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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Lyne M.

What are you doing, Maisy?



CQA's The Big Quilting Bee will benefit a large number of families in their time of need through Ronald McDonald Houses throughout our beautiful country. DTQG is very happy and proud to participate in this great adventure. Thank you to all of our members who are participating in this project. We have been making slab blocks, we've put them into small or large quilts, have quilted them and bound them. Our guild, like many others, is working hard at contributing to CQA's goal of providing a thousand donated quilts.

I found this "What are you doing, Maisy?" yardage fabric in my stash that lent itself to making "planned" slabs. I was able to make two large Maisy quilts with this fabric and I love them! I think that two children will be very happy to receive them. They are fun and colourful! I've enjoyed making slab blocks that grew when the only plan was to have the Canadian fabric included and being 12 1/2" finished, and I really enjoyed making these ones that were planned, too! So, if you are the kind of quilter that needs a plan, slab blocks are still possible for you; however, letting loose with not many rules is pretty cool too. Give it a try and bring your blocks, flimsies, or completed quilts to our May meeting. Sharon has information further into this newsletter regarding a Sew Day in May as well. Come out and be part of a great cause!

Have you considered being part of the Executive Team yet, or again? Some positions involve more personal time than others; if you are interested, we can use your help planning and running the great events our guild has throughout the year. Keep reading – Kate goes into the details of what positions are open and need to be filled on the next few pages.



This newsletter is the Executive's way of communicating with our membership. It can be long at times, but everything you need to know about what is going on is included in this information packed volume. Read on!

**EXECUTIVE MEETING DATES**

Our next Guild Executive meeting will be on **May 17th at 7 pm**. Meeting place will be announced later. All members are welcome to attend.

<p><b><u>MEETING DATES</u></b> – First Tuesday of the month</p> <p><b><u>TIME</u></b> – Meeting begins at 7:30, ends approximately 9:30</p> <p><b><u>LOCATION</u></b> – Durham District School Board, Staff Cafeteria, second floor, 400 Taunton Rd. E.</p> <p><b><u>REMEMBER TO BRING</u></b> – Your Name Tag, Library Books, Toonies for the Chance Draw and a Mug</p>
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**SOCIAL/REFRESHMENTS – Pam T., Jana B. and Peggy F.**

This month's treats will be provided by Diana S., Maria S., Sharron C., Anne D., Linda S., Jane S., Marianne C. and Karen D.

Very important, please: **NO orange products are to be brought into the building due to severe allergies.**

**PAST PRESIDENT’S UPDATE FOR MAY – Kate H.**

**Let The Recruiting Begin!!**

Our recruiting team is working on contacting members of the guild to join the executive. Anne Murray has agreed to be our ‘Member at Large’ to assist the Past President (Kate) and Vice President (Sharon) in their quest. We have some key roles which need to be filled in order for the guild to operate and some positions (i.e., fabric switch) are great to have, but the guild can/will run without them.

Open Positions:

<b>Officer Position Available</b>	<b>Currently held by:</b>	<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Term</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	Joyce Post	<b>Vacant</b>	2 Years
<b>Convenor Position Available</b>	<b>Currently held by:</b>	<b>Nominee:</b>	<b>Term</b>
<b>Membership</b>	Margaret Simpson	<b>Vacant</b>	2 Years
<b>Community Outreach &amp; Donation Quilts</b>	Diane Dorion (Convenor) with team: Charlene Watson & Linda Sarch	<b>Vacant (1 Convenor and team)</b>	2 Years
	Dorothy Mattingley	<b>Vacant</b>	2 Years
<b>Newsletter</b>	Maria Steventon	<b>Vacant</b>	2 Years
<b>Workshops &amp; Retreats</b>	Holly Pigott	<b>Vacant (could be 2 people)</b>	2 Years
<b>Fabric Switch</b>	Lynn Mayotte	<b>Vacant</b>	2 Years

In accordance with the guild Constitution, Section V, paragraph 3: Any Committee Convener may serve an additional term of one or two years

So now that you know which positions are **open**, I will outline their jobs as written in the Constitution:

**Secretary**

- Records the minutes of all Executive Meetings and distributes them to the Executive.
- Ensures members are notified of the date, time and location of the AGM.
- Records the minutes of the AGM.
- Maintains a file of all minutes, reports, correspondence and inquiries for future reference.
- Is responsible for general correspondence, including electronic and land mail.
- Assumes responsibility for sending condolence, get well, etc. cards as appropriate.

**Membership Convener**

- Collects dues from all members/guests and issues receipts upon request
- Provides members with a membership card
- Keeps an up to date record of Guild members
- Advises Executive of new members and contact information changes
- Prepares an Annual Membership list and distributes to members
- Provides new members with a copy of the Constitution and a name tag.
- Maintains membership email address database

**Community Outreach Convener**

- Shall be responsible for community outreach projects
- Includes Donation Quilts, and Walker Bag sub committees

**Newsletter Convener**

- Sets deadline for publication of the Newsletter and advises the Treasurer of expenses incurred.
- Compiles, prepares and ensures distribution of the Newsletter to all members

**Workshop & Retreat Convener (could be a team!!)**

- Arranges for workshops and enlists teachers as needed.
- Is responsible for registration and collection of fees.
- Advises the Treasurer of all expenses and has appropriate cheques at each workshop.
- Arranges for facilities and equipment as needed, with Executive approval

**Fabric Switch**

- Provides opportunities for members to exchange fabric cuts and/or blocks several times annually.
- Prior to meeting: Select a theme for exchange (i.e. strips or blocks, colours & sizes): Review with the executive committee: Send small blurb to newsletter indicating the type and details of exchange that will be taking place including deadline to sign up.
- At monthly meeting: Present the details for the exchange, such as sample of block or fabric style/cut and potential quantity (number of cuts/participant), and take sign-ups at meeting.
- After sign-ups: Send email to those who sign up and give final directions on how the exchange will work: Send reminder to be placed in newsletter as well.
- Distribution meeting: Collect fabric at meeting and redistribute it to those that signed up: Show projects using exchange fabric.
- Workshop: if there is enough interest to have a workshop to complete selected project

These job descriptions are not all-encompassing. If you are interested in one of these positions, please take a few minutes to chat with the current convener to ask them any questions you may have. If this is the job you

are interested in, please see either Kate Hull, Sharon MacDonald or Anne Murray at the May Meeting or contact them by telephone or email at anytime.

**What is the difference between a Guild Officer and a Convener?** The Constitution outlines that the guild cannot run without the Officers. DTQG's **Officer** Roster is as follows: President, Past President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. **Conveners** are committed members who volunteer their time to organize particular enhancements to the Guild's operations, to make the guild experience not just good, but **GREAT!** If we do not have Conveners for certain positions, the program simply does not run. For example, if no one steps forward to run **COMMUNITY OUTREACH** or **FABRIC SWITCH**, then we won't have that as part of our monthly meeting. It definitely would be missed by everyone at the meeting, but it would not be run in that guild year. Keep in mind: these are all **VOLUNTEER** positions!

What's your skill set? New people on the executive will breathe in new life; new ideas and skills to the group. We need to fill these open positions before the AGM in June!!

**What are the benefits to being on the Executive?** Thank you for asking! You get first-hand knowledge of upcoming events at the guild (i.e. speakers, workshops, and first opportunity to sign up for retreat and workshops). As part of the Executive, you are involved in shaping the direction of the guild, in the current year and beyond. Getting involved in the Executive gives you an opportunity to network with the guild members and the Executive. Why else? Because you **BELIEVE** in the Guild and **WANT** to be part of its future. Some of the reasons are intrinsic, meaning that you can't put a price on them -- it just makes you feel good to be involved. If you are one of those people, **WE NEED YOU ON THE EXECUTIVE!** Answer the call, and **GET INVOLVED!**

### MEMBERSHIP – Margaret S.

As we come to the end of an exciting and successful year in the Guild, it is time to look forward to next year. The Membership Renewal form for 2017-2018 is attached and will be accepted beginning at the May meeting. Remember, all membership forms with payment received prior to August 31 are entered in the Early Bird draw for reimbursement of the fee. Be that lucky person! Please remember to fill out the back of the form. Your comments and feedback assist the Executive in planning for what you would like to achieve as a Guild member.

### “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 May and she will include you in the agenda.

### SHOW AND SHARE – Peggy G.

Thank you all for the great Show and Shares at the April meeting. We have a lot of talent in our club! Thank you to Peggy F. and Maureen E. for their help.

SPRING RETREAT – April 2017 – Holly & Kate

We had 37 ladies gather at Elim Lodge a few weeks ago for some fellowship, fun, food and sewing. We made a lot of blocks for Quilt Canada in support of Ronald McDonald House; had some awesome demos; enjoyed some retail therapy with a shop visit from Annie's Quilt Shop and played some zany games. We expect to see some of the completed items at Show and Share this month. We certainly had strange weather - - wind, rain, snow and then overcast. It didn't matter; we sewed from early morning 'til late at night!

**May 27** will be our final Sew Day for Ronald McDonald House. Come out and complete a quilt or sew on some binding. Sew Day is from 9:30 to 3:30 at Oshawa Senior Citizens Centre at 43 John Street West in the Lower Assembly room. Sign up at the May meeting and pay your \$5.00. If you make something for RMH, you get your money back!!



Some of the Retreat participants and their Quilts and Blocks for the CQA Canada's Big Quilt Bee for Ronald McDonald House Charities.

WORKSHOPS – Holly P.

NOTICE: WORKSHOP AND RETREAT PAYMENT – Maureen E. – Treasurer

As cheques are becoming obsolete in favour of electronic transactions, the Guild will now accept e-transfers for workshop and retreat payments only.

After signing up for your class or retreat, let the convener know that you will be paying by e-transfer. A different password will be assigned to each workshop or retreat to enable processing of the transactions. Also, please enter your full name in the comments field, as sometimes it can be a challenge to determine who the sender is, e.g. someone's email may not match or include their names.

Submit your e-transfer to the Guild e-mail at [durhamtrilliumqg@yahoo.ca](mailto:durhamtrilliumqg@yahoo.ca) The treasurer will contact the convener to let her know when the funds have been deposited.

FALL RETREAT – November 16 – 19, 2017 – Holly & Kate

The Fall Retreat will be November 16-19, 2017 at Elim Lodge. We are capping the retreat at 40 participants, so put your name in. Sign up at the May meeting, and your first payment of \$100 is due in June. Full retreat rates will be published in the June newsletter, as we haven't received the rates from Elim.

**Home Sew Sweet Home Retreat** – Mark your calendars for **February 2-4, 2018** for our next stay at home retreat at the Thornton Dundee Park Clubhouse. Limited to 15 participants. Sign up at the May Guild meeting, first payment is due at the October guild meeting. Total fee is \$120.00.

PROGRAM – Susan S.

Do you have rulers and templates still in the original package, which you have never opened or used? Do you own a Tri-Recs, Easy Angle, Companion Angle, Strip Tube Ruler, Drunkard's Path, Tumbler, Wedge, Quick Curve, Wing Clipper, or any of the others that you couldn't live without when you bought it?

If so, take an inventory of your sewing room and bring a list of the rulers that you own to the May meeting. We're planning to provide opportunities next year for you to learn how to put these tools to use. You own them – let's use them!

Slab Block Quilts for Ronald McDonald Houses – Sharon M.

The Sew Day we had on April 22<sup>nd</sup> was a fun and successful day. Eighteen members attended and we sewed and sewed all day long. We made bindings, blocks, put blocks together, and quilted a total of 10 more completed quilts (and more to come!). Thanks to all who attended!

If you have quilts, flimsies, or blocks, please bring them to the May meeting. I would like to know what we have left to do. If you are wanting to complete what you have, that's fine, but I would like to know that as well. The quilts must be completed by May 30<sup>th</sup>.

As per the email you received earlier last week, we are **not** able to sew at the May 2<sup>nd</sup> Guild meeting. We were unable to secure additional rooms for the Sewing Bee. In its place, we are having another Sew Day on Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 – 3:00 at the Oshawa Senior Citizens Centre at 43 John Street West.

So, a program change was necessary. I know you will enjoy the evening we have put together. As always, feedback is welcomed!

***Do not bring your sewing machines, irons, boards and tools to the May meeting!!!***

FABRIC SWITCH – Lynn M.

**May's colour is Amethyst.** This is the last month to hand in your squares. At the June meeting I will bring a sample quilt that used the squares we exchanged this year.

Thanks to all who participated and have fun creating your next project!

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

Spring has arrived and everyone will start thinking of gardening or going to the cottage. I hope you will have time to do a few cuddle quilts on any rainy days, so come and pick up a kit at the next meeting.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH – DONATION QUILT PROGRAM - Dorothy M.

We have one donation quilt that you can request for your silent auction (with a minimum bid) or for a raffle.

Please apply for a form if you wish the quilt to raise money for your non-profit group.



CHANCE DRAW – Brenda L. L. & Kate D.

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

LIBRARY – Anna A. and Meredith M.

It is that time again: Time to clear off your bookshelves. Our semi-annual book sale will be held at the May meeting. Hope to see you there!

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 (e.g., squares or rectangles), please put them into a small Ziploc bag first, then into the scrap basket. Thanks!

BLOCK OF THE MONTH – Angie S.

Hi Ladies,

Remember to bring in your last two blocks for a draw. I will be sending the finishing instructions after the May meeting. See all of you in May!



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**WEBSITE – <http://www.durhamtrilliumquiltersguild.ca/> – Julia S.**

The trip to the AQS Grand Rapids Quilt Show is up with a link to the full flyer details and registration form on our Guild’s website. This trip is open to all quilters, not just Guild members.

**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.

**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.



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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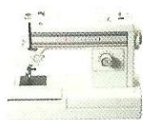
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### UPCOMING EVENTS

To find out about more upcoming quilt shows, visit [www.canadianquilter.com](http://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:

St. Mark's Church in Whitby is call for quilts for their upcoming show on May 5 and 6. Contact Hazel Holt at 905-493-3132 if you are interested in showing your quilt.

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

Friday May 5 & Sat. May 6, 2017 – **Quilting in the Village 2017** – Thames Valley Quilters Guild, Wesley-Knox United Church, 91 Askin Street, London ON [www.thamesvalleyquiltersguild.com](http://www.thamesvalleyquiltersguild.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.rvqqquiltshow.blogspot.ca/](http://www.rvqqquiltshow.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](http://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](http://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](http://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>

Friday June 2 – Saturday June 3, 2017 – **Muskoka Quilts!...from the heart** – Pine Tree Quilters' Guild of Muskoka, Bracebridge Memorial Arena, 169 James St. Bracebridge ON [www.pinetreequilterguildofmuskoka.com](http://www.pinetreequilterguildofmuskoka.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](http://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>

Friday June 23 – Saturday June 24, 2017 – **Sew Much To Celebrate, Eh!** – Queen's Bush Quilters, Markdale Arena, Markdale ON [thequeensbushquilters@gmail.com](mailto:thequeensbushquilters@gmail.com)

Sunday June 25 – Wednesday June 28, 2017 – **Angela Walters is Coming to Canada** – WhirlsnSwirls Quilting, APQS Ontario, Oshawa ON <http://www.whirlsnswirlsquilting.ca/collections/angela-walter-classes>

Saturday July 29 & Sunday July 30, 2017 – **Quilts at the Creek 2017** – Black Creek Pioneer Village, 1000 Murray Ross Parkway, Toronto ON <https://quiltsatthecreek.wordpress.com/>

Friday November 10 & Saturday November 11, 2017 – **A Celebration of Quilts XIII – YHOG Quilt Show** – York Heritage Quilters Guild, Toronto Botanical Gardens, 777 Lawrence Ave. East, Toronto ON <https://yhqg.org/quilt-show-2017>