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we see you last*



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Newsletter for the Durham Trillium Quilters' Guild

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President's Message:

The year has flown by. We are coming up to our last meeting of the 2022-2023 guild year. As it is the end of the guild year, we will have our Annual General Meeting as part of our June 12 meeting. All members should have received an email containing the agenda for the AGM, the financial information for the last audited guild year (2021-2022), and the list of people who may make up the new Executive (for acceptance/voting). A list of the new Executive hopefuls is also included later on within this newsletter. This AGM is in addition to the regular meeting agenda including guild business and show-n-share, chance draw, etc.

Since the December dinner went so well, members were given the option to attend a BBQ dinner before the June meeting. Signup for the dinner closed on May 26. For those that signed up, dinner will start promptly at 5:30. Members who are not attending the dinner are asked to come to the meeting no earlier than 6:45. Snacks will be provided at the meeting, for break time.

The next guild year (2023-2024) officially starts on July 1. The on-line registration for the new year will open on the website starting July 1. We will not be accepting payment or registration prior to the start of the new year, to help simplify the year-by-year accounting. In case you do not register in July, an email will go out to current members later in the summer, with a reminder to register before the new year's meetings start in September. For the guild's summer activities, as it was done last summer, the guild will allow participation by registered members from the previous guild year as well as people who have registered for the new guild year (2023-2024).

I am looking forward to the June meeting.

Until we meet again, enjoy the spring weather, and stay safe.

Laura B.



Vice President's Message:

Our Guild year seems to have flown by. We have had a great 2022-2023 Guild year. We have enjoyed zoom sew days together and some great programming both through zoom presenters and in person. Some amazing work has been submitted through the President's Challenge and I am anxious to see who will be chosen as the winners. I must say I am glad that I do not get to vote!! It will be a difficult choice. Thank you to everyone who stepped out of their comfort zone and used colours that they disliked and would not normally choose. Those who took part managed to be very creative.

I am looking forward to sharing some social time at the BBQ before our Annual Meeting. If our meal at Christmas was any indication there will be lots of good food for us to enjoy.

Looking forward to the June meeting.

Debbie W.



Past President:

Hello wonderful Quilters. Another month has flown by and if you were able to get any sewing done with all the good weather and other tasks that show up in the spring, I want to say Bravo! So many things are going on around my house and especially outside with creating the gardens and seeing what returned from last year. It sure is quite an adventure. I am so glad that fabric does not go through these kinds of changes and is easily recognizable on the shelf.

I was able to attend a Quilt Show last week and it was pretty amazing. The work was good and many times innovative. I really appreciated the way they laid out the display and how the vendors were positioned around. It was held in an arena so many of the vendors were able to take advantage of that lovely high glass to display many of their items. Made it very easy to look and choose what you might want to add to your own stash. I gathered up some very good ideas that I

can pass on to the Quilt Show convenor and I am looking forward to being part of our upcoming Quilt Show in Oct 2024.

Speaking of being part of, there are only two positions that need to be filled on the Executive for next year. Publicity and Retreats.

Publicity is a position that is front loaded to the first of the year. You contact the previous advertisers in the Newsletter and see if they want to continue to advertise with us. And this is all done by the end of October. Susan S has lots of good info for you and your task would be one of the fun roles on the executive.

Retreats - Holly and Diane have done this task for quite a few years. Yes, big shoes to step into and looks rather intimidating, especially if you think that you have to operate at the same level as they did. You do not. You will add your own unique flavour to this position and will have Holly and Diane as mentors to help you through the first steps. Retreats are some of the most fun that we as quilters have. Gathering together in person with likeminded individuals and creating different items together.

Please give some serious thought to the possibility of becoming the Retreat co-ordinator(s). We could really use your initiative, drive, creativity and love of quilting to inspire us to that vague finish line of finishing our UFO's and showing them off at a retreat.

Thank you for considering filling these positions. If we have no volunteers for a position, then that means we do not have those things happen in the year.

Now, back to figuring out what I did to my computer that made it eat my article the last two times and then to discover the flat surface that used to be my cutting table. Take care all. See you June 12th for our AGM and happy sewing/quilting times to you all.

Workshops: Joanne P and Debbie W have volunteered to run these.

Thank you to those who have stepped forward and volunteered to fill these important positions. If there are no volunteers then that area is not available for our membership so thank you ladies for your service, you are appreciated.

Now, onto getting some sewing done and hopefully my kitten will decide it is time to go for a nap. It has been entertaining trying to type this article with him wanting attention and walking all over the keyboard. Believe me, this article has been rewritten a couple of times and edited many more. Enjoy your day and I look forward to seeing you at the May meeting.

Debbie K



Program:

June 2023 – Our Annual General Meeting, our President is our keynote speaker.

The annual wrap up of our guild year presented by our President, election of new executive and a great night of fellowship before the summer break and a Bar-b-que to boot. See you all there!

Plans for 2023-2024

As part of our program for next year I would like to invite 3 members to present a short talk about their own quilting journey at the October or November 2023 meeting. Your presentation should be no longer than 5-10 minutes with your quilts, bags, or wall hangings to show. Please reach out to me directly if you are interested. Thank you to those who volunteered at the April meeting. I will be in touch soon, please start preparing your presentations.

If there's a speaker you think would be good for our guild, please reach out to me directly. My email address is in the guild membership listing.

Kate H



Mystery Quilt Block of the Month:

Please bring your completed blocks from May or before (if you are catching up) to our June in person meeting to be eligible for the monthly prize. I look forward to seeing lots of completed blocks. As our block of the month is approaching the finish, I have another awesome Fabric Strip Case as the prize to give away at our June meeting.

Each block shown will qualify for an entry into the monthly draw. The winner from the May draw was Gerlinde C. Two new blocks will be shown at our June in person guild meeting.

If you haven't joined yet, you can still register at any time, and receive all the previous blocks. The total cost to participate in this program for the guild year is \$5 per person, which will cover the cost of providing monthly prizes. To join the mystery quilt, visit the block of the month table at our meeting, or join online using the following link <https://durhamtrilliumquiltersguild.ca/mystery-quilt>.

Maureen E

Sew Day Social Convenor: (all ZOOM SEW days are listed on the DTQG website for your convenience)



QUILTS OF VALOUR - LAST MONTH TO DROP OFF BLOCKS

Dear Quilters: It is time once again for a small committee to bring together all that you have created. June is the LAST month to bring blocks to be added into the quilts.

We are excited to share what is created over the summer.

Get your calendars ready... The Summer Sew Days are:

- Saturday June 17th ; 1-4 and 7-10pm
- Friday June 23rd 1-4 and 7-10pm
- Saturday July 1st Canada Day; 1-4 and 7-midnight
- Sunday July 9th 1-4 pm
- Thursday July 27th 1-4 and 7-10 pm
- Sunday August 13th 1-4 pm
- Friday August 25th 1-4 and 7-10 pm
- Thursday August 31st 1-4 and 7-10 pm.

By the end of the summer, we will have completed 91 sew days! That is a whole lot of projects getting done! And a whole lot of fun!

Yours in Quilting Stitches, Jacqueline (ZOOM sew day coordinator)

PS... the most recent Sew Day Fat Quarter Stash builder prizes have gone to Gerlinde, Sandra F, Joann B, and Holly P

TIPS and TRICKS from the Sew Day Social crew included.

- 1) When sewing two pieces together, sew with the side that has the most information facing you (all the seams and points facing you, versus the plain side of the fabric)
- 2) Dollar store boxes are great for storing fabric (for each project include, material, pattern and label)
- 3) When hand piecing, use finger pressing.

Jacqueline H.

Fabric Basket:



DTQG SCRAP DEFINITION: A scrap is a piece of fabric **BIGGER** than your outstretched hand. It should be at least as wide as your palm.

Keep those hand sized scraps coming quilters. We have had to make a larger scrap bag to house all that you wish to unload. Many people go back to the scrap bag two or three times at one meeting. It is a great way to get fabrics for scrap quilts.

Jacqueline and Retta

Library:



Come visit us at the meeting to take out a book for the summer.

Your library convenors

Maria S., Andrew S

Membership:



Membership Newsletter, June 2023

We have 104 members in our guild. The DTQG year ends on June 30th of this year. Watch your emails for the membership registration application forms for the guild year 2023-2024. Remember that your 2022-23 membership allows you to participate in any sew days throughout the summer months.

Peggy and I wish you a safe and happy summer.

Grace R. and Peggy G., your membership team

Remember for all guild information you can use our Guild website,
dtqguild@gmail.com.



Social:

Thank you to the following members for the delicious snacks for our May meeting, Diana S.; Sandra M.; Angie S.; Jane S.; Pam T.; Sharon M and Grace R. The June meeting snacks will be provided by your executive. I'm sure they will all be delicious and remember to include your ingredients as we have members that have allergies.

At our September meeting, I will be looking for members to sign up to bring the snacks/treats for the coming guild year.

Thank you to everyone for placing your used dishes, mugs, and cutlery on the rolling carts.

Grace R. your Social Convener



Retreats:

Retreat Dates

Home Sew Sweet Retreat at Club Loreley August 25-27, 2023

Fall Retreat at Elim Lodge (President's edit note: only if we have a convenor)

November 2-5, 2023

Spring Retreat at Elim Lodge (President's edit note: only if we have a convenor)

April 11-14, 2024

Your Retreat Divas

Holly P. and Diane D.

Show and Share:

We had a wonderful display of your projects at our Show and Share in May, thank you all. June will be our last meeting of our 2022/2023 year so let's have another wonderful display.

We will be limiting the number of quilts that each member may display at each meeting to 3, so choose your most favourite.

ATTENTION MEMBERS - It would be greatly appreciated if members would get up to help hold the quilts at the meetings. It can be very tiring on the arms if only 2 people are helping for the entire show and share display. Thank you.

Peggy G.



Newsletter:

Hello fellow members.

This is the last newsletter for the 2022-2023 year. It has been a great pleasure working on the newsletter this year and I am already looking forward to keeping you up-to-date on the guild activities next year. I hope you think about returning next year and volunteering throughout the year for executive positions and the quilt show.

Question of the month:

Who has volunteered to do membership?

Diane D.



Fabric Exchange 2022-2023

MAY – BLACK OR GREY

Angie S



Community Outreach: ————

Please bring any quilt tops or finished quilts to the June meeting. You could also pick up a kit either for making a top or quilting one over the summer. Have a great summer. See you at the annual meeting.

Maria S., Andrew S., Pam T., and Diana S



SHOW NEWS:

Mark your calendars for October 17th (set-up day) and show days Friday Oct 18th and Saturday Oct 19th of 2024. Many hands make light work. Our Show Committee has been working hard to put a show name in place. So, stay tuned at the June meeting for the big reveal!

Show Chair, Jacqueline H



QUILT SHOWS COMING SOON:

1 BUS (55 Seats) Per Quilt Shop

QUILT SHOP BUS TOUR

TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2023

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- THE QUILTING GNOME JACKSON'S POINT (905-722-4200)
- THE QUILT STORE NEWMARKET (905-853-7001)

Early Morning Departure From Each Store - Early Evening Return. Refreshments and Lunch Included. Contact a Participating Quilt Shop For More Details and to Reserve Your Seat.

Phone a friend

Have you called your best quilting or road-tripping friend yet?! With only 55 seats per store, you'll want to get your tickets booked soon for the Quilt Shop Bus Tour!

Spend the day travelling and relaxing in style on the tour bus, and enjoy lunch and snacks along the way. And don't forget the demos and prizes!

Call or drop into Appleseed to book your ticket on our bus. We'll start at Appleseed and be visiting [Country Concessions](#) (Cookstown), [The Quilting Gnome](#) (Jackson's Point) and [The Quilt Store](#) (Newmarket). We'd love to travel with you!

HANDICRAFT, ART & CRAFT, ARTS & CRAFTS, QUILTING

I hope your quilt group is looking forward to the summer, even though most of us give up quilting for gardening and being outside! The Happy Quilters and Island Quilters Guild are having a quilt show on Manitoulin Island this July - July 14th to 16th in Manitowaning at the Assiginack Curling Club. The area will be busy because the Manitoulin Fine Arts weekend is at the same time, and it will be Summerfest weekend in Manitowaning as well.

Lauren MacDonald, Quilt Show committee



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