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Newsletter for the Durham Trillium Quilters' Guild Mail address:

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President's Message:

Good day fellow quilters. I am really looking forward to our May guild meeting. This will be our second in-person meeting this calendar year, and the speaker is apparently quite talented. The word "exquisite" has been used to describe her work. I hope to be inspired to try thread painting – something that I normally would not consider doing! For those who cannot attend in person, we will, per usual, be running the



meeting in a hybrid format, so people can attend virtually via Zoom. This way, all who wish to, can participate even if far away during the meeting or if feeling unwell (and kindly not sharing their illness with the rest of us). I am also looking forward to seeing many of you in person again!

Our preparations for the guild's quilt show continue. As you will see later in the newsletter and will hear at the meeting, registration is now open for members to submit their quilts and/or quilted items that they wish to display at the October quilt show. There is limited space at the venue. We are planning that each member can display at least one quilt or quilted item. Members may submit more items, and we will display as many as space permits. Be sure to indicate your order of preference if you submit more than one item! For more quilt show information, please see further on in the newsletter!

Thinking more about next year, we still need to fill out the executive committee. We need volunteers to run the guild and to have our various program items. We cannot do this without volunteers. We welcome brand new people to the executive – you do NOT have to have any experience on an executive, with this guild or any other. Please consider joining the executive. If needed, there is support and a lot of help in case you are doing a job you are not familiar with, and the time commitment is, overall, minimal. Please see later in the newsletter for the article from our Past President about available roles on the executive. Note that we must have all officer positions filled to continue the guild.

The executive has listened to the feedback received from the membership about the fine for not wearing a name tag. Earlier, the executive had decided to increase the fine in order to promote wearing of the name tags – the thought was that if the fine was higher, people would be more likely to wear the name tag. It has been brought to our attention hat this is not desirable by members. We believe that wearing a name tag at our meetings is important. It helps people who are new to the guild get to know others that

are in the guild, and it also helps those of us who, for various reasons, are having a hard time remembering a name (or 2 or 3 or 10) on a particular evening. To this end, the executive has decided to change the process. Instead of providing a fine as a result of not wearing a name tag, we will provide an incentive – if you wear your guild-provided name tag to the guild, you will get a ticket to a draw prize. If you don't bring your guild name tag, we will provide a sticky-backed name tag for you to write your name on and wear at the meeting, to serve the same purpose. We will also provide sticky name tags for guests.

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

Laura B.

2024 June 10 Catered Dinner - Laura B.

Full guild members (registered and paid) may sign up to attend a catered dinner prior to the June guild meeting and AGM. The dinner will cost \$39.50 per person (price INCLUDES tax) and it will be held at the guild meeting location, with food being served at 5:30 pm prior to the meeting. Dinner attendees are asked to arrive at 5:15 pm so that dinner can start on time and be done before the actual guild meeting.



The dinner menu is as follows:

- Meat Lasagna
- Chicken with caterer's Signature Sauce
- Tossed Salad with 2 dressing choices.
- Rolls and Butter
- Assorted French Pastries

Registration for the dinner will be open until Wednesday May 29. Refunds will not be available after Friday May 31. After this, if you cannot attend, you can coordinate with another member to attend in your stead – just let the organizers know. Registration is requested to be done online via the link in our website (https://durhamtrilliumquiltersguild.ca/june-dinner-2024) to avoid confusion with two lists (one online and one in person).

Payment is preferred to be by e-transfer to the guild (dtqguild@gmail.com) for ease in tracking. However, payment by cheque is possible – please see the President (or assisting volunteer) at the May 13 guild meeting if you cannot pay by e-transfer. Payment is required to be received by Wednesday May 29, 2024. Please do not mail a cheque as we will not be checking the PO Box between the May guild meeting and the deadline.

Vice President's Message:

See you at the May meeting.

Debbie W.



Past President's Message:

Good day you amazing members. Another month has zoomed by and here we are at the beginning of May! So many adventures over the last month and I even had time to create some quilt tops, one of these days I will turn them into quilts... We only have 2 Guild meetings until our AGM. I still have not heard from volunteers for these open positions, but I know that we will. I am grateful for the ones who are going to step up to fill these positions and those



who are continuing on serving the Guild in their positions. The blunt truth is, if we do not fill the Vice President and Secretary position we will have to fold as a Guild. And if we don't fill the other positions, it will negatively affect the running of the Guild and what the members can access. Ball is in your court.

I have listed the open positions below. I know that our membership will check out the positions and see themselves doing these essential tasks. They have the desire to help and have the skill sets needed to be a wonderful addition to the Executive. The time commitment is minimal for most of the positions and is a wonderful way to get to know other people in the Guild in a more in-depth way.

I am grateful for you stepping forward to have more fun, dust off some skills, and use them to help create an abundant and thriving Guild that continues to support each other and our community. Please think about which position you would like to fill as you enjoy your day creating beauty and joy wherever you go. Thank you.

Vice President - One of the positions needing to be filled (an Officers position and an essential one for us to continue on as a Guild) is the position of Vice President. Being Vice president is a 6-year commitment. 2 years as Vice, 2 years as President and 2 years as Past President. The roles are not onerous, but they are very important. As Vice you assist the President and basically have a 2-year apprenticeship for the role of President. As President you guide the Executive to create a Guild that follows the constitution to have an active and inspiring quilting experience for all. You are part of a large and cooperative team which takes a huge load off your shoulders. Laura has also created many good templates during her time as President. This will help the new President run the Executive and Guild meetings smoothly and easily. Laura will also be there to help for another 2 years as Past President.

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It is essential that we have someone become Vice President as without that position filled, we can not continue as a Guild. I am hoping by letting you know early in the year you will think about stepping forward and accepting the position as the Vice President.

Secretary - Gail has done an amazing job as our secretary for the last couple of years (and many other jobs on the Executive before that) and is stepping down.

Secretary is an Officers position that is required for us to be a Guild...no Secretary...no guild. The Secretary takes minutes for all the Executive meetings (10 throughout the year) and distributes them to the Executive before the next meeting. The secretary also sends out the 'all members' DTQG emails and checks the physical mailbox for any snail mail. Secretary also checks the Gmail account for messages that come in and forwards them to the appropriate convenor.

Executive meetings are usually done on Zoom, so travel is at a minimum for all. And it is easy to get into your PJ's right after the meeting for some. Or get some sewing time in for others.

Program - One of the positions becoming vacant is Program. Kate H is stepping down from that position and moving over to head up the Cuddle Quilt Program. She has already booked the first four months of the next year and will be passing on very comprehensive information on what to do for the job. This is normally a two-year term on the Executive.

Show and Share - Peggy has done an excellent job with quite the learning curve for her. Peggy has completed her term and is looking to have a break so she can be a regular member for a bit.

Show and Share convenor enables us to share our projects with others either in person or online. For our online meetings the Show and Share convenor creates a PowerPoint from the pictures submitted from members before the due date (usually 5 days before our regular Guild meeting) and runs it at the appropriate time. If you are cautious about creating a PowerPoint presentation there are many here in the Guild who can walk you through this and help you to be very successful at it. At our in person meetings the convenor organizes the herd of cats into a line and helps to showcase the creations that are being shared with us. Recruiting volunteers to help with holding the quilts is an easy part of the task because those of us holding the quilts get a great close-up view.

Publicity – This is a position that is front loaded in the year. You would be responsible for contacting current, previous, and new businesses that may be interested in advertising in our newsletter for the year. Most of the work is done in September and October by email and the businesses pay by e-transfer. A big part of the work is writing emails to the businesses and then sending out an invoice after they have paid.

Retreat Co-ordinators - Self explanatory. This position requires 2 people, and it is quite a bit of work for each retreat. There are people who can assist if you are looking to do this job. We can have both types of retreats - Away and Stay-at-Home. If you wish to know more about this position, please connect up with me (Debbie K) and I can connect you up with people who know more than I do about this position.

Membership Convenor - Unfortunately Diana has had to step away from this position. We thank her very much for the time, energy, and drive she has put into this role. Life has a way of piling unexpected things onto our plates and that creates a need for us to take care of ourselves and step back from some things so we can deal with the rest of life. You are appreciated Diana and thank you very much for what you have done.

The Membership Convenor is responsible for keeping the membership list up to date, ensuring dues are paid and members receive a receipt if paying by cash or cheque or if one is requested. Most of the work is done online since the start of COVID athough there is a requirement to process in person funds and paperwork (mostly at the September and October meetings). For the rest of the in-person meetings it is receiving the visitors' payments, giving receipts, and registering new members as the join us through the year. Membership will also be handing out a prize ticket for those who are wearing their name tags and providing a temporary stick-on name tag for those who forget theirs. (If you have a stick-on tag unfortunately you do not receive a ticket for the draw.)

Membership Assistant - You would be needed mostly for September and October to help the convenor with membership cards, in person sign ups, and stickers for our nametags. With over 100 members it can get pretty overwhelming for one person at the table in those two months. (We have a volunteer for this position now.)

Well, as you can see, there are many opportunities for you to step up and help on the Executive. The Executive is excited about having some new people come forward and fill these positions because you bring new ideas, great skills, and a wonderful energy to add to the existing cadre of wonderful people. Our goal is to have the most fun and productive Guild that we can be. That can only happen with members who volunteer and step into these roles so we can continue being a Guild that has a great influence in our community.

Block of the Month / Mystery Quilt Convenor - Unfortunately Sandy M has also had to step away from this position. We thank her very much for the effort and creativity that Sandy has put into this role. You are appreciated Sandy, and we thank you for fulfilling your role this year.

The block of the month convenor is one that finds and supplies block patterns that members can do monthly, to create enough a quilt by the end of the year. This is to be 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.

If you wish to learn more about one of these positions or wish to volunteer, please contact myself (Debbie K), Laura B, or Debbie W. Thank you and I look forward to speaking with you.

Debbie K.

Program:

At our May 2024 meeting we welcome Lynda Royce, a fibre artist, with her presentation of thread painting with panels. Once you see what can be done with a decorative panel, you will be inspired to go shopping for some to make one of your own. Her work is stunning, and you will be amazed at her artistry. Our next meeting in June is our AGM and we do not have a speaker for that meeting.



The planning is underway for next year, and in September Sharon Galna will be joining us to kick off the 2024-25 guild year.

Kate H.

Quilt Block of the Month:

Don't forget to bring in your completed blocks to be displayed. Look forward to seeing you and your completed blocks.



Best in quilting.

Sandy Mac

SEW DAYS:

Upcoming Zoom Sew Days:)

Friday May 17th from 1-4 and 7-10 pm

Thursday May 30th from 1-4 and 7-10 pm

Our latest Sew Day winners were; #112 Patricia K #113 Holly #114 Peg F

Winners please be certain to see me at the May Guild Meeting so you can pick up your wee prizes:)

Yours in Sew Day Fun,

Jacqueline H.



Library:

May is your last chance to borrow a book during this Guild year. Hope you drop by and choose a book or two. Please return all books at the June 2024 meeting so we can complete an inventory over the summer. Thank you very much.

Your Library Convenors:

Susan and Barbara



Fabric Basket:

As you spring clean, don't forget to set aside any material you no longer love. One of our members found the backing for a lap blanket charity quilt in the fabric basket last month.

Yours in Scraps

Jacqueline H and Retta H



Membership:

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

Fabric Exchange 2023-2024

Well quilters, this month I will be handing out the last of the fabrics for this year's exchange. I will also show a quilt I've made with my blocks. The pattern will be e-mailed to you if you wish a copy. I'm thinking 2-1/2" strips in toned fabrics for next year but will have all the information for this exchange at the June meeting and it will be available on the website.

Sharon

OCTOBER - ORANGE

NOVEMBER - BLUE

DECEMBER - RED

JANUARY - GREEN

FEBRUARY - PINK

MARCH - TURQUOISE

APRIL - PURPLE

MAY - YELLOW





Workshop News.

There will not be a spring workshop this year. However, I hope that more of you will participate in the June 8th Community Outreach sewing day. It will be held at Rundle Park and Kate H. will be running the sew day. Our guild Community Outreach Program wants to piece, sandwich, quilt and bind quilts for the Quilts of Valour and Survivor Quilts programs, as well as quilts for your community's needs.

Workshop Convenor,

Grace R.

Social:

Thank you to Susan M., Sandra M., Mary Lou H., Olga J. and Stasha C. for your delicious treats at our April meeting.

A special thank you to Gail L. who graciously brought in snacks to help one of our members whose brother passed away the week before our April meeting.

The following members are responsible for the treats at our May meeting: Jane S., Jennifer A., Diana S., Angie C., Sharon M. and Grace R. We look forward to your culinary delights in May.

Grace R.

Retreats:

As we do not have a convenor for this position, there is nothing new to report.

Show and Share:

We will be in person in May again, so bring in your quilts to show off your artistry and talent for the rest of our members to enjoy.

Peggy G.

Newsletter:

Hello everyone. I am back from Saskatchewan and looking forward to seeing everyone. You'll never guess what happened to Holly and I at the last meeting. We set our alarm for 7:00 and when we tried to get in, Debbie K. informed us the meeting was over. Guess what! It was 9:00 in Durham. We forgot about the time change LOL.

Question of the month:

What are we doing at 5:30 at the June meeting?

Diane D.

Outreach:

Join us for a Community Outreach sew day on Saturday, June 8 at Rundle Park Community Centre from 10-4. Cost is \$10, which includes lunch. Sign up online and send your payment. We will have kits to sew in order to meet our goal of 25 quilt tops ready for our day at Whirls & Swirls. The community outreach team will be on hand to continue working through the bins from our storage unit.

Mark your calendars for our next Whirls & Swirls sew day on Saturday, June 22, 2024. If you are available to help, we need 12 members to sign up. Can't come for the whole day? No problem, come out for an hour or two. We will be there from 10-4. Sign up at the Community Outreach table at the April and May meetings.

For those of you who make completed quilts for our program, thank you so much, and we would be pleased to provide you with a label to add to the quilt when you are attaching the binding. Every quilt that is distributed to our community partners must have one of our labels on it before it's handed out. It would help us a lot to have the label attached before the quilt is handed in so we can turn them around faster to our community partners. We truly appreciate our member supporting our program.

Your Community Outreach Team: Kate, Lyne, Carolyn, Sharon, Diane W, Diane D, and Dorothy M.

Durham Trillium Quilters' Guild Celebration of Quilting 2024



Celebration of Quilting... QUILT SHOW!!!

Friday Oct 18th 10 AM until 7 pm AND Saturday Oct 19th 10 AM until 4 PM

Forest Brooke Community Church

60 Kearney Drive, Ajax ONTARIO L1T 4N2

- Beautiful Quilts
- Presidents Quilt Challenge
- 2024 Quilt Show Challenge
- Delicious Café
- Vendors Mall
- Featured Quilter: Jane Souch
- Accessible Parking
- AND SO MUCH MORE!
- Admission \$10

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Questions?? E-mail at dtqguild@gmail.com

2024 Quilt Show news:

Items to bring in May and June	Items that must stay home until
	October 17th
 Any kit that you have to give back to the boutique table (finished or not) Any item you have made for the boutique (table runners, bags, pot holders etc) Any item you have that will go towards the basket silent auction (Baskets any shape and size are greatly appreciated!! Dollar Store Baskets are great, as well as wicker and fabric ones! Wine, and or any unopened bottles of alcohol, New Body Lotion, bubble bath etc, Placemats, table clothes (not necessarily quilted items), Beach toys Theme items (birthday, animal, xmas, holiday etc) 	All items that you have been collecting for the garage sale (Treasure room)

A word from our "Treasure Table" Convenor - Angie S

Perhaps get together with a few girlfriends and decide who is going to deliver all of the items you are donating on Thursday October 17th (after 1 pm) to the Show Location (Forest Brooke Community Church, 60 Kearney Drive Ajax)

Thank you in advance for your donations and If you have any questions feel free to contact me.

Angie

A word from our Tea Room Team - Gail, Gwen, and Kathy

Please contact Gail L if you have a Current Food Safe Certificate. The Three Sisters are currently working on putting together list together for the tea room. Remember if you volunteer at the quilt show... you get in the day you volunteer for FREE! And you will know exactly what the tea room is serving for lunch and snacks:)

A word from the Quilt Show Boutique

A big thank you for your overwhelming support of our Boutique and Quilt Show. As we get closer to the Quilt Show in October, the Boutique Committee is asking for the members to help out for just a little longer.

We would like to ask you for the following

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- 1. Kits that you have signed out please complete the kit and bring it back to us at the next meeting in April. If you can't do it, then please bring the kit back
- 2. Fabric for fabric salads please look through your stash and put together collections that we can put into plastic food containers that we call Fabric Salads and will sell at the Quilt Show. These collections can be strips (2.5" is very popular), 5" or 10" squares, colour coordinated materials, blenders, seasonal or lines of fabric ie Lori Holt, etc. Remember it should be appealing to the buyer in order to sell well. Bring them in a bag and we will fill the Fabric Salad containers.
- 3. New Kits we will be handing out two new kits in April and two more in May. Please take some and return them at the June meeting. Then no more kits and your support is much appreciated.
- 4. Donations of finished products for the Boutique are still very much appreciated.

Thanks again

Joanne

General Items from The Quilt Show Team

*** Guild Members WHO Volunteer to help at the Quilt Show will be given FREE admission to the show!! Details to follow! Get ready to see Grace R to secure your sign up spot!! ***

Quilt Show Challenge Entries have started! Diana S will answer any questions you have. Diana S will have entry forms available at the May and June Guild Meetings. Cash is preferred. Full written details are housed on the website. The Show Challenge is a juried challenge!

Attention all Quilters

Have you always wanted to have your quilting handiwork judged? Do you enjoy a little healthy competition? If you answered "yes" to either of these questions, the the DTQG 2024 Show Challenge is for you!

Entry fee - \$10

See Diana S. at the May or June meeting to sign up, pay your fee and receive your entry form. All submissions are due September 30th, 2024 by 5:00 pm. Judging will take place before the Show commences and the results will be on display for all Quilt Show visitors in October.

Sign up today and have some fun demonstrating your creative flair!

CQA NEWS:

From the Quilting Table of Patricia CQA Central Ontario Regional Rep April/May, 2024

As it continues to be a cool, wet spring I am not distracted by having to work in my garden (yet) but continuing to enjoy quilting. I attended a presentation recently about the importance of labelling my quilt and the kinds of information that could be included on the label. When I taught a novice quilter course, I always stressed the importance of labelling the quilt to include the name of the pattern, designer, quilter's name, etc. My go to expression of the time was 'the police would always find the quilt, not the silverware but not know how to return the quilt to its owner as there was no label.' For some families, that quilt could have had more value and be a greater loss than the silverware.

This year has seen a revival of quilt shows throughout our area. I have just completed a small wall hanging. My quilt label is much more detailed than what I would have done in the past from what I have recently learned. I plan to show this in my quilt guild's fall quilt show. I have been to several quilt shows recently and one of the things that I like to do is read the write-ups beside the quilts. Although I have observed that few people do this, I find the information provided to be useful as I have followed up with searching out the pattern identified, or technique used. I have, sadly, seen some very incomplete write-ups.

I am hoping you can consider the following information as best practices. Some examples that I have seen: Source: 'in a magazine or in a book I own'. No mention of the name of the

magazine/book, the artist who designed the quilt, or the name of the quilt. Perhaps, the quilt was given no name. Indicate this but also indicate what you have decided to name it. Who quilted the

piece? Was it a collaboration? I have seen this information left blank. Am I to assume that the name of the quilt owner also quilted it? Was it done on a domestic machine, sit-down longarm, or

longarm machine? Perhaps ruler work, free-motion quilting, or a pre-programmed digital format was used? Was it the quilters original design? Was a digital program used to assist the designer or quilter? Add the name of the digital program to help inform the viewer. They may want to try it out!

What story will you include in your write-up? I have read some very heartfelt write-ups sharing very emotional events that inspired the artist to quite funny stories behind the making of the quilt. This is referred to as the artist's statement. During a juried show, a judge could request that the artist statement be read to them as it may include techniques and/or materials used in the creation of the piece. I have been on the jury floor when a judge asked for the artist's statement to be read to clarify if a particular thread was used in the quilting, as there was prize money attached to the use of this sponsor's product. Upon reflection I will include that my wall quilt was from a specific sewing club, the year that I bought the kit (decades ago I might add), designer unknown, the techniques used such as trapunto, template work, curved piecing, free-motion quilting, etc. As your guild gets ready for their quilt show, consider enhancing the information that you include in your artist statement.

Consider having proof-readers too! Wishing the guilds much success in their shows this year.

Quilt Canada, Edmonton, AB June 19-22, 2024

Registration for non-members is currently open and some classes are already full. The hotels are available for booking. A list of the 67 confirmed vendors is on the CQA website and continues to be updated as further confirmed vendors are added.

The jurying of the quilts has been completed. Acceptance notices have been sent out via email. Congratulations to all who will be showing their quilts in Edmonton!

It is not too late to submit the following quilts for Quilt Canada.

2024 Youth Challenge: Submissions accepted February 1st – April 30th, 2024.

Trend Tex Challenge: Judged quilts accepted until April 30th, 2024. Quilt donations not to be judged but for the silent auction must be received by May 24th, 2024.

Good luck to all participants!

The website is now open to register as a volunteer to Quilt Canada Edmonton.

CQA Volunteer Opportunity

The positions of Membership Director and Communications Director are currently vacant CQA Board positions.

My 2-year position as Central Ontario Regional Representative will end this June. I am looking for a replacement. I have a binder of information to pass along. CQA National Meetings are once a month via Zoom, and it is exciting to hear what is going on across Canada in the quilt world.

Perhaps you have a talent that you can share through volunteering?

Worth Repeating

What is going on in your guild this year? Have you had a show or are you planning a show later this year? Did you have an activity that was remarkably successful in fundraising? I encourage your guild to share these experiences through the guild reports section on the CQA website. This is not meant to be a taxing process. Simply fill out the form with a brief description of your activity in 500 words or less. Pictures are welcome and easy to include. This report is not meant to reflect a year's worth of activities.

Consider using the calendar on the CQA website to promote your guild's activities. Include that upcoming show or perhaps the guild is hosting a speaker to your guild meeting that is open to the public. This could be a way to generate income to increase paying guests for this presentation at your guild meeting. This is free for member guilds and \$25.00 for non-member guilds. I hope you take advantage of this.

All the above information can be found at canadianguilter.com Until next time.

Upcoming Quilt Shows:

Quilts on the Grand 2024



Friday, June 7, 2024 10 AM - Saturday 8, 4 PM \$10.00

Centre Wellington Community Sportsplex 550 Belsyde Avenue, Fergus, Ontario, N1M 3S1

Enjoy our Display of Quilts, Quilt Challenge, Contests, Vendors, Lunch/Tea, Friday, June 7, 2024, 10:00 am - 7:00 pm, Saturday, June 8, 2024.

Quilt Show 2024 "Quilting for the Holidays"



Saturday, September 7, 2024, 10 AM - Sunday 8, 4 PM \$8.00

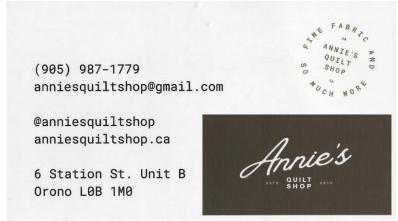
Quinte Curling Club

246 Bridge Street West, Belleville, Ontario, K8P 5L6

Saturday 7 September 10-5, and Sunday 8 September 10-4. There will be vendors of yard goods, and sewing notions, a bustling marketplace.

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