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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Lyne M.

Happy New Year! It's 2018 – wow! I hope your Christmas season has been one filled with the love of family and friends. I also hope that you and yours have kept healthy over the last few weeks.

What projects are you looking forward to working on in the near future? Or the next year? In moving my sewing space in the fall to its own space (no more sharing the room when guests visit) I came across fabrics that I had bought with no particular project in mind, but that I really loved. I decided that I needed to use these special fabrics from my stash instead of keeping them tucked away in a bin. I have completed two lap quilts and I am half way done another using these panels and fabrics that were in my stash waiting for the right occasion to come out and play! I loved making these quilts because I really loved the fabrics I was using.

I would like to encourage you to quilt from your stash this year. That is my goal. As much as I can help it, I will use fabrics that I have on hand. The UFO challenge is helping me do this as the projects I picked are mostly from the late '90's which have been sitting, partly done, in bins. I will empty some bins this year – that is the goal!

As we look ahead to this guild year, please consider getting involved with a committee, or stand for an executive position in the spring. Also, DTQG works very hard to offer interesting classes for you to take part in and learn a new skill. Sign-up! The choices are pretty varied – something for everyone to want to take part.

Lyne



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

EXCEPT: our meeting in 2018 January is January 9th, the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

*****NEW TIME THIS YEAR***** - 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

DOORS TO USE – Enter via the doors which face Taunton Road by 7 pm (doors are locked after that)

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



Our president has been approached by numerous members who report that the sound system is better with the new room set-up, however they still find it difficult to hear with all the chatter that is around them. If it could stop, it would be so much better! While we understand that there is much to say to one another, others around might not get to enjoy the program if there is much chatter around the room. Although you may know the information being presented, other nearby members may want to hear what is being

talked about at the front of the room and may not be able to hear it over nearby conversations. There are many opportunities to catch up with your friends during our meetings, including before the program begins, during break, and at the end. Please keep this in mind when you attend a meeting.

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Sharon M.

The arrival time has been revised, so the doors will now be open until 7 pm. Please ensure that you arrive so you can enter the building between 6:45 and 7:00 pm. After 7 pm the doors will be locked.

Greeters are needed for each meeting from 6:45 until 7 pm. I will be calling members for their support. If you would like to sign up in advance please see me at the meeting. Thanking you in advance.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR – Laura B.

As the newsletters are being posted on our website, the newsletter does not contain 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 specific 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.

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

Our next Guild Executive meeting will be on **Wednesday January 17, 2018 at 7 pm**, at the Simcoe Street United Church in Oshawa. All members are welcome to attend. Please contact a committee member if you need location details.

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

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



January treats will be complements of: Marg S, Chris T, Grace R, Carol M, Linda A, Debbie W, Jill M, and Laura B. Bring your cup for decaf coffee or tea, and a small plate for treats.

SHOW AND SHARE – Peggy G.

When you come to advise me that you have Show and Share for the evening, don't forget to enter your name in the draw for the monthly prize. Also, a reminder, according to our guild constitution, Show and Share is to promote our talents not our businesses!

Program – Susan S.

Leianne McCallum has long been an advocate of Deb Tucker tools and is an accomplished instructor at The Quilters Cupboard. Leianne will demonstrate how to use some of these tools as a way to make your quilts come together more quickly and with greater accuracy.

RETREATS AND WORKSHOPS – Holly P. & Kate H.

Important Note: if you are paying by e-transfer, please use the exact security question and security response that is provided to you by the convenor to avoid payment rejections.

Workshops

We have some great workshops for you this year. We hope that many of you will plan to attend. We are having them on Sundays this year!!

We hope that you participate in one of our exciting workshops and retreat opportunities this year. Sign up is at the workshop table at the guild meeting. Payment can be made by either cash, cheque (made payable to Durham Trillium Quilters' Guild) or by e-transfer. If you wish to pay by e-transfer, please ask for the payment instructions when you sign up.



January 28, 2018 – Tumbling Triangles with Leianne McCallum
 (note that date has changed from the original proposed date)
Rundle Park Hall, Oshawa

Time: 9:30-3:30

Cost: \$40.00, plus pattern. Payment is due at the January guild meeting.

By combining two contrasting fabrics you will create triangles tumbling down the quilt. Using your V Block tool (or Tri-Rects tools), this quilt is fun and quick. Just jump right in and give it a whirl!

Note: The pattern is required – purchase from your local quilt store or purchase on the day of the workshop.

We are very excited to welcome Albert Cote to our guild meeting in March, and for a workshop in April.



April 29, 2018 – Quilted Rug with Albert Cote
Thornton Dundee Park Clubhouse, Oshawa

Time: 10:30-4:30

Cost: \$70.00, no pattern required

In this VERY innovative and fun class, students will create a beautiful one of a kind quilted rug. Using at least three and up to five fabrics, plus batting and backing, we will layer the fabrics making a sandwich. Then Students will "doodle" a design on

the top fabric and stitch their doodle through all layers. Once they have their design secured they will cut through to the desired colours underneath and begin to see their rug pattern and colors appear. Once all the cutting is complete they will echo quilt inside the cut design.

NEW: In May, we will host an in-guild workshop with Kate Hull for our final workshop of the year!!



May 6, 2018 Urban Runner using the Quick Curve Ruler, with Kate Hull
Rundle Park Clubhouse, Oshawa

Time: 9:30-4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$25.00

Ruler Required: Quick Curve Ruler which includes pattern

This fun ruler makes fantastic curves that are really simple to sew and assemble.

Join us to make this fabulous table runner and pick up a new skill.

Spring Retreat – Thursday April 12 to Sunday April 15, 2018

Our Spring Retreat will be at Elim Lodge from Thursday April 12 at 9:30 am to Sunday April 15, 2018 at 2:00 pm. We are planning a fun-filled weekend with demos, massages, machine cleaning, shop visit, and lots of sewing time. The fee for this great weekend is \$310.00 for Thursday to Sunday (3 nights & 10 meals) or \$235.00 for Friday to Sunday (2 nights & 7 meals). Come and enjoy the fun, friends, food and sewing by signing up and paying your first installment of \$100 at the January meeting.

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

Our Home Sew Sweet Retreat will be held at Thornton Dundee Park Club House starting at 9:30 a.m. on Friday February 2 and ending at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday February 5, 2018. We have planned a fun weekend with two demos, catered meals, a shop visit and lots of sewing time. More information will be sent to participants in early January. This retreat is full with a waiting list.

Fall Retreat – Thursday Nov. 15 to Sunday Nov. 18, 2018

The date is set for the fall retreat. Mark your calendars. Info to come later in 2018!

“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 Lyne M. if you have Kudos to share before meeting starts.

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 to all the participants.

WEBSITE – Julia S.

Our 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.

The 2017-18 UFO Challenge now has a page on the website. It will be updated after every guild meeting with the next project number. Also, in case of a missed meeting due to inclement weather that month's project number will be posted there.

LIBRARY - Anna A. and Meredith M.

Meredith & I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season! We are ready for a new and exciting year ahead. A gentle reminder to please return all overdue library books. See you in January.

SUNSHINE – Stella D.

If you know of a Guild member who needs a little “sunshine” by way of best wishes or words of encouragement or sympathy, please let a member of the Executive know. A card will be sent on behalf of the Guild membership.

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.

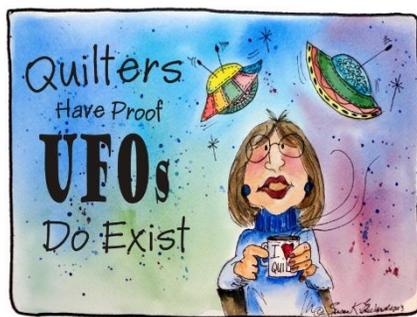
FABRIC EXCHANGE – Mary C.

This year's fabric exchange is 2 ½ inch strips (WOF – selvages removed), in retro fabric. Every month people will exchange 6 strips of retro fabric, so that each participant receives 54 strips by end of year. NO solid colours please. PLEASE USE QUILT SHOP QUALITY FABRIC.

The fabric colour for the JANUARY exchange is: Green (leaf green)

Please continue to bring your fabric strips 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.

2017/18 Guild Challenge – Kate H.



Our UFO Challenge has gotten off to a fantastic start!! We have over 25 participants in the challenge this year. We had 14 members complete their project #5's on time, thus earning bonus ballots at the meeting. Way to go!!!

In December, we drew project #6 for you to work on over the Christmas break with one extra week in there! For those of you who complete project #6 and bring it to the January guild meeting, check in with Joyce who will give you a ballot for the end of the year prize. You can also show it at

“Show & Share” with Peggy (and get a Show and Share ballot!!).

What are bonus ballots and how can you earn them? For those of you who finish your project on time, i.e. project #6 and bring it to the January meeting, you will get 6 bonus ballots. If you bring a completed project #5 to the January meeting, you'll receive only 1 ballot.

For the snowbirds: BEFORE the guild meeting send Kate an email at the guild email (durhamtrilliumqg@yahoo.ca) with a photo of your complete project to be eligible for the bonus ballots. Don't forget it has to have a label!!

Want to join in some more fun?? Join our Facebook group, DTQG UFO Challenge 2017-18 to check in with each other and lend some moral support. You can share your list and progress along the way, and get some online support.

We will draw the next project number at the January meeting for you to work on over the month and bring your completed project to the February meeting (note that you only have 3 weeks this time). It will be posted on the guild website after the meeting.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

CUDDLE QUILT PROGRAM – Diane D., Debbie K., and Linda S.

Happy New Year everyone. Our team hopes you had a wonderful holiday period. We delivered thirty-eight quilts and thirty-three mittens to the Children's Aid Society in December. They were just preparing over eight hundred Christmas baskets to be given to the needy. Martin (Diane's grandson) helped with the delivery and was impressed with what he saw. Come visit us at the table as we have many quilts that need to be quilted and we have mitten sets to be made up. Thanks for all of your support this year. See you at the meeting.

On December 2nd, a dozen members met at the John Street Senior Centre to work on the Community Outreach quilts (see photos below). There were over thirty kits assembled, six tops completed, and bins of

fabric sorted! We now need members to come and pick-up a kit to complete so that we may donate them within the Durham region to the various organizations we support.

Picking-up a kit is a great way to practice your machine quilting skills. Is there a technique you find more challenging than others? Pick-up a kit - you can practice to your heart's content! Many of our donation quilts have straight line quilting; nothing fancy, just serviceable.

We also picked-up quilts from Whirl 'N Swirls that need binding. It's up to you if you attach both sides by machine or do the traditional method of finishing by hand. Again, all up to you. Our objective is to have finished quilts.

So, please take a minute to stop by the Community Outreach table in January and pick-up one or two kits to complete. It will cost you some of your time but the result of a finished donation quilt for our guild to give away is priceless.





DONATION QUILT PROGRAM - Dorothy M.

Here are the photos of the Donation Quilts that you could request for your Durham Region non profit organization for a raffle or silent auction with a minimum bid. Please apply for a request form from Dorothy M



Brown small lap 48" x 48"
value \$212.00



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



Turquoise/gold quilt (large
lap) 58" x 70" value
\$400.00



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

WALKER BAGS PROGRAM – Maria S.

Thank you to the members who completed Walker Bags for the December meeting. Although there were no kits ready to pick up in December, some will be ready for the January meeting. Please come and see Maria S. and pick up a kit to be completed for the February meeting, (wow time flies). Please deliver them to the Community Outreach table to receive your ticket for the draw.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH QUILT – Angie S.

I hope everyone had a very merry Christmas and I wish everyone a very happy New Year! Hopefully you weren't too busy to complete your last two blocks. I'm looking forward to seeing them at the next meeting. See you there!

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.

Until February 25, 2018, Tuesday-Sunday, 11:00 am – 4:00 pm – **Threadworks 2016 Flakback** – A juried exhibition of 38 pieces of stitched textile art, sponsored by the Wellington County Museum and Archives. Scugog Shores Heritage Centre & Archives, 1655 Reach St., Port Perry (inside the Scugog Arena, 2nd floor). Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for students, \$2.75 for seniors, and \$2 for children who are 5-12.

Until 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.

March 23-24, 2018, 10-5 daily – **Quilt Fever 2018 – Etobicoke Quilters’ Guild** – Neilson Park Creative Centre, www.QuiltFever.ca

April 26-28, 2018 – **Piecemakers Quilt Show 2018** – Pyramid Centre, 317 James St. S, St. Mary’s ON. Special Feature: Judy Lyons. For more information email packham@cyg.net

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

May 31 – June 2, 2018 – **Quilt Canada 2018** – Vancouver BC. Registration for members starts Jan 8, 2018. 10% off for members if registered before 11:00 am January 29, 2018. See <https://canadianquilter.com/quilt-canada-2018-2/>

June 1-2, 2018 – **Bluewater Quilters’ Guild 2018 Show** – Bluewater Quilters’ Guild, Owen Sound ON. Harry Lumley Bayshore Community Centre, 1900 3rd Ave East, Owen Sound.

June 8-10, 2018 – **Quilts Kingston 2018** – Royal Kingston Curling Club, 120 Days Road, Kingston. See www.quiltskingston.org

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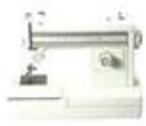


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As always, use your own judgment when deciding if you should venture out on the roads to join in the fun of our monthly meetings.