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## President's Message - Debbie K

Hello my fellow Quilters,

Another month has flown by, and we are slowly settling into our Fall routines. Last month, we reflected on Thanksgiving and gratitude for another year of enjoying life, learning our strengths, and improving new skills. What exciting times are coming up!

The DTQG Fall retreat is happening in Nov, many more Sew Days are on the calendar, and some things seem to be moving closer to what we consider normal.

However, we still need to remember the lessons from Kindergarten – wash our hands, don't touch your face, and keep your distance from others if you are not wearing a mask. Make sure you get sunshine, exercise, eat well, and take your vitamins.

Remembrance Day is this month, a time where we gather to remember the sacrifices of so many who helped us have the country we are privileged to live in now. On Nov 11, we focus on those



who served in uniform. Many lost their lives physically and so many more lost their lives mentally. I have quite a few people I know/knew personally that I honour.

I also think about all the others in our country that stepped up

to do whatever was required so those who were on the front lines could have what they needed. In particular, many Canadian women went into factories to build everything requested. I especially admire the ladies who worked in

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Ajax, building the bombs and ammunition of every size and type. This was an extremely dangerous job with very few safety protocols. These women are heroes in my mind.

Other women stepped up to look after the workers' children. Other women gathered to roll bandages and knit socks, scarves, undershirts, and hats to supply whatever was needed by those on the front line. They wrote letters of comfort and encouragement to their loved ones which gave them strength.

Still others here at home created new recipes and liberally shared them so that the limited resources available could be resourcefully used to feed their families well.

Many families turned their lawns into gardens to help feed the troops and others. Women who raised their children mostly without a partner during the war and, if they were blessed enough to have their husbands return, had to raise their families with a totally different person than the one who left.

The women of Canada and the rest of the world were so resilient, stoic, and creative. They came up with many unique solutions for the problems that arose during those horrible times. They were and are the solid foundation that created families, communities, societies, and countries that are a blessing to



this world.

In the last few years, I have had people thank me for my service. I appreciate that. I also thank them for theirs. I get some strange looks from people until I explain that you do not have to wear a uniform to serve your country. Service to your community and your country is doing your best at what you do. Being the best person you can be, doing your best at your job, being a loving person, spreading kindness, encouragement, and empowering others.

Use our guild to join in with Sew Days, share your experience

with others, learn new things, and choose to be content/happy with your life. As you feel the peace of being who you are, that peace spreads out to others and changes our world for the better.

You are needed for who you are, where you are. You are needed, loved, and appreciated exactly as you are. We all still need to continue to learn and grow because that is part of the fun of being here.

Like one of the old style rock walls that have been around for centuries, not all the rocks are big and bold, many of them are

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small ones that hold everything together. As we use our individual skills and talents, we create a solid foundation for the next generations to build on. The biggest and most precious skill we have is to love another. To share kindness, love, a smile, and a hug. To encourage and empower another to grow into their potential. Sharing these skills brings joy to you while also solidifying the lessons in your life.

It helps you to grow and become an even better version of who you are now.

November is a month of remembrance and how I choose to remember is to think of all those who were and are in my life. I am greatly blessed to have had the family, friends and experiences that have occurred, for they have helped me to become who I am today. I appreciate all the people

who have shared their quilting knowledge with me for now I can take fabric and create something that brings joy to me and to others.

My hope for you is that you will use this month to remember mostly the good stories and use the energy and joy from those times to strengthen and encourage you for joy is our strength. My wish for you is to have great joy flow through you all this month. It will be a busy month trying to get all the sewing done for Christmas (or just trying to clear those UFO's before the New Year...).

Nov 8 is our Guild meeting, and I look forward to drawing inspiration from our speaker Linda McLaren, a woman of many talents and facets to her life; a very interesting person. Also, I am really looking forward to seeing all the Show & Share creations. I am so impressed with what wonderful artists you all are.

Until we see each other again, either virtually or in person, please enjoy this wonderful newsletter packed with great information. Time for me to go move more wood, then sew. Take care and see you on a Sew Day, a guild meeting, or an impromptu get together virtually.

### **Dear Canada by Kylie MacNeil**

Rustling leaves blow around you and crunch below my feet.  
Red poppies pinned on everyone walking down the street.  
I ask you, "What is so special about the November 11th day?"  
And you reply, "It's for remembering in your own special way."

What am I remembering on this little day in time?  
Should I draw a poster, write an essay, or make a poem that rhymes?  
So much to think about for a little girl of nine.  
How do I make this day special, how do I make it mine?

First, I'll start by counting my blessings one by one.  
Family, friends, faith, love, and everything under the sun.  
Second, I'll be thankful for those who served far and wide,  
Thanking them for their courage and service done with pride.

But wait, something still does not seem quite right.  
Why do we only do this on November 11th, morning 'til night?  
Why not be thankful for all we have every single day?  
Remembering to love and care as we journey along our way.

Think of how the world would be if we had silence every day.  
Time to stop and be thankful each in our own way.  
So my commitment to make this day special for me  
Is to carry it all year long in my heart, dear Canada, proud and free.



## Join Our Next Guild Meeting

Our guild meets at 7:00 PM on the second Monday of every 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 virtual meetings this fall. We have a great line-up of presentators scheduled for the months ahead. Be sure to save these dates to join in our meetings.

## Upcoming Guild Meeting Dates

- November 8
- December 13
- January 10
- February 14
- March 14
- April 11
- May 9
- June 13



## Remember Them

11th Month | 11th Day | 11th Hour  
November 11 at 11:00 AM



## Morale Officer - Jacqueline H

With some of life's activities moving slowly back to pre-Covid status, it reminds us all to Keep Calm, wash on, and enjoy the small things in life. There is a glimmer of light in this tunnel of ours. Quilt Canada has been set for Vancouver 2022. Keep those happy thoughts of vendors market, quilt challenges, and potential classes to attend.

Wash those hands regularly, as we know flu season is just around the corner. We are in this together. We shall survive and thrive.





## November 8 Zoom Meeting - Lina S

Speaker: **Linda McLaren**

Topic: **Quilting Biker Trunk Show**

- Roots in traditional quilting, always drawn to and pushing outside of traditional methods
- Quilt book collector, curator of a fine fabric stash, hoarder of tools and notions, thread lover
- Learned from and inspired by library books, quilt store and guild workshops, Thames Institute of the Arts week-long bootcamp with John Willard.
- Actively and intentionally seek new methods and techniques; it's a good day if I learn something new
- Member of the London Modern Quilt Guild since 2014 (MQG Rep, 2020-2021 Co-President, quilt show) and the Chatham Kent Quilters Guild since 2004
- Longarm quilter – finishing my own quilts for nine years, quilting for others since Fall 2017.
- Current machine is a Bernina Q24 with QMatic (robotics for digital design stitching)
- Do edge-to-edge digitized designs, hand guided free motion quilting, and my favourite - ruler work
- Contributing blogger promoting Teresa Marial Barreau's fabulous book, "Turnabout Patchwork" on

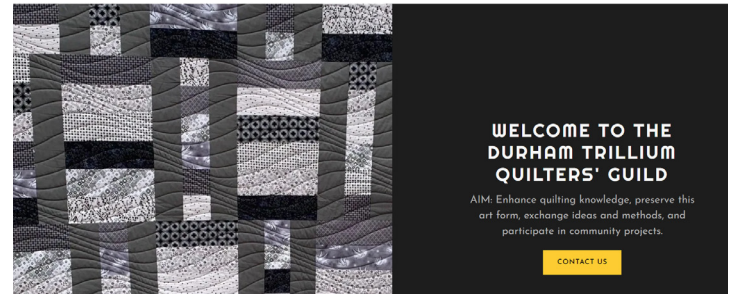


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- her blog
- Pattern tester for Ira Rott, Tammy Silvers (Tamarinis)
- Quilted "Retro Gaming" for QuilToni (Toni Smith – the Pixel Quilter) – which hung at Spring Market 2019
- Quilted QuilToni's "Fantasy Mermaid", published in Fons & Porter's "Quick & Easy Quilts" Aug/Sep 2021 edition
- Four quilts I've quilted for QuilToni hung at her exhibit at Quilt Festival in Houston, Nov 2019. This exhibit consists of four Victorian style COS play dresses, each accompanied by a small quilt. These quilts are created with her technique using grid-

- ded interfacing, with the fabrics from the dresses.
- Quilted Libs Elliot's quilt "Smooth Sailing"
- My quilt, "Windswept Sparks" was juried into Quilt Canada 2019 and was displayed at their show in Ottawa
- Each quilt shown includes its story – why I tackled it, techniques, challenges, successes, decisions made, lessons learned, quilting designs
- Audience members are invited to bring their tops for suggestions on quilting design

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## DTQG's New Website - Laura B

Yay, it's pretty much done! We have overhauled the Durham Trillium Quilters' Guild website. The platform the guild used for the website was going to be discontinued, and a new platform was offered by the hosting company.

However, the website could not just be moved from one platform to the other – it had to be re-created from scratch. While a little painful at times, we got it done. Therefore, we have a brand new look to our website.

With this format, it's easier to share quilt photos created by our amazing and talented members. If you have a quilt that you'd be willing to have displayed on our website, please send it to the guild email with your permission to post it.

The website location hasn't changed – it is still [www.durham-trilliumquiltersguild.ca](http://www.durham-trilliumquiltersguild.ca), but links to many pages and files have had to change.

We tried to keep the structure the same as much as possible, but also used this opportunity to make some improvements based on

members' feedback.

Please take a look around the new website. Should you find an "opportunity for improvement," send us an email to let us know. Click on the screenshot above to visit the updated site.

**Fabriholic: (noun) One who can't control the urge to buy fabric they don't have a project for. Again.**





## Show & Share - Peggy G

The draw winner from the October meeting was Janna S.

As we continue with our monthly tradition of Show & Share, everyone loves to be able to see everyone's finished (or unfinished) projects. It is inspiring to see the work done by everyone and fun to hear the stories on the process and the history/meaning of the various quilts and projects. As we continue with virtual meetings, I will continue with having you submit photos of your projects in advance of the meeting.

Please send photos of your Show & Share projects to [dtqgShowNShare@gmail.com](mailto:dtqgShowNShare@gmail.com) instead of the regular guild email. For the November meeting, please have these sent by 9:00 PM, November 5, 2021, to allow time to get them in my presentation.

Please remember to:

- Send one email per quilt/project
- Include "Show & Share" in the email subject
- Include the name of the person submitting the quilt (I can't always tell from the email address, I will make it up a name if I can't tell)
- Send only a maximum of two-three photos per quilt/project

You can send as many project emails as you like, but if there are a lot submitted, I will limit displayed projects to two per person. So, if submitting more than two projects, please indicate your preferred two or I will just randomly select them. Note that speaking about the quilts will be limited to one minute per quilt at the meeting. Don't forget - each submission qualifies for the monthly draw. I'm looking forward to receiving photos of your beautiful and inspiring projects.

**Next  
Show & Share  
Deadline**

**Friday,  
November 5**



## Library - Maria S & Janet H

Thank you to all the members who returned the overdue books from our last meeting, last year.

Here is a list of some current and donated books that are available for you to borrow for a month.

To borrow a library book, please let me know the book title and number of your selection.

You can "check out" your volume by informing me via telephone or email: [dtqguild@gmail.com](mailto:dtqguild@gmail.com). Arrangements can be made for you to either pick up your selection or have it delivered to you.

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## DTQG Library Books October 2021

<b>Book #</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Year</b>
105	Ruler Work Quilting	Amanda Murphy	2018
143	Make it, Take it	Krista Hennebury	2015
148	Machine Quilting-A Primer of Techniques	Sue Nickels	2003
166	Log Cabin Restructured	Shizuko Kuroha	2008
177	Sisterhood of Scraps	Lissa Alexander	2020
193	Fast & Fun - 3 Yard Quilts	Donna Robertson	2018
198	Charm School	Vanessa Goertzen	2017
202	WALK	Jacquie Gering	2016
214	Jelly Filled - 18 Quilts from 2 1/2 " strips	Vanessa Goertzen	2019
228	I Believe	Art To Heart	2009
236	Quilt As You Go Made Modern	Jera Brandvig	2014
240	Wool, Needle & Thread	Lisa Bongean	2019
255	Stitching for the Seasons	Jen Daly	2019
290	Simple Graces	Kim Diehl	2010
358	Contemporary Quilts Design	Sandra Meech	2003
388	Quilt Improv	Lucie Summers	2013
402	Urban and Amish	Myra Harder	2014
409	Sister Sampler Quilts	AnneMarie Chany	2015
m413	March/April 2020	McCall's Quilting	2020
m414	May/June 2020	McCall's Quilting	2020
m415	July/August 2020	McCall's Quilting	2020
m511	Winter 2019	The Canadian Quilter	2019
m535	Summer 2019	The Canadian Quilter	2019
m741	Sept/Oct 2019	Fons & Porter Love of Quilting	2019
m746	March/April 2020	Fons & Porter Love of Quilting	2020
m747	July/August 2020	Fons & Porter Love of Quilting	2020
m748	May/June 2020	Fons & Porter Love of Quilting	2020
m810	Early Winter 2017	Missouri Star - Block Magazine	2017
m828	Winter 2019, Volume 6, Issue 6	Missouri Star - Block Magazine	2019
m544	Summer 2021	The Canadian Quilter	2021





## Block of the Month - Kate H

It's a Quilters Getaway Mystery.

We have 30 participants signed up so far. It's not too late if you want to join. Cost is only \$15.00 per person for the pattern. The website registration is open and payment sent directly to the guild. Clues will be emailed until such time that we can meet in person. Still not sure? You can sign up later and catch up anytime.

Installment #1 was released recently and the Facebook group DTQG Mystery 2021-22 has been launched. This group has been set up to be a safe supportive group,

and a great resource for quick information!

For this year's project, to be eligible for the grand prize of \$50 your quilt must be quilted, bound with a label!

We have a bit of a twist, there are several sizes available for you to complete. Check out the guild website for fabric selections and sizes. If you don't have a stash, no worries, Border Creek Station has a little online shop set up just for us. Click below for the site.

Hope that you will join us for some fun!!

## Membership - Grace R

October is over and we have been experiencing cooler days and chilly nights. This has encouraged many of us to bring our sewing machines out of storage and our thoughts have turned to quilting friends and guilds.

We have 66 members registered this year. As the October 31st deadline approached, we had more members from past years renew their memberships.

Welcome back to DTQG and an exciting sewing year.

### Border Creek Fabric Kits

**A large part  
of making  
those quilt  
pieces fit  
better is to  
stare at them  
like this...  
right before  
you get the  
seam ripper.**



## Community Quilts - Maria S, Andrew S, Pam T, Diana S

Thanks to all our members who are working on completing Community Quilts. Next week I will be delivering more kits to Pam with quilts to be quilted and quilts that need to be pieced. Please call Pam if you would like to help us by picking up a kit to work on, or call Maria and I will deliver a kit or two for you to quilt. If you need batting or backing for a Community Quilt you are working on, please let Maria know. Thanks to all the DTQG members who completed quilts for our outreach program. Thanks to all who are still working on items for this program.



Janna hand quilted this quilt.



Carol M, Laura F, and Janet H all worked on this quilt to complete it.



These are two finished Community quilts by Sharon M.



These three quilts were completed for Community Quilts by Judy B including one from her own stash.



This is the bag of completed Community Quilts for October that were delivered to Diana and donated to "Project Linus."

## Upcoming Sew Day Socials - Jacqueline H

Happy November, Fellow Quilters. Here is a listing of the upcoming Sew Social Days. Please note the extended hours during the week.

- Sun, Nov 14 | 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
  - Thu, Nov 25 | 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM
  - Wed, Dec 8\* | 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM
  - Wed, Dec 22\* | 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM
  - Fri, Dec 31\* | 7:00 PM - 1:00 AM
  - Sat, Jan 1\* | 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- \*Santa Style | Ring in the New Year

As well our latest winner of a shop local gift card is: Patricia K, Sew Social #21

Looking forward to seeing you all at our next series of SEW SOCIALS!



## President's Challenge - Jacqueline H

The President's Challenge this year is to be kind, good, and helpful. That being said, a wonderful way to do this is to give placemats to Meals on Wheels for those that could use a little cheer.

Remember we constructed 243 last Easter for this organization. Let's see if we can't match and perhaps beat this number. Personally, I have a LOT of seasonal fabric that could use a good home.

Start making those standard sized placemats as soon as you

can, approximately 12 inches by 16 inches.

Watch the newsletter for more information. We know for certain all placemats will need to be to their various drop off points by Friday, November 26, so they can be quarantined before being sent out for holiday dinners.

Placemats are a great way to try something new.

Due to their limited size, you are not committing to a king size quilt. I went out on a limb and tried the "Apple Core" pattern just to see how it would turn out.

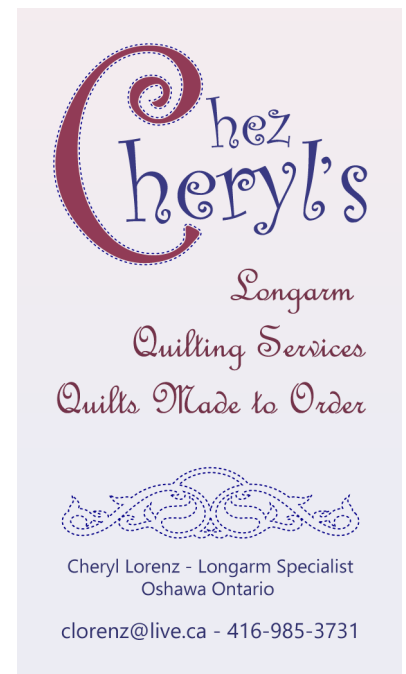
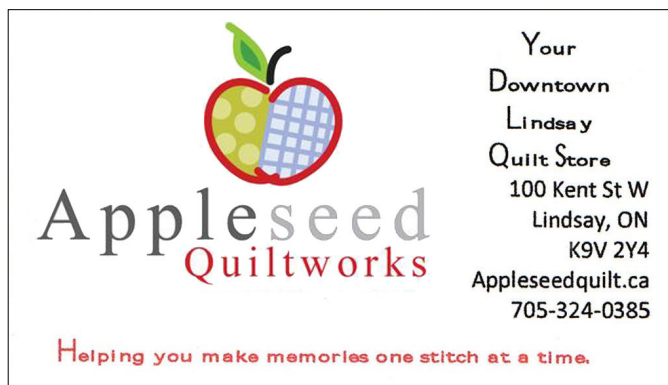


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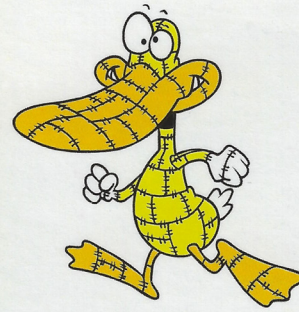
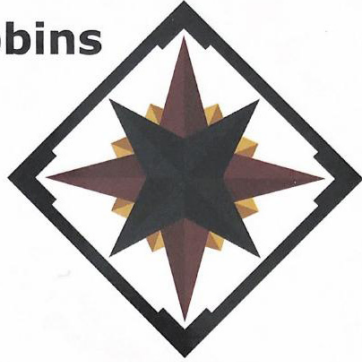


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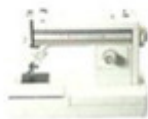
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### Fabric Basket - Jacqueline H

OH! Do I have an idea for you!!! IF you are participating in the guild's Secret Santa, then perhaps gather scraps of your person's favourite colour. They could be an added bonus to your recipient's present.



### Long & Tall Quilt

You just can't go wrong with a quilt pattern by Jordan Fabrics. I love her video tutorials, and this one is no exception. I'm adding this project to my bucket list. It's also a great way to use up those long strips you may have around.

### Scrappy Tool Case

Sometimes, putting scrap fabric towards a way to store your useful tools is a sharp way to go. The bonus is this project is a "quilt as you go" endeavour. You get to implement some lovely leftover fabrics and turn them into a pretty, useful case as demonstrated by this YouTube video.

### Scrap Like a Pro

This article has a lot of links to explore, so it's a good one to dive into with a hot beverage at hand and your furry friend at your feet.

The best tip of all is to let yourself explore and be surprised (and impressed) by how your creative side can work wonders when allowed to try these new ideas.

### Fringe Quilt

I'm starting to understand the quilting scraps dilemma. So far, I'm doing well with incorporating leftovers into the back of a quilt, at least that's my intention. For you smart cookies, I bet you can figure out the grid for this pattern and a way to use up those pretty leftovers.



## Scrappy Binding

If you haven't noticed yet, there's a bit of a theme going on for the "extras" in our newsletter. We're focusing on fabric scraps in this issue.

I'm guessing that you've accumulated quite a few by now, and it's time to put them to good use. Here's how to apply a scrappy finish when it comes to your binding.

## Graph Paper

As a serious quilter, I know you will need to have graph paper at some point. How else can you work out that super brilliant idea that struck in the middle of the night?

But isn't it always hard to find some when you need it? Hopefully, you can save this link on your computer, or download the files you want off this site.

For regular graph paper, look under "Plain Grids."

For more specialized downloads, check out the "Patterns" section. Let the plotting begin!

## Autumn Table Set

This downloadable PDF is a free project for a beautiful table runner and matching placemats.

Once you make up the set, you could always keep going and make more placemats for the President's Challenge for the Meals on Wheels program. Now that's smart quilting - multiple use patterns for scrappy projects. Win-win!

## Tiny Quilt Stars

Wondering what to do with those tiny scraps that are just too cute to throw away?

Here's a neat idea where you can pace yourself as desired. Make one or make many, but you get to use up those small pieces that are simply so darling, you want to keep them forever. Using this cool technique, you can turn those scraps into something wonderful.

## Scrappy Geese Quilt

If you're willing to take on a very scrappy, piecy kind of quilt, this one is for you.

Leila Gardunia gives a tutorial on a very scrappy, goosey quilt that uses up tons of scraps with impressive results.

The great thing is she walks through how she organizes herself for this big undertaking, putting steps into manageable pieces to stay organized and in control of the project.

The ideas are endless, from varying sizes to colours, and more.

## Mini Postage Stamp

If we're talking scraps, we have to include a postage stamp project.

While the size seems intimidating, this quilter uses a ingenious technique to get those tiny seams to line up for perfect intersections.

Her YouTube video walks you through each step really well.

The result is a super sweet mini quilt that would make the perfect gift as a mug rug or wall hanging.

## Scraps No More

Yes, I have another project from Jordan Fabrics. But she's so good at sharing her amazing techniques.

In this video, she goes over how to use up fabric scraps to create a beautiful table runner that will enhance any flat surface.

It seems so fast and easy, with the prettiest results. The bonus about this project is you use up long and short scrap pieces.



Newsletter submissions MUST be sent as WORD documents via email to the Editor by the posted deadline. Her email address is available on our guild's membership roster.