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Newsletter for the Durham Trillium Quilters' Guild

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### President's Message:

I blinked ... and it is time for another newsletter! I don't quite understand how time goes by faster and faster each year. Isn't it supposed to be a constant speed?

I have a few things to share about the upcoming October meeting. First ... I want to take this opportunity to remind everyone that **our October meeting is on TUESDAY OCTOBER 10** due to the Monday being a holiday for many (Thanksgiving). Second, Debbie K has been the "Zoom host" at most of our in-person meetings, to ensure that the virtual attendees can get into the Zoom meeting. However, Debbie cannot attend the October meeting in person so I'm looking for a volunteer who can be the October meeting's "Zoom host". If you will be attending the October meeting in person, are technologically able to be a Zoom Host and have a laptop that you can bring to the meeting on which to operate the Zoom during the October meeting, please contact me (either email to [dtqguild@gmail.com](mailto:dtqguild@gmail.com) and address it to me or use website contact us at <https://durhamtrilliumquiltersguild.ca/contact-us>) to let me know you can help, and I will contact any such volunteers, to coordinate.

It is looking to be another good guild year. Our program is filling up with great speakers, we have workshops and sew days, there are various activities to sign up for including block of the month and fabric exchange, and we get to see each others completed projects during show-n-share. And as we prepare for our quilt show, we will have more fun opportunities, including the quilt show challenge. As you participate in these activities, please recognize that we wouldn't have them without the people who have volunteered to run them. I very much appreciate all the help of the volunteers who keep the guild going. In the theme of the holiday, since we are meeting right after Thanksgiving, consider saying a thank you to one of the volunteers who is organizing an activity you are participating in - they are working hard for the guild and would definitely appreciate hearing that it is appreciated.

Please continue to read along in the newsletter to learn more about the various and upcoming activities for our guild and in the area!

**Laura B., President**

## Vice President's Message:

Happy Thanksgiving everyone!



Debbie W

Vice President



## Past President:

Good day my fellow Quilters. I hope you have been able to enjoy this beautiful fall weather we are having. It sure does make it hard to stay in our sewing rooms during the day when the weather is so gorgeous. Take advantage of it because we will have lots of time in the next few months to hide away in our creativity spaces and bring forth amazing crafts created by our hands. Really, it is amazing what we turn pieces of fabric into. Such joy can be seen in each piece...even the ones we fight with.

This month my words don't really want to flow. My brain is busy with dealing with finishing up my mom's estate. Before I ever volunteer to be an executor again, I am going to think about it for a very long time....and probably say no. If you are an executor of someone's will do yourself a favour, read up on the responsibilities and get things prepared ahead of time. CIBC used to have a booklet for Executors, if they still have it, I advise you to grab it. And read it, something I should have done more than once.

Well, enough about me. It was wonderful to see so many people at our meeting in September. So many new members also. Wonderful to see that quilting is still an attractive piece for so many. For those members who joined by Zoom, it was good to see you also. And I found out one of the reasons why the reception may have not been the best for you. My computer does not have enough oomph in it to run Zoom properly. It will be much better with my tablet or phone next time. Which will be November for me as I will be in Nova Scotia for the October meeting. I will get to experience the meeting by Zoom and see if there is anything we can tweak to make it a better experience for all.

So many great things happening in our Guild these upcoming months. Your Convenors have been working hard to develop different projects and challenges to help us grow and shine in our quilting craft. Check out what they have to say in the rest of the newsletter. It is pretty exciting and wonderful. I am looking forward to actually completing a couple of the projects this year.

Remember that our Quilt show is coming up in October 2024. The Boutique has many different projects for us to work on to have items to sell at the show. If we all do one or two there will be lots for people to purchase. Which helps us as a guild. Thank you for helping with this.

Well, time for me to get back to numbers and emails. I look forward to hearing about all your accomplishments at the next meeting. Remember to be kind to yourself and others, and take the time to breathe deeply and enjoy this wonderful world we have the privilege to live in. Take care and see you later.

**Debbie K.**

**Past President**



**Program:**

This year, I will be looking for helpers to assist when we have in-person speakers, so it's not always the same people stepping up to be a "Vanna". It is so appreciated by the speaker so they can present without juggling their quilts etc. and less distracting for the audience. If you know of a great speaker, let me know, I love member recommendations!

In October we welcome **Quiltoni** to our **Tuesday, October 10 meeting**. Toni will be presenting the **Pixel Revolution**. A trunk show journey through the successes and failures of becoming the pixel quilter. Her quilts are ahhmaazing! Check out her website at [www.quiltoni.com](http://www.quiltoni.com)

*Toni will require 2 helpers for her presentation. Please see me before the guild meeting starts to volunteer to make this presentation amazing. If you do it one time, you won't be asked again!*

At our **November meeting** we are turning the podium over to 2 of our own members, Debra A. and Margaret P. to share their quilting stories.

**For December**, we have invited Annie's Quilt Shop from Newcastle to provide some retail therapy and show us things we must have before Christmas! Annie's is celebrating 10 years in business this year and is still going strong. It's always a 'must stop' destination for many!

**Coming up in 2024**

In January, we move back to zoom meetings for the 'bad weather' months. Grab a coffee/tea and your favourite quilt to stay cozy and warm at home.

**In January**, we will be joined on zoom by **Brandy Maslowski** with her talk on a **Quilters Journey**. She was a firefighter and turned to quilting for her creative outlet...I'm not giving the rest of her story away, tune in to get the full one!

All the way from Timmins, Ontario, **in February**, we welcome **Vanessa Genier** of **Quilts for Survivors**; she shares her journey in the creation of her group of the same name. Two of our members, Carol M and Dorothy B recently attended her retreat in Timmins and I hope they can share their experience with us.

**In March, Kim Caskey** will present her talk on quilt labels. Labels share so much vital information about the quilt, but not everyone puts one on theirs. Let **Kim** tell you what should be there and why!

**April**, we move back to in-person meetings, and we welcome **Elaine Theriault** with her talk on Modern Quilting.

I'm still working on a presenter for **May**, watch for the updates and **June is our AGM** where our president is our speaker, and we enjoy some social time before the summer break.

**Kate H**

## Quilt Block of the Month:

### 2022 - 2023 Block of the Month

Please bring your finished 2022 - 2023 Block of the Month projects to **Tuesday October 10<sup>th</sup>** (date moved due to Thanksgiving) guild meeting. Your project must include a minimum of nine blocks, be quilted, bound, and labelled to qualify for the \$50 annual prize. I look forward to seeing all of your awesome quilts.



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### 2023-2024 Block of the Month

Well, the summer is almost over and the fall colours are starting to pop, lots of cool nights ahead waiting for quilts to cuddle under. Maybe the Block of the Month will provide inspiration for the creative juices to flow.

Thank you for joining this year's BOM program and if you haven't, there is still plenty of time. (Past block patterns will be sent to you)

Bring your September blocks to the October meeting and enter your name into the draw. Two blocks, two entries.

Note, if you are unable to attend the meeting in person and will be attending via Zoom, send me pictures of your completed blocks and your name will still be entered into the draw.

Enjoy your Thanksgiving and see you soon.

**Sandy Mac**



## Sew Day Social Convenor:

(all ZOOM SEW days are listed on the DTQG website for your convenience)

95 Zoom Sew Days and counting!

Who knew something positive could come out of Covid. Our zoom sew days are a great source of happiness for some of the members of our guild.

Remember that when you attend a sew day, you can stay for the entire time. Or drop in when you can for as long as you are able. Or just pop online to ask a question, or to wave to a friend. These days have been set up to help keep our guild connected. Please visit the website for the most up to date listings of our upcoming sew days.

Mark your calendars for Zoom Sew Days:

Thursday October 12<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 pm and 7-10 pm

Friday October 27<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 pm and 7-10 pm

Our latest zoom sew days winners were Diane D, Pam T, Joann B and Lina R. They should all seek me out at the October meeting to get their 2 fat quarters.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our next series of SEW SOCIALS

Yours in Sew Day Fun,

**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.**

Happy Fall Scrap Enthusiasts. We hope you have been keeping hand sized scraps that you would like to add to the scrap basket for others to have. As well please make sure you get over to the scrap table and take a look at what is free to you for the taking: )

Yours in Scraps,

**Jacqueline and Retta**



## Library:

All guild members are welcome to browse and borrow books. Thank you to everyone who borrowed books in September, and we look forward to seeing you with your returned items.

**Barbara and Susan**

**Your Library Convenors**



## Membership:

Remember for all guild information you can use our Guild website, [dtqguild@gmail.com](mailto:dtqguild@gmail.com).

It was wonderful to see so many members who came out to our first gathering of our 2023-2024 meeting of the year. We have 92 paid members, of which 9 are new members and 1 is a returning member from prior years. Be sure to give a warm welcome to the following: Zoe, Shannon, Colleen, Judy, Sara, Lyne, Teresa, Fiona, Kathleen, and Melissa.

I have prepared all the members' guild cards and they are ready to be given out at October's meeting, please be sure to see me at the membership table and pick yours up. When you pick this up you will also receive this year's sticker for your name tag.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting on Tuesday October 10<sup>th</sup>, note the date change!

As the Membership Convenor, I am looking for a foldable case on wheels, with pockets and hope that a member is willing to donate one he/she is no longer using. It could be a sewing machine case and it will help me be able to use to carry out my duties. Ideally this cart will have an adjustable handle.

Please contact Diana H if you have any questions, or if you have one to donate.

Thank you in advance.

**Diana H.**

**Membership Convenor**



## Social:

Thank you to all our members who diligently placed their cups, glasses, and plates on the trolley last month. It made the work for the DeStefano staff so much easier. Thank you for placing your garbage in the receptacles provided. Remember to help us clear away our used items in a timely manner at all our meetings. Thank you to Gail, Kate, Susan, Maria, Jacqueline, and Diana H for providing such tasty snacks to start off our September in person meetings. I appreciate Debbie K, Kelly, Lina, Diane W., Robynn, and Colleen for volunteering to bring in our snack for the October meeting.

**Grace R.**

**Social Convenor**

## Retreats:

***Good News!!!!***

Looking forward to some Quilting Fun at the Lorelei and there are a couple of places still available! Please don't miss out.

**Debbie W**

**Acting Retreat Coordinator**



## Show and Share:

Thank you all for your contributions to the September meeting. We all enjoy seeing the different work that we quilters are doing. I look forward to seeing your projects at the October meeting.

Remember to submit your name for each article you are displaying, in the gift bag located with the Show and Share sign.

**ATTENTION MEMBERS** - It would be greatly appreciated if members would volunteer 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.

**Peggy Gibson**



## Newsletter:

Hello everyone,

Just to let you know, I am on the mend, my cast is off, and I am in a boot now. Happy Thanksgiving and hope to see all of you at the October meeting.

Question of the month: What item is our Membership convenor hoping will be donated to her?

**Diane D**

## Quilt Show 2024 – Top 5 List!



- 1) Stay Tuned for Diana S revealing the “2024 CHALLENGE” for the quilt show! It is an exciting, innovative challenge, that will let you soar with possibilities! All will be revealed at the October meeting. No sneak peeks now... detailed information to be revealed at our Oct Meeting:)
- 2) A big thank-you from Joanne N. and her boutique team! They are so happy that people continue to pick-up, make, and bring back boutique items.
- 3) Start the “Big Clean Out” of your quilting room. It only comes around once every few years that you have a chance to download any unwanted quilting items to the “Treasure Room” at the Guild 2024 Show. **You just need to keep your items at home in a pile until next year.** So... find a wee corner of your room (or a wee box) where you can discard items this year for sale/revenue to the Guild at the show next year. Note: we are looking for patterns, books, and all things sewing related.
- 4) Vendors are being booked, menus are being planned, it is time for you to think about your UFO pile. You might want to put one of the UFO’s that you finish this year in the show. The sign-up form is on the website, and you will want to be signed up before the meeting (as we roll the dice to see which UFO must be completed first)
- 5) Save the dates: Friday October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (with Thursday October 17<sup>th</sup> as the day you drop off your quilts for the show)

Where: Forest Brooke Community Church in Ajax

60 Kearney Drive, Ajax, L1T 4 N2

Until next month’s update... Happy Quilting!

Your 2024 Show Convenor,

**Jacqueline H**



## Workshops:

### October 2023, Workshop News.

We have 2 ½ weeks left before we have our first in person workshop on Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. The location is set, DeStefano's is the place. The time is 10 am to 3 pm for us to laugh, have fun, share, and cut then set our designs. The cost is minimal, only \$20.00, to cover rental of space, snacks throughout the day, lots of tea, coffee, water and much more. The deadline for registration is our October 10th meeting, but wouldn't you like to be certain of your space at the workshop. We have 8 people registered so far, and we need a minimum of 15 to cover the rental cost with a maximum of 30 members. [Registration is on our website \[dtqg@gmail.com-click on top tool bar-Events. Go to Workshops, click on it and scroll down to registration form\]](mailto:dtqg@gmail.com).. Looking forward to seeing all your smiling faces there. Remember your creation can be as simple or as elaborate as you choose to make it. Don't forget to bring your own lunch.

Workshop convener,

Grace R.

## Fabric Exchange 2022-2023

This year the Fabric Exchange will be 10" squares, 6 per month for 8 months, beginning October to May. Please remember to use quilt store quality fabrics and cut accurately. The pattern I will give out at the end of the exchange is for a lap size quilt and you will use all the squares from the exchange. The print on these squares should be very subtle, e.g., tone on tones or small prints. Colours should be "pure" (not brown based) but any shade is encouraged, e.g., blue can be anything from baby blue to royal. I will have a pattern for everyone at the conclusion of the exchange and you will see how well these fabrics will work for it. "Pure" colours are those that have been printed on a white base. Further explanation can be found on our website. I will have samples available at the meetings. I'm sure, without realizing it, many of you already know the difference between white and brown based fabrics as evidenced by the beautiful quilts we see at our Show & Share. As we will not be having "in person" meetings for the months of January, February, and March,



you will hand them in at the December meeting and receive them back in April. Registration can be found on our website. The more members signing up, the more variety you will have, so please join in.

OCTOBER – ORANGE

NOVEMBER – BLUE

DECEMBER – RED

JANUARY – GREEN

FEBRUARY – PINK

MARCH – TURQUOISE

APRIL – PURPLE

MAY – YELLOW

The first month of the Fabric Exchange is upon us. For October, please bring 6 Orange 10" squares. Put them in a plastic bag with your name on it and hand them in to me at the meeting. Thank you and see you on the 10th.

**Sharron C.**

**Fabric Exchange Coordinator**

### **Announcements:**

We have been asked to share that Sandra Walker of mmmQuilts fame is coming to eastern Ontario in October for her first-ever presentation. She is coming to [Port Perry Patchers](#) Monday evening, Oct 16, [Kindred Hearts](#) Whitby Tuesday evening, Oct 17, and [Trent Valley](#) (Brighton) Wednesday afternoon, Oct 18. Please see the attached flyer for details on Sandra's presentation. Guild names are hyperlinks where you can go for additional meeting information. Registration for any of the sessions is available at the door.



## Community Outreach:

Thanks to all the members who donated completed quilts at the September meeting: Jane S., Sharon M., Gwen V., and Kate H.

Also, thanks to the members who came out to Whirls 'N Swirls to help us quilt 23 quilts on the long arm machines. Thanks Diana H., Diana S., Susan S., Sharon M., Robynn W., Dorothy M., Andrew S., and of course I tried my hand at it too. Tracy helped us with putting the quilts on to the machines and helped with instructing some of us on the use of the long arms. Thanks for her generosity with her time and use of her thread. So, we now have mostly smaller quilt sandwiches that can be quilted on home machines, and of course we have kits available to be sewn together. BTW, we have many quilts that need binding put on 😊.

Keep up the wonderful work.

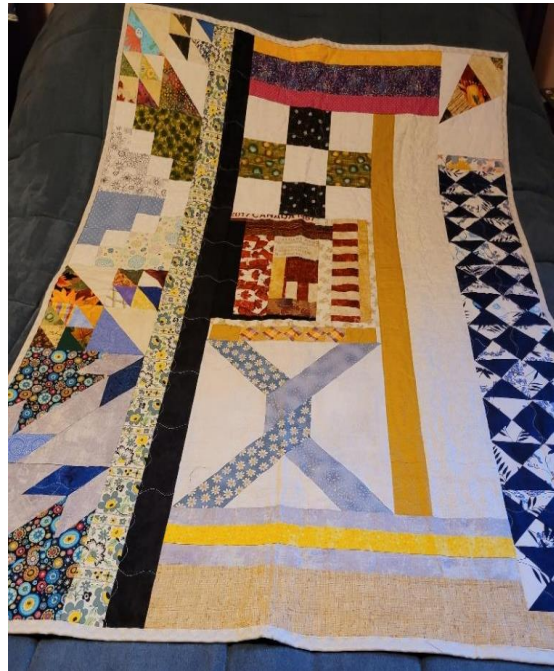


Gwen V.





Jane S.



Kate H.

**Maria S., Andrew S., Pam T., and Diana S**  
**Your Community Outreach Team**



**DTQG quilting day on 13 Sept 2023, at Whirls N' Swirls Quilting-APQS**

Thanks to all our wonderful members who came out to Whirls 'N Swirls last week, where Tracy taught and helped us all to make quilts for the Guild's Community Quilts program! Below are a series of photos and captions that tell the story of our productive day. In attendance were Maria, Andrew, Robynn W., Sharon M., Diana H., Diana S., and Susan S. and Dorothy M.

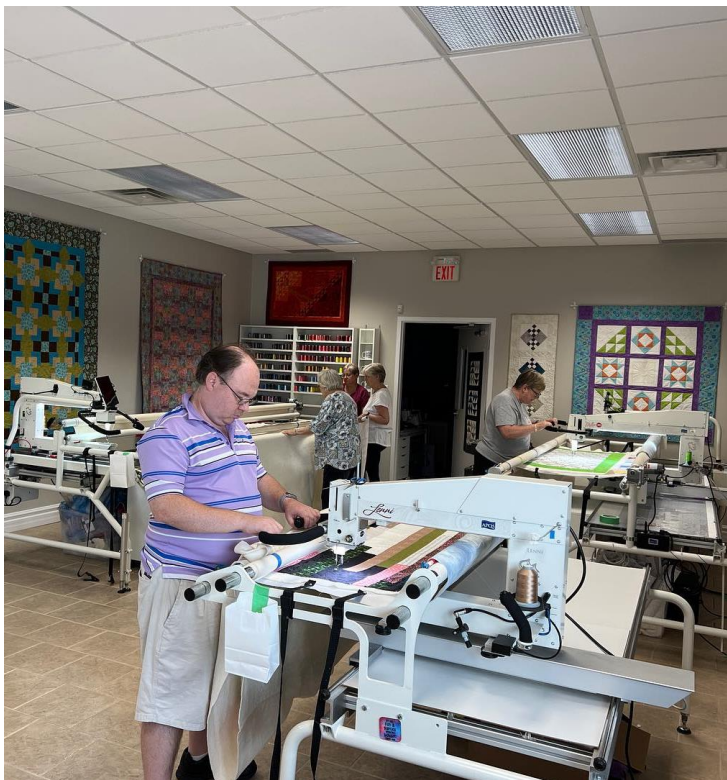
Thanks so much to Tracy, who helped load the machines and showed some of us how to quilt on her longarm sewing machines.

In total, we managed to quilt twenty-three quilts (yes, 23).



Maria with the pile of quilts we quilted.

Susan working on a long-arm machine.



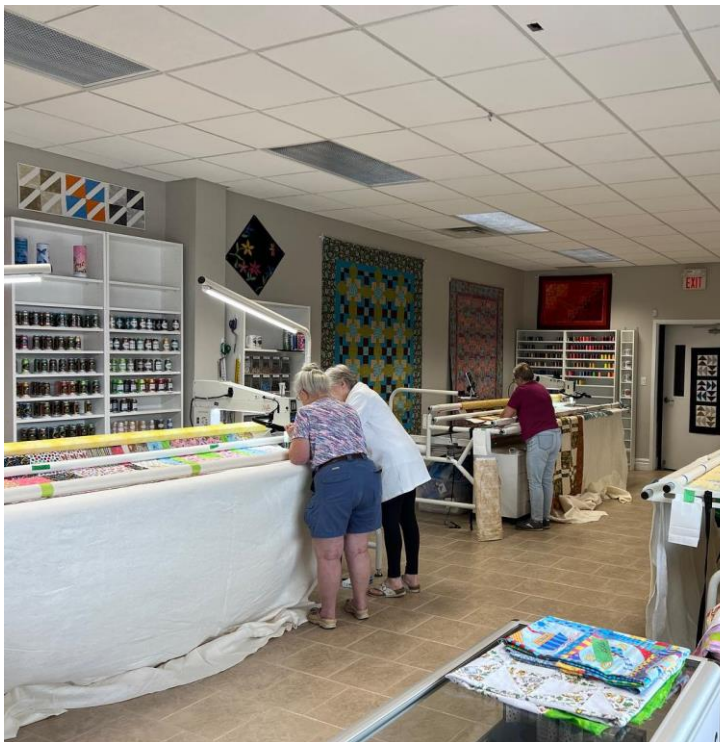
Andrew S. free motion quilting.



Maria S. helping set up a machine.



**Diana H. and Susan S.**



**Dorothy M. and Diana H., and Robynn W.**



**Andrew just loves his quilting!**



Tracy helping Maria S. and Dorothy M. set up.



Diana S.





Robynn W. working on three quilts at once.





Sharon M. and Tracy



Diana H. and  
Susan S.



Tracy showing Andrew how to thread the machine.



Robynn W. working on another quilt.

Maria concentrating on following the Albion Pantograph design.



**QUILT SHOWS COMING SOON:**



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**2023 WCQG Quilt Exhibit**



**Friday, October 13, 2023, 5 AM - Saturday 14, 5 PM**

\$10.00

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**Twisted 2023 Quilt show**



**Saturday, October 28, 2023 10 AM - Sunday 29, 4 PM**

\$10.00

**Audley Recreation Centre  
1955 Audley Road, Ajax, Ontario, L1Z 0L2**

Quilt show and sale, raffle quilts, members boutique,  
merchants' mall, tea room, silent auction, door prizes, in-guild  
challenge (Saturday 1...



# Quilt Tales for the Heart and Mind

## Who doesn't love a good story?

Sandra Walker has found through her nearly 30 years of quilt making that a great many of her quilts do, in fact, hold precious stories. Some of the quilts' stories contain love and appreciation; others hold anger and anguish. Some are full of joy and celebration, while others tell very personal stories of learning and healing. This is a presentation of quilts that not only inspires visually, but will also tell tales, be they heartwarming or poignant, likely thought-provoking, behind and within the quilts.

Sandra's designs have been published in several magazines; she sews for a few different fabric companies, and was an Island Batik ambassador for three years. Her 'Tinker Toys' baby quilt is in the current issue of Fons & Porter's Love of Quilting and another design of hers will be in the November issue of Make Modern. You can find Sandra on Instagram @mmmquilts and on her blog [mmmquilts.com](http://mmmquilts.com), and her patterns and quilts for sale in her Etsy shop

<https://www.etsy.com/ca/shop/SandraJaneQuilts>

## Be sure to join

- [Port Perry Patchers QG](#) on Monday, October 16, at 7pm
- [Kindred Hearts QG](#) (Whitby) on Tuesday, October 17, at 7pm
- [Trent Valley QG](#) (Brighton) on Wednesday, October 18, at 1pm




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