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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Lyne M.

Snow days, rain days, cold days, and warm days! We have had a mixture of all of these this last month! And the weather was perfect for our Stay at Home retreat. We had a great group sew from Friday morning until Sunday afternoon, with home breaks in between to catch some sleep in our own beds! UFO's were worked on; new projects started and others completed or furthered. It was a very productive weekend by all involved. Thank you to Holly and Kate for organizing such a great event.

As we are now half way through the guild year, it's time to look at next year's executive committee. Some conveners are at the end of their terms and need replacements. Have you thought of getting more involved in the running of your guild? Is there something you think you would be a great fit for? Kate, our Past President, has a list for you later in this newsletter.



We are also looking for a new Vice-President. Sharon will be our president for the next two years as I will become the Past-President. The successful candidate will be VP for two years, President for two years, and Past-President, for another two years. We are looking for someone who is ready to step-up for a total of 6 years. As VP, this person has certain tasks assigned to them, fills-in whenever necessary, and is generally in training for the position of President. As President, there are a few more responsibilities and greater input into the direction of our guild. And finally as Past President, there are some tasks assigned, however, the main area is as back-up whenever the need is present. I'm looking forward to coasting the next two years as I exit this stage in my guild life!

I want to remind everyone that I was a member for just over a year when I was recruited to become Vice President (2nd VP at the time). It is not an issue of experience with our guild, but more a fit for a person who is passionate about what we do and who wants to work towards common goals.

So.... Will you consider being VP? Think about it. Consider the opportunity! Talk to Sharon, Kate, me – we'd love to give you more details and encourage you to get involved



SPREAD THE LOVE – Continued for March

Some members asked us to continue the food drive for the March meeting. So please consider bringing an item (or 2!) for the local food bank. The executive will bring the food items to the Simcoe Street United Church (who generously host the Executive Meetings) where items are being collected on behalf of the food drive. Items often needed by food banks include: canned spaghetti, stew, or soup; cans of salmon, turkey, ham, or tuna; boxes of Kraft dinner, peanut butter, packaged soup (just add water kind). Can openers are also needed items. Thank you!!

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

Setup time: From 6:30 to 6:45 is reserved for setting up the room. Helpers at this time are welcome but please do not come to sit down before 6:45 as it is too difficult to move tables around.

Arrival and Meeting Time: Doors open to members at 6:45, and the meeting begins at 7:00. Meeting will end at approximately 9:00. Note that the building's exterior doors close at 7:00 pm sharp.

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. In February, please also bring an item for the food drive (see below for details).

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Sharon M.

If you can help with the room setup, please arrive at 6:30. 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.

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

Our next Guild Executive meeting will be **Wed. March 21, 2018 at 7 pm**, at the Simcoe Street United Church in Oshawa. All members are welcome to attend - contact a committee member if you need details.

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



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

March treats will be complements of: Heather L, Donna G, Carlene H, Angie S, Stella D, Joan E, Peggy G, Peggy F. Bring your cup for decaf coffee or tea, and a small plate for treats.

Advanced reminder for our April meeting treat providers: Susan M, Sandra M, Lynn B, Sharron C, Anne D, Maureen E, Lynn B, and Patricia K.

MEMBERSHIP – Gail L. and Kathy D.

Membership is now at 107. Our guild does not have a cap on the number of members accepted. Please remember your badges so we can get to know you.

Fees and charges schedule:

- Guest - \$5 per meeting
- Annual membership - \$35 (October to June)
- Half year membership - \$17.50 for meetings from February to June
- Replacement name badge - \$13
- Forgotten name badge - \$0.25 (at the meeting)

If you have not yet joined, you can find the registration form on the guild website (www.durhamtrilliumquiltersguild.ca). Guests are welcome for all meetings except our Annual General Meeting in June.

PROGRAM – Susan S.

Albert Cote is the speaker at our March meeting. In his trunk show, Albert will discuss his beginnings as a quilter through his progression to large art quilts and his inventive quilted rugs.

RETREATS AND WORKSHOPS – Holly P. & Kate H.

Workshops

We hope that you can participate in one of our exciting workshops and retreat opportunities this year. We are having them on Sundays this year!! Hope you can join us.

This month, we are very excited to welcome Albert Cote to our guild. There is still room for you to sign up for the 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. Check out his website at <http://www.imaginationtextile.com> to see some of his fibre art.

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



**May 27, 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.

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. **Note: to pay by e-transfer, please use the exact security question & answer provided to you.**

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

Come and join the fun filled weekend with demos, massages, machine cleaning, shop visit and lots of sewing time! Our Spring Retreat will be held at Elim Lodge from Thursday April 12th at 9:30 a.m. to Sunday April 15th at 2:00 p.m. The cost 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). We have available spaces so come and enjoy the weekend. See Holly to sign up and pay your final installment of \$110.00 at the March meeting.

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

The date is set for the fall retreat. Mark your calendars. More information will be provided later in 2018!

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!

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.

LIBRARY - Anna A. and Meredith M.

We have one new book this month "Scrappy & Happy Quilts " by Kate Henderson. A reminder to please return overdue library books. We have a few outstandingly overdue books. Library volunteers will be contacting those with outstanding books by E mail or phone as a reminder.

“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.

WEBSITE – Julia S.

<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.

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. 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. **The fabric colour for the March exchange is: Turquoise Floral.**

BLOCK OF THE MONTH QUILT – Angie S.

There are only a few blocks left and I hope everyone has had fun making them and they are up to date. Please remember to bring in (and take home) your blocks to enter into the draw and show your progress.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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

We delivered 25 completed quilts and 23 pairs of mittens to the Children’s Aid Society and they were very appreciative of the donation. All of the donated quilts delivered before Christmas were given out in the Christmas baskets delivered to their needy. They were so surprised to get some more quilts so soon.

We had three kits left to be quilted after the last meeting but we had such a productive day at the charity sew day on Saturday February 24th. There were 10 “make a quilt top” kits made, 19 kits with quilt tops ready to be quilted, and two quilts were completed. The busy beavers made miles of binding, sewed on borders, completed backings that were too small, made several doggie bags, and had a great time. Lyne and her team continued to separate all of the fabric received and ready them for next month’s sewing bee, which will be held on March 24th. Thank you to these wonderful people for assisting the Outreach Program to be successful. We hope you can mark your calendars and come and join us at next month’s sew day. Kits can be picked up from the Community Outreach table at the regular meetings.

WALKER BAGS PROGRAM – Maria S.

Walker bags kits are still available. Please come and see Maria S. and pick up a kit (or 2?) to be completed for the April meeting, so we can donate more to senior homes in the Durham region. Please deliver completed walker bags to the Community Outreach table to receive your ticket for the draw.

Community Sew Day – Saturday March 24, 2018

Join us from 10- 3 for another Community Sew Day for our Community Outreach group, held at the Simcoe Street United Church. We will be sorting, sewing, and making up quilt kits for our guild members to complete. Many hands make light work and we truly are appreciative for the many hands to come out to help our program to run. BYO lunch. Coffee and tea provided.

The cost is \$5.00, please sign up with Holly and pay in advance. People who have signed up will be emailed instructions on how to enter the building and get to the workshop.

Here are some photos from the Feb 24th Sew Day:
Missing from the pics – members Kate H. and Maria S.



DONATION QUILT PROGRAM - Dorothy M.

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



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

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.

EASTER EGG



Do our members read the newsletter? Sure they do... or do they?!? This is a fun exercise to run a survey of sorts. If you read this article and would like to participate, this is what we need you to do: Bring a 5" square of juvenile novelty fabric. There will be a basket, on the window ledge by the vending machines to collect these squares.

Also, there will be pieces of paper for you to put your name on and place in a bag. At the end of the meeting, we will draw a winner from those names. The winner will potentially have a great start to an “I Spy” quilt!

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE – Kate H.

Our local guild requires a “Member at Large” to serve on the Nomination Committee with the Past President and Vice President. Your mission is to actively seek candidates and recruit for open positions on the guild executive for the 2018/2019 guild year. The “Member at Large” must be willing to meet a few times over the next couple of months to assist to fill all vacancies. You should be persuasive, motivated, enthusiastic and interested in the future of your guild. No compensation paid, nor resume required. Candidate must be a current member of the guild. Please contact Kate Hull, Past President at durhamtrilliumqg@yahoo.ca to put your name forward. Deadline for applications is March 9, 2018. Your guild needs you!



2017/18 GUILD CHALLENGE – Kate H.



Our UFO Challenge is going strong into the third month!! We have over 25 participants in the challenge this year. We had 14 members complete their project #4's and earned bonus ballots at the meeting. Way to go!!!

At the February meeting, we drew project #3 for you to work on. For those of you who complete project #4, #5 or #6 and bring it to the next 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!!). I was very sad not to have finished my #4 before the meeting, however I did get #5 done, so I'm not far behind.

What are bonus ballots and how can you earn them?? For those of you who finish your project on time, i.e. project #3 and bring it to the March meeting, you will get 3 bonus ballots. If you bring a completed project #4, #5 or #6 to the February 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 (it doesn't have to be written on)!!

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 moral support.

We will draw the next project number at the March meeting for you to work on over the month and bring your completed project to the April meeting. It will be posted on the guild website within 24 hours after the meeting. With only a few months to go in the challenge, there's still time to catch up!! Don't give up! You can do it!!

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

April 14-15, 2018 – **Sunshine Quilt Show – Orillia Quilters' Guild** – Trillium Manor, 12 Grace Ave., Orillia Ontario packham@cyg.net

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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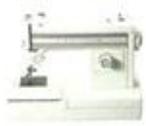



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Should the weather not co-operate with our plans, we have a procedure in place for all members to receive an email notification of the cancelled meeting by early afternoon of the meeting date. We will also alert the local radio stations and newspapers, and our members that do not have email will receive a call.

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.