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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Lyne M.

Welcome to a new guild year!

How did you celebrate our nation's 150 this summer? Was it with travel, celebrations, or even with projects? I did some of all of the above and can't wait to hear and see what you have been up to!

Your Guild Executive Committee met last week and we have a year filled with great speakers, ideas and inspiration for our membership. We can't wait to roll things out. Please note that there's a change to our monthly meetings. DTQG will still meet in the cafeteria at the Education Centre on Taunton Road in Whitby, however, we have changed the meeting time. Doors will now open at 6:45 with a meeting start time of 7:00 p.m. We hope you appreciate this change, especially in the winter months.

Don't forget, if you have any questions or concerns during one of our meetings, everyone who is on the Executive Committee has a green ribbon attached to their name tags and should be able to answer any of your questions or direct you to who someone who can.

Again, welcome to a new guild year and I hope you find inspiration that translates in projects you are excited about and bring back to share with us all. This was my sesquicentennial project:

Please take the time to read this newsletter – it is bursting at the seams with information about everything DTQG! Our first meeting of the year is October 3rd– mark your calendars and see you there!



MEETING DATES – First Tuesday of the Month, October through June

NEW TIME - Doors open at 6:45, meeting begins at 7:00, ends approximately 9:00

LOCATION – Durham District School Board, Staff Cafeteria (2nd floor): 400 Taunton Road East, Whitby

REMEMBER TO BRING – DTQG name tag, library books, toonies for chance draw, and a mug and plate

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR – Laura B.

As the newsletters are being posted on our website, the newsletter will not contain the last names or personal emails of our members. Members will receive a membership list that will be emailed to you, so if you want to contact a member you can use that list. In the meantime you can email the Guild at durhamtrilliumqg@yahoo.ca and we will do our best to pass along the message to the member.

2017-2018 DTQG Executive

At the Annual General Meeting in June, you voted the following Members to serve as the Guild Executive.

<u>POSITION</u>	NAME	POSITION	NAME
President	Lyne M.	Membership	Gail L.
			Assistant – Kathy D.
Past President	Kate H.	Newsletter	Laura B.
Vice President	Sharon M.	Programme	Susan S.
Secretary	Stella D.	Publicity	Cheryl A.
Treasurer	Maureen E.	Show and Share	Peggy G.
Block of the Month	Angie S.	Web Site	Julia S.
Community Outreach	Diane D.	Social	Pam T.
Cuddle Quilts	Debbie K. & Linda S.		Assistant – Jana B. &
Donation Quilts	Dorothy M.		Peggy F.
Walker Bags	Maria S.		
Library	Anna A.	Workshops/Retreats	Holly P.
	Assistant – Meredith M.		Assistant – Kate H.

The following members have volunteered to assist the Guild in these very important areas:

Chance Draw: Brenda L. Fabric Basket: Lynn M. Fabric Switch: Mary C.

EXECUTIVE MEETING DATES

Our next Guild Executive meeting will be on <u>October 18, 2017 at 7 pm</u>, at the Simcoe Street United Church, 66 Simcoe Street South in Oshawa (on the west side of Simcoe, south of King). Entrance via the "office" door. All members are welcome to attend.

SOCIAL/REFRESHMENTS - Pam T. & Jana B. & Peggy F.

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

Treats for the October 3rd meeting will be brought by Kathy C., Kathy D., Gwen V., Gail L., Mary C., Pam T., and Kate H. We will be serving tea and coffee as usual.

Please remember your plate, mug and utensils. Decaf coffee, tea and decaf green tea will be available. See you there!

SHOW AND SHARE - Peggy G.

I hope over the wet summer you found time to quilt. Please make sure you come to the Show and Share table to register your quilts and don't forget to enter your name in the monthly draw.

MEMBERSHIP – Gail L. and Kathy D.

Welcome back to another exciting year with our guild. We currently have 58 paid members including two new members over the summer. These members are eligible for the Early Bird draw which will take place at our first meeting of the year, October 3rd. The prize for one lucky winner will be a refund of their annual \$35 fee.

If you haven't registered already for the year, come see the membership table where the "sisters", Gail, Gwen and Kathy will be happy to help you out.

"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 $2\frac{1}{2}$ " fabric strip of full width of fabric (i.e., $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 42").

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

RETREATS AND WORKSHOPS - Holly P. & Kate H.

Fall Retreat – Thursday, Nov. 16 to Sunday, Nov. 19, 2017 – SPACES AVAILABLE

Come and join us for the fall colours at Elim Lodge on Thursday, November 16 to Sunday, November 19, 2017 for our annual Fall Retreat. We have planned a few demos, a shop visit and massages. The fee of this great weekend is \$290.00 for Thursday to Sunday or \$215.00 for Friday to Sunday. Single accommodation is \$10.00 extra per night.

Don't miss the fun, food, friends and lots of quilting!!

Your final payment is due at the October meeting. We still have a couple of spots available if you are interested in attending. Please see Holly at the sign up desk!!

Payment method: cash/cheque (made payable to Durham Trillium Quilters' Guild) or by e-transfer at <u>durhamtrilliumqg@yahoo.ca</u> Security question: Where are we going? Answer: Fall2017.

Stay at Home Retreat / Home Sew Sweet Retreat – FULL (Waiting List)

Our Home Sew Sweet Retreat is planned for February 2-4, 2018 at the Thornton Dundee Park located at 210 Thornton Road South. We have catered lunches and dinners.

First payment is \$60 is due at the October meeting or you can pay in full for \$120 (dates, Location) Payment method: cash/cheque (made payable to Durham Trillium Quilters' Guild) or by e-transfer (at newsletter press time, this had not been set up — an email will soon be sent to everyone registered regarding e-transfers)

Workshops

We are currently working on our workshop offerings for this year. More information to come!! Is there a workshop you are interested in? Please let us know and we will look into it.

WEBSITE – Julia S.

Our NEW website is up and running. Please visit it and check out the new format. http://www.durhamtrilliumquiltersguild.ca. If there are any updates or corrections required please contact Julia through the Guild's e-mail.

FABRIC EXCHANGE – Mary C.

Welcome to the Durham Trillium Quilters' Guild Fabric Exchange. This year's fabric exchange will be 2 1/2 inch strips, in retro fabric. Every month you will be exchanging 6 strips of retro fabric. Selvages must be cut off before cutting your strips. This will give you 54 strips that are 2½ inches wide, at the end of the year. The amount of fabric needed for each colour is 0.5 metres or 20 inches. Each strip will be 2-1/2 inch by WOF (width of fabric). NO solid colours please. PLEASE USE QUILT SHOP QUALITY FABRIC.

The fabric colours of the month for the exchange are as follows:

September Coral floral (please bring to the October meeting)

October Coral and white November Yellow floral December..... Red tone on tone January..... Green {leaf green}

February...... Turquoise

March..... Turquoise floral April..... Red and white

May..... Floral {to coordinate with all previous fabrics}

Fabric strips are to be brought to each meeting in a Ziplock type bag, with your name on it. If you can't come to a meeting, please arrange for a friend to bring the fabric in for you, or bring it in advance.

PLEASE NOTE: Bring BOTH the September AND October fabric strips to the first meeting of the year, on October 3rd.

If you haven't signed up yet, it's not too late – just bring your 2 months (Sept and Oct) fabric to the October 3rd meeting, and sign up then!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH - CUDDLE QUILT PROGRAM – Diane D., Debbie K., Linda S., Dorothy M., and Maria S.

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and you are back in your sewing room ready to work on your projects. We will be producing mittens again this year for local charities and will have fleece and patterns ready for you to pickup. We will also have a few kits for quilt tops to be made, tops to be quilted as well as quilts to be bound. Many opportunities to help our community!

We have a request to make doggy and cat quilts 12" x 18". We will have more information and instructions at the guild meeting. These quilts will be donated to animal shelters in the Durham region.

<u>COMMUNITY OUTREACH</u> - <u>DONATION QUI</u>LT PROGRAM - Dorothy M.

A beautiful Donation Quilt has been competed by several helping hands in the guild. This quilt will be donated to Simcoe St United church for allowing us to use their facility for our executive meetings, at no cost. We will show this quilt at our October meeting.

CHANCE DRAW – Brenda L.

For your chance to win half of the monthly collected funds, please visit the Chance Draw table with your toonies. Good luck!

PROGRAM - Susan S.

The October meeting will feature an Executive Trunk Show. Each member of the DTQG Executive has been asked to bring 2 quilts to share: one of their first quilts, if not the first, and a recent one. How have we personally evolved as quilters – it should be interesting to see.

LIBRARY - Anna A. and Meredith M.

We still have some overdue books from last year and one missing volume of Block magazine #m804 Winter volume 4. Please return these as soon as you can. We look forward to another exciting year and welcome suggestions for new titles you would like to see in the library.

SCRAP BASKET – Lynn M.

Our scrap basket is a very popular stop each month for members. Please 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, (for example, squares or rectangles) please put them into a small Ziploc bag first, then into the scrap basket.

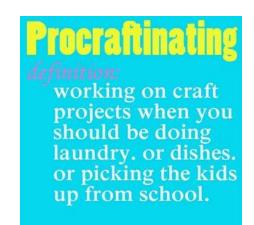
2017/18 Guild UFO Challenge – Kate H.

If you're an avid quilter, you probably have a stack of unfinished projects (UnFinished Objects or UFOs). Whether you ran out of time, didn't have the right materials, or just got sick of the quilt, unfinished projects pile up easily -- and take up a lot of space! Make a resolution this year to clean out your UFOs. Join our UFO Challenge Group and let's get them done

How does it work??

- 1. Pick up the registration form at the guild meeting in October.
- 2. Register your six projects that you want to finish this guild year. You can choose from any of your UFOs. If you have a kit you bought but never opened or fabric you've been holding on to for too long, just add it to the list.
- 3. You may only register 6 projects. Place mat sets count as a single project.
- 4. Bring your list to the November 2017 guild meeting and register your list with the UFO Challenge Co-ordinator (Kate H.). Make sure you have 6 (six) projects on your list!!
- 5. On the first of each month, we'll randomly draw a number from 1-6. We will send that number to the UFO Challenge participants via email and post it on our website. That number will correspond with which number project you work on throughout that month.
- 6. At the end of the month, fill in your progress. Bring in your completed projects for a special UFO Show and Share at the next guild meeting. You will be entered into a UFO Challenge draw at the June 2018 guild meeting. Can't come to a meeting? Send a photo of your completed item by Monday 5 pm (the Monday prior to the guild meeting) to have your name entered into the draw.(durhamtrilliumqg@yahoo.com).
- 7. Incomplete projects do not qualify for the prize draws. To be eligible for a prize, your item must be complete (quilted, bound and with a label).
- 8. Cost to enter challenge is \$1.00 per item on your list (maximum \$6.00 per member).
- 9. By the end of the year, if you stay on track, you'll have 6 finished projects! Or you'll at least have made a significant dent in your stack of UFOs.
- 10. The challenge will run starting in November and finishing in May to allow you time to complete the last item.

Join in the fun and let's challenge ourselves to be Procraftinators!!



BLOCK OF THE MONTH QUILT – Angie S.

Hello ladies, here is a picture of this years' BOM quilt. The size is 64" x 82". There are many different techniques in this quilt with some being easy and a couple that are a bit challenging. I am looking forward to this years' block of the month and hope many of you will too. You can make this quilt scrappy or use co-ordinating colors of your choice. Instructions will be provided after the first meeting (October)

Finished quilt: 64" x 82" Finished blocks: 12" square

<u>Fabric Requirements (in the displayed colours):</u>

- ½ meter of each of 2 red prints
- ½ meter of a black print
- ½ meter of each of 2 green prints
- ½ meter of each of 2 gold prints
- 3 ½ meters of cream for background
- 3 meters for borders



I will be sending you 2 block instructions for most of the months, with only one instruction for a couple of months. The finishing instructions will be sent out in May. Questions can be emailed to me (Angie S in the membership listing).

Remember to bring in your blocks each month to enter in a draw for a prize. I will also have a design wall this year so we can display everyone's completed blocks each month.

I will be away for the October meeting but will have another executive member taking names so that I can send out the first two block instructions. For those of you that have completed last years' BOM, please bring them to the November meeting so I can see all the different combinations of colors and also to enter for a grand prize.

SUNSHINE - Stella D.

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.

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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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

To find out about more upcoming quilt shows, visit <u>www.canadianquilter.com</u> and look in the calendar under Events for listings by month and province. Below is a short list of Quilt-related activities in Ontario.

Oct. 13 - 14, 2017 – Canada Strong and Quilting! Quilt Show 2017 – Halton Hills Quilters' Guild, Croatian Franciscan Centre, Croatian Franciscan Centre, 9118 Winston Churchill Blvd, Norval (Halton Hills), ON. See www.hhqg.ca

October 19 - 23, 2017 – 6th Annual Espanola Fibre Arts Festival – See https://canadianquilter.com/events/6th-annual-espanola-fibre-arts-festival

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

<u>September 9, 2017 - February 25, 2018 – **A Thread and a Story** – Museums of Mississauga. Tour times are by appointment Monday to Wednesday (9am – 4pm), or drop in Thursday-Sunday (12noon -4pm). See https://culture.mississauga.ca/event/bradley-museum/thread-and-story for more details.</u>

<u>May 4-6, 2018</u> – <u>Feelings in Fabric 2018</u> – Kawartha Quiltmakers' Guild, Peterborough, ON. See http://www.kawarthaquiltmakersguild.ca

INVENTORY CLEAR-OUT

Show off your DTQG Spirit – get a Durham Trillium Quilters Guild bag for just \$10 while quantities last - durable and washable – will hold your kudo strips, library books and cuddle quilt kits!! And a travel mug!

See Kate during the break at the October meeting; exact change please!!

