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Newsletter for the Durham Trillium Quilters' Guild

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President's Message:

Good day fellow quilters. We are heading into the last meeting of the current guild year (Monday June 10), at which we will hold our Annual General Meeting. As we are not revising the constitution this year, the email notification of the AGM does not have to be sent out 14 days in advance of the meeting. A few days before the meeting, however, we will still send out an email with the formal notice of meeting for the AGM, containing an agenda for the meeting, the financial income and expenses report for the last-reviewed guild year (2022-2023) and the proposed list of volunteers for the new Executive for the 2024-2025 guild year (for acceptance/voting). As of the time of writing of this newsletter article, we are still in need of people to fill in some key volunteer positions - please see the article from the Past President, later in this newsletter.

Members will be required to sign in as they enter for this meeting, due to the AGM. Members coming for the catered dinner will be asked to sign in when they arrive for dinner (please arrive at 5:15 as dinner is served at 5:30). To allow our volunteers time to eat their dinner without interruptions, between 5:30 and 6:45 pm we will be blocking entry for people who are not attending the dinner. At 6:45 pm, when the dinner is finished, the volunteers will head to the sign-in location and entry for non-dining members can begin. **Note that if you do not attend the dinner and you arrive before 6:45 pm, you will have to wait in the lobby** until the volunteers get set up to sign in attending members. As there is likely to be a line up, please be patient with everyone while

we execute this sign-in process. The volunteer running the Zoom connection to our meeting will sign in anyone who is attending virtually via Zoom.

Assuming that the executive is voted in, and all guild Officer positions are filled (because we cannot have a guild without all Officer positions filled), our next guild year (2024-2025) will officially start on July 1. The on-line registration for the new year will open on the website starting July 1. This registration form will contain some information to clarify fines for lost library books and we are thinking of including a basic code of conduct for members. As the wording hasn't been fully worked out yet (I want the executive to approve it before we put it in the registration), I'm not including the code's details in this message, but it will be along the lines of "be kind, be considerate, etc." Note that we will not be accepting payment or registration for the new guild year prior to July 1, to help simplify the year-by-year accounting. Later in the summer, an email will go out to all 2023-2024 guild year members, with a reminder to register on-line and a request that you please pay your membership fee by e-transfer if at all possible (this will reduce the line at the September Membership desk). E-transfers should be sent to the guild email: dtqguild@gmail.com.

For the guild's summer activities, as done last summer, the guild will allow participation by registered members from the previous guild year as well as people who have registered for the new guild year (2024-2025).

A little kindness goes a long way. It's unfortunately been obvious lately that this is sometimes easy to forget. Let's work together to continue to share our passion for our craft in friendly atmosphere that we can all enjoy and feel part of.

Laura B.



Vice President's Message:

Wow!! It's hard to believe that our Guild year is almost finished and we are heading towards our upcoming AGM. The Guild year just seems to fly by for me. I start off with lots of great plans for projects I want to get done and am ecstatic if I am able to complete even one. Our Guild has had some tumultuous times this year and as you have read in Laura's message a little kindness can go a long way. It's difficult to not take things personally when you are doing something you are passionate about to the best of your ability. I would just like to reiterate that the executive tries very hard to make good and fair decisions on behalf of our members. If you are upset with something

or have suggestions or maybe even a compliment, don't hesitate to speak to one of us or send an email to the Guild inbox. Your input is important!! The dog days of summer will soon be upon us. Whether you will be quilting, gardening, reading, traveling or any one of the hundreds of things there is to do during our beautiful summer weather. Take time for yourself. Rest and rejuvenate the Quilt Show will be here before we know it and it will be all hands on deck. The Quilt show committee has been working very diligently to make sure we have a great show!!!

Debbie W

Vice President

DTQG

Debbie W.



Past President's Message:

Here I sit in Elliot Lake somewhat sore, tired, and a couple of days I have felt very overwhelmed. Why you ask? Well, I am redoing part of a deck, designing and building an extension on said deck, having to think through all the steps beforehand so I don't need to undo my work (which has happened a couple of times - a seam ripper is much easier to use), and creating something useful for someone which will make their life better. I am doing it by myself. I have never built a deck before. It is taking longer than I expected but it will be finished today.

Why am I telling you this? Well, to do a job I have never done before I am using skills that I developed doing other tasks, I am looking things up on YouTube, I am asking questions of other people, and I am just trying something to see if it works and then making sure I have the correct items to complete the job. It is not easy sometimes. I have to make myself be brave enough to attempt the job and then find ways to keep myself going so the job gets completed. This is not a quilt top I can leave in a drawer for years to come...the deck needs to be finished so Rhett can enjoy a very important part of her life safely.

How does this relate to quilting? Besides the fact I referenced using a seam ripper and a UFO? It has to do with our Guild because there are jobs that need to be filled for next year that you may feel overwhelmed by, not skilled enough, afraid to try because you have never done it before, wondering about the time commitment, and you do not want to fly solo.

The Executive is a team, we help each other out and there are people to talk to who have done the job before, resources in place to advise you, and a whole guild to support you. When I became Vice President I had no clue what I was doing. I had never done anything like that in my career or life before. I had been the secretary for the mess committee but that was it. But I did know how to show up, listen, and be brave enough to bring forth my ideas when needed.

For most of my time at DTQG I have been on the Executive. I have learned quite a bit and am so very grateful for the others on the Executive for their patience and advice. I had quite the interesting time as President as I got to steer this ship through some pretty choppy waters. We survived and thrived because of the team that was in place, the creative ideas brought forward, the enthusiasm of the team, the deep caring for the members of our guild, and the drive we all had to conquer the isolation of the time of covid. We wanted to keep our connections alive and help each other live well through a very extremely tough time.

That time of isolation has changed all of us. Many of us are now needing to learn how to come out of our cocoons, learn how to interact face to face again, and how to be involved in the different activities that add joy and spice to life. It does take work because it is so much easier to stay at home especially if you have introvert tendencies. Crossing that threshold of your home can be very intimidating for some...others gleefully leap over it.

We, as a Guild and an Executive, need you to overcome your fear of not being enough. Step over that threshold and join us in continuing to be a guild that is here to be a blessing to each other and our community. A guild that welcomes and encourages people to learn and enjoy our craft that continually blesses others.

Please look at the positions that still need someone to come forward and take on the opportunity to fulfill the role and learn some new to you skills. You are working with a great team, you are not building a deck on your own so it will be much easier and go much smoother. Thank you

Positions I have received a volunteer for: Secretary, Social, Membership, Membership Assistant, Program, Retreats/Special Events

Still Require a volunteer:

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.

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.

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 would be interested in advertising in our newsletter for the year. Most of the work is done in September and October (by email mostly) and the businesses pay by e-transfer. Big part of the work is writing emails to the businesses and then sending out an invoice after they have paid.

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. The time commitment varies for the different roles and there is always somebody willing to step forward and give you a hand when you need it.

To continue as a Guild we must have a Vice President. If this position is not filled then the next year will be focused on the tasks required to dissolve the guild and parcel out our inventory and resources to other community groups.

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.

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 welcomed Lynda Royce, a fibre artist, with her presentation of thread painting with panels. She shared her tips on making a one of a kind project from a panel. What an awesome speaker, and I look forward to seeing the creations made at her June class with the guild

Our June meeting is our AGM and our speaker will be our President, Laura B. Just a reminder that June is a members-only event.

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. Program Convenor



Quilt Block of the Month:

Best in quilting.

Sandy Mac

SEW DAYS:

Yours in Sew Day Fun,

Jacqueline H.



Library:

Please return all of your library books at the June meeting. We need them back to complete an inventory over the summer. If you know that you won't attend our June meeting, please give your book to a friend to return for you.

No books may be borrowed at the June meeting as we will be doing our inventory over the break.

See you in September!

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: Registration

Membership for the new guild year will open on July 1. At that time, the link in the website (<https://durhamtrilliumquiltersguild.ca/membership>) will be updated to the on-line membership registration form for the new year. Payment is requested to be done via e-transfer, on or after June 1, to dtqguild@gmail.com. If at all possible, please register and pay online, to limit the line up at the membership table at the September meeting. Don't forget, you will need to register and pay to participate in guild programs, including the upcoming fall quilt show!



Workshop News.

There is a workshop planned for June 22/24 to learn the technique of Fibre Art on a Panel with Lynda Royce. It will begin at 9:30 am and end at 4:30 pm. The workshop will be held at Forest Brook Community Church at 60 Kearney Dr, Ajax [NE corner Kearney Dr. and Elizabeth St] and costs \$40.00. An email further outlining this workshop was sent to all guild members on May 23/24.

We are planning several workshops for the new guild year, 2024-2025, one focusing on quilting techniques, one to create a small bag to carry your essentials to class rather than your larger purse, and we are going to book Lynda Royce for a second class later in the guild year. If you missed her first class this one will be in a larger area facility and can have more participants.

Your Workshop Convenors,

Grace R. and Debbie W.

Fabric Exchange 2023-2024

Hello fellow quilters:

For 2024-2025, the exchange will be for 2-1/2" strips of quilting quality fabric. I am asking for "toned" colours, as explained below. Any shade of the colour is acceptable. You will need 6 strips each month starting in October and ending in April (a total of 42 strips). At the conclusion I will give you a pattern to make a lap size quilt and also some alternative designs you can use with these fabrics.

The exchange will work as follows: Each month you will hand in 6 of the 2-1/2" strips in the colour indicated for the month. All 6 strips do not have to be the same fabric. You will get back 6 strips of that colour, in a variety of fabrics - the more people who participate the greater the variety. As some colours are not terribly popular, in February and April you will have the choice of two colours.



Please put your strips in a plastic bag with your name and phone number written on the front. 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.

OCTOBER - GOLD

NOVEMBER - BLUE

DECEMBER - RED

JANUARY - GREEN

FEBRUARY - BROWN OR BLACK

MARCH - CHEDDAR

APRIL - AUBERGINE OR PINK

Let me know if you need any more information!

Sharon C

Social:

Thank you to the ladies who provided such delightful treats for our May Guild meeting. The following ladies will be asked to bring in treats for our break during the June meeting, Dorothy B., Sharron C., Carolyn L., Peggy F., Sharon L., and Bonnie R.

At our June guild meeting, I will be asking our guild members to sign up to bring treats to our September, October, November, and December/25 meetings. If you feel you would prefer to bring the treats in to one of our spring meetings, there will be space for you to sign up for the April- June/25 meetings too.

Thank you again to everyone who has so graciously provided snacks throughout the year at our in-person meetings. Without your treats we would not feel both nurtured and cared for at our many meetings.

Your Social Convenor,

Grace R.

Retreats:

Nothing to report.

Show and Share:

Nothing to report.

Peggy G.

Newsletter:

Diane D.

Community Outreach:

When I arrived at the May meeting, I met a quilter in the parking lot who had moved here from BC and brought a lot of fabric with her. She no longer quilts and was looking for a guild to donate fabric to, and she found us. It filled the back seat of my SUV. I brought her inside to properly thank her and introduced her to our president. Thank you Linda N.

Upcoming event: our 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 to the guild. 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. You could drop in and pick up or drop off a community outreach project as well.

We are well on our way to having a good quantity of beautiful quilt tops to be quilted at our next **Whirls & Swirls sew day on Saturday, June 22, 2024.** The goal is 25 quilts! Registration is online for this free event. If you are available to help we need 12 members to sign up. We will be there from 10-4. Can't come this time, no worries, we will have opportunities next guild year.

If you are making a complete quilt on your own ask us for a label to attach to your final project. By having the label on the quilt prior to handing it in means we can get that quilt out to our community partner sooner. We truly appreciate our member supporting our program.

At our May meeting, I received 6 completed quilts destined for Quilts of Valour from Jane S. We have already met our Quilts of Valour target for this year, and I have connected with Quilts of Valour representative to deliver them. Just a recap, we would like to commit the guild to provide 5 completed quilts to Quilts for Survivors and 5 Quilts to Quilts of Valour

At the June meeting, we will be collecting completed tops and quilts from members, and handing out kits for you to work on over the summer.

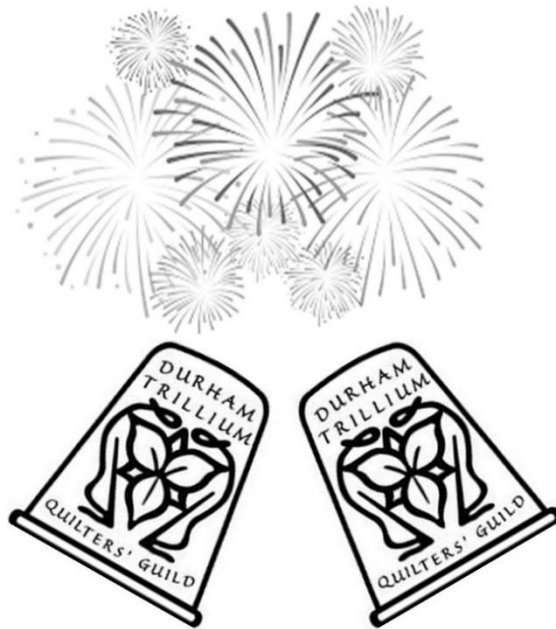
If you have some free time after the June meeting and looking for a community outreach project please contact me directly if you wish to pick up at my home.

Thanks for your continued support

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

Kate H

Durham Trillium Quilters' Guild
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2024 Quilt Show news:

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!

ARTICLES SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS:

Beginner Quilting mistakes:

<https://www.getaquiltingstudio.com/2024/05/12-quilting-mistakes-i-made-as-a-beginner.html>

Wouldn't this look nice in our yard:



ROM Exhibit

The Royal Ontario Museum is having an exhibit of Canadian quilts this summer.

<https://www.rom.on.ca/en/exhibitions-galleries/exhibitions/quilts-made-in-canada>

Coming soon to ROM is [Quilts: Made in Canada](#), on view June 29 to November 17, 2024. This new exhibition highlights some of the most visually intoxicating examples of artistry, community, and sustainability made in Canada: quilts. We would love to welcome the Durham Trillium Quilters Guild audience to visit ROM and take advantage of the offers below!

Save 15% off ROM Admission Offer

Your guild members, and their family and families save 15% off ROM admission with a unique promo code to art, culture, and nature. Enjoy Quilts: Made in Canada as well as our permanent galleries including the ROM-original exhibition, Wild Cats and more.

Group Visits & Themed Tours

We encourage you to upgrade your visit with one of our popular guided tours - including Quilts: Made in Canada. Plus, our group activities are à la carte to match the needs of your group and budget. From engaging guided tours to whirlwind scavenger hunts, we will do everything we can to bring your vision to life.

If you have any questions or wish to book a group visit, please reach out!

I look forward to hearing from you,

Katherine I

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.

Members' Corner:

QFS donation transport

Dorothy B and Carole M will be attending the 2nd annual Quilts for Survivors retreat in Timmons Ontario, Sept 26 to Oct 1, 2024. Similarly to last year, if any members have personal donations for Quilts for Survivors (outside of any official guild initiative), such as a 12.5 inch block, an orphan block, a 48" x 60" quilt top or quilt, or a monetary donation, Dorothy and Carole are willing to deliver the member's personal donation to the QFS team. Guidelines on what can be provided (such as restrictions on types of prints) can be found at this website:

https://www.quiltsforsurvivors.ca/?page_id=15. If members would like to have Dorothy and Carole deliver their donation, please either provide the donations to Dorothy or Carole at the guild in-person June or September guild meeting, or contact Dorothy/Carole to coordinate delivery via the Membership list sent out earlier in the year.

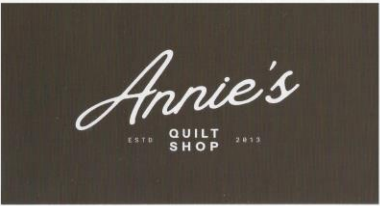
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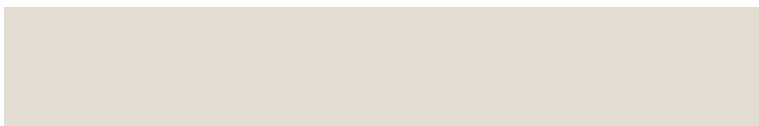
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