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President's Message:

As I write this message, the weather has gotten slightly warmer, and most of the snow that was here the other day is gone. It is now muddy dog paws season! I am glad that we are heading into April, and thus are heading into warmer weather. Plants will leaf out again, and animals and birds that have been away/hibernating for the winter will return or re-emerge. I will be able to go outside and connect with nature in a way that I haven't been able to do for several months, and I am looking forward to it.

As many of you are aware, my work this past winter has been extremely busy and rather stressful. Things were supposed to calm down a bit but haven't quite done so yet. Work is taking a LOT of time and energy. I'm going to practice some self-care to reduce stress and take a few things off my to-do list for the next several weeks.

Unfortunately, one of the things that I won't be able to do is attend the guild's April meeting. I will miss getting together with you in person! Please give all your assistance to our Vice President, Debbie W., who will run the April meeting for us. I'm sure you all will have a wonderful time at this meeting ... getting together in person again, enjoying coffee and tea along with the yummy snacks our volunteers bring in, and learning something new (or something old, perhaps with a new twist) from the demonstrations that guild volunteers will be giving.

Until we meet again, I hope you all stay safe.

Laura B.



Vice President's Message:

Won't it be wonderful to be back together for our April in person meeting. Winter seems to have lasted so long. Some of my flowers are popping up a sure sign spring weather is around the corner. Don't forget your Presidents Challenge pieces are due to be collected at the April meeting. Since

you are all such a talented group, I know it is going to be a challenge for our President to choose a winner. Good Luck everyone. Can't wait for the big reveal and presentation of prizes at the June meeting.

Debbie W

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:

Good morning, afternoon or evening fellow quilters of DTQG. I hope whenever you are reading this you are well, happy and enjoying creating your works of art.

Spring is truly here. I have spotted two robins, the trumpeter swans are on the water waiting to go north, I hung out a good load of laundry to dry without freezing my hands, and I have dealt with my spring cold. It is nice to get that over and done with early so I can focus on sewing and planning my gardens. Nothing like playing with colours to inspire new ideas and create an excitement inside of you.

This month we turn in our Presidents Challenge project which for many of us has challenged us to dig through our stash, work with colours that we wonder where they ever came up with those names, and to test new techniques on something small enough that helps us be brave enough to try. This is definitely out of my normal zone but I am finding it freeing to design something out of my brain. Not sure I will ever use these colours again but I have learned quite a bit by allowing myself to do the challenge. Hopefully all the others who are doing the challenge are finding the same fun and creativity flow as I have. (And I have not had to add any change to the curse jar so far...)

As Past President my task is to find volunteers for the Executive positions that will become vacant at the end of this year. Many of these positions have been held by the members for 3 years or even more; the normal term is 2 years but covid changed things for us in this area also. These members are looking for a rest/change and we need to help them have that.

One of the first volunteers I need is for a member to work with myself and Debbie W to recruit members for these open positions. We have found in the past that one on one conversations are best to see if the person and the task are a good fit. As a team I am sure we will be able to find the

people who are excited to join the executive team and continue building the awesome guild we have.

So you, the membership, can start thinking about what positions you can apply for, I will list the positions opening up as of June 2023. Please think about how your unique skills can help us keep our Guild growing and thriving.

Just so you know, Executive meetings are done by Zoom on the 4th Wednesday of each month.

Retreats: We need 2 members to plan and run the Stay at Home and Away retreats. Holly and Diane are willing to mentor the new organizers but can not continue doing it on their own. Retreats are a fun and productive part of our Guild where much educating and connecting happens, along with completing many of the UFO's that weigh us down.

Block of the Month: Your task would be to find and supply block patterns that members can do to create a quilt at the end of the year with. Challenging enough that a beginner with help can do and something the experienced quilter will enjoy. This is a revenue neutral position so that means if there is a cost for patterns etc., it is born by the members participating.

Workshops: As we have been slowly moving back into a post pandemic normal in person workshops are able to become a reality. We need a person to lead this and see if there is desire for in person workshops. Our Zoom Sew Days will continue as well and we have a volunteer for that role.

Membership: A key position especially at the beginning of the Guild year but with utilizing technology not as onerous as it used to be. We have saved many trees in the last three years by converting over to online forms and etransfer. Your task would be to coordinate the renewals and new memberships ensuring payment has been received and then update the membership listing. Throughout the year you update the listing as required. And, as we are back to doing in person meetings, ordering of and distributing name tags for the new members of the Guild is also part of your task.

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Positions that already have volunteers:

Library: Susan S and Barbara S have volunteered to take over Library.

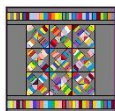
Chance Draw: Diana S has volunteered to run Chance Draw

As you can see we have 6 positions opening up the end of this year. We have 104 members. I am sure that in the over 80 members that are not involved in the Executive or are not local we will find the people who are willing and able to fill these openings. We need a full Executive to continue to have the successful Guild we are known to be.

If you are interested in one of these positions please contact myself (Debbie K) or Debbie W and let us know. Our emails and phone numbers are in the membership list or see us at the next couple of meetings. Thank you for coming forward and lending us your skills and expertise to continue building an awesome group of quilters.

Now, back to my Presidents Challenge (which is made more challenging by a kitten who demands my attention while I am sewing). I hope you have an awesome day and see you April 10th at our in-person meeting.

Debbie K



Program:

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 that you can make to support the show. 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.

Plans for 2023-2024

As part of our program for next year I would like to invite 3 members to present a short talk about their own quilting journey at the November 2023 meeting. Your presentation should be no longer than 5-10 minutes with your quilts, bags or wall hangings to show. Please reach out to me directly if you are interested.

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Kate H

Mystery Quilt Block of the Month:



Hello Quilters

Please bring your completed blocks from March or before (if you are catching up) to our April in person meeting to be eligible for the monthly prize. I look forward to seeing lots of completed blocks.

Each block shown will qualify for an entry into the monthly draw. The winner from the February draw was Sandy M., and Sharon M. was the winner from the March meeting. The new blocks will be shown at our April in person 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, visit the block of the month table at our meeting, or join online using the following link <https://durhamtrilliumquiltersguild.ca/mystery-quilt>.

Maureen E



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

Sew Day Book recommendations!

During sew-days we often talk about books we have read or are reading. Here are some of them that we feel the members might enjoy!

“In This House of Brede” by Rumer Godden

“Women of the Silk” by Gail Tsukiyama

“The Language of Threads” by Gail Tsukiyama

“Snow Flower and the Secret Fan” by Lisa See

“Peony in Love” by Lisa See

“The Samurai’s Garden” by Gail Tsukiyama

TIPS From the Zoom Sew Day Quilters!

1. Sew with the rights sides of the fabric together (unless you are doing French seams or some pillowcase patterns.
2. Use paper towel or toilet paper rolls to store your binding.
3. Measure twice, cut once.
4. Change your sewing machine needle frequently.
5. Change your rotary cutter blade often.
6. Use the right needle for thread weight (40w uses 80 or 90 needle)
7. Make sure you have the right bobbin for your new machine.
8. Keep your sewing machine manual handy (always bring it to classes)
9. You can iron your fabric but press your blocks.
10. “Best Press” the wrong side of your fabric, and iron on the right side of your fabric.

Sew Day Social Convenor:

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:

Thursday April 6th 1-4 and 7-10 and

Saturday April 15th 1-4 and 7-10

Sunday April 23rd 1-4 pm

Friday April 28th 1-4 and 7-10 pm

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

Yours in Sew Day Fun, Jacqueline

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 April Scrap Enthusiasts! 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

Library:



“Library Book and Magazine Sale” at the April meeting. Come One, Come All!

Your library convenors

Maria S., Andrew S

Membership:



I am looking forward to meeting all our new members at our in-person meeting on April 10th. We have 104 members in our guild, and you have access to all that our wonderful guild offers.

Remember to visit the membership table to pick up your guild name tag and say hello to Grace and Peggy, your membership team.

Your membership team.

Grace R. and Peggy G.

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

Morale Officer:

Happy April Quilters.

Our Morale Officer parts and pieces will remain on the website for the near future but have come to a close with regards to new entries.

Yours in Health and Happiness

Jacqueline H



REMINDER! Quilt Show 2024

Quilt Show 2024 - Top 5 List!

- 1) 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

- 2) Items the boutique is looking for you to donate include 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.
- 3) Summer Sewing projects if you would like to sew and donate to the boutique to help raise funds for the guild, include Halloween placemats, and table runners, and wall hangings. And Christmas themed placemats, table runners, and wall hangings.
- 4) We will be looking and surveying in May for an official name for our quilt show! So put your thinking caps on.
- 5) You may wish to begin to spring clean your quilting room and set aside things to donate to the "treasure table" at the show. In the past this has been a big money maker. We are looking for patterns, books, and all things sewing related.

Your 2024 Show Chair,

Jacqueline H

Boutique Committee

As we get ready to meet in person at our April meeting, the Boutique team has two kits ready for you. What we are asking is for you to make the kit items for our Guild for our October 2024 Quilt Show. The items are easy to make - a Corner Bookmark and a Coffee Cozy.



Come to the Boutique table!!

- Watch the demonstration on how to make the corner bookmark and the coffee cozy.
- Sign out the kits that you want - everything you need except for the thread is in the kit.
- Return the completed bookmark or coffee cozy at our May meeting and get your name entered into a draw.

At our May and June meetings, the Boutique team will have two kits per meeting available for you to sign out and complete.

If you would like to donate material or supplies for the Boutique team to use, please bring them to the meeting.

If you would like to make a table runner, table topper, placemats, purses or bags for the Boutique, we would appreciate them - themes like Christmas, Hallowe'en, winter, and autumn would all work with our October Quilt Show.

Come see us our Boutique table at the Guild meeting!!

Joanne Nightingale

Boutique Coordinator

Social:



There will be snacks provided for our in-person meeting. Thank you to the following members for bringing our April treats.: Diane H., Joanne P., Gail L., Kay K., Debbie W., Kathy D., Remember to bring a list of the ingredients as we do have members with food allergies.

Thank you,

Grace R. your Social Convener

Retreats:



Our Spring Retreat at Elim Lodge is a go on April 13 -16, 2023. We have 19 ladies registered for the fun, fellowship, demos, lots of sewing time and surprises. We will start at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday and finish by 2:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Again, we will be having a sewing room sale/auction, so if you have anything to donate, please contact Diane D. or bring it with you. Since we have an in-person meeting, you can also bring any donations and give them to Diane at the meeting.

We can add to our retreat, should anyone change their minds and would like to join us.

Your Retreat Divas

Holly & Diane D.

Show and Share:

LET'S MAKE APRIL SHOW AND SHARE "ANYTHING EASTER".

Don't forget.... each submission qualifies for the monthly draw.

The winner of the March draw was Joann B.

Peggy G.



Newsletter:

We are back to the in-person meeting, so I have a question for you. Come see me at the meeting and let me know the answer and your name will be entered to win 2 fat quarters.

Question:

What 2 items will the boutique be demonstrating at the meeting in April? Good luck everyone!

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.

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

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

Quilting tips:



[How to Clean a Sewing Machine](#) Since most quilts are sewn by machine, keeping that machine clean is absolutely essential. Don't make a fatal mistake!

[How to Clean a Rotary Cutting Mat](#) Don't let your cutting mat get warped when you wash it! Instead, learn how to clean your cutting mat so it will last for years to come.

- s.
- [How to Make Templates Using Plastic File Dividers](#) Make templates easily with a basic supply that you probably already have lying around the house. If your paper templates tend to tear, this is a fantastic alternative.
- [Quilt Sizes for Beds + 10 Bed Quilt Patterns](#) Check out these helpful hints to determine what exactly would be the best quilt size to fit any bed. It can be a challenge to figure out bed quilt sizes. Consult this tutorial as a helpful resource.
- Hang your wall quilts better! Learn how to make corner pockets so your wall quilts can be hung without wrinkles or buckling.
- [Make Your Own Quilt Design Wall with Video Tutorial](#) In order to decide well ahead of time what your quilt design will be, make your own design wall with this tutorial. It's inexpensive and portable, perfect for quilters!

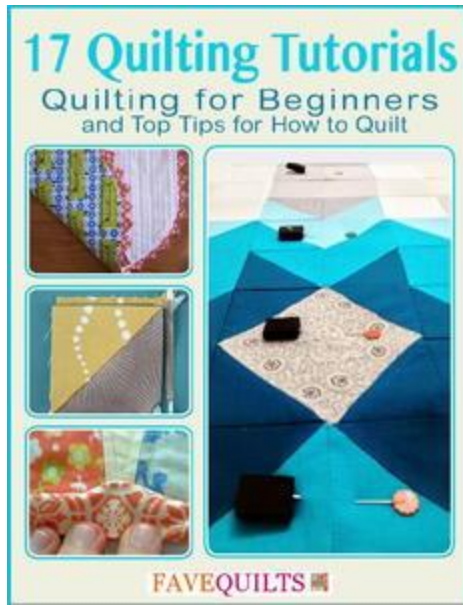
- [Make a Design Board](#) For a small design board to lay out your projected quilt pattern, make this great project. Don't spend a fortune when you can make your own design board for a fraction of the price.
- [How to Make a Quilt Pattern on the Computer](#) In this digital age, it's important to take advantage of technology. Learn how to make your own quilt pattern with the help of the computer. This tutorial lays it all out step by step.
- [Make Your Own Pressing Board](#) Do you ever feel like ironing boards are too soft to properly finish your quilts? Create your own quilting table with this tutorial and make your quilting that much easier!
- [Strip Piecing Your Fabric](#) If you don't know about this efficient technique, you're missing out big-time. Sewing will become much faster when you start strip piecing.
- [Turning Fabric Scraps into New Fabric](#) Use your fabric scraps to make brand new fabric! Don't throw them away. Instead, make new bolts of fabric that will save you a trip to the store and some money.
- [Freezer Paper Applique](#) There are tons of ways to applique. Learn a new way with a common household item. This might become your favorite new way to applique!
- [Tips for Perfect Pressing](#) Pressing is different than ironing. Never iron! Find out why you press instead and how to do it perfectly.
- [Basting a Quilt with Safety Pins](#) There are many ways to baste a quilt and certain advantages to each technique. Explore this option and apply it to your quilting knowledge.
- [Organizing Your Quilt Pieces](#) One of the most frustrating aspects of quilting is mixing up your rows! Don't let that tragic error happen. Check out these tips for organizing your quilt pieces.
- [Quilt Row Markers](#) You probably have an array of plastic bobbins lying about from all of the sewing you do. Save them with this trick to create quilt row markers.

Ways to Organize Sewing Rooms



- [Folding and Organizing Fabric](#) Find the fabric you need when you need it! This tip for organizing fabric will keep your sewing room neat and tidy and your quilting more efficient.
- [Hanging Fabric Storage Solution](#) If you simply don't have enough drawer space for all of your fat quarters, yards, jelly rolls, you name it, check out the hanging solution.
- [How to Wrap Fabric in Bolts](#) Find great tips here for wrapping your fabric in bolts. They'll look professional in quality by the time you're finished.
- [Sorting Fabric by Warm and Cool Colors](#) Sorting fabric by colors is a great way to stay organized and to plan your next project!
- [Scrap User's System](#) Get those scraps organized! It's easy to let them wad up in a ball in the bottom of your sewing room closet. Prevent that from happening with this organization tip.
- [Sorting Scraps by Size and Color](#) Another way to organize scraps efficiently is with this fabulous tutorial. Don't let your scraps end up in a total state of chaos!
- [Tackle Your Stash](#) Do what the title of this article says! Attack those scraps with organization and love.
- [Creating a Quilting Table](#) Create the perfect organized space to lay out your quilt while it's in progress. For the perfect quilting table and an even more perfect storage solution, make this project.

Bonus! If you're a beginner to quilting, find more great beginner tutorials in our printable collection, ["17 Quilting Tutorials: Quilting for Beginners and Top Tips for How to Quilt" eBook](#)



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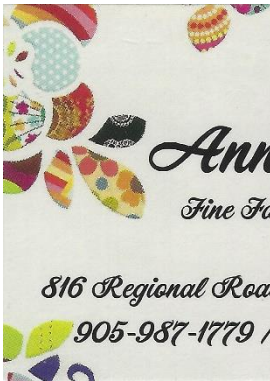
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