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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Rhonda Drake



Hello everyone, I hope all of you have enjoyed Christmas spent with family and friends. I am now preparing for News Year's Eve, usually spent at home with the boys and includes plenty of finger foods and multiple movies for the night. It won't be long before all the boys have other plans for New Year's Eve.

As we turn over to a new year, I know many make resolutions. For me I will try to keep a commitment to myself to work on completing an existing project before working on something new. If I can keep to a schedule of alternating new with old, I might get something accomplished.

I wish you all the best and look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.
Rhonda

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, This month also bring a Sewing Kit.

SOCIAL/REFRESHMENTS – Retta Hartley and Jacqueline Hill

Happy New Year 2016. Thank you to the following list of members who have offered to bring goodies to the Jan 5 meeting. Cathy Jones, Kate Hull, Carol Morley, Jill McCann. Linda Ahlberg, Pam Tremblay, Lynne Mayotte, Sharon MacDonald, Grace Ruttle, Angie Ridley. WE will have decaf coffee and various teas for your enjoyment. Remember that **orange products are not allowed**.

JANUARY 5TH DTOG MEETING - WE WILL BE GIVING BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY - NEAR AND FAR – Lyne Mielke Vice-President

Come prepared! As you know, we have built teams during the Fall and are planning to sew Quilts of Valour on January 5th. If you are on a team, your Captain should have communicated with you and you should be aware of what you need to bring - machine, cutting mat, tools, etc., to the first meeting of 2016.

The members that have signed-up for teams represent a small fraction of our membership. All other members and/or guests who attend the January meeting will also be put to work. Bring a sewing kit - there will be Boutique items to work on as well as Cuddle Quilts. Some projects don't even need a sewing kit, so do not fret, we will have a job for everyone!

We will keep the "business" section of this meeting to a bare minimum - no library, no Chance Draw, no Show and Share (unless the piece you want to show can only be brought to the January meeting - speak to Kleo if that is the case and you will be given the opportunity). We want to maximize the amount of work time. In February, our meeting will be back to "normal" - everything will be back.

January 5th is sure to be a great night for our Guild which will benefit many well deserving members of our local community as well as ones from our military. Can't wait to see our membership in action!

Here are the **Team Captains**:

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

DURHAM TRILLIUM QUILT SHOW 2016 – Kate Hull, Chair

Silver Extravaganza Quilt Show Update – January 2016



I hope you all had a great holiday season and are ready to get some items finished to enter into the show in October. Of course, I have a couple in the works, and will work super hard to get them done in time for the show.

We received some exciting news in early December, which was shared at the December guild meeting..... **We will be partnering with Habitat for Humanity Durham this year.** They are so excited to help. Besides securing the lottery license, they will sell tickets for the quilt in their Re-Stores in Oshawa, Ajax and Uxbridge. We will help them dress up their booth at any trade shows with the most spectacular quilt which is currently under construction. They will also help us with the set-up and take down of the show.

They have a network of tradespeople who are ready and willing to help out. Wow, how's that for excitement!

On a sad note, Judy Bowring has stepped down as our volunteer co-ordinator, and Carol Crossman has offered to step in to fill the vacancy. Thanks Carol, I know you are going to do a great job. If only every

vacancy was that easy to fill. We are still in need of a display co-ordinator. It could be a team of people, it doesn't have to be just one person. Please consider this opportunity to get involved with the show. We really do need someone to help out, could that be you and a friend?

The boutique sisters are rolling along well; kits have been handed out at every meeting, and we kindly ask that you complete and return the items as soon as you can. Of course they will have another project ready to go home with you. Of course if you have items that you have made for the boutique without a kit, they will be glad to accept them as well. Every item helps!

Our Silent Auction co-ordinator, Lyne, would like you to bring in 2 ½" strips for the silent auction. They were a big hit at the last show. She will take any colour, any quilting fabric you care to donate. Also, if you are out and about over the holidays, perhaps ask your server if the restaurant would be interested in donating a voucher from their establishment for our silent auction. Not all the silent auction items have to be quilting related. Consider all the men who are the dutiful drivers and package carriers. Let's get some interesting things for them too! We had a great selection at the last show and we did really well.

Our vendor co-ordinator, Betty, is doing a great job of reeling in the contracts and the money. The most up-to-date list is currently on the guild website. Each vendor will be donating 2 door prizes for patrons of the show.

Show Challenge: Julia still has 2 kits left of the challenge fabric! See her at the January meeting if you are interested in the last of their kind. I'm looking forward to seeing what we can all make with our kits. The challenge is always so interesting, same fabrics; totally different takes on how to use it.

Children's Challenge is being co-ordinated by Susan Smyth this year. We have 2 categories, children 8-12 and children 13-18. It is our hope that you have some young members of your family who might be interested in entering. The work should be reflective of the age of the child, of course with some guidance. I hope we get lots of entries.

Our quilt show committee will be meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, starting in January.

SHOW AND SHARE – Kleo Tobias

Hello Ladies,

I hope everyone had a great Christmas Holiday and a Terrific New Year!!! I'm not sure if anyone had time to make any quilting projects and I'm thinking that you might have given them away even if you did make some!! Now I would love to see who was totally "selfish" and made some for themselves!! Ha ha ha!! I know I was :)

Now back to the business at hand. The December meeting was really productive with 12 quilters bringing in their projects of which two were bags. We totaled over 4,500 inches for the CQA contest!!

Our monthly winner was Julia Smith and she received a Connecting Threads 2016 wall calendar and a Chickadee paper pieced pattern. Congrats Julia!!!!

Can't wait to see everyone in 2016!!

MEMBERSHIP – Margaret Simpson and Carol Crossman

Current membership is 111. New name badges have arrived for our new members and those who requested a replacement badge. Please pick them up at the Membership desk.

WORKSHOPS – Holly Pigott & Kate Hull

WORKSHOPS

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

SEW Days - January 16, 2016

Our Sew Days will be held at the John Street Branch of the Oshawa Senior Citizen Centres from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for a fee of \$5.00. 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 demo some items and Lyne will have the Quilts of Valour to finish. Kate will have more flying geese for the Show quilt so please bring your Fast Flying Geese instructions and Deb Tucker Wing Clipper Ruler. I will refund your \$5.00 if you work on something for the show or charity. Come and join us and sew something for the Guild or your own sewing.

Future Sew Days - February 27, 2016 and March 19, 2016

Thanks
Holly & Kate

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

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. We have a full list with 2 on the wait list. Please pay your first \$100.00 at the January meeting.

Holly, & Kate, Retreat Divas

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

FABRIC SWITCH 2015 – 2016 – Lynn Mayotte

The colour for January is Aqua. Please bring 21 - 5 inch squares.
For those planning ahead, 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 blocks from Part 2. Your name will be entered 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 - CUDDLE QUILT PROGRAM – Diane, Charlene, Linda and Lisa

We hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year. We would like to congratulate everyone who helped us with the cuddle quilts as we were able to deliver 42 quilts to the Children's Aid Society and Rose of Durham. We hope you will continue to support us in 2016 so we can continue to support the people in the Durham Region who have little or nothing.

Maybe some of you have visited the new long arm studio, Whirls 'N Swirls Quilting, where they teach long arm quilting as well as offer machine rentals? Tracey Russel, who owns the studio, has offered the quilting guilds in the area the opportunity to use her studio to work on the quilts for their charity programs at no charge. If anyone is interested in trying to do long arm quilting on our cuddle quilts, please sign-up at our table. We will contact you when we have a date.

We hope each and every member has a safe, healthy and happy 2016 and count on your continued support.

PROGRAM

In January, we will not be having a guest speaker, but instead all are encouraged to take part in the Quilt-Along for the quilts we are making for Quilts of Valour and other charity projects.

LIBRARY - Colleen Zavrel and Anna Anderson

There will be no library at the January meeting. We will all be busy sewing.

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

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.

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”).

Please see Rhonda, our President, if you have a Kudo for January as we are keeping business to a minimum that night. She will include you in the agenda for sure!

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

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.

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.

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