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President's Message

Happy Fall, Quilters!

At this time of year we are busy preparing for fall baking pies and all sorts of other things to prepare for our Thanksgiving Feasting. It is a time for gratefulness, family and friends.

Lots of shop hops going on and the fall colours will soon be showing in all their splendour.

Enjoy your time with family during this awesome time of year and we will see you all at the quilt show.

Your Patchwork Pal ☺

Debbie W.

DTQG President

Vice President's Message:



We are looking for a new vice-president and we hope someone is willing to step up to the plate. See the Past President's message for more details.

Treasurer:

The guild requires a member with financial experience to volunteer to perform an audit on our Durham Trillium books for the 2023 to 2024 fiscal year. If you can assist, please inform me (Maureen) or Laura (Past President).

Maureen

Treasurer



Past President:

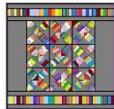
Good day fellow quilters. It is lovely to be having our meetings again. We are heading into the second meeting of the current guild year (**NOTE: the meeting is Monday OCTOBER 07 which is the first Monday of the month, switched due to Thanksgiving**).

I am both happy and sad to let you all know that due to a change in occupational circumstances (happy for Deb), Deb A is no longer going to be able to be our Vice President (sad for us). As Past President, it falls to me to connect with members to try to find someone to fill this position. I will help our President out for meetings in the meantime, but I would like to get this process going.

The Vice President position is an Officers position and is an essential one. Coming to the guild as Vice president is a 6-year commitment: 2 years as Vice President (an excellent opportunity to learn how the guild and the executive runs), 2 years as President and 2 years as Past President. These roles are not difficult, but they are important. As Vice you assist the President and basically learn the ropes. As President you guide the Executive to create an active and inspiring quilting experience for all, ensuring we are meeting the requirements of our constitution. The executive is a large and helpful team. There are lots of people to speak with and help out. There are several good templates to follow to assist in the smooth running of the Executive and Guild meetings. Laura will also be there to help for another 2 years as Past President.

I would like to sort out the Vice President role as soon as possible, following as much of the same process as before. If you are interested in the position, please speak with me at the October or November meetings or send me an email. I am hoping that someone will step forward, and if more than one steps forward, we can have an election at the December meeting.

Laura
Past President



Program:

Thank you for your suggestions for presenters. I will be pursuing these for future bookings.

Sharon Galna's presentation at our September meeting inspired us. Especially admired were her English Paper Pieced quilts and the award-winning Art depiction of Elvis Costello! Sharon enjoyed seeing all her DTQG friends and students.

Our Quilt Show Committee will be running the meeting on October 7th as the big event is just around the corner. You will learn all about the various jobs and the procedures for submitting your quilts. Hopefully, with your help Grace R. will have all the volunteer time slots filled by the end of the meeting.

Elaine Theriault, a modern quilter will present at our November 11th meeting. She has a blog and posts on Instagram. Follow her at “crazyquilteronabike”.

The full listing of presenters is available on our website.

Gail L.
Program Convener



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



Membership:

Hello everyone, just a quick note that if you haven't renewed your membership for the upcoming year, you can do so either on-line or in person at the October meeting. Also, remember to wear your name tag at October's meeting for a chance to win a prize.

Thanks
Angie S.
Membership Convenor



Sew Day Social Convenor:

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

The last of the Fall Sew Days is:

Sunday Oct 27th 1-4 pm

We have had 128 Zoom Sew Days thus far, and the latest winners are Judy B and Kelly L.

Yours in Sew Day Fun,

Jacqueline H.



Fabric Basket:

Greetings ladies!

“I cannot count my day complete, til needle, thread and fabric meet.”

Author Unknown

Thank you to those members that dropped off scraps last month! We even had a few mysterious packages of unfinished quilt blocks/tops that were dropped off but soon found new homes. We will look forward to seeing those completed at a future Show and Share. Others had fun digging through the mound, finding small bits of colours to add to their quilting creations.

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:



Hope you drop by the library and borrow a book or two for inspiration; the Guild has lots to choose from. And as a friendly overdue book reminder, take a look and if you have one of these books, please return it:

Make it Christmas with 3 Yard Quilts

More Playful Precut Quilts by Amanda Niederhauser

City Quilts by Cherrie House

Barbara and Susan
Your Library Convenors



Social:

Peggy is away, so those that volunteered to bring treats to the meeting, I hope you remember who you are LOL. We are asking that each member provide 24 pieces (ie 24 cookies or 24 small treats). Please also remember to have your name on any container that your treats came in.

Peggy G.,
Social Convenor



Show and Share:

Last month our meeting was long, and we did not have Show and Share. This month, please bring your art to the meeting to show off all of your hidden talents. See you there.

Ann C,
Your Show and Share convenor



Newsletter:

Summer is finished and we are into the cool colourful days of fall. I hope everyone is well. We have been having wonderful weather and I hope it keeps up. I love the fresh air of Autumn and find it gives me more energy. I wish someone would send me some interesting articles to put in the newsletter, so maybe you can do it next month. Please read about our upcoming quilt show! Question of the month:

We are expecting a visitor at our meeting on Monday night. He is actually going to be part of our quilt show.

What is this visitor doing at our meeting?

Diane D.
Newsletter Editor

Workshops

Happy Thanksgiving to all our guild members.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, your workshop committee has had to postpone the upcoming Kwandi workshop until a later date. Thank you to those members who have signed up for the Kwandi workshop, we are working on rescheduling the Kwandi workshop for all those interested in learning this interesting new technique of hand sewn quilt making.

Your workshop convener,

Grace R.
Workshop convener,



Retreats:

Nothing to report.

Fabric Exchange 2024-2025

The fabric exchange this year will be 2-1/2" strips of toned strips (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.cognitoforms.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 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.



Community Outreach:

Your Community Outreach Committee has been **B U S Y !**

August 11th we were at Whirls ‘N Swirls

- Tracey was on hand to help the 8 DTQG quilters who came to participate in this fun day.
- Two of the participants are brand new to our guild and some were brand new to long arming as well!
- At the end of the day, we had 16 lap quilts ready to bind. A productive day indeed.
- Special thanks to Tracey for her expertise and time. She also donates the studio fees to our program. It’s a great partnership.
- Make sure you sign up for our next day at Whirls ‘N Swirls – it’s always a great time and it certainly supports a great cause. Sometime later this year...
- “Make placemats please!” we said – and placemats you certainly made!
- The call to make placemats for Durham Community Care for the fall and holiday season was made this summer to our guild members.
- Do you know how many completed placemats were returned at the September meeting? 197
- Do you know what our goal was? 150 placemats by the end of November!
- Want to make some more? Or forgot to bring your donation? Please bring them to the October meeting.
- All details for sizes, etc. can be found on our guild’s website.

What is a WALKER BAG (WB) you may ask...

- It’s a bag that has a handle made to be attached to an actual “walker” for people with mobility challenges.
- They are made of heavier fabric than quilting cottons and are loved by everyone who receives them.
- Typically, they are donated to long term care facilities.
- We had a few kits for WB’s at the last meeting and members took them all. We will have more at the October meeting. Come and get ‘em!

Things your Community Outreach Committee (COC) wants you to know:

- We spend **WAY** too much time measuring quilts. When donating a quilt or quilt top, could you attach a piece of paper, with a safety pin, that would have your name and the quilt’s measurements?
- If you work on one of the COC’s kits, please make sure to complete the tag. Put your name on whichever, and all, steps you completed. And, thinking of point above, if it does not have measurements, please include those on the tag.
- If you are planning to make a quilt out of your stash for COC, please request a label ahead of time so that it may be sewn into the binding. 😊
- We **LOVE** fabric! **BUT** what we love even more is **GOOD QUALITY QUILTING** cotton. At the moment, we are low on neutrals that could be teamed with the fabric we have on hand tone on tone, that

type of thing. Again, if you know the size of the piece of fabric you are donating, identify it on the bag, a piece of tape, etc.

- If you are given fabric for the guild's COC, please, please, go through the boxes or bags before dropping off to us. We have had surprises in the form of evidence of critters in boxes in the past. If the donor would have opened the box, they would have seen the same thing as us and not passed it on to us.
- Also, if you have donations of other things than quilting cotton, please reach out to the COC with the guild's email, so that we can say ahead of time, if the items are needed or not. We don't want to be the dumping ground for all things no longer needed! That's the treasure table!

We're happy to report:

- Over the summer we donated quilts to the following organizations: Pregnancy Help Centre, Muslim Welfare Homes, Extencicare Oshawa, Hillsdale Terraces, and Denise House.
- We received a thank you letter from Denise House, which has been included in the newsletter.
 - o If you have contact information for another local organization you feel could use some quilt love, please send the COC a quick email via the Guild's website.
 - o Maybe a group you know could use a quilt for a raffle? We have some of those too!

Keep on stitchin' and Thank You for your support!

Kate, Lyne, Diane

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



SHOW NEWS:

Quilt Show 2024... THE COUNT DOWN IS ON!!

We want you to know that we have Paul Row of The Precision Edge, who sharpens knives and scissors (etc.), is a vendor at the quilt show. He will be coming to our meeting on October 7th for advance pick up of any items that need sharpening and he will return them at the quilt show. Here is the information he has sent us:

I sharpen fabric shears, \$15, pinking shears \$20(still working on getting better at these, no charge of course if I can't get them sharpened perfectly). If anyone needs, I sharpen all salon shears, \$20, thinning shears \$30, clipper blades \$10. Many other items as well if people are interested.

My website is setup pretty good for people to check out. theprecisionedge.ca

I'll bring tags for attaching to customers items as well.

Important tidbits

- 1) Thank-you! Thank-you! Thank-you! To everyone who has already volunteered for a spot or two at the quilt show! Remember!! You get in free the day that you volunteer for the quilt show!
PS... that might be incentive to volunteer each day!
- 2) 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 - [click here to access it](#) . Thus far we have 51 members following the page. It has a daily countdown, and pictures every 2--3 days:
- 3) Remember to bring your quilts to the Forest Brook Community Church (60 Kearney Drive, Ajax, L1T 4N2) between 1:30 and 3 pm. If you can’t get them to the Show on Thursday October 17th please make arrangements for a friend to bring it in for you!
- 4) We will show you how to fold it, and how to put your hanging sleeve on at the guild meeting this month. Instructions were also sent out to all show participants and are attached at the end of this newsletter.
- 5) We will also sell the clear plastic bags needed to submit quilts, for 25 cents if you do not have your own.
- 6) A helpful and gentle reminder is to go over your quilt with a sticky lint roller (both front and back), as well as take a quick look for threads that need to be trimmed.

As a show committee we all thank you for your dedication and determination to make this a great quilt show!

See you Thursday October 17th for Show set-up starting at 12 noon, as well as Friday October 18th and Saturday October 19th!

Jacqueline H
Show Chair 2024



Advertising Information:

Our Newsletter contains several paid advertising ads from local quilt shops, longarm quilting services and sewing machine sales and repairs. We encourage our members to support these businesses.

For your information, the advertising for Whirls N Swirls Quilting is included in our newsletter free of charge. This is a ‘thank you’ to Tracey Russell for her ongoing support of our Outreach program. A few times a year, she gives the guild a full day to use her longarm machines at no charge, which always results in many Outreach quilts being completed.

Judy B
Advertising Convenor



QUILT SHOWS COMING SOON:

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.

September 21-October 18, 2024 in the Main Gallery,

Queen Elizabeth Park Community and Cultural Centre

2302 Bridge Road,

Oakville, ON L6L 3L5

1. **Quilts on the Rocks:** This event will be held on October 19-20, 2024, in Greater Sudbury. [It's presented by the Sudbury and District Quilting and Stitchery Guild¹](#).
2. **EQG Quilt Fever:** Scheduled for March 28-29, 2025, in Etobicoke. [This show features a variety of quilts, a Vendors Market, and a Members Boutique¹](#).
3. **Quilts on the Seaway:** Taking place on April 11-12, 2025, in Cornwall. [This event is organized by the Cornwall Quilters Guild¹](#).
4. **HQG "Stitches in Our Time" Quilt Show:** Happening on May 30-31, 2025, in Oakville. [The Halton Quilters Guild will showcase a range of quilts from traditional to modern¹](#).

[If you're interested in visiting quilt shops, places like The Hobby Horse Quilt Shoppe in Georgetown and The Cotton Harvest Quilt Shop in Seaforth are also worth checking out²³](#).



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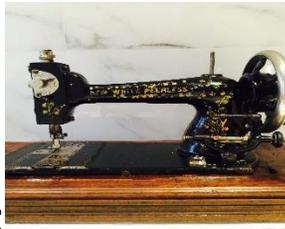
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THAT'S ALL FOLKS!

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**



How to Fold a Quilt for Quilt Show – Durham Trillium Quilters’ Guild

1. Lay the quilt out flat, with “right side of the quilt” facing up, and back with label facing down.
2. Fold the quilt by bringing the top of the quilt up and over to meet the bottom of the quilt, resulting in the hanging sleeve being on top, and the fold being parallel to the hanging sleeve.
 - a. See Figure 1. In this example, green is the hanging sleeve



3. Fold again in the same direction, by bringing the fold up and over top of the hanging sleeve. The folds are parallel to the hanging sleeve.
 - a. See Figure 2.



4. Determine which corner on the bottom of the quilt has the quilt label. Leaving that side edge down, fold the quilt by bringing the opposite side over to the edge that has the quilt label.
5. Fold again, in the same direction, bringing the edge with the quilt label up and over the quilt to meet the last fold. This results in the quilt label being on the top of the folded quilt.
 - a. See Figure 3. The quilt label is in red.



6. Place the quilt into a clean/new CLEAR plastic garbage bag. (individual bags can be purchased from guild at the guild meeting on Oct 7). **DO NOT USE A BAG YOU WANT BACK OR THAT IS NOT 100% CLEAR.**
7. Bring the quilt to the quilt show **on Thursday October 17 between 1:30 pm and 3:00 pm.**
 - a. Location is Forest Brook Community Church, 60 Kearney Drive, Ajax, L1T 4N2
 - b. If you cannot bring it during that time, please find a friend to do it for you. Ask the executive for help if needed.
 - c. See the registration table. **DO not just drop off – see the registration desk to obtain a receipt, as quilts will not be returned to persons unless the receipt is provided.**
8. Participants (or designates) are responsible for picking up submitted entries at the close of the show on **Saturday October 19 between 5:00 and 5:30 p.m.** The person picking up entries **MUST bring the receipt provided when the item was dropped off, or the item will NOT be released.** **NOTE: when coming to pick up items after the show, please wait outside until 5:00 to give the volunteers time and space to take down the displays and have all items ready.**