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President's Message

Welcome Back Quilters!!! It is hard to believe that the summer is coming to an end and the cooler breezes of the fall with its beautiful colours will soon be here. With the coming of fall we are looking forward to our "Celebration of Quilting" quilt show on October 18th & 19th. Our Guild has many many gifted Quilters, with so much talent, our Celebration of Quilting should be amazing. Remember to get those beautiful quilts and quilted items registered by the deadline so that the show will be a huge success.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say a big "THANK YOU" to the members of the executive who completed their terms in the past quilting year and welcome the new members joining the executive. In the next few weeks, we will be implementing several new email addresses to make it easier for our members to contact the officers and a couple of key coordinators directly. Hopefully this will reduce the number of emails going directly to the general mailbox and we will be more efficient at responding to folks and ease the burden on the Secretary.

The executive is looking forward to an engaging year ahead.

Your Patchwork Pal ☺

Debbie W.

DTQG President

Vice President's Message:



Welcome all members to the 2024-25 Year of DTQG. I would like to thank you all for trusting me to be a part of the guild journey of quilting and fun. Looks like it is going to be a whirlwind of excitement at the first part of the season with our quilt show in good hands with our Quilt show committee.

I will be the one fluttering about giving tickets to those that attend just being there is a bonus for a prize! In the new year there are plans for a Presidential Challenge to work on.

The Executive also would like to start a Sick and Sunshine program. I will be the contact person so that we can send our thoughts, and congratulations, so if you know some milestone events from our members, please shoot me an email or approach me at the meeting we would love to know!

Looking forward to the coming years getting to know you and also the guild and what it represents.

Debra A.

Vice President



Past President:

Our quilt show is coming up soon. Be sure to register the quilts online via the website (<https://durhamtrilliumquiltersguild.ca/2024-quilt-show>). The registration deadline is coming up fast, as all quilts are to be registered by 11:45 pm on Tuesday September 10! If you are displaying your quilt from the 2022-2023 President's Challenge, please register those online as well.

Note that all of quilts entered will need a sleeve on the back of the quilt (at the top) to use to hang the quilt at the show. At the end of the newsletter is a "how to make a hanging sleeve" instruction set. We will also have a demo that you can see at the September and October meetings.

Also, to submit your quilts to the quilt show, they must be in a **LARGE CLEAR PLASTIC** bag and they must be folded in a particular way. Folding instructions will be provided in the October newsletter. I will be selling large clear plastic bags at the September and October meetings, at cost (\$0.25 each). Please bring change - I won't have enough change for everyone!

And one final note - due to Thanksgiving AND the quilt show, the October meeting is being held Monday October 7th - this is the **FIRST** Monday of the month - not the usual 2nd Monday. Please ensure this is reflected in your calendars!!

See you at the meeting in September.

Laura

Past President

How to Make a Quilt Hanging Sleeve – One Example – Durham Trillium Quilters' Guild

1. Measure the width of your quilt: measure along the edge that will be the top when hanging.
 - a. Example: Quilt is 84" wide at the top of the quilt
2. Obtain material that is 9" wide by the quilt width plus 1" to use as the sleeve (Figure 1). This can be a single fabric or sewn together from multiple pieces.
 - a. If this is temporary, it can be any supporting fabric that can support the weight (e.g., muslin, bed sheet, etc. but not knits or very light weight material).
 - b. If it will stay on the quilt, use a quilting fabric that you like!
 - c. If pieced ... recommend sewing down the seam edges so the rod doesn't catch on the seam when being inserted.
 - d. Example: for the example quilt that is 84" wide, create a strip of fabric that is 85" long by 9" wide.



3. Finish the raw ends
 - a. On each end, fold in the short edge (wrong sides together) by 1/2 inch and press.
 - b. Fold the short edge in 1 more time, so the raw edge is now enclosed, and press again (Figure 2).
 - c. Topstitch 1/8" from the edge to hold down the folds.



4. Fold the strip in half lengthwise, with WRONG SIDES together. Stitch a 1/2" seam along the long raw edge (Figure 3). NOTE: having the wrong sides together makes it so you don't have to turn the tube inside out later. (Sorry, I sewed with white thread so it is hard to see! I drew a line on the image, part way, for clarity.)



5. Position the tube with the seam on top in the middle. Press the seam open and the tube flat (Figure 4).



6. Create some slack in the sleeve so there is no “bump” on the front when hanging:

- a. Turn the sleeve over so that the open seam is on the bottom.
- b. Fold up $\frac{1}{4}$ " to $\frac{1}{2}$ " along one edge of the hanging sleeve tube and press to form a nice crease (Figure 5).
- c. Be consistent – choose either $\frac{1}{4}$ " or $\frac{1}{2}$ " (or something in the middle) and stick with it for the entire length of the sleeve.



7. Attach the hanging sleeve to the quilt as follows:

- a. Position the sleeve along the top of the quilt, approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the top, with the seam of the sleeve touching the back of the quilt. The edge fold should be facing up (Figure 6).
- b. Use the original fold crease line on one long side and the new crease from the previous step, as the “sew lines” of the sleeve length. This will have a flat part against the quilt, and a “bump” of the sleeve sticking up from the quilt. You can open the fold to make it easier to sew (Figure 7).
- c. Attach the hanging sleeve to the quilt – go around all 4 sides – both long sides AND short edges (sewing the short edges of the seam makes it much easier to get the hanger into the sleeve)
 - i. If sleeve is to be temporary, it can be basted down or attached with safety pins.
 1. **NOTE: If attached with straight pins, people could get hurt and quilts with sleeves attached with straight pins WILL NOT be displayed at the quilt show.**
 - ii. If sleeve is to be permanent, attach to the quilt using a whipstitch or a blind stitch.
 - iii. In either case,
 1. **Be sure to catch the batting in the stitches/pins to make the stitches secure and not put undue stress on the backing.**
 2. **Take care that the stitches/pins don't show on the front of the quilt**





Program:

Our former program convener, Kate H., has arranged a wonderful line-up for this 2024 - 2025 year. I only need to find a virtual presenter for March 10, 2025, and an in-person presenter for May 12, 2025. Now is your chance to give me input on who you would like to hear from at these meetings.

Sharon Galna, a local award-winning quilter and enthusiastic teacher will be joining us for our September 9th meeting. Her quilts are inspirational. Search for her on Instagram “Quiltish Corner” or <https://quiltishcorner.com>

On October 7th we will be getting all the information we will need for our October 18 - 19th Quilt Show. Please volunteer to help and to submit your quilts for showing.

The full listing of presenters is available on our website.

Gail L.



Quilt Block of the Month:

2024-2025 Block of the Month

I am very excited to take on the Block of the Month role! This year, we will start AFTER the quilt show so you will have to wait a little longer to hear about the fun project that is in store.

With less time to complete this year’s project, I will be trying something different. More info to come, but here are some “hints”

- scrap / fat quarter friendly
- purchased pattern

I can’t wait to start this fun project with you!

Diane W.

Block of the Month Convenor



Sew Day Social Convenor:

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

Fall Sew Days are:

Friday Sept 20th 1-4 pm and 7-10 pm

Sunday Sept 29th 1-4 pm

Sunday Oct 27th 1-4 pm

We have had 126 Zoom Sew Days thus far, and summer winners have included Deb W, Katherine J, Diana H, Maureen E, Judy B, Lina, and Peg F

Yours in Sew Day Fun, Jacqueline

Jacqueline H.



Fabric Basket:

Greetings ladies!

“My problem isn’t that I buy too much fabric,

My problem is that I shop faster than I sew!”

This can also be said about our scrap “collection”! We will probably never catch up to using all of our pretty scraps leftover from our projects so why not share some of those wonderful scraps with your fellow Quilting enthusiasts!

Our basket is very lean at the moment, so we’d love to receive your scrap donations! Please remember a scrap is considered anything bigger than the size of your hand!!! Also please **ONLY** drop off 100% cotton scraps. Thank you.

Happy stitching,

Kathy D and Gwen VN

Library:



Let us know if there are any book titles or topics that you would like us to add to our library this year. We'll do our best to purchase it!

Barbara and Susan

Your Library Convenors

Membership:



Just a reminder if you haven't renewed your membership for the 2024-25 Guild year you can do so on our website (<https://durhamtrilliumquiltersguild.ca/membership>) and e-transfer the payment. You can also register in person at the September meeting.

See you soon.

Angie S.

Membership Convenor

Social:



The members who kindly offered to provide treats at the September meeting (Sept 9) are- Peggy F., Susan S., Diane D., Barb S., Gail L., and Judy B. We are asking that each member provide 24 pieces (i.e. 24 cookies or 24 small treats). Please also remember to have your name on any container that your treats came in so it can easily be returned to you.

Peggy G.

Social Convenor



Retreats:

Nothing to report.



Show and Share:

Looking forward to seeing all of your projects done over the summer. Hopefully some of them are going into the quilt show.
Your Show & Share convenor.



Newsletter:

Welcome back fellow quilters. I hope you had a great summer, but it is time to get back to sewing. Our quilt show is coming in October, and I know everyone is looking forward to it. Please remember if you see an interesting article, please send it to me as it will interest our readers. We will continue to ask you a question every month, so please come and see me at the meeting with the answer for a chance to win a prize.

This month's Question: In the fabric exchange, what are we exchanging this year?

Diane D.

Newsletter Editor

Workshop News.

Workshop Information, September 2024

Welcome back to an exciting year at our guild. There will be a workshop this fall in late October. You will not need your sewing machine, just quilting needles, scrap fabric and a base to sew onto. This will be a new technique to create a quilt. Come to our first guild meeting in September to see a sample of this interesting way of quilting a fascinating quilt.

Workshop Questionnaire 2024/25 Response Tally

I am including most of the information which was given to your workshop team at the June meeting in the **form of a quick questionnaire.**

How long have you been a member of DTQG-in years: 1=4, 2=6, 3=1, 4=1, 5=1, 6=2, 7=1, 8=2, 10=7, 15=4, 15+=1, 20+=4, 24=1, 25=1, 29=1, 30=2

Would you attend a Virtual workshop if offered:

- Yes 18
- No 7
- Depends on topic 23

Do you intend on attending a workshop in the future? Yes 18

- No 3
- Depends on topic 22

How much would you be willing to pay for a workshop? Most people would pay between \$20 to \$40 depending on the topic and time offered. Several would pay up to \$60 for a workshop if the topic/day and presenter were to their liking. The following comments were also included on the question sheet. Everyone stated the cost depended on the presenter, the location of the class, if we needed to purchase a pattern, the day of the week and how long the

Have you ever attended a workshop that has been offered by the Guild?

- Yes 24
- No 17

If not, why? Time and day that the workshop was being offered; distance to travel interest in topic and time involved; too new to quilting; already knew topic offered.

How many workshops would you like to see offered during the Guild year? Most people would like 3 workshops a year and a few wanted 5 or more a year.

Which do you prefer?

- Weekdays 8
- Weekend 21
- Either 5

What workshop topics would you most like to see offered? Please be as specific as possible: I have chosen the most often suggested workshop topics from all the sheets:

New techniques and/or artistic quilting techniques and review known techniques; applique; some fun ways to create a quilt; bag making with hardware installation; machine quilting or free motion quilting techniques; paper piecing with and/or with freezer paper; modern approach to quilting; thread painting or fiber art quilting with texture embellishments; ruler work workshop; how to make your own patterns for quilt blocks.

Would you be willing to instruct a workshop in future.

- Yes 6
- No 28
- Maybe 1

If you would be willing to be an instructor at a future workshop, do you prefer

- Virtual 1
- In Person 6

Grace R.

Workshop convener,

Fabric Exchange 2024-2025

The fabric exchange this year will be 2-1/2" strips of toned fabric (some people call these colours "muddy"). I will have samples of the colours available at each Guild meeting. The exchange will begin with the October meeting and will go on for 7 months. Some fabric designers who use toned fabrics are Kim Diehl, Kansas Troubles, Jo Morto, Jeanne Horton (Windham Fabrics), Barbara Brakman, Renee Nanneman of Need'l Love, Lynette Anderson.

At the end of the 7 months, I will give you a pattern which can be made with the strips. It will be a lap size quilt and will use all the strips.

Each month you will bring 6 strips in a plastic baggie with your name and phone number written on the front. Registration can be found on the website at:

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/DurhamTrilliumQuiltersGuild2/DTQGFabricExchange20242025>.

As we will not be having "in person" meetings for the months of January, February and March, you will need to hand them in at the December meeting and receive them back in April.

The colours for this exchange are as follows:

October - Gold

November - Blue

December - Red

January - Green

February - Brown or Black

March - Cheddar

April - Aubergine or Pink

You will notice some of the months give you alternative colours e.g. **Brown or Black** can be 6 of one colour or a mixture such as 4 brown and 2 black. I've done this because it's sometimes hard to find some colours.

I hope you will participate in this program - it's fun - it's free - and you will learn to identify toned fabrics.

Looking forward to the exchange this year.

Sharron C.

Quilters Corner





Community Outreach:

A community outreach quilting day was held at Whirls N Swirls. Some photos are below.

We look forward to receiving your placemats for Meals on Wheels at the September meeting, plus anything else you wish to donate.





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



Quilt Show News:

Here are a few tidbits for our upcoming Quilt show! Celebration of Quilting

8 important tidbits

- 1) In order to ensure your quilt(s) will be shown at the upcoming quilt show, you need to register by 11:45 pm on Sept 10th Register on line at: (<https://durhamtrilliumquiltersguild.ca/membership>)
- 2) We are looking for the 2022/2023 Presidents Challenge 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners! Please make sure you register your challenge quilts. As well... everyone who wishes to show their 2022/2023 Presidents Challenge quilts must register them.
- 3) Silent Auction items are due no later than Sept 9, 2024 (you may have to carry them to Deb W's vehicle). Deb W is hoping you will drop them off at her house before Sept 9th.
- 4) Quilt Show Challenge is due Sept 9th, but with a phone call and drop off at Diana S's house could come in by 5 pm on Sept 30th.
- 5) Boutique has priced all their merchandise. So please bring in any outstanding kits.

6) We have a **FACEBOOK** page, where pictures of boutique, silent auction and vendor info is being revealed. “**DTQG Quilt Show 2024**” is the name of the Facebook page. Thus far we have 51 members following the page. It has a daily countdown, and pictures every 2-3 days :)

7) As a guild you gave your permission and enthusiasm into the running of a quilt show. You gave us the directions to “get it done” and “make it so”. With that in mind, we now come back to you and seek your assistance in getting all the “volunteering at the show” positions filled. Grace R will have the signup sheets at the September guild meeting, and really would like to have all the spots filled before the end of the meeting. And remember... if you volunteer to help at the show, you get into the show **FREE** (that is a \$10 value)

8) **Please find an attached flyer for the upcoming show!** If you can think of the "perfect" place to have it displayed in your area...Please print it and post it. I sent it out to senior’s centers, and local seniors’ residences, but am not certain if they have the budget to print and post it.

Yours in quilting stitches, Show Chair 2024 Jacqueline



QUILT SHOWS COMING SOON:

Simcoe County Quilt, Rug and Artisan Fair

September 20 - September 22

\$10.00

Open 9:30 am to 4:00 pm.

Whether you’re a veteran, beginner or just curious, there will be something for you to see, experience and learn as local artisans’ guilds display their handicrafts and demonstrate traditional crafts like embroidery, quilting, spinning, weaving, rug hooking, lacemaking, pottery and more.

Stock up on supplies at our merchants’ market and peruse some of the many one-of-a-kind products created by local artisans. Stroll the beautiful museum grounds and examine our fascinating collection of heritage buildings from across Simcoe County. Take a break from exploring all this event has to offer and enjoy a snack at our concession stand.

Hanging by a Thread

September 21 - October 18

FREE

Come view the 5th bi-annual exhibit by the Oakville Fibre Artists entitled **'Hanging by a Thread'**. Our group of 30 artists explores some of the traditional fibre techniques such as embroidery and quilting through an artistic lens and also new practices such as eco dyeing and felting.

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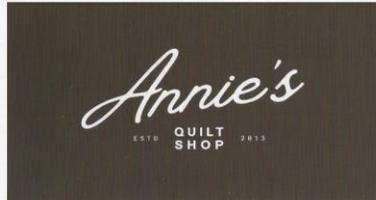
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