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## **President's Message** - Debbie K

Hello Fellow Quilters. Well, this is my last article as the President of the DTQG. These two years seem to have flown by in some ways and dragged on in others. Who knew when I volunteered to become the VP that I would wind up being the President during a pandemic? So many lessons learned, so many new skills acquired, along with reviving some old ones. Thankfully, because of Zoom, most of us got to know each other much better through the many Sew Days, the guild meetings, the executive meetings, and many of the impromptu meetings between friends.

In many ways, this pandemic was and still is tough, but it made us develop and grow. We relearned the most important part of life is connecting with others.

Many of us were impacted by death these last two years and it sucks. Part of life, yes, but it is still a hard road to walk. Some of us never had the opportunity to



gather with loved ones to say "fare thee well" to those who passed on, or it was scaled back where many could not be there to lend support. I send you love, strength, angels, and a great many hugs. You are loved always and a valued part of

our membership. Blessings to you.

Remarkably, during this global situation, all of our meetings continued as scheduled, without a single cancellation. The best part was the great team of people I worked with - some for the whole

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two years and others for a shorter time. You ladies made this position an easier one to fill because of your work ethic, your ideas, your energy, and your support.

Thank you to all the Executive members with whom I had the privilege of working alongside. Even those who could not fill their role because we were not meeting in person were always engaged, helpful, full of ideas, and supportive of the whole team.

The cooperation between all the Exec members helped to bring you a couple of great years of meetings, events, and fun. This made us one of the most active guilds with an engaged membership in Canada and worldwide. We heard from speakers we could never have had when meeting in person and we never cancelled a meeting because of bad weather. We could even go in our PJs if we really wanted to!

Under your committed leadership, we continued to serve our communities in many ways. I wonder what the total amount of masks, scrub caps, lap quilts, and other items were created by our guild. I have the feeling it is in the tens of thousands. You are amazing, Ladies and Gentlemen, purely amazing.

We had a couple of in-person retreats this year and the planners' first area of concern was to ensure

that it could be done safely and have fun all while looking after everyone's health.

Both retreats went well, and all had a great time. So much was accomplished personally and for the community. Many laughs were shared along with a camaraderie so many have missed these past

couple of years. Thank you to Holly and Diane for making sure everything went well.

As we look to the future, there is much to think about and plan for. First, we must ensure we have a complete slate for our Executive. Please look at the previous newsletters and see where you can step into an open position and add your skills to the Executive. This committee has been working on many plans. Stay tuned for updates or better yet, join the Executive and help make the decisions.

Our guild's future holds so many great and glorious events and possibilities. The creations that will be shared, the knowledge passed on at Sew Days, the excitement of finally being able to meet in person (whenever that will be), and especially the continued sharing of our lives with each other. For when we share truthfully with each other, we support each

Don't be afraid to take risks with your quilting. If you succeed, you'll be "sew" happy. If you fail, you'll be "sew" smart.

other through whatever part of life someone is going through. Please keep connecting with each other and going forward in your life.

We are blessed as a group to have Laura stepping into the bigger leadership role of President. Under her guidance, I know that our guild will continue to flourish and grow in areas that will encourage us to become even better versions of ourselves. Laura has an awesome way of leading and keeping everything organized. She will be a steady hand on the rudder of this ship and will help us to sail forth into great success with a steady crew to help her. Thank you, Laura, for all you have done and will continue to do for this guild.

I would like to finish this article by saying a deep heartfelt "thank you" to all the members of the Durham Trillium Quilters' Guild.

Your patience and encouragement helped me to grow and

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develop. I have learned a great deal through fulfilling this role and I am grateful for the opportunity.

So many great and good things experienced along with some not-so-great stuff and I was able to learn from all of it. Having a wonderful team and knowing I was supported by guild members, made it easier to deal with the difficult times. Without your support, I would not have been able to do this job well.

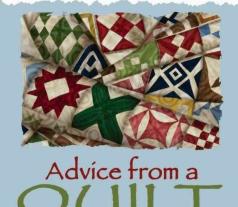
There were so many things you do not know about but always at the right time I would get a text, an email or a call and it would be just what I needed to keep going.

Please continue to follow your intuition and reach out to those that are put on your heart. Your

message could be the one that helps a person pull out of the depths. Thank you for being the loving, kind, and generous people you are. You are a great blessing and I appreciate you.

Enjoy the rest of this awesome newsletter. It is filled with information from people who truly care and put their best forward for you. See you at our virtual AGM on June 13, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

And now I must go find out what is making that noise behind me in my sewing room. It is pretty interesting dealing with strange noises at 4:00 AM. Hope I don't wind up screaming and waking up my hubby... (I think it was the June bugs on the garage door. Do they not know it is still May?)



Make lasting memories
Block out time for family
Cherish tradition
Keep your friends in stitches
Find common threads
Know when to cut corners
It's OK to be a little scrappy!

# **Upcoming Quilt Events - Debbie K & Lina S**

**Quilt Canada 2022 -** An in-person event in Vancouver, BC. Three days of teaching, viewing beautiful quilts, and of course shopping.

June 15-18, 2022 - www.canadianquilter.com

**Virtual Quilt Festival** - As the heading says, a virtual quilt festival filled with lots of classes and instruction. Kim from Chatterbox Quilts will be one of the instructors here. Travel to your computer and enjoy. Click on the logo for registration.

June 16-18, 2022

Check out the list of upcoming quilt events in the US for the next couple of years - www.quilts.com

**Various Quilt Shows in our Area** - A link to all registered quilt shows in Ontario - www.quiltinghub.com/Events/Quilt-Shows/In/Ontario



Quilts.com



## **DTQG Meetings**

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.

For more details about our guild, visit our website. Click for the following email links:

Guild Email Show & Share Mystery Quilt

# **NOTICE to all DTQG Members**

The Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Durham Trillium Quilters' Guild will take place on **June 13, 2022 at 7:00 PM**. This session includes guild business, end of year celebrations, and is for members only.

Due to the current Covid situation, this meeting will be held via Zoom. Prior to the meeting you will be sent the link to connect to the meeting.

The following items are on the AGM agenda:

- Review of the minutes of the June 14, 2021 Annual General Meeting
- Election of the Executive for 2022/2023
- The year in review and the Income and Expense Report for 2020/21
- Review of proposed changes to the Durham Trillium Constitution

On May 30, members received an email with attachments pertaining to the agenda above. Members are encouraged to review the AGM documents prior to our scheduled virtual meeting.

If you have any questions or concerns with regards to the minutes from the 2021 AGM or the agenda for the meeting, please email Debbie K (President) in advance.

# Membership - Grace R & Diana S

I would like to encourage every DTQG member to attend our June Guild meeting on Monday, June 13, starting promptly at 7:00 PM via Zoom.

This is our Annual General Meeting (AGM) where you, as a member, have voting rights. We ask that you do not invite a guest to attend this event.

By voting you can have your say on important matters. At the AGM you will be asked to vote to accept next year's volunteer executive and the important

changes to our guild's constitution. Upon having the AGM called to order, our Guild Secretary will verify that we have a quorum present. There must be a specific number of members present (on Zoom) for the voting to take place. Our guild can only operate smoothly if we have a full executive of volunteers to make the following year an exciting and fun time for all members.

Please attend as this is a very important meeting and your opinion and vote counts.

Our Guild membership for the guild year 2021-2022 will



effectively end on June 30. Your Membership Coordinator and Membership Assistant will be able to accept your registration forms for the 2022-2023 guild year as of July 1, 2022.

We look forward to seeing you at our AGM Meeting.



# **Proposed 2022-2023 DTQG Executive**

#### **Officers:**

President - Laura B

Vice President - Debbie W

Treasurer - Maureen E

Secretary - OPEN

Past President - Debbie K

#### **Voting Executive:**

Block of the Month - Maureen E

Community Outreach - Maria S & Andrew S

Library – Maria S

Assistant - Janet H

Membership – Grace R

Assistant - Peggy G

Newsletter - OPEN\*

Program - Kate H

Publicity - Susan S

Retreats - Holly P & Diane D

Show and Share – Peggy G

Social - Grace R

Website - Sharon M

Workshops and Sew Days - Jacqueline H

#### **Non-voting Executive:**

Chance Draw - Barb S

Community Outreach Assistants - Diana S

Fabric Basket - Jacqueline H & Retta H

Fabric Exchange - Angie S

Social Assistant - Lina S

\*Mentorship assistance available

### **Executive Search for 2022-23 - Sharon M**

The search for Executive positions is still ongoing. The open positions that are outstanding are Secretary and Newsletter.

It is imperative that these two positions are filled. The existing Executive members are more than happy to assist you with orientation and ongoing support as needed.

Contact Sharon M or Laura B if you can fill either of these positions.



# If You Enjoy Art Shows, See Hanging By A Thread



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# **Oakville Fibre Artists**

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# Home Sew Sweet Retreat | September 30 - October 2, 2022

Come and join us for a fun retreat at Club Loreley where you sew all day and then go home to sleep in your own bed!

Chef Trevor will provide excellent lunches and dinners.

Our retreat schedule will be:

- Friday from 10:00 AM to 11:00 PM
- Saturday from 9:30 AM to 11:00 PM
- Sunday 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM
   The cost is \$150.00 which
   can be paid in two instalments of \$75.00 each which are due July 1

and August 1. All fees must be paid

by August 30, 2022.

Space is limited to 28 members, so please register on our website and e-transfer your payment to dtqguild@gmail.com starting July 1, 2022.

# Fall Retreat | November 3 - 6, 2022

Come and enjoy a great get away weekend at Elim Lodge. We will begin Thursday November 3 at 10:30 AM and finish on Sunday at 2:00 PM.

The fee for the weekend is \$410.00 for 3 nights and 10 meals or \$345.00 for 2 nights and 7 meals. The fee can be split into 4 equal payments – Thursday to

## **Plan Your Quilting**

Ok, I'm being honest. I've done very little machine quilting. I've managed a few table runners, and other small things, but I have yet to tackle a full on quilting design on a real sized quilt. Yikes!

Christa Watson makes the whole process a lot less scary. She has written a few books and it seems one of the key ingredients to successful quilting is making a plan. I concur. Check out the link for some great, doable ideas.

### **Print On Fabric**

This YouTube video breaks down the process into very manageable steps for success.

If you are like me, I prefer a computer font to my own hand-writing, so this is a super cool way to design a label.

I am setting a goal to do this before Christmas. Yes, I just mentioned Christmas and it's June . . .

Sunday - \$105.00 due the first of July, August, September and October or Friday to Sunday - \$86.25 due the first of each month. All fees must be paid by the October meeting.

Space is limited to 30 members, so please register on the guild site and e-transfer your payment to dtqguild@gmail.com starting July 1, 2022.





# Scrap Basket - Jacqueline H & Retta H

If you are tired of sorting your hand-sized scraps into their colour families, you may want to give this a try:

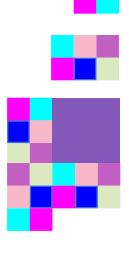
Step 1 - Cut your scraps into 2.5 inch squares.

Step 2 - Start joining your scraps, working with them as leaders and enders and combine them into a two-patch.

Step 3 - Now use the two-patch blocks and combine them into a six-patch

Step 4 - Cut your feature fabric into 6.5 inch squares and begin making your patches.

In no time, you'll have a quilt done, just like the one above. Sew, happy quilting!



# **Sew Day Convenor** - **Jacqueline H**

At our last Sew Day, we gathered a new book list for you! These are tried and true, vetted by our Sew Day people.

- Michael Bennet writes detective books
- Northern Spy by Flyn Berry
- The Courage Tree by Diane Chamberlain
- State of Terror by Louse
   Penny and Hillary Clinton
- Tongue and Cheek books written by Terry Fliss
- Blue Bird by Genevieve Graham
- The Drewe of Hunters by Heather Graham
- The Nightingale by Christine Hannah
- The Girl From Berlin by Kate Hewitt
- Four Blind Mice by James
   Patterson
- Catherine Rice and Anne McCaffrey write young adult books
- Under the Tulip Tree by Michelle Shocklee
- The Listeners by Jordan Tannahill
- Caste: The Origins of Our Discontent by Isabel
   Wilkerson

Our most recent Sew Day winners have been: #42 - Laura B, #43 - Peggy F, and #44 - Marg C.



# Sew Days - Debbie K & Jacqueline H

Hello wonderful Quilters,

We have been having so much fun with our Zoom Sew Days. So many are joining our virtual mini retreat times and accomplishing a great many projects along with sharing tips, tricks, and life with each other.

One good thing to have beside your sewing area is a notebook and pen so you can write down all the great information you hear. Book titles and websites are a big share with each other.

All this is done from the comfort of our sewing areas where we have access to anything we might have forgotten to grab when we started our project. Also, there is ready access to the kitchen and other essential rooms in our homes.

We have had over 52 Sew Days since we started these at the beginning of Covid. One of the biggest blessings from these get togethers is how much we have learned about each other. It has been a wonderful time of socializing and creating together.

Please look at the list below and mark your calendars for the upcoming Sew Days. Come join us for the whole time or drop in to spend as much time as you have in your schedule. We would love to say hello and check in with you.

As each Sew Day approaches, there will be an email sent out with the specific Zoom link for that date. Please reply to Jaqueline H if you wish to be entered into the draw for a gift certificate. Her reply email address is in the Zoom link email.

Thank you to those who have attended the past Sew Days. We have shared many laughs and lifted each other up. These have been special times together and we look forward to sharing many more.

Here are the upcoming Sew Day dates for you to mark on your calendars. Looking forward to seeing you beaming in from your sewing area - or wherever you choose to join us from.

DTQG Sew Day - Saturday, **June 11** 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

DTQG Sew Day - Sunday, **June 12** 1:00 – 4:00 PM

DTQG Sew Day - Friday, **July 1** 12:00 PM – 12:00 AM (Noon to Midnight – or longer)



### **Perfect Points**

Doesn't it drive you crazy when you've pinned, and basted, and glued, and your points STILL don't turn out pointy?

Here's a little tutorial to help you figure out what's going on. Anjeanette Klinder goes through super detail as to the many things to consider for perfect quilt block points.

# Selvage Edges

Here's something I never knew until our President, Debbie K educated me. You can save your selvage edges for very useful projects. I'm amazed. Nothing goes to waste in this craft.

Here's a really great link to some super cool ideas on what you can create with your leftover selvages. If you tackle one of these ideas, you'll have to go off of the pictures. Only a couple of these projects link to actual instructions.



### **Knife-edge Your Quilt**

Running out of time to get a quilt finished? Need to skip the binding because you've run out of material?

No problem, no worries! Here's a fabulous idea. Do a knife-edge finish on your quilt instead of the traditional binding.

It's perfect for small and special quilt projects.

### **Barn Quilt Trails**

Here's something a little different now that we can get out and about.

So, what is a barn quilt? It's a cool artform that combines an interest in barns, quilts, and road trips. Someone got the idea it would be fun to paint an eyecatching quilt block and mount it on their barn.

The idea caught on, and now there are "barn quilts" all over the USA and Canada. It's becoming a real tourist attraction for some towns. Communities have come together to create barn quilt trails.

What's cool about this website, is you can plan a trip and find these roadside treasures because someone has mapped out where most of these barn quilts are located. Here's **Durham's Trail**.

Even if you don't get on the road, the website is worth checking out. Happy trails and/or happy hunting.



"I gave my father \$100 and said, 'Buy yourself something that will make your life easier.'

So he went out and bought a present for my mother." -- Rita Rudner Aren't dads the best? If you need to show your love for Dad with something you created just for him, click on the photo above or the cartoon below for some great ideas.





# **Show & Share - Peggy G**

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 guilts and projects.

Friday. June 10

**Deadline** 

Next



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, June 10, 2022, to allow time to get them into my presentation.

Please remember to:

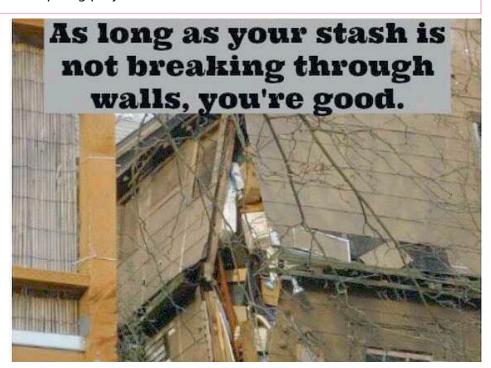
- send one email per quilt/project
- include "Show & Share" in the email subject
- include the name of the person submitting the guilt (I can't always tell from the email address, I will make it up a name if I can't tell)
- please only send a maximum of 2-3 photos per quilt/project

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.

# **CUT FABRIC YOU DO** THEN SEW BACK TOGETHER?



CRAZY YOU ARE!





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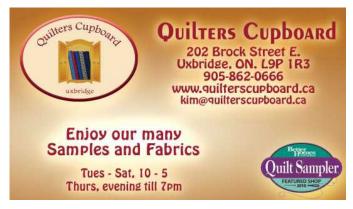


















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# What Makes A Quilt So Special?

by Debbie Anderson Searles
Surely, when the final stitch is
entered and the needle laid to
rest, only a quilter can know the
feeling of pride soaring within her
soul. She has the contentment of
knowing that a long, hard jouney
has come to an end. She has conquered a challenge, and through
her own patience and endurance,
has created a loving work of art. It
may well live on long after she has
finished her walk upon this earth.

Perhaps what makes aquilt so speical is that pride a quilter knows - that deep in her heart she knows - some distant future generation might gaze upon her quilt, or touch its fragile threads, and still feel the love and care that she has sewn in every stitch.



# Sewing

The art of searching for items you just had 2 seconds ago....

### **Fat Quarter Baby Quilt**

Here's another great YouTube video by Laura Ann Coia of Sew Very Easy.

She uses eight fat quarters to make one big block that makes a darling baby quilt. Of course, you can give it another purpose. It's the perfect idea if you need a gift in a hurry.

# **Economy Blocks Any Size**

Also known as square-in-square blocks, these versatile units look fabulous and are perfect for filling out larger projects. They are super flexible and look great with a fussy cut centre.

### **Selvage Quilt Blocks**

Earlier, I posted another link to several selvage projects. Well, here's an actual tutorial that showcases the unique effect of selvages when they are sewn together into a quilt block. Pretty!

# Simple Sashing

Like most things, there's more than one way to get something done. In this article, sashing is added to each block instead of being sewn together in longer strips.

I'm not expert enough to know if one technique is better than the other, but I think it's good to have options.

There's also a link to a YouTube video to fully cover this method.



I never make the same sewing mistake twice. I make it five or six times just to be sure.

# **Four Flying Geese**

Three French hens, two turtle doves, and a partridge...

Quilters are so clever. Kathy Patterson from McCall's Quilting has figured out how to make four flying geese in one shot with no wasted fabric.

To make it even easier, she has included a link to a YouTube video so you can check out her method in detail.

# **Print Applique on Fusible**

Oh yes you can! And what a time saver. Instead of tracing all the shapes you need for your applique project, you can now put them into your computer and have them printed out, economizing the space used on your fusible web. Check out the link to see how it's done.

# **Quilt Binding**

Most of you already have your techniques for binding down pat. But, here's a refresher YouTube video just in case.



The 3 foot rule:
Stand back 3 feet
and if you can't see
the problem, it is ok.

# The Quilter's Alphabet

Accuracy | mood dependent
Bleed | bless the fabric that doesn't
Credit card | purrs in a quilt shop
Distance | at which points look
good

Even | well, does it look even?
Fudge | adjustment terminology
Golden | the moment it's finished!
Hug | wrap up in a quilt
Iron | the fabric disciplinarian
Justify | can't cook! Quilting an
heirloom

Knot | size need not stop a truck
Love | quilting is a labour of
Marker | please, let it wash out
Needle | feet always find it
Ouch | related to one end of a pin
Pucker | that rascally little puffy
thing

Quilt | a thing of beauty, a joy forever!

Rip | as ye sew, so shall ye Seam | straight is good Time | to quilt, grab more Underside | where all the work shows

Victim | of quilt guilt (too many?)
What | a quilt (all purpose
comment)

Xamine | I'll say how close!
Y | only quilt on days ending in "y"
Zero | other things you'd rather do!

# **Scrap Quilt History**

I couldn't finish my last newsletter without putting in a bit of quilt history.

This time, the website is about scrap quilts and how quilters of years gone by implemented their scraps into quilts.

### **Scrappy Doily**

This YouTube video demonstrates how to make a scrappy doily that is very sweet. It uses a quilt-as-yougo method and goes together very quickly. The simple, easy embroidery adds a lovely dimension to the project. What's super cool is all the options for using the doily that are demonstrated. Yet another idea to use up those beautiful scraps.

# **Yardage from Scraps**

Turn up the sound, because the quality isn't the best. However, this YouTube video shows you how to create fabric yardage from your scraps. I suppose it's a bit like creating a crumb block, with a couple of twists on how to use up the created yardage.

# **Boutis Quilting**

Also known a French quilting, Boutis quilts are characterised by the stuffing being sandwiched in specific parts of the quilt design for a puffy effect. I don't have tons of info, but the Internet does. At least I'm getting you started.

# **Repair a Quilt Tear**

Quilts do get damaged. Whether its the family furry friend, or too much tousling between the kids, our quilts are not invincible.

Instead of despairing that the quilt is completely ruined, here's a tutorial on how to fix torn quilts so that it's near impossible to know they were damaged in the first place.

# **HST Rectangles**

It never occured to me that HST rectangles need a bit of a different technique than square ones.

This YouTube video gives a step by step outline of how to get HST rectangles to go the way you want them to and not waste fabric with a lot of guesswork.

# Postage Stamps

These are the cutest things EVER! I can't wait to try making a few of my own. Fussy cut your teeny scraps into the most adorable stamps. Wow!

