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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Lyne M.



Hello Fellow Quilters! Is spring here?!? Are we going to go straight into summer? Who knows! In the meantime, this newsletter is full of opportunities for you to get involved with your guild. Retreat is around the corner, workshops are taking place, sew days are planned – sign-up and come-out to some great events planned just for you!

Besides attending great events, please consider getting involved on a different level. We have convenors who have completed their terms and need replacing. Out with the old and in with the new! Lol Kate H. will be recruiting in the near future to fill open positions in our Guild's executive. Don't forget, as an executive, you get to sign-up to events before the general membership and you have input as to how and what the Guild plans and supports. What have you been sewing? Me? Slab Blocks! Easy peasy! The quilt pictured is an example of how orphan blocks can be incorporated in the slab block. The other item that I incorporated

in this quilt is an ugly panel that I cut-up. Why did I have this ugly panel? A donation from a co-worker who thought it was pretty funny when she found it while clearing out her mom's house. Anything goes with these. Have fun with them!

Looking forward to seeing some of our Snow Birds back from their adventures at the April meeting. Enjoy your family time around this Easter season and be safe as you travel to visit family and friends.

EXECUTIVE MEETING DATES

Our next Guild Executive meeting will be on **19 April at 7 pm**. Meeting place will be announced later. All members are welcome to attend.

MEETING DATES – First Tuesday of the month

TIME – Meeting begins at 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, Toonies for the Chance Draw and a Mug

SOCIAL/REFRESHMENTS – Pam T., Jana B. and Peggy F.

This month's treats will be provided by Joanne D., Retta H., Jacqueline H., Aisla V., Sylvia H., Carolyn H., Sandra P., Lynn B.

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

PAST PRESIDENT’S UPDATE FOR March – Kate H.

At the March executive meeting, open positions on the executive were discussed and reviewed based on completion of existing terms of service. The nomination committee is made up of the Past President, Vice President and a Member at Large. They are charged with the task of recruiting new members of the guild to serve on the executive in the coming years. Most positions have a two year term. As such, not every position will be recruited for. Some executive members are in their first year of a two year term. We are still looking for our ‘Member at Large’ to assist the Past President (Kate) and Vice President (Sharon) in their quest.

Open Positions Available:

Convener Position Available	Currently held by:	How Long in this Position	Term
Community Outreach Convener	Diane Dorion, Linda Sarch, Charlene Watson	2 Years	2 Years
Membership Convener	Margaret Simpson	2 Years	2 Years
Secretary (Guild Officer)	Joyce Post	2 Years	2 Years
Newsletter Convener	Maria Steventon	2 Years	2 Years
Workshops & Retreats Convener	Holly Pigott	6 Years	2 Years
Fabric Switch Member at Large	Lynn Mayotte	2 Years	2 Years
Fabric Basket Member at Large	Judy Bowring	2 Years	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

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 Sharon MacDonald at the April 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, 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, **GREAT**. If we do not have Convener’s for certain positions, the program simply does not run. For example, if no one steps forward to run Fabric Switch, then we don’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. Please keep in mind these are all **VOLUNTEER** positions!

Some of the jobs are entry type jobs onto the Executive. Everyone has an **OPPORTUNITY** to be a **LEADER**. Some jobs require different skill sets, for example, Show and Tell is a great job to get your feet wet, but to be Vice President you should have a keen interest in the President’s position. That is one job that

ladder climbing is encouraged! Fabric Switch or Block of the Month would appeal to someone with a creative flair! What's your skill set?

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. 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 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.

MEMBERSHIP – Margaret S.

We have a total membership of 111

“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 April and she will include you in the agenda.

GREETERS – Sharon M.

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, and outreach table). I will also be calling on members for their assistance.

SHOW AND SHARE – Peggy G.

Thank you for all the wonderful quilts at the March meeting. Keep them coming.

SPRING RETREAT – Thursday April 6 to Sunday April 9 2017 – Holly & Kate

Our Spring retreat is only a week away. We will start at 9:30a.m. on Thursday April 6th and finish on Sunday by 2:00p.m. Our demos are a fat quarter quilt by Julia Smith, Maple Leaf table runner by me and Kate will have Canada fabric for the slab blocks. Annie's' will join us on Saturday morning for a demo and retail therapy.

Please email Kate - k.gard@smpatico.ca if you would like a massage or a machine cleaning.



The cost of Retreat is \$310.00 for Thursday to Sunday or \$235.00 for Friday to Sunday.
We still have room available, so come and join the fun!



WORKSHOPS – Holly P.

Scrap Queen with Kelly Dumaresq 1 April 2017



This is a fun technique class using your scraps! Kelly will review what makes a scrappy quilt work, ways to approach scrap quilts and easy ways of organizing your scraps so that they actually get used. She will have lots of examples of scrappy quilts that she has made for inspiration.

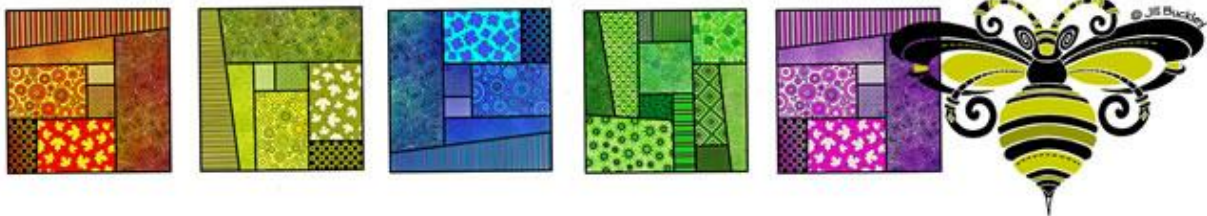
This is a scrap workshop based on different ideas of how to use strips and squares to make wonderful scrap quilts. You will not go home with a finished project but instead try one block of several different quilts and have a folder full of ideas and inspiration.

The workshop will be at the John Street Branch of the Oshawa Senior Citizen Centres on April 1, 2017 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for a fee of \$40.00.

Come and join this stash-busting workshop by signing up and paying your fee at the March meeting.

CHARITY SEW DAY - Saturday April 22, 2017

Come and join the Quilt Canada's Big Quilting Bee for the Ronald MacDonald Houses across Canada. Kate will provide Canada fabric to get you started on the Slap blocks so bring your scraps. We will also be piecing backs and quilting Slab Block Quilts so you can choose what you would like to do. Our Charity Sew Day will be at the John Street Branch of the Oshawa Senior Citizen Centres from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday April 22, 2017. Please sign up and pay a \$5.00 deposit which will be returned when you arrive at the Sew Day. Please come and help with this worthwhile cause.



PROGRAM – Susan S.

Dorothy Fu, from Toronto, is a self-taught artist and quilter. Dorothy likes to make both traditional patchwork quilts and unique pictorial wallhangings. You are sure to be inspired by Dorothy's trunk show.



Are you a quilt show junkie like me? I have enjoyed attending the Quilt Week event in Syracuse for the last two years and I thought what would make it better would be to have 44 of my quilting friends attend it with me!! As AQS have made changes to their show lineup, Syracuse was no longer an option, so we have secured a coach bus to take us to Grand Rapids, Michigan for Quilt Week this coming August. Doesn't this sound like a great time? We will spend 2 days at the show and 2 days traveling the scenic route, you know from quilt shop to quilt shop there and back.

Our planned itinerary is to leave on Wednesday, August 16 from Oshawa and return on Saturday, August 19, 2017. Edna from TravelOnly will be our escort. She's looking after the details; accommodations, breakfast, entry to the show (2 days) and transportation. Lunch and dinner is on your own (or with a large group at Olive Garden, doesn't that sound like fun) and there will be time to just relax as well. Take in a class at Grand Rapids or a lecture or two. Check it out. Go to <http://www.quiltweek.com/grand-rapids/>

Pricing is as follows (includes taxes, transportation, accommodation, breakfast & show goodie bag):
 Single \$1109.00
 Double \$849
 Triple \$755
 Quad \$709

How can you get in on this fabulous trip, a \$300 deposit will secure your seat. Balance due by June 30. Booking forms and more details will be available at the February guild meeting.

GET ON BOARD!!
 Kate H., Past President

Slab Block Quilts for Ronald McDonald Houses – Sharon M.

I hope you are busy making your slab blocks. If not, there is still time to get started. The blocks need to be 12.5 x 12.5 on the table. A small quilt needs 12 blocks and a large quilt needs 24 blocks.

If you are needing more Canadian fabric pieces I will have some available. If you have blocks or flimsies completed, bring them to the meeting.

May's meeting will be our night to complete as many quilts as possible. We need sewers, ironers, cutters, sandwiches and binding queens. Please sign up for a task. Lots of sewing machines will be required along with irons, boards and cutters and mats. I will post a signup sheet on the wall at the April meeting.

A workshop is also scheduled for April 22 at the Oshawa Seniors Centre on John St Oshawa. Signup sheet is with Holly.

The guild is committed to this project and the more people the more fun we will have as well as completed quilts.

Our overall goal is to complete as many quilts as possible for Ronald McDonald Houses in our area and across Canada.

FABRIC SWITCH – Lynn M.

April's 6 - 10 inch squares is Burgundy. Reminder that good quality cotton is required. If you wish to bring in your last colour as well, May is Amethyst (pinkish violet to deep purple).

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

With the weather not cooperating and forcing us to cancel two meetings, I hope to see everyone at the meeting with cuddle quilts galore! We will have some kits available, as well as mittens. I know it is the end of the season but we will be ready for next year. Looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH – DONATION QUILT PROGRAM - Dorothy M.

We have one donation quilt that you can request for your silent auction (with a minimum bid) or for a raffle. Please apply for a form if you wish the quilt to raise money for your non-profit group.



Easter Egg Time



In an effort to gauge how well our newsletter is read by our membership... this is a test! If you read this and want to participate, please bring a 6" square of red fabric to the April meeting and put it in the reusable bag that will be on the window sill behind the membership desk. As well, you will need to write your name down on a piece of paper which will be located next to the bag. We will draw a winner from all the names of the members who brought in their red squares. Imagine – more red fabric to incorporate in the red and white quilt you may be working on for Canada's 150th birthday! Yeah!!

CHANCE DRAW – Brenda L. L. & Kate D.

There will be a Chance Draw at the April meeting, so please bring your Loonies and Toonies and try your luck.

LIBRARY – Anna A. and Meredith M.

We have 1 new book this month. "No Scrap Left Behind" by Amanda Jean Nyberg. She was also co-author of Sunday Morning Quilts. Lots of great ideas for sorting and storing scraps.



SCRAP BASKET – Judy B.

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. Thanks.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH – Angie S.

Hi Ladies, I will not be at the April meeting so we will have two draws for prizes in May. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. I will be sending out the next block's instructions early.

SUNSHINE – Joyce P.

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 – <http://www.durhamtrilliumquiltersguild.ca/> – Julia S.

The trip to the AQS Grand Rapids Quilt Show is up with a link to the full flyer details and registration form. We need 24 people by April 1 for the trip to move forward, so if you've been on the fence please register as we currently only have 7 registrations. Edna will take scanned copies of the form and e-transfers for the deposit. Contact her at ecarroll@travelonly.net or 519-468-0129 for the details required and to reserve your place. Let's make this a fun trip. Open to all quilters, not just guild members.

Special Notice – Retta H.

Our hand quilters at Northminster have given up and now we have 12 standards and assorted boards. There are three sets of four posts, the boards fit into the posts to make a frame. A donation to the Church will suffice. Please contact Retta if you are interested.



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:

St. Mark's Church in Whitby is call for quilts for their upcoming show on May 5 and 6. Contact Hazel Holt at 905-493-3132 if you are interested in showing your quilt.

Saturday April 1 & Sunday April 2, 2017 – **Celebration of Colour** – Region of York Quilters Guild, Newmarket Community Centre, 200 Doug Duncan Drive, Newmarket ON
<http://www.regionofyorkquiltersguild.ca/quilt-show/>

Friday April 7 & Saturday April 8, 2017 – **Ricky Tim`s Event** – Stitches from the Heart Quilt Guild, Sault Ste. Marie, ON www.saultquilts.com

Saturday April 8 & Sunday April 9, 2017 – **Reflections of Georgian Bay 2017** – Georgian Bay Quilters Guild, Tiny Township Community Centre, 91 Concession Rd 8 East, Tiny ON www.gbqg.ca

Friday April 21 & Sat. April 22, 2017 – **Quilts On The Seaway** - Cornwall Quilters Guild, St. John`s Presbyterian Church, 28 Second St. E., Cornwall ON <https://www.facebook.com/CornwallQuiltersGuild/>

Saturday April 22, 2017 – **East Lake Simcoe Quilt Guild** is hosting their first Quilt Show, Tea & Sale from 10am to 4pm at Trinity United Church, Laidlaw St. N., Cannington ON

Saturday April 22 & Sunday April 23, 2017 – **Stitches in Our Time** – Halton Quilters Guild, Crossroads Centre, 1295 N Service Road, Burlington ON <https://www.facebook.com/HaltonQuiltersGuild/>

Friday April 28 & Saturday April 29, 2017 – **Creativ Festival** – International Centre, Mississauga ON www.csnf.com/spring-show/

Friday May 5 & Sat. May 6, 2017 – **Stitches In Bloom** - Chatham-Kent Quilters` Guild, St. Paul`s Congregational Church, 450 Park Ave. West, Chatham ON

Friday May 5 & Sat. May 6, 2017 – **Quilting in the Village 2017** – Thames Valley Quilters Guild, Wesley-Knox United Church, 91 Askin Street, London ON www.thamesvalleyquiltersguild.com

Saturday May 6 & Sunday May 7, 2017 – **Quilts at the Rouge** – Rouge Valley Quilters Guild, Pickering Recreation Complex, 1867 Valley Farm Road, Pickering ON www.rvqgquiltshow.blogspot.ca/

Thursday May 11 – Saturday May 13, 2017 – **Pieces of Magic Quilt Show** – Oxford Quilter`s Guild, Ingersoll District Memorial Centre (Arena), 97 Mutual St N, Ingersoll ON www.oxfordquiltersguild.com

Friday May 12 – Sunday May 14, 2017 – **OVOG Festival of Quilts 2017** – Ottawa Valley Quilters Guild, RA Centre Curling Rink, 2451 Riverside Drive, Ottawa ON www.ottawavalleyquiltersguild.org,

Monday May 22 – Saturday May 27, 2017 – **Canada Sea to Sea to Sea** – Ailsa Craig Quilt and Fibre Arts Festival, 155 Annie Ada Shipley St, Ailsa Craig, Ottawa ON www.ailsacraigquiltfestival.ca,

Tuesday May 23 – Saturday May 27, 2017 – **Quilt & Fibre Art Festival Waterloo Region & Beyond** – Village of St. Jacobs, ON <http://www.stjacobs.com/Culture-Heritage-Events.htm>

Friday May 26 – Sunday May 28, 2017 – **Reflections from the 1000 Islands** – Thousand Islands Quilters Guild, Brockville Memorial Civic Centre Magedoma Drive, Brockville, ON <http://thousandislandsquiltersguild.com>

Friday June 2 – Saturday June 3, 2017 – **Muskoka Quilts!...from the heart** – Pine Tree Quilters` Guild of Muskoka, Bracebridge Memorial Arena, 169 James St. Bracebridge ON www.pinetreequilterguildofmuskoka.com

Saturday June 10 & Sunday June 11, 2017 – **Stitching Among Friends Quilt Show** – Quilting Corners Guild, Alliston Curling Rink, 52 Albert St. W, Alliston ON www.aqcguild.edublogs.org

Wednesday June 14 – Saturday June 17, 2017 – **Quilt Canada 2017** – The International Centre, Toronto ON <http://www.canadianquilter.com/index.php>

Friday June 23 – Saturday June 24, 2017 – **Sew Much To Celebrate, Eh!** – Queen’s Bush Quilters, Markdale Arena, Markdale ON thequeensbushquilters@gmail.com

Sunday June 25 – Wednesday June 28, 2017 – **Angela Walters is Coming to Canada** – WhirlsnSwirls Quilting, APQS Ontario, Oshawa ON <http://www.whirlsnswirlsquilting.ca/collections/angela-walter-classes>

Saturday July 29 & Sunday July 30, 2017 – **Quilts at the Creek 2017** – Black Creek Pioneer Village, 1000 Murray Ross Parkway, Toronto ON <https://quiltsatthecreek.wordpress.com/>

Friday November 10 & Saturday November 11, 2017 – **A Celebration of Quilts XIII – YHOG Quilt Show** – York Heritage Quilters Guild, Toronto Botanical Gardens, 777 Lawrence Ave. East, Toronto ON <https://yhqg.org/quilt-show-2017>