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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Lyne M.



What a busy Fall! Had a lovely Thanksgiving and now it's November. November means Retreat – Yeah! And it means two month's until Christmas break. Yeah! I'm one of those people who loves summer, but I love winter too, as long as there is snow and no one needs to drive in it, and I can sew...

Our November meeting will be three sleeps after our Silver Extravaganza Quilt Show. Will we have recovered by then?!? I don't know. I'm a newbie to this. I have never participated in a show nor have I even been on a show committee. By now, you must know that I jump into things with both feet in – quilting projects, volunteering, etc.! It's fun and it keeps life interesting.

Our guild has a need at our Membership desk. Marg is doing a super job! But she is on her own. That's not fair to her and should she go away on vacation, she does not have a back-up. We are looking for someone to be her assistant from now until June and then take over for 17/18 for a two year term, with a new assistant at that point. Want to know more about this position? Speak to Marg directly. That's

your best bet. Come on – you know you want to get involved in something great! Kate has more info further in this newsletter. Have a look, this might be a great fit for you!

So, good luck with the show! Let's break a leg! And all that jazz!

EDUCATION CENTRE – NEW SECURITY PROCEDURE

You may have noticed that at our October meeting, the doors to the Ed Centre were locked. This is due to a new security procedure mandated by the school board.

Therefore, we ask our members to please use the “front” doors – the ones facing Taunton Road – if you arrive after 7 pm. We will ask a member to be a greeter at those doors only, facilitating entry.

We recognize that this is inconvenient, however, we do not have a choice. We will speak to the lovely staff member at the front desk and see what else can be done, but for the moment, expect the doors to be locked when you arrive after 7 pm. Do not fret – we will let you in!

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

EXECUTIVE MEETING DATES

Our next Guild Executive meeting will be on **Nov.16, 2016 at 7 pm** in the craft room upstairs at Taunton Mills. All members are welcome to attend.

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

Treats this month will be from Cheryl A., Olga J., and Jane D. The rest will be treats left from the Quilt Show.

We still need volunteers for treats for March, April and May. Please sign-up on the list when we come around during the next meeting. See you there! Remember that **orange products are not allowed** in the building.

PAST PRESIDENT'S UPDATE FOR NOVEMBER – 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 5 new members in October as well as welcoming back 10 returning members for a grand total of 106 members.

The winner of our Early Bird Membership draw was Peggy F.

“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 November and she will include you in the agenda.

DURHAM TRILLIUM QUILT SHOW 2016 – Kate H., Chair



A Silver Extravaganza Quilt Show- As I write this submission for the newsletter, I realize that most people will read it before the show. Our show committee has worked tirelessly to bring this show to life. We are ready to go and put on a great event. It is my desire for it to be well received by the public, heaven knows we have lots of talent within our guild, and that talent will be showcased this coming weekend.

Countless hours have been put in by all the members of the committee. Julia Smith, Judy Bowring, Gail Lamb, Kathy Dornan, Gail Van Netten, Lyne Mielke, Diane Dorion, Holly Pigott, Lynn Mayotte, Sharon MacDonald, Maria Steventon, Susan Smyth, Kleo Tobias, Betty Hearn, Dorothy Mattingley, Angie Smith are all such awesome women and I am proud to have them on the team. I am humbled by their diligence, strength and their ability to just get it done. They make me look good.

Hard to believe that our guild is 25 years old. What an incredible milestone. Well done. To our founding members, thank you from the bottom of my heart for branching out and building a guild here in Durham Region. It's a place where I feel comfortable and at home with people who share my passion for quilting and other fibre arts.

I will be there to welcome all of our guests to our fantastic show over the weekend, and I hope to see many of you there, either as volunteers, or patrons. Bring your friends, they will be amazed by the show.

Raffle Tickets – Sharon M.

Tickets are still available to sell. The proceeds of the ticket sales goes directly to Habitat for Humanity Durham. There is still time to sell more tickets, the draw is on **December 6th** @ 5:45 pm at Restore 200 John St Oshawa.

If you have sold all your tickets, return the stubs and cash to Sharon MacD. And pick up another packet to sell.

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 to everyone who brought their completed quilts for us to admire. Congratulations to Angie S. who won a \$50 gift certificate for Quilters' Cupboard in the participation draw. We hope to see all of your completed mystery quilts hanging in our quilt show! Susan S.

Would the winners of The Quilt Show and Challenge winner please bring their quilts, bags, garment, etc. to the Guild meeting on November 1st? These winning quilts will be our Show and Share in November. There will be regular show and share at our December 6th meeting.

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

Retreat is only a few weeks away and we have 40 ladies running away to Elim Lodge on beautiful Pigeon Lake from November 10 – 13, 2016 to sew, sew, sew and laugh, laugh, laugh! We have some fun projects planned and you should have received your fabric requirements and sample photos. We hope you have a great time!!

Stay at Home Retreat is Back!!

Stay at Home Retreat is booked for February 3 – 5, 2017. Sign up at the November guild meeting. Cost for 3 days is \$120.00 for all three days. You can sew from 9:30 each day until 11:00 at night if you wish.

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!

Workshops – Holly P.

We have some great workshops for you this year

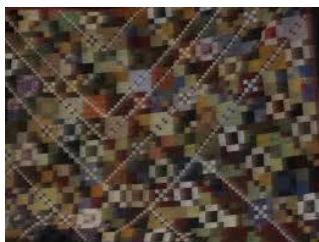
February 25, 2017 – Northern Neighbours with Leianne McCallum

With Canada's 150th next year, we have decided to do the Northern Neighbours quilt by Studio 180 Designs (Deb Tucker).

This is an awesome looking quilt which can also be done in a scrappy version or with batiks. The pattern calls for 3 rulers - Corner Beam, Wing Clipper and Split Rects. (You might be able to shop for them at the show, or put them on your Christmas wish list right??) The scrappy version is also quite stunning. Your choice on which version you want to do!!



Scrap Queen with Kelly Dumaresq 1 April 2017



Join Kelly for this fabulous technique workshop where she will discuss the scrap collectors system for helping you organize your scraps to make awesome scrap quilts. You won't go home with a finished project, but your head will be buzzing with ideas on how to use up every bit of your scraps in your next project (Sorry scrap basket) We will be sewing some sample blocks for you to take home for inspiration.

Sample photo, not necessarily the project you will choose!

FABRIC SWITCH – Lynn M.

This year's fabric switch is six 10 inch squares in patterned Jewel Tones. November's colour is **Ruby/Red**. **Please purchase good quality quilt shop cotton.**

If you have not signed up yet, there is still time to get started. Just bring your six **Ruby/Red** squares to the November meeting and sign up with Lynn M.

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

Thank you to everyone who picked up a kit for mittens to keep the hands warm this winter of those unfortunate children who do not own any. We will have more kits available at our next meeting. We will also have a few kits for cuddle quilts available.

Since we are having the quilt show, then the retreat, followed by Christmas I have not I booked any time at Whirls n Swirls to work on quilting on the long arm machines. We will start up again next year.

Thank you to all our members for supporting 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 next 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 the November meeting, Michelle Dunn of Kallisti Quilts will present a trunk show featuring quilts made with Japanese and African fabrics. Kelly will talk about how to best use this unique type of fabric in your own projects. She will also have a selection of these fabrics for sale. www.kallistiquilts.com



COMMUNITY OUTREACH – DONATION QUILT PROGRAM - Dorothy M.

We currently have the choice of three 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. They 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.

The Chance Draw winner in October 2016 was Louise L.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we will not have a chance draw at our November meeting. Remember to try your luck at the Silent Auction and Ticket Pull at the Show!

LIBRARY - Anna A. and Meredith M.

We have more new magazines and books in this month. Come and browse and check some out to take home and make some Christmas gifts. 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/>

BLOCK OF THE MONTH – Angie S.

We have 17 members signed up so far. Please remember to bring in your blocks to get entered into a draw for a prize. It's still not too late to sign up! Have fun making your blocks!

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 are not printing the last names of any of our members or their personal emails. You can email the Member you are trying to reach at the email for 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:

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

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

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>

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