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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Lyne M.



Hello Fellow Quilters!

This edition of the President Message is penned by Kate H, for Lyne M. Lyne's father passed away suddenly and I am standing in for her. Our deepest condolences to Lyne and her family during this difficult time.

Can you believe that it is February already?? I don't know about you, but I am excited for the cold weather. Too cold to go outside so I can stay inside and sew! This past Saturday, I taught my first class for the guild. I was nervous and excited. I survived, and so did my students. They went home with lots of homework. That's how I know I was a great teacher, by giving out homework. They have until June to complete it and bring it to guild. So I am not totally unreasonable...and I won't be marking these, so that's a win/win!

I hope that you have all been keeping busy. January is a time of reflection over the past year and making new plans for the coming year. As Canadians, we are excited to be celebrating Canada's 150th Birthday this year. Red and white will be everywhere soon. Canadian Quilters' Association expects lots of red and white quilts to be on display at Quilt Canada on June 14 - 17. Then on July 29 & 30, Quilts at the Creek is on again at Black Creek Pioneer Village. If you've never been to either of these shows, you really should attend. They are both wonderful and inspirational.

The guild has so many exciting things going on in the next few months, workshops, retreats and fabulous guest speakers. We truly hope that Mother Nature will co-operate on guild nights especially. The Big Bee at Quilt Canada in support of Ronald McDonald Houses across Canada is our May Community Event. We hope that many of you will get involved to help the guild make 'slab' blocks for this awesome event. Any time that we get an opportunity to help children makes my heart sing. More information will follow in the coming months.

See you at Guild

Kate H.
Past President

Canada's Big Quilt Bee



EDUCATION CENTRE – NEW SECURITY PROCEDURE

You may have noticed that from 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

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 **15 February 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.

Very important, please **NO orange products are to be brought into the building due to severe allergies.** Looking forward to seeing all of you at the next meeting.

PAST PRESIDENT’S UPDATE FOR FEBRUARY – Kate H.

Help Wanted.....

Local guild requires a “Member at Large” to serve on the Nomination Committee with the Past President and Vice President. Your mission: Actively seek candidates and recruit for open positions on the guild executive for the 2017/2018 guild year. “Member at Large” must be willing to meet a few times over the next couple months fill all vacancies. You should be persuasive, motivated, enthusiastic and interested in the future of

your guild. No compensation paid or resume required. Candidate must be a current member of the guild. Please contact Kate H., Past President at k.gard@sympatico.ca to put your name forward. Deadline for applications is February 7, 2017. Your guild needs you!

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 February meeting to see if it's the job for you.

MEMBERSHIP – Margaret S.

We have 110 members.

“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 February 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.

As we had extra time to get our projects completed this past month, I hope each of you will bring at least one quilted project to the 7th February meeting. See you there.

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

Our Spring Retreat at Elim Lodge on beautiful Pigeon Lake will start at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday April 6, 2017 and end on Sunday April 9th at 2:00 p.m. Julia will demo an interesting fat quarter quilt; I will show how to cut once and get 2 appliques to create a Maple Leaf wall hanging to celebrate Canada's 150th and Kate will teach the Slab Block in support of the Quilt Canada's Big Bee for Ronald MacDonald Houses across Canada so bring some of your scraps. We will have a visit from a shop for retail therapy, Charlene, our massage

therapist (\$25) and Rick to clean and service your machine (\$50). The cost for this fun packed weekend is \$310.00 for Thursday to Sunday (3 nights & 10 meals) or \$235.00 for Friday to Sunday (2 nights & 7 meals). Single rooms are an extra \$10.00 per night.

Since our January meeting was cancelled, the first two installments for a total of \$200.00 are due at the February meeting. We still have room so come join the fun!

Your Retreat Divas Holly & Kate

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

Please stay tuned for pictures of our Second Stay at Home Retreat.

WORKSHOPS – Holly P.

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 February meeting.



Scrap Queen with Kelly Dumaresq 1 April 2017

This workshop is a fun day of using scraps! This is a **technique** workshop. 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 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 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. Come and join this stash-busting workshop by signing up at the February meeting.





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

FABRIC SWITCH – Lynn M.

This year's fabric switch is 6 - 10 inch squares in patterned cotton Jewel Tones. **February's** colour is **Burnt Orange**, also please bring your **January's Royal Blue**. Please purchase good quality quilt shop cotton.

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

We hope to see you at our table to pick up the last of the mittens' kits and also some kits to make quilt tops. Hoping to see you there and that the weather cooperates.

PROGRAM – Susan S.

Leianne McCallum from Quilters Cupboard is the speaker for our February meeting. Leianne will present demos of quick project ideas, ranging from small gifts to quilt-sized patterns. Patterns and tools will be available for purchase.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH – DONATION QUILT PROGRAM - Dorothy M.

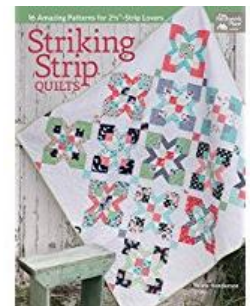
We have one Donation Quilt left for this year. If your group would like to apply to use it for a raffle, please contact us using the DTQG email address.

CHANCE DRAW – Brenda L.

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

LIBRARY – Anna A. and Meredith M.

The library has two new books. "Quilt with Tula & Angela" and "Striking Strip Quilts" We have also renewed our subscription to McCall's Quilting. Hope to see you in February.



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.

As our January's meeting was cancelled, we will be having 3 draws at February's meeting. I hope everyone received instructions for block #5.

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 – Julia S.

Our NEW website is up and running! Please visit it and check out the new format:

<http://www.durhamtrilliumquiltersguild.ca/>

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.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

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

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