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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Sharon M.

March has arrived and let's hope that winter is on the way out and spring is on the way in. Lina has again lined up another great speaker for us. Michael Smith aka, the Sewcial Quilter has been quilting since 1991 and is a professional long-arm quilter. He is a Certified Technician of APQS machines and a Certified Quilt in a Day teacher after spending time with Eleanor Burns.

There will be a report from the Quilt Show Committee presented by Kate H. I know you are anxious to hear about the results of the collected efforts and time spent on delivering a great quilt show.

I have my entry completed for the Gateway to Adventure challenge. I look forward to seeing your entry and how you illustrated your adventure with the Kona fabric. Your entry needs to come to the April guild meeting. The members present at the meeting will vote on which entry they like the most. The selected quilt will then be sent and displayed at Quilt Canada 2020 representing DTQG. You never know, you might win the challenge.



Later in the newsletter you will see a message from Lyne outlining the executive positions available for next year's executive committee. I encourage you to look at the positions and bring your name forward. It is a great opportunity to be a part of the planning and operations of the guild. The guilds functionality is only as good as its members. Your support is appreciated.

Happy sewing! See you Monday March 9th.

MEETING DATES: Second Monday of the month. Conflicts due to a holiday (e.g., Thanksgiving) 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

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



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. A cancellation will also be posted on our website. 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.

EXECUTIVE MEETING DATES

Our next Executive meeting will be on **Wednesday March 18, 2019 at 7 pm**, in a designated room in the basement of the Chartwell Centennial Retirement Residence (259 Hillcroft St, Oshawa). A sign will be posted to indicate the room. All members are welcome. Please sign in at the front desk, if attending the meeting. Please note that there will not be an executive meeting in April.

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.

WEBSITE – Laura B.

Our website continues to run at <http://www.durhamtrilliumquiltersguild.ca>. Please note that the main page of the website will be updated if a meeting is cancelled due to weather. If there are any updates or corrections required on the website, please contact Laura B. through the Guild's e-mail.

LIBRARY – Sandy M.

All books and magazines **MUST** be returned to the library prior to the start of the next meeting. This will allow your librarians the chance to prepare the returned item to be borrowed again. Please allow fellow guild members to have the same enjoyment and inspiration that you have had. If you still need the book/magazine, you can borrow it again another time.

We are always looking for suggestions for new books or magazines, please email Sandy M (see membership listing or send to guild email and indicate to forward the message to Sandy M for Library).

CHANCE DRAW – Barbara S.

For your chance to win half of the monthly collected funds, please visit the Chance Draw table with your toonies. The winner of the February draw won \$57.50. Good luck!

“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.

NEWSLETTER – Laura B.

The newsletter will be made available on the website 1 week before the meeting ([click here](#)), and since they are on line, they do not contain last names or personal information. Each year, members are sent a membership list to allow direct contact of a member. If you did not receive the list or the member had not registered by the time it was sent, you can email the Guild at durhamtrilliumqg@yahoo.ca and we will do our best to pass along the message to the member.

PROGRAM – Lina S.

At our March meeting, Michael Smith, a.k.a. the Sewcial Quilter, will present his quilting journey of 28 years, from Eleanor Burns’ quilt in a Day on PBS in 1991.

RETREATS AND WORKSHOPS – Kate H. & Holly P.

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



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

Join in the fun at our Spring retreat at Elim Lodge. We have some fun games, good friends and of course some food as well. We know the weather can be unpredictable, but I predict that regardless of the weather, you will have fun.

We are looking for members to do a couple of demos on that weekend. If you are planning to attend and are interested in helping us out, let me know.

We will also have some Community Outreach projects ready to be sewn up for those of you looking for a super quick 'finished project'!!

Fees: 3 night/10 meals is \$355 or 2 night/6 meals is \$245.00. Single supplement is \$10 per night. Sign up at the February meeting in with your first payment of \$200. Sign up at the March meeting in with your first payment of \$200.

Workshop - Machine Quilting with Rulers – May 23 – \$60.00



Have you ever wanted to learn to use rulers for machine quilting? Do you have the ruler foot? Rulers? Still in the package?? I feel your pain. Have no fear, this class is for you! Here's your chance to learn from one of the best in the area, Tammy Murphy from Quilters' Cupboard. Sign up at the March meeting.

NOTE: a ruler foot for your machine is required. Please contact your local machine retailer for assistance. If you don't have the foot for the class, you will not be able to participate. This is a technique class. **Class price includes lunch!**

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for the following upcoming events:

- Stay at Home – Fall Retreat (NEW) – October 2 – 4, 2020
- Fall Retreat at Elim Lodge – November 5 – 8, 2020

Be sure to renew your membership, because only members can attend!

UFO CHALLENGE – Peggy F. & Peggy G

February was the first reveal of the year long UFO Challenge and we must say the turn out was amazing. We have 25 quilters signed up and 20 projects were handed in, well done ladies and gentleman. A gift certificate from Annie's Quilt Shop in Newcastle was won by Lina Spencer.

The next project is #2 on your list of UFO's which will be due at our April meeting. I'm sure we will have at least 20 finished items for that meeting also.

FABRIC EXCHANGE – Pam T.

February's exchange fabric is light blue batik. We are exchanging 8 x 2 1/2" strips width of fabric (selvedges removed). Please bring your strips in a labelled ziplock bag.

QUILT SHOW – Kate H.

A summary of the quilt show will be presented at the March meeting.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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

At the February meeting, we had 23 finished quilts returned. Thank you Laura F. (9), Linda W. (5), Cheryl L. (2), Jane S. (2), Deborah K. (2), Gail L., Sharon M. and Sherry F. We had 10 pieced tops returned. Thank you to Linda W. (4), Diane D. (2), Carol M., Gwen V., Kathy D. and Deborah K. Thank you to Peggy F., Diana S., Kari B., Jana B. and Linda W. for binding 9 quilts.

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. February's winner was Diana S.

Hope to see at the meeting.

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.



Size 60" x 78"
Value \$400.00



Size 66" x 72"
Value \$375.00

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.

MEMBERSHIP – Patricia K.

Attention all new members! I have ordered your permanent membership badges and I have been told that they will be ready for our March meeting. You will need to bring your temporary badge to exchange it for your permanent badge. Look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.



YOU ARE WANTED!

By your Guild...



The Durham Trillium Quilters' Guild is only as successful as its members' involvement. People get involved by attending events, monthly general meetings, creating items to be donated to local charities, participating in challenges and clubs, and also by joining the Executive Committee.

You may have served in one capacity or another sometime over the years or this may be the first time you consider joining this group – all the same, we would love having you be part of the team that makes things happen!

DTQG's Goals:

- * Enhance the knowledge of quilting
- * Preserve quilting as an art form
- * Establish, maintain, and upgrade quilting standards
- * Exchange ideas and methods
- * Participate in community projects

OPEN POSITIONS

- Vice President (Officer)
- Treasurer (Officer)
- Library & Assistant
- Newsletter
- Program
- Social
- Block of the Month



OFFICERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

VICE-PRESIDENT:

We are looking for an individual who has great leadership skills and is excited about our guild's goals. This candidate needs to be willing to spend two years in the VP role to then move into the President's role, and finally, move into the Past President position (two years in each position).

As VP, they will assist current President as required, including coordinating facilities for all meetings and special projects, organizing greeters for meetings, and new member

orientation.

The VP is also a member of the nomination committee.

TREASURER:

Are you a numbers person? Do you love spreadsheets and making things balance?

As the Guild's Treasurer, this person has charge of all funds received from various convenors who collect them from membership. They also process all e-transfers and issue cheques when required. They must maintain all records as necessary for internal auditing and prepare reports as required.

As well, with the help of the executive committee, prepare an annual budget which they track.

- Community Outreach
- Membership Assistant
- Workshops & Retreats

HELP WANTED – CONT'D...

LIBRARY & ASSISTANT

This is a two person position! Do you love to shop for books and bring inspiration to our membership? The Librarian researches and purchases new books and materials. Everything is catalogued using Excel, made available to members and tracked. They also conduct an annual review of all items and arrange a sale of culled items for membership. They contribute to the monthly Guild newsletter with updates when necessary.

The Assistant Librarian does just that! They assist as required on meeting nights and at inventory time. Picking books up at Guild's storage unit prior to meetings and returning them is also part of this position.

We have a member interested in the Librarian position, will you be their Assistant?!?

NEWSLETTER

Are you a communicator? Do you enjoy desktop publishing?

This person needs to set deadlines for convenors who contribute content to our Guild's newsletter on a monthly basis. Once all is received, that's when the fun begins! Including the art work from the Advertising convenor, the newsletter is cre-

ated to keep our membership informed of all the opportunities our Guild provides. The newsletter is also submitted to the Website convenor to have it loaded up on the web for members to access it.. The Newsletter publisher also sends email messages to our membership letting them know the publication is online. This is done using the Guild's email account.

Besides using a word processing program of their choice, the successful candidate should be able to use Excel to manage the list of members' emails.



PROGRAM

Do you enjoy the variety of topics presented by our guest speakers at our Guild's monthly meetings? Would you like to be responsible for this important aspect of our guild meetings?

The Program convenor selects and arranges presenters for our monthly meetings, with the exception of December and June meetings. The proposed guests are submitted to the Guild's Executive committee for approval.

Using word processing software and email, a contract is drawn and shared with all parties by the convenor. This contract is submitted to Treasurer as a request for payment to the presenter.



The Program convenor ensures all equipment required by guests is available on meeting night (projector, tables, etc.), is there to greet them and help as required (setting-up and take down if necessary).

SOCIAL

This position has been vacant for a year now. Do you miss having coffee or tea with a small treat at our Guild's monthly meetings? If you do, get involved!

The equipment to facilitate the hot beverages is currently kept at the Guild's storage unit and could be kept at the convenor's home, space permitting.

Creating a sign-up for members to indicate which months they will bring treats is also part of this position.



HELP WANTED – CONT'D...

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Would you like to facilitate a project for willing Guild members? It could be a pattern that you pick/design and separate into monthly chunks or it could be a block of the month program that already exists. The costs associated with this “club” is covered by the participants. Every month, instructions need to be sent out to participants.

This person needs to be able to use word processing software, manage

emails and funds.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Can you see yourself leading a group of quilters who produce what is needed for our Guild to support our community? This should be a committee with a leader who would be the Community Outreach convenor.

This group prepares and tracks kits (quilt tops, quilts to be quilted or bound, walker bags, mittens, etc.), sorts through donated fabric, distributes finished items to approved charities in the Durham region, write a submission for the monthly news-

letter, and maintain the Community Outreach budget.

The necessary supplies for this team may be kept in the Guild’s storage unit or in someone’s home.

Bins need to travel to and from our monthly meetings to facilitate members picking-up and dropping-off items.

If you would like to be involved in this very rewarding committee in any way, we would love to see this work continue.

ASSISTANT FOR MEMBERSHIP

Patricia K. is our current Membership convenor. They could really use an assistant! Members of the Executive have filled-in when required this year, however, if we had a person in place as Assistant, this would be a better process.

The Assistant to the Membership convenor would do just that – assist in any way necessary, including running the front desk when the convenor is away.

Possibly, this position could be the training grounds to become Membership Convenor!?

The successful candidate needs to be helpful, friendly, and not be afraid to speak to people they may not know personally. They

will also assist in collecting fees and issuing receipts.



WORKSHOPS & RETREATS

This is another larger docket! Great organizational skills and being resourceful are a must!

This convenor is responsible for planning (securing location, planning meals, activities, securing prizes, etc.) for all Guild retreats (away and at home).

They also organize workshops and sew days, coordinating with Program convenor for workshops and other convenors for sew days.

They are also responsible for registrations and collecting fees for all events at our monthly meetings.

Do you feel like this is something you would like to take on? This is another area where we may benefit from having a team. We have a member who is currently interested in looking after Retreats. Would you consider running workshops and sew days? You could be part of a Dynamic Duo!





YOU ARE WANTED!

By your Guild...



The previous three pages outlined all the positions that need to be filled for the 2020/2021 guild year. Will you get involved next year?

If you are interested, have questions, or just want more information, send an email to durhamtrilliumqg@yahoo.ca, speak to the current person in the position, or the members of the Nomination Committee. We'd love to tell you more!

WHY JOIN

THE EXECUTIVE TEAM AT

DTQG



- * Because you want to be involved
- * Because you want to have input as to what/how the Guild conducts business and events
- * Because you want to have the advanced chance to sign-up to Guild events
- * Because you have gifts you know we could all benefit from
- * Because you have something to contribute that is valuable



Nomination Committee:

Maria S. – Member at Large

Debbie K. – Vice President

Lyne M. – Past President

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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.

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

April 23-25, 2020 – **Piecemakers 2020 Quilt Show** – Huron Perth Quilter’s Guild and The Stonetown Quilter’s Guild, The Pyramid Centre, 317 James St. S., St. Marys ON www.huronperthquiltersguild.com or www.stonetownquilters.com

April 25, 2020 10-4 – **Quilt Sow, Tea and Sale** – East Lake Simcoe Quilters, Trinity United Church, 50 Laidlaw Street N., Cannington ON. Info: 705-426-9126

May 1-2, 2020 – **Quilts from the Valley** – Rouge Valley Quilters’ Guild, Forest Brook Community Church, 60 Kearney Drive, Ajax ON. www.rvqg.com

May 1-2, 2020 – **Feelings In Fabric – Quilt Show and Sale** – Kawartha Quiltmakers Guild, Fleming College Trades & Technology Building, 599 Brealey Dr., Peterborough ON. <http://kawarthaquiltmakersguild.ca/QuiltShow.html>

May 2-3, 2020 – **Sunshine Quilt Show** – Orillia Quilters’ Guild, Trillium Manor, 12 Grace Ave, Orillia ON, <http://www.orilliaquiltersguild.com/>

May 8-9, 2020 – **Mississauga Quilts!** – Mississauga Quilters Guild, Burnhamthorpe Community Centre & Arena, 1500 Gullenden Drive, Mississauga ON, <http://www.mississaugaquiltersguild.ca/quilt-show-20201.html>

May 22-23, 2020 – **Quiltfest 2020** – Thousand Islands Quilters’ Guild, Brockville Memorial Civic Centre, Magedoma Dr. Brockville ON, www.thousandislandsquiltersguild.com

May 29-31, 2020 – **20/20 Visions of Quilts in Niagara** – Niagara Heritage Quilters’ Guild, Meridian Community Centre, 100 Meridian Way, Fonthill ON, <https://niagaraquiltersguild.com/2020-quilt-show/>

Sept 25-26, 2020 – **A Celebration of Quilts** – Gwillimbury Quilt Guild – Sharon-Hope United Church, 18648 Leslie Street, East Gwillimbury, <https://www.gwillimburyquiltguild.com/>

MEMBERS CORNER

Hand Quilted Quilt – Repair Assistance

Special shout out to hand quilters!! I am looking for assistance; I have a friend who brought me her hand quilted quilt, which is in need of repair. It is a double bed size. My questions are: can it be repaired, what is the time factor involved, and an estimate of how much it would cost for the repair if it is possible. Please feel free to contact me: Janet H. home number 905-725-0838

Borrow Quilters Newsletter

WANTED: to borrow a copy of Quilters Newsletter magazine Oct/Nov. 2014. There is a pattern in this issue that includes the last instructions for a quilt that started in the Oct/Nov 2013 issue. Please contact Peggy G. (personal information in membership list)