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Newsletter for the Durham Trillium Quilters' Guild

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President's Message:

Hello fellow quilters! I hope you all had an excellent summer, full of nice warm weather, beautiful sunrises and sunsets, a few strategic rain showers so that we could enjoy nice bright greens and flowers out in the gardens. Maybe the fresh colours have provided inspiration for new quilts!? If so, I hope we get to see them at one of the upcoming guild meetings.

Personally, I have found this summer flew by at an amazing pace. September is fast approaching as I write this. I don't know why I'm always surprised when September shows up so quickly, but that seems to be the case every year, and this year is no exception. Perhaps summer weather is just so enjoyable, we don't realize it is passing as we are soaking it all in ... and then ... September is around the corner again!

But! There are good things to September. One of which is that our guild meetings start up again! The guild year's program is coming together and is looking to be quite exciting! I won't spill the beans in advance about all the planned speakers ... guild members should stay tuned for updates from our Program coordinator in newsletters and on the website. Convenors are getting ready for our various programs, and we've had a sneak peak into the block of the month and fabric exchange, just to name two of the various programs the guild will run this year. Sign up for both of these programs is already available on the website!

Following our normal format of meeting on the "Second Monday of the Month", our first meeting for this guild year will be on Monday September 11, starting at 7 pm (doors open at 6:45) and we will be meeting in person. We have a speaker lined up for this meeting. I'm looking forward to that, and also to seeing some of your quilts, and, of course, visiting with our members again!

Please note: the October meeting will NOT be the standard "second Monday of the Month" due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The executive decided that meeting on the Monday was not suitable due to the holiday. To try to avoid conflicts with other guilds that many of our members also attend, and avoid the holiday Monday, the guild executive moved the **October guild meeting to Tuesday October 10**. Please mark your calendar for this date change (for October ONLY).

I am looking forward to hearing about everyone's summer as well as seeing all the projects that you have done over the summer. I will have to live a little vicariously through you, as I didn't sew a stitch, all summer long. I have been in a quilting desert. No sewing at all. I got to drool over Debbie K's fabric acquisitions, but that is not the same as having fabric in hand. I'm hoping to be able to do some sewing again this fall and am sure that the projects I'll get to see in September will help me prioritize my own quilting in the fall.

Be well, stay safe, and I hope to see you all in September.

Laura B.

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Vice President's Message:

Welcome back quilters to another Guild Year!! Summer seems to have passed so quickly this year. I can't say I got a whole lot of quilting accomplished but taking some time to relax, filled my head with lots more ideas and thoughts of things I want to get made going forward.

I did enjoy getting to spend time with my close group of quilting friends weekly throughout the summer. We didn't get much quilting accomplished but spending time together in each others beautiful back yards, enjoying a cup of tea, supporting each other, and sharing many laughs our weekly get togethers were great fun.

Our Quilt Show Committee and Sub committee's have been working hard behind the scenes and things are moving ahead. As you are working on projects throughout the year keep the quilt show in mind, consider your accomplishments for display at our upcoming show. Also think about volunteering to spend a little time helping during the show. It is lots of fun getting to chat with others and share our craft.

We are looking forward to a fun informative 2023/24 Guild year ahead.

Keep calm and Quilt On!!

Debbie W.

Vice President



Past President:

Hello you amazing Quilters!

The summer has flown by very quickly and now we are getting ready for the fall and all the wonderful opportunities that it brings us. I hope that your summer was filled with joy, productivity, and maybe some Quilt store visiting? I certainly did a bit of that in July....still trying to make space to put it away and then start creating more quilts. Though I may want to quilt some of the tops I have already created so I can make room in those drawers. Going to be a very busy September/October for me. Good thing there is a UFO challenge coming up and I can get some of these on the list and have more incentive to finish them.

Speaking of Quilt Stores and our stashes....have you ever felt that a fabric or colour was singing to you? Or even a quilt top you have created, and it felt like it was asking to be quilted? A podcast I was listening to today was talking about quantum physics and how colours have a sound and sing. So, you are not hearing things when you hear a fabric or colour calling out to you. It is speaking to your energy field knowing that you are a good fit for it. So go ahead and create that quilt you see in your mind, let the energy flow through you and enjoy the journey. Who knew that Science, especially Quantum Physics, would be useful in quilting!

Hopefully over the summer you have been thinking about how you can help our guild grow and continue to thrive. We still have the Retreat Coordinator position empty and until it is filled (can be more than 1 person), there will be limited home retreats available and no away retreats. Please think about filling this position.

Also, coming up at the end of this guild year one of the major positions that we need to fill will be the Vice President. It is mandatory for us to have certain positions filled to continue as a Guild and this is one of them. Being Vice means a 6-year commitment as you do 2 years as Vice, 2 as President, and 2 as the Past President. The Vice is a roll to learn the next roll and be a support to the President. Past President supports the President and Vice and is the person tasked with coordinating a committee and finding willing volunteers for the upcoming position vacancies. These three positions, along with the rest of the Executive, steer the ship that is the Guild and keep us focused on our main goal which is to showcase the Art of Quilting and inspire others to become involved. Helping others to tap into their creative space and enjoy the process does seem to be a pretty good thing to do.

Debbie K.

Past President



Program:

Welcome back to all my quilting friends!! Join us in welcoming Glenna Janssen back to the guild for her presentation at our September meeting on Quilting in a Post Covid World. Renew, Refresh and dust off the cobwebs for our 2023-24 guild year! Sharing her wealth of knowledge with us is sure to be a highlight of the year.

In October we welcome Quiltoni to our **Tuesday, October 10 meeting**. Toni will be presenting the Pixel Revolution. A trunk show journey through the successes and failures of becoming the pixel quilter. Her quilts are ahhhmaazing! Check out her website at www.quiltoni.com.

At our November meeting we are turning the podium over to 2 of our own members, Debra A. and Margaret P. to share their quilting stories.

For December, we have invited Annie's Quilt Shop from Newcastle to provide some retail therapy and show us things we must have before Christmas! Annie's is celebrating 10 years in business this year and are still going strong. It's always a 'must stop' destination for many!

This year, I will be looking for helpers to assist when we have in-person speakers, so it's not always the same people stepping up to be a "Vanna". It is so appreciated by the speaker so they can present without juggling their quilts etc. and less distracting for the audience. I am always looking for new presenters and this year has been a challenge to locate in-person speakers. If you know of someone that is a fabulous speaker, let me know.

Stay tuned for our 2024 line up!

Kate H



Quilt Block of the Month:

2022 - 2023 Block of the Month

Please bring your finished 2022 - 2023 Block of the Month projects to our **Tuesday October 10th** (date moved from Monday due to Thanksgiving) guild meeting. Your project must include a minimum of nine blocks, be quilted, bound, and labelled to qualify for the \$50 annual prize. I look forward to seeing all of your awesome quilts.

2023-2024 Block of the Month

Hello Fellow Quilters, I'm Sandy M (SandyMac) and I will be providing inspiration to you over the next year as Convener of the Block of the Month program for our Guild.

Like Maureen, I will be providing 1 or 2, most likely 2, blocks per month (September to May) for you to create something beautiful, be it a full-size quilt, a table topper, table runner or wall hanging, whatever you desire.

I harken back to when my aunt belonged to a Guild in Toronto and what she learned from their program. It was designed to teach new techniques, to learn a new block or to relearn an old skill, it was a journey of discovery, a 'What can I do with this block'? My Aunt made many a quilt for family and friends from just one block. She would also use one or more blocks to make jackets (other articles of clothing) or even bags. So let inspiration take you wherever it may go.

Each month, after our guild meeting, I will email a pattern or 2, for you to be inspired by. I'm using a coordinated fat quarter bundle (about 10 pieces) and have set aside roughly 3 meters of a corresponding background. You can do whatever you want, I personally don't do scrappy.

My source for the blocks is "Quiltmaker's 1,000 Blocks" and I have received approval to provide you with copies of the blocks as the book/material is copywritten. So, when you receive, via email, your block pattern, please do not share.

Information on the program, and a link to the on-line registration form can be found on our website, at <https://durhamtrilliumquiltersguild.ca/block-of-the-month>

I hope you enjoy the blocks that I have chosen.

Sandy Mac



Sew Day Social Convenor:

(all ZOOM SEW days are listed on the DTQG website for your convenience)

Happy ZOOM Sew Days! By the time you read this we will have completed 92 Zoom Sew Days! Back by popular demand we will continue to sew this year together on zoom!

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

Wednesday September 13th from 1-4 pm and 7-10 pm

Friday September 29th from 1-4 pm and 7-10 pm

Our summer zoom sew days winners were; Maria S, Ann C, Judy B, Diane D, and Marilyn C. They should all seek me out at the September meeting to get their 2 fat quarters.

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

Yours in Sew Day Fun,

Jacqueline H.

Show and Share:

Welcome everyone.

Here we are at the start of a new guild year. It seems that it was just yesterday that we were telling each other to have a great summer and see you in September.

I look forward to seeing all your fabulous creations on Monday September 11th. Please remember to limit your show and share to 3 items.

Thank you.

Peggy G.



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 Fall Scrap Enthusiasts. We hope you have been keeping hand sized scraps that you would like to add to the scrap basket for others to have. As well please make sure you get over to the scrap table and take a look at what is free to you for the taking:)

Yours in Scraps,

Jacqueline H and Retta H



Membership:

Remember for all guild information you can go to our Guild website at <https://durhamtrilliumquiltersguild.ca>

Thank you to the 43 members who have paid their 2023-2024 fees. Also, there are 4 members who have completed the registration and who indicated that they will provide payment at the September meeting.

I trust everyone has been enjoying their summer.

I would like to remind our members to renew their membership before September so that the Guild can ensure you are a registered member for this upcoming 2023-2024 year.

You can find the registration form on our website on the Membership page (<https://durhamtrilliumquiltersguild.ca/membership>) - look for the “Renew Your Guild Membership” button. We want to ensure that everyone is included for this special year as it is the year leading up to our next Quilt Show, so please be sure to join us.

Hope to see everyone at the September 11th in person meeting.

Diana H.

Membership Convenor



Library:

Be sure to stop by the Library table at our September meeting. We will have a selection of books for you to borrow and a featured **Book of the Month**.

Please contact either **Barbara S.** or **Susan S.** with your ideas, suggestions, and requests for our library. We are looking forward to hearing from you!

Barbara S. and Susan S.

Your Library Convenors



Social:

Welcome back to an exciting year at our guild. Thank you to Gail K, Kate H, Susan S, Maria S, Jacqueline H, and Diane H for volunteering to bring the snacks to our September meeting.

Our snack time can only work if we have guild members willing to bring a snack [2 dozen cookies or 18 squares per volunteer]. I will have the sign-up sheets at our September meeting and will be asking members to volunteer to bring snacks to our in-person guild meetings. You will only be asked to bring a snack once during our guild year. Please consider volunteering so we can enjoy a snack at each in-person meeting.

Tea and coffee will be available at the facility, during the break. Cups will be provided. Note that we cannot guarantee decaf will be served.

A gentle reminder, your plate and mug should be placed on the provided trolley as soon as you have finished using them, and definitely by the end of the break). This allows the dishwasher to be filled promptly. Also remember to place all used napkins and garbage in the receptacle provided for this purpose.

Your Social Convenor,

Grace R.



Retreats:

Good News!!!!

We *will* be having a stay-at-home retreat this fall!!! The retreat will once again be held at Club Lorely, 2023 November 10, 11, and 12. The cost, and other pertinent information about the retreat will be announced at our September Guild meeting and the registration form will be available online the next day. Please remember that you must be a fully registered member for the 2023/24 Guild year prior to registering for the retreat.

Just a little tidbit to share 😊 If you are one of the first 10 people to register AND commit to coming to help with the room set up once your task is completed, you will be entitled to receive a \$10.00 rebate on your registration fee.

Looking forward to some Quilting Fun

Debbie W.

Vice President (and Acting Home Retreat Coordinator)



Newsletter:

Greeting fellow quilters,

Summer is ending and our meetings are starting up. I am looking forward to the new year and hope you will send me things that you want placed in the newsletter.

Our question of the month is:

Where is the retreat in November being held?

See you soon.

Diane D.

Fabric Exchange 2023-2024

This year the Fabric Exchange will be 10" squares, 6 per month for 8 months, beginning October 2023 and running to May 2024. Please remember to use quilt store quality fabrics and cut accurately. The pattern I will give out at the end of the exchange is for a lap size quilt and you will use all the squares from the exchange. The print on these squares should be very subtle, e.g., tone on tones or small prints. Colours should be "pure" (not brown based) but any shade is encouraged, e.g., blue can be anything from baby blue to royal. I will have a pattern for everyone at the conclusion of the exchange and you will see how well these fabrics will work for it. "Pure" colours are those that have been printed on a white base. Further explanation can be found on our website. I will have samples available at the meetings. I'm sure, without realizing it, many of you already know the difference between white and brown based fabrics as evidenced by the beautiful quilts we see at our Show & Share. As we will not be having "in person" meetings for the months of January, February, and March, you will hand them in at the December meeting and receive them back in April. Registration can be found on our website. The more members signing up, the more variety you will have, so please join in.



OCTOBER – ORANGE

NOVEMBER – BLUE

DECEMBER – RED

JANUARY – GREEN

FEBRUARY – PINK

MARCH – TURQUOISE

APRIL – PURPLE

MAY – YELLOW

Sharron C.

Fabric Exchange Coordinator



QUILT SHOW NEWS:

Show 2024 - Top 5 List!

- 1) We will announce the “Featured Speaker” at the September meeting. The 6-piece criteria were as follows; they needed a passion for quilting, needed to be knowledgeable about quilting, they needed an attention to detail, they needed to be dynamic, personable, and a story teller. So, get your drum roll ready for the big announcement of our 2024 Featured Speaker at the Sept Meeting.
- 2) Please bring back any boutique items that you signed out over the summer. Also please bring in any boutique items that you would like to donate to the boutique to sell. And please bring in any fabric that the boutique could use to make bags for sale at the show.
- 3) Start the “Big Clean Out” of your quilting room. It only comes around once every few years that you have a chance to download any unwanted quilting items to the “Treasure Room” at the Guild 2024 Show. **You just need to keep your items at home in a pile until next year.** So... find a wee corner of your room (or a wee box) where you can discard items this year for sale/revenue to the Guild at the show next year. Note: we are looking for patterns, books, and all things sewing related.
- 4) Save the dates: Friday October 18th, 2024, and Saturday October 19th 2024 (with Thursday October 17th as the day you drop off your quilts for the show)
- 5) The Theme is “Celebrating Quilting” the show name is DTQG Celebration of Quilting 2024 and the logo is in the mock-up stage:)

Where: Forest Brooke Community Church, 60 Kearney Drive, Ajax, L1T 4 N2

Please bring back any boutique items that you signed out. As well please bring in any boutique items that you would like to donate to the boutique to sell. And please bring in any fabric that the boutique could use to make bags for sale at the show - Hallowe'en, and Christmas are key right now.

Thanks to all members who have taken kits to do, especially Angie S who volunteered to take quite a few to do over the summer.

Remember, your name goes into a draw for each finished kit that you return.

Until next month's update... Happy Quilting!

Your 2024 Show Chair, Jacqueline H.



Community Outreach:

It is September and time to get back into some serious Community Quilting. As a start we have booked a Long-Arm quilting day at Tracy's Whirls 'n Swirls Studio for Wednesday 13 September and we need our members to help us out quilting community outreach quilts. Tracy will help us set up 4 machines and we would like to have our volunteers help with the quilting; you don't have to be a long-arm quilter because we will have lots of help. We will be attending from 9am to 5pm and coffee and tea and water and snacks will be provided but please bring your own lunch.

Whirls 'n Swirls is located at 4 - 1103 Wentworth St. W. Oshawa ON L1J 8P7 their web site is whirlsnswirlsquilting.ca

Please register to attend the long-arm quilting day by using the on-line form located at <https://www.cognitofrms.com/DurhamTrilliumQuiltersGuild2/DTQGCommunityOutreachSewDay2023Sept13>. Note that due to space constraints, participation for this sew day will be limited to 18 people and there will not be a waiting list for this sign up after 18 people have registered.

Also please remember to pick up a Community Outreach kit at the guild meeting on Monday September 11, 2023 to sew at home during the month. Looking forward to seeing all of you at the meeting.

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



Workshops:

Our first workshop for this year will be a "Hallowe'en Collage Class" to be held in October, 2023 (exact date still to be determined). It will be held at our regular meeting location, the DeStefano Funeral, Celebration, and Reception Centre.

More details, including how to sign up for the workshop, will be announced and posted on the website as soon as they become available.

Grace R., Debbie W.

From the Community



Request:

We received the following request from a member of the community:

I have a quilt that was made for my mother during chemotherapy. She has passed many years ago and her quilt has become cherished but tarnished. I'm hoping you or someone you can recommend and help repair the variety of rips.

Ash A.

If you want to help, please email the secretary Gail L. at the guild email (dtqguild@gmail.com) and we will forward you the contact information.

Quilts for Survivors:

A member, Dorothy B., will be attending a retreat by Quilts for Survivors at the end of September. If any members have donations for this cause, Dorothy would be happy to deliver them (donations can be material, squares, tops, quilts, or monetary). She will be collecting donations at the September guild meeting, and up until the last Wednesday of September.



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Friday, September 29, 2023, 10 AM - Saturday 30, 4 PM

\$8.00

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