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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Lyne M.



As I write this, I am wondering where 2016 went... It's December! Let me begin by saying Merry Christmas and I wish you a healthy 2017 filled with new projects and adventures! Looking back to just a few weeks ago – what a show we had! It was Extravagant! The display was beautiful; the quilts entered in the challenge sparkled; the Boutique, Treasure Table, Tea Room, and Auction were all busy with willing patrons. Habitat for Humanity sent us volunteers to help set-up and take-down the quilts, thank you, and the beautiful quilt our guild donated to raise funds for their organization hung proudly in the front entry of the hall. Our show committee will have a report for us at the December meeting and in our next newsletter. Thank you to

everyone who chipped-in. There were many jobs and many hands to get them done.

At the spring retreat, participants made backpacks for children whose families are being supported by Denise House. You can find out more about this emergency shelter for women and children in Durham at www.thedenisehouse.com. We have collected various donations over the last few months to fill these bags. Also, at our last Executive meeting, we voted to go out and shop for items to complete the donation. At the December meeting, we will ask for your help to physically fill the bags with the donated and bought items so that we may drop them off at one of the shelters. You may still bring items to include in the loot on December 6th.

Lastly, I promise this is the last time I mention this, but some of you have asked... In September I entered Northcott's Sandscapes Challenge. There were two categories – appliqué and pieced. This was a contest advertised on their website as well as in quilt magazines. "The Bug", my piece inspired by Joni Newman's technique, came in second in the appliqué category. I won \$300 USD and fat quarters. This is very exciting and a landmark in my career as a quilter. (Ed. note: Congratulations Lyne! We are all proud of you.)

Again, if I do not have the opportunity to tell you personally at our December meeting, I wish you a safe and healthy holiday season. Keep sewing and contributing to our great Guild. By supporting Durham Trillium Quilters' Guild, you support our local charities.

Please note that the next Durham Trillium Quilters' Guild Meeting will be the second Tuesday in January – 10 January 2017.

EDUCATION CENTRE – NEW SECURITY PROCEDURE

You may have noticed that at our October meeting, the doors to the Ed Centre were locked after a certain time. 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 - *Except January! 2nd Tues – Jan. 10th, 2017*

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 **18 January at 7 pm** in the craft room upstairs at Taunton Mills. All members are welcome to attend.

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

We will be enjoying our Christmas potluck at this meeting. Members whose last names start with A to L are requested to bring sweets and those from M to Z are asked to bring savoury. We will be serving coffee and tea as usual. Please remember to bring your mug and a plate for the goodies.

Also very important, please **NO orange products are to be brought into the building due to severe allergies.** Looking forward to the potluck goodies!

PAST PRESIDENT’S UPDATE FOR NOVEMBER – Kate H.

Help Wanted.....

Another sad day on the Executive of the guild. Elaine & Sandra Flintoff have stepped away from the Chance Draw for personal reasons. Our condolences to both ladies on their recent loss.

We are now looking to fill two positions on the guild executive.

Membership Assistant:

We are seeking a membership assistant for the remainder of this year with the intention of becoming the Membership Convenor for the next two years. It requires someone with computer skills. We use Excel, Word and email. You should also be able to create pdf documents for distribution to the membership. 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 without a fuss and a smile is essential. As the first person most people visit with, good knowledge of guild activities is also important. If this is your job, please see Kate to sign on. If you want to try it out for a guild meeting, Margaret would be more than happy to have you sit with her at the January meeting to see if it's the job for you.

Chance Draw:

Each month you (and a partner??) can help a member or visitor to the meeting win big with our monthly Chance Draw. Sell the tickets, collect the money. Half to the winning ticket, half to the guild. Sounds easy right? If this sounds like a job you are interested in, please see Kate for details or to volunteer. This is a two year commitment.

If either positions interest you, please see Kate at the meeting.

MEMBERSHIP – Margaret S.

We welcomed one new member in November so we now have 110 members. After the great quilt show, hopefully we will add some more to that in the new year. Please look for the attached membership list with this email. I will miss the December meeting, so Merry Christmas to all!

“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 December and she will include you in the agenda.

Raffle Tickets – Sharon M.

Thanks to everyone who sold tickets for the Habitat for Humanity raffle. The draw is on December 6th so we will let you know the name of the winner at our December meeting. Good Luck to all who purchased tickets.

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.

There will be show and share at our December meeting. Please bring your holiday quilting projects and any other items you have to share.

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

Our Spring Retreat at Elim Lodge on beautiful Pigeon Lake will be from 9:30 a.m. Thursday April 6th to 2:00 p.m. Sunday April 9th. We will again have some interesting demos with lots of time to sew, laugh, eat and sew some more. We will have a visit from a shop for retail therapy, Charlene, our massage therapist, and Rick to clean and service your machine. The cost for the weekend will be \$310.00 for Thursday to Sunday (3 nights & 10 meals) or \$235.00 for Friday to Sunday (2 nights & 7 meals). The first installment of \$100.00 will be due in January. Come and join the fun by signing up at the December meeting.

HOME SEW SWEET RETREAT – Friday Feb. 3 to Sunday Feb 5, 2017 – Holly & Kate

This event will be held at Thornton Dundee Park Clubhouse in Oshawa from 9:30 a.m. Friday, February 3 to 3:00 p.m. Sunday, February 5, 2017. This is an accessible building and our lunch and dinners will be catered!

It is a great opportunity to have fun sewing with friends and be able to leave your machine and projects there overnight and come back the next day to sew again. We will have some demos with plenty of time for sewing and fun! Anyone is welcome to attend, the cost for all three days is \$120.00. Please sign-up at the December meeting.

WORKSHOPS – Holly P.

We have some great workshops for you this year

2 - 1/2" Scrappy Corners with Kate H. - January 21, 2017

Have you been collecting 2 - 1/2" strips or have a jelly roll? Kate will teach you a fast and easy scrap quilt using 2 - 1/2" strips and background squares. The workshop will be at the John Street Branch of the Oshawa Senior Citizen Centres on Saturday January 21, 2017 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for a fee of \$25.00. Please sign-up and pay your fee at the December meeting.

Northern Neighbours with Leianne McCallum - February 25, 2017

Northern Neighbours is an awesome quilt by Deb Tucker of Studio 180 Designs which requires 3 different rulers, - Corner Beam, Wing Clipper and Split Rects. This quilt looks great in red and white or scrappy - your choice. Our workshop will be held at the John Street Branch of Oshawa Senior Citizen Centres on February 25, 2017 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for a fee of \$40.00. Space is limited to 12 participants so sign up at the December meeting.



Scrap Queen with Kelly Dumaresq 1 April 2017

This workshop is a fun day of using 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 that is based on different ideas of how to use strips and squares to make wonderful scrap quilts. You will not be working on



one project but instead try one block of several different quilts and go home with a folder full of ideas and inspiration.



The workshop will be held 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.

FABRIC SWITCH – Lynn M.

This year's fabric switch is 6 - 10 inch squares in patterned cotton Jewel Tones. December's colour is **Purple**. **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 Purple squares** to the December meeting and sign up with Lynn M.

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

There were 75 mittens returned at the last meeting and 32 mittens made at retreat. We had several completed cuddle quilts handed in and Charlene, Linda and I will be delivering them next week to the Children's Aid Society and Rose of Durham. The mittens will be delivered to several schools in need.

In the last two months, I delivered over 20 doggy beds to the SPCA from scraps given to me by various members.

Seven Quilts of Valour will be delivered on behalf of the guild next week as well.

The cuddle quilt program will start up again after the holidays, and we will send out the time and date as soon as it is set up.

Our team has been working hard this fall and we hope to get your continued support in the new year. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe, healthy, and Happy New Year.

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 December meeting (even if you didn't finish it)? We are ready to fill them!

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 December meeting, we will be filling the Backpacks for Denise House as described above by Lyne and Holly. Also, remember that December is our Pot Luck – See Social's article to know if you're bringing a sweet or savory treat to share.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH – DONATION QUILT PROGRAM - Dorothy M.

Two Donation quilts were requested and approved this month.

One is going to a Hockey Association in Oshawa and another, to the Durham District School Board to help needy families at Christmas.

We have one Donation Quilt left for this year. If your group would like to apply to use it for a raffle, please contact us using the DTQG email address.

CHANCE DRAW –

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

LIBRARY - Anna A. and Meredith M.

We have 2 new books in the library: Sunday Morning Quilts which has the "Missing U" block being used by CQA in their Quilts for Kids "slab" project and Preserving History for those who have asked for antique quilt patterns.

We will also be having our semi annual book sale in December. You can clear off your book shelves and bring in any books or magazines you no longer want and pick up something new. See you in December.

SCRAP BASKET – Judy B.

Our scrap basket is 'hungry'! The amount of fabric has gone down considerably over the last two months, so if you have any leftovers from your sewing room, please consider bringing them in to share with our members. 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

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.

I'm sorry ladies but I will not be at the December meeting but will have two draws in January. I will be emailing your next Block soon and look forward to seeing them in January. Have a very Merry Christmas and I will see you in January.

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.

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:

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

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