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Meetings are usually held on the third Wednesday of the month (except July and August) at Brighton Community Centre, Brighton, Ontario. The doors open at 1:00 p.m. and we meet from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

President's Message

Judy Gray

Greetings Fellow Guild Members

Happy New Year to you all! Here we are embarking on a new year with so much to look forward to as the year unfolds.

With the ringing in of the new year it always brings along with it resolutions for the upcoming year, that of which might already be broken! LOL!!

Maybe you have vowed to finish some of those unfinished projects you have laying around in storage totes? I have been seeing some great results of that already on our Facebook page!

Keep up the good work and don't forget to post so we can share in your beautiful accomplishments. Staying at home more has allowed me to spend more time checking out different websites on the internet. When browsing don't forget to stop by our website and see what is going on inside of Trent Valley Quilters Guild!

There are so many tutorials available to enhance our learning and learn new tricks or techniques. I'm always looking for fresh ideas.

With the ability to Zoom now we are able to have a regular meeting monthly to enjoy. It is so nice to see your smiling faces and hear your voices!

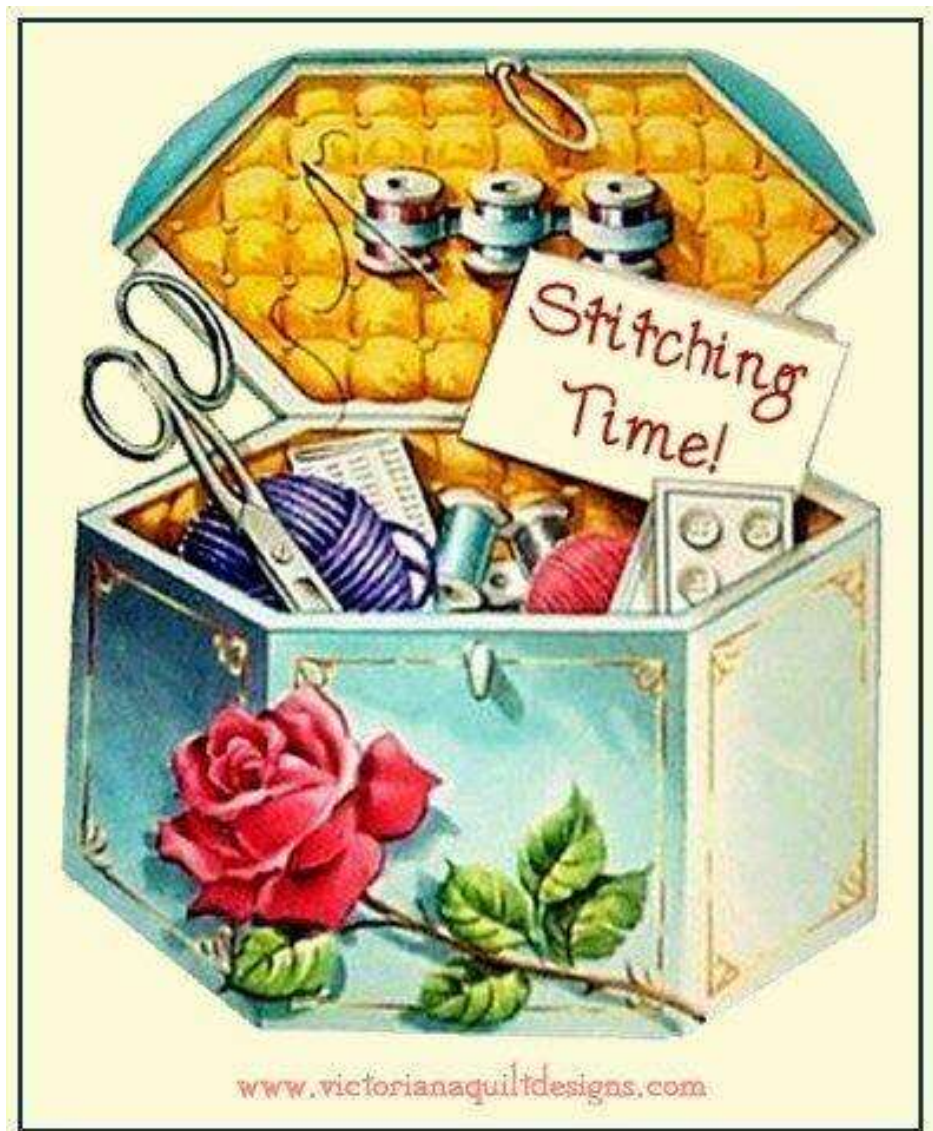
If only for the social aspect it has been good, but seeing some of your recent projects has been nice as well. It's so encouraging to know that we are all striving for the same end... To be together again as soon as possible!!

I hope we continue to encourage one another as much as we can and brainstorm on how we can get together (either by social media, Zoom, telephone, website,) to give this pandemic a run for its money!!

We are strong and we will overcome this thing!! In the meantime, may I suggest looking at some new Spring Quilts! Grab out your fresh and colourful fabrics (the modern quilters will love this!) and look forward to the arrival of Spring and all the newness that comes with it!

All the Best to you and your families and health and safety for the future!

Your President
Judy Gray



Hi Everyone,

Well, we are back into total lockdown. I spent the morning fighting through the grocery store - everyone was exercising their toilet roll fetish again!

So, to lift our spirits, we are going to attempt a Zoom U.F.O.

This will be on Friday February 5th from 10am to 4pm on Zoom.

I will be sending out an invite to the membership closer to Feb 5th.

Zoom will be active all day so that you can stop by to chat if you wish. We will convene at 10am to talk about what we plan to work on for the day. Then again at noon for Lunch (pack your brown bag lunch) together and we will have a show & share on what we have accomplished by 3pm. Just a day to sew and chat together. No restrictions on numbers. If you can only join for part of that day that is fine too.

I will keep you posted,

Cheers 😊

Rita.

Greetings from your Nomination Committee.

I have a feeling that not many of you have been thinking about the workings of our Guild! We only know that we cannot meet together. Though that is true, your Executive has continued to meet and discuss the matters of the Guild, and what our future will look like! You, as Members, have been asked to contribute through our website, and our Facebook page. Yvette's good work on the Newsletter has also provided a platform to stay in touch with each other. Our monthly meetings have also continued in a Zoom format. Deepest thanks to all the Exec. Members and committees that have continued to work on our behalf!

This week has seen another round of restrictions on our outreach and mobility. We just have to stay home. However, we have reason to be hopeful that we will see an end to the spread of Covid, and a lifting of restrictions as vaccines become available to all of us.

With all of this in mind, let's talk about Nominations. This year we have a number of conveners whose term will come to completion.

These positions need to be filled. Our Constitution allows for a one-year extension of a convener's term on approval of the Executive, and by a vote of the Membership. Some Conveners have indicated that they would be willing to serve another year, if so approved. Others are ready to retire. I will post the list of positions needed to be filled. Please consider them carefully, and decide where you can best serve the Guild.

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As you can see, this is quite a list! I left a lot of room for you to write your name! If you are already serving on one of these committees, perhaps you can see yourself stepping up for a two-year term. Anyone who takes on one of these positions will not be left without help and guidance from the previous convener. Bear in mind that the coming Guild year of 2021/2022 may still be unique, as we work our way through this pandemic. I am looking forward to hearing from you! Please send me an e-mail, or give me a call with any questions you may have.

Blessings and Best Regards

Hattie Van Dyk

Past President

Nomination Committee.

Quilt Show 2021

Sarah Roberts & team

Please keep selling those quilt raffle tickets!

Income from those tickets goes to Comfort Quilts, which is such a worthy cause.

We will still be having the draw for the quilt in June of this year.

Stay home—stay safe!

Sarah Robert'



New Years greetings from Programs.

For our January program we want to hear from you, the membership, with your favourite and/or your most often used reference book. Tell us the title and author, you could even hold the cover for us to see. Give us a brief grade school type book report. I will try to keep track and give the list to the Web Page manager.

The Committee is still working diligently to get speakers for our Zoom meetings. We are pleased to tell you that in February our speaker, Bethany Garner, will be telling us 'How to Survive COVID'.

We recently were able to confirm that Karen Brown of 'Just Get It Done Quilts' will be our speaker for our June meeting. Karen was to be our speaker in March 2020 when the shut downs first happened, perhaps she will be our last Zoom Speaker.

We miss the in-person meetings but hopefully soon we will have had our vaccinations and be back in the King Edward Community Center juggling our coffee and show and shares items as we catch up with fellow Quilters.

Until that day I will see you on the computer. Tina May

Hello again from the Workshop Committee.

Plans are going ahead to rebook all the workshops we had to cancel.

October 22, 2021 has been set up with instructor Jennifer Swallows. Curvy Log Cabin Table Runner will require a six inch Creative Grid Log Cabin ruler. The instructor can provide these rulers for purchase. More information will be available closer to the workshop.

Nov 26, 2021, Al Côte will be instructing Curved Paper Piecing with Raw Edge Appliqué.

Also confirmed is, April 22, 2022 with instructor Carolyn Bierworth. A paper piecing project called Christmas in the Cabin. I'm looking forward to this class you can make the project in three sizes and in any colour.

There are four other workshops that are being rebooked. I am being a bit optimistic in hoping we will all be able to meet this fall. Please keep your fingers crossed.

Please contact me if you could assist with the Workshop committee. It is a very rewarding committee.

Regards, Marie Newman

Comfort Quilt Convenors

Nancy Wallace, Janice Hewitt, Judy Elliott & Jude Burns

Happy New Year from your Comfort Quilts Committee. We hope you had an enjoyable, peaceful Christmas. I know it was very different for many of us this year and hope, particularly for those who were alone, that you were able to connect in some way with your loved ones.

It has been a difficult year for everyone, with the COVID 19 pandemic happening around the globe. We were able to hold only 5 meetings (3 in Brighton and 2 in Frankford) in 2020. During the remainder of the year, you, the members (and some non-members), have shown incredible commitment towards continuing to keep Comfort Quilts alive – by making quilt tops or complete quilts, quilting the quilts, sewing on bindings and Love Covers All labels – and it is so greatly appreciated, not just by the recipients who received a quilt in their time of need, but by your Comfort Quilts Committee. We sincerely thank you.

Now that 2021 is upon us, there is no end in sight as yet with COVID and Comfort Quilts is still unable to meet. We are appealing to our members once again to continue helping Comfort Quilts maintain its inventory to provide quilts for our community. Whatever you can contribute is appreciated. Myself (Nancy Wallace) and Janice Hewitt each have batting and backing fabric if it is required. Unfortunately, we can't get at our fabric stashes for the quilt tops from the Brighton or Frankford meeting locations. Thank you for your support.

Thirteen Comfort Quilts were distributed in the month of December, 2020, for a year-to-date (September – to December, 2020) total of 64.

A letter of thanks was received from Highland Shores (Belleville) Children's Aid Society for the donation of 40 quilts in November, 2020.

Here is a nice quote that I think is appropriate for what we are all living through right now. Comfort Quilts wishes all of you the best for 2021.

“Never lose hope. Storms make people stronger and never last forever” – Roy T. Bennett

Membership

Donna Brawley & Donna Simpson

Happy New Year from the Membership Committee!!!

Even though we are experiencing yet another lockdown, we will hope that our lives get back to normal later this year. In the meantime, let's enjoy our monthly Zoom meetings. They help us stay connected and lift our spirits.

Donna Brawley and Donna Simpson



At the time of writing this UFO update we are still in a lockdown situation. January UFO was cancelled, and until the number of cases begin to decrease, we may well be in lockdown for sometime.to come.

I anticipate when the lockdown is lifted that the numbers for a group get-together will be low. As soon as that number will reach 25, we can meet again to quilt. We will continue to follow the protocols put in place that all who came to UFO followed extremely well. I truly thank you for that. When we are able to get together again for UFO, I will send an e-mail to everyone in the guild. Any questions give me a call. Continue to stay safe!

Cheers, Midge.

2020 is in the past. Welcome to 2021!

There is nothing new to report on Retreat. You will be kept informed via email and the monthly guild Zoom meetings when there is news to report.

If you haven't had the chance to attend one of the monthly guild Zoom meetings please give it a try.

Hopefully, once this virus is behind us, we will be able to continue on with our lives in a somewhat normal manner.

Until that time please stay safe and well!

Your Retreat Committee



Dear Members we know you are making the best of the lockdown with some quilting. Let's see your projects on our website!

How to share your quilts on the TVQG website:

1. Take pictures of your quilt using the best lighting possible. Try to get them as clear as possible. Make note of where these pictures are on your tablet or computer. They will need to be on the same device as what you will be using to access the website.

1. Go to www.trentvalleyquiltersguild.com. Under **OUR SITE INDEX**, select **MEMBERS LOGIN**.

2. Login in using the usual password and press Login. You can get a reminder of the password by emailing me.

3. Select the **Show and Share Upload** button.

4.. Complete the form with:

Name. This is mandatory. First and last name.

Email. Mandatory. (Extra spaces may make the email address appear invalid)

**The above two fields will NOT be included in the post. The Coordinator needs this information

Description. Write up a short story about your quilt. The title of your quilt and the name of the designer. Who is it for? Why that pattern? You know what we like to hear. Just like our live "SHOW & SHARES" in person without that scary microphone.

Include your name in this paragraph as you would like to see it on the website. If you don't want your full name on the website, then just put your first name and last name initial.

Select up to 2 images to upload. Hit Browse and go to the folder on your device where the pictures are. Select a picture and press Open. The coordinator will pick one photo to use.

You will notice that when a field is filled correctly, the title changes to green.

Click **SUBMIT**

Done. This will send an email to Sue Davies. From there it will be put on the website.

To enjoy the Shared quilts, go to **SHOW AND SHARE** under **OUR SITE INDEX**.

The Website Coordinator have editing rights of your text.

Questions about this can be sent to Sue Davies.

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Library

Pat Leblanc

Hi everyone. I want everyone to be hopeful for a better New Year! There is light at the end of the tunnel with the vaccine. We must continue to be vigilant and encourage each other. I wish you a healthy New Year
Pat

Sunshine

Darlene Blanchet

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Jan Stewart shared this picture of her guild block of the month quilt.





From **Marilyn Edmonds**: I have a comfort quilt under my machine at the moment. The blocks allow me to practise machine quilting. Recently I used up flannel left over from making 14 pairs of Christmas pajama bottoms and finished up this flannel quilt front and back! All these projects just make the day go by faster and comfort quilts are needed year around!



From Heather Billings: The one for our son Jess is all about Jeeps. The other quilt was for our daughter in law Melanie. Her hometown is in New Brunswick. I collected fabric that reflected the province. I always add a label with an inspirational quote plus name, year etc. Makes it a bit more personal to the person receiving the quilt.

Nancy Wallace long arm quilted them for me. Melanie's was quilted with a shell design and Jess' had jeeps quilted on his. I wanted the theme all through out each quilt. Nancy searched for designs and I'm so happy with each of them. Just a reminder to all members, that Nancy gives a discount for Guild members. She is awesome!



From Kathy Herron: I made this log cabin quilt with flowers around it after seeing a friend's quilt with houses around the cabin. Log cabin quilts are my most favourite quilt ever! I started this quilt in August and finally got it sandwiched in October and quilted before New Year's Eve day and it is now in the home of a dear friend.



From Suzanne Postma:

This is a Pat Sloan's BOM; Merry & Bright. I had the top finished in November 2019...finally finished it at the end of 2020.

I quilted it myself with my walking foot, did stitch in the ditch along with some echo stitch, then went back in and add embroidery deco stitch around the larger blocks...

My sewing sistas will notice some of their material as I had very little Christmas fabric when I started this.



Here are 2 quilts I made for my granddaughters. They received them in time for Christmas.

I quilted both of these quilts myself, using my walking foot and some decorative stitches.

More from Suzanne: Well I finally finished my BOM, it was fun to wait in suspense at what block instructions we would receive every month!

I used material from my stash of Batiks, except for the purple strip border which I purchased from Ronda Quilt Creations. It's also a batik and it worked perfectly to offset the gold.

I want to thank the guild for organizing the BOM...I learned a few new techniques and in all it was fun, even if it was challenging at times.



And yet another from Suzanne: This is for my Granddaughter in Edmonton...my covid 19 projects continue...started January 2nd.



These businesses support our guild.

Please let them know that you saw their business card here in your newsletter when you visit or call them. They are the back bone of our quilting; their knowledge and services are indispensable so it is vital that we support them during these difficult times.

(editor's note; I know how easy it is to buy on-line these days, but our local businesses NEED your support.)

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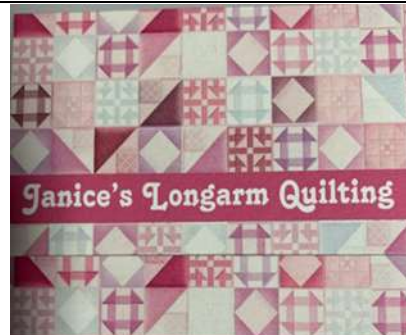


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I've started the business because I wanted to bring the beauty of Free Spirit fabric designers. I've always been fascinated by Kaffe, Tim Holtz and other. Being in Canada, however, really limits this type of fabric selections.

So, I've decided to open my own online store to share those beautiful designs with quilters in Canada, particularly in Ontario, I personally have quilted for the last 6 years and this activity, as all of you know, has been keeping me sane and happy during those unprecedented times. If there is a collection you want me to bring from Free Spirit, please let me know and I'll do my best to get it here!

Please follow my social media for online classes schedule, upcoming collections and the beautiful quilts we will be creating together.

Sincerely, Jinni <https://artisticquiltswithcolors.com>

A Few Words from your Editor

(Here's how I got this job; when Sandy had completed her 2-year term a few years ago, nobody wanted to take it on. Stella said that if no-one stepped up there would be no newsletter. I overheard that remark, couldn't imagine our guild with no newsletter and felt obligated to take it on. After all, I did know how. After owning and running my successful business for more than 25 years, I had written a LOT of newsletters.) **So here I am. I like it. Fast forward.....**

My commitment as "Newsletter Convener" is to publish "Spool Talk" a minimum of 4 times per year, the first week of September, December, March and June.

Let's face it, covid has changed EVERYTHING! Looking at it just from my perspective of our Trent Valley Quilters' Guild, our meetings were cancelled. We all floundered around for a while trying to figure out what to do and how to navigate this strange new world.

As a way of connecting with each other, I began writing monthly newsletters to fill the void, and they are a great way of communicating. We also meet monthly now on Zoom, our Facebook page is active and our website is current. We're communicating really well! So....

I've decided to go back to our original mandate. Our next newsletters will be in March and June. An email asking for your contributions will be sent out, as I really like sharing what you've been sending to me.

My commitment is over in June, and even though I've agreed to stay on for 1 more year, I'd like to move on with my own teaching and writing. This position is available. Hint, hint.

In the meantime, lets see more of your beautiful quilts on our website. And let's stay healthy, safe, and in stitches. *Yvette* www.sewwhatyvette.com