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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Sharon M.

The Threads of Friendship Quilt Show and Sale is fast approaching. Hopefully everyone has submitted their quilts/projects for the show (deadline is November 5), members have signed up to help make the show a success, and raffle and show tickets have been sold. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the quilt show committee for their commitment and time spent to ensure the show will be everything that they envisioned and be enjoyed by everyone who comes to the show.

A new member orientation will be offered this month. It will take place before the November 11th meeting starts. Lyne and Debbie will be on hand to conduct this orientation. See below for details.

November 11th is Remembrance Day.



Lest we forget.

MEETING DATES: Second Monday of the month, September to June. Conflicts due to a holiday will be determined by the executive each year and communicated to members. They are also on the website.

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

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

REMEMBER TO BRING – DTQG name tag, library books borrowed at the last meeting, toonies for our chance draw, funds for book/magazine sale, items for show and tell, funds for advance quilt show tickets, funds to purchase clear bags to submit your quilt to the show, a fat quarter or other item to donate to the quilt show ticket pull, final items for the quilt show's boutique, 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.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION – Lyne M. and Debbie K.

All new members who want to get acquainted with our guild's different programs should meet our VP, Debbie K., at the membership/welcome table at 6:45 at the November 11th meeting.

QUILT SHOW 2019 “Threads Of Friendship Quilt Show” – Kate H. November 22 & 23, 2019 - General Sikorski Hall, Oshawa.

We are almost there. Lots of things will be going into ‘ready mode’ now. We have lots of information to share with you, so please read on.....

We are thankful that the Director of Rose of Durham was able to attend our October meeting. She shared the many services that this organization offers to our youth. Such a great opportunity for us to help them to fundraise for their programs. Their Victorian Tea, an annual fundraiser, is being held on November 19 and we have an opportunity for the membership. Some of our show committee will be attending to sell raffle and admission tickets. **We also have 4 seats available for members of the guild to attend.** If you are interested, please see **Laura B** to put your name in the hat. We will draw at the end of the meeting. Please keep in mind this event is a fundraiser for Rose of Durham, and although you are not obligated to make any donations, you may do so if you wish. It will be a lovely evening I’m sure.

Just in case you didn’t know, the draw for the raffle quilt will take place in **May 2020**, so there is plenty of time to take tickets to sell to your friends. In my wildest dreams, I hope we sell all 4000 tickets! Wouldn’t that be awesome to raise so much to help Rose of Durham. We will have tickets at show as well. If you need more tickets, please see our **raffle coordinator, Cheryl A.**, to pick up your packages of tickets.

Our **volunteer coordinator, Diana S.**, still has many open spaces for you to offer assistance before, during and after the show. Many hands make light work. We need helpers on all days of the quilt show and especially on set up day. There are so many jobs to do, you would not believe me. Not sure what the job is? Ask Diana or any member of the show committee. Do you have a student who is in need of some community service hours? Sign them up for Saturday’s take down.

We are up to 140 items which have been registered. Let’s get that to 250! Registration of quilts to be displayed at this show is being done electronically via our website (except the challenge). Please register any remaining quilts right away! To register your quilt, go to the guild’s website and navigate to the page for the quilt show (<http://www.durhamtrilliumquiltersguild.ca/2019-show.html>). Then click the button off to the right that says “Quilt Entry”. We have had many members do their own registration and it really is quite easy, just ask Peggy F. and Susan M. Their support of this has warmed my heart!

Some almost last minute things....we want to show off our quilts and have them looking their best. **Please take a few minutes before you bring your quilt in to clean off the loose threads, pet hair or other unsightly blemishes that may be on your quilt.** It only takes a few minutes to make sure we show ourselves in the best light. It’s disappointing to walk through a show and see threads hanging on otherwise stunning pieces. Every item which will be displayed in the show requires a hanging sleeve. It can be a temporary one that is well pinned on (every 2 inches using SAFETY pins) or stitched on. Purses do not require a hanging sleeve (I know you were thinking that!) How do you make a hanging sleeve? I have a few of them stashed away, just for quilts for shows. We will talk about that at the meeting. Also, see the end of the newsletter for some instructions!

On set-up day (Thursday) drop off is between 9:30 and 11:00 am. Each item must be in its’ own clear bag, with the label showing. Our **registration coordinator, Laura B.**, will have clear bags for sale at the guild meeting for \$0.25 per bag. Are you unavailable during drop-off time? Find a friend to drop off your quilts at the show. They will receive the receipt which will be required to claim your items at the end of the show. Our **feature quilter, Anne M.**, has been preparing her quilts for display. We have a good space for Anne to show off her works of art. I can’t wait to see what she has in store for everyone.

Our **treasure table coordinators, Dorothy M. and Angie S.**, will continue to accept items that you no longer need in your sewing room...such as books, magazines, kits, fabric, tools, and templates to name a few of the items they are looking for. Donations can be made at the November guild meeting, or you can arrange a time to drop off at Dorothy's house. Please measure fabric being donated and put its size on it on a sticker.

Coming to the show?? You're going to need a ticket! Advance tickets are \$5.00 and will be available from our **publicity coordinator, Lyne M.**, at the November meeting. All members are encouraged to support the show by buying a ticket regardless of whether you are volunteering or not. As a member who will be volunteering, you only need to buy one ticket, even if you volunteer Friday and come to the show as a guest on Saturday. There is no expectation that you, as a volunteering member, would need to purchase tickets for both days.

Quilt show challenge & children's display coordinator, Holly P., has collected the challenge items that were handed in and they are now being readied for judging. There will be an opportunity at the show for you to vote for your favourite as we always have a viewers' choice category for the challenge.

Our **boutique coordinator, Debbie W., and her team**, will also accept any items that you wish to donate to the boutique or any completed kits that you have done over the summer. Do you have something that you would like to enter into their consignment sale? Please see Debbie for more information or register them via the website (the same page as registering quilts, just use the "Consignment Entry" button. These items are also to be dropped off at the same time as the quilts for the show (Thurs Nov 21, from 9:30 to 11:00 am).

The boutique is looking for some smaller budget-friendly items to sell, such as small coin purses; fabric gift bags of any size (Christmas fabric is preferred); gift card holders; bottle vests and cord wraps. A pattern for bottle vests and cord wraps was included in the October newsletter which is still available on the website.

What would a show be without the vendors? Perhaps a little more display space, but not nearly as much fun. We have invited many brick and mortar shops to our show and our **vendor coordinator, Diane D.**, has been working hard to secure great shops from our local area and hopefully some you've never heard of. Our vendors are a tremendous draw for the show, and I hope that you will shop at their booths.

Our **ticket pull coordinator, Debbie K.**, is still looking for your donated items for the ticket pull. The items in our ticket pull section don't all have to be quilting related. We do have some non-quilters at our shows, often known as husbands, who may fancy something there. Even kid related items would be awesome. She hopes to have at least 4 draws of 20 items each. So of course, please bring your toonies to the show, as tickets for the ticket pull are \$2.00 per sheet! Imagine what you could win with a toonie!!!

Our **tea room coordinators, Gail, Kathy & Gwen**, have decided on serving 4 kinds of sandwiches at the show, in addition to treats. I have already done my baking and they are tucked away in the freezer away from prying eyes! Get out your best apron and get baking! Looking for your culinary skills to be put to the test by baking some delicious goodies in the form of cookies, squares, loaves, and tarts! Oh my..... See Diana with the sign-up sheet at the November meeting as some items are required in limited amounts. Please note that baking is to be delivered without portioning – the tea room staff will portion all treats to the correct sizes!

Quilters, we are in the home stretch. Lots of final preparations are underway and much work is still left to do by the committee. Please follow their lead at set up and take down. Every contribution is valuable and you are all appreciated. Let's put our best foot forward! On with the Show.

LIBRARY – Sandy M.

All books and magazines MUST be returned to the library prior to the start of the next meeting. This will allow your librarians the chance to prepare the returned item(s) to be borrowed again. Please allow fellow guild members to have the same enjoyment and inspiration that you have had. If you still need the book/magazine, you can borrow again.

We are still looking for suggestions for new books or magazines, please email Sandy M.

LIBRARY SALE – November 2019

The library will be selling books and magazines at the November meeting.

Books will be \$5 each or 3 for \$10 and magazines will be \$1 each or 3 for \$2, unless otherwise marked.

CHANCE DRAW – Barbara S.

For your chance to win half of the monthly collected funds, please visit the Chance Draw table with your toonies. The winner of the October draw won \$56. Good luck!

UFO Challenge – Peggy G and Peggy F.

Preparing for the quilt show gave me an opportunity to see what has been stashed away in my quilting room. UFO's. Once the show is over let's keep up the good work and finish all our UFO's. Peggy Gibson and myself are going to run a Guild UFO Challenge.

How it works:

- Pick up the registration form at the guild meeting in November, take it home, decide what projects you want to finish (choose up to 5 items), fill them in on the form, and bring the form back in December. Cost to join is \$5.00.
- The challenge will run from January 2020 - December 2020. There will be a random draw to see what item # we're doing. 1st item will be drawn in December. You will have 2 months to complete each item.
- A ballot will be given when the finished item is presented, a second ballot will be given if it is done on time. A finished item must have binding and a label.
- We will have a grand prize draw in December 2020.

By the end of the year you will have 5 items completed and a significant dent in your stack of UFO's

“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.

EXECUTIVE MEETING DATES

Our next Executive meeting will be on **Wednesday January 15, 2020 at 7 pm**, in a designated room of the basement of the Chartwell Centennial Retirement Residence (259 Hillcroft St, Oshawa) (look for signs posted to determine correct room). All members are welcome. Please sign in at the front desk, if attending the meeting.

WEBSITE – Laura B.

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 Laura B. through the Guild's e-mail. The quilt show page is also up and running and members can register their quilts via this page. Sign up your quilt soon so you don't forget!

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR – Laura B.

The newsletters are posted on our website so do not contain last names or personal emails. Members will 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.

RETREATS AND WORKSHOPS – Kate H. & Holly P.

Fall Retreat – Elim Lodge – November 14-17, 2019 – Sign up in June



We have 31 members planning to attend the fall retreat at Elim Lodge on Thursday, November 14 to Sunday, November 17, 2019 We have planned a few demos, a shop visit, machine cleaning and massages. The fee of this great fun filled weekend is \$325.00 for Thursday to Sunday or \$230.00 for Friday to Sunday (or Thursday to Saturday). Single accommodation is \$10.00 extra per night. At this time, there is still of space if you want to join in the fun.

Your final payment is dues at the November meeting. Please see Kate at the sign-up desk!! Payment method includes cash, cheque (made payable to Durham Trillium Quilters' Guild) or e-transfer to durhamtrilliumqg@yahoo.ca We now have automatic deposit, so a security question is not required!

Spring Home Sew Sweet Retreat – Club Loreley – Jan 31 – Feb 2, 2020

We have booked the Club Loreley (German Club) for our Sew at Home event for January 31-February 2, 2020. Pricing and details are to come (will be announced at the November meeting). Signup is at the November meeting.

Sew Day – Saturday November 30 – Rundle Park – Cost \$25

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

Come out and get those items finished that you put off working on because of the quilt show. A great time to get your Christmas gifts done! Price includes lunch. Start at 9:30, Sew until 6ish

Workshops

We received the survey responses and will be looking into booking a few workshops this year with our fabulous slate of upcoming guest speakers, and possibly a ruler class with Tammy Murphy. Currently in the planning stages. Watch for details. If you have a suggestion for a great teacher, please let Kate know.

SUNSHINE – Steven B.

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
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 few on hand. I have the forms to send you to apply. See photos below.



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

PROGRAM – Lina S.

At our November meeting, representatives from the Whitby/Clarington Hospice will be in attendance to give an update about the hospice and to accept our donation of some quilts. We will also have much discussion and information provided about our quilt show which is later in the month (November 22 & 23).

SHOW AND SHARE – Anne M. & Jean K.

Please bring your finished projects to share with the membership at our monthly meeting. We love to admire and applaud your work. To participate in the monthly draw for a prize, register your quilt(s) at the Show and Share table prior to the start of the meeting.

FABRIC EXCHANGE – Pam T.

November's exchange fabric is dark teal blue batik. We are exchanging 8 x 2 1/2" strips width of fabric (selvedges removed). Please bring your strips in a labelled ziplock bag. In this meeting I will give you your assorted strips from the previous month.

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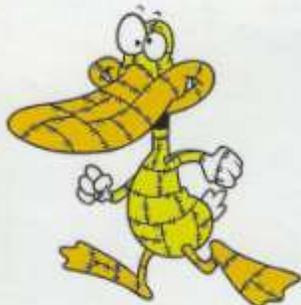
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

Threads of Friendship Quilt Show

Nov 22-23, 2019: Durham Trillium Quilters Guild – General Sikorski Polish Hall, 1551 Stevenson Rd. N, Oshawa ON. www.durhamtrilliumquiltersguild.ca

March 27-28, 2020 – **Etobicoke Quilters Guild – Quilt Fever 2020** – A Quilting Journey. Neilson Park Creative Centre, 56 Neilson Drive, Etobicoke ON. www.quiltfever.ca

April 20-25, 2020 – **AQS Quilt Week in Paducah Kentucky** – Cardinal Coach Tours will be offering an escorted tour to the renowned AQS Quiltweek in Paducah, Kentucky from April 20 – 25, 2020. Contact lynne@cardinalcoachtours.ca for more information.

May 1-2, 2020 – **Quilts from the Valley** – Rouge Valley Quilters’ Guild, Forest Brook Community Church, 60 Kearney Drive, Ajax ON. www.rvqg.com

How to Make a Quilt Sleeve



How to make a quilt sleeve

These directions were produced by **Susan Brubaker Knapp**. They are free, and may be copied and distributed. E-MAIL: susan@bluemoonriver.com
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Nearly all quilt shows require a 4" hanging sleeve for quilts exhibited. This 4" size accommodates most hanging rods or slats used at shows.

Here are some basic directions.

1 Measure the top edge of your quilt, where the sleeve will go, about ½" from the top. In this example, the quilt measures 13". **See photo A.**

2 Cut a strip that is 9" wide and the width of your quilt plus 1" (for the quilt shown here, this is a rectangle 9" x 14").

3 Fold in the short ends ½" and press. Fold in again ½" and press. This eliminates the raw edge. **See photo B.**

4 Sew a seam along these short ends. **See photo C.**

5 Fold the strip in half with the wrong sides together, and press.

NOTE: By using this method, you do not have to turn the tube inside out after you sew it together. If you have a wide quilt, and a long sleeve tube, it can be difficult to turn it right side out. This way, the seam is hidden between the sleeve and the quilt backing.

6 Stitch a ½" seam along the long edge. **See photo D.**

(Continued)



7 Press the seam open, center it, and press. See photo E.

8 Along one of the long edges, fold down and press about ¼". See photo F. This allows for a little slack so the quilt will hang better on a rod or slat. Without this slack on the back, you may have a bulge on the front of the quilt where the hanging rod goes through. You can see this slack more clearly on the side view (photo G).

9 Pin the sleeve to the back of the quilt, about ½" from the top. See photo G. Take care to place the sleeve low enough that it will not show from the front once the rod is inside and the weight of the quilt pulls the sleeve up toward the top of the quilt. This is even more of an issue if the quilt is uneven at the top, such as the example shown here.

10 Hand-stitch the sleeve to the quilt. See photo H. Go around all four edges, even the short sides. Your stitches should only go through the backing and the batting. You should not see them on the front of the quilt.

Note: for the show, you do not have to sew the sleeve to the quilt. You can pin it to the quilt, and then remove it to re-use for the next show. If you DO decide to pin the sleeve to your quilt, please

- 1) Ensure that it is well secured so it doesn't fall off (a pin every 2 inches or so along the top and bottom of the sleeve), and
- 2) You MUST use **SAFETY PINS** so there is no risk of our volunteers being scratched or poked. We will not display quilts that have sleeves attached with straight pins.

