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Newsletter for the Durham Trillium Quilters' Guild

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President's Message:

As January ends and we move into February, the Winter Blah's may be upon us. It is still dark out more than it is light. It is cold. It is snowing and who likes shovelling?? And it is hard to get outside ... I mean, really, who wants to go out for a walk on ice? I certainly don't bounce like I used to!

Let's try not to let the season or the weather get to us. Recognizing the good around us is a really good way to beat those winter blahs. For example ... if it is cold enough, the weather kills off some of those nasty outdoor bugs! Ticks gross me out. (EEEW!) Cold kills ticks. Therefore ... cold is GOOD! Although it is still rather dark out ... the sunset is moving later and later, so we actually ARE getting more light every day. Pretty soon I'll have to make sure those blinds are firmly closed, so the sun doesn't wake me up too early in the morning! That's progress.

We have to give ourselves grace for what we can't do but "should" (should is a bad word ... take it out of your vocabulary!!). If you are not meeting a new year's resolution ... well maybe it would be better as an April or May resolution. Re-evaluate. Maybe it is not needed.

And take the time to recognize the good things in the cold and dark of the mid-point of winter. I do get tired of snow ... but right after it has fallen, it sure is pretty. A colleague based in the US was up at our worksite and commented on the picturesque snow while most of us were complaining about shovelling and trying to get our frozen car doors open ... and I realized that I shouldn't take it for granted. I'm going to do my best to recognize and acknowledge the beauty that I'm privileged to see every winter. If we focus on the good around us (yes, even the cold is good), then it makes this time of year more manageable, and will help us survive until spring.

I hope you all stay safe, stay well, and stay positive. I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the February meeting.

Laura B.

Vice President's Message:



Presidents Challenge Rules 2022/23

If you take a paint chip and do not complete the challenge, you will need to pay an incomplete fine of \$2.00. I will have the paint chips available at each meeting for your availability.

You may take as many envelopes for the challenge as you like but for those that you do not complete you will be required to pay \$2.00 for each one not completed.

Please note that the Challenge projects will be displayed at the Fall 2024 Quilt Show

1. Size perimeters for entries are: 18 inches X 12.5 inches, up to a maximum of 24 inches by 18 inches. Table runners to a maximum length of 38 inches
2. You **MUST** use 2 colours from your paint chip
3. Your item **MUST** be made up of **NO** less than 60 percent of the two colours of your choice from the paint chip.
4. You may add a maximum of 2 more colours, not including backing. (you may use any backing of your choice)
5. If you choose to use a third colour from your paint chip this **WILL** count towards one of your 2 free colour choices.
6. Embellishments are fine and they do not have to be part of the colours you choose from your paint chip.
7. Challenges are to be completed and handed in no later than the April 24th Guild meeting. The challenges will be displayed at this meeting for judging and prize winners will be announced at the may meeting.

In order for your entry to be considered for judging your project **MUST** be bound and quilted. You **MUST** attach the paint chip to the front of the project. Your item **MUST** have a label pinned to the back facing inward so that it can not be seen or read. Please do **NOT** stitch your label to the item until after you receive it back.

This is meant to be a fun project and encourage you to step out of your comfort zone and possibly end up with a colour that you would not normally choose to work with. Please do not share your ideas with others so that the judging is kept completely anonymous.

Please give all completed work to **DEBBIE WILLIAMSON ONLY**. Please be sure that you can not see through the bag when you hand it in.

If you have any questions about the challenge, please contact Debbie Williamson 905-493-6686

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING ALL THE CREATIVITY THAT IS IN OUR GUILD!!!!!!

Debbie W.

Program:

February 2023

Cheryl Arkison presents: Improv is my Love Language

Join us in February as we welcome this Canadian designer, quilter, author to share her love of improv quilting. What is Improv quilting? Improvisational Quilting is quilting without design rules, boundaries, or specific intentions. While the basic quilting techniques of piecing, pressing, and trimming apply, the design is free, fluid, and flexible. The design is built as you go.

Cheryl's Bio:

Back when I started quilting it was practically unheard of for a 23-year-old to do so, but there I was. Now, over 20 years later I haven't stopped. In addition to my own creative work, I love to teach, write books, spread the gospel of improv, and design quilts. Every now and then I make a garment, my Grade 8 Home Ec Teacher would be proud.

When it comes to making, I am happy to make what inspires. I am well known for my use of bold colour and the quiet whispers of low volume fabrics but I will use anything in between as well. Use what you love, make what makes you happy. Just get your butt in the seat and sew. I am a huge proponent of play and though The Quilters' Playcation lead us all on adventures!

In the past decade I've published three books: *Sunday Morning Quilts* (coauthored with Amanda Jean Nyberg, *A Month of Sunday*, and *You Inspire Me to Quilt*. I've also travelled the world to teach quilting. In between I am raising 3 active kids and running a business with my husband. Sometimes, I sleep.

March 2023

Jon MacPhail from Art East Quilting Company

John will share with us a presentation of quilts and artwork in an interactive virtual trunk show. On his website, there are lots of whimsical animal patterns and he creates memorable dog quilts. He's been a featured artist on 'Karen's Quilt Circle' and that interview sparked my interest in his work. If you are on Instagram check out @arteastquiltingco to see some of his work and patterns.

Website <https://arteastquiltingco.com>

April 2023 - IN PERSON AGAIN!! Our members have something to share with you!

Join our member led program this month. Our quilt show boutique will have some simple projects to show you items for our boutique. There will be a book sale hosted by the library and Holly and Diane D. will be showing you a great way to square up your quilt. All great things to get you inspired to get some projects done in preparation for the upcoming 2024 quilt show.

May 2023 - In Person**Kelly Dumaresque presents her “Love of Scrap Quilts”**

This lecture focuses on Kelly’s love of scrap quilts. It will include a trunk show of scrap quilts she has made with many ideas for how she put them together. What makes scrappy quilts work, ways to approach scrap quilts, easy ways to make them manageable, ideas for storing scraps, etc. Basically, anything scrappy is covered here.

June 2023 - Annual General Meeting, no guests and no speaker

The annual wrap up of our guild year presented by our President, election of new executive and a great night of fellowship before the summer break.

Kate H**Mystery Quilt Block of the Month:**

Hello Quilters

Welcome new guild members. If you are interested in joining the Block of the Month, see below or on the guild website under Activities/Mystery Quilt for more information.

Please submit your completed blocks from January or before (if you are catching up) online for our February Zoom guild meeting to be eligible for the monthly prize. While we are staying inside more at this time of the year, I look forward to seeing lots of amazing blocks at our February meeting.

Send an email with your pictures to blockofthemothdtq@gmail.com instead of the guild email, by **Saturday February 11th** to be included in the monthly prize draw. I will submit your name once for each block submitted. The lucky January prize winner was Kathy D. The February blocks will be displayed at our virtual Zoom guild meeting.

If you haven’t joined yet, you can still register at any time, and receive all the previous blocks. The total cost to participate in this program for the guild year is \$5 per person, which will cover the cost of providing monthly prizes. To join 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)

Happy ZOOM Sew Days! The most recent winners were : Sew Day 67 Judy B, Sew Day 68 Katherine J, Sew Day 69 Michelle G, Sew Day 70 Joann B! Congratulation to all our lucky fat quarter winners.

Remember that when you attend a sew day, you can stay for the entire time. Or drop in when you can for as long as you are able. Or just pop online to ask a question, or to wave to a friend. These days have been set up to help keep our guild connected. Please visit the website for the most up to date listings of our upcoming sew days.

Mark your calendars for Zoom Sew Days:

Friday Feb 10th 1-4 and 7-10 pm

Sunday Feb 19th 1-4 pm

Friday March 10th 1-4 and 7-10 pm

Sunday Feb 19th 1-4 pm.

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

Yours in Sew Day Fun

Jacqueline H.

Temperature Quilts Update

Thank-you to everyone who has expressed an interest in a couple of ZOOM classes led by Kim Caskey on Temperature quilts. So far we have 13 who are hoping to commit to the classes. We can still accommodate more. Please rsvp to Jacqueline.hill@bell.net if you are interested in this exciting form of history catching in quilting.

When I did a google hit on “temperature quilts” google came up with over 7 million hits :) The type of quilting is fast capturing the globe!

Yours in Scraps, **Jacqueline and Retta**

Morale Officer:

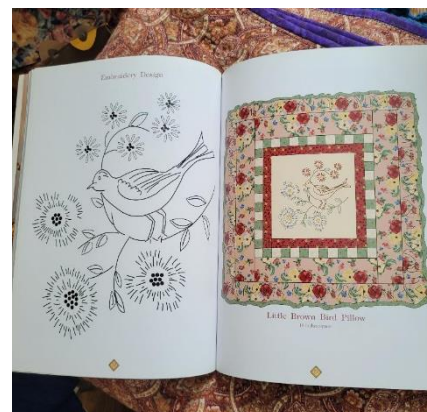
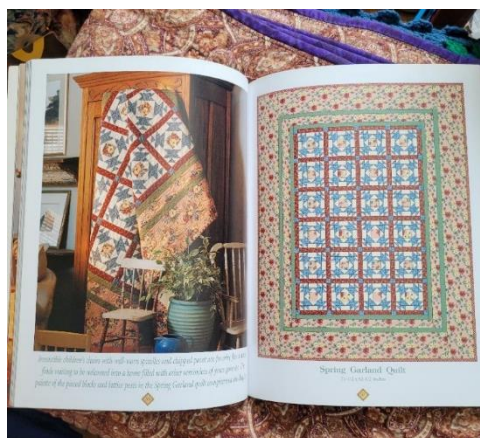
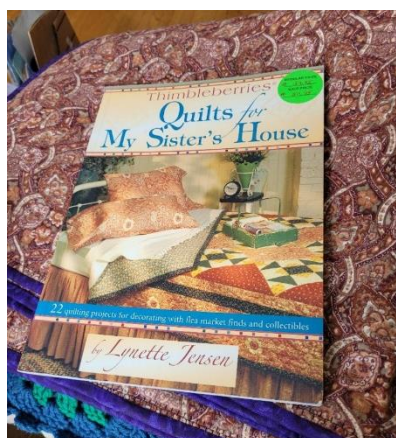
Yours in Health and Happiness

Jacqueline H.



Library:

This is a recent book found in our Library. I enjoyed looking through it and imagining me making some of the quilts that were pictured there. Here are some pictures of the ones I might be making soon, maybe. You may take it out when we meet again in person



Your library convenors

Maria S., Andrew S

Membership:



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



REMINDER! Quilt Show 2024

SAVE THE DATE!

Friday October 18th and Saturday October 19th, 2024 (with Thursday October 17th as the day you drop off your quilts for the show)

Where: Forest Brooke Community Church in Ajax

60 Kearney Drive, Ajax, L1T 4 N2

Your 2024 Show Chair, **Jacqueline H**

And now a message from our boutique Committee Chair **Joanne N**

Just wanted to let you know that activities for the Quilt Show 2024 Boutique are underway.

As you know, we started in 2022 collecting Christmas decorations. And thanks to all for your wonderful donations. The variety and creativity were amazing.

Planning is in the early stages for the Boutique Committee. We are looking for volunteers to become members of the Committee. We are looking for two or three people to help plan, organize, coordinate, and execute the Committees responsibilities.

Also, if you have any ideas for items for us to sell at the Boutique, please let us know at dtqgboutique2024@gmail.com.

You may have some embroidery, sewing, or quilting ideas. All are welcome!!

The Boutique is a key money maker for the Guild and your enthusiasm, creativity, and assistance is greatly appreciated.

Committee Chair, Joanne N



Social:

Happy February everyone! Hope you have your own snacks and drinks for our meeting in February and we hope you stay safe and well until we meet back in person in April.

Grace R.



Retreats:

Registration is opening January 31st for the 2023 Spring Retreat, close March 27th, and It will be held once again at Elim Lodge this year.

Cost: \$435.00 for 3 nights and 10 meals

\$360.00 for 2 nights and 7 meals.

We need a minimum of 20 people in order for the retreat to happen. We will have prizes, and learning new quilting blocks and/or new methods, rulers, or tips.

The results of the retreat survey has been mailed to everyone as well as a spread sheet showing all of the information such as costs, meals and length of sewing time for different venues that were suggested from the members in the survey.

We want you to know that Elim Lodge has made changes throughout the years we have been going there. It has upgraded the sleeping areas we use and have said they are replacing the mattresses.

The chapel where we sew has been renovated and the lighting is amazing!

We have input on the menus and have found the meals improving. We realize that the meals are not like before, but they are really trying hard to improve. Covid has made its mark.

The sewing, socialization, education and fun make this an amazing weekend for any member.

There are so many great quilters that attend that if you run into trouble, someone is right there to help.

Another thing we do is take hand sanitizer with us and masks are optional. We have never had a case of Covid after one of our away retreats as everyone takes precautions and all members attending have been double vaccinated.

We are able to accept 30 registrations for this retreat and hope that you will attend.

Registration can be found on the web site as well as the payment schedule and information.

Durhamtrilliumquiltersguild.ca

Please contact either Holly or Diane if you have any questions.

You retreat divas

Holly and Diane

Home Sew Sweet Retreat:

Our Home Sew Sweet Retreat is on February 24- 26 at Club Loreley, starting at 10:00 on Friday and end at 2:30 on Sunday.

The retreat is full with 34 members enjoying the fun, fellowship, delicious food and lots of sewing.

We are looking forward to our retreat!

Retreat Divas

Holly & Kate

Survey Results and Venue Research Report

The executive has reviewed the survey results and venue research report.

The decision was made to hold our spring retreat at Elim Lodge on April 13 to 16, 2023 for two main reasons: cost and venue availability.

The Survey Results and Venue Research Report will be sent to all members in a separate email from newsletter.

Please review these reports and direct any questions to Holly or ask them at the guild meeting

These reports are for members only, **please do not share** this information outside the guild.

Thanks

Holly

Your Quilt Divas

Holly & Diane D.

Show and Share: As we are returning to virtual meetings for the next 3 months, please submit photos of your projects in advance of each meeting.

Please send photos of your Show & Share projects to dtggShowNShare@gmail.com instead of the regular guild email. For the January meeting, please have these sent by 5:00PM on **Saturday**, February 11, 2023 to allow some 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
- 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 by members, I will limit displayed projects to two per person. So, if submitting more than 2 projects, please indicate your preferred 2.

Note, that speaking of 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.

Peggy G.



Newsletter:

I hope everyone is enjoying the newsletter and I would more than welcome any suggestions or articles you would like to include in any of our issues.

The question of the month will come back in April when we meet again in person.

Diane D.



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.

FEBRUARY - PURPLE

MARCH – BLUE

APRIL – ORANGE

MAY – BLACK OR GREY

Angie S



Community Outreach: [https://www.cognitofirms.com](#)

We received two quilts, that were sandwiched and partially quilted. One was machine quilted and the second was hand quilted. Andrew finished hand quilting them both and I found binding and finished them both. Now they will be delivered to Diana so she can find them good homes.

Remember that we will have Quilt Kits that can be picked up at the “At Home Retreat”. Hope to see you there.

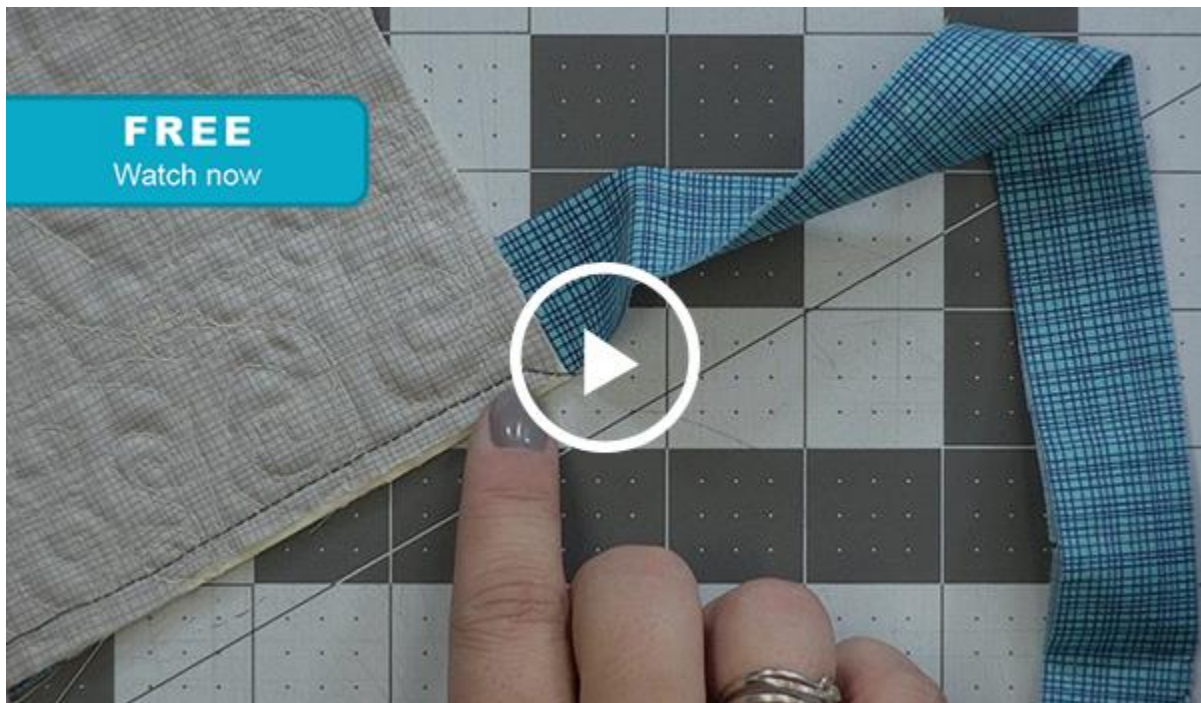


Maria S., Andrew S., Pam T., and Diana S

Interesting Story sent by Maureen E.:

<https://torontolife.com/memoir/i-spend-10-hours-every-day-quilting-justin-yong-covid-job-swap/>

Making a perfect corner on your quilt binding:



Sister Guild Invitations:

Hello everyone,

I am program coordinator for the Twisted Stitchers Quilt Guild in Ajax and wanted to let you know that we are hosting two wonderful speakers in January and February by way of Zoom meetings. We have limited spots available to non-members, at the low, low price of only **\$5 per person**, so we are opening them up to your guild members in case anyone is interested.

On **Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at 7 pm**, our speaker is Susan Carlson, from Maine, known for her amazing animal collage quilts. I first encountered her work in Quilting Arts Magazine years ago and was enthralled by "Polka Dodo", a dodo bird done entirely using polka dot fabrics! You can see her work here... <https://susancarolson.com/>

As I said, there are limited spots available, so it will be on a first come, first served basis. Anyone interested can contact me directly at this email (sharongalna@gmail.com), to have their name put on the list and then they will be contacted for e-transfer payment paid directly to the guild and **NOT** to me...that email address will be given when payment is required.

When your members contact me, please ask them to include "**January speaker**" or "**February speaker**" in the subject line of the email so I know which list to add their name to. Thank you.

Sharon G.

TSQG Program



QUILT SHOWS COMING SOON:

Georgian Bay: Reflections of Georgian Bay

Saturday, April 29, 2023 10AM - Sunday 30, 4PM

\$7.00

Tiny Township Community Centre

91 Concession Rd 8 East, Tiny Ontario L9M 2G2

Presented by the Georgian Bay Quilters celebrating their 30th anniversary.

Quilts Kingston 2023

Friday June 2, 2023, 10AM - Sunday 4, 4PM

Royal Kingston Curling Club 130 days Road, Kingston, Ontario K7MM
9G4how and Sale put on by the Kingston Heirloom Quilters in cooperation with the Limestone Quilters Guild.

Quilting Corners Guild Presents

Stitching Among Friends

QUILT SHOW

June 10 & 11, 2023 10:00 am to 4:00pm



Kerry Burke
Viewer's Choice Award Winner 2019

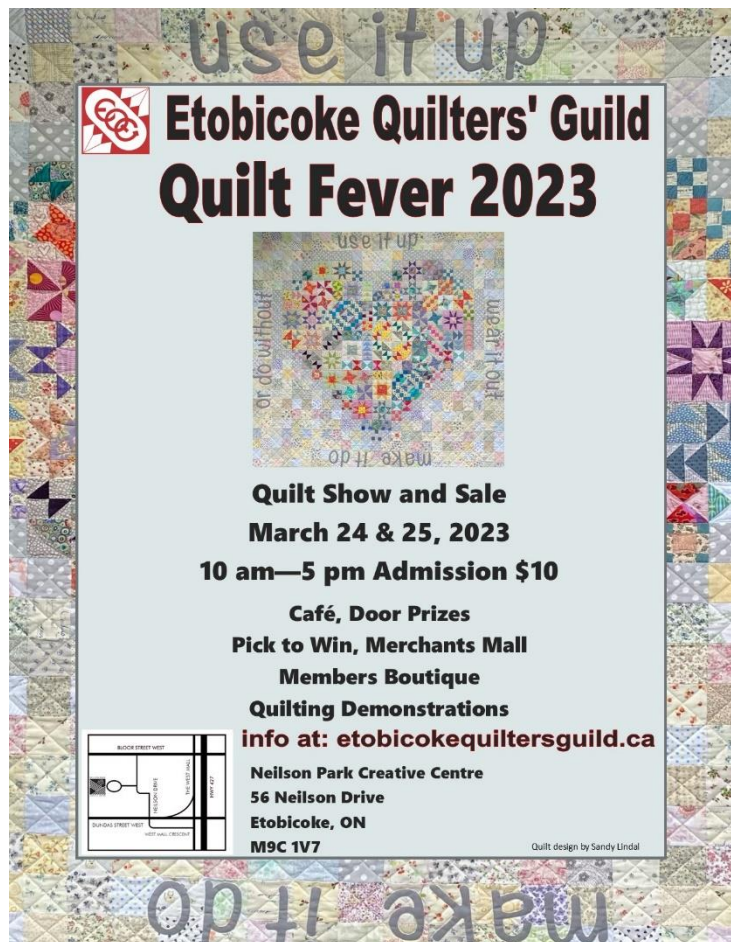
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Alliston Curling Rink, 52 Albert St.,W, Alliston, ON


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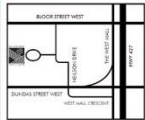


Etobicoke Quilters' Guild
Quilt Fever 2023



Quilt Show and Sale
March 24 & 25, 2023
10 am—5 pm Admission \$10

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