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Newsletter for the Durham Trillium Quilters' Guild

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President's Message:

Hello everyone. I said in the last newsletter "What fabulous weather we have had!" and I think I can say the same thing this time. It's been a beautiful month. We are heading into winter, but the deep freeze and snow has not yet arrived. I have the snow tires on the car and had the furnace serviced, so I'm prepared – I hope you are all prepared too.

Our next general guild meeting is Monday December 11. I'm looking forward to the catered dinner before the meeting. As of the time of writing this note (there is still some time to sign up), it looks like we will have between 30 and 40 people attending. The deadline to register and pay for the dinner is December 1 - so if that date has passed, there is no more opportunity to sign up. For those attending the dinner, please arrive at 5:15 pm as dinner will be served promptly at 5:30 pm. For those not attending the dinner, please do not arrive until 6:45 pm.

Annie's will be at the guild for our December meeting, so if you are pre-purchasing the gifts you want people to give you for Christmas, you'll have lots of opportunity. We will also be showing the quilts that were finished at the Sew Day at Whirls n Swirls Quilting.

I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the December meeting.

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.cognitoforms.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 dtguild@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).¹



Vice President's Message:

This year just seems to have flown by. Our stay-at-home retreat is over and plans are well underway for a Spring away retreat at Elim.

Lots of finished projects were shown at our Stay-at-home retreat as well as lots of laughter and the buzz of sewing machines was in the air. Reports are that everyone had a good time.

I am looking forward to our Christmas get together and dinner. The menu sounds wonderful, and it will be nice to just go and enjoy a meal with friends and no cooking is involved.

I'm sure you are all busy sewing and creating beautiful gifts for friends and family at this busy time of year.

Our quilt show will be here before we know it and plans will be getting into full swing in the new year. All the different show subcommittee's will be looking for donations and all kinds of support. I hope you will consider volunteering to help out if even just for one shift. Many hands make light work.

Stay well and safe. Hope to see you at our dinner.
Warm Regards

Debbie W.

Vice President



Past President:

Here we are in the last month of the year already! Where has the year of 2023 gone? Well, many of us have had adventures, created many wonderful quilts, and also created a well lived life. There have been some big events and some not so big life moments that are much of what we remember with fondness. The walks, talks, and moments of sharing with another that adds that wonderful spice to life. Sort of like adding that spark of yellow or red into a quilt and making those small points pop.

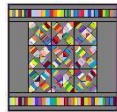
For many of us this month of December is a month of trying to complete all those projects we thought we had so much time to get it done in...which makes for some pretty long nights. Come join us for some of the sew Days(nights) that Jacqueline has scheduled to help us to complete our projects in the company of friends. Jacqueline does an amazing job of helping us stay productive and inspired while having a boatload of fun mixed in. I look forward to sharing time with you at one or all of these virtual sew days.

This month we are having our Christmas dinner and then our meeting. I am looking forward to joining everyone and celebrating another year of growth, creation, friendship, and the sharing of our craft. It is so wonderful that we get to have our meetings in such a welcoming place filled with people who really want us there and care about us. We are truly blessed.

Enjoy your day. I hope that things go well for you. That your bobbin stays full, your needle sharp, and all your seams be exactly as you need them. Most of all I wish that you receive the love you are surrounded by and allow it to fill you completely. For it is only by allowing ourselves to be filled that we can pour out onto others. And that is what we do with our skill of quilting. The love shines through. Take care and see you on the 11th of December.

Debbie K.

Past President



Program:

I want to thank Margaret F. and Debra A. for their inspiring presentations at our November meeting. We have so many talented members in our midst. If you would like to be a presenter at one of our meetings, please reach out to me at the December meeting or send me an email directly. Fifteen minutes is all it takes to showcase your talent to your friends in the guild.

In December, we will be welcoming Annie's Quilt Shop fresh off their move to a new larger location 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.

Remember January through March will be our virtual meetings. In January, we welcome Brandy Maslowski, Quilter on Fire, for her presentation 'A Quilter's Journey.'

Look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

Kate H



Quilt Block of the Month:

2023-2024 Block of the Month

Please see me with your completed block for this month. Merry Christmas.

Sandy Mac



Sew Day Social Convenor:

on the DTQG website for your convenience)

(all ZOOM SEW days are listed

95 Zoom Sew Days and counting!

Who knew something positive could come out of Covid. Our zoom sew days are a great source of happiness for some of the members of our guild.

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.

Zoom Sew Day # 100

Zoom Sew Day #100 was a great success! We had 23 quilters online from 7 pm until midnight.

Fat Quarter Stash Builder Draw Winners were Sharron C, Maureen E, and Robynn

Hourly game winners were Maria S, Lina R, Andrew S, Diana H, Joann B, and Maureen E

We sewed, we laughed we shared ideas on...

Favourite Crockpot dinner... because you are quilting all day.

Fill in the blank: I just need _____ more hours in a day to finish my quilting projects.

Sew Social tidy up tips.

Favourite Scrap Buster ideas.

Fill in the blank: My husband/spouse/significant other has too many _____.

Favourite quilted gift to give ideas.

Upcoming Sew Days are:

Friday December 8th 1-4 and 7-10 pm

Saturday Dec 16th 1-4 and 7-10 pm

Wednesday December 20th 1-4 pm

Sunday December 31st 7pm – last quilter sewing (AKA Bring in the New Year)

Monday January 1st 12 -4 pm.

Our latest Sew Day winners were Sew Day #98 Angie S and Sew Day #99 Peg F

Yours in Sew Day Fun, Jacqueline

The Zoom Sew Day Quilters shared the following “Quick Quilted Holiday Ideas.”

Scandinavian Stars, Needle Books (felt or fabric), Pin cushions, journal covers, table runners, placemats, mug rugs, Acorn Heads (glue jingle bell inside)

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.

Our Scrap Basket runneth over! We are very fortunate that so many of us are interested in reducing our stash, and recycling those pieces we have no need for. This is a great time to take a peek at the different fabrics available to you. If you are doing a scrap quilt, the scrap basket is a wonderful way to add pieces to your quilt.

Jacqueline and Retta



Library:

Stop by the Library table at the December meeting and see what's new. We have purchased four more books for our members. The new titles are; Quilts from Quarters, Charm School, Love Flying Geese and All in a Row Again.

Please remember to return your library books at the December meeting so that other members can enjoy them too. Items borrowed in December may be kept until our April meeting.

Barbara and Susan

Your Library Convenors



Membership:

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

I would like to start by reminding all our regular member to continue to provide all our new members with a warm WELCOME!!

If you have not picked up your new membership card for this year, please be sure to see me either at the membership table when you come in at the front door or inside the meeting room during the break.

I would like the following members to be sure to see me at the membership table to pick up their new name tags!!

Kathryn (Kat) S

Arlene B

Linda A

Debbie H

Bonnie R

The following members will need to pay for their new name tags before receiving them at a cost of \$13.30 each, this can be paid by e-transfer (indicate in the details what the payment is for and supply a copy for me), cash and a receipt will be issued or by cheque.

Karen D

Mari Anne C

Diane W

Sharron C

I look forward to seeing everyone at our Christmas meeting.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Everyone

Diana H

Membership Convenor

Social:



Thank you to everyone who brought such delicious goodies for us to devour at the November guild meeting. Thank you to Angie S., Bev F-T., Beth H., Peggy G., Shanon G., and Sharron C. for volunteering to bring a treat to our December meeting.

However, the Catering Group, for our December dinner, has volunteered to have cookies available for our snack time at our December Guild Meeting.

Thank you again for volunteering, but you will not have to bake for us this time.

Grace R.

Social Convenor

Retreats:



Show and Share:

Thank you to all the members who brought show and share to the November meeting, it was a wonderful display of your talent.

With the spirit of the season in mind it would be great if we could have a show and share with all your Christmas projects at our December meeting.

Peggy G



Newsletter:

Last month, I had a disappointing 2 members participate in my answer the question. Let's see if we can do better this month.

Question:

What store is coming to visit us at the December meeting?

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year. Stay healthy.

Diane D.

Your Newsletter Convenor

Workshop News.

There is no news to report this month about our spring workshop. Keep watching the newsletters in the new year for more information.

Workshop convener,

Grace R.



Fabric Exchange 2022-2023

Just a reminder that the December colour for the Fabric Exchange is Green. Because we will be meeting virtually for January, February, and March, would you please also bring your Yellow, Red and Pink blocks for these months. I must say the colours for the last two months have been great.

OCTOBER – ORANGE

NOVEMBER – BLUE

DECEMBER – RED

JANUARY – GREEN

FEBRUARY – PINK

MARCH – TURQUOISE

APRIL – PURPLE

MAY – YELLOW



Community Outreach:

This Photo by Unknown

I am excited to be taking over as the new Community Outreach Convenor for our guild. I've assembled a great team of people to help.

Our Community Outreach team members are Kate H, Lyne M, Diane W, Sharon L, Carolyn L, Diane D. and Dorothy M. We will endeavour to provide the guild with a meaningful program of supporting our community with quilts and other requested items. Our team is just getting off the ground and working on our focus for the next two years. I will have more to say later this guild year.

Our main focus will be to keep the supply of projects coming out to the members and when completed getting them out to the community.

I want to thank Maria S, Andrew S, and Diana S. for their work over their extended term.

At the November guild meeting I received many completed quilts from members of the guild. Thank you to Margaret S, Chris T, Shirley J, Dorothy M, Sharon L, Susan S, Gwen V, Kathy D, Debbie H, Jennifer A, for their completed projects. Each part of the process is so important, from making the top, quilting it, and completing the binding and adding the label. Many quilts have had numerous hands helping out. That's a tradition that we hope will carry on.

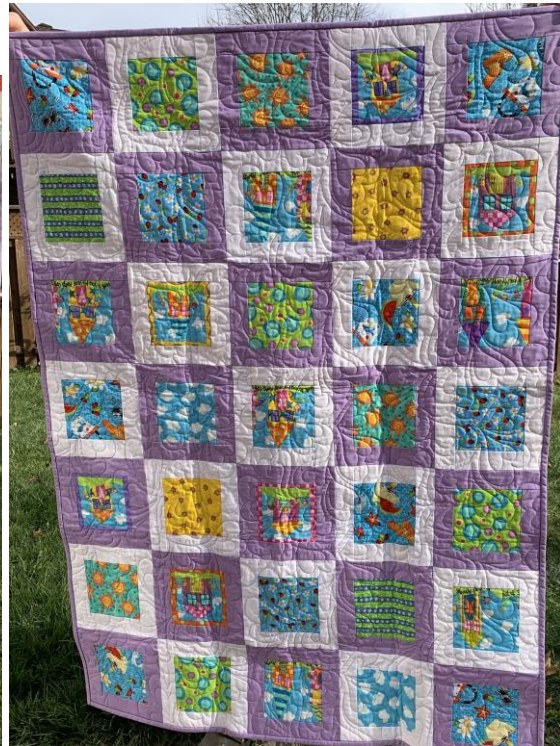
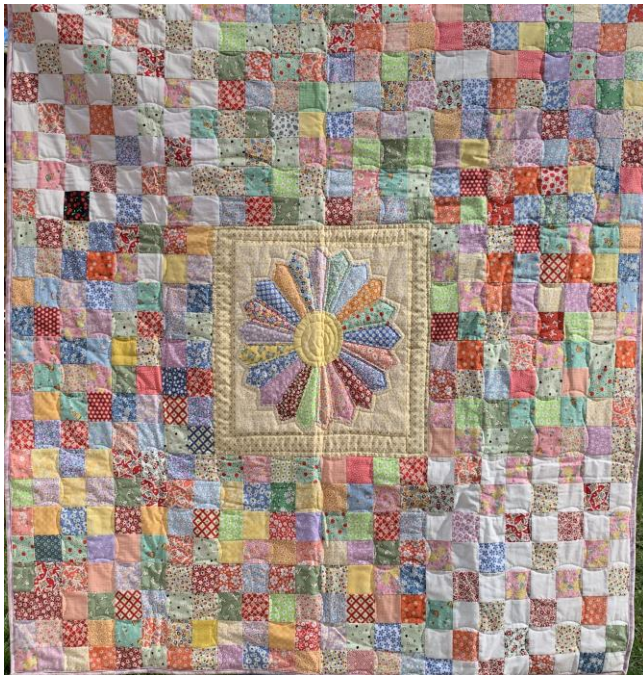
The December meeting is our last in-person event until April 2024. At the meeting we will have a number of quilt projects for signing out. Some need to be pieced, some need quilting and some just need binding. We have something for everyone. Please stop by and say hello and pick up a project.

Please enjoy the photos of the most recent quilts handed in, and again thank you to everyone for your support of this program.

Kate H.









SHOW NEWS:

Quilt Show Updates:

- 1) Get ready for the Quilt show Challenge. Diana S will again explain the challenge at the December meeting. The challenge will start in January. Full written details will be shared at the January meeting and will be housed on the website.
- 2) The “Get it done... UFO” activity has 30 members happily working on their project #1. Kate H was the lucky winner for bringing in her completed #4 project to the November meeting. She dug deep into the prize purse to get a lovely set of 2.4-inch squares!
- 3) Each and every committee chair, along with their committee members are working at top capacity to ensure the DDSB Celebration of quilts show is a success!
- 4) The Boutique team has the following message:)

Members – thank you so much for your donations to the Boutique for our Quilt Show next year.

The variety, colours, quantity is just blowing us away. Thank you for your generosity – our Guild is full of heart.

As December is our last in person meeting till April, please take some of the kits that we have prepared for you and bring them back in April.

And if you have kit signed out please try and bring is back finished in December – get it out of your house before Christmas and not forgotten till April.

Again, the “Celebration of Quilting” show details are;

Where: Forestbrook Church, 60 Kearney Drive Ajax

When: Thursday Oct 17, 2024 (set up day)

Friday Oct 18th show day #1, and Saturday October 19th show day #2

Always remember to be nice, kind, and helpful.

From Your 2024 Show Chair, Jacqueline H

Announcements:**Downsizing...**

Retta H has 3 Husqvarna's; That is, 2 sewing machines and 2 serger machines. #1, an Optima 120, a Viking Husky lock 905, a Babylock and an Enlighten.

Please contact Retta H (in the guild directory) for more details.

A Bullet Pulling Thread:

I'm writing to you from JAYU, a charity that shares human rights stories through the arts. Our year-round programs include the JAYU Human Rights Film Festival+ and iAM - an arts and social justice training program for youth.

I'm reaching out to tell you about A Bullet Pulling Thread. It's a story about a quilter named Marilyn Farquhar from Kitchener who goes on an artistic journey after her brother is shot by the RCMP outside of Lytton, BC. Last year Marilyn and her quilts were also featured as part of Houston's International Quilt Expo.

We would like to invite you and your guild to come see our film next week at the JAYU Human Rights Film Festival+ in Toronto on Thursday, December 7th at the Bloor Hot Docs Cinema at 6:30 PM.

[PURCHASE TICKETS \(HOT DOCS\)](#)

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Marilyn will be there with her Kairos quilts in person, so you will have a chance to see her art after her Q&A.

After our last screening, one person shared a note with Marilyn which read "I just wanted to say how amazed and inspired I am by you. Your heart for justice and for others is astounding and rare." Another viewer shared: "I, and I believe everyone else that was there that night, was deeply moved by your film. The sensitivity towards its subjects and its fair and honest storytelling, gripped me and my friends who sat next to me."

So this is a documentary best experienced live--it's communal. It's cathartic. It's dealing with the tragedies we hear about on the news everyday. And maybe might spark us to maa change.

If possible, can you invite your Guild--and share our trailer and poster below on any quilting newsletters, websites, or Facebook pages (See image attached). We would love to have you out. Marilyn is a Quilter through and through and a member of several guilds in Ontario.

Synopsis:

Can quilting change the world? In January 2020, the RCMP killed homeless rights activist Barry Shantz at his home in Lytton, B.C. during a mental health crisis. That morning, his partner called 911 for help. What they got was an army of police officers, but not a single mental health worker. In response to this tragedy, his sister Marilyn Farquhar creates a series of art quilts titled Kairos to process her grief and share her story.

Thank you!

John and the JA

CQA News:

I have just returned from travelling abroad and found this trip very educational on many different levels. Who knew that so many of our quilt patterns were present in architectural details from many centuries ago? The Cueva Pintada Museum & Archaeological Park in Gran Canaria is an active archaeological site with ancient indigenous cave paintings. Geometric shapes were used to express rituals or calendars; it is believed. What I was seeing were half square triangles in red, black, or white pigments. I also visited the National Museum of the Azulejo in Lisbon, Portugal. Azulejo is the art of creating the tiles that are everywhere in Portugal. This artform began in Seville, Spain. The tiles are usually 5"- 6" square. The

making of the tiles, placement, gridding etc. was well explained and it reminded me of how we set up our blocks & their placement in our quilts too. Colour combinations depended on the natural materials available to create the paints. Looking at blues, yellows and whites reminded me of what we now often call “French Country”. The tiles I was looking at were from the 14th - 16thC. Again, elements of Ohio Stars, Churn Dash, and geometric shadow style square patterns were present. As quilters, we look at things with a different lens. When I taught a novice learn to quilt course I always found it rewarding when my students would start to share how they could “see” the way quilt blocks were pieced based on the skills they were learning in my class. They were starting to break down the quilts from the images that they were looking at. This is what I was doing in my travels. The CQA website is having new information added frequently so continue to check for updates. Hotels have been added as well as the bios of workshop instructor’s, lecturers are now available. Early bird registration for members with a 10% discount will be Feb. 2nd - March 5th, 2024. General public registration begins March 6th, 2024. Trend Tex Challenge Kits There are still kits available for the Trend Tex Challenge. I have kits available for purchase, \$25.00 members, \$35.00 non-members. This will save you the shipping and tax. If you live in Durham Region, we could arrange to meet prior to Dec. 9th otherwise order your kit from the website. Save the dates June 19-22, 2024, for Quilt Canada Edmonton. Youth Challenge There are kits available for the Youth Challenge. Perhaps you would like to mentor a young person in your community. I would be more than happy to sponsor the child as a CQA member is required to sponsor the entrant if the mentor isn’t a member. CQA Rosette Invitational Returns Planning a quilt show next year? Remember to apply for your CQA Rosette. It can be awarded to Best of Show or Viewers Choice. Be sure to take a picture of the winning quilt with the award AND the quilter. Upload to the CQA website to participate in the Guild Rosette Invitational. All three (3) items must be in the photo to qualify for the invitational. CQA Mystery Quilt Along 2024 Oatmeal Raisin Kathryn Wilson Tucker from Next Steps Quilt Designs has designed our newest Mystery Quilt for 2024. The fabric requirements are now available. New clues (patterns) will be released on the 3rd Friday of each month until June. Level of difficulty is for beginners. Perhaps there are some novice quilters who are new to your guild? This might be an excellent project to carry one through the winter and spring. And it’s FREE! Final Remarks Thank-you to the quilt guilds who have graciously forwarded me their newsletters. I hope that other quilt guilds will consider adding me to their email to help me see what’s going on in my region and how I can help. Perhaps you will consider inviting me to do a presentation to your guild? Many of you will be moving to ZOOM for the winter months and I would be more than happy to be invited to speak to your guild. My contact information is: oncrep@canadianquilter.com To access specifics to all the above information the CQA website is: canadianquilter.com

From the quilting table of Patricia K. CQA Central Ontario Regional Rep December, 2023



QUILT SHOWS COMING SOON:

We invite you to



Date: Friday April 19, 2024 to Saturday April 20, 2024

Location: Operating Engineers Banquet Hall
2245 Speers Rd, Oakville

Admission: \$10

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- Vendors
- Members' Boutique
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