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Newsletter for the Durham Trillium Quilters' Guild Mail address:

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President's Message:

Well, February sure has been strange. Cold. Warm. Ice. COLD! More ice. February BLAH for sure. And we are now moving into March, which is traditionally either "in like a lion and out like a lamb" or "in like a lamb and out like a lion". I wonder if that will be true this year or whether it will just flip flop between them like "lion ... lamb ... lion ... lamb ... lion ... lamb ..." all month! I'm really looking forward to the "March is like a lamb" part! I am getting quite tired of ice! Hmmm ... maybe if I make a blue quilting project, that could get the "ice" out of my system??? A thought to ponder. Hmmmm... sounds like fun!

Even though we are heading, hopefully, into warmer weather, I am looking forward to our March guild meeting being held virtually via Zoom. It is so nice to be able to bring in new speakers from out of province at a reasonable cost! And given my luck this year, it would be another ice storm that day! Please see later on in the newsletter for some information about our March speaker! The presentation looks to be quite interesting.

I'm not sure if everyone was just in February BLAHs, if people are all away on vacation (lucky you who got to go away!!), or are just busy, but we didn't have much input into our Show N Share last month. Please, if you have completed a project (even if it's just the top that has been done, and it's not quilted yet), consider submitting a photo of your item to share with the group at the March meeting. It is inspiring to see stuff that gets done! Whether or not you think it is "perfect" (and I tell you, nothing of mine is EVER perfect), we want to see it! Please see later in the newsletter for the dedicated email to use to submit your projects to Show N Share.

Our guild programs are running well, thanks to the volunteers on the executive and their volunteer committees. Our guild would not be nearly so successful without this great group of people

working together to lead the guild. As we move towards the last few months of the guild year, we are starting to look ahead to next year. Planning is underway for the 2024 quilt show (much must be done quite way in advance!). And we are soon to be starting to plan our next guild year. Please see the article by our Past President Debbie K, later in this newsletter (and future editions) with respect to executive positions that are opening. We can't run the guild without volunteers. You don't have to be an expert in an area to help out - there is lots of experience to help people learn new roles. We just need people who are willing to put in a bit of time and effort. Overall, it does not all that much time for each role.

I hope you all stay safe, stay well, and stay off that so-darn-slippery ice. I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the March meeting.

Laura B.

Vice President's Message:

Don't forget that the President's challenge is due next month at our April meeting which is in person. In case you have forgotten, here are the rules!

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.

Past President:

Hello fellow quilters. I hope that you have had a wonderful start to the year of 2023, that you are greatly blessed with a stash that inspires you to continue to create wonderful works of art and, that you are looking after yourself physically and mentally. These can be tough months to slog through with the minimal sunshine and the interesting weather challenges that seem to throw many curve balls into our plans. Maybe we just need to sew a catchers mitt quilt so we can calm the weather down a bit. Pretty sure there must be a pattern out there somewhere....

I am writing this on the last weekend of February and many of you are finishing up another fun, productive, and creative time at the Stay at Home Retreat. I look forward to seeing the many projects that were started, worked on, and completed with the 33 of you at the retreat. Thank you, Holly and Diane, for making another very successful retreat for those involved. The next retreat is in April at Elim. There are still some spots available and it is a time that is well worth taking the time to be there. Make sure to register asap so that Holly and Diane can prepare for

the proper amount of people. Bring stretchy pants as you will be needing them. Maybe walking the path to the dining hall at least 2 times before going in may help....

As Past President part of my duties are to let you know about the upcoming opportunities to serve on the Executive team. I am going from memory (and we all know how reliable that can be!) and I have not talked with most of the incumbents to see if they want to continue in their position but as most of them have done 2 years or more it is time to give them a break. It also opens up the opportunity for members to come and help the Executive team with your energy, ideas, and fresh outlook. These last three years have been an interesting growth time for us and we have all learned a great deal. It has been a bit tiring now and then but everyone on the Executive team stepped up and helped make sure we kept being a vibrant and engaged Guild the whole time. We look forward to having volunteers come forward to keep this Guild moving forward and growing in the type of helping group it is known for.

The positions I know that are due for renewal are as follows:

Mystery Quilt / Block of the Month

 Maureen has done a great job with this, but she wants to focus on the Treasurer position exclusively. Wearing two hats is very tiring.

Publicity/Advertising

- Susan has done a great job with staying on top of connecting with advertisers, reaching out to find new ones, and keeping the ads updated in the newsletter.

Workshops & Sew Socials

- Jacqueline has been our awesome lead at the many Zoom sew days we have had (almost 80 I think). Her sense of humour and engagement has made these times a great lifeline for all who attend. And we have all been so much more productive with these Sew Days. Not only do we sew and create but we also solve issues as they come up, we are the solvers of the world! It is great being a community of like minded people getting together in a way that lifts everyone up who attends.

Retreats

- Holly and Diane have been amazing at setting up and running the Guild Retreats for many years. So many have been blessed with the focused time to sew and connect with others in different locations. There is something very special about going away to do our craft, spend time with old and new friends, and not have to be concerned with meals or anything else for a few days. Holly has been doing this for many years and would like to have a break. She has extensive notes and would be able to do a great handover to the new Retreat Co-ordinator.

Membership

- Grace has been doing a wonderful job with membership even with going through some trying times personally. With help from the Executive team and her assistant we had a seamless start to the Guild year. Lots of new things for Grace to learn but she did it like her name says, with grace and asking questions. We appreciate her gumption.

Community Outreach

- Maria and Andrew have been working hard at creating kits, setting up drop off and pick up points with health safety in mind, moving many bins of fabric from the storage unit to their house and once this current health crisis calmed down, they were able to move the bins back to the storage locker. During the time the bins resided at their house many hours were spent sorting, organizing and creating kits to make community quilts to give away to those who need them in our community.
- Diana has been great in assisting by finding organizations and delivering to them our donation quilts and walker bags. There is a great need out there for our creations and Diana has found many who will treasure the items we create.

Library

- Maria and Andrew have been doubled hatted for most of the Covid times. The library has not been very active for our members (not for lack of trying) so Maria and Andrew focused on cataloguing, sorting and repacking the library books for when we are doing our in person meetings. The books have been moved to our new meeting location and will be much easier to work with and display at the meetings. Janet has been the assistant for the same amount of time and has added good ideas at our Executive meetings.

So, this has been a long article to help inspire you to consider volunteering to do one of these important positions on the Executive. You will be part of a helpful team and making sure that our Guild continues to thrive and grow in helping our members and our community. For more information about these positions please connect up with me, the person filling the position you are interested in or soon go to the Guild website (www.durhamtrilliumquiltersguild.ca) to check out the job descriptions. (I need to find them on the computer and post them....).

I hope that you have a wonderful day/week/month, and we will see each other at our Zoom March meeting Monday, March 13th, 2023. Remember to reach out to Holly to let her know that you are wanting to attend the Spring retreat (April 13-16, 2023) at Elim. Take care and talk soon.

Debbie K



Program:

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

Please submit your completed blocks from February or before (if you are catching up) online for our March 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 next meeting.

Send an email with your pictures to <u>blockofthemonthdtqg@gmail.com</u> instead of the guild email, by <u>Saturday March 11th</u> to be included in the monthly prize draw. Each block submitted will qualify for an entry into the monthly draw. The missed prize draw from February, as well as the current draw will be held at the March meeting. The new blocks will be shown at the presentation during 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 Diane D, Ivy-Lynne S, and Joanne P

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 on line 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 March 10th 1-4 and 7-10 pm

Sunday March 19th 1-4 pm.

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

Yours in Sew Day Fun,

Jacqueline H.

Quilts of Valour Sew Day!

We held a virtual Quilts of Valour Sew Day on Friday February 3rd. The quilters produced 9-inch blocks based on the Quilts of Valour Website specifications. At the most recent staycation retreat I picked up the 27 completed blocks. If you still have blocks to turn in, please bring them to the April Meeting. We have a team of Northern, piecers (Peg F, Nancy G, and myself) and quilters that will put the top (or two) together. The 12 hour sew day was a great deal of fun. I would encourage anyone who has not participated in this worthwhile endevour to visit the www.quiltsofvalour.ca website.

Temperature Quilts Update

Thank-you to everyone who has expressed an interest in this workshop. Unfortunately, even sending out invites to other local guilds, we did not get enough interest to run the workshop.

Jacqueline H.



Fabric Basket:

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.

Happy March Scrap Enthusiasts! I hope some of you were able to find enough scraps in reds last month to make a heart block! This month will have Saint Patrick's Day in it, so perhaps you might

want to see if your green scraps can be made into a shamrock. At the April meeting please feel free to look through the scrap basket to add more pieces to your stash.

Yours in Scraps

Jacqueline and Retta

Morale Officer:

Happy March Quilters!

I know that we are not truly out of the woods yet with regards to Covid, but I feel after 3 years of Happy Morale Officer posts, we can close the chapter on that guild initiative. I will write a final post for the website, once we are into March.

Yours in Health and Happiness

Jacqueline H.



Library:

Come see us in April!

Your library convenors

Maria S., Andrew S





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**

The journey begins!

The Boutique Committee has been created and getting ready to start the journey to fill our Boutique Booth at our 2024 Quilt Show with a variety of items.

Let me introduce the Committee to you.

Bev M, Debra G-G, Katherine J, Sandy M, Diana H, and Joann B

At our April, May, and June meetings, we will be bringing in kits that you can sign out to take home to make and return at the next meeting. This will help us build our Boutique collection of items.

Also, we are looking for donations. Now this could be anything to help us make the items for the Boutique. Right now, we are looking for.

- fabric for the fabric salads and kits,
- Zippers for bags, pouches etc.,
- fusible fleece and interfacing including Misty Fuse and HeatNBond Lite, and
- buttons different sizes and colours.

If you have donated at a previous Quilt Show, you will have a good idea of what we are looking for.

Also, if you have any ideas for items for us to sell at the Boutique, please let us know at dtgboutique2024@gmail.com. Pictures and the free pattern would be greatly appreciated.

Just remember, we are looking for variety, creative, cute, and well-made items. Put yourself in the shoes of our customers – what are they looking for? Appealing colours must be well-made/finished, no pet hair, no smell of smoke, and clean. The better we can cater to our customers, the more we should sell.

Any help, donations, ideas are definitely appreciated.

Committee Chair, Joanne N



Social:

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

Grace R.



Retreats:

We need you! Registration is closing March 13th for the 2023 Spring Retreat, and it will be held once again at Elim Lodge this year. We have 18 people registered and need a minimum of 20. 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 and so far we only have 18. We will have prizes and learning new quilting blocks and/or new methods, rulers, or tips. 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.

Our retreats are so much fun and are a real vacation from home.

We can 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.

Your retreat divas

Holly and Diane

Home Sew Sweet Retreat:

Our stay-at-home retreat last weekend was so much fun, and the food and socialization were fantastic! Thirty-three people attended and we laughed, sewed ate and socialized all weekend. We raised over 800.00 for the guild through the sales table and auction. Thank you everyone for your donations.

Here are a few pictures to show off our weekend.



Our two winners of the auction baskets, Judy B. and Diana S.

We worked hard and look what we accomplished!











Oh happy days!









Your Retreat Divas

Holly & Diane D.

Show and Share:

LET'S MAKE MARCH SHOW AND SHARE "GREEN".

Please send photos of your **GREEN (OR ANY COLOUR)** Show & Share projects to dtqgShowNShare@gmail.com instead of the regular guild email. For the March meeting, please have these sent by 5:00PM on **Sunday, March 12**, 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

Don't forget....each submission qualifies for the monthly draw. The winner of the February draw was Susan S. I'm looking forward to receiving photos of your beautiful and inspiring **GREEN** (or any colour) projects.

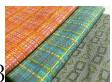
Peggy G.



Newsletter:

The newsletter is our information diary for what has happened or will happen in our guild. Everyone should read it to keep up to date on the happenings within the guild. If I miss something and you want it in the newsletter, let me know. Don't miss out on the latest developments! You never know what is in the guild future!

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 <u>use quilt store</u> <u>quality fabric and cut accurately.</u> 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.cognitoforms.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: ----

Thanks to Holly and Diane for organizing and arranging for such a wonderful "At Home Retreat"! Thanks also to all the members who brought in their completed quilts and tops and to those who took away some kits to be completed for next time. Unfortunately, we didn't take pictures of the completed quilts in time, but we will post them in the next newsletter.

We are currently looking for some members to be our drop off and pick up locations for kits and completed quilts. Members would then be able to schedule with that person to do pickups and drop-offs. Andrew and I live in Scarborough, but we come to Oshawa on a regular basis, so if anyone could look after the kits and quilts until we can arrange to pick them up, it would be much appreciated. Thanks in advance to the wonderful person who's willing and able to help us with this endeavor.

Maria

On behalf of the Guild, it has been my pleasure to deliver cuddle quilts and walker bags to a wide variety of community organizations. So far this Guild year, I have been honoured to share the beautiful handiwork of our members by delivering 42 quilts and 73 walker bags.

The recipients include:

Hillsdale Manor

The Pregnancy Help Centre

Ukraine Refugees

Whitby Fire Services

Fairview Lodge

Westminster U. C. Food Bank

Quilts of Valour

Extendicare

DiStefano Funeral Home

Denise House

Village of Taunton Mills

and several specific community members in need.

Thank you all for your time, talent, and treasure. I have the greatest job in the Guild!!!

Respectfully submitted by,

Diana Smith

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



QUILT SHOWS COMING SOON:

Georgian Bay: Reflections of Georgian Bay

Saturday, April 29, 2023, 10AM - Sunday 30, 4PM \$7.00

Tiny Township Community Centre

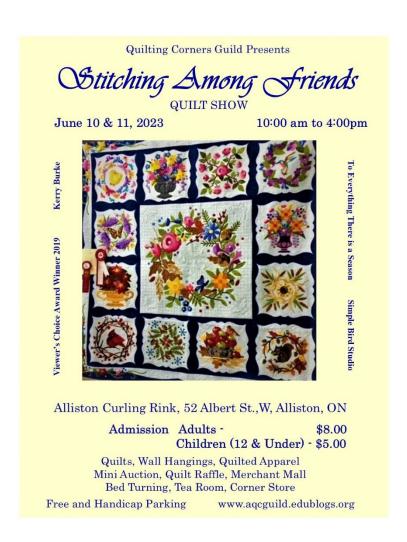
91 Concession Rd 8 East, Tiny Ontario L9M 2G2

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.



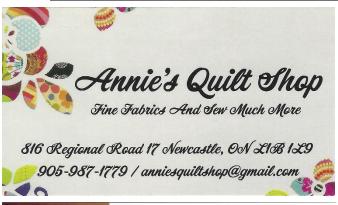




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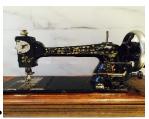


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