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Newsletter for the Durham Trillium Quilters' Guild Mail address:

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President's Message:

Hello Quilters,

Welcome Spring and welcome back to in person guild meetings. We will be returning to our regular in person meetings this month at DeStefano's and the executive is looking forward to welcoming everyone back.

At this meeting we are going to try and raise some funds for the guild. We will be offering members an opportunity to take home a nice basket of sewing items. A donation of a toonie gives you one chance. The more toonies you donate the more chances you have to take home the basket. These funds will be used to help support some future guild activities.

Let's hope that by the time our meeting is here the Daffodils 🔮 will be in bloom and the Tulips will be well on their way. If only I can stop the squirrels from eating my bulbs!!

See you at the meeting.

Deb W

President



Past President:

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

Member at Large Needed - I need a volunteer from the membership to help me and our VP try to find new executives for our next guild year. Please email me (via my email in the guild listing or by emailing the guild email for the secretary to forward to me) if you are willing to help me find people to help us keep our guild programs running.

Constitution Review - At the time of writing, the constitution review committee has met twice. 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. 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.

<u>Newsletter</u> - This person will set deadlines for convenors who contribute content to our monthly newsletter (prior to guild meetings - not in summer). Diane D has been filing this role and likely can provide templates for recent newsletters. The newsletter is created including artwork for our advertisers (provided by the Publicity convenor) and other information from the various convenors,

to keep our members informed of all the opportunities our guild provides. Once completed, the newsletter is submitted for review (usually to the President and/or Vice President) and then it is sent to the Website convenor for uploading for the members to access. Members are notified by email (request for the email is sent to the Secretary) when the newsletter is available online. This is a voting position on the Executive.

Website – the website convenor is responsible for maintaining the guild's website and adding new features as approved by the executive. The website platform is provided and is fairly user friendly. Knowing how to edit documents in a word processor or other program will assist you in this role. Content to be put on the website is provided by other convenors of the executive (for example, the newsletter to upload is provided monthly, and the retreat coordinator would provide the information to put on the site regarding an upcoming retreat). This is a voting position on the Executive.

<u>Chance Draw</u> - 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.

<u>Fabric Exchange</u> – 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

We have decided to run a President's challenge this year.

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:

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- 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 demonstrations 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 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



Program:

Our March speaker, Krista Kennebury was so inspiring. I wonder if anyone used her 10% off coupon to buy a pattern or her inspiration poster. You can follow Krista on Instagram from Bowen Island - @poppyprint

We are back to meeting at DeStefano's in April starting with a trunk show by Bill Stearman, a Prince Edward County resident. I am very excited to see his amazing quilts and perhaps hear about his QuiltCon 2025 experience. Bill has won many awards in Canada and internationally. He says, "I'm just a guy who likes to make quilts and tell stories. Every day is an adventure as I try new things. Like the rest

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of life it seems, what can be done in quilt making is limited only to my imagination." See you on April 14th for Bill's very colourful and informative trunk show. You can follow on Instagram @bill-stearman

In May, Brenda Logan from Alberta, who has a YouTube channel called Conquering Mount Scrapmore, will be presenting to us via Zoom in the chapel room. We are very appreciative of DeStefano's for being so generous letting us use this meeting space to allow better viewing for all of us.

The final meeting of your guild year is our Annual General Meeting on June 8, 2025, for members only.

The bookings for our 2025-2026 guild year are almost 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 too. Perhaps our distance members can also participate as well.

Please let me know if you have heard of a local presenter for April 13 and May 11, 2026, as these are our only remaining openings.

See you on April 14th for an inspiring presentation by Bill Stearman.

Gail L., Program Convener

Quilt Block of the Month:

For April, it is time for the scarf. But it is not too late to join in the fun and start if you would like to send a Derek, Meg', or Lilys Hat block as well.

Waiting to see you in person at the April meeting.

Diane W.

Block of the Month Convenor





Sew Day Social Convenor:

(all ZOOM SEW days are listed

on the DTQG website for your convenience)

Zoom Sew Days

Our April and May Sew Days are as follows. Thursday April 17th 1-4 pm and 7-10 pm Sunday April 27th from 1-4 pm Sunday May 18th 1-4 pm Friday May 23rd 1-4 and 7-10 pm

Jacqueline H.



Fabric Basket:

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. See everyone at our inperson meeting in April so save those scraps.

Kathy D and Gwen VN



Library:

Stop by the library at our April meeting and borrow a book! We also have a few new magazines to add to our Guild's library:

- For the Love of Precuts (Quilter's World) Late Spring 2025
- Love of Quilting (Fons & Porter's) Spring 2025.
- QuiltCon (The Modern Quilt Guild) 2025
- Quilter's World Spring 2025

Please remember to return your outstanding library books.

Thanks, from Barbara and Susan, Your Library Convenors

Membership:

See you in April.

Angie S.
Membership Convenor



Social:

See you in April

Peggy G.,

Social Convenor



Show and Share:

We are in-person in April, so I am expecting to see a lot of quilts you have been working on over the winter. See you then.

Your Show and Share convenor.

Ann C.

Newsletter:

The year is coming to an end. We had a tough winter this year and must thank the executive for having zoom meetings so that we did not have to risk ourselves with all the snow and ice that fell. We are meeting in person once again, so I am sure you are all waiting for your newsletter question:



Are we in need of new executives? Which ones. Name only one.

Diane D.



Workshop:

Happy Easter to everyone. We had a wonderful time at the March 15th workshop as we actively celebrated National Quilt Day. I didn't know there was a day designated for quilting, but we enjoyed our time together as the sewing machines hummed and the rotary cutters whirled throughout the day. Everyone shared ideas, helped each other with tips, learned a few new techniques and ate our way through the day. We saw some completed projects and saw some exciting part way finished ones too. Hope to see everyone at the in-person April meeting. Below are a few pictures showing how hard we were working/LOL









Grace R.

Workshop convener

Fabric Exchange 2024-2025

Hello Fellow Quilters:

Hello ladies:

This is the last month of the Fabric Exchange. The colour for this month is Aubergine or Pink, or a combination of the two.

I am working on the quilt this weekend and hopefully will have the flimsy to show. I hope you have enjoyed the Exchange as much as I have. Thank you for your participation.

The colours for this exchange were as follows:

October - Gold

November - Blue

December - Red

January - Green

February - Brown or Black

March - Cheddar

April - Aubergine or Pink

Sharron C.

Fabric Exchange Convenor



Community Outreach:

This Photo by Unknown

Good day Quilters from your Community Outreach Committee: Convener Kate H. - Members: Janine L., Carolyn L., Sharon L., Lyne M., Diane W. & Dorothy M.

We are looking forward to our in-person meeting in April. We hope that you will be bringing in any community outreach projects that you have completed during the extended stretch of winter. There will be kits etc. to sign out at the meeting as well. There will likely not be any binding to be done at this time.

Please mark your calendars!! Our committee is busy with plans for the upcoming Community Outreach in-person sew days scheduled for Saturday June 8 and Sunday June 9, 2025. 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, and online sign up will be available after the April meeting. Your support is appreciated.

We have received several donations of beautiful, printed cotton fabric and are looking for good quality quilting cotton in neutrals (white, cream, beige or light gray) to supplement these printed fabrics. If you have some fabrics, fat quarter size and larger, we would be happy to take that off your hands. Please bring it to the April in-person meeting. If you've been participating in an annual de-clutter challenge, keep us in mind for your donations of fabric. For smaller pieces of fabric please drop them off with the fabric basket team.

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.

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Quilt Size	50	_L		_w		
Backing	yes	Batting:				
Binding	yes	Label	yes.		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.

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.

Looking for a quick project? Here is a cute one! We would love to see some of these coming in if you like to make your own quilt to donate to Community Outreach. Looking forward to seeing you at the April in-person meeting. Happy Sewing! **DTQG Community Outreach team**



Sew 9 squares together like this. I put darks in the corners and center.



Then slice it in half both vertically and horizontally.

Like so.



Next, swivel the top right square and bottom left square 180 degrees.

Like so.



And re-sew.

Ta-da! Easy/peasy.



In Memoriam:

<u>Secretary:</u> With a saddened heart, a card was sent on behalf of the guild, to Holly P, for the passing of her brother a few weeks ago. Holly also lost her nephew last weekend. He was the youngest son of her brother who passed three weeks earlier.

Our hearts are also saddened to report that Diane W.'s mother passed away as well this last weekend. Our thoughts and prayers go out to both families at this sad time in their lives.



SHOW NEWS:

Quilt Show 2024... Changing of the Guard time:)

Quilt Show 2024

- 1)Looking to sell off more Boutique items this month.
- 2) Will pass off Quilt Show binders at the May, or June Meeting (depending on when we have to close the books on selling off Boutique items)

Yours in quilting stitches, Show Chair 2024, Jacqueline

Website

As the webmaster I am interested in changing some of the photos of quilts on the website. If you have a quilt that I could use that would be great!

All you need to do is send a photo to dtqguild@gmail.com - attention to the website coordinator.

Sharon M.



DTQG Members corner:

A little funny quilting story to start my newsletter items.

Did you know... that darning and mending is best done in good light? And depending on the size of your generator... you "may" be able to run a sewing machine. But I wouldn't know about those things, as our generator only ran the fridge and freezer.

We have been without water and power for 3 full days now and heading into our 4^{h} .

I have sorted fabric, stacked fabric, cut fabric, but have not been able to sew a stitch.

I guess this is when those in the guild who have a treadle machine would be in luck.

I have been too busy cooking wieners and beans on the woodstove (and for those of you that know me well... know hubby Ted cooked dinner). I cooked cream of wheat on the woodstove for lunches:)

I feel like a pioneer woman with a wee little sewing basket and a lot of hard labour that needs to be done.

We have more than 25 trees down.

In the olden days they put in long hard days mending fences and hauling away the downed trees. We are retired folks and do 3 hours of hard labour a day.

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The rest of the day is spent cooking, mending, and reading:)

The mending has been for our son and daughter.

I know there were a good handful of us north of Highway 7 that have had our power totally out for days now. But I also know that there are fellow quilters in our guild who grew up with outhouses, no running water, and candles for light.

Have a glorious week one and all.

Please don't forget to NOT take hydro and running water for granted.

I hope that by the time this newsletter reaches you, our power will be back on.

PS... I was able to write this newsletter entry because our truck has a fast charger and could keep enough battery in my laptop to get it done!

Hugs to all, Jacqueline

The Zoom Crew Presents: Favourite on-line tutorials etc.

The Sewing Studio.co.uk on utube

Conquering Mount Scrapmore on utube

Moon Kim stitchery on utube

Just get it done quilts - Karen Brown

Jelly roll club

Grace Long Arm tutorials

Missouri Star - all things quilting

Leah Day Free Motion

Janome tutorials

Angela Walters

The Gourmet Quilter

Montavilla Sewing

Shabby Fabrics

Fons and Porter

American Patchwork

Pat Sloan

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 Stiches, Zoom Coordinator, Jacqueline

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

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
- Shipshewana 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 accommdations, 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 KOL 1JO 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:

Kindred Hearts Coming Home Quilt Show

Where: Whitby Baptist Church 411 Gilbert ST EAST Whitby

When: Friday April 25, 2025, Saturday April 26, 2025

What will you see at the Show?

Many Beautiful Quilts & Quilted Items Made by Guild Members Vote for Your Choice for the People's Choice Awards Merchants Mall/ Treasure Chest/ Guild Boutique Silent Auction

Tea Room

Cost: \$10.00

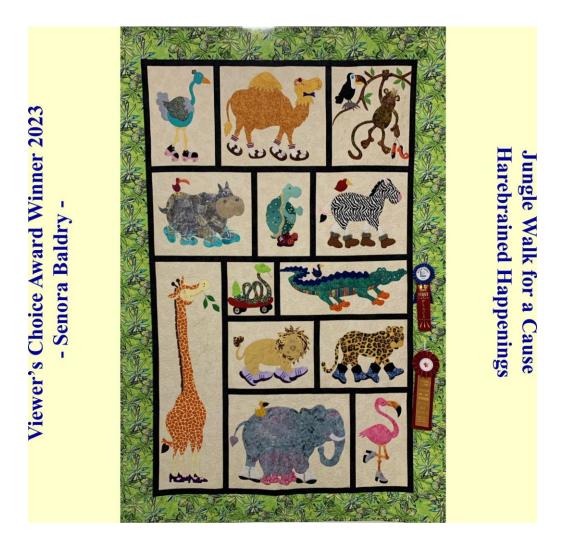
Quilting Corners Guild Presents

Stitching Among Friends

QUILT SHOW

June 7 & 8, 2025

10:00 am to 4:00 pm



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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Napanee Heritage Quilt Guild

Our Quilt Show is held bi-annually. The show displays a stunning array of quilts produced by members of the Guild. Raffles and a Silent Auction is available to purchase a ticket and try your luck of winning a basket of goods or purchasing a silent auction article. For those who wish to purchase quilting/sewing supplies, products and articles there is a Boutique Store and Vendor's Mall. A canteen is available to purchase a lunch and beverage. The quilt show also has a featured quilter and a working display of our Farmhouse Community Quilters'. All are welcome.

Date: April 26-27th, 2025

Location: The Best and Bash Centre

Quilt Show Chair: Sue Fiddes (bluestrawstables@kos.net)





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.quiltatious.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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