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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Sharon M.

As we approach March let's hope that an early spring is on the horizon. The groundhog must be right this year! I know I have had enough of winter. Not sure why I did not book a getaway.

On a happy note, we have a guest speaker again this month. Bridget O'Flaherty is a quilt artist who creates images that represent natural landscapes. She will be sharing her experience with free form embroidery and thread painting to enhance her original designs. She comes with over 20 years of experience. Members are welcome so invite a friend!

I have spoken with the church; the central heating will be on. I also asked about the lighting outside. The lights on the exterior of the church may have been switched off prematurely last month. I will be sure that the lights are on this month until we have all left the building. In addition, there will be pole lighting erected soon. As for the parking, maybe we need to consider car pooling to reduce the number of vehicles coming to the meeting. I will address this with the executive at our meeting in March. If you have any suggestions or other concerns, feel free to speak with me or any executive member.

Our executive meetings are now being held at the Centennial Retirement Residence in Oshawa. They have provided the space free of charge. In exchange for their generosity we will donate walker bags and/or fidget quilts and lap quilts for their residents. Presently, I have 5 walker bags, one fidget quilt and some crocheted blankets (that were donated to the guild) to present to them this month. Maria has kits if you wish to support the walker bag initiative.

For the guild to operate effectively and continue to enhance the art of quilting an executive is required. As the current executive starts planning for the 19/20 year and beyond many positions need to be filled. It may be your time to help support the guild for the future. Lyne, our past president, has more information in this newsletter that will let you know where you can be of assistance. I urge you all to consider becoming a member of the executive. If you have questions or need more information about the positions, you can refer to the constitution or speak with Lyne or myself.

That's all for now, see you on Tuesday March 5th!

MEETING DATES: First Tuesday of the Month, September through June

TIME: Doors open at approximately 6:30, meeting begins at 7:00, ends approximately 9:00

NEW LOCATION: Zion Christian Reformed Church, 409 Adelaide Ave. E. Oshawa

REMEMBER TO BRING – DTQG name tag, library books, toonies for the chance draw, a mug, and any donations you have for the food bank (needed items include canned fruit, boxes of cereal, peanut butter, crackers, pork & beans, spaghetti sauce, rice, toilet paper, hand soap bars, and toothpaste).



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 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.

QUILT SHOW 2019 “Threads Of Friendship Quilt Show” – Kate H.

November 22 & 23, 2019 - General Sikorski Hall, Oshawa.

Our show committee is continuing to put the puzzle together that will be our show. We hope that you are working on completing your quilted items, whether it be a full quilt, lap quilt, bag or other quilted items which showcase the wonderful talent of our guild.

Our Boutique team has been making up kits from donated materials and are always appreciative of anything you can share. Currently they are specifically looking for coordinated current fabrics. If you have completed items to donate, they would be very well received. They have been assembling kits and will be handing out kits at the meeting in March, as well as receiving your completed kits. We hope that many hands were at the February sew day resulting in a productive day with much to add to the growing boutique inventory.

New at this show: Have you considered selling your quilts? Members will be invited to participate in boutique with up to 3 items to be sold on consignment. The guild will receive a 15% commission for all items sold. We will not accept items that were part of any challenge, such as the table runners.

The Show Challenge is SOLD OUT. Very excited to see what creations will arrive in October for judging. I have begun the first draft of my designs.

Diane has been working on recruiting vendors. If you have suggestions, please let Diane D. know. As these vendors are confirmed, we will share that information with the membership. Please keep your calendar open to volunteer at your show, many hands make light work. Diana Smith, our volunteer coordinator, will be asking for membership participation for jobs include helping to set up and take down, helping and serving in the tea room, assisting in the boutique or at the treasure table and everyone’s favourite, white glove, where you get to walk around the show and look at the quilts. I know that is one of my favourite jobs during the show.

Please stay tuned to the website and newsletter for updates!

“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 Sharon, our President, if you have Kudos for the month and she will include you in the agenda.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR – Laura B.

The newsletters are posted on our website so do not contain last names or personal emails. Members receive a membership list to allow you to contact a member. 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 MEETING DATES

Our next Executive meeting will be on Wednesday March 20, 2017 at 7 pm, in the Gathering Room of the Chartwell Centennial Retirement Residence (259 Hillcroft St, Oshawa). All members are welcome. Please sign in at the front desk, if attending the meeting.

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

Treats for the March 5th meeting will be brought by Donna G., Carlene H., Glenna J., Jacqueline H., Sandy P., Aisla V., Judy B., and Gwen van N. Please remember your plate, mug and utensils. Decaf coffee and tea will be available. See you there! Note that due to our new location, there are no longer any restrictions on orange products.

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.

RETREATS AND WORKSHOPS – Kate H. & Holly P.

Spring Retreat at Elim Lodge – Thurs, Apr. 11 to Sun, Apr. 14, 2019 – STILL ROOM

Time is running out...don't miss the fun, food, friends and lots of inspiration!! If you have never been to retreat, you truly don't know what you are missing. It's such a fun time away with fellow quilters. A great way to get to know members of the guild in a more relaxed atmosphere. While I can't promise all your seams will be perfect, I am confident you'll have fun, and it won't be your last retreat!

Spring into the fun at our annual Spring Retreat at Elim Lodge from Thursday, April 11 to Sunday, April 14, 2019. We have planned a few demos, a shop visit, and massages. The fee for this great fun filled weekend is \$320.00 for Thursday to Sunday or \$230.00 for Friday to Sunday (or Thursday to Saturday). Single accommodation is \$10.00 extra per night. Sign up at the meeting

Final payment is due at the March meeting.

Payment method: cash/cheque (made payable to Durham Trillium Quilters' Guild) or by e-transfer at durhamtrilliumqg@yahoo.ca Please use the security question and answer provided by the convenors!

Sew Days

Our Sew Days are held at Rundle Park Community Hall, 241 Park Road South (entrance is off Burk Street).

February 24 will be a sew day for the show boutique. Sign up at the Boutique table and pay your \$5.00 to secure your spot. Your fee will be refunded upon completion of an item for the boutique on the day.
Time 9:30 – 5:00

April 28 will be a sew day for the charity group. Sign up at the Community Outreach table and pay \$5.00 to secure your spot. The \$5 will be refunded upon completion of an item for the charity group on the day.
Time 9:30 – 5:00

May 26 will be another open sew day. Sign up at the Workshop table. Cost \$20.00 for the day!
Time: 9:30 – 8:00

June 23 will be a workshop sew day for the Fabric Exchange group. Sign up at the Workshop table. Rate is yet TBD. Time 9:30 – 5:00

Workshops

March 24, 2019 (Sunday) – Machine Quilting with Tammy Murphy – FULL with wait list

Tammy Murphy is a long arm quilter and shares her quilting expertise in several free motion quilting classes at Quilters Cupboard. She will help you move beyond ‘quilting in the ditch’ and start to bring your quilting up a notch or two! This is a one-day workshop that is sure to be lots of fun and a great learning opportunity! Cost is \$55.00, payment is due at the March meeting. If you wish to be on the waiting list, please see Kate. If there is enough interest, we will investigate a second class!

April 6, 2019 (Saturday) – Appliqué with Kathy Wylie



Did you enjoy Kathy’s presentation in October? Were you inspired to learn more about the Appliquick method for turned-edge appliqué. The innovative Appliquick tools provide unprecedented ease and precision for preparing fabric for hand or machine stitching – even miniature-sized. If you have always wanted to learn turned-edge appliqué, or struggled with it in the past, this system is for you. Appliquick rods will be available in class so you can try before you buy, but we’re sure you’ll want a set for your toolbox. This is the sample we will be working on in the class.

Class fee is \$65.00, sign up at the January meeting, class size is limited to 20 participants. This class will be advertised to other guilds after the January meeting in order to fill the class. Don’t miss out on this great opportunity to learn from an award-winning quilter. Fun factoid: Kathy Wylie was a member of Durham Trillium Quilters’ Guild many years ago.

PAST PRESIDENT – Lyne M.

HELP WANTED - YOUR GUILD NEEDS YOU!

What is your passion? How do you want to get involved? By the March meeting we will know what Executive Positions are open and need to be filled. A member at large is still needed to help secure our 2019/20 Executives.

How will you be involved next year? It's up to you - there' are plenty of opportunities to be on a great team! Most positions are not a great time commitment - an hour a month?

SHOW AND SHARE – Peggy G.

If you have a quilt to share, please make sure you come to the Show and Share table FIRST to register your quilts and enter your name in the monthly draw.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH QUILT – Angie S.

We are looking forward to seeing the next set of blocks. But don’t forget to take them home with you after the meeting!!

WEBSITE – Julia S.

Our website continues to run at <http://www.durhamtrilliumquiltersguild.ca>. The website will be updated if a meeting is cancelled due to weather. If there are any updates or corrections required on the website, please contact Julia S. through the Guild's e-mail.

PROGRAM – Lina S.

The March meeting will feature Bridget O’Flaherty.

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.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

CUDDLE QUILT PROGRAM – Laura F., Sherry F., Linda W.

The February meeting was a record breaker! We had 11 finished quilts returned. Thank you to Sandra F. (2), Jane S. (2), Anonymous Donor (2), Cheryl L., Angie S., Patricia K, Anna A. and Allie E. We also had 25 pieced tops returned. Thank you to Linda W. (5), Debbie K. (4), Kleo T. (3), Kari B. (2), Sandy M. (2), Patricia K. (2), Diane D., Kathy D., Gail L., Colleen Z., Cheryl L., Gwen V. and Sandy P. We also had a pair of mittens completed by Diane D. and a dog bed donated by Joyce P. A special thank you to those members that donated fabric and other items. Don't forget that all pieced quilt tops, finished quilts and mittens are eligible for the draw at the end of the meeting. February's winner was Cheryl L.

On Sunday, April 28th, we will be hosting a Community Outreach sew day at Rundle Park. Please stop by our table to register. \$5 will secure your spot and will be returned to you at the sew day. Come out and enjoy a fun day and a few laughs with fellow quilters and help brighten the day of someone in the community. We will have all kinds of kits available to work on. Hope to see you there.

DONATION QUILTS – Dorothy M.

If you wish a quilt for a raffle or silent auction for your organization in the Durham region, we have a couple on hand you can apply for. I have the forms to send you to apply. See photos below. More will be quilted this fall.



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



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



Size 60" x 78" Value \$400.00



Size 66" x 72" Value \$375.00

WALKER BAGS – Maria S.

The guild donates walker bags to local seniors homes as well as the church where we hold our meetings and the senior's residence where the executive meetings are being held. Please see Maria S. for walker bag kits.

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!

FABRIC EXCHANGE – Mary C.

For those participating, this year’s fabric exchange is an exchange of 10 inch squares. Please bring in 6 squares, not solid/plain fabrics, or novelty, seasonal prints or batiks. The selvage should be cut off the fabric before cutting the squares. PLEASE USE QUILT SHOP QUALITY FABRIC! When handing in your squares please put in ziplock bag with your name marked clearly.

The fabric for March is: teal green tone on tone

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. If there are questions, please contact Mary C. (see guild membership list).



MEMBERSHIP – Gail L. and Kathy D.

We currently have 103 members. If you have not yet joined, you can find the registration form on the guild website or come see us at the membership table. **Our guild does not have a cap on the number of members accepted.** Guests are welcome for all meetings except our Annual General Meeting in June.

Please remember to wear your badge so we can get to know you. Our order for new permanent badges and replacement badges is now ready for pickup (Debra G-G., Nancy G., Debbie K., Cheryl L., and Pam T). Bring your temporary badge to receive the new one.

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

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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 8-9, 2019 – **Celebrating 20 Years of Creativity** – Kindred Hearts Quilting Guild – General Sikorski Polish Hall, 1551 Stevenson Rd. N, Oshawa ON. Contact kindredheartsquilting@gmail.com for more info.

April 6-7, 2019 – **The Magic Of Quilts** – Region of York Quilters Guild – Newmarket Community Centre, 200 Doug Duncan Drive, Newmarket ON, see www.regionofyorkquiltersguild.ca/quilt-show/

April 26-27, 2019 – **Quilts on the Seaway** – St. John’s Presbyterian Church, 28 Second St E, Cornwall ON, rdorion@yahoo.ca for details

May 3-4, 2019 – **Quilting in the Village** – Thames Valley Quilters Guild – Wesley-Knox United Church, 91 Askin Street, London ON, www.thamesvalleyquiltersguild.com

May 9-11, 2019 – **Pieces of Magic Quilt Show** – Oxford Quilters Guild – 97 Mutual St. S, Ingersoll ON, <https://www.oxfordquiltersguild.org/>

May 21-25, 2018 – **St. Jacobs Quilt and Fibre Arts Festival** – Schoolhouse Theatre, 11 Albert St. W, St. Jacobs ON, mepet@sympatico.ca for details

May 20-25, 2019 – **Quilters of New Zealand – 2019** – Ailsa Craig Quilt & Fibre Art Festival – Ailsa Craig Recreation Centre, 155 Annie Ada Shipley St, Ailsa Craig ON, <https://ailsacraigartscentreampquiltfibreartsfestival.wildapricot.org/>

May 24-25, 2019 – **Connecting the D.O.T.S. Quilt Show** – Dunnville’s Own Tiny Stitchers (DOTS) Guild – Dunville Memorial Arena, 275 Ramsey Drive, Dunnville ON, 10-4 each day

June 12-15, 2019 – **Quilt Canada 2019 – Quilting Goes Viral!** – E.Y. Centre, 4899 Uplands Drive, Ottawa ON. <https://canadianquilter.com/quilt-canada-2019/> Hotel information (group rate available until mid-May 2019) is now online at <https://canadianquilter.com/quilt-canada-2019-hotel-information/>

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