paying by e-transfer for any of the guild items, please do not change the security answer

Home Sew Sweet Retreat – SPRING – In planning

Watch for details of our next Home Sew Sweet retreat in January/February. We hope to accommodate more people at a larger venue. Stay tuned for details

Sew Days

Our next sew day will be Sunday November 25 for the Quilt Show. We will be working on our raffle quilt. Hope you can join us to help make this a group effort. Many hands make light work! Sign-up at the desk. A \$5.00 fee is required – refundable on the day of the sew day.

A Christmas Gift Bonanza sew day (aka – I have to finish it before Christmas Eve) will be our last sew day of 2018 on Sunday December 16. Cost is \$20.00 for the day. Sewing from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Sign up with the retreats convenor.

Workshops

We received the survey responses and will be looking into booking a few workshops this year in machine quilting and hand appliqué. After Kathy Wylie’s presentation in October, even I might try appliqué!

Watch for details. If you have a suggestion for a great teacher, please let Kate know.

WEBSITE – Julia S.

Our NEW website is up and running. Please visit it and check out the new format.

<http://www.durhamtrilliumquiltersguild.ca>. If there are any updates or corrections required please contact Julia through the Guild's e-mail.

PROGRAM – Lina S.

The November meeting will feature J.J. Reid. After careers in teaching English for an Ontario school board and in title-searching for a Toronto law firm, B. J. now pursues her passion for quilting at a creative and artistic level - her art having been exhibited in both Canada and Europe. She teaches regularly at a local venue and for quilt guilds. Although best known for her comprehensive machine quilting class, she teaches many other technique classes related to quilting, including machine appliqué, thread painting and embellishing with beads. B. J. has received design awards in both quilting and photography. Her other interests include yoga, pilates, curling and growing orchids.

FABRIC EXCHANGE – Mary C.

For those participating, this year’s fabric exchange is an exchange of 10 inch squares. Please bring in 6 squares, not solid/plain fabrics, or novelty, seasonal prints or batiks. The selvage should be cut off the fabric before cutting the squares. PLEASE USE QUILT SHOP QUALITY FABRIC! When handing in your squares please put in ziplock bag with your name marked clearly.

The fabric for November’s exchange is:
November small stripes on white background

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. If there are questions, please contact Mary C. (see guild membership list).



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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

At the October meeting, we had 42 finished quilts returned. Thank you to Linda W. (12), Peggy G. (6), Whirls'n Swirls (6), Sandra F. (5), Jane S. (3), Angie S. (2), Kate H. (2), Sharon M., Carol M., Lina S., Diana S., Andrew S. and Ann D./Jane S. We had 1 pieced top returned. Thank you to Sandy P. Oops, we forgot to mention in the last newsletter that Sandra F. and Jane S. both returned two finished quilts in June. Also we would like to thank everyone who has donated fabric. Don't forget that all pieced quilt tops and finished quilts are eligible for the draw at the end of the meeting. October's winner was Kate H.



New for 2018 – 2019 – If you donate a completed quilt (from your own stash) and would like it to go to a specific charity in Durham, please pin the name of the designated charity to the quilt along with your name and we will do our best to ensure that the quilt is delivered to them.

PLACEMAT (SUMMER) CHALLENGE – Laura F., Sherry F.

From So far we have collected 146 placemats for Meals on Wheels Durham. We have surpassed our initial challenge of 100 placemats. Since Meals on Wheels supports approx. 200 people in Whitby/Oshawa area and 45 in the Clarington area, we have increased our challenge to 250 placemats so no one is left out. We still have two months to go in the challenge, so I know we can do it!!

The placemats should be approx. 13" x 17" and made preferably from Christmas or Holiday themed fabrics, but any fabric is welcomed. Meals on Wheels Durham will include a placemat with their special Christmas dinner that is delivered to members of our community in December. Recipients are often house bound and feel isolated and this lets them know that someone in the community is thinking of them.

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 couple on hand you can apply for. I have the forms to send you to apply. See photos below. More will be quilted this fall.



Red strippy (lap or small bed) 44" x 60" value \$230.00



Modern strippy (light to dark, single bed size) 56"x85" value \$410.00

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!

LIBRARY - Sandy M. & Anna A.

Books and magazines should be returned to the library at the next guild meeting after signing out thus allowing others to enjoy new ideas and techniques. You can always sign the book or magazine out again.

If you have any suggestions with regards to a specific book (title and author), technique or magazine you would like to see included in the library please forward an email to Sandy M. using her contact info in the membership listing, with subject line “DTQG Library”.

MEMBERSHIP – Gail L. and Kathy D.

There are 89 members. If you have not yet joined, you can find the registration form on the guild website or come see us at the membership table. Jane S. won the early bird draw and received a refund of her membership fee for the year. As a member you can attend all meetings, vote, join any activity, use our library and attend our retreats. An incredible value for \$35 for the year.

Please remember to wear your badge so we can get to know you. Our order for new permanent badges will be placed in January. If you have lost yours please come see us.

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

Guests are welcome for all meetings except our Annual General Meeting in June. Our guild does not have a cap on the number of members accepted.

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.

SUNSHINE – Stella D.

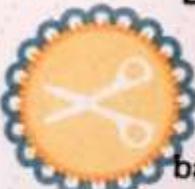
If you know of a Guild member who needs a little “sunshine” by way of best wishes or words of encouragement, please let a member of the Executive know. A card will be sent on behalf of the Guild membership.



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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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.

November 3-4, 2018 – **Twisted Stitchers Quilt Show** – Ajax Community Centre, 75 Centennial Road, Ajax ON. <https://www.twistedstitchersquiltguild.com/>

November 9-10, 2018 – **Cheryl Arkison Trunk Show at Sew Etc.** - November Sew Etc is hosting Canadian quilt writer Cheryl Arkison. Details are available at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1408353822630319/>

November 25, 2018 (Sunday) – **DTQG Sew Day for Quilt Guild Raffle Quilt** 
Rundle Park Hall, 241 Park Road South, Oshawa. Timing to be announced.

December 16, 2018 (Sunday) – 9:00 am to 8:00 pm – **DTQG Sew Day “Christmas Gift Bonanza”** – A sew day for you to dedicate to finishing those Christmas projects that are not quite finished. Rundle Park Hall, 241 Park Road South, Oshawa. \$20 per person. Sign up with Kate H. at the guild meeting’s retreat/workshops table.

June 12-15, 2019 – **Quilt Canada 2019 – Quilting Goes Viral!** – E.Y. Centre, 4899 Uplands Drive, Ottawa ON. <https://canadianquilter.com/quilt-canada-2019/>