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President's Message - Debbie K

Wow, another Guild year has flown by and so much has been accomplished by all of us during a very tough time. I am so impressed by the resilience all of you have displayed in navigating this past year.

The new skills we have all had to learn, the old ones we have pulled out of the cupboard, dusted off and started using again, all the while being a positive force for ourselves, our families, friends, and communities. We may not have accomplished all the projects we dreamed of, but we have been able to do more than just survive these last few months. Yes, some days our patience wears thin, we want to just scream, we want to just be able to hug our friends and family and gather together to celebrate life's events. These things are all coming sooner rather than later.

For now, we stay the course and look to better days ahead. We continue to create, socialize in the new ways, support each other as

Happy Father's Day



**"It is admirable for a man to take his son fishing,
but there is a special place in heaven for the
father who takes his daughter shopping."**

-- John Sinor

we are able, and enjoy the pause in the busyness of life. We continue to be the hands that reach out and send comfort and healing to those around us, receiving the same in return. Thank you for being such amazing people, and for sharing so much of yourselves with others.

This month is our AGM. We will have our business meeting, and then Laura has lots of fun planned for all of us. Make sure to bring pen and paper to the meeting as you will need them. There will

be all of our regular events after the business section and I heard through the grapevine that the Mystery Quilt and Show & Share have lots of wonderful creations to inspire us with cause for lots of ooh's and ahh's. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our Zoom meeting on June 14. Take care of yourselves, enjoy the wonderful weather and keep creating those things that bring you joy. Back to moving for Laura and me. Life is truly and adventure.



Recruitment for Durham Trillium Quilters' Guild Executive for 2021-2022 - Sharon M

I am pleased to report the executive recruitment for next year has been completed. Thank you to Debbie W, Maria S and Andrew S, Grace R, and Peggy G for volunteering to fill the open positions.

During the AGM, you will be asked a poll question to accept the slate of members presented for the open positions of the 2021-22 year. I trust that we will have an overwhelming yes vote to show confidence in all the members who are ready to serve our guild.

Proposed 2021-2022 Guild Executive:

Officers

President • Debbie K
Past President • Sharon M
Vice President • Laura B
Secretary • Debbie W (NEW)
Treasurer • Maureen E

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Block of the Month • Kate H
Community Outreach • Maria S & Andrew S (NEW)
Library • Maria S
Membership • Grace R (NEW)
Newsletter • Kay K
Programme • Lina S (Extra Year)
Publicity & Advertising • Susan S
Retreats • Holly P
Show & Share • Peggy G (NEW)
Social • VACANT*
Website • Laura B (Extra Year)
Workshops & Sew Days • Jacqueline H

Non-voting Executive

Chance Draw • Barbara S
Fabric Basket • Jacqueline H & Retta H
Fabric Switch • Pam T
Library Assistant • Janet H
Membership Assistant • Diana S

* not required at present time

How To Find Any Instruction Manual for Free Online

Here is a great article on how to track down instruction manuals that you may have lost. It also could come in handy for those of you that buy vintage sewing machines and would like to get more information. But, it also becomes super convenient when the husband can't find a manual, and you can be the smarty pants when you get your hands on the needed info before he does. Click on the photo to reach this link.



Did you know...?

If you have the Google Lens App on your phone or tablet, you can use it to take a picture of an object, including fabric, and it will do a Google search for you. Doesn't always get it 100%, but it does pretty well.



Community Quilts - Maria S

Last week, we delivered seven (7) each of quilts, facemasks, and walker bags to the Durham Children's Aid Society, and received a gracious Thank You letter (a copy of which is included in this newsletter) from Erica, the Volunteer Services Coordinator who received the items. Many thanks to all the members who completed those quilts, and keep up the good work!

We still have kits available with flimsies, batting, backing and binding to be quilted, as well as kits that require piecing, and some include batting, backing and binding as well. If you like, please feel free to complete only the tasks you are comfortable with (piecing, or quilting, or binding), and return what you have completed. They can then be picked up and completed by others. We all have our parts to play, so don't be afraid to pass it along to your fellow members.

Laura's house is no longer available as a drop-off location, but Pam T has volunteered to take over as the new pick-up and drop-off location (Thanks, Pam!). If you are unable to pick them up from Pam's house, please let me know and I will



Maria Stevenson
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May 18, 2021

Dear Maria,

On behalf of Durham Children's Aid Society, please accept my sincere thanks for your very generous donation of handmade quilts, bags and masks – and please extend my gratitude to your team of very talented quilters as well!

Talent and passion shines through each quilt - they are very beautifully made! Your donation was very thoughtful and appreciated, and will go a long way in helping children to feel cozy and comfortable.

Sincerely,



Erika Goreski
Coordinator, Volunteer Services

drop them off at your house. Just contact me and we can schedule a drop-off or pick-up date and time.

Andrew and I are still busy putting together lots of kits for you to work on over the summer.



Me: Wow! This house is amazing! I want to buy it! Where do I send an offer?

"Ma'am, this is a fabric store."



June 14 Zoom Meeting - Laura B

Whoo Hoo! We get to celebrate another successful guild year! Our AGM (Annual General Meeting) is at 7:00 PM on Monday, June 14.

Members only for this meeting as we will be voting and doing the business of the Guild. Then after the formal portion is completed, we will be able to play!

We will have our Show & Share, Mystery Quilt and quite a few other things planned.

Make sure to bring paper and something to write with along with a favourite beverage so we can all toast together a successful year of creating and being a community together.

Thank you for being part of this amazing Guild. See you on Monday, June 14 at 7:00 PM.

Antique Quilt Patterns

Although this article focuses on American quilt history, it is still quite interesting to read how world events heavily influenced the popularity and necessity for quilting through time.

It's also fascinating to note that quilting in America was heavily influenced by other parts of the globe.

At one time, quilting patterns even became a marketing strategy, proving it always pays to know your clients' interests.



Quilt Tools Review

When it's time to upgrade your sewing tools, how do you know what is out there and what is the best choice for your needs? Here's a website that reviews a number of quilting products to help you make an educated selection.

Quilting is Not Just for Grannies

Thanks, Susan S, for sharing the link to this Toronto Star article. The news piece outlines various types of quilts and their origins, bringing us to today's forms of quilting.

Toronto Star Story

Did you know...?

When using a Windows computer, holding down the Ctrl- button then clicking on a web link will keep the current screen you are on available, and open the new link in another screen tab. That way you can click between both screens as desired.





Fabric Basket - Jacqueline H

OH, MY GOODNESS! I can hardly imagine how much fabric you've set aside for the fabric basket!

If you have an overabundance of fabric basket scraps, you might consider getting a roll of adding machine paper from the dollar store (usually 3-inches wide is a good size). Then use the scraps to flip and sew along the adding machine paper roll. I personally use 12 – 15-inch pieces of the roll, so that I can ensure that my project remains straight.



Historical Flashback

How cool is this? Check out the history of long arm machines by clicking on the photo.

While not the most up-to-date website, there is a lot of information posted here about various machines and their specialities.

The website also goes into some very detailed explanations for various techniques in the sidebars. There's a lot to peruse through.



Show & Share - Anne M & Jean K

Our monthly Show & Share is a chance to share finished quilt projects. We love to admire your work and hear the background story about the importance of the project to you. To display your quilt "virtually," please send a photo of finished projects with a few remarks to Laura B via dtqguild@gmail.com by 5:00 PM on Friday, June 11.

Please remember to:

- put "Show & Share" in the email subject
- include the name of the person submitting the quilt since we can't always tell from the email address
- send as many pictures as you like, but if there are a lot provided, we will limit displaying photos to two shares per person
- indicate your favorites if submitting more than two pictures
- provide a short blurb about the quilt(s) OR
- specify if you 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 submission qualifies for the monthly draw of a \$10 gift certificate from a local quilt shop. This month, 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!

**Next
Show & Share
Deadline**

**Friday,
June 11**



Five sons asked their father, "Who is most obedient?"
Father replied, "The obedient one doesn't ever talk back to Mother."
Quickly, one of his five sons replied, "Okay Dad, then you are the most obedient."

DIY Gifts for Dad

Why not show Dad how far you've come with your sewing skills? Here's a link to help inspire some ideas for gifts you can make for your best admirer no matter how your project turned out.

Some of these ideas are quick and easy with no sewing required.

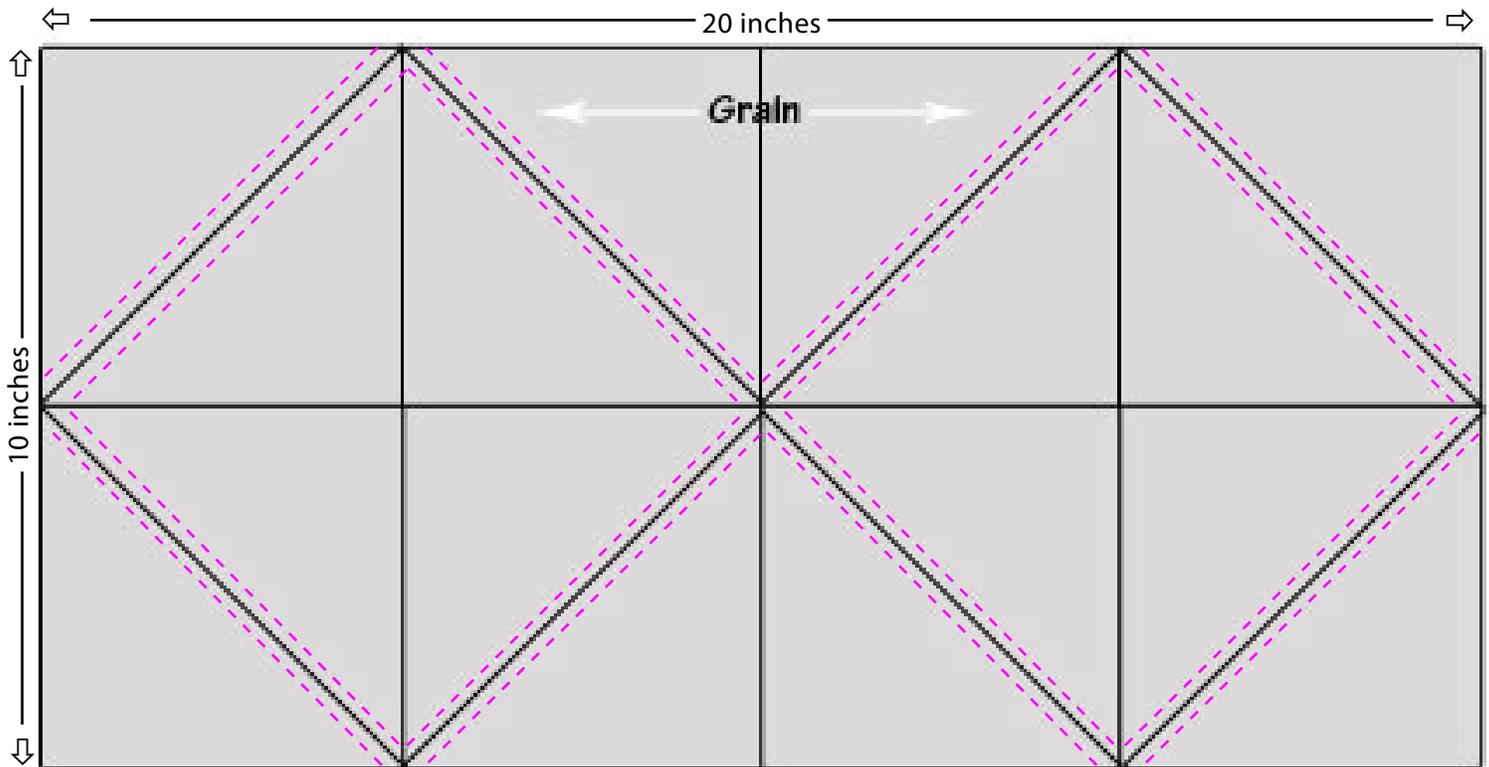
19 Dad Gifts to Sew

What better way to show your love and appreciation for Dad than by creating something super unique for him? In this post, there are 19 awesome ideas to get you started to wish your dad the best Father's Day yet.



How to Make 16 Half Square Triangles at One Time

This is a pretty cool trick when you need a lot of HSTs in a hurry or maybe you just need a lot of HSTs. Check out Amy Smart's video, but here's an overview of her demonstration. Click on the diagram to go to the video.



Step 1: Determine the finish size for your HSTs and calculate the dimensions needed to make all the blocks 1 inch bigger.

Example: For 4-inch finished HSTs, all the solid grid lines would be 5 inches. The total horizontal line would be 20 inches (5 inches each section), and the vertical lines would be 10 inches. Each diagonal line would also be 5 inches.

Step 2: Ensure you have enough fabric for your calculated dimensions. Put two fabrics right sides

together and lay them down with the lightest colour on top.

Step 3: Starting with the grid, lightly draw the "Figure 8" diagram on the lighter of your two fabrics using the dimensions you calculated. Pin securely.

Step 4: Sew a 1/4 inch away from the solid lines in a "Figure 8" as illustrated by the dashed lines. Sew diagonal lines only on either side.

Step 5: Cut the HSTs apart on the solid lines.



Click on the photo to learn how to make this Yankee Block with HSTs

Step 6: Press and trim to desired size.

There should be no bias seam issues using this method.



Upcoming Sew Days - Jacqueline H

Please pre-register for our Zoom Sew Days with Jacqueline and drop in whenever you can to join the fun this summer.

Sat, June 12 | 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Sun, June 27 | 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Sun, July 4 | 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM*

Sat, July 12 | 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM*

Wed, July 14 | 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Sun, July 27 | 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Sat, July 31 | 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Wed, Aug 11 | 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Sun, Aug 22 | 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM*



Thanks to Sharon C for submitting this video on how to use up ugly fabric. I'm definitely guilty of impulse buying so this video shares some great ways to work those fabrics out of my stash. Hope you get some ideas, too. Click on the photo to get to YouTube.



Silhouette Patterns

Who knew that's what this compartment is for??!

*More Sew Days Info

Our sew days continue to be bundles of fun! We have various start and end times (depending on the date).

On Sat, July 12, we will host a session on "Making Quilted Trading Cards." The session will be run by Angie and we will send out a materials list before June 1.

Sun, July 4 is a drop-in event. Sharon M will run a mini-workshop on half-square triangles.

Sun, Aug 22 is also a drop-in event. There will be a demonstration on how to use your rulers. More details to follow.

Sew Day #17 gift certificate goes to Bev M.



Membership Update - Diana S

A year ago, I signed on to assist with the membership roster of the Guild. I was excited to greet members as they attended monthly meetings and began to match more names to faces.

If you had told me then that we would spend the entire year meeting virtually, and will likely continue to do so for the foreseeable future, I would not have believed you!

But here we are, with a committed membership that has made our new reality work. We have enjoyed a thriving line up of virtual Sew Days and the ability to engage with a wide variety of talented speakers from across Canada.

Now it's time to consider renewing your membership for the 2021-2022 guild year. **Registration will begin on July 1, 2021.** The membership form can be found

on the Guild website and sending an E-transfer of the fees (the easiest method of payment while we continue to interact virtually) will have you all set to enjoy our exciting line up of speakers and retreats for the next year. If you prefer an alternate method of payment, details are found on the membership application form.

Please ensure your membership is renewed by August 31, 2021 in order to not miss out! There will be no early bird draw this year. ****Special note – your current year membership with the Guild entitles you to participate in all virtual Sew Days planned for July and August. If you have a friend who would like to join us over the summer, they would need to register as a 2021-2022 member.**

[Membership Link](#)

Sew Days Tips & Tricks - Jacqueline H

TIPS and TRICKS from the Sew Day Social Crew included:

- Put sliced oranges in your trees to attract Orioles.
- Thriftbooks.ca has lots of bargains. But if you are looking for the SPAM cookbook, the ladies at the Sew Day might have purchased the last five copies.
- If you are looking for fabric tape, or tape that can be used to hold your rulers together, consider "Tear Perfect Maker Tape." It is re-useable.
- Susan gave us a needle changing tip she heard. "Change your sewing needle after using up four full bobbins."
- Some of our members are part of "The Jelly Roll Club." They have weekend retreats. Find the club on Facebook.
- Thumb Protectors (that you can purchase from Staples or the Dollar Store) can be used to count fabric, or as quilting gloves.



My wife was coming home from the fabric store when the receipt blew out of her hand...



Prep for Memory Quilts

This is a great article on how to prep clothes and other materials to make a memory quilt. Chalk up another project to my quilting "bucket" list.

Accurate Piecing Tips

There's a good chance that many of you already know most of these tips, but a little review of some tested principles is good practice, right?

Quilting Roots

Quilting has some deep international roots. Here's a great article that brings to light some of the key influences of long ago that have evolved into the today's art of quilting.

Pandemic Times

It's official. Quilting has become a pandemic hobby. Here's a look at how sewists are surviving this extended crisis through their craft.

Colours 4 Scrap Quilts

This woman takes selecting colours for her quilt to a whole new level. What's neat is that she shares the breakdown of her technique.

Quilting Legends

A blast from the past. Keeping note of quilting and other history is the aim of this website. I had fun looking through a few posts. Hope you do, too.

6-inch Blocks

Six-inch block patterns seem to be the perfect size for baby quilts. Here's a great selection of ideas to tease your imagination.

20 Easy Patterns

You're probably not a novice quilter, but these ideas are fun to look at anyway. I had never heard of a Puff quilt before. Take a look.

Curvy Quilt

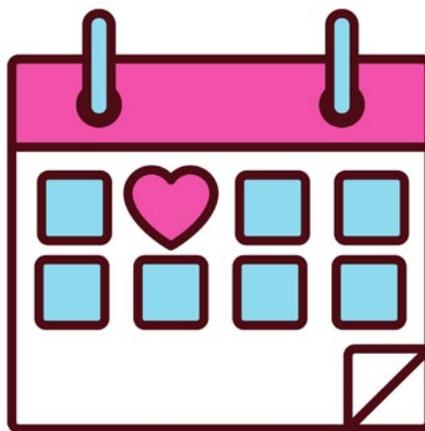
Here's something different, a quilt with a lot of curves. It definitely gives the quilt a very unusual and modern looking finish.

Guild Meeting Dates

Our guild meets every second Monday of the month from September to June. If you are interested in following our newsletters, they are posted on the first Monday of every month of our guild year on our website under "Newsletters."

In-person meetings are currently suspended due to COVID-19's physical distancing requirements.

Until COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, members and pre-registered visitors will receive an email invitation to Zoom meetings. We look forward to you joining in and sharing at our probable virtual meetings in the fall. Have a great summer.

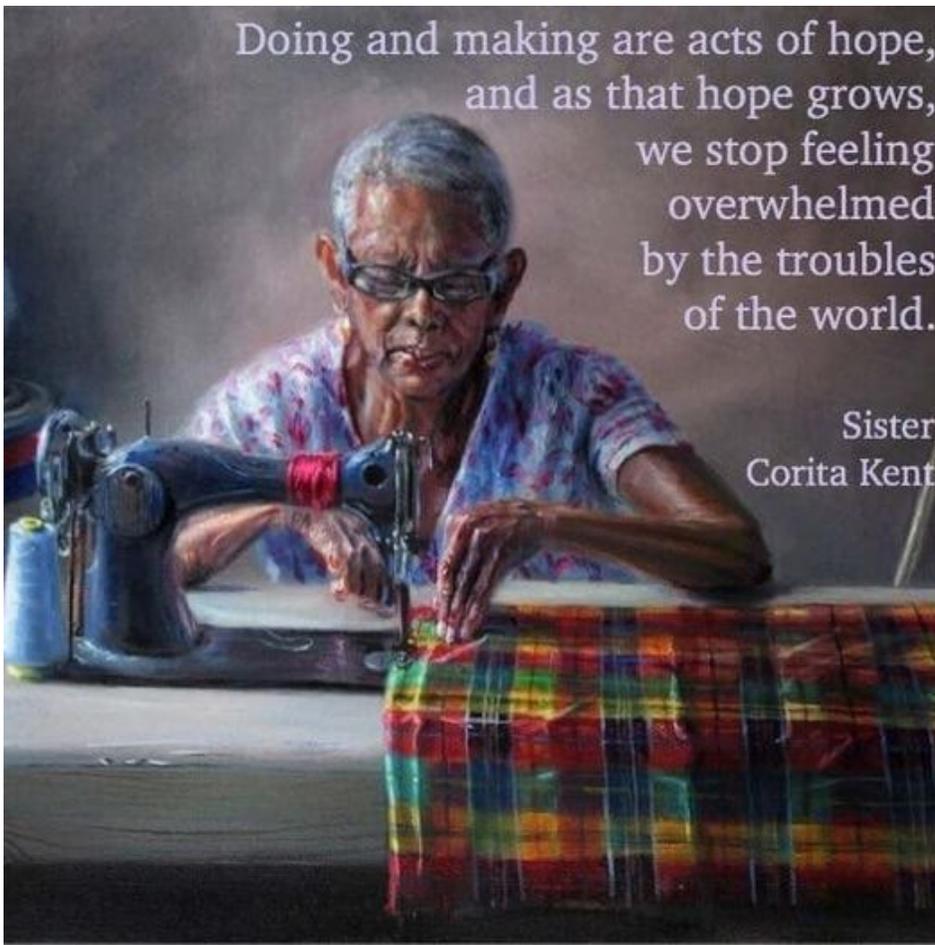


Bit of Everything

Here's another all-in-one article to inspire you during the rest of our lock down. Recipes included!

Store Your Stash

It never hurts to be more organized. This is particularly true when it comes to your fabric stash. Knowing you have a certain fabric and being able to find it quickly to get on with your project is a major victory. Every bit of storage advice helps, I think anyway.



Doing and making are acts of hope,
and as that hope grows,
we stop feeling
overwhelmed
by the troubles
of the world.

Sister
Corita Kent

Top 5 Hand Stitch Tips

I can't imagine binding a quilt with hand stitching. My carpal tunnel aches just at the thought of it. However, you quilters are impressive at your craft. Here's some tips I would need to attempt this.

Bento Box Quilt

One of these days, I would love to make this quilt. It's another "bucket list" item.

Oversized Flying Geese

There are so many ways for a flying geese attempt to go wrong. Ask me how I know. Here are two methods for oversized flying geese, along with some handy charts to trim them down. Hopefully, my next attempt goes better.

Best Sewing Scissors

I admit, I'm a scissors snob. Some of these items are on my wish list. Check it out.

Up Your 9-patch

Here's a great tutorial on disappearing 9-patch blocks. There are many ideas on how to manipulate a basic 9-patch into more complicated blocks.

Hexagon Tutorial

If you've never attempted to work with hexies before, this web post seems like a great tutorial to get you started.

Scrap Quilt Tips

My very first exposure to quilting was a scrap quilt my Mom made. It's kinda cool that she incorporated some of my clothes into the random design. When you look on Pinterest and other websites, scrap quilts are much more fancy. Here's a great tutorial on making one.

Stunning Quilts

This post features 11 Absolutely Stunning Trip Around the World Quilts. It looks like a couple of the pictures at the top are not loading so keep scrolling down to the actual article. I promise, you will be super impressed by this collection of beautiful quilts.

Don't forget,
while you're
busy doubting
yourself,
someone else
is admiring
your strength.

-- Kristen Butler



Quilting Channels on YouTube

Here are some channels that provide a lot of great tips, tricks, and step-by-step instructions to help improve your techniques or inspire you with a new project. Simply click on the company name and your device will be directed to the associated YouTube channel. I figured you would want to keep busy for the summer. Enjoy!

A Quilting Life

American Patchwork & Quilting

Amy Johnson

Angela Walters (Midnight Quilt Show)

AQS Quilt TV

Art Gallery Fabrics

Erica Arndt

Fat Quarter Shop

Fons & Porter

Gourmet Quilter

Handi Quilter

Jordan Fabrics

Just Get It Done Quilts

Leah Day

Making it Fun with Rob Appell

Man Sewing

Melanie Ham

Missouri Star Quilt Company

Natalia Bonner

Pattern Poole TV

Quilt in a Day

Sew Very Easy

Shabby Fabrics

The Quilt Show

Did you know...?

If you are a Facebook user, you can follow the brand name of your sewing machine. For example, I've subscribed to the Janome Canada group and I get to see a variety of tips and tricks that are unique to this brand. They also have tons of instructors and virtual events to check out. Look up your machine and you may find some tips to improve your sewing experience.

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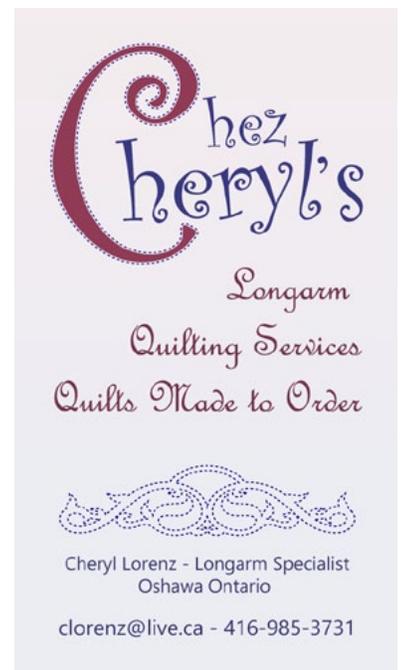
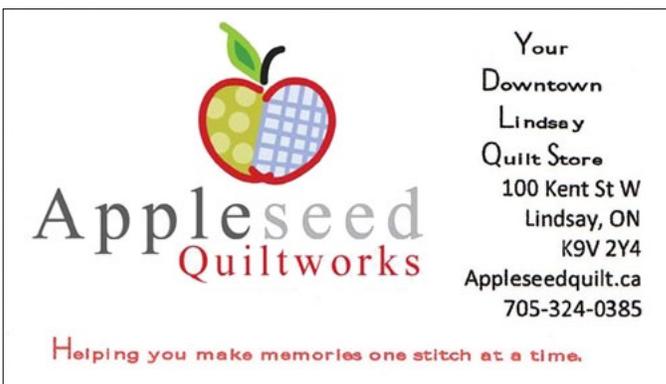
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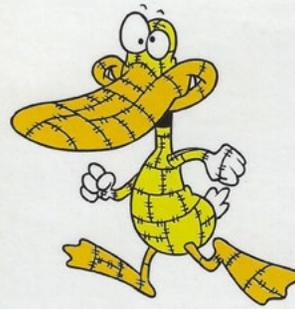


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Thanks for the Good Times - Author Credit Withheld by Request

As another guild year ends, with the pandemic that has changed the structure of our lives, we are grateful for the friendships and relationships we hold dear to our hearts. Getting together with family and friends has been a challenge. To this end, our guild has provided one avenue for us to stay connected to our members through a virtual platform.

This would not have been possible without our Executive team. They have kept the pieces of our guild together and deserve our gratitude and thanks. Without them, the guild meetings with the many great guest speakers, the Sew Days and Mystery Quilt events would not have happened.

Each member of the Executive has been loyal and stepped up when needed whether it was small or large. To name a few, Maria S and Andrew S have been assembling kits for members to complete for the Community Outreach program in the absence of a convenor.

Debbie W stepped up and is the interim secretary as of April. Behind the scenes, Maureen E, Sharon M, Lina S, Diana S, Holly P, Susan S, Pam T, and Jean K were faithful in attending online Zoom Executive meetings, lending their talents, ideas, and skills to working

Thank you

within the “new normal” to make our guild continue to function well.

A big shout out “thank you” goes to Laura B for her technical and organizational skills, and Jacqueline H for the coordination of the Sew Days and great morale boosting on the website. Her energy and enthusiasm have been a bright light for many.

Kate H helped bring a sense of fun and anticipation with her Mystery Quilt program, always delivering clues on time and giving participants something to look forward to each month.

Kay K has done an awesome job with the newsletter. Members have enjoyed reading the content especially the links that are added to the newsletter. She is very resourceful and has taken great care in producing the newsletters for our reading pleasure.

Finally, Debbie K stepped into the President position and brought with her many attributes and skills. Her positive attitude, great words

of wisdom and positive energy have been appreciated and loved by the members. She exemplifies kindness, caring and resolve that have been needed during the past 15 months of the pandemic. She encourages us all to lead by her example. As a quilting friend, she is giving, helpful, one who shares generously. She is one you can call, talk to, joke around with, vent to and is understanding and complimentary.

Every executive member has contributed to our success this year. Let us celebrate and give thanks and appreciation to Debbie K and her team on a year that has brought laughter, sunshine, and hope for the future. Have a SEW wonderful summer.

