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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Lyne M.

Fall is here! The Show Committee is in full gear and doing a great job to ensure that the Silver Extravaganza Quilt Show is a huge success! We want to showcase our members' talent and our Guild's work within our community at this show. This will be achieved through our various displays and items we'll have for sale at the Boutique. Have you signed-up to volunteer at the show? There are plenty of opportunities to do so and I encourage you to get involved.

As a member of Durham Trillium Quilters' Guild, you are part of something bigger than what you produce in your sewing room! This guild is 25 years old this year – Hooray!!! Let's jump on the roof tops and show how proud we are to belong to such an awesome group.

Get your entry submissions in ASAP as well as your donations to Boutique and Silent Auction.

Did you purchase a challenge kit? What did you do with those cardinals? You have until October's meeting to get all your paperwork in. That's just around the corner! Let's celebrate our guild's silver anniversary in a grand way – get on the band wagon and let's go!

MEETING DATES – First Tuesday of the month

TIME – Doors open at 7:00, meeting begins 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

EXECUTIVE MEETING DATES

Our next Guild Executive meeting will be on **Oct 19, 2016 at 7 pm.** Location will be announced later. All members are welcome to attend.

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

This month's treats will be provided by **Debbie S., Elaine F., Dana N., Janice W., Dorothy B., Rosanne G., Sharon R., and Maria Z.** Please remember your plate, mug and utensils. Decaf coffee, tea and decaf green tea will be available. See you there! Remember that **orange products are not allowed.**

PAST PRESIDENT'S UPDATE FOR OCTOBER – Kate H.

Membership Assistant Required

As we move into the new guild year, we received a resignation from a member of our executive. For personal reasons, **Carol C.** has decided to step away from the executive as Membership Assistant. The guild executive would like to thank Carol for her contributions in the past. The executive is seeking a new Membership Assistant for the remainder of this year with the intention of being the Membership Convenor for the next two years. It requires someone with some computer skills (Excel, Word, email and the ability to create PDF files for distribution to the membership in general). Good people skills, friendly outgoing, and the innate ability to help people to become members of the Guild and relieve them of their annual dues with a smile.

If you feel that you are the best candidate for this outstanding position, please submit your CV to Kate H. Actually, no CV required, just speak with Kate.

MEMBERSHIP – Margaret S.

We welcomed two new members at the September meeting. The Guild has a current roster of 92 members. We are hoping to attract some new members at our show in October, so forms and information will be available there.

“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 October and she will include you in the agenda.

DURHAM TRILLIUM QUILT SHOW 2016 – Kate H., Chair



A Silver Extravaganza Quilt Show- preshow update, 30 days to go!!

This show will be a celebration of the Guild's 25th Anniversary. It is less than a month away and we need our members to get involved. We understand that people get involved at their own level and I know the membership will come through.

For the October meeting, we are expecting an influx of entries from members. If you have never shown anything in a show, I really hope you do this time. This is not a judged show; there will be no critique of your work. Rather, there will be admiration for your piecing skills, choice of fabrics and perhaps some of us will receive additional kudos for their skill at long-arming. To date, we have received 90 entries from only 24 members. It would be my greatest desire to see an entry from every single member of the Guild. The entry form will be attached to the newsletter again and I hope that you will bring your completed form to **Maria Steventon** on Tuesday night.

I'd like to dispel some urban myths about quilt shows that I have heard:

- “We have enough entries and we don't need yours.” **WRONG!** We need everyone to participate.
- “Nobody is interested in seeing my work.” **WRONG!** Quilting is an art, and while not every quilt appeals to every show visitor, they will all appreciate the time and effort YOU put into making it.
- “I work during the day and couldn't get my quilt dropped off.” **WRONG!** If you have a quilt to enter into the show and need to drop it off before the show, send it with a friend or contact me to make arrangements.

Some things to keep in mind for the October guild meeting:

- Challenge entries are due (please follow the directions for submission that you received with your kit and hand them to **Julia S.**)
- Silent Auction is still looking for items for this event. In addition, we still need more 2 ½” strips for jelly rolls. If you have Silent Auction items to hand in, give them to **Lyne M.**
- Sign up for your shifts at the show; we need everyone to help out. At the September meeting we talked about the jobs. If you have any questions, please ask **Kate H.** **Sign-up sheets will be posted at the side of the room as we have a guest speaker at the October meeting.**
- Tea Room is looking for your commitment to bake squares, cookies and tarts for the show. We also ask that you deliver your items to the show in non-returnable containers and make at least 24 of whatever you are donating. **Sign up at the meeting.**
- Raffle tickets are available for members to sell to friends, family and co-workers. Please see **Sharon M.** for your pack of tickets and a photo of our gorgeous quilt. The draw will be held in early December, so you still have time to pick up tickets and support our charity, Habitat for Humanity Durham.
- Boutique is still accepting items that you may have made over the summer. They want to thank the members for their support of the kit program over the past year. If you have anything for them, see **Gail, Kathy or Gwen.**
- Purchase an admission ticket for the show. As a member, your ticket will let you in for the full show on both days, rather than just one day for non-members with tickets. Please see **Kleo T.** for your tickets, which are only \$5.
- Treasure Table will be accepting your donations at the meeting. Did you clean out your sewing room over the summer? Remember your trash could be my next project!! See **Dorothy M.** or **Angie S.** to hand over your donations. We will also accept items delivered to the show on set-up day only.

We've had a last minute change in our vendor line up. We welcome Nora from Sew Little Time in Cambridge, and bid farewell to Ruby Pearl from Oshawa.

We thank all of our vendors for participating in our show and hope that if you are shopping in their store over the next few weeks, please tell them you are looking forward to seeing them at our show. It's more important than ever to support them over buying from online. Our vendors are a big draw at the show, and help to cover the costs of the rental of our facility. Betty H. worked diligently to secure vendors and even though it is Creativ Festival, some of these vendors elected to spend their time with our Guild and I think that speaks volumes.

We have received a number of entries from our Past Presidents of the Guild. We invited them to show a quilt and there will be special mention in the program of their contribution to the building of this guild. Their hard work is here for us to enjoy now. I'm looking forward to adding my own entry to the list of talented women who were brave enough to take on the role of President!!

Last but not least, the show committee looks forward to seeing all of you at the showcase of our work.

It's time for the show, I hope you are ready; we'll be ready to put on a great show with your support.

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.

If you participated in the Block of the Month Mystery Quilt for 2015 - 2016, please bring your completed quilt to the October meeting for a chance to win an amazing prize. "Completed" means that your quilt is quilted, bound and ready to display at our quilt show in October – Susan S. As well, if you have a finished project that will not be entered in the show and no longer in your possession for our November meeting, you are welcome to bring it for October's Show and Share.

FALL RETREAT – Thursday, Nov. 10 to Sunday, Nov. 13, 2016 – Holly & Kate

Our Fall Retreat will be at Elim Lodge from Thursday, November 10 to Sunday, November 13, 2016. The cost for Thursday to Sunday (3 nights and 10 meals) is \$280.00 for a double and \$310.00 for a single. Friday to Sunday (2 nights and 7 meals) is \$205 for a double and \$225.00 for a single. Come and join us for fun, food, friends and lots of quilting. **We still have three spots available!**

We always have some awesome optional projects at retreats, and lots of games and prizes. Come along and join in the fun!

Stay at Home Retreat is Back!!

Mark your calendars for our 2nd **Stay at Home Retreat!!** We have booked February 3 – 5, 2017 for our next event. This time, we will be sewing at Thornton Dundee Park Clubhouse in Oshawa. It is an accessible building and our lunches and dinners will be catered!

We don't have pricing to share with you at this time, as we are still working out the details.

It's a great opportunity to have some fun sewing and be able to leave your machine and projects there overnight and come back the next day to sew, sew, sew and have fun, fun, fun!! If you don't like to sleep away from home, this is the ideal retreat for you!

FABRIC SWITCH – Lynn M.

This year's fabric switch is six 10 inch squares in patterned Jewel Tones. October's colour is Magenta/Fuchsia.

If you have not signed up yet, there is still time to get started. Just bring your six magenta squares to the October meeting and sign up with Lynn M. This month, Sharon M. will be doing the exchange as well as the raffle tickets.

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

As we announced at the last meeting, we would like to make mittens for school children and some adults who are unable to purchase this special winter wear. We will approach some of the schools in the Durham region in order to find out if this is a need for their school as well as food banks in the region. There will be kits available for you to pick up at the meeting. Since a pattern is supplied with each kit, if you have fleece at home, please feel free to make other mittens. All donations will be accepted. We are also hoping for donations of fleece in order to prepare kits for our members all winter.

As usual, we will have kits to make cuddle quilt tops and to quilt cuddle quilts that have been prepared with the lining and backing.

Unfortunately, Tracy at Whirls ‘n’ Swirls is away so I could not book anything at her store for longarm quilting this month. You can look forward to an email from me outlining dates to go there for next month. We will be displaying at the quilt show some of the cuddle quilts we have made as well as a few of the Quilts of Valour quilts.

Thank you, everyone, for participating in the Outreach program and helping those people who are less fortunate than most of us.

Backpacks for The Denise House

At the spring retreat, we asked members to make a backpack for the children at The Denise House, which is a local shelter for women and children fleeing abusive situations.

We had a number of backpacks completed at the retreat. If you took one home from the retreat, would you please bring it to the September meeting (even if you didn’t finish it). Now, we’d like to ask members to donate items to go into these backpacks to give to Denise House. We will be stuffing them at a later date. We will put out a call for volunteers at that time.

Looking for suggestions? Toothpaste & toothbrushes with holders, small colouring books, crayons, small toys (e.g., matchbox cars), markers, notebooks, Play-Doh, glue sticks & other small craft kits, small stuffed toys, bubble bath, etc. For the older kids: decks of cards, pencil crayons, notebooks, makeup, bath stuff, small bottles of lotion, deodorant, hair clips, hair brushes, combs, etc. This is a small sampling of the list of items to donate, so if there’s something else you think they would enjoy, bring it to the meeting. No two backpacks will be stuffed alike! (Remember, some of these kids left their family homes with nothing but the clothes on their backs. The contents of the backpacks should be especially for them.)

For more information about The Denise House, click the link to go to their webpage:

<http://www.thedenisehouse.com/home.php>

Thanks for your support!

PROGRAM – Susan S.

At our next meeting on 4 October, using charts and images of paintings, Marion Meyers will present the basics of colour theory in a slide show. Marion’s lecture will help you to understand why you are attracted to the colours and combinations that you choose and leave you more confident when selecting fabric for your quilts. Marion will also show some of her quilts during her presentation.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH – DONATION QUILT PROGRAM - Dorothy M.

We currently have the choice of two quilts we can offer as a donation quilt for your organization to use as a fundraiser in a raffle or in a silent auction with a reserved bid. Both are bed sized quilts pieced and quilted by volunteers in our guild. They are pictured below.

If you wish to apply for one of these quilts for your group, please contact Dorothy M. for an application form and your request will be brought forward at the next executive meeting.



CHANCE DRAW – Elaine F. & Sandra F.

For your chance to win half of the monthly collected funds, please visit the Chance Draw table with your Toonies. The Chance Draw winner in September 2016 was **Debbie S.**

LIBRARY - Anna A. and Meredith M.

A reminder to return borrowed materials at the next meeting.

SCRAP BASKET – Judy B.

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.

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.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH – Angie S.

I hope everyone had a great summer and is ready to start a new year with the Durham Trillium Quilters' Guild. I am excited to be doing the Block of the Month this year. Below are the fabric requirements along with a picture of the quilt we are doing. I will be giving instructions after each meeting by e-mail. You can still sign up for this beautiful quilt. I will be happy to answer any questions at the meetings. See you there!

Designer: Monique Dillard of Open Gate Quilts

Finished quilt: 55-1/2" × 73-1/2"

Finished blocks: 9" square

Pick Your Background Fabrics:

First, choose a light color for the background fabric in the blocks, setting pieces, pieced inner border, and middle border. (For her quilt, Monique used assorted cream and tan prints.)

Here are the amounts you will need:

Blocks: four 18×22" pieces (fat quarters) of assorted light prints

Setting pieces and pieced inner border: two 5/8-yard pieces and two 1/3-yard pieces of assorted light prints

Middle border: 1/2-yard light print

Choose Your Medium Fabrics:

Select one or more medium colours, which will be used in the blocks, setting pieces, and pieced inner border. (For her quilt, Monique used assorted red prints.)

Here are the amounts you will need:

Blocks: five 9×22" pieces (fat eighths) of assorted medium prints

Setting pieces and pieced inner border: five 3/8-yard pieces of assorted medium prints

Gather Your Dark Fabrics:

Choose one or more dark colors, which will be used in the blocks, outer border, and binding. (For her quilt, Monique used assorted black prints.)

Here are the amounts you will need:

Blocks: Three 18×22" pieces (fat quarters) of assorted dark prints

Outer border: 1-1/4 yards of dark print

Binding: 5/8 yard of dark print



There are 15 people signed up so far and the instructions for the first block have been sent out. Anyone who would like to join can still do so at the October meeting for \$5.00. For all of those that have their first blocks finished please bring in to the October meeting for everyone to see and to be entered into a draw for a prize.

SUNSHINE – Joyce P. - Secretary

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.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR – Maria S.

Because the newsletter is now accessible through our website, we will not be printing the last names of any of our members or their personal emails in our newsletters, starting this month (October). Next month, you will be receiving a membership list that will be emailed to you, so if you want to contact a member you can use that list. In the meantime, you can email the Guild at durhamtrilliumqg@yahoo.ca and the message will be passed on to the member.



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:

May 21 (Extended to 10 October 2016) – **My Corner of the World – Art Quilt Exhibition** at Stratford Perth Museum, 4275 Huron Rd.; Stratford, ON www.stratfordperthmuseum.ca

Friday, October 28 & Saturday, October 29, 2016 – **Silver Extravaganza Quilt Show** – Durham Trillium Quilters' Guild; General Sikorski Polish Veterans' Hall, 1551 Stevenson Rd. N., Oshawa, ON durhamtrilliumqg@yahoo.ca