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Newsletter for the Durham Trillium Quilters' Guild

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President's Message:

Happy Spring Quilters

Finally the spring is upon us. Many of you will be out working in your gardens and finishing projects so you can take a bit of time to enjoy the warmer days.

Our May meeting will feature our speaker presenting in the Chapel at DeStefano's then we will move back to our regular space after the speaker. Please remember there is absolutely NO food or drinks allowed in the chapel.

Plans are well underway for our fall stay at home retreat. We will share the details and cost at the next meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you then.

Yours in Quilting stitches and fabric fun.

Debbie W

President



Past President:

Hi fellow quilters. Here are a couple of updates on guild business.

Constitution Review - The constitution review committee has met twice, and the proposed revised constitution will be emailed to membership for review, prior to the revisions being up for approval at the AGM at the June guild meeting.

New Executive - We have a few Executive positions that are coming vacant. Below are descriptions of the various roles for which we don't have a volunteer. Please consider volunteering in one of these roles, as we cannot continue with all programs that the guild currently offers without filling these vacancies. I would be happy to speak with you, if you have any questions on what various jobs entail, or you could speak to the current convenor or the President or Vice President.

Show and Share - The Show and Share convenor enables us to share our projects with others either in person or online. Ann has done a great job this year but is unable to continue to do this for next year. For our online meetings the Show and Share convenor creates a PowerPoint from the pictures submitted from members before the due date (due date can be set by the convenor but has been typically 3-5 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. This is a voting position on the Executive.

Retreats - This position is currently vacant. This position would typically require one person to represent the team at the executive meetings, and 1 or more people to assist. It can be a bit of work to coordinate each retreat. There are people who can assist if you are looking to do this job. The retreat convenors would run retreats for the guild. Depending on what the retreat coordinator wants to do, we can have Away retreats and/or Stay-at-Home Retreats. If you wish to know more about this position, please connect up with me (Laura B) and I can connect you up with people who know so much more than I do about this position. This is a voting position on the Executive.

Chance Draw - the convenor for this runs the chance draw at our in-person meetings. The Chance Draw convenor collects funds from members buying tickets, hands out their tickets (keeping the portion for the draw), and does the ticket draw at the meeting. Then the convenor provides half of the collected funds to the person with the winning ticket and the other of the collected funds to the Treasurer for deposit, along with a completed "income submission" form. This is a non-voting position on the Executive.

Fabric Exchange – This is fun way to get members involved in a guild activity. You would determine what fabric (size and colour) the participating members would be exchanging. The exchange is typically done monthly (each month participating members hand in the indicated fabric for that month (e.g., five blue 10-inch squares). As the coordinator, you would collect all the fabric, combine it, and then separate it so that at the next meeting, participating members get a set of all different fabrics. The idea is then at the end of the year, the member has enough fabric to sew a quilt top. Participation is open to any guild member, and the cost (if any) is covered by the participants. This is a non-voting position on the Executive.

2024-2025 DTQG President's Challenge

This is the last notice about this year's President's Challenge. The cost to participate is \$5 per entry. The funds collected will cover the prizes. Sign up is available on the website (<https://durhamtrilliumquiltersguild.ca/presidents-challenge>). There is no limit on the # of entries per person.

The President's challenge for this guild year is to make a quilt based on a song of your choice. Guidelines are as follows:

- The quilt you make is to be inspired by a song of your choice. It can be a favourite song, a song that is motivational, part of a song's lyrics that mean something to you / inspire you, your "hanging onto sanity in traffic" car song, or any other song you want.
- The quilt can use an established design or pattern or be original, but it should be done in such a way that the finished item clearly demonstrates the interpretation / inspiration of the song of your choosing.
- Minimum dimension is 12 inches.
- Maximum dimension is 36 inches.
- Quilt must be finished, bound, and have a label. Please cover the label prior to submission. If the label is not covered, a cover will be put over the label before judging.

Quilts for the challenge are to be submitted to Laura B. at the May in-person meeting. If unable to attend the May meeting to submit your quilt, please either have a friend bring it to the meeting or contact the Vice President or Past President for other options.

Submitted quilts will be judged by the President and winners will be presented at the June meeting.

Laura B

Past President



Secretary:

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1) With a saddened heart, a Card was sent on behalf of the guild, to Maureen E on behalf of the passing of her Aunt, to Diane W on the passing of her Mom, and to Holly P, on the passing of her nephew. We know that all who pass away always have a special place in our hearts.

2) We continue to help those who wish to downsize their stashes. Last month we gathered a wee bag of scraps from one lady, and this month we have 2 ladies hoping to downsize. Anything that is in good condition and is yardage will go to outreach. Any books, rulers, patterns and notions will go to the guild fundraising idea of a yard sale. Any fabric that is bigger than the size of an outstretched hand, and good quality cotton will go to the fabric bag.



Program:

On May 12th we will be having our second in person meeting of the guild year. Our regular activities will take place in our usual room, then we will adjourn to the chapel where Brenda Logan will join us via zoom from Alberta. Brenda has a YouTube channel called Conquering Mount Scrapmore that is watched by quite a few of our guild members. Brenda has lots of tips, tricks and patterns to help us use our fabric stash. I trust that Laura B. and Debbie K. can make this hybrid evening work for us.

The final meeting of guild year is our Annual General Meeting on June 9th. We will have our business meeting first followed by a dessert buffet. Peggy G. will be requesting your potluck contributions next month. What are your favourites? Perhaps key lime pie, butter tarts, chocolate cake, apple crisp? This meeting is for members only, no guests permitted.

The bookings for our 2025-2026 guild year are complete. On October 14, 2025 (Tuesday meeting) we will be doing a member presentation of fashion, both clothes and bags. Dust off your quilted Noelle's

jacket, chenille vest, Weekender Bag or Professional Tote. Maybe someone will have a patchwork jumpsuit or smock to model for us. Hopefully our distance members can also participate with a show and share.

Our April 13, and May 11, 2026, meetings will have various quilting/crafting activities organized. Let me know if you have any ideas that you would like to share or a technique you would like to learn.

See you on May 12th at DeStefano's, with doors opening for members at 6:45 pm, earlier for program conveners and officers.

Gail L., Program Convener



Quilt Block of the Month:

Thank you to all the members who have participated in this year's Block of the Month "Hat! Hat! Hooray!". I hope you have enjoyed the process.

The May Meeting is a 'catch up' month. **There will not be a draw in May so please keep your quilt tops at home until the June meeting.**

For the June Meeting, bring your completed quilt top. As an extra incentive, if your quilt is quilted, bound and label attached, you earn an extra entry toward the final \$20 gift certificate.

Thank you for sharing your Quilty adventure with me!

Diane W.

Block of the Month Convenor



Sew Day Social Convenor: (all ZOOM SEW days are listed on the DTQG website for your convenience)

Our May Sew Days are as follows;

Sunday May 18th 1-4 pm

Friday May 23rd 1-4 and 7-10 pm

The Zoom Crew Presents: Quilting and Gardening Tips

- Before you start a project (gardening or sewing) make a list. Make a Plan.
- Costco has great gardening gloves (cheap)
- The internet has patterns for gardening totes, gardening bucket hats, and gardening gloves
- Wash your hands when you come in from the garden before you touch any fabric
- Make sure gardening tools are sharpened and ready to go (and perhaps sterilized before you move from one type of plant to another (you do not want to transfer mold or fungus)
- Sunscreen should be a minimum of 50
- Use new gardening gloves for quilting (and even for safety when cutting fabric)
- Hand stitch on the deck
- Use salvages to tie up vegetables
- As long as it is not dusty or windy, and you use sunglasses, you could take your machine outside
- Just as you do a yearly cleaning of your machine, make sure to clean your BBQ.

Our lovely quilters continue to meet on zoom when we can. We try to brainstorm something of interest to the guild each month. We hope you have a fun time looking up these excellent resources.

Yours in Quilting Stitches, Zoom Coordinator, **Jacqueline H.**



Fabric Basket:

"A quilt will warm your body and comfort your soul!" Anonymous

Please remember:

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.

Kathy D and Gwen VN



Library:

Be sure to drop by the library and borrow a book or two; there is a great selection to choose from. See you soon.

Thanks, from

Barbara and Susan, Your Library Convenors



Membership:

Hi everyone,

I will see you in May as you come through the door. Don't forget that if you wear your name tag, you have a chance at winning a prize.

Angie S.

Membership Convenor

Social:



Thank you to all our members who placed their cups, glasses, and plates on the trolley last month. It made the work for the DeStefano staff so much easier.

Thank you to the members that brought treats to the April meeting, they were all delicious.

Members who volunteered to bring retreats for the May meeting are Dorothy M., Jane S., Diana S., Stasha C., and Olga J. Thank you, ladies, for your contribution.

Peggy G.
Social Committee Convenor

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Social Convenor



Show and Share:

Don't forget to bring your projects to the May meeting to be shared with everyone.

Your Show and Share convenor.
Ann C.



Newsletter:

Happy Spring everyone. Unfortunately, I won't be at the May meeting as I will be in Saskatchewan visiting my sister and going on two quilt retreats. I have no questions for you this month but I will see you in June.

Diane D.

Fabric Exchange 2024-2025

Hello Fellow Quilters:

Hello Ladies:

Well, this is the end of the Fabric Exchange for this year. I will have your Pink or Aubergine strips to give back to you. Also, I will have the quilt I've made in these colours, and I hope you will like it. I will email the pattern to you after the meeting.

Thank you to all who participated in this project - I hope you have enjoyed it.

Thank you

Sharron C.

Fabric Exchange Convenor



Community Outreach:

This Photo by Unknown

COMMUNITY OUTREACH -

Good day Quilters from your Community Outreach Committee

Convener Kate H. - Members: Janine L., Carolyn L., Sharon L., Lyne M., Diane W. & Dorothy M.

Registration for the upcoming Community Outreach in-person sew days scheduled for Saturday June 8 and Sunday June 9, 2025, is open. Members are invited to get together and work on projects for Community Outreach at that time. Our sew day will be held at Lake Vista Community Centre, 450 Emerald Avenue, Oshawa L1J 1K4. We will be working from 10-5 on Saturday and 10-3 on Sunday. You can sign up for one day, two days, a few hours whatever you are available for. The cost will be \$10.00 per person. Your support is appreciated.

At the April meeting we received quite a few completed quilts, thank you so much. We handed out some kits, but we have more ready for you to work on. We are still accepting pillowcases (on behalf of comfy cases), placemats for Community Care, and completed quilts and quilt tops for varying organizations in Durham Region. If you have completed a quilt for Quilts of Valour, we would be happy to pass that on to them when we drop of our 5 completed quilts.

If you have completed projects, kindly remember to complete the tracking tag which was provided when you signed out the kit. Our tracking tag process is an important record of a project's completion. If you have one of our projects, please complete the information on the tag so we can have an accurate record for each one.

DTQG Community Outreach					
Kit #	<u>126</u>		Pieced by:	<u>Donna M.</u>	
Quilt Size	<u>50</u> L	<u>70</u> W	Quilted by:	<u>Whirls + Swirls</u>	
Backing	<u>yes</u>	Batting:	<u>yes</u>	Bound by:	<u>Lyne M.</u>
Binding	<u>yes</u>	Label	<u>yes.</u>		
Thank you for supporting our guild, please add your information as you complete each step					

For those of you who enjoy making outreach projects with your own fabric please provide the size of your quilt by attaching a paper label with a SAFETY pin indicating those important details. Please measure your quilt prior to the meeting!!

Did you know we have donation quilts available to service groups in the Durham Region to be used in a raffle or silent auction? Our generous members have made some exceptional quilts donated to the guild just for this purpose. If you are a member of a service organization and wish to get more information, please contact Dorothy M. for more information and an application for a quilt.

We look forward to seeing you in person at the next meeting and at our Community Outreach Sew Day on June 8 and 9, 2025.

DTQG Community Outreach team



SHOW NEWS:

We will pass off Quilt Show binders at June Meeting.

Maureen will ask for a drum roll please and tell you the glorious profit that the quilt show brought in!

Everyone on the committee spent countless glorious hours raising funds for the guild.

We would truly encourage anyone who has never stepped up to be a lead at the show (perhaps Boutique, Silent Auction, Treasure Room, Vendors, Tea Room, Hanging Quilts, Show Guild Quilt Challenge, Quilt Show Chair or Vice-Chair). The clock is ticking down towards the time we will need to host the next show.

This will be my second to last communication as Show Chair. My final newsletter for next month will list a brief outline of the duties of all the Quilt Show Chairs so that you will have the summer to think on it.

Quilt Canada is coming to Toronto this Summer! June 18th - 21st, 2025.

Quilter's Corner:

LIFE WITH PURPOSE... When feeling down have you thought about? Having a cup of tea? Reading a book? taking a nap? Cleaning your sewing room? Cleaning your sewing machine? Calling a friend? Making a batch of cookies and doing a drive by to a shut-in friend? When we live our life with purpose, feeling down is just a state of mind... and that can be worked on.

If you begin your day with habits that set you up for success (such as making your bed, tidying up things that are out of place in one room in your house, and making of small list of things you wish to accomplish that day). A few coping thoughts I stumbled upon this week include "Everything will get better, sooner or later" "If I stay strong, I know I will get through it" And if you live your life with purpose (being there for family, friends, and your community) you will continue to strive

Keep Calm and Stitch On!

Yours in Quilting Stitches, Jacqueline

QUILTER'S PSALM

Quilting is my hobby, I shall not want.
It maketh me to walk in the isles of a
fabric shop and buy yards of calicos and
solids to put into drawers for future
quilts. It satisfyeth my soul.

Yea, though I walk through my dusty
and messy house, I will not be ashamed
for my quilting friends sake, for I know
that they are in the same mess I am in.

I have before me a table where I cut
hundreds of pieces to sew together and
then I make a beautiful quilt. My cup
runneth over.

Surely quilting shall fill my days as
long as I am physically able and I shall
snuggle under the warmth of a quilt all
the days of my life.

Sara Miller

ANNUAL SHOPPING/QUILTING BUS TRIP TO SHIPSHEWANA IN. JUNE 1ST TO JUNE 8TH, 2025

Highlights

- 9 Quilt Stores (Shop Hop)
- Davis Mercantile Gift Shops incl an Antique Carousel
- Bronners Christmas Shop - Frankenmuth
- Birch Run Outlet Mall – over 100 stores
- Shipsewana Flea Market - over 400 vendors
- Joann Fabrics and Hobby Lobby
- Quilt Barns and Gardens
- Private visit to Fabric Utopia
- Truck Show by quilt artist Rob Appell
- Included 7 nights accommodations, 7 Breakfasts and 7 Dinners
- And many more surprises

Final Cost : Single \$2900 CN Double/Triple \$2350 CN

Seats still available

Itinerary will be sent upon request. Final payment due **March 31st, 2025**

Send payable to Pam Dickey, 51 Fire Route 82B, Buckhorn On K0L 1J0 or

e-transfer to shadyk1783@sympatico.ca

Pick up locations: Peterborough, Bobcaygeon, Bowmanville, Richmond Hill, Cambridge, and Sarnia

For more details, contact Pam at shadyk1783@sympatico.ca or (705) 657-1926



Upcoming Quilt Shows:

Quilting Corners Guild Presents

Stitching Among Friends

QUILT SHOW

June 7 & 8, 2025

10:00 am to 4:00 pm

**Viewer's Choice Award Winner 2023
- Senora Baldry -**



**Jungle Walk for a Cause
Harebrained Happenings**

Alliston Curling Rink, 52 Albert St., W, Alliston, ON

Admission Adults - \$10.00

Children (12 & Under) - \$ 5.00

Quilts, Wall Hangings, Quilted Apparel

Mini Auction, Quilt Raffle, Merchant Mall

Bed Turning, Tea Room, Corner Store

Free and Handicap Parking

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MILLBROOK NEEDLERS QUILT GUILD
"PRESENTS"

piecing Lives Together Quilt Show AND SALE

FRI MAY 9TH - SAT MAY 10TH 2025
10am - 6pm 10am - 4pm

LOCATION: Cavan Monaghan Community Centre
986 Peterborough Country Rd 10
Millbrook, ON L0A 1G0

- Over 100 quilts
- Tea room
- Vendor mall
- Scissor & tool sharpening (bring your items)
- Community care raffle
- Members boutique
- Antique quilt bed turning daily

Feature Quilter: Shirley Challice



ENTRY
\$10

EMAIL: millbrookneedlers@gmail.com





WHEN? Friday, May 30 and Saturday, May 31, 2025

WHERE? Sheridan Conference Centre
1400 Trafalgar Rd., Oakville
(Sheridan College Oakville campus)

*SPRING MAY NOT YET BE IN THE AIR
BUT THOUGHTS OF QUILT SHOWS ARE!*

Hello, Fellow Quilt Enthusiasts

The **Halton Quilters Guild** and its members are pleased to invite you to our Spring Quilt Show which will feature a variety of quilts, ranging from traditional to modern, as well as other quilted items made by our members. There will be a Merchant's Mall, Tombola, Spool Pull and a Tea Room with an Outdoor Patio. In addition, **Judy Lyons**, a Certified Quilt Appraiser, will be on site. Contact Judy at judy.lyons35@gmail.com, should you wish to set up an appointment.

The following vendors will be featured at the Merchant Mall:

Grantham Books (St. Jacobs / Waterford) www.granthambooks.com

Hamilton Sewing (1564 Main St. W., Hamilton) www.hamiltonsewing.com

Kindred Spirits Quilt Co. (211 Martindale St., St. Catharines) www.kindredspiritsquiltco.com

Pastime Pieces (11175 Brush Line, Blenheim) www.pastimespieces.com

Quiltalious (1292 Lincoln Rd., Windsor) www.quiltalious.ca

The Cotton Harvest (220 Main St. S., Seaforth) www.thecottonharvest.com

Thimbles & Things (1282 Brodie St., Severn) www.thimblesandthings.com

Ye Olde Fabric Shoppe (327 Erie Street, Stratford) www.yeoldefabricshoppe.com

Young Vintage Fabrics (Bolingbroke Rd, Maberly) www.facebook.com/Young-Vintage-Fabrics-116521103807764/

The Sheridan Conference Centre in Oakville is an accessible facility.

Buses are welcome. Please notify us of any large group, so as to avoid delays at the door.

Thank you for your assistance in spreading the word!

Susan Atherton
Publicity, Quilt Show Committee
haltonquilters@gmail.com

HQG "Stitches in Our Time" Quilt Show



Friday, May 30, 2025, 9:30 AM - Saturday 31, 5 PM

\$10.00

Sheridan Conference Centre

1400 Trafalgar Road, Oakville, Ontario, L6H 6W4

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Quilted Treasures

LINDSAY CREATIVE QUILTERS GUILD

Friday, May 30, 2025 10 AM - Saturday 31, 4 PM

\$10.00

Lindsay Creative Quilters Guild

18 Peel Street, Kawartha Lakes, Ontario, K9V 3L8

Two day quilt show, approx 200 quilts, special displays, quilt raffle, vendors' mall, boutique, tea room, featured quilter, and more

Quilt Show "Quilting Among Friends"

Quilting corners quilting

Saturday, June 7, 2025 10 AM - Sunday 8, 4 PM

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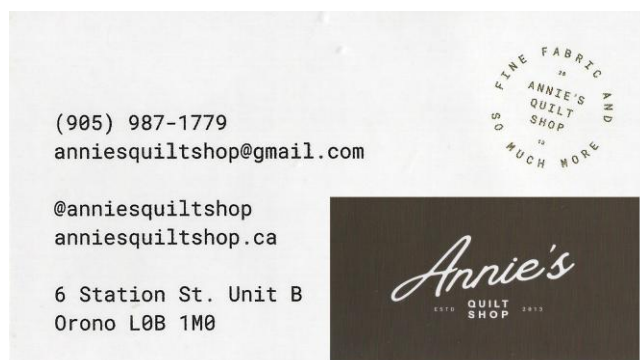


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