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## The Newsletter for Durham Trillium Quilters' Guild April 2018 - Issue 7

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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Lyne M.

By the time you are reading this, maybe spring will have sprung?!? I hope so. Tired of the grey days and looking forward to seeing a little colour all around us.

Are you planning to attend one of the many quilt shows being put on by guilds all around Ontario this spring and summer? You can find the information for many of them, with the link to their website, at the end of this newsletter or at <a href="www.canadianquilter.com">www.canadianquilter.com</a> for out of province ones. Why not plan a road trip around a quilt show this summer? Row By Row will be back as well. I love road trips that include visiting quilt shops!

A little while back I shared that my goal was to empty bins in my sewing room this year. So far, so good! Through our UFO challenge and just sewing on my own, I have emptied a few. It is a very good feeling. I recommend it to everyone!

Our guild's nomination committee is in full force looking for members to step up to the plate in various capacities. I know some vacancies have been filled. Thank you to everyone who has agreed to serve on a committee. There are still a few spots that need to be filled. Think about it, you could be part of something great! Kate H., Past President, has an article later in the newsletter with all the details.

Lastly, our guild is going to Elim Lodge for our Spring Retreat, from April 12-15. Please contact Holly P. if you have not yet signed-up but would love to join us. You will find more information as you read further. For me, retreat is a time to sew, sew, sew and get things done, done, and done! That is why I go. If I spend all that time in my sewing room at home, I feel a little guilty, but at retreat, I have not issue with it! Also, I don't have to cook when I'm retreat. There's a bonus for sure! And I am with friends... All is well! On that note, I wish you a happy and sunny spring!



## **SPREAD THE LOVE – Continued for April**

The church and food bank really appreciated our donations, so the executive has decided to continue the food drive at all monthly meetings. Please consider bringing a food item for the local food bank - the executive will bring donations to the Simcoe Street United Church (who generously host the Executive Meetings) for the food drive collection. Items often needed include: canned spaghetti, stew, or soup; cans of salmon, turkey, ham, or tuna; Kraft dinner, peanut butter, packaged soup (just add water kind). Can openers are also needed items. Thank you!!

#### PROGRAM – Susan S.

Elaine Theriault, who is a self-described "scrap queen" is the speaker at our April meeting. You can read about Elaine on her blog, <a href="http://crazyquilteronabike.blogspot.ca">http://crazyquilteronabike.blogspot.ca</a>.

**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 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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. If you wish to participate, please also bring an item for the food drive (see previous page 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. April 18, 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. April treats will be complements of: Susan M, Sandra M, Lynn B, Sharron C, Anne D, Maureen E, Lynn B, and Patricia K. Bring your cup for decaf coffee or tea, and a small plate for treats.

Advanced reminder for our May meeting treat providers: Jane S, Diana S, Holly P, Maria S, Jacqueline H, Sandra P, Retta H, Dorothy M.

#### 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 joined, the registration form is on the guild website (www.durhamtrilliumquiltersguild.ca). Guests are welcome for all meetings except our Annual General Meeting in June.

#### 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.

## PAST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Kate H.

At the March executive meeting, open vacancies on the executive were discussed and reviewed based on completion of existing terms of service. The nomination committee is made up of the Past President, Vice President and a Member at Large. Our Member at Large this year is Anne M. This group is charged with the task of recruiting new members of the guild to serve on the executive in the coming years. Most positions have a two year term. As such, not every position will be recruited for this year. Some executive members are in their first year of a two-year term. In accordance with the guild Constitution, Section V, paragraph 3: Any Committee Convener may serve an additional term of one or two years

Open positions available at this time are as follows:

<b>Convener Position Available</b>	Currently held by:	How Long in this Position	Standard Term
Librarian	Anna A	3 years	2 years
Librarian Assistant	Meredith M	2 years	2 years

At this time, we are looking for a Librarian. Anna A. has offered to stay on for one more year to be the assistant. If you are interested in this position, please take a few minutes to chat with the current conveners to ask them any questions you may have. If this is the position you are interested in, please see either Kate H, Anne M or Sharon M at the April meeting or contact them by telephone following the meeting.

What is the difference between a Guild Officer and a Convener? Our Constitution outlines that the guild cannot run without the Officers. DTQG's Officer Roster is as follows: President, Past President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. Conveners are committed members who volunteer their time to organize particular enhancements to the guild's operations, to make the guild experience not just good, but GREAT. If we do not have Conveners for certain positions, the program simply does not run. For example, if no one steps forward to run Fabric Switch, then we wouldn't run the Febric Switch as part of our monthly meeting. It definitely would be missed by everyone at the meeting, but it would not be run in that guild year without a convener. Please keep in mind these are all VOLUNTEER positions!

What are the benefits to being on the executive? Thank you for asking! Executives get first-hand knowledge of upcoming events at the guild (speakers, workshops, etc.), and first opportunity to sign up for retreat. As part of the executive, you are involved in shaping the direction of the guild, in the current year and beyond. Getting involved in the executive gives you an opportunity to network with the guild and members of the executive. Why else? Because you BELIEVE in the guild and WANT to be part of its future. Some of the reasons are intrinsic, meaning that you can't put a price on them, it just makes you feel good to be involved. If you are one of those people, WE NEED YOU ON THE EXECUTIVE. Answer the call.

#### 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 April exchange is: Red and White.** 

## 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!

### RETREATS AND WORKSHOPS - Holly P. & Kate H.

#### Workshops

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.

Last month, we were very entertained by Albert Cote at the guild meeting. We are looking forward to having him back to our guild for a workshop in April. There is still room for you to sign up for his 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 <a href="http://www.imaginationtextile.com">http://www.imaginationtextile.com</a> to see some of his fibre art.

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



May 27, 2018 Urban Runner using the Quick Curve Ruler, with Kate H. Rundle Park Clubhouse, Oshawa

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

Cost: \$25.00

Ruler Required: Quick Curve Ruler which includes pattern

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP FOR THIS WORKSHOP, BEFORE WE CANCEL DUE TO LACK OF INTEREST

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. Last chance to sign up is at the April meeting. If there are insufficient attendees to cover the costs of the hall rental, we will have to cancel this workshop.

## <u>Spring Retreat – Thursday April 12 to Sunday April 15, 2018 – space still available</u> This is unprecedented!! WE STILL HAVE ROOM!!



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 at the desk.



## 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!

## NEW – Sew At Home Fall Retreat – Friday Oct. 19 to Sunday Oct 21, 2018

Like going to retreat? Hanging out with friends, sewing to your heart's content? Not able to attend the retreat at Elim for a number of reasons?? Join us Friday October 19 through Sunday October 21, 2018 at Rundle Park Clubhouse in Oshawa for a Sew at Home 'Fall' Retreat. We sew from 9:30 a.m. each day, and provide lunch and dinner for you. We have prizes, games and just some old-fashioned fun! Bring your own projects or try one of our fun,

simple and easy demo projects. At the end of the day, you go home to your own bed. Rates to be determined. **Sign up at the May Meeting**. Space is limited, first come first served. No advance signups, thanks!

#### LIBRARY - Anna A. and Meredith M.

We have 2 new books this month: "Start with Strips" by Susan Ache and "Jelly Roll Quilts in a Weekend" by Pam & Nicky Lintott. We have a few long overdue books. The loss of books is a great expense for the library and denies others the pleasure of reading them. Long overdue books include:

Book Title	Author	Borrowed by
Sew a Row Quilts	Karen Hellaby	Susan C
Quilt with Tula & Angela	Tula Pink & Angela Walters	Jill M
Think Big	Amy Ellis	Jill M
McCall's Quilting Jan/Feb 2015		Jill M
Block Winter Vol3		Jill M

It would be appreciated if these books could be returned. Thank you to those who have contacted me and returned books. Please note that there is a \$25 fee for books that are not returned by the end of the year.

#### "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.

<u>http://www.durhamtrilliumquiltersguild.ca</u>. If there are any updates or corrections required please contact Julia through the Guild's e-mail.

## BLOCK OF THE MONTH QUILT - Angie S.

Hi ladies, there are only 2 more blocks left and then the finishing instructions. I hope you bring in your blocks to display for everyone to see (and to enter into the draw). I am working on next year's Block of the Month and am sure you will love the pattern. I hope all of you sign up for the next project. Also, please DON'T forget to bring your blocks home at the end of the meeting!

## 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.

#### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

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

We had productive days at the charity sew days on February 24<sup>th</sup> and March 24<sup>th</sup>. The participants made miles of binding, sewed on borders, completed backings that were too small, made several kits, and had a great time. Lyne and her team continued to sort and prepare all of the fabric received. Thank you to these wonderful people for assisting the Outreach Program to be successful. 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.

#### **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.



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

#### **NEW! LONG ARM COMMUNITY DATY – May 6, 2018**

Come and join us for a fun day of long arming some of our fabulous cuddle quilts with Tracey at Whirls N Swirls in Whitby on Sunday, May 6, 2018 from 10:00 to 4:00. Never long armed a quilt? No worries, you don't need any experience to help out on this day and it's a great opportunity to try it out, although once you've done it, you'll see how much fun it can be. Can't come for the whole day? Come for a couple of hours and help out. No cost to members. Sign up with Holly at the April meeting. Limited spaces available.

Whirls N Swirls is located at 1077 Boundary Road, Whitby, Ontario

#### SHOP HOP - SATURDAY, May 5, 2018

The Rouge Valley Quilt Guild is running a Bus Shop Hop, and we're invited! There are about 20 spots left. Lunch is not provided, bring your own lunch and snacks. The shop hop will be visiting the following:

- Newmarket THE QUILT STORE
- Alliston COUNTRY CONCESSION
- Jackson's Point THE QUILTING GNOME
- Orillia THIMBLE AND THINGS
- Barrie LEN'S MILLS
- Simcoe SEW AND QUILT



The bus departs from the Pickering Centre at 7:30 am, and returns there at 7:30 pm. The prices for the trip is \$50.00 (plus any funds you decide to spend when on the trip). If interested, please bring a cheque for \$50, payable to The Rouge Valley Quilt Guild, to our April meeting, and sign up with Peggy F. Peggy can be contacted with questions via email or telephone (see the guild membership sheet for her contact info).

#### 2017/18 GUILD CHALLENGE (UFO Challenge)— Kate H.



Our UFO Challenge is still going strong into our fourth month, with over 25 participants this year. We had 14 members complete their project #3's and earned bonus ballots at the last meeting. Way to go!!! What about the rest of you? Are you making your own lists and getting things done? It's been fun listening to members reminisce about how old their project really is, and those fabrics!! Some of them are coming back!!

At the March meeting, we drew project #2 for you to work on. If you who complete project #3, #4, #5 or #6 and bring it to the next guild meeting, see Joyce who will give you a ballot for the end of the year prize. You can also show it at "Show & Share" with Peggy (for a Show and Share ballot). I am excited as my # 2 only needed a bit of quilting and binding, and it is almost done!! As we near to the end of our challenge can you guess the number for our last project being drawn in April? 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!

What are bonus ballots and how can you earn them?? For those of you who finish your project on time (i.e., finish and bring project #2 to the April meeting), you will get 2 bonus ballots. If you bring a completed project #3, #4, #5 or #6 to the April 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 moral support. Post your photos, we'll be your encouragement to git'er done!

For those of you who registered and haven't brought any completed projects in yet, you still have time! The last date for entries to be received is the May 2018 guild meeting.

#### 2019 QUILT SHOW – Kate H.

Our show committee is shaping up nicely. The executive was presented with the option of having a Fall Show or a Spring Show. They decided we should have a Fall Show in 2019. We will get busy with the show committee very soon. Our first meeting will be in the very near future.

The show committee so far is comprised of the following brave members:

2019 Quilt Show Committee					
RESPONSIBILITY	MEMBER	MEMBER	MEMBER		
Show Chair	Kate H				
Secretary	Maria S				
Treasurer	Joyce P				
Boutique	VACANT				
Challenge	Holly P				
Children's Quilt Challenge	VACANT				
Display & Set Up	Julia S				
Publicity & Social Media	Lyne M				
Set up & Quilt Registration	Laura B				
Ticket Pull (Silent Auction)	Debbie K				
Tea Room & Kitchen	Gail L	Kathy D	Gwen V		
Treasure Chest Table	Dorothy M	Angie S			
Vendor	Diane D				
Volunteer Coordinator	Diana S				
Raffle Quilt	VACANT				
Quilt Raffle Tickets	VACANT				

As you can see we still have a couple of openings for **you** to join in the fun. The boutique would be best served by two people who can work well together. Only one person needs to attend the meetings if there is more than one member on the committee.

If you are interested in these openings, please contact Kate H at the meeting, by email or by telephone. The boutique and raffle quilts have been exceptional money makers for the show in the past and we anticipate a good event.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

To find out about more upcoming quilt shows, visit <a href="www.canadianquilter.com">www.canadianquilter.com</a> 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 31 9:00 – 4:00, April 1&2 10:00 – 2:00 – Grand Opening, Blue Heron Quilts – Bobcaygeon ON

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

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

<u>May 4-6, 2018</u> – <u>Feelings in Fabric 2018</u> – Kawartha Quiltmakers' Guild, The Mount Community Centre, 1545 Monaghan Road, Peterborough ON. See <a href="http://www.kawarthaquiltmakersguild.ca">http://www.kawarthaquiltmakersguild.ca</a>

<u>May 11-12, 2018</u> – <u>Mount Forest – 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Quilt Show</u> – Four Corners Quilt Guild of Mount Forest, The Mount Forest and District Sports Complex, 850 Princess Street, Mount Forest ON. Contact <u>4cornersquiltersguild@gmail.com</u> for information.

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

<u>June 1-2, 2018</u> – <u>Bluewater Quilters' Guild 2018 Show</u> – Bluewater Quilters' Guild, Owen Sound ON. Harry Lumley Bayshore Community Centre, 1900 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave East, Owen Sound.

<u>June 8-10, 2018</u> – <u>**Quilts Kingston 2018**</u> – Royal Kingston Curling Club, 120 Days Road, Kingston. See <a href="https://www.quiltskingston.org">www.quiltskingston.org</a>

<u>June 9-10, 2018</u> – <u>Behind the Seams 2018</u> – Trent Valley Quilters Guild, Brighton Community Centre, 75 Elizabeth Street, Brighton ON

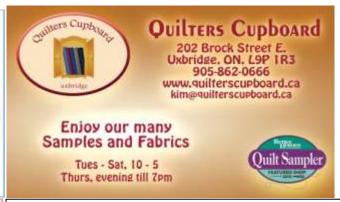
<u>July 28-29, 2018</u> – <u>Quilts at the Creek</u> – Quilts at the Creek Collective, Held outdoors at Black Creek Pioneer Village in Toronto. See <u>www.quiltsatthecreek.wordpress.com</u>

#### **ADVERTISING**













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