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President's Message:



Hello fellow quilters! The summer has flown by, and as I write this, September is almost upon us. As we look towards the end of the summer and the beginning of the new quilting guild's year, I find myself thinking of the topic of "change".

Changes happen all the time. Some are big and some are small. Some changes are in our personal lives, some in our work lives, and some occur in our extracurricular activities. In terms of our quilting guild, as I look back over the many years I have been a member of the Durham Trillium Quilters Guild, we have had many changes. Small changes occur regularly as our guild executive has new members from year to year, and/or people move to different duties. Some years we have quilt show and some years we do not. Larger changes have also been seen. When I joined the guild, meetings had been held on Tuesdays and were located at the Board of Education office and had been that way for many years. Changes in that facility led us to move to a new facility – our current church. The move to the church ended up with us moving our meetings to Mondays instead of Tuesdays. We weathered those changes and made it work.

And then more change was upon us. COVID-19 resulted in the halt of in-person gatherings: no more meeting in person; no more workshops or sew days; no more retreats. The executive came together and figured out a way to change to allow the guild to continue. We changed the meeting format to be virtual. We figured out how to have a celebration without the traditional potluck. Members, many of whom are not computer experts, figured out how to submit photos of their quilts electronically, so our show-and-share could continue, and we could still see the quilts people are making. A challenge met with excellence! We initiated virtual sew days. Convenors changed the way members could participate in the cuddle quilt program with pick-up and drop-off locations (and some personal pick-ups and drop-offs). We moved to a new website platform. And many of us got a chance to change the size of our stash in a different direction (i.e., making it smaller rather than making it bigger)!



As I look forward to the upcoming guild year, I know that more change is coming. We have a new executive, so some things will be done differently than before. For example, this year's mystery quilt will have a more modern feel than some of the past ones, giving us a chance to try something new. We are starting up in-person meetings again, which we haven't done in 2 years. Some things that we did before will stay the same, but some will change. We will be in a new era of COVID concerns. We have decided to have January, February and March be virtual meetings, in order to avoid past issues with nasty winter weather and still allow us to have great presenters who would not be able to join us in person. And, we are also going to have to change the meeting location from the current church.

Information about the various guild sections is included further on in this newsletter. With respect to the change of the meeting location, I wish to speak to people in person to introduce the new location. So we will discuss this topic at the September guild meeting at the Zion Church in Oshawa on Monday September 12 (doors open at 6:45 pm and meeting starts at 7:00 pm – NOTE: ONLY come in before 6:45 if you will help move tables!). If you cannot attend the September meeting, or if you want to revisit what was discussed at the meeting, we will post (on the website) a special-edition newsletter with information on the changes to the meeting location later in September.

The guild executive is gearing up for the new year and is prepared to meet the challenges that change presents to us. Please help me support the executive committee as they work hard to keep this guild running, so that we can continue to meet our mandate.

Laura B.



COVID 19 meeting considerations

As we start in-person meetings again, how we will manage COVID-19 needs to be discussed. It is important that all members have a safe and healthy environment. Some members are at high risk for COVID. Some members live with or work with people at high risk. And we don't want anyone to get sick due to coming to our meetings.

The Durham Trillium Quilters' Guild will implement COVID-19 protection measures based on government and event location requirements that are in place at the time of in-person events. At the moment, there are no

masking mandates. Even when a masking requirement is not in place, it may still be encouraged by the Officer of Health to wear a mask in public settings.

Our guild will promote a mask-friendly environment at all meetings and events. People are encouraged to wear a mask if they feel the need to do so. We ask that everyone be kind, considerate, and respectful to one another and the choices that individuals make as to whether to wear a mask or not. It should be noted that the DTQG will not supply masks to persons – if a person wishes a mask, they need to supply their own.

IMPORTANT: Due to the nature of our meetings and the fact that we have several members who are either themselves at high risk or who have close family members at high risk for COVID, the DTQG executive respectfully requests that if you are sick or have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, please DO NOT ATTEND the guild's in-person meetings or events.

Laura B.



Vice President's Message:

Happy Fall Everyone!!!

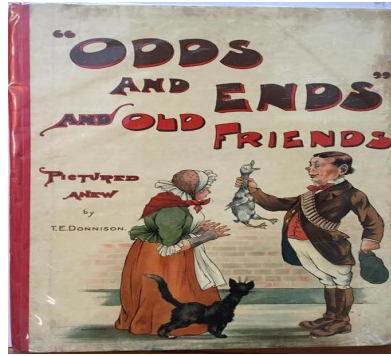
I can't believe how quickly the summer has passed. Isn't it wonderful to have the opportunity to be able to finally be back together again to share a hobby we are all passionate about.

I must confess not much quilting got done this summer, but I did get together with quilting friends on our sew days and in the park to sit and stitch as well as getting together in friends' homes. Not much quilting was done but lots of laughing and supporting each other. Lots of fond memories, from the summer of 2022.

Remember when you got a ticket just for showing up to the meeting? We IT'S BACK!!!! At our in-person meetings, you will again receive a ticket just for showing up for the chance to win a great prize. Please make sure that you receive your lucky draw ticket from me at our meeting.

See you all in September

Debbie W.



Past President's Message:

Good and lovely day Quilters of DTQG,

Well, this is exciting, Sept 12, 2022, will be our first in person meeting since March 2020. We have survived and, in many ways, thrived by staying connected with each other by other means. I am looking forward to being able to see you in person instead of on a screen but to be honest the ability to meet through Zoom has enabled me to accomplish many different things in the last 2.5 years and stay connected with the people and craft that helps me be in my happy place.

As Laura, our new president, was saying life has many seasons of change in it and this Guild year is one of them. Many of the executive have finished their terms and new people have come in to add their experience, skills, and energy to the Executive and Guild. We are looking forward to the vibrancy that will help all of us increase and improve our skills with doing our craft of quilting.

As I have moved from President to Past President, I get to focus more on helping in the background and to help locate members who may be interested in serving on the Executive and Committees in the coming couple of years. To that end I am planning on highlighting a different position each month so that you can know what is needed and maybe spur you into being brave enough to step up when the position becomes available. I know we have many new members who may not know what is entailed to be part of the group that helps make the Guild as successful as it is, and it would help keep our Guild successful and growing if you have the info you need.

So, to that end, here is the list of your Executive for the Guild year 2022-2023.

President	Laura B
Vice President	Debbie W
Past President	Debbie K
Treasurer	Maureen E
Secretary	Gail L
Newsletter	Diane D
Membership	Grace R, Peggy G
Program	Kate H
Website	Sharon M
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Community Outreach	Maria S, Andrew S
Retreats	Holly P, Diane D
Fabric Basket	Jacqueline H, Retta
Workshop/Sew Days	Jacqueline H
Chance Draw	Barbara S
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Fabric Exchange	Angie B
Social	Grace R
Show n Share	Peggy G.

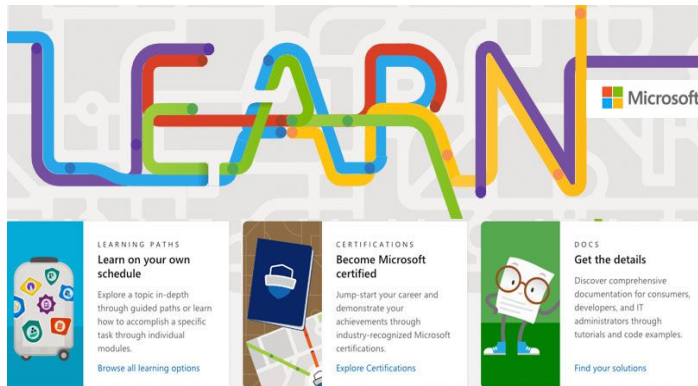
I would like to thank all the members who served so well and faithfully on the Executive, and many are taking a well-deserved rest. As you can see there are a couple of people who are wearing two hats on the Executive.... there is an opportunity there for you to think about for the future.

Enjoy the rest of the summer, I look forward to seeing as many of you that will be attending the in-person meeting on 12 September and remember...finished with joy is so much better than perfect.

Blessings to all,

Debbie K.

Program:



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Welcome back to in-person meetings!! Our executive is excited to kick off this guild year showcasing some of their creations from over the past few years, or perhaps their first quilt. It should be fabulous as we have many talented quilters on the executive.

In October some of our executive members will be presenting some professional development for the guild as we have a 4-corners meeting in the works. This is a great refresher and an opportunity to learn some new skills. A meeting not to miss for sure. Mark your calendars for October 17, 2022. It's one-week later than our regular meeting due to Thanksgiving.

As the new Programme Convener, I will be reaching out to you, my quilting friends for suggestions on presenters that you feel would be good for our guild. If there is someone you are interested in as a presenter, let me know.

Kate H



Mystery Quilt Block of the Month:

I thought I would take this year's Block of the Month program in an entirely new direction. No printed patterns will be provided. Each month a link will be sent out for participants to access a pattern or tutorial from the designer's site on the internet. Of course, if you have any problem accessing the information, please contact the convenor (Maureen E) and I will be happy to help you.

All the blocks will finish at 12 inches square. Consider using the same background fabric for continuity, your choice of colour. You may use scraps or coordinated fabrics for the design portion of the blocks. I chose to do mine with bright scraps on a white background. Bonus blocks will be available, giving a possible total of up to 18 blocks. This will give you plenty of options to choose your favourite designs. There will not be a finishing pattern. You may use any 12" block quilt pattern to make anything from a throw to king size quilt requiring 2 to 5 yards of background fabric.

The cost to participate in this program is \$5 per person, which will cover the cost of providing monthly prizes; registration is available on the guild website. The first pattern will come out in September, and patterns will be distributed monthly thereafter. Let's have fun sewing! I can't wait to see what you will create! To sign up for the mystery quilt go to: <https://durhamtrilliumquiltersguild.ca/mystery-quilt>

Maureen E.

Sew Day Social Convenor: (all ZOOM SEW days are listed on the DTQG website for your convenience)



Fall Zoom Sew Days are:

Thursday September 8th 1-4 pm and 7-10 pm

Sunday September 18th 1-4 pm

Wednesday October 5th 1-4 pm and 7-10 pm

Sunday October 23rd 1-4 pm

Saturday November 12th 1-4 pm and 7-10 pm

Thursday November 24th 1-4 and 7-10 pm

Wednesday December 7th 1-4 and 7-10 pm

Sunday December 18th 1-4 pm

Thursday Dec 22nd 1-4 pm and 7-10 pm

Saturday December 31st 7pm – last quilter sewing (AKA Bring in the New Year)

Sunday January 1st 1-4 pm.

We have had 57 Zoom Sew Days thus far (52 have had gift certificate winners)

#48 gift certificate went to Kate H

#49 gift certificate went to Deb W

#50 gift certificate went to Diana S

#51 gift certificate went to Anne A

#52 gift certificate went to Judy B

Yours in Sew Day Fun,

Jacqueline H.



Fabric Basket: Read CAREFULLY to see when you can DROP off your scraps.

DTQG SCRAP DEFINITION: A scrap is a piece of fabric BIGGER than your outstretched hand. It should be at least as wide as your palm.

September Meeting ONLY Quilters with last names between **A – F** please bring in your scraps

October Meeting ONLY Quilters with last names between **G-N** please bring in your scraps

November Meeting ONLY Quilters with last names between **O-Z** please bring in your scraps

Starting in December all members are encouraged to drop off their newly created Fall Scraps.

Jacqueline H.



Membership:

Peggy and I would like to extend a warm welcome back to our first in-person meeting. We look forward to seeing each of you at our first opportunity to get together as a guild after so many months apart. We extend a special welcome to our new members. There are presently 69 members registered for the guild year 2022-2023. At our November meeting there will be a guild orientation for our new members to acquaint them with all that the Guild has to offer. We would ask the returning members to make these new members welcome and to include them in your group so that they can feel the friendliness of the guild. We will be having an Open House on September 12th where your guests can come without paying the usual guest fee. They will be able to see and experience what the guild has to offer them.

Remember for all guild information you can use our Guild website, dtqguild@gmail.com.

Grace R. and Peggy G., Your Membership Team



Social:

Welcome back to in person meetings. There will be a time for socializing with your guild friends and meeting new friends during our social time. You are asked to **Bring Your Own Beverage** for this first guild meeting. Cake will be provided. During this social time, you will be asked to sign up to bring refreshments to one of the In Person Guild monthly meetings throughout the guild year 2022-2023. Thank you to each one of you who will sign up to bring refreshments for all of us to enjoy as we visit with our guild friends.

Peggy G. & Grace R.

Show and Share:



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Finally, after 2 years we are now able to display our beautiful creations in person. Please bring your quilted projects to our September meeting. At the meeting, please sign a piece of paper for each article that you will be displaying, place the paper in the pink paper bag located on the Show and Share table for a chance to win a monthly prize.

Peggy G.



Fabric Exchange 2022-2023

We will be having a fabric exchange using 5" squares with a workshop In May or June. The exchange will begin with the October meeting until May. Please remember to **use quilt store quality fabric and cut accurately.** No solid fabric but use prints or tone on tone.

The pattern is lap size and you will require 138, 5" squares in total. As our exchange will give you 128 squares you will be required to add 10 squares after the end of the exchange in order to achieve this number.

You will be handing in 16 – 5" squares of the color assigned for that month and get back 16 – 5" squares of different fabrics the following month. The more members signing up the more variety you will have. You will need to cut 2 strips of 5" width of fabric and sub-cut into 16 – 5" squares. You can use more than just one fabric choice of colour required. **Please put your squares in a plastic baggie with your name and phone number written on the front.** Registration can be found on the website at:

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/DurhamTrilliumQuiltersGuild2/DTQGFabricExchange20222023>

As we will not be having in person meetings for the months of January, February, or March, you will hand them in at the December meeting and receive them back in April. At the April meeting you will be handing in April and May colours in order to have all 5" squares for the workshop.

OCTOBER – RED

NOVEMBER – BROWN OR GOLD

DECEMBER – GREEN

JANUARY – PINK

FEBRUARY - PURPLE

MARCH – BLUE

APRIL – ORANGE

MAY – BLACK OR GREY

Angie S

Newsletter:



Hi everyone:

It has been a long time since I have done the newsletter and even though I am not as proficient as our previous convenor, Kay, I will do my best. Nevertheless, you are stuck with me. LOL.

I am asking your help to let me know if there is any information you would like to see in the newsletter. In future editions, you will see many additions that I will add, but for now this is it!

I am having a contest this month to find out if you are reading the newsletter. You will come to see me at the meeting with the answer and I will put your name in a draw!

Question: What colour is Angie asking for in the fabric exchange for the month of February?

Diane D.

Requests:

This request recently came into our guild's email. If anyone is interested, contact me for the email address to contact her.

Hello. My husband recently passed away last month, and I would like to find out if anyone in this group could make a memory quilt from his shirts, actually 2, one for each of my grand babies. I appreciate your response. Thank you.

Ann P.

QUILT SHOWS COMING SOON:

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The Gwillimbury Quilt Guild is excited to announce after 2 years of Covid and postponements, our Celebration of Quilts is finally taking place, September 23, 10am-5pm September 24, 10am-4pm Sharon Hope United Church, 18648 Leslie Street, Sharon, Ontario L0G 1V0

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