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### President's Message:

Happy Holidays Quilters!

There's only a short time left to get all those handmade gifts done!! Guess I better get on that sooner rather than later!!!

Our Guild Christmas get together will be a little different this year, with hopefully a little more time to socialize with each other. Please remember that we do not have use of the kitchen for food preparation whatever you are bringing must be ready to eat. You will need to bring serving utensils and your own plate and cutlery as usual tea, coffee and water will be provided. The top ten viewers choice winners will be showing their quilts and if you have a Christmas item new or well loved please bring it along for Show and Share.

Don't forget your wallet as Sandra from Appleseed will be enticing us with all kinds of things to help Santa give us just the right gifts.

As a courtesy to everyone around you at the meeting please remember to keep your conversation with each other until after the speaker/presenter has finished or has opened the floor for questions. When there is a lot of background noise it makes it extremely difficult for others around you to hear and enjoy the meeting. Let's give each other the gift of courtesy so we all can enjoy each others company as well as our meetings.

Happy Holidays everyone

**Debbie W.**

**President**



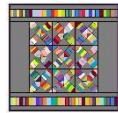
**Past President:**

After the quilt show, at the very start of returning quilts to people, I forgot to get out the quilt show fabric labels that were to be given for each displayed quilt. I remembered about 15 minutes into returning quilts to people. AND THEN I also managed to forget to bring them to the November

meeting. I WILL have the labels at the December meeting (they are already in my bag). So, if you did not get a label for each of your quilts that were displayed at the show, please see me at the December meeting to pick up you.

**Laura B.**

**Past President**



**Program:**

I trust you enjoyed last month's presentation by Elaine Theriault. Sadly, I forgot to watch it on Zoom. Vacation with family and a one-hour time difference threw me off.

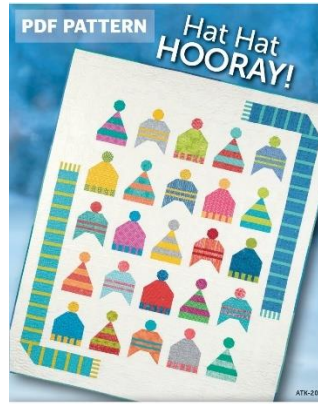
For December 9, 2024, Sandra from Appleseed Quiltworks will reveal new items in their shop and bring a small marketplace for your shopping pleasure. Time to purchase your gifts for friends (and yourself?) perhaps?

Other aspects of the evening are presented elsewhere in the newsletter. There will be a potluck dinner to start, program updates, show and share and some games. Sounds like a great evening with lots of time to visit with guild members!

The listing of presenters is available on our website. I will be booking the March speaker soon. The program for the May meeting is still being considered. An idea discussed at the last meeting was to have a craft sale. Members interested could rent a table for a nominal cost and sell their creations or quilt materials (treasure table items). Please contact me if you would be interested in booking a table for May 12, 2025. Our Boutique convener will have a table to sell the remaining inventory from our 2024 Quilt Show.

See you on December 9th for a fun evening.

**Gail L., Program Convener**



## Quilt Block of the Month:

I am so excited as I talk to everyone who has started Hat Hat Hooray by Atkinson Designs, this year's Block of the Month! Whether you are using your stash or purchasing some pretty new fabric from your local quilt store, I hope you are having as much fun as I am!

It is not too late to join in! The November Newsletter has more details but here is the main info:

- Every participant is responsible for purchasing their own individual pattern. There are no additional fees to join this year's Block of the Month.
- The PDF pattern can be purchased directly from Atkinson Designs for US\$12:  
<https://atkinsondesigns.com/products/hat-hat-hooray-pdf-pattern>
- Your local quilt store may also have a paper pattern or be able to order it for you!

For December's Meeting, please bring ONE (1) of Derek's Hat to enter the draw

I look forward to taking this quilting adventure 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)

Welcome back from Daylight savings time! The Fall Sew Days are:

Friday Dec 13th from 1-4 and 7-10 pm

Saturday Dec 21st from 1-4 and 7-10 pm

Dec 31st “Quilt till you wilt” to bring in the New Year!! 7pm - well past midnight!!

January 1st from 1-4 pm

We have had 129 Zoom Sew Days thus far, and the latest winners were Ivy-Lynne and Holly.

Yours in Sew Day Fun,

**Jacqueline H.**



**Fabric Basket:**

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**DTQG SCRAP DEFINITION:** a scrap is a piece of fabric **BIGGER** than your outstretched hand and at least as wide as your palm. Of course it is also 100% cotton quilting fab

Thanks to all who dropped off scraps last month! The scrap bag is over flowing. I know I had fun finding some more cute fabrics suitable for “I Spy Quilts” which I will be donating to the Cuddle quilt program when finished.

**Kathy D and Gwen VN**



**Library:**

Please remember to return all outstanding library books at our December meeting.

If you borrow a book or two in December, you may keep it until our next in person meeting in April. You'll have plenty of time to work on a project from the book. Maybe you can bring your completed quilt for Show and Share at our April meeting.

**Barbara and Susan**

**Your Library Convenors**



**Membership:**

We currently have 92 members. You will be receiving a members list soon. If there are any changes to your info, please contact me at the December meeting or by email.

**Angie S.  
Membership Convenor**



**Social:**

Social Christmas Evening

Members with their last name starting with "A through M" are to provide sweets and members names from "N through Z" are to provide savouries. A gentle reminder: we do not have use of the kitchen, therefore no place to heat any food. Please bring your own plate, eating utensils and any serving utensils required.

**Peggy G.,  
Social Convenor**



## Retreats:

Nothing to report.



## Show and Share:

We are looking forward to seeing some of your creations at the December Meeting, but please limit your submissions to two items. A special request from the President is that we show seasonal(Christmas, winter) items only.

**Ann C.**

Your Show and Share convenor



## Newsletter:

I can't believe Christmas is so close and how fast the year has gone. I did not receive any news items from the members this month so let's see if you can send me some interesting quilt items that can be posted. I hope everyone has a great Christmas and a Healthy Happy New Year. See you at the meeting on Monday night.

## Question:

What does our president want us to bring for Show and Share in December?

**Diane D.**

Newsletter Editor



### Workshop News.

The Kawandi Quilt Workshop will be on Saturday, March 15, 2025. It will be in Room 1 at the South Oshawa Community Centre located at 1455 Cedar Street, Oshawa. The cost is \$25.00 which includes your lunch. The room will be available at 9:30 am for you to settle into your workspace, put out your supplies [bring lots of scraps] and have a coffee/tea as soon as the beverage is ready. Please bring your own mug to the workshop. There will be a workshop signup sheet at the November meeting. I will add the names of the people who have already signed up for the workshop. If you are not able to attend the new date for this workshop, please advise me [remind me] and I will remove you from the list prior to the November meeting. Thank you.

**Grace R.**

**Workshop convener,**

## Fabric Exchange 2024-2025

Hello Fellow Quilters:

This month the Fabric Exchange colour is red (toned red). Because we will not be meeting in person, please bring your January, February and March fabrics also. The colours are Green, Brown or Black, and Cheddar.

If you have any questions, please send me an e-mail.

Have a safe and memorable Christmas everyone.

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.**

**Fabric Exchange Coordinator**



## Community Outreach:

This Photo by Unknown

COMMUNITY OUTREACH – Kate H. Carolyn L., Sharon L., Diane W., Diane D., Dorothy M.

Good day Quilters from your Community Outreach Committee.

The Committee's focus is to use supplies on hand to have members complete quilts that are then donated to various agencies in the Durham region. This fulfills our guild's aim to participate in community projects.

A free, or very inexpensive, location for our members to curate our supplies into kits is needed. Ideally, a large room with 8-10 tables, available on the weekend for a full day. We need space to empty dozens of bins and turn them into supplies our guild members can turn into quilts. Do you, your partner, or someone you know, have access to space that would be suitable and available once every 2-3 months? Contact Kate with any ideas or options. Much appreciated.



We need to track the quilts made. Please allow us time to set-up before handing in ANYTHING at the meetings. Also, we need to have anyone who takes a kit out to complete the tag before it is returned. Did you piece the top, quilt, bind, etc.? If it's on the tag, we can track your great work.

We would like to thank Angie S., Debbie K., and Diana S. for their large quilt store quality cotton fabric donations last month.

Do you have a kit sitting at home that despite your best intentions you know you won't get to by end of March? Bring it back and someone else may take it home! No shame. No judgment. Only love!

Please note that if quilt tops are donated by members (made with their own fabrics), the smaller ones will be completed with the supplies the guild has on hand. Larger quilts will be donated to Quilts of Valour or Quilts for Survivors, as flimsies, as they have resources to have them completed. Keep in mind that a large quilt costs almost \$100 to complete.

Last month, DTQG donated 75 placemats to Meals on Wheels Clarington, and 150 to the Whitby division. Are you keeping track? That's 225 placemats made by our members! Way to go Quilters! Keep making them. As we fill boxes, we'll drop them off where needed.

A large donation of fleece was received from Anne A. earlier in the year. It was turned into scarves and they were donated to Ignite Durham, an agency that supports DDSB students and their families.

This month we will be delivering quilts to Muslim Welfare Homes, the Pregnancy Help Centre, Fairview Lodge Whitby, Thorntonview Long Term Care and the Region of Durham Homeless Shelter at 1635 Dundas Street in Whitby. We have reached out to other agencies in anticipation of more completed quilts coming our way.

Take a look at the photos of some of our recent quilt submissions in the newsletter and on the website.

Please take the time to visit our corner at the December meeting and take a kit or two out. If you know of a charity that would benefit from receiving quilts, placemats, walker bags, or a quilt for raffle, please email the guild.



At this time of year, may your heart be full with the love and joy of the season. Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah!

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH – Kate H.- Cordinator, Carolyn L., Sharon L., Diane W., Diane D., Dorothy M.**

### **Quilt Show 2024... Woo Wee! Many Hands Make Light Work!!**

- 1) The Committee is hoping that “ALL QUILT SHOW WINNERS...both Juried and Viewers Choice winner bring their quilts to the December Meeting. We would like to get photos to honour the hard work of our quilters.
- 2) Bring your loonies, Ttoonies, and paper bills! We will be selling some of the boutique items at the April Quilt Guild Meeting.
- 3) As for the money... the dust hasn't quite settled yet... but we have run the numbers a few times, and we can happily say, there was just over \$7000 in profit.
- 4) Please take the time to fill in the “Quilt Show Post Survey” as we would like this show to be a learning opportunity for the next time we do one.
- 5) Again, a HUGE thank-you to everyone. Without the great work of the guild the Quilt Show would not have been the success it was!

Yours in quilting stitches,

**Show Chair 2024, Jacqueline**

DTQG Members corner:

Some of the best quilting websites are<sup>12</sup>:

- Red Pepper Quilts: A blog with tutorials, patterns, and tips for quilters of all levels.
- Quilting Tidbits: A blog with free patterns, techniques, and resources for quilters.
- A Quilting Life: A blog with quilt-alongs, patterns, reviews, and inspiration for quilters.
- Quilting by the Bay: An online store with a wide selection of fabrics, kits, patterns, and notions for quilters.
- Blossom Heart Quilts: A blog with modern quilt designs, tutorials, and books for quilters.

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