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Newsletter for the Durham Trillium Quilters' Guild

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President's Message:

Hi again everyone. The fall is just zooming along. What fabulous weather we have had! I'm afraid to put it in writing as I might Jinx it and we may end up with early w@#%*! weather (not spelling it as I'm not inviting it). Not that I don't like winter. I just don't want it yet! Winter just in February would be ok with me.

Our next general guild meeting is Monday November 13. I'm looking forward to our program, which has two of our members speaking to us. Please see later in the newsletter and/or our website for more details of the November and upcoming months' program.

I'm happy to report that the guild will be having another catered dinner this year for our December meeting (Monday December 11). Details later in the newsletter include the planned menu and how and when to sign up. Due to limited time at the December meeting, and a desire to not require the facility staff and guild volunteers to stay late after the regular meeting ends, we have decided not to run a Secret Santa program this year. If members are interested, I am willing to run a "secret quilt friend" program next year, where friends secretly exchange a Christmas gift and a birthday gift and then guess at the end of the year who was their secret friend (those who have birthdays outside of the program timing would get the "birthday" gift some other time during the year). Do let me know if you are interested in such a program, as it won't be run if there is no interest. Also at our December meeting will be a display of the quilts that were completed at the sew day held in September at Whirls n Swirls.

Good news for those who like the away retreats. We have 2 people who have volunteered to run the 2024 April retreat at Elim Lodge. Details will be provided as soon as possible - stay tuned to the newsletter and website. Please continue to read along in the newsletter for more information about the various and upcoming activities for our guild and in the area! I thank all the volunteers who are helping the guild run all our various programs and activities - we couldn't do it without you!

Laura B., President

DTQG 2023 Dec 11 Catered Dinner - Laura B.

Full guild members (registered and paid) may sign up to attend a catered holiday dinner prior to the December guild meeting. The will cost \$30 per person (INCLUDES tax) and it will be held at the meeting location, with food being served at 5:30 pm on 2023 December 11. Those participating in the dinner are asked to arrive at pm so that dinner can start on time and be done before the actual meeting. Members who are not attending the catered dinner are asked to arrive for the meeting at the normal 6:45 time, prior to the start of the guild meeting at 7:00 pm.



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5:15

The dinner menu will be as follows:

- Garden salad with house dressing
- Roast turkey, dark and white meat pre sliced in pan gravy.
- Apple and sage stuffing
- Port wine cranberry chutney
- Yukon gold mashed.
- Honey glazed baby carrots & Buttered green beans.
- Freshly baked dinner rolls with butter
- Apple pie

Instead of turkey, lemon herb roast chicken pre sliced in onion gravy is available for substitution. This menu alteration must be requested at time of registration.

Registration for the dinner will be open until 5 pm on Friday December 1. Refunds will not be available after this date (but if you cannot attend, you can coordinate with another member to attend in your stead – just let the organizers know).

If you wish to attend the dinner, please register on line at the following website <https://www.cognitofirms.com/DurhamTrilliumQuiltersGuild2/2023DecDTQGCateredDinner> which is also available via the guild website at <https://durhamtrilliumquiltersguild.ca/december-dinner-2023>.

Payment is preferred to be made via e-transfer to the guild at dtqguild@gmail.com at the time of registration. However, in-person registration and/or payment is available at the November meeting if you wish to pay in person (cash or cheque).



Vice President's Message:

Wow!!! It's hard to believe that Halloween will be over by the time you are reading this newsletter. We certainly have been blessed with beautiful weather this fall. On November 11th, we will pause to remember all the brave women and men who have served and are currently serving our country by land, air and sea. Please remember to thank a vet and wear your poppy with pride. I am looking forward to our upcoming stay at home retreat. It's always a great time getting together to sew with friends.

Debbie W

Vice President



Past President:

Good day you wonderful Quilters. I hope that this day finds you filled with creativity and the opportunity to bring into life the ideas running through your mind and heart.

As the days get shorter, the temperatures going lower, the leaves turning colour and falling we realize that this is the month of remembrance and preparing for nature's winter rest on this part of the world.

Remembrance takes many forms. We all have someone or something that tugs at our hearts and spirit. If we listen, we take the time to pause and thank that person or thing for the value they added to our lives. Myself, I take the time to think about the people I served with, the ones who came home in caskets and those who are still working hard to overcome the inhumanity that they witnessed. One of the ways many heal is through starting or continuing a craft. The process of creating something that has never existed before and being able to say "I made that" is very effective. Many of us quilters have injuries and issues that have affected our lives. These things have helped us become who we are now, wonderful caring people who create a thing of beauty from the fabric and scraps of life. Be very proud of yourself for what you create in life and in fabric. You are unique and so are your quilts.

As I write this, I am getting ready to go home. I have been in Nova Scotia for 25 days helping my Dad and Stepmom while my Dad goes through his radiation treatments. I got to look after George (the awesome cat) and finish up the project I started in June. I am very proud of myself for what I have accomplished (and it is very rare I say that to myself or others). As I went through sorting and organizing there would be memories pop up from my life before. Most brought a smile to my face. One thing I have noticed is that my dad soaks himself in the past. I don't understand why someone would want to do that as I appreciate most of the things from the past but also understand how damaging it is to live

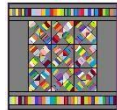
there. I find that there is so much more to experience, enjoy, and to share by living now. And it is so much more fun and interesting.

So, for me, remembrance is appreciating those who have added directly or indirectly to my life and then living my life to the best I can by being a positive influence on those I have any interaction with. Thank you to each one of you for how you have added to my life and my craft. Here is to many more years of sharing our craft and caring about each other.

Enjoy the rest of the newsletter. There is so much going on, so much to be involved in, and so many interesting shops to drop in at. Have a wonderful November and see you at the meeting on the 13th. Time for me to go pack and maybe get some sleep. Take care,

Debbie K.

Past President



Program:

This month we turn the spotlight inwards, and we welcome two of our own members, Debra A., and Margaret F. to share their creative journeys with our members. In December, we will be welcoming Annie's Quilt Shop to show us what we need to have in our quilting studio and new fabrics for us to desire and acquire. A little retail therapy for your shopping pleasure.

Kate H, Program Convenor

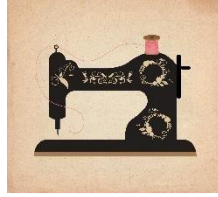


Quilt Block of the Month:

2023-2024 Block of the Month

Come see me and bring in your blocks at the November meeting. Hope you are having fun.

Sandy Mac



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

Zoom Sew Days:

98 Zoom Sew Days and counting!

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:

Sew Day #99 Friday November 17th from 1-4 pm and 7-10 pm

Sew Day #100 Saturday November 25th from 1-4 pm and 7-10 pm

To see a full listing of the sew days (from November - January 1, 2024) please refer to the DTQG Website.

Our latest zoom sew days winners were; Joann B and Peg F. They should all seek me out at the November 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.



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. Are you looking for the perfect scrap to add to a UFO or challenge piece? Please pop by the fabric basket table and drop off your hand sized scraps as well as pick up any that you would like to take home.

Yours in Sew Day Fun,

Jacqueline and Retta



Library:

Are you getting ready for the holiday season? You're welcome to drop by the library and browse our seasonal books. Sure to be inspired! And remember, please return your borrowed books.

Susan S. and Barbara S.

Library Ladies



Membership:

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

Come see me when you come in and pick up your badge and/or membership card if you have not done so.

Diana H.

Membership Convenor

Social:



Thank you, Debbie K., Kelly, Lina S., Diane W., Robynn and Colleen Z., for your delicious treats at our October meeting. Pam T., Sharon M., Chris T., Margaret S., Marilyn W and Kate H. are responsible for the snacks at our November 13th meeting. Thank you for placing your dishes, cups and glasses on the trolley provided in a timely manner during the meeting. Also don't forget to put your used serviettes and draw tickets in the garbage cans provided.

I will be looking for volunteers to bring the snacks to the Guild meetings in May and June.

Grace R.

Social Convenor

Retreats:



Good News!!!!

Our November stay at home retreat is full!!!! Thank you to those of you who have volunteered to come and help out throughout the weekend. I will be sending an email with details to everyone who is attending with things you need to know by the end of the week. Looking forward to spending a fun filled couple of days together enjoying our common passion. See you soon

Debbie W

Acting Retreat Coordinator

Show and Share:

ATTENTION MEMBERS - It would be greatly appreciated if members would volunteer to help hold the quilts at the meetings. It can be very tiring on the arms if only 2 people are helping for the entire show and share display.

Peggy G

Show & Share Convenor



Newsletter:

Hello everyone,

As I am writing this, the weather has turned cold. We have been lucky to have had such nice fall weather so far. Xmas is on its way, so if you have any small projects you would like to share, send them to me and I will add them to the newsletter in December. Please read our Announcement section as there are some great things happening. We also have a couple of new advertisers that we can start supporting in case you have not heard of them.

Question of the month:

Who is our CQA representative?

Diane D

Newsletter Convenor

Quilt Show 2024 - Top 5 List!

- 1) 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)

Jacqueline H

Workshop Convenor:

Workshop News:

Our October Halloween Collage workshop was cancelled because there weren't enough members able to join us on the learning journey of making a fabric collage with only a little bit of sewing but lots of fun. Looking forward to the spring workshop.

Workshop convener,

Grace R.

Dear UFO Participants!

The time has arrived to begin working on your projects! This month you should be working to complete item #4 (FOUR).

Finished means quilted, bound, and a label attached.

Note: if your item is something like an xm

as stocking it doesn't need a label:) That being said, please note that even a table runner needs a label :)

You will need to show me (Jacqueline Hill) your completed project at the start of the meeting (or during the break), so that you get your name in the November Draw:)

Your item must be completed by Monday Nov 6th at the meeting time.

Again, if you are not going to be at the meeting (or if the project is being gifted before the meeting, then just send me a picture of the front of the item, as well as the label (attached) on the item).

Yours in quilting stitches, Jacqueline

PS... I can be reached at jacqueline.hill@bell.net with any questions.

PPS... remember all rules and regulations can be found on our quilt guild website.



Hello

Fabric Exchange 2022-2023

Ladies: Just a reminder that the colour for the November Fabric Exchange is **Blue**. The fabrics I've received so far are beautiful!

OCTOBER – ORANGE

NOVEMBER – BLUE

DECEMBER – RED

JANUARY – GREEN

FEBRUARY – PINK

MARCH – TURQUOISE

APRIL – PURPLE

MAY – YELLOW

Sharron C.

Fabric Exchange Coordinator



Community Outreach:

If you have any quilts for Community Outreach, please feel free to bring them to the November meeting. Everything is welcome and now that it is getting cold, more people will be in need. Thank you.

Community Outreach



SHOW NEWS:

[Quilt Show 2024 - Top 5 List!](#)

[Quilt Show 2024 - Updates!](#)

- 1) A BIG HUGE THANK YOU to all the people who have handed in things to the Boutique over the last twelve months! Thank-You! Thank-You! Thank-You! There are just too many to name individually (and we would hate to leave anyone out). So again, because of your great generosity the Quilt Show will have a fulsome boutique! Thank you!
- 2) Keep those “2024 Challenge” questions coming Diana S’s way! She gave a verbal report to the guild in October of what to expect. The challenge will officially start in January 2024, so keep your eyes peeled and your ears wide open for details.
- 3) A big thank-you from Joanne N and her boutique team! They are so happy that people continue to pick-up, make, and bring back boutique items.
- 4) 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 this time 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.
- 5) Vendors are being booked, menus are being planned, it is time for you to think about your UFO pile. You might want to put one of the UFO’s that you finish this year in the show. The sign-up form is on the website, and there is still time to sign up! It will still be \$6, and you can always catch up on the missed months (your name would go in the final \$money draw at the June meeting). So do not fret if you haven’t signed up yet! There is still time!
- 6) 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)

Where: Forest Brooke Community Church in Ajax

60 Kearney Drive, Ajax, L1T 4 N2

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

Your 2024 Show Convenor, Jacqueline H

Announcements:

Greetings from your CQA Rep.

I, Patricia, am the Central Ontario Rep and I have some exciting news regarding the upcoming Trend Tex Challenge for Quilt Canada 2024. The fabric is now available. The colours are beautiful. I have 5 kits for sale. If you hold an individual CQA membership the cost is \$25.00, non-members \$35.00. By purchasing from me, you will save the shipping costs! Payments can be e-transferred to Brenda at:

brenda.horvath@canadianquilteradministration.com

OR mail a cheque to

Brenda Horvath
 71 Truman Rd.
 Toronto, ON, M2L 2L7

OR you can bring exact change for payment at our next meeting as the kits will be available. I will arrange to forward the money. I will be away for the next meeting but will arrange for someone to have the kits available for purchase.

I've included a link for you to see the guidelines for the competition. It is a wonderful fundraiser for quilt Canada. The closing date is April 30, 2024.

https://canadianquilter.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Trendtex_Challenge_2024_en_dr1.pdf



For sale - Universal sewing table. Size 45"W x 17.5"D x 27"H. One drawer, one shelf. Opening is 19"W x 12.5"D. Good condition. Price \$100. Located in Whitby.

Contact Susan S. aka one of the Library Ladies.

Tip to quilters:

Free monthly Quilt magazine to quilters the world over. Are you like me and love to get free things that help you when you are quilting. I found a free monthly quilting magazine that can be downloaded from your computer. Each month you will receive one or more free quilt patterns, tutorials, information on quilting tools and how to use them, recipes and so much more. To register for this free comprehensive quilt magazine, go to www.OnLineQuiltMagazine.com .

Yours in quilting, Grace R.

Pattern:

<https://www.positivelysplendid.com/santa-pants-treat-bags/>



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I think the shows for 2023 are finished. Wait until you see 2024.



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