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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Sharon M.**

November was a busy month for many of us. For those who attended the Elim retreat, a good time was had by all. Lots of projects were started or completed with some of us just getting quilts ready for the show.

The Rose of Durham Victorian Tea was an excellent night out with 10 members of the guild attending. We had lots of fun at the ticket pull tables as well as bidding on the auction items. Their goal was to raise over \$20,000 to support their young parents support programs and services.

The Threads of Friendship Quilt Show headed by Kate H. and her committee was a great success. A job well done. From the tea room, ticket pull, boutique, treasure table, vendors and of course the quilts and items on display it was well received by the attendees. Lots of positive remarks were extended to guild members as folks toured around the event.

The CQA Viral Mystery quilt pattern has been offered to members of the association. If you wish to complete this quilt or just want to see what it looks like, the pattern has been put on our website as an attachment for the December newsletter (it is too big to send with the newsletter). CQA has several challenges this year that you may wish to take part in. The Guild challenge will be one challenge we will participate in. More information will be presented at the December meeting. The Quilted Postcard Challenge (challenge theme: Inspired by Nature) is another. You make and donate a postcard to be sold at the 2020 Quilt Canada show in Edmonton. Thirdly, the Try -a-Triad challenge is a modern challenge which includes using the colours red, blue and yellow fabric. For these and other challenges offered this year go to the CQA website. [www.canadianquilter.com](http://www.canadianquilter.com).

That's all for now. See you all at the Holiday Potluck December 9th. Bring an appetizer/finger food to share and your own beverage. Dessert will be provided. Don't forget to bring your plate and cutlery. Wishing you all a Happy Holiday Season

**MEETING DATES:** Second Monday of the month, September to June. Conflicts due to a holiday will be determined by the executive each year and communicated to members. They are also on the website.

**TIME:** Doors open at approximately 6:30 pm, meeting begins at 7:00 pm, ends approximately 9:00 pm.

**LOCATION:** Zion Christian Reformed Church, 409 Adelaide Ave. E. Oshawa ON

**REMEMBER TO BRING** – DTQG name tag, library books borrowed at the last meeting, toonies for our chance draw, and any donations you have for the food bank (e.g., canned fruit, boxes of cereal, peanut butter, crackers, pork & beans, spaghetti sauce, rice, toilet paper, hand soap bars, and toothpaste).

## **WEBSITE – Laura B.**

Our website continues to run at <http://www.durhamtrilliumquiltersguild.ca> and will be updated if a meeting is cancelled due to weather. If there are any updates or corrections required, please contact Laura B.

**QUILT SHOW 2019 “Threads Of Friendship Quilt Show” – Kate H.**  
**November 22 & 23, 2019 - General Sikorski Hall, Oshawa.**

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all the members who made quilts for display, helped out before during and after the show, attended, shopped and supported the show. We had so many positive comments about our show. Our vendors were happy (once we got the heat turned up) and our visitors had high praise for our show. According to our guest book, we had visitors from New York, Calgary, and Coe Hill. We had a visit from our Regional Chair, John Henry, who praised the workmanship and skill of our members. If you check out Snap'd, there are a few photos of us there as well. One of my favourite moments was a group of young students from Toronto, who are learning to hand quilt with a mentor. That truly was amazing to meet those young people and see the looks on their faces as they walked around the show.

I want to recognize the tireless efforts of our show team, Lyne M, Julia S, Laura B, Maria S, Holly P, Diana S., Diane D., Debbie ., Angie S., Dorothy M., Cheryl A., Debbie K., Joyce P., Gail L., Kathy D., and Gwen V., and team boutique, Grace R., Angie C., Carol M., Joanne P. and Jill M. for their hard work and skill. While we probably won't have many details finalized about the show for the December meeting, we all know it was a success, I can just feel it!!

Thank you again, Kate H. Quilt Show Chair, Thread of Friendship Quilt Show 2019

**LIBRARY – Sandy M.**

I would like to thank those quilters who braved the yucky weather on November 11<sup>th</sup> and took part in the Library sale, we made \$110 and these funds will go towards the purchase of some more new books. I've already received a couple of suggestions but more suggestions are greatly appreciated. You can email your suggestions and/or subject ideas to Sandra M (see the membership listing) or talk to Anna or me at the meetings.

The Library will be at the December meeting for returns and sign-out and hopefully I will have received a few more new books that are on order.

**CHANCE DRAW – Barbara S.**

For your chance to win half of the monthly collected funds, please visit the Chance Draw table with your toonies. Due to the adverse weather, no draw occurred in November. Good luck in December!

**UFO Challenge – Peggy G and Peggy F.**

The sign up sheet for the UFO challenge could not be distributed at the November meeting. Attached to the newsletter is a handout with a description of how the UFO challenge will work, and a sign-up page. Members who wish to participate in the UFO challenge are asked to fill in the sign-up page (the 2nd page of the attachment) and bring it along with their \$5 payment to the December meeting. **DON'T FORGET TO KEEP A COPY FOR YOURSELF** so you know which # was assigned to which project!!

The challenge basically works as follows: you identify different UFOs (unfinished objects) that you wish to complete as part of the challenge, and you write them into the sign-up page giving them numbers 1-5. Every two month a number is drawn, and you have 2 months to finish the item you wrote in for that number (extra time over the summer). If you finish it, you get a ballot. If you finish it on time, you get another ballot. Ballots are drawn at the end of the challenge (December 2020), for a prize..

If you cannot attend to hand in your page and fee in December or you have questions, please contact Peggy G. or 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 2 ½” fabric strip of full width of fabric (i.e., 2 ½" x 42").

Please see Sharon, our President, if you have Kudos for the month and she will include you in the agenda.

**EXECUTIVE MEETING DATES**

Our next Executive meeting will be on **Wednesday January 15, 2020 at 7 pm**, in a designated room of the basement of the Chartwell Centennial Retirement Residence (259 Hillcroft St, Oshawa) (look for signs posted to determine correct room). All members are welcome. Please sign in at the front desk, if attending the meeting.

**NOTE FROM THE EDITOR – Laura B.**

We seem to have found a temporary work-around for our difficulties with our email system. If you do not get the newsletter by email 7 days before the meeting, it will be available via the website. The executive is discussing and we may switch to a different email service in the new year.

The newsletters are posted on our website so do not contain last names or personal emails. Members have been sent a membership list to allow you to contact a member. If not received or member has joined after the distribution, you can email the Guild at [durhamtrilliumqg@yahoo.ca](mailto:durhamtrilliumqg@yahoo.ca) and we will do our best to pass along the message 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 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.

**RETREATS AND WORKSHOPS – Kate H. & Holly P.**

**Fall Retreat – Elim Lodge – November 14-17, 2019**

Members who attended this retreat were very busy, and made quite a few quilt tops for charity. Here are photos of a few of them.



**Spring Home Sew Sweet Retreat – Club Loreley – Jan 31 – Feb 2, 2020 - FULL**



You can tackle your projects and hurry hard to the end of your quilting! Enjoy our non-sporting event weekend with quilting friends and Chef Trevor! We have booked the Club Loreley (German Club) for our Sew at Home event for January 31-February 2, 2020. Price is \$135 for Friday-Sunday (at lunch) or any two days \$110. Price includes lunch and dinner on Friday and Saturday, and schnitzel lunch on Sunday. If you are a real football fan, you'll be home before kick-off and ready for the half-time show!

If you have signed up already, please pay your fee at the December meeting. Payment method: cash/cheque (made payable to Durham Trillium Quilters' Guild) or by e-transfer at [durhamtrilliumqg@yahoo.ca](mailto:durhamtrilliumqg@yahoo.ca) We now have automatic deposit, security question not required!

**Spring Retreat – Elim Lodge – April 16-19, 2020**



Mark your calendars for the Spring Retreat at Elim Lodge. April 16-19, 2020.

We are looking for members to do a few demos on that weekend. If you are planning to attend and are interested in helping out, let me know. Fees TBA, single accommodation is \$10.00 extra per night. Sign up in January with your first deposit of \$100.

**Sew Day – Saturday January 18 – Rundle Park – Cost \$25**



Come out and get those items finished that you put off working on because of the quilt show. A great time to get your Christmas gifts done, maybe for next year? Price includes lunch. We had many requests for Saturday sew days, so come on out and join the fun Start at 9:30, Sew until 6ish

**Workshops**

Now that the quilt show is done, I can focus on workshops. How about a ruler workshop? Machine quilting? Let me know what you are interested in..

**Future Dates – Sew Day or Workshop**

Keep these dates available February 29, April 25 and May 23. We're working on it!

**SHOW AND SHARE – Anne M. & Jean K.**

Please bring your finished projects to share with the membership at our monthly meeting. We love to admire and applaud your work. To participate in the monthly draw for a prize, register your quilt(s) at the Show and Share table prior to the start of the meeting.

**SUNSHINE – Steven B.**

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.

**SCRAP BASKET – Jacqueline H. & Retta H.**

Winter is a great time to downsize your fabric pieces! We would challenge you to lighten your loads by bringing in your scraps (they should be BIGGER than your fist). PS... if you make more room by tidying up... I am certain your significant other will allow you to bring more fabric in :) Best wishes.

**PROGRAM – Lina S.**

December meeting is Pot Luck –Appetizers. This year’s pot luck will be a little different. The guild will provide a cake for dessert. Members are asked to bring appetizers, a.k.a.“festive finger foods”. Also, don’t forget to bring your plate and fork, and your own beverage (non-alcoholic since we don’t have a liquor license).

Please note ... if you bring a placemat to this meeting, placemats will be donated to Meals on Wheels. These were very much appreciated last Christmas, and we are hoping to have many to donate this year.

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

**CUDDLE QUILT PROGRAM – Laura F., Sherry F., Sandra F., Linda W.**

At the November meeting, we had 14 finished quilts returned. Thank you Sherry F. (3), Laura F. (3), Kari B. (3), Jane S. (2), Gwen V., Gail L. and Linda W. We had 6 pieced tops returned. Thank you to Carol M. (2), Kate H., Angie C., Margaret S. and Linda W. We also received 48 placemats from Linda W., Laura F., Sherry F., and Gwen V. We will be dropping off placemats to Community Care Durham for their Meals on Wheels Program after the December meeting if you would like to donate.

Don’t forget that all pieced quilt tops, finished quilts, walker bags and mittens are eligible for the draw at the end of the meeting. November’s winner was Gwen V.

At this time, Community Outreach would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year!

**DONATION QUILTS – Dorothy M.**

If you wish a quilt for a raffle or silent auction for your organization in the Durham region, we have a few on hand. I have the forms to send you to apply. See photos below.



Red strippy (lap or small bed) 44" x 60" value \$230.00



Modern strippy (light to dark, single bed size) 56"x85" value \$410.00



Size 60" x 78" Value \$400.00



Size 66" x 72" Value \$375.00

**FABRIC EXCHANGE – Pam T.**

Due to the weather, Pam T was not able to join us at the November meeting. At the December meeting, Pam will be returning the fabrics from October (light gray batiks) and will be collecting the fabrics for November and December (light teal blue and dark teal blue). These will be returned in January, weather cooperating

Remember, we are exchanging 8 x 2 1/2” strips width of fabric (selvedges removed). Please bring your strips in a labelled ziplock bag.

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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.

Dec 1, 2019 – Jan 31, 2020 – **Best Day Ever** – Quilts, dolls, and other items made by Margaret Franklin (one of our members) will be on display – Boyd Museum, 21 Canal Street East, Bobcaygeon, K0M 1A0. <http://www.theboydmuseum.com/home.html>

March 27-28, 2020 – **Etobicoke Quilters Guild – Quilt Fever 2020** – A Quilting Journey. Neilson Park Creative Centre, 56 Neilson Drive, Etobicoke ON. [www.quiltfever.ca](http://www.quiltfever.ca)

April 20-25, 2020 – **AQS Quilt Week in Paducah Kentucky** – Cardinal Coach Tours will be offering an escorted tour to the renowned AQS Quiltweek in Paducah, Kentucky from April 20 – 25, 2020. Contact [lynn@cardinalcoachtours.ca](mailto:lynn@cardinalcoachtours.ca) for more information.

May 1-2, 2020 – **Quilts from the Valley** – Rouge Valley Quilters' Guild, Forest Brook Community Church, 60 Kearney Drive, Ajax ON. [www.rvqg.com](http://www.rvqg.com)