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President's Message - Debbie K

Hello fellow quilters, I hope that the strange summer of 2020 has been a productive one for you. Hoping you are healthy, happy, and able to enjoy the wonderful weather we have with lots of walks and spending time outside with those in your circles.

This will be a unique start to our quilting guild year. We are continuing with meeting virtually so that we can continue to protect our members and their health. This means that our retreats for this fall will be virtual also.

Our new ways of meeting will be a change for us but will make it a great way for us to overcome the isolation we have all been working with lately. We can also use the Zoom portal to have small group get togethers and just chat. Feel free to connect up with me if you want to set up a meeting.

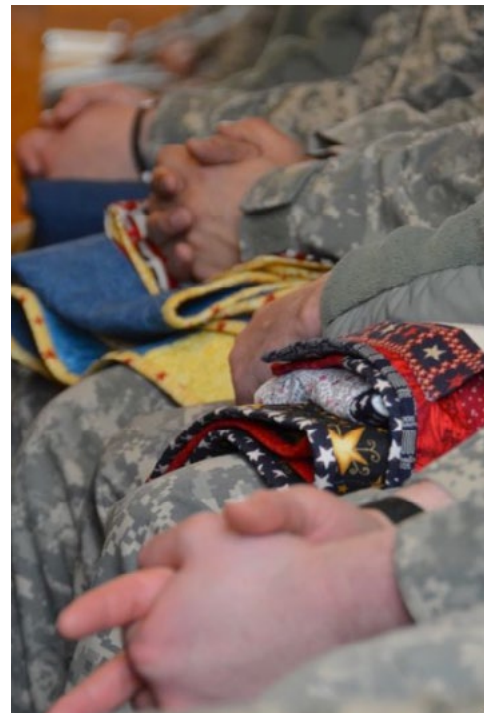
Fellow quilters, the remainder of this year may be a continuation of the challenges we have faced so far. We have all become adept at

coping with the changes and have been loyal to our brick and mortar stores helping them to survive these times. Please continue with your wonderful help to your communities and look after yourselves. Without you our communities will be so much less. Thank you for being there for yourselves, your families, your friends, and your community.

I am writing this from Nipawin, Saskatchewan at the end of a fantastic week with the Wounded Warriors Weekend foundation. It has been a wonderful time of relaxation, healing and growth for over 20 of us. One of the greatest blessings for many here was being presented with a quilt made for them. The hearts and spirits of these wounded Warriors were overwhelmed by the love and effort put into these quilts that were made for them. The stitches we put into our work of art mean so much more to the recipients. Please think about this when you have a down

day. Your work to make a quilt makes a huge difference to others. Thank you for helping others have the strength to carry on.

Now it is time to go get on the bus and start travelling home. I look forward to seeing you all on the 14th and whomever wants to join us on the test meeting on the 10th. Take care of yourselves and enjoy the rest of the summer.





Virtual Meetings - Laura B

Hello fellow quilters. Welcome to the new guild year! Due to continuing social distancing requirements, limitations on indoor in-person gatherings, and numbers that can be accommodated at the church, the executive has decided to continue with virtual meetings for the remainder of 2020. In December, the executive will decide if we can resume in-person meetings for early 2021 or if virtual meetings will have to continue for a while. We will keep you updated as decisions are made.

For the September meeting, the executive has decided to switch the virtual software. Our past virtual sessions were done in a "webinar" format, where only a few speakers could talk, and the rest of the attendees could only watch and listen. For the September meeting, we will be switching to the Zoom platform. This will allow all of us to be able to talk, if desired. As was done for past meetings, a link for the meeting will be sent to members by email. Unlike the last format, you do not need to register – just click on the link for the meeting. This will prompt you to install the Zoom app if not already installed. You can attend the Zoom meeting using a computer, a tablet, or a smartphone (note that the bigger the screen, the bigger the images of the quilts shown), BUT

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-Meeting>



you can also use a web browser to join a meeting without installing the app. You will need the meeting number and the meeting password in all cases. Also, you can just call in (numbers will be provided), but then you will not be able to see any of the quilts displayed. Instructions on various ways to join a Zoom meeting are provided on the website link above. Because it is a new platform, we will run a practice session for anyone who wants to try it out, on Thursday, September 10, from 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM. A separate meeting invitation will be emailed to members for this. To try it out, please feel free to join this meeting at any time during this window. For Monday, September 14, we will start the on-line session at approximately 6:30 PM to allow people to join in, say hi to each other, and sort out any last minute learning for

the new format. The meeting will start promptly at 7:00 PM. Note that ALL ATTENDEES will be able to interact and talk, so it will be VERY IMPORTANT that everyone who is not the speaker **mutes** their audio to prevent background noise. Background noise from even just 20 people's homes can drown out the speaker. If we have 50-70 attendees, unless everyone mutes themselves, we will not be able to hear the meeting content. Meeting hosts will have the ability to mute others and this "superpower" will be used as needed (Note that Zoom does not allow hosts to unmute you – you will have to unmute yourselves if you want to/need to speak). Check out the instructions above for how to use a Zoom meeting. There is also a test meeting that can be joined on that site, if so desired.

Looking forward to seeing you on September 14!



Membership Renewal - Patricia K

Our first meeting of the 2020/21 membership year will look different to years past as it will not be face-to-face. However, it will be exciting to see what projects people have been working on over the summer. To continue supporting physical distancing, it is possible for you to renew your membership electronically and to e-transfer your \$40.00 membership fee. E-transfers should be sent to us at dtqguild@gmail.com. The on-line membership renewal form can be accessed by clicking on the "want to become a member" button at the top of on our guild website

or via: <https://www.cognitofirms.com/DurhamTrilliumQuiltersGuild1/DurhamTrilliumQuiltersGuild20202021MembershipApplication>.

Please note when electronically transferring the money, you will get a confirmation number. If you don't, then you haven't done it properly. I send an email to you confirming that you are a 'member in good standing' when I have received notification that BOTH membership form and payment have been received. If you haven't received my notification, then I am missing one of the two items. If you wish to mail in your renewal, you will still receive a confirmation from me.



Workshops & Sew Days - Jacqueline H

It is amazing how much sewing you can accomplish online (Skype or Zoom) with a few girlfriends. If you haven't accessed this way of social time and productivity, I highly recommend you look into it. We were working on a "Scrap Buster" idea before the world turned upside down. We will see if we can put it online. As well, we are considering some Zoom sew days that would show case your quilting room. If you are interested, let me know. I will be tapping the Executive's shoulders first for this initiative. What it would entail is a two minute tour through your sewing room to give others ideas and inspiration. Then we would continue our individual sewing projects and chatting via Zoom.

UFO #3 - Peggy F & Peggy G

Hello quilters. COVID has given us lots of free time so Peggy and I are hoping for a huge showing of UFOs completed over the summer. There will be a draw for a \$10.00 gift card for a local quilt store. Please send a picture of your completed and labeled #3 project to: dtqguild@gmail.com. Indicate UFO in the email subject, state your name as we cannot always tell from the email address, and indicate if you will speak about your quilt at the meeting - one minute maximum. If you do not want to speak, provide a short blurb and our presenter will speak for you. We would like the photos for the slide show before 5:00 PM on Friday, September 11, the sooner the better. Thanks!

Keep Calm & Stitch On - Jacqueline H

As an executive we decided that perhaps a Morale officer would be a happy edition to our quilting circle. You can find the first 20 weeks of ideas and tidbits to help with decluttering your quilting room to connecting with friends and everything in between in the articles! We have purposely left all 20 weeks on the website as we are on a journey through 2020 and life's lessons might not all be learned in your first reading.

Please feel free to drop me a line if you would like to see a particular topic explored.





Show And Share - Anne M & Jean K

Our monthly Show and Share is an opportunity for you to display your finished quilting projects. We love to admire your work and hear a background story about the importance of your project to you. To display your quilt "virtually," please send a photo of your finished project with a few remarks about it to Laura via dtqguild@gmail.com by Friday, September 11.

People are to please:

- put "show and share" in the email subject
- include the name of the person submitting the quilt in the email (we cannot always tell from the email address)
- send in as many quilts as you like, but if there are a lot provided, we will limit displaying to two shares

per person

- if submitting more than two, please indicate your two preferred quilts or we will choose which to show

Info on the quilt(s). People are requested to either:

- provide a short blurb about the quilt(s) OR
- indicate that they will talk about the quilt(s) at the meeting (note that stories will be limited to one minute per quilt)

Multiple entries welcome, but please use a separate email for each entry. Each entry qualifies for the monthly draw of a \$10 gift certificate from a local quilt shop. In June, there will be a draw that includes all entries for the year. So remember - the more you participate the greater your chance of winning a prize!

Meeting Dates

The guild meets every second Monday of the month. Due to the conflict with Thanksgiving, next month's meeting will be held on Oct 19.

In-person meetings are currently suspended due to COVID-19's physical distancing requirements. Instead, members will receive an email invitation to a Zoom meeting.

Fabric Exchange - Pam T

Thank you to all the participants in the fabric exchange last year. Since we will not be meeting in person in the near future, there will be no fabric exchange this year.

The beautiful fabric for last year's exchange has all been sorted, and is ready for pick up. It would be most convenient for me if that was from my front porch, but I can be flexible. Please call me (Pam T on your membership list) to arrange to pick up your fabric. I'm looking forward to when we can all meet and participate in this fun activity again.

Retreats - Holly P

The executive has cancelled all retreats this fall to ensure the safety of our members.

The 2021 retreats will be confirmed at a later date. Thanks.



Fabric Basket - Retta H & Jacqueline H

Thank you to everyone who dropped off their scraps to Kate's house. She was happy to collect for the Guild. Please continue to collect them. We will arrange a way to swap out at a later date. Keep safe.

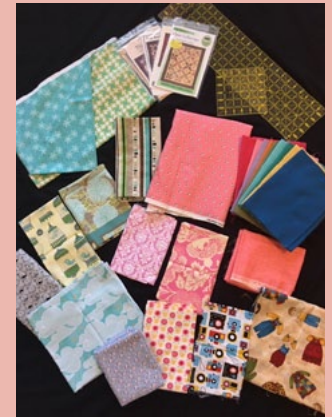


Members' Corner - Susan McG

I have gone through my fabric stash and done a major purge. If anyone is interested in buying some high quality quilting fabric at reasonable prices (eg. \$8 per yard, \$8 per charm pack), please contact me at my email address on the membership list. I can provide details on what I have as well as photos and prices. A lot of it is bundled together in collections. Included is yardage, FQs, charm packs, honey buns and panels from major designers such as:

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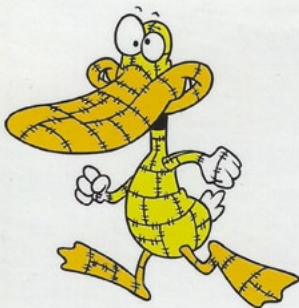
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