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International Quilting Day - March 19, 2022

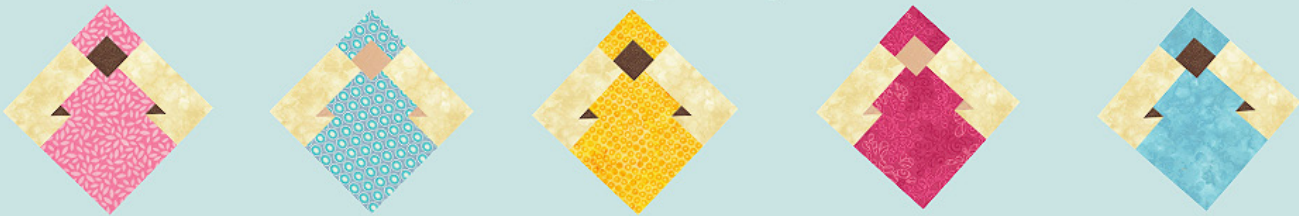


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President's Message - Debbie K

Good day, Ladies and Gentlemen.

I wanted to be lighthearted and bubbly for this article, but the world situation makes that very hard to do. As of today, writing this, Russia is on day two of invading another country to annex its resources and use the land as a place to park their military and armament for, as yet, unknown reasons.

The country of Ukraine is under siege and more than ever, its people need as much help as we can give them. They are a proud, valiant nation who will fight to the last breath for the freedom of their

country and its people.

Please send as much good energy, strong prayers, and love as possible to Ukraine. Also, we need to send money to reliable relief efforts. The Red Cross has set up a fund for the Ukrainian Relief effort and the Canadian government is matching donations dollar for dollar until March 18. Here is a link to the official [Red Cross site](#).

Maria and Andrew, and all other guild members of Ukrainian heritage, our hearts go out to you, your community, your ancestral homeland, all the people connected to that strong and independent country. You are not alone; you have us standing with you. We are

all part of this international community and like a quilt, we are all stitched together making something beautiful and useful for this world. Draw from the strength that is surrounding you and your community so you can do what you need to help those you care about.

It is hard to transition to another topic. War is in the forefront of our minds and sitting on our chests trying to drive the breath and hope out of us. It will not succeed.

We are a strong, creative group of people, many of us have lived through tough times like this before, and the resiliency we gained will help us to come

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through as conquerors. We will continue to shine our lights by being the best we can be, continuing to create beautiful and useful quilts, and to be a beacon of hope to those around us. It only takes a small candle to drive the darkness out of a room. As we let our "little lights shine," they combine to become a spotlight beam of hope that helps others to be their best. Keep shining beautiful lights, just keep shining.

A word that keeps coming to my mind is creativity. How varied it is, and even in one type of craft, how diverse. Quilting has so much to offer ourselves and others. It helps us to continue to grow mentally, physically (material is heavy...), and challenges us to continually learn new skills. Even if you don't think you have changed your skill level in the last year, I can guarantee that you are more skilled in every area of

quilting that you realize. It is probably easier for you to put colours together, your stitching is more precise, your pressing is better, and your ability to innovate has popped up in unexpected ways.

The confidence you have developed in creating your quilts and other projects has flowed over into other areas of your life and perhaps with some self-reflection, you will see a greater ability to be strong for yourself and others. Pretty amazing results from putting a couple of pieces of fabric together on a continual basis. You should be very proud of yourself.

Jan 20's Sew Day was the first time I sat and sewed for quilting since April 2021. I put the rest of organizing my sewing area on hold, and finally sat and created. What a wonderful release it was! From Jan 20 to Feb 20, I completed 11 tops which totally surprised me. Looking back, I think the reason

I was able to complete them was because I stopped worrying about what other people may think of them, and stopped thinking everything had to be perfect. I started asking myself "What if...?" "What if I put those colours together?" "What if I took that panel and that bundle of fabric and created something from that?" If it looked like yuck, I knew I could always spend some quality time with Jack and do something else.

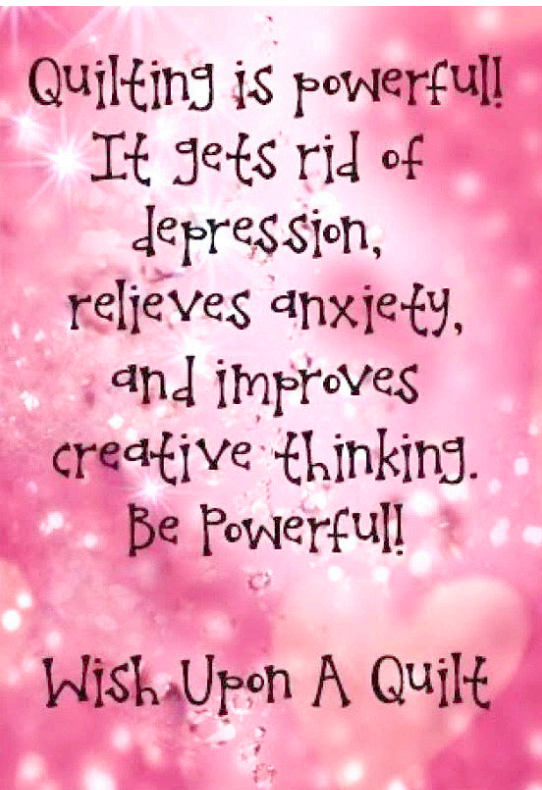
As I relaxed, I found it was easier to put colours together and to come up with different types of patterns to use. I was also able to relax when my 3:00 AM math did not work out the way I thought it should. Eventually, I did find a use for those 32 extra HST's I made...

As humans, as quilters, as people living in North America, we have a strong tendency to be very hard on ourselves and super critical of the things that we do. We have been taught to fear the word failure. It used to be that we were encouraged to try something for the "halibut" because we could always learn something from it. FAIL is First Attempt In Learning. We aren't supposed to be successful at things right off. There is no learning in that, no innovation, and no growth.

This journey of life is supposed to be one of continuous learning and to create joy while doing it. It



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makes life so much better for us and others if we relax our expectations of success and focus on drawing out as much as we can from each experience. Even spending time with Jack can be good as it gives us time to think about how we can fix what we did.

Be proud of what you have accomplished these last few months (couple of years). I have heard so many stories of new patterns done, new skills learned, new friends made, innovative ways created to keep connected with those you know and care about, and so many who have helped their communities by making masks, quilts, and other things that have helped others have a better life.

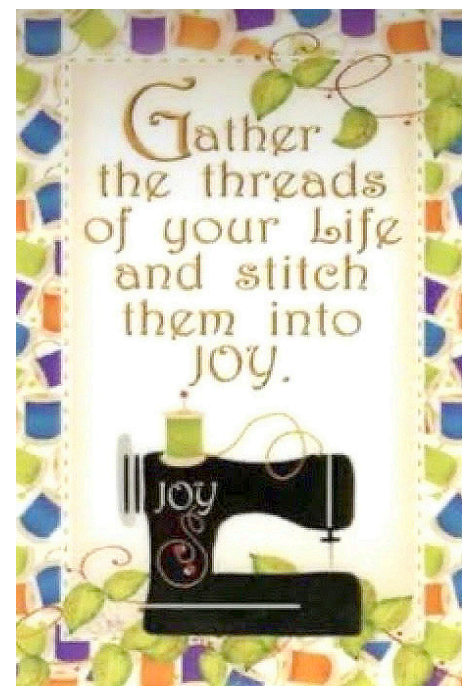
All while learning new protocols of how to behave in public so we could keep others safe. We have done awesome and are coming out the other side of this pandemic stronger, wiser, and in many ways, happier than we were in February 2020.

It is going to take some adjusting to the more open ways of life that are coming. Many will have to go back to work in the office which means no more comfy pants or that wonderfully short commute from the bedroom to the home office. Also, one thing I have found tough, is how tired I get being around a group bigger than two or three. Be kind to yourself and give yourself some rest time before and after a gathering. I find myself getting cranky if I must be out around strangers for more than two hours. Saves me money though because I don't want to stay in the stores...

The amazing ladies on the Executive are working hard and planning for the future when we can be back together physically. Until then, there are lots of events planned to keep us sewing and involved with each other while helping our community. New skills being learned with the Mystery Quilt, lots of information being passed on during the Sew Days, and encouragement abounds in the many different ways we get to interact with each other. Enjoy

this wonderful newsletter, get (or stay) involved in the many activities. Please consider using your wonderful skill set to volunteer for one of the open positions on the Executive this year. Sharon M has included an article outlining what is needed and I hope you seriously consider being part of the team.

Well, I have nattered on for quite a while. It just felt very important to let you know how awesome you are, and how you help change the world around you. Keep shining your light, keep learning new things, and know that you are surrounded by people who care about you and are willing to help you when you need it...because we know you would do the same for us. Be blessed, hug someone you love, and stay in hope.





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. We have a great line-up of presentators scheduled for the months ahead. Be sure to save these dates to join in our meetings.

For more details about our guild, visit our [website](#). **Click for the following email links:**

[Guild Email](#)

[Show & Share](#)

[Mystery Quilt](#)

Upcoming Guild Meeting Dates

- March 14
- April 11
- May 9
- June 13

Spring Retreat | April 7-10, 2022 - Holly P & Diane D

Come and join us at Elim Lodge for the fun, food, friends, and lots of quilting. We are offering Thursday to Sunday (3 nights and 10 meals) for \$420.00 or Friday to Sunday (2 nights and 7 meals) for \$345.00. Register on our guild site and e-transfer your payment to dtqguild@gmail.com. Full payment is due by March 21, 2022.

Elim will be following the direction of their local Public Health Unit regarding Covid protocols.



what happens
at Quilt Retreat...



We will have a demo and lots of fun!

Also, we will be hosting a live auction again to benefit our Community Quilt program. Last time, we raised over \$200.00 which almost paid for a roll of batting. If you have any quilting items of good quality that you would like to donate, please contact Diane D.

The retreat is limited to 30 participants and 22 members have already registered which leaves only 8 spots. Please register as soon as possible to reserve your space at our Spring Retreat.

**You can't use up creativity.
The more you use,
the more you have. -- Maya Angelou**

March 14 Zoom Guild Meeting - Lina S

Speaker: **Paul Léger** | Topic: **Journey the World**

While travelling to many foreign destinations and sometimes with the help of good friends, Paul has been fortunate in acquiring many pieces of fiber arts.

Paul's collection spans over 30 years of travels. Most pieces were found by luck and chance, such as going to explore an archaeological site and finding batik art, or going to a tequila tasting event and coming home with thread.

From his humble beginnings in 1990, Paul Léger has grown from exploring traditional designs and techniques to more modern interpretations, in particular transforming simple 'objets d'art' into quilts.



[Paul's Website](#)



Library - Maria S

I have received my Spring 2022 Canadian Quilter magazine and have enjoyed reading the numerous articles.

Besides the interesting articles, pictured is the quilt pattern they are featuring in this issue. If you would like to borrow the magazine, please let me know.



Open Executive Positions for 2022-2023 - Sharon M

The Durham Trillium Quilters' Guild is recruiting new members for its 2022-2023 Executive.

You are invited to be part of our dynamic team that plans the overall guild program to enlighten, entertain, and inspire our group. We are only as successful as our members' involvement.

Over the last two years, we have been meeting virtually providing guild meetings with excellent guest speakers, Sew Days, and executive meetings. Our hope is to

get back to in-person guild gatherings with the executive meetings remaining virtual.

The goals of our guild are achieved by having an executive in place and people who are committed to achieving them. Each member is important and we all have skills and resources to contribute. Each person brings unique talents to the table which adds value to our organization.

Please review the outlined positions that need to be filled for

the 2022-23 guild year and consider your availability to share your valuable talents with your fellow quilters. Please consider being part of the team that makes things happen for our guild.

You can express your interest by contacting Sharon M or Laura B at dtqguild@gmail.com. We would be happy to have a conversation with you to answer any questions and review the scope of the position that interests you.

Help Wanted!

A member of the guild is needed to serve on the Nominating Committee. Along with the Past President and Vice President, our mission is to actively recruit for open positions on the executive for the next guild year: 2022-2023.

If you would like to assist with the recruitment, contact Sharon M or Laura B using the guild email dtqguild@gmail.com. This is a short-term role but extremely important to the guild executive already in positions for next year. Your guild needs you! Please respond by March 18.



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Open Executive Positions

Guild Officer

- Vice President

Voting Executive

- Block of the Month
- Newsletter
- Program
- Website

Non-voting Executive

- Fabric Switch
- Membership Assistant

Our Durham Trillium Quilters' Guild Goals

- Enhance the knowledge of quilting
- Preserve quilting as an art form
- Establish, maintain, and upgrade quilting standards
- Exchange ideas and methods
- Participate in community projects

Proposed 2022-2023 Executive Committee

Guild Officers

- President • Laura B
- Vice President • **OPEN**
- Secretary • Debbie W
- Treasurer • Maureen E
- Past President • Debbie K

Voting Executive

- Block of the Month • **OPEN**
- Community Outreach • Maria S
- Library • Maria S
- Membership • Grace R
- Newsletter • **OPEN**
- Program • **OPEN**
- Publicity & Ads • Susan S
- Retreats • Holly P
- Show & Share • Peggy G
- Website • **OPEN**
- Workshops • Jacqueline H & Sew Days

Non-voting Executive

- Chance Draw • Barbara S
- Community • Andrew S,
- Outreach • Diana S,
- Helper(s) • Pam T
- Fabric Basket • Jacqueline H & Retta H
- Fabric Switch • **OPEN**
- Library • Janet H
- Assistant
- Membership • **OPEN**
- Assistant



Photo Credit: Ian Schneider on Unsplash



Block of the Month

This is an opportunity for a member to facilitate a Block of the Month project for interested members to take part in.

Once you have selected your project, it is presented to the Executive Committee for their support.

You can determine how and when this project will be communicated and distributed to members. The costs associated with the project are covered by the participants.

Vice President

We are looking for an individual who has leadership skills and is excited about our guild's goals.

This candidate needs to be willing to spend two years in the Vice President (VP) role to then move into the President's role, and finally, move into the Past President position (two years in each position).

As VP, you will assist the current President as required, including coordinating facilities for all meetings and special projects, organizing greeters for meetings, and new member orientation. The VP is also a member of the Nomination Committee.

Newsletter

Are you a communicator? Do you enjoy desktop publishing?

This person will set deadlines for convenors who contribute content to our guild's newsletter monthly. Once all is received, the fun begins!

Including the artwork from the Advertising convenor, the newsletter is created to keep our members informed of all the opportunities our guild provides.

The newsletter is also submitted to the Website convenor to have it uploaded for members to access.

Members are notified via email when the newsletter is available online.

Program

The Program convenor selects and arranges the main features for our monthly meetings.

The proposed invitees are submitted to the guild's Executive Committee for approval. Using word processing and email, a contract is drawn and shared with all parties. This contract and a payment request form is then submitted to the Treasurer to arrange payment to the presenter.

The Program convenor ensures all equipment required by presenter is available on meeting night. The convenor will introduce the speaker, help them set up and take down, and thanks them after the presentation.



Website

The Website convenor is responsible for maintaining the guild's website. The convenor is also responsible for adding new features as approved by the executive.

You need to be able to create and edit documents on the computer. The website platform is provided, but the knowledge of editing documents in a word processor or other program will assist you in editing the website.

Fabric Switch

This is a fun way to get members involved in an activity. You would determine what fabric, size, and colour the member would be exchanging.

The exchange typically is done monthly so at the end of the year the member has enough fabric to sew a quilt top. It would be open to any member who wishes to participate, and the cost is covered by the participants.

Membership Assistant

The Assistant to the Membership convenor would do just that - assist the Membership convenor as needed.

This may include helping at the membership desk, compiling a membership list, providing new members with name badges and documents that tell them about our guild. You would also become the Membership convenor next year.



Backing Charts

Thank you, Susan S, for submitting this link from GE Designs. It's a super handy guide to help determine how much fabric is required for backing a quilt. What I love about this resource is it is a downloadable file that is easy to print off. Because a computer is not always available when you're busy with your quilt.

Free Quilt Patterns

What better way to celebrate International Quilting Month and specifically March 19's Quilting Day than with access to a bunch of free patterns to tickle your sewing needle?

There are all kinds of projects here, so be prepared to do some web surfing as you click through the various projects, from Baby quilts, to Jelly Roll, to Seasonal. There's a bit of everything here.



Tube Quilting

HSTs from a tube of fabric? Yes, you can. Check out this video for the tutorial, and empty your scrap basket even faster. The possibilities are endless.



2022 DTQG President's Challenge - Debbie K

Hello wonderful members of DTQG. As I mentioned in our February 14 guild meeting, I have a new challenge for you. We, as an executive, know that over the last two years, many of you have collected pieces of material for the Fabric Exchange. That thought is a little intimidating and now verging on terrifying. We can only imagine how big of a bag (truck) you will need to bring all that fabric in to exchange. So many members have been super productive these past two years, so many quilts, so many small pieces of fabric left over.

I happened to watch a Missouri Star Quilt Company (MSQC) video a couple of weeks ago that got my imagination going on how to help with three (or more) different areas.

First, by reducing the amount of fabric you have waiting to go to the Fabric Exchange. Second, by helping the Cuddle Quilt program, as you learn a new (or refresh an old) skill. And third, reducing the amount of fabric going into the landfill by creating a new fabric from something that maybe was going to be thrown away, all while saving money because you are using something you already have.

So, I came up with the idea that for the rest of the year each of us can make 12.5 inch square



crumb blocks. Crumb blocks are created by taking your small pieces of fabric and stitching them together, pressing as you go. (Terri has found that pressing the seams open makes it easier to work with.) Continue to add fabric until you have something that can be trimmed to a 12.5 inch square block. All the blocks will be collected when we have our Fabric Exchange Day sometime in the future and the blocks will be given to the Cuddle Quilt program to turn into lovely quilts.

I have started mine. I must warn you it is quite addictive doing

these blocks. I am also not using small pieces yet. I found some cut off rectangles, triangles, and other larger pieces, and have been building around them. I also have been doing a few at a time which helps when you are using a long strip of fabric. I also appreciate the size because they fit perfectly in one of those flat project boxes from Michaels (the scrapbook ones).

So far, I have completed 20 of them and they all started out as cut offs and leftovers from other projects.

I found the process of playing with the fabrics, experimenting with different colour choices, and seeing how adding a piece of fabric on one side or the other really helped create a design. It became play time, helped me relax, created joy inside, and freed me up to experiment without worrying about too much precision. After all, if it is a bit too short, just

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add another piece of fabric on.

I am hoping you will join me in creating something new from scraps. One of the mandates of our guild is to encourage learning, developing our craft, and helping our community. This challenge will help fulfill this directive. Click on the four posted links to videos that do a much better job of explaining how to do a crumb block and a slab quilt. Have fun with this and maybe if we get lots of these blocks done, it will make Jacqueline and Retta's job with the Fabric Exchange much more manageable when we are finally together in person. Thank you and I am looking forward to seeing the blocks you create.





Show & Share - Peggy G

The winner of the February Show & Share was Jacqueline H.

As we continue with our monthly tradition of Show & Share, our guild members love 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 instead of the regular guild email. For our next guild meeting, please have these sent by 9:00 PM, March 11, 2022, to allow time to get them into 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)
- please only send a maximum of 2-3 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,
March 11**



[Contact Us Link](#)

Membership - Grace R & Diana S

We are now 83 members strong!
Welcome, Kim B, our newest member.

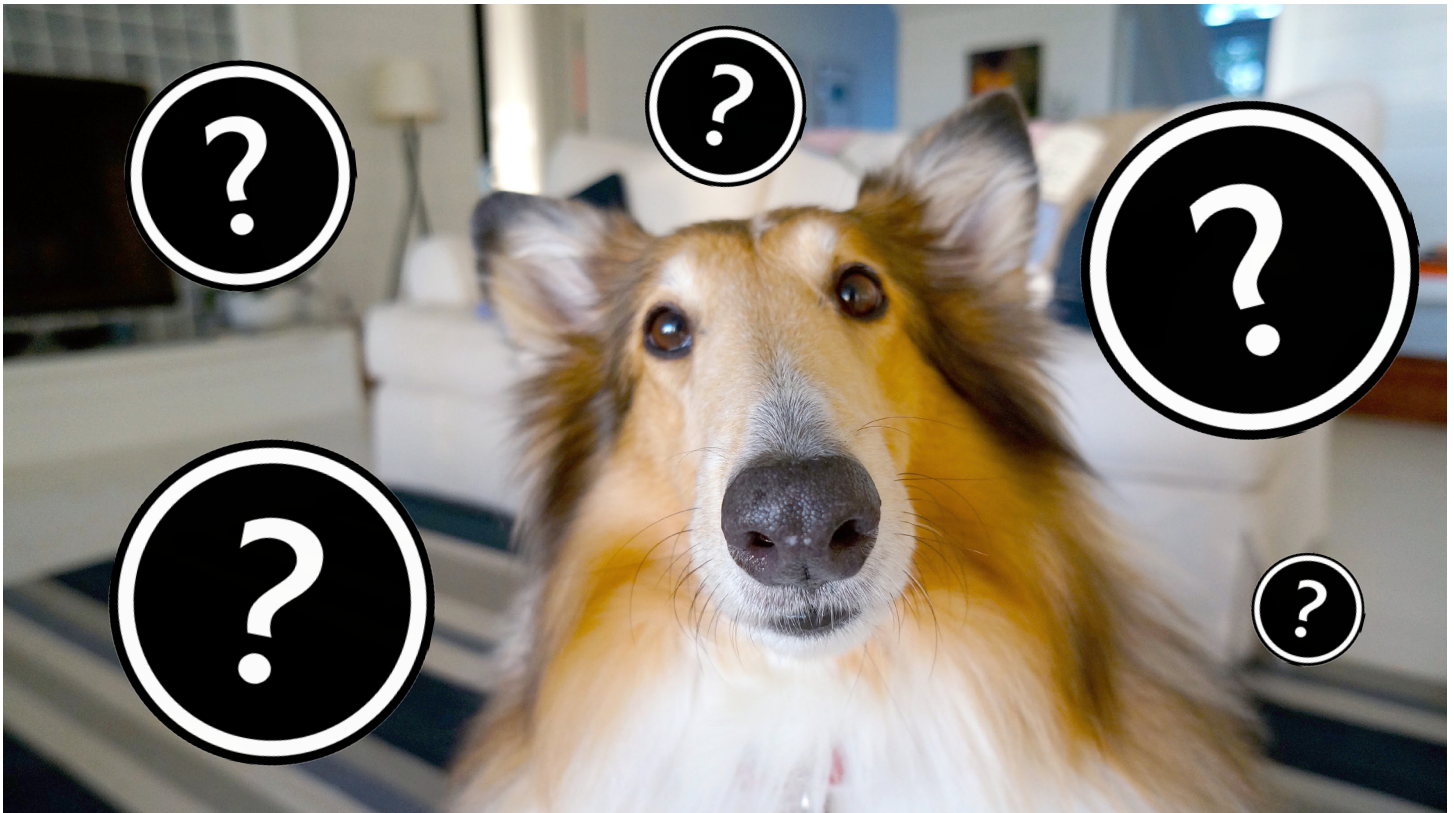
Just a reminder that if your friends wish to join our guild for the remainder of the year, the membership fee is now \$20.

If you would like to have a friend join us for one monthly meeting | one Sew Day (in that month), there is a \$10 fee and the request must be made by emailing the Membership convenor via dtqguild@gmail.com,

at least seven days prior to the meeting date.

Look for the "Contact Us" link on the website and complete the required form. Your friend will receive the appropriate meeting link once the fee has been received, via e-transfer, to the guild address. Remember, June is our guild's Annual General Meeting so there is no opportunity for guest attendance that evening.

Hope to see you all at our March 14 meeting.



2021-2022 Quilters' Getaway Mystery | Block of the Month - Kate H

Things are taking shape now and pieces are actually looking like blocks. Instalment #3 was about starting the assembly of units. Hopefully, Instalment #4 will continue that journey. Watch for it after our next guild meeting.

Posts on the Facebook group have been really wonderful. Everyone's colour choices are spectacular as you will see in the slide show at the meeting. Those sewing with dark backgrounds have been especially challenged, but are rising above and meeting

that challenge. I'm looking forward to some remarkable finishes this year.

Photos are due by March 7. Remember only one photo per installment! Our prize this month is a \$10 gift card from Annie's Quilt Shop in Newcastle.

Interested in joining now that you can see the quilt coming together? There is still time to catch up!

Remember for this year's project, to be eligible for the grand prize of \$50, your quilt must be quilted and bound with a label! Hopefully to be shown in person at our first meeting next guild year. Happy Sewing!

Mystery Quilt Photo Submission





JELLY ROLL QUILT RACE

**ON YOUR
MARK, GET
SET...**

Community Quilts - Andrew S, Maria S, Diana S, Jacqueline H

We have an outreach quilt making program with prizes coming up!

Andrew has been hard at work creating bundles for the proposed Jelly Roll Race. Above is a photo of the 13 Jelly Rolls created so far. Pictured below is one of the flimsies Maria made from an extra roll. In working out the measurements, we have found that 26 strips of around 40 inches or so will create a 32 x 57-inch quilt top.

Once these finished tops are returned, we will cut them in half

and add a border to create a 45-inch quilt.

March 19 is the day for our race, as it is International Quilting Day.

There are three options for those who wish to sign up for the Jelly Roll Race:

- those who won't make a quilt top, but will donate a Jelly Roll
- those who will join and sew, but need a Jelly Roll
- those who will join, and will use their own Jelly Roll (making sure they are "regulation" 26 strips of 2.5 x 40

inches – we will work under the honour system)

Please register with Jacqueline H with whatever option you choose for the race. Participants who need a fabric bundle for the race can call either Kate H (Oshawa) or Deb W (Whitby) to arrange for pickup of your Jelly Roll.

EVERYONE who finishes sewing a Jelly Roll top will win a prize in the Jelly Roll Race! Prizes will be awarded in the form of pre-cut Fat Quarters, taken from the guild's Community Quilts' stash. Winners can pick up their prizes from Kate H (Oshawa) or Deb W (Whitby) in

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exchange for their completed quilt top. The number of Fat Quarters a winner gets depends on where the person places in the race. For example:

Winner's Finishing Position	Number of Fat Quarters Awarded
1st	10
2nd	9
3rd	8
4th	7
5th	6
6th	5
7th	4
8th	3
9th	2
10th	1

As you can tell, the more people who enter the race, the larger the top prize will be! The faster you finish, the more Fat Quarters you will get!

Remember to cut the first 40-inch strip in half to allow for offset seams. Also, sewing strips together with a diagonal seam will add to the overall effect of the finished top.

Pre-registration is a must so we have enough Jelly Rolls available for all participants. If you have questions, please contact Maria S, Andrew S, or Jacqueline H for more information. Telephone numbers and emails are available on the guild's mailing list.



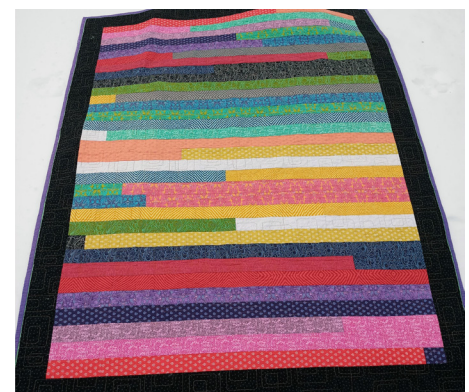
Here's a great tutorial by Jenny Doan to learn more about Jelly Roll quilts and how to make them. Click on the photo for a link to YouTube.

Jelly Roll Race Details - Jacqueline H

When: Saturday, March 19

Where | Time: 10:00 AM start (live on Zoom, with link to follow once you are registered)

WHY? Because quilters are known for giving back to their communities. These quilt tops will go to individuals in need.



Jelly Roll Quilt by Debbie K



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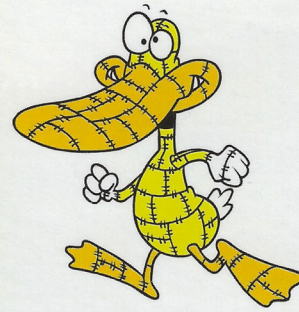
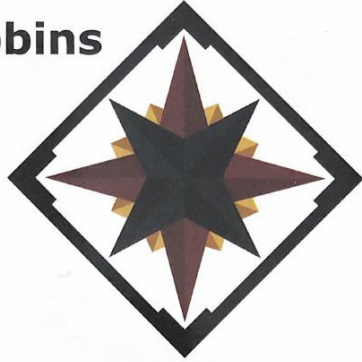


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Sew Social Sew Dates

Wed, Mar 9 | 1- 4 PM & 7 - 10 PM

Sat, Mar 19 | see schedule

Thu, Mar 24 | 9 - 12 PM & 7 - 10 PM

Sun, Mar 27 | 1 - 4 PM

Wed, Apr 6 | 1- 4 PM & 7 - 10 PM

Thu, Apr 14 | 9 - 12 PM & 7 - 10 PM

Sat, Apr 23 | 1 - 4 PM

Sun, May 1 | 1 - 4 PM

Sew Day Social Convenor - Jacqueline H

Happy ZOOM Sew Days! We have now held 37 Sew Days (33 had door prizes). Our recent winners are: Sew Day 31 - Peggy G, Sew Day 32 - Diane D.

Please visit the website for the most up-to-date listings of our Sew Days. Looking forward to seeing you all at our next series of SEW SOCIALS!

DTQG Sew Social Schedule for International Quilting Day - March 19, 2022

- 9:00 AM **Begin with "coffee hour" | Share project plans for the day | Hourly Quilters' Trivia**
- 10:00 AM **Hand exercises | Start Jelly Roll Race for those who have pre-registered**
- 11:00 AM **Chair exercises | Sewing Time**
- 12:00 PM **Yoga-type stretches before lunch**
- 1:00 PM **Share your progress**
- 2:00 PM **What's in your sewing kit? (game)**
- 3:00 PM **Coffee, Tea & Chocolate | Show & Share Bag Making Techniques**
- 4:00 PM **Virtual Shop Tour | Demo**
- 5:00 PM **"A Quilter's Bucket List" How many items can you check off?**
- 6:00 PM **Debbie K's after dinner improv dance**
- 7:00 PM **Quilter's stretches | Jelly Roll progress - sharing of finished quilt tops | Machine maintenance tips**
- 8:00 PM **Pajama Hour - Rock out in your favourite PJ's**
- 9:00 PM **Printable Quilting Word Search for those too tucked out to read a book before bed**
- 10:00 PM **Sew Sew Sew until the last person stops sewing (or runs out of bobbins)**



Alexa... bind my quilt.

New, Quick Applique

For those of you that hate machine applique, this video may change your mind. Laura Coia from Sew Very Easy goes over how to use a special thread as a new, quick way to get your applique shapes in place with very little fuss.

Organize for Piecing

Carol Doak has published a new book on foundation paper piecing. In this video, she goes over a number of tips that she uses to keep things organized and ready for successful piecing. While it is a little bit of a commercial, you have to at least check out the quilt she has hanging over her sewing desk. It's very pretty.

Vintage Sheets 4 Quilts

If you're a fan of upcycling, here's a project link for you. Use vintage sheets for your quilt backs. They bring a colourful finish, indeed.

Bind Quilt with Backing

Thanks, Debbie K, for sharing this video on a cool binding technique. Lisa Capen uses the backing from her project to do the binding in a really unique technique. This method is super easy for smaller projects like quilted postcards and mug rugs. The corners are mitred, too! Who knew a kid's glue stick could make this method so magical? I'm so impressed.

Self-binding Placemats

If you recall, we had Kim Jamieson-Hirst of Chatterbox Quilts as one of our guild presenters last year.

In this video, Kim goes over a wonderful way to produce a placemat that ends up being bound by its backing fabric. She does a couple of steps that I wasn't expecting, but it makes sense in the end. The result is a beautifully mitred placemat for any table.



"I don't buy vintage quilts. By the time I finish the quilts I've started, they've already become antiques." -- Mark Lipinski



Planning for the Future | DTQG 2023 Fall Quilt Show - Debbie K

Well, you amazing guild members, your executive is looking ahead to our next quilt show. It has been a while, and it does take at least a year of planning to have a successful event. After looking at our finances, we think having a show in the Fall of 2023 will give us enough of a cushion to not have to cut any of our planned programs. We are also thinking that the Fall of 2023 won't be as crowded with quilt shows as 2022 may be.

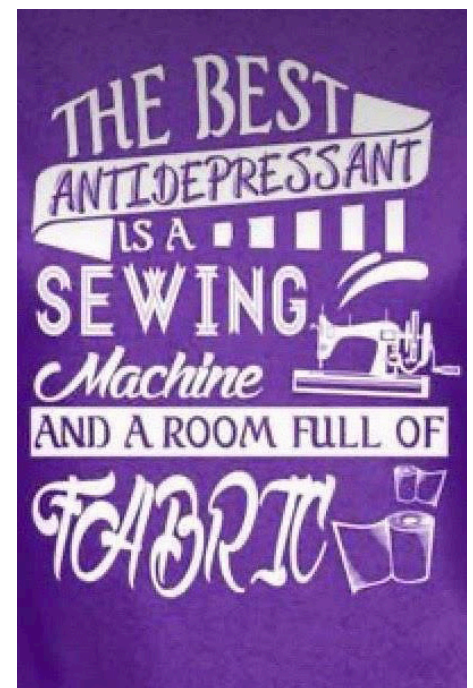
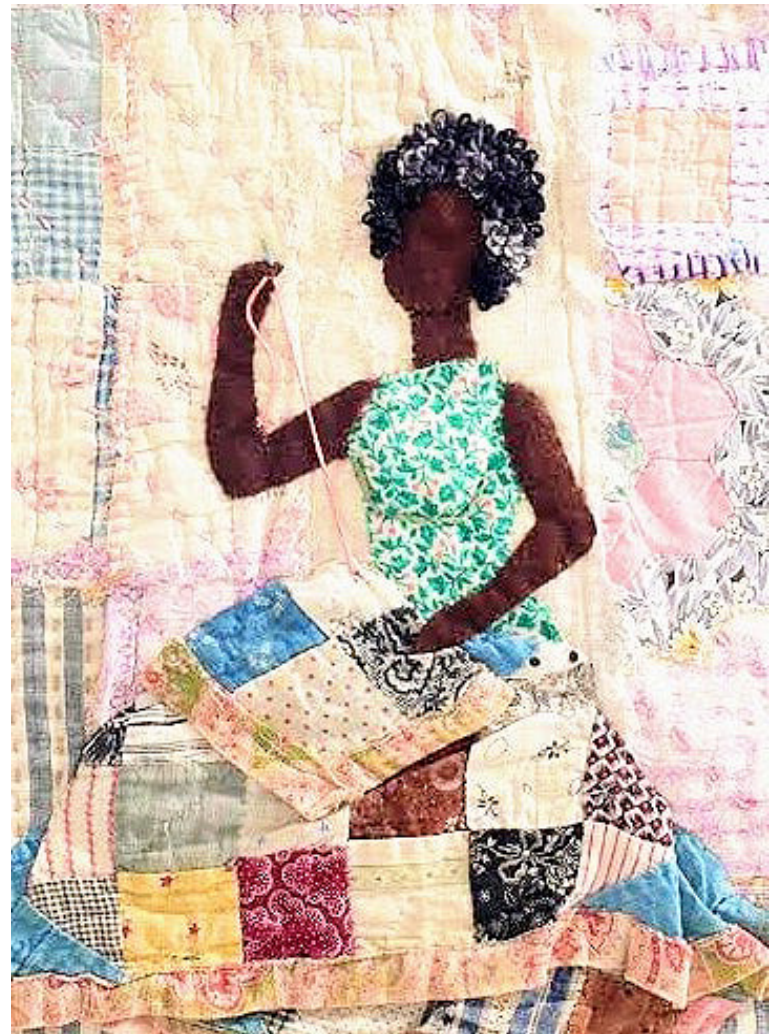
A quilt show is a major way for us to raise funds to boost our operating funds and support our charity program. It is also a way to celebrate our craft, introduce people to the opportunity to join us, and to show the world some of what we have created with our imagination and our hands. It is a way of giving inspiration and hope to others. It also helps to support the different merchants who pay for the space to show their wares and draw others in.

For us to have a successful quilt show, we will need to have a Quilt Show Committee and someone to be the lead organizer. I was on the last board, and it was quite the learning experience. The great thing was that none of us had to be perfect; we just needed to do

our parts and communicate with each other. The saying goes, "Many hands make light work," and that is so true. I know Kate, our Quilt Show convenor for the last three shows, has a great binder with all the information needed to run a successful show. She is willing to sit down with the new convenor and go over the information. With that kind of help, we are hoping one of our members will take on the role of Quilt Show Convenor and that many other members will step forward to fill in the other positions needed.

And with the fun of the last two years, I know we will have lots of quilts to show others. You are so productive and creative and others need to see it.

So, please think about helping the guild with the quilt show, and contact either Debbie K, Laura B, or Sharon M to let us know how you would like help. Thank you.





Modern Hexies

I love the look of hexies. But my admiration ends as soon as I have to pick up a needle and thread for hand sewing. I haven't gotten the hang of it yet. So this little idea is really appealing to me. You'll have to check it out. I'm not telling you anymore, but I can say, this one is on my bucket list.

Invisible Seams

Ever run into the problem of having fabric that is just too short for where you want it to fit? Or perhaps you are trying to keep whatever is printed on the fabric intact, but it's just not working out? Check out this video where Terry Griffin shares her invisible seam technique. It's a really simple idea, but it has amazing results. Now you can fit that needed space.

Denim Quilts

Yes, I'm fantasizing about picnics being not too far away in my future. And I've already been cutting up old blue jeans to make my picnic quilt.

However, Janet Wickell has a number of denim projects in this post that may inspire you to start rummaging through your closets for denim your family no longer needs.

There's quite a lot to browse through on this link. Enjoy!



Cheat Sheets

I know I've included cheat sheets in the newsletter before, so a couple of these may be a repeat.

However, it's never a bad thing to have access to shortcuts in one easy link. So here they are.

Doh! Empty Bobbin...

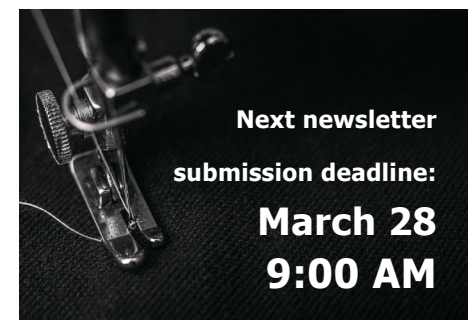
It's a rookie mistake, yet I was incredulous at how far I kept sewing after the bobbin ran out. I was just merrily going along.

Of course, the frustrating part is having to switch the empty bobbin out.

This article has some great tips to make the change less noticeable in your final stitches. Wish I had learned about this sooner. But, I know there will be a next time.

Worded Quilt Label

This is for fancy sewing machine users who can do lettering. Why not put lettering on your binding as a little label? This post explains the step-by-step process, and I love the final look of the label.



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