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A newsletter for the Durham Trillium Quilter's Guild

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Past President

Debbie K.

Exciting times my friends! It is September and we get to meet up again in person (and on Zoom) to celebrate our common love/hobby of quilting. Monday, September 14th is going to be a fun, energetic evening. So many people to catch up with, so many projects to share about, and so many pieces of information to share about the coming Guild year.

Many of the team leads are sharing some of what they are bringing to the year in this newsletter and will be able to share more detail at our meeting. As part of the Executive I have heard the framework and I am pretty excited for this coming year. And, if the first 8 months of this year is how time will continue to fly by, we are in for a very busy time.

We have a Quilt Show in fall of 2027 to prepare for and the Quilt Show team we have so far is doing well at getting things rolling. We still need some rolls filled and will definitely need all hands on deck this year to help Angie with the Boutique, and collecting for the Silent Auction. There are a few other positions open that are listed in the Quilt Show article in this newsletter. If you could read it and see if you are able to spare some time to join us in creating another wonderful team to put on another successful Quilt Show in 2027 you would be very welcome and appreciated.

I will be running the Presidents Challenge this year. Size range from 4 x 6 to 12 x 18. Focus will be on celebrating 160 years of Canada and your favourite place in this beautiful and wonderful country. I have a few other ideas percolating in my head to go along with these basics that I will share with you at the meeting. I have so many ping pong balls bouncing around in my head right now it is hard to put them in hard form. And more ideas keep showing up....I will need to dedicate an afternoon to write them all out and sort out the pattern. It will be fun though.

Well, I need to wrap this up and get this article off to Shaina so she can do her magic and create our very informative newsletter. I am truly looking forward to this coming Guild year, working with all the Executive team, getting to know the new members and just having a good time sharing our common love of quilting. May your bobbins be full, your seams straight, and Jack staying in the drawer. See you soon.

Debbie K, Senior Advisor (aka Past President)

2025 - 2026 DTQG President's Challenge

The Postcards from the President's Challenge have been added to our website.

View them at: <https://durhamtrilliumquiltersguild.ca/presidents-challenge>

Program Convenor

Gail L.

Welcome back. Since we did not get a Program Convenor volunteer for 2026-2027, I have continued booking speakers and arranging meetings on behalf of the executive. Hopefully you will learn something new and get inspired by this varied line-up of meetings. Please contact me if you have any ideas for possible speakers or in guild learning opportunities.

Our Monday, September 14, 2026, in person meeting will showcase the many opportunities for you to participate in this year. Convenors and Leads will speak about Block of the Month, Fabric Exchange, Community Outreach, Social, Workshops, President's Challenge, Show & Share, Fabric Basket, Zoom Sew Days, Library and our October 2027 Quilt Show. So many opportunities and likely more not even listed!!!

Our Extended Show and Share on Tuesday, October 13, 2026, will feature your quilts and apparel made with curved blocks and applique. Many of you have used Sew Kind of Wonderful, Quick Curve Rulers to make gorgeous quilts. Others may be expert in applique whether turned or raw edge. Bring your creations, books, methods, and demonstrations to share with us.

All meetings as arranged are listed on the DTQG website.

Happy quilting,

Gail L., Program Convenor

Community Outreach

Lead - Marilee B.

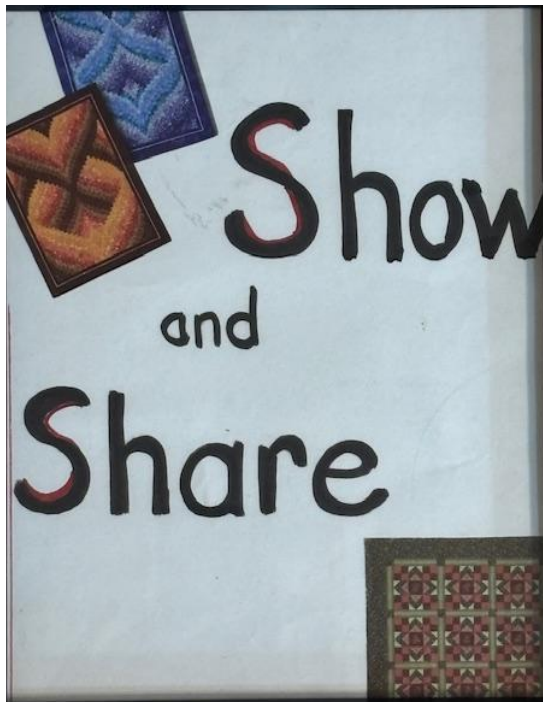
A part of our mandate as a Quilt Guild is to serve our community with gifts of quilts and other sewn items for those in need. We will partner with a variety of social agencies in providing them with such items to assist with their efforts.

Please bring to the September meeting any projects you have completed over the summer intended for Community Outreach. Be sure your name and the size of the quilt is provided when you hand it in at the meeting. Labels should be sewn on before handing in. As usual, quilt kits will be made available for you to take home to work on. Be sure to drop by our table and pick up a project or two!

We would like to have Holiday placemats (12" x 16") completed for the November meeting.
On-going: Pillow cases (hot dog style or otherwise)

Flannel receiving blankets and burp cloths (a template can be picked up from the table)
Walker bags (patterns at table)

Thank you for your on-going support of contributing to Community Outreach. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.



Show and Share Convenor

Patricia K.

Welcome back from a summer that at times forced us to stay indoors due to excessive heat or smoke plume. Perhaps this time was spent quilting?

To be eligible for the draw the quilt needs to be completed. The 3 criteria are: quilted, bound & a label. Looking forward to seeing the beautiful creations.

Quilt Show 2027

Patricia K.

Save the date! Oct 21-23, 2027 will be our quilt show. It will be held at Forest Brook Community Church. [60 Kearney Dr., Ajax.](#)

The big reveal for our Show Name and the return of the Mary Poppins bag will occur at our September Guild meeting.

Your Quilt Show 2027 team is:

Chair-Patricia K.

Registration- Laura B.

Boutique- Angie S. (Judy B. Assistant)

Tea Room- Gail L., Gwen DV., Kathy D.

Volunteers: Grace R.

Set-up, tear down, quilt hanging - Debbie K. (Shaina G. Assistant)

Vendors- Debbie W.

Treasure Room- Dorothy M., Mary Lou H.

Publicity- Diana S.

Treasurer- Maureen E.

Silent Auction- Debbie K.

We are still looking for the following Convenors.

1. Secretary - Works with Patricia to develop agenda, collects & collates convenor reports for agenda. Attends Zoom meeting & takes minutes. Shares this information with Quilt Show team.
2. Show Challenge - Determines the parameters of the competition. Communicates this information to the membership. Sets dates & how a winner will be determined. Collects entries & a team of judges (unless a decision for a Viewers Choice model of judging). Attends Show meetings as need be via Zoom.
3. Signage - Attends walk through with Chair of site & surrounding area to determine sign required. Puts up & takes down signs during set-up & take- down. Attends Zoom meetings as required.

Perhaps you would like to get more involved with the Guild's Quilt Show 2027? If so, please connect with our President Debbie W.

Quilt Show Boutique

Angie S.

CALLING ALL GUILD MEMBERS!

Over the past few months, Jacqueline H., her friend Phyllis, Sharon C., Nancy G., and I have been preparing take-home sewing kits for members to complete for our 2027 quilt show. Each month, up to three simple projects will be available. Please take home at least three items, sew them, and return them at the following month's meeting.

For January, February, and March, I will share websites with items I would like members to make and bring to our April meeting. If you would like to make items for the boutique, please feel free to do so. I have already received many lovely contributions from several members, and I sincerely thank them.

Remember that we all need to participate so that we can make the "Boutique table" a success.

Quilt Show 2027

2026/27 Guild UFO Challenge

Jacqueline H.

With a Quilt Show just around the corner (Oct2027), it is time to get things completed!! If you're an avid quilter, you probably have a stack of unfinished projects. Whether you ran out of time, didn't have the right materials, or just got sick of the quilt, unfinished projects pile up easily -- and take up a lot of space! Make a resolution this year to clean out your UFOs. Join our UFO Challenge Group and let's get them done.

How does it work??

1. Pick up the registration form at the guild meeting in September
2. Register 6 (six) projects that you want to finish this guild year. You can choose from any of your UFOs. If you have a kit you bought but never opened or fabric you've been holding on to for too long, add using it to the list.
3. You may only register 6 projects. Place mat sets count as a single project.
4. Bring your list to the October 2026 guild meeting and register your list with the UFO Challenge Co-ordinator (Jacqueline Hill) Make sure you have 6 (six) projects on your list!!
5. At each guild meeting, we'll randomly draw a number 1--6. We will send that out to the membership via email and post it on our website the day after the meeting. That number will correspond with which number project you work on throughout the month.
6. At the end of the month, fill in your progress. Bring in your completed projects for a special UFO Show and Share at the next guild meeting. You will be entered into 1) Mary Poppins gifts at each meeting and 2) a special UFO draw at the June 2027 guild meeting. Can't come to the meeting? Send a photo of your completed item by Monday NOON (prior to the guild meeting) to have your name entered into the draw. Send the photo to Jacqueline.hill@bell.net
7. Incomplete projects do not qualify for the prize draws. To be eligible for a prize, your item must be complete; quilted, bound and have a label.
8. Cost to enter challenge is \$10 flat rate :)
9. By the end of the year, you'll have 6 finished projects! Or you'll at least have made a significant dent in your stack of UFOs.
10. The challenge will run starting in October (number to be drawn and item must be finished and brought to the Nov meeting), November (number to be drawn and item must be

finished and brought to the Dec meeting), February (on-line) (number to be drawn and item must be finished and photo send to Jacqueline H (email not put online) for the showing at the March meeting, March (on-line) (number to be drawn and item must be finished and brought to the April meeting), April (number to be drawn and item must be finished and brought to the May meeting) and May. and finish in May to allow you time to complete the last item (for the June BIG draw)

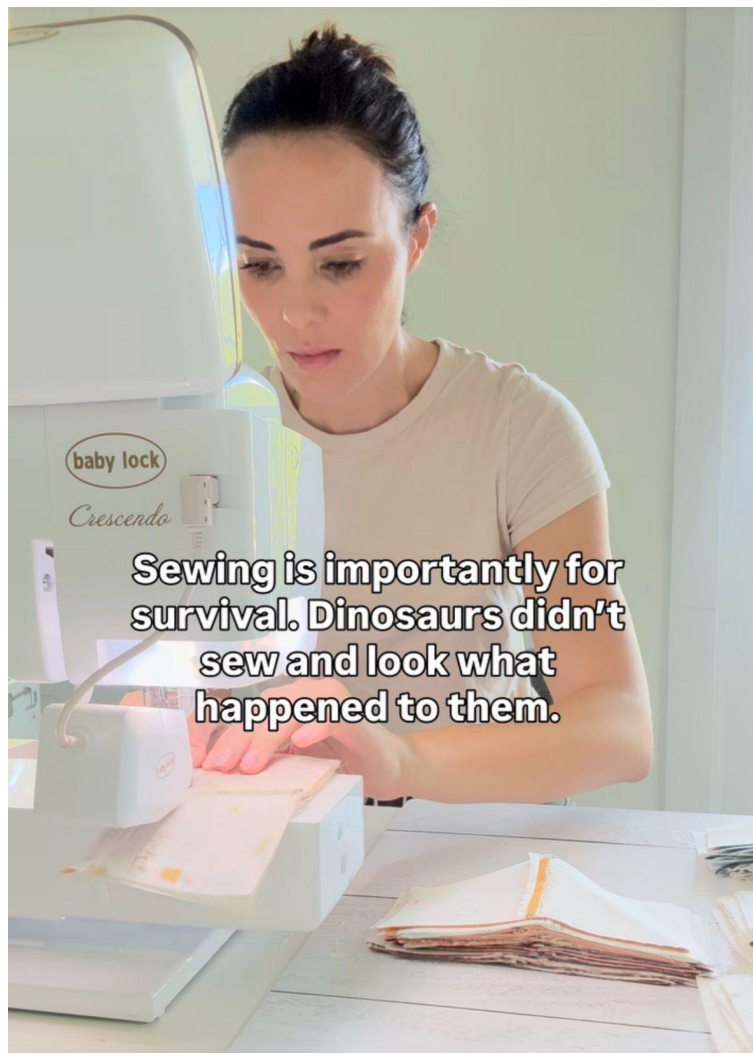
11. Final Draw to take place at the June 2026 guild meeting. Good Luck!

Join in the fun and let's get things done!!

DTQG Secretary, Jacqueline H.

A little chuckle...

Maureen E.



Durham Trillium Quilters' Guild 2026-27 UFO Challenge Registration Form

(forms will be provided at the Quilt Guild meeting September 2026... one to hand in, and one to keep to remind you what is to be completed)

Name: _____

Project #	Description	Status Before	Status After
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			

Flat fee of \$10 to join the challenge!

Cash OR e-transfer to dtqguild@gmail.com (indicate that it is for the UFO challenge)

Challenge Fee paid _____ Collected by: _____

Secretary

Jaqueline H.

The Guild is what you make it. If you want to learn new things, and have new experiences then you have to put yourself out there. Dolly Parton has recently passed and she said something like "Find out who you are... and then do it on purpose". So... if new techniques and experiences are what you want to have in your life, go out and make connections with like minded people... and make it happen!

I continue to happily work on duties “as assigned by the President” :) Such as keeping the e-mail clear, taking minutes etc.

I personally call myself a “utility quilter” versus an “artistic quilter”, I make many quilts for outreach endeavours. I use simple gentle patterns that stand the test of time. I have challenged myself in the last few years to step out of my comfort zone and take on some new small challenges, such as the amazing Kawandi quilt day taught by Deb W, ALL of the Presidents challenges (and a few of those have been very ARTISTIC in nature) , as well as block of the month, and both of the glorious Mystery Quilts (brought to us by Kate H).

I am very excited to be continuing on as your secretary for another year. I have lots to learn, and this guild has loads and loads to teach me!!

Scrap Basket Convenors

Peggy F.

I'm going to change the look of our "Scrap Table". Let's try a FREE table of Fabrics. Fabrics that we are looking to share with fellow quilters!

Bring to our Monday Quilting Guild meeting: I'm asking you to bring your fabric that maybe doesn't work in your stash anymore, but you're sure someone else would love to give a “good home”.

Fabrics Must Be:

- Clean and pressed
- Labelled with the size if larger than a Fat Quarter (the note can be gently stapled on fabric – no straight pins please)
- Good quality quilting fabric only
- Nothing smaller than a Charm Square – 5” size minimum
- 2 1/2 inch strips must be in a plastic bag.
- LABELLED WITH THE DATE YOU BRING IT, so we can determine its “expiry date”, in case it's clear that the perfect owner is not out there.....
- NO books or patterns

This is not the time for your trimmings, these are not to be Dog Bed scraps please.

Is it something you would like your BFF to use? If yes, then it's likely ok. If it's past its prime, has an odor, or is not good quality, please take it to a “Fiber Recycling” depot instead.

This will be a test project to gauge the response, and the feedback will be considered when determining its success.

Social Convenor

Judy B. and MaryLou H.

Welcome back to our first meeting after the summer break. The Guild will again be providing you with regular/decaf tea and decaf coffee.

WE NEED TO REMIND YOU THAT ALL DESSERT TREATS BROUGHT INTO OUR FACILITY MUST NOT CONTAIN NUTS OF ANY KIND. This includes ALL nuts used in baking. This is required as there is a daycare in the building.

For the Sept 14 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.

Sharron C., Debbie K., Joann B., Robynn W., Peggy F., Mary Lou H., Judy B.

There will be a sign-up sheet available on the treat table this month. We are asking for 8 volunteers for each of the four months that we are in person – October, November, April, May. In December and June, we have a potluck where everyone can contribute.

PLEASE REMEMBER –
LUG A MUG
BRING YOUR OWN PREFERRED SUGAR SUBSTITUTE/SWEETENER OR
ALTERNATIVE BEVERAGE/WATER
NO NUTS OF ANY KIND (INCLUDING NUTS USED IN BAKING) ARE ALLOWED AT THE CHURCH

Membership Convenor

Joann B.

Welcome back ladies. Hopefully you had an enjoyable summer. My name is Joann and I am your new Membership Convenor.

Just a reminder that if you have not completed your application form and paid your fee for the 2026-2027 year, please do so before the September meeting, so that you avoid the last-minute rush and thanks to those who have already done so. This just makes things easier at the meeting – and no long line up.

Just to go our website: <https://durhamtrilliumquiltersguild.ca/membership> and then click on Membership Renewal for 2026-2027 and the application form will pop up. The easiest payment method is by E-Transfer. Remember to wear your Guild name tag so you can be entered in the membership draw. Looking forward to seeing you all at our September 14th meeting.

A very helpful video for Janome Sewing Machines

Sent by Debbie K.

Check out the video here: https://youtu.be/VI4nitL-JRg?si=hH05ggE0_JCo93zO



Quilt Block of the Month Convenor Jane S.

For this year's block of the month we will be doing Scott Flanagan's Fields and Furrows. I have made two sample quilts in different colourways to give you an idea of what the finished quilt will look like. I have samples for each month's required blocks as well as tips and tricks to make them. I will have the pattern available by email for those who want to participate.

Fabric Exchange Convenor Dorothy M.

Fabric Exchange Reveal

Please bring your completed Fabric Exchange Quilted item in a bag to the September meeting. The fun will come at the exchange when you find out who made your item and

who you made your item for.

I know some of you have worked with colours you don't usually use and some of you have tried out a new pattern or a new skill. I hope you had fun with your friend's fabrics. I know your secret friend will love her item.

A prize for the first person that completed the item will also be awarded.

Zoom Sew Days Jacqueline H.

We are nearing the 200th Zoom Sew Day held by the Guild. It is always a great time. Just happily sewing in your own sewing area, and chatting with like minded friends. It is never too late to join! Some people just pop in with a question, or in need of some advice, while others stay for the full session.

Zoom Sew Days!

Sunday Sept 6th 1-4 pm

Friday Sept 18th, 1-4 and 7-10 pm

Sunday Sept 27th 1-4 pm

Saturday October 10th 1-4 and 7-10 pm

Sunday October 25th 1-4 pm



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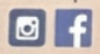
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