



## Patchwork Press

A newsletter for the Durham Trillium Quilter's Guild

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### Vice President

Debbie K.

Hello Fellow Members of DTQG,

Happy April to everyone. Well it has certainly started with an unusual assortment of weather for us here across Canada. So far some parts have had blizzards, large amounts of freezing rain, torrential rain, and brilliant sunshine. Just your typical Canadian spring weather. I did notice yesterday that I have crocuses popping up and some of my other spring bulbs are emerging in my more sheltered garden area. Sure hope they remembered their winter coats because they may need them later this month. I was tempted to go out and remove some things from my garden today but then it started to rain quite hard so I gave up on that idea. And my sewing room was calling me.

For all those who are making things for presents for Christmas, I did realize at our last Executive meeting that we only have 9 months until Christmas, and for crafters like us, that is not all that much time. Especially the way time seems to have sped up this last year. Did somebody accidentally hit the fast forward button reaching for some thread? We need to find that button and turn it off or we need to realize that we need to adapt and change our pace of what we do. Procrastination is not my friend right now.

One thing I have been finding this spring is that I am cleaning and clearing up things. It is like I am making space for something new to come in or just give myself space to breathe. The fun part is setting things aside for different people or aside for the Treasure room or the silent auction for our next Quilt Show in 2027. Thinking about the beautiful things that will be created and the smile on others faces makes my heart sing.

There is an elephant in the room so I will address it from my point of view. Will our guild continue? In my heart I know that our guild is going to continue in one form or another because there is a core group that desires to keep this Guild growing and thriving. That core of people does need others to step up and volunteer to fill the positions that will be open as of the June AGM. Instead of letting everyone stress, if you are interested in a position that Laura has outlined in the previous 3 newsletters please reach out to one of the officers and let us know of your interest. You will not be on your own and there are many willing to help you. And you could even show up as a team to do a position. Nobody does anything on their own if they don't want to in this Guild.

Well, I am listening to the rain falling and trying to decide if I start a new project or work on my paperwork. I also have a couple of projects half finished that I could get done before our first in person meeting of 2026 on Monday, 13 April. Though the Saturday 11 Apr workshop at Rundle Park would also be a great day for me to finish off some of these items. Oh my goodness, decisions, decisions.....And on top of that one of my cats is demanding attention so I may just have to focus on him first. Nothing like having a bundle of fur purring on your chest to help you calm and focus.

Off to decide after I send this article off to Shaina so she can do her great work on putting the newsletter together for us. We are so blessed that we have this source of information for us to look back on and keep in touch. Take care everyone. Enjoy your sewing and creating. Remember to take time for yourself and to find that silver lining in whatever you are doing. Tell those you care about (starting with yourself) that they are loved and cared for. The more love we put into our spaces the more we can help the world heal. Hugs to all who want one. See you either on April 11 th at the workshop or at our guild meeting on Monday April 13 th . Looking forward to sharing physical hugs and in person smiles. Take care and see you soon.

Debbie K VP

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## **Past President**

Laura B.

Hello All,

Laura's ghost writer here. Laura is still in recovery mode since her surgery, and I let her know I would step in and get her article in for her while she catches up on the sleep her body is demanding.

Speaking of helping others on the Executive when they need a hand, Laura has learned a new skill this week. She is trying to be the "[Steve Irwin](#)" of Little Britian. Her new title is Raccoon Wrangler...score is Rocky Raccoon 1, Laura 0. And if you ever need to get rabies shots ask

Laura where to go and how to get them. Laura is going to have a few good stories from this experience. Though not exactly something you really want to do when recovering from surgery.

Also talking about the Executive, Laura has done a great job of outlining what positions are going to be available in June. Just go into the newsletters from Dec, Jan, and Feb to find the job descriptions and qualifications (breathing and a willingness to do the job are the primary ones) and then let Laura know, send an email to the DTQG email, or come talk to one of the officers at the in-person meetings. We would be very happy to talk to you and give you any other information you need.

So, as this article needs to be sent in, I will sign off for Laura for now. Please send good energy and healing thoughts to her when she comes to mind and very gentle hugs when you see her on the 11th and 13th.

Debbie K signing off for Laura B PP (aka Raccoon Wrangler)

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## 2025 - 2026 DTQG President's Challenge

The President's Challenge continues with the "postcard quilt" theme. You may join the challenge anytime, so long as you can have your mini postcard quilt finished and turned in to the Past President (Laura B) by the May guild meeting. The cost to participate is \$5 per entry. There is no limit on the number of entries per person, but there can be no more than 50 entries in total (the total # of post card backings purchased).

You can sign up on the website (<https://durhamtrilliumquiltersguild.ca/presidents-challenge>) noting that since our next few meetings are virtual, you will have to coordinate with Laura to get the postcard backing for your challenge quilt.

The challenge for this guild year is to make a miniature postcard-sized quilt. Guidelines are as follows:

- The quilt can use an established design/pattern or be an original.
- The required dimension are exactly 4 inches by 6 inches (to fit the backing card).
- The quilt may be in either portrait or landscape orientation.
- There must be quilting (minimum is a front and batting quilted before being attached to postcard). You do not need to quilt through the postcard backing.
- A 4" x 6" post-card backing (with typical postcard lines/info) will be provided to you. This must be attached to the back of the miniature quilt that you submit.
  - The method of attachment is up to you – binding, fancy stitching, etc.
- No label is needed on the completed post-card.

To coordinate receiving your post-card backing, and the paper to fill out and return when submitting your quilted postcard for judging, contact Laura B by emailing her or emailing the guild ([dtqguild@gmail.com](mailto:dtqguild@gmail.com)) (and then our lovely secretary will forward it to me).

**Quilts for the challenge are to be submitted to Laura B. and must be submitted before the end of the May in-person guild meeting. Please submit inside the bag provided, along with the completed quilt information submission form.**

If unable to attend the May meeting to submit your quilt, please either have a friend bring it to the May meeting or contact Laura B. for other options.

Submitted quilts will be judged by the President and winners will be presented at the June meeting, when all submitted postcard quilts will be displayed (and then returned).

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## Card Workshop Survey

During one of our Zoom sew days, Laura was making some cards with sewn-on details and some of the attending guild members expressed an interest in having a workshop on the topic.

We are looking for information about how many people would be interested in such a workshop, as well as some information on when and how the membership would like such a workshop to run.

Guild members are therefore invited to complete a survey on this topic, at this website:



<https://www.cognitofirms.com/DurhamTrilliumQuiltersGuild1/DTQGCARDWorkshopSurvey>

The survey will be available until the Friday after the April 2026 guild meeting.

Based on the information provided by members, we will determine if and when a workshop will be offered, and let the guild know the outcome.

Thank you.

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## Program Convener

Gail L.

I trust you enjoyed our winter zoom presentations. Have the speakers inspired you to try something new. A bag pattern by Tara Sinclair, or shopping thrift stores for fabric and batting to create a wonderful freeform quilt like Emilie Trahan. Finally, perhaps you will make a tumbler block quilt following the inspiration provided by Valerie Prideaux

Our April 13, 2026 meeting will include a discussion led by our Officers on the Future of the Durham Trillium Quilters' Guild. Please think about what you would like from our guild (which has been in existence for many decades) and how you would like to contribute. Our work in the

community has been very significant in many ways including providing a social network of quilters.

Also, on the program for the evening will be an extended member Show and Share featuring your Fabric Challenge Quilts from our Shows before 2020. This will require you to search deep in your closets or high on your walls for those entries. I can only find 2 of mine (2007 and 2010).

Our May meeting will include “make and take” items designed for sale in the Boutique should we go ahead with another Quilt Show.

The full program for our 2025-2026 guild year is posted on our DTQG website. There are six meetings with guest speakers and three with member presentations.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in person at Kingsview United Church on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Perhaps we will have abandoned our winter coats by then.

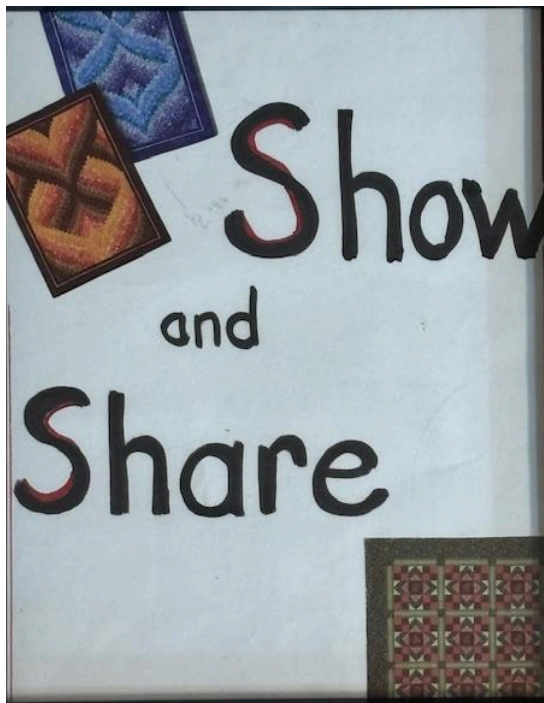
Happy quilting,

Gail L., Program Convener

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### **Show and Share Convener**

Patricia K.



Congratulations to Joyce for winning the March Show and Share draw! So many beautiful quilts were shared over our 3 months of Zoom meetings. A cool, roller coaster of a spring has been predicted so I'm sure we'll all continue to be busy in our sewing studios as it may be awhile before we can get into our gardens. The winners for Jan. (Judy B.) & Feb. (Margaret F.) draws can pick up their prizes at the Show and Share table.

I'm sure there will be many quilts that will be shared at the April meeting. Remember that quilts in varying degrees of completion need to be shared as members draw inspiration from your efforts. A reminder though that to be eligible for the draw your quilt needs to be quilted, bound AND labeled.

Regards,  
Patricia

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### **Scrap Basket Conveners**

Kathy D. and Gwen VN.

Welcome back fellow quilters! It is so nice to be back to in person meetings giving each other hugs and friendly smiles not through a screen! Hopefully everyone has been productive through all those snowy cold winter days and have generated lots of lovely scraps. The bag has been purged and ready for your fresh new scraps. It's lots of fun to find your scraps reinvented and sewn into someone else's quilt.

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 fabric. Please DO NOT add in any polyester, silk, drapery, linings, shortening pant leg cut offs, etc!!! We purge those fabrics as our Scrap hunters are only looking for 100% COTTON scraps to add into their quilting creations.

Thanks,  
Kathy D and Gwen VN

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## **Social Convener**

Judy B. and MaryLou H.

Welcome back to the in-person guild meeting on Monday, April 13 th !! The Guild will again be providing you with regular/decaf tea and decaf coffee.

**WE NEED TO EMPHASIZE TO YOU THAT ALL DESSERT TREATS BROUGHT INTO OUR FACILITY MUST NOT CONTAIN NUTS OF ANY KIND. This includes ALL nuts used in baking.**

We have a daycare within the Church and there is a **NO NUTS** policy in place for that reason. We have been putting a reminder in every newsletter, but some people are still bringing items that contain nuts. We had to take 2 items off the buffet table in December and have them removed from the building to the person's car. So please, remember **NO NUTS OF ANY KIND IN YOUR TREATS.**

For the April 13 th meeting, we thank the following for volunteering to bring **NUT FREE** treats to our meeting. We are asking for 18 treats from each person.

Sharon M., Grace R., Tara B., Gladys L., Deb W., Kathy D., Robynn W., Judy B.

**PLEASE REMEMBER –**

**LUG A MUG**

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**NO NUTS OF ANY KIND (INCLUDING NUTS USED IN BAKING) ARE ALLOWED AT THE CHURCH**

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## Library Convener

Robynn W.

Welcome back to in person meetings! Just a gentle reminder to please return any borrowed books. Be sure to browse for new selections from our brand new book cart. This set up will make it easier for us to store and access our books on site, saving anyone from heavy lifting. Let me know what you think.

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## Upcoming Quilt Shows



# Making Memories Quilt Show

*presented by: New Millennium Quilters' Guild*

**MAY 29 & 30, 2026**

**FRIDAY 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

**SATURDAY 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

**Admission \$10.00 (Cash Only)**

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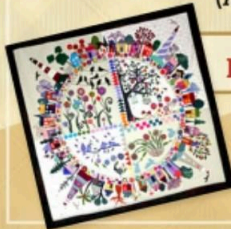
**Fri May 8 - Sat May 9, 2026**

9:30am - 5:00pm

9:30am - 4:00pm

Location: Peterborough Sport & Wellness Centre  
775 Brealey Drive, Peterborough, ON

- Vendors
- Charity Quilt Raffles
- Displays
- KQG Member's Boutique  
(Items for Sale)
- Prize Baskets
- Light Refreshments Available
- Antique Quilts (*Bed turning Daily*)
- Scissor & Tool Sharpening  
(Bring your Items)



Feature Quilter: **Marg Worsick**



For membership information:  
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# Sunshine Quilt Show

**May 8 & 9, 2026** 10 am - 4 pm

**ODAS Park** 4500 Fairgrounds Road, Severn

*New Location – Lots of Parking*

**Admission: \$10 CASH OR DEBIT**  
per person / per day

Feature Quilter  
Quilt Exhibit  
Vendors Mall  
Guild Boutique  
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Demos  
Scissor Sharpening



The Orillia Quilters' Guild is thrilled to announce our upcoming show the **Sunshine Quilt Show**. This event will be held on Friday May 8 & Saturday 9, 2026 at ODAS Park. This new location has plenty of space for our show, is wheelchair accessible and has lots of parking. It is located just to the west of Orillia at 4500 Fairgrounds Road, Severn.

The show features quilt exhibits, a vendor's mall, guild boutique and refreshments. Orillia Quilt Quilters' Guild members have an opportunity to show off their talents at the **Sunshine Quilt Show** as well as showcase the community outreach done by the Guild. The raffle prizes are donated by the Guild and the proceeds from the raffle will go to Mariposa House Hospice.

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