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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Sharon M.

So, it has been almost 2 months of self isolation for many of us. I hope that everyone is healthy and well. Our thoughts and thanks go out to all the health care providers and first responders who are working hard to care for the sick in the hospitals. We are thinking of those who need ongoing care in the long-term care sector and other institutions/organizations working hard to provide care and assistance to seniors, the homeless and the physical/intellectually persons during this challenging time. To all the essential workers we give our thanks and respect for all they do.

The Maritime Modern Quilt Guild has initiated a quilt drive in support of the families and first responders affected by the tragedies of April 19th. They have invited all quilters to participate to show love and support to the many impacted by this horrific act. They are suggesting Nova Scotia blue and white themed quilted – throw to twin sizes. There are no required patterns, however, there are a couple of links on their website which are suggested patterns. If you are interested in sending a quilt this is the address to obtain more information - <https://maritimemodernquiltguild.ca/>

Just so you know, Lyne and her team are still looking to fill executive positions for next year. Your interest and assistance are needed so reach out and give your support to the guild.

I reported to you at the virtual guild meeting last month that Sew Have Fun has closed its doors. It is with great sadness that I inform you that Edith K. passed away on April 26th with her family around her. Our condolences go out to her husband and family. She will be missed. Edith did donate to the guild when her shop closed, and Diane D. has the package. She will hold on to it until we can meet again in person.

Our guild meetings will continue virtually so e-mail in your photos for show and share and UFO projects. If you have anything you wish to share at the meeting let me or Laura know so we can accommodate your request.

See you virtually on May 11th.

Stay Strong and take care of yourself!

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

LOCATION: In-person meetings are suspended during COVID-19 physical distancing requirements. Instead, members will be sent an email invitation to a web-based virtual meeting.

VIRTUAL MEETING TIME: Meeting begins at 7:00 pm. Login will be available starting at 6:50 pm. Information on the virtual meeting will be sent via an email invitation, and is only open to members (to limit #s to ensure that all members are able to log in).



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. A cancellation will also be posted on our website. 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.

MEMBERSHIP – Patricia K.

Our membership year is winding down and it is time to renew your membership. On the DTQG website there is an updated membership form that you can print off, complete and sign ([click here](#) to open the form). Due to Covid-19 restrictions, I encourage you to e-transfer your membership dues (which remain at \$40.00 for the year) and email your renewal form. Please send e-transfer payments and completed forms to dtqguild@gmail.com (this will be the new guild email for next year). Our membership year commences July 1st, 2020 and ends June 30th, 2021. If your form is received by June 30th, 2020, your name will be entered into an Early Bird draw for a complimentary 2020-2021 guild membership.

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

Our executive meetings will not be held in person during the COVID-19 Physical Distancing requirements. Instead, we will have virtual meetings. If you wish to attend the May 20 executive meeting, please send an email to the guild asking for an invitation to the virtual executive meeting.

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.

PAST PRESIDENT – Lyne M.

Recruiting New Executive!

Hi Everyone - had enough of your housemates yet?!? Or maybe your pets are looking at you with loving eyes and imagining going back to a day that they spend their time alone? If you are retired and living on your own, I am sure you are missing the daily contact you used to have with others. I know I miss it! Working from home has its perks - the commute is awesome for one thing!

Social Distancing has made recruitment for next year's guild executive somewhat of a challenge. Not seeing each other at the meetings or events means that we can't have face to face conversations. That being said, there are certain positions that are imperative to our guild's existence. Would you consider being the convenor for the Community Outreach Committee? Or Newsletter Editor? Or Program Coordinator? These are a must for our guild to carry out its raison d'etre. Other positions still open are: Social, Assistant to Retreat and Workshop Convenor (we have Holly P. who is willing to organize retreats but we need someone to organize workshops and sew days), and Library Assistant. If any of these positions interest you, please contact me through the guild's email or give me a call.

Again, I would like to thank Diana S., Holly P., Kate H., Laura B., and Maureen H., who have already said they would fill one of the open positions. It is also appropriate to thank everyone who is currently on the Executive Committee. This group of quilters have made a commitment to our guild and ensure its ongoing success.

Looking forward to a time when we can meet face to face, but in the meantime, the virtual meetings will have to do!

RETREATS AND WORKSHOPS – Kate H. & Holly P.

Workshop - Machine Quilting with Rulers – May 23 – \$60.00



Due to the physical distancing restrictions, this workshop has been cancelled. It will be rescheduled for the next guild year.

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for the following upcoming events:

- Stay at Home – Fall Retreat (NEW) – the German Club – October 2 – 4, 2020
- Fall Retreat at Elim Lodge – November 5 – 8, 2020

Note that only members can attend so you will need to be a member next year to participate! Stay tuned for a future newsletter for information on how to sign up for these retreats.

WEBSITE – Laura B.

Our website continues to run at <http://www.durhamtrilliumquiltersguild.ca>. Two new pages have been added to the website. One page contains our weekly “Keep Calm” update and one has a summary of the UFO challenge to date, in case, like me, you need to look up what project #s have been drawn to date. Please note that the main page of 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.

FABRIC EXCHANGE – Pam T.

Due to cancellation of the in-person meetings for April and May, the fabric exchange program has been put on hold. The program will resume at our next in-person meeting. Please stay tuned to the newsletter and website for updates.

NEWSLETTER – Laura B.

The newsletter is made available on the website 1 week before each meeting and since they are on line, they do not contain last names or personal information. Each year, members are sent a membership list to allow direct contact of a member. If you did not receive the list or the member had not registered by the time it was sent, you can email the Guild and we will do our best to pass along the message to the member.

UFO CHALLENGE – Peggy F. & Peggy G.

Project #5 was selected as the next one to work on at the April meeting - the website now has a summary!

FABRIC BASKET – Jacqueline H. & Retta H.

Even though we are all practicing self isolation it doesn't mean the fabric basket has to be lonely!! Please see your guild membership list, as Kate H. has graciously accepted to have you drop your basket scraps (the size of your hand or bigger) off to her house. Please contact her PRIOR to dropping by (see the membership listing for contact info).

PROGRAM – Lina S.

As we are not holding a physical meeting for May, the speaker has been cancelled and will be rescheduled for the new guild year.

LIBRARY – Sandy M.

All books and magazines must be returned to the Library so an inventory can be performed. This is normally done after the June meeting. Please be sure to bring back books at our next in-person meeting. Here is a list of outstanding books and magazines. Please check your sewing rooms and reading materials!

Borrowed: March 2019:

Supersize 'Em, 22 projects from Oversized Blocks	
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Borrowed: January 2020:

Easy Peasy – 3 Yard Quilts	Fast & Fun – 3 Yard Quilts
Simple Graces	Free Motion Quilting Made Easy

Borrowed: February 2020:

Ruler Work Quilting	No Scrap Left Behind
Scrappy & Happy Quilts	Make It, Take It

Borrowed: March 2020:

Simple Friendships	Modern Quilt Magic
Free Motion Meandering	Jelly Roll Quilts in a Weekend
Machine Quilting – A Primer of Techniques	Big Book of TableToppers
Sisterhood of Scraps	Charm School
WALK	Jelly Filled – 18 Quilts from 2 ½” strips
I Believe	Quilt As You go Made Modern
Wool, Needle & Thread	Quilting Dot to Dot
Adventures in Leaders and Enders	Quilt Improv
Urban and Amish	Sister Sampler Quilts
McCalls Quilting – March/April 2020	McCalls Quilting – Sept/Oct 2019
McCalls Quilting – Jan/Feb 2019	The Canadian Quilter – Winter 2019
The Canadian Quilter – Summer 2019	Love of Quilting – Sept/Oct 2019
Love of Quilting – Mar/Apr 2020	Block Magazine – Early Winter 2017

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.



Size 60" x 78"
Value \$400.00



Size 66" x 72"
Value \$375.00

SHOW AND SHARE – Anne M. & Jean K.

We had great entries in our 'virtual' Show and Share display last month so let's do it again! Send a photo of your finished project along with a few remarks about your work to Laura via the guild's email (durhamtrilliumqg@yahoo.ca), sending one email with photo and commentary/story per project. Please send photos by Thursday May 7th. Each entry will qualify for the monthly draw of a \$10 gift certificate for a local quilt shop. In June there will be an additional draw for a \$25 gift certificate that includes all entries for the year. So remember - the more you participate the greater your chances of winning this prize!

MORALE OFFICER – Jacqueline H.



In this time of physical distancing and staying home for protection from the COVID-19 virus, we may need some assistance to stay up beat! Jacqueline H. has volunteered to be our Morale Officer during this time. She will give ideas and support on every topic under the sun. They may come in the form of a link to a project or video, or just a written message to bring our members together in this challenging time. We will change up the message weekly so stay tuned for fresh ideas/contests and fun that will be added to the guild website every Sunday Night. Check it out!

CHANCE DRAW – Barbara S.

Chance draw will not operate during web-based/virtual meetings.

“KUDO” TRADITION

At our monthly meetings, members are invited to share their celebratory or life events with the membership (e.g., the birth of a child or grandchild, a new job, recovery from an illness, etc.). 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”). However, the Kudo tradition will be suspended until in-person meetings resume. In the meantime, why not create a list of Kudos and save up your strips, until that time?!

MEMBERS CORNER

Local Shops

The executive would like to remind people to consider local quilt shops before shopping on line. Many of the local stores have either on-line purchasing or are arranging “no contact door pickup” types of shopping. We encourage you to support the local stores before shopping from a distance.

Thanking Local Health Care

Julia S. has started an initiative to donate quilts to the healthcare workers in Durham Region hospitals working with COVID patients as a thank you for all their efforts in this crisis. She is looking for Throw/Lap to Twin sized completed, unused quilts from smoke-free and COVID-free homes. Anything that quilters have available on hand, no need to prepare something special unless they want to. Completed quilts are important as Tracey's studio is closed and she works full time, so does not have the capacity to finish other's quilts.

With other initiatives underway (masks and quilts for Nova Scotia) and hospitals not open to general public at this point, that this is a marathon not a sprint, so at this time there is no definite date as a cut off for donations. To this end Julia is starting with the Ajax-Pickering Hospital and they are thrilled that their staff is being considered in this way. There is a current goal of 150 quilts for their staff. If the response is positive, I am planning on expanding to Lakeridge Health (Bowmanville, Oshawa, Port Perry, Whitby) and Markham Stouffville Hospital (Uxbridge).

If you would like to assist in promoting this effort, I would appreciate it, as you may be able to contact more regional quilters than me. The following are the ways that the public can become involved:

Link to donation form: cognitofrms.com/Na2257/durhamthanksquiltddonation

Email set up for donations: <mailto:durhamcaresthanks@gmail.com>

Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/889594428132008/>

(NOTE: people do not need to join the group to donate, the important part for the donation is the form)

Thank you. Feel free to contact Julia S. if you need any more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The executive understands that viewing quilts in person is enjoyed by many, so we will continue to include upcoming quilt shows in the newsletter. Once physical distancing measures are relaxed and quilt shows are allowed to operate again, we still encourage all members to follow guidelines provided by our health/medical experts and the government (including physical distancing, masks, and/or hand washing as required), in order to keep yourselves and the rest of the community safe.

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.

POSTPONED ~~May 8-9, 2020~~ – **Mississauga Quilts!** – Mississauga Quilters Guild, Burnhamthorpe Community Centre & Arena, 1500 Gullenden Drive, Mississauga ON, <http://www.mississaugaquiltersguild.ca/quilt-show-20201.html> **Rescheduled for 2021 May 14-15**

POSTPONED ~~May 22-23, 2020~~ – **Quiltfest 2020** – Thousand Islands Quilters' Guild, Brockville Memorial Civic Centre, Magedoma Dr. Brockville ON, www.thousandislandsquiltersguild.com **Rescheduled for 2021 May 28-29.**

POSTPONED ~~May 29-31, 2020~~ – **20/20 Visions of Quilts in Niagara** – Niagara Heritage Quilters' Guild, Meridian Community Centre, 100 Meridian Way, Fonthill ON, <https://niagaraquiltersguild.com> **New dates TBD.**

POSTPONED ~~July 2020~~ – **Quilts Show** – Prince Edward County Quilters' guild, Wellington and District Community Centre/LeHigh Arena, 111 Belleville St., Wellington ON, <https://pecqguild.weebly.com/2021-quilt-show.html> **Rescheduled for 2021 July 10-11**

Sept 25-26, 2020 – **A Celebration of Quilts** – Gwillimbury Quilt Guild – Sharon-Hope United Church, 18648 Leslie Street, East Gwillimbury, <https://www.gwillimburyquiltguild.com/>

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