

Spool Talk



December 2022

TRENT VALLEY QUILTER'S GUILD

Meetings are normally held on the third Wednesday of the month September through June 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.

You may also join the meetings via Zoom.

A link to the meeting is emailed to all members each month.

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President's Message**Rita Downhill**

We are now into December, and we are all busy with Christmas preparations. We still send out Christmas cards and I need to get that task completed, especially as they have postal strikes going on in the U.K. So, between gift buying, putting up decorations and trying to get the rainbow quilt I am making for my baby Granddaughter finished – it is certainly a very, very busy time of the year. However, don't forget about our wonderful Christmas meeting on December 21st. I hear rumours of lots of draws. Those of you whose last names start in the A to K group are requested to bring finger foods. No dips at the Social Committees request. The meeting will still be on Zoom for those of you unable to attend in person.

Jan Kivisto will be hosting the Xmas placemat draw.

I am asked many questions about the masking mandate we have in place. That we would continue with masking was approved by your Executive committee in September. Given the prevalence of Covid & the Flu it was felt we should continue with this practice to keep everyone safe.

So, to each and everyone of you & your families I wish you a very Happy Christmas & New year. I look forward to seeing you on Dec

[How to Free Motion
Christmas Trees](#)

**Vice-President's Message****Sarah Roberts**

No Report

Nominations/Past President**Judy Gray**

No Report

Treasurer**Diane Cichon**

No Report

Membership	Joan Cohrs
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I am pleased to report that we have 138 members. Please give a warm welcome to all our new and returning members.

We have not ordered name tags for several years and I have been looking at a couple of options. Unfortunately, the wooden tags are no longer available. Standard plastic name tags with our logo can be ordered and cost \$10 to \$12 each. However, it was suggested that we could utilize our creative skills and make our own name tags (apparently some guilds are doing this). I will be looking for feedback and ideas at the December meeting.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas.

Merry Coasters



Quilt Show 2023	Sarah Roberts & Team
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I am very pleased to report that committee chair positions are filled! And organization is starting to pick up momentum.

A theme has been suggested for the show, and that theme is The Butterfly Effect. This is Hattie Van Dyk's idea. Summarizing how she described it, "...the idea that a small event can have far-reaching and long-term effects for future events. Thinking about our Guild and the "small" things we do, as a collective and as individuals: comfort quilts, place mats, preemie blankets, blocks or quilts for a cause, or as a particular comfort after a traumatic event--these are just some of the examples of our "small" efforts rippling out into the community and far beyond. As we do what we love to do, we also bring joy and comfort to so many. One person's joy becomes contagious, and spreads to everyone they meet! It can change someone's day, someone's outlook, someone's heart. And once that happens, who can predict what good may grow!"

Isn't this an absolutely lovely idea?? Hattie also made a sample of a small butterfly to use as an identifier at the quilt show. I will bring that sample to the December meeting, and there may be other examples as well!

An email was distributed by our email coordinator Danielle Gagnon with the Registration Form for quilts you are entering in the show. If you have any questions about that form, don't be afraid to ask! There will be information sessions in January about how to construct a sleeve for hanging the quilt, and just before the show, how to fold and package your quilt for delivery to the Registration committee.

We may start to distribute raffle quilt tickets to members in December if we get the tickets printed in time. Otherwise, expect that you will be given books of tickets in January to sell. Sales of tickets will continue up to and including the Quilt Show days, with the draw being held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday June 4, 2023. The raffle quilt, generously donated by Bill Stearman is a 58" X 67" in size, so around double bed size. Or generous lap/couch quilt. We will display it at one of our upcoming meetings for you to see. Tickets will be \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Please remember that this raffle quilt supports expenses for Comfort Quilts, the charitable arm of our guild. Did you know that for the Guild's 2021-2022 fiscal year (September to August) there were 116 quilts given to people in need?? Or that in 2020-2021, Comfort Quilts gave away 104 Quilts? The work of this great part of our Guild did not slow down much because of a pandemic! The money raised by the Raffle Quilt helps fund this very honourable endeavour for three years, until the next Quilt Show.

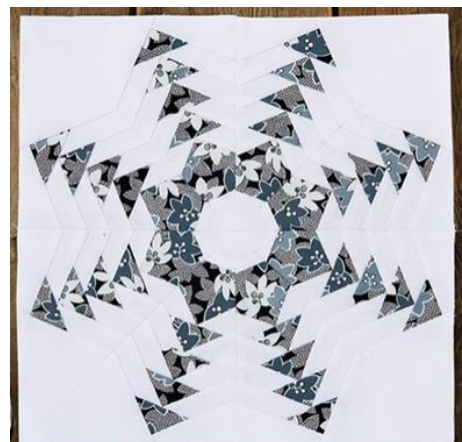
Are you thinking of making a few things to sell in our Members Boutique? Or perhaps you have magazines or books you won't use again--donating them to the Boutique helps fund the entire Guild until the next Quilt Show! Talk to Marie Newman if you need more information.

And Raffle Baskets is another valuable fundraiser for the Guild. You can make up a basket yourself, or a group of people can work on one together. Pretty basket and packaging, with a list of the contents, and you're done! In previous years we've had 30 to 40 baskets to raffle--they are very popular with our audience at the show! Diane Cichon is the Committee Chair.

Should any of you want to be involved somehow with the Quilt Show, don't hesitate to contact Sarah Roberts, Judy Gray, or Cheryl Lafferty by email (which you will find in our membership list), or at a meeting or UFO, which I usually attend. It doesn't necessarily have to be for a "large" job, there will be plenty of things to do during set up days and during the show.

Sarah Roberts
Co-Chair
Behind the Seams Quilt Show 2023

[Snowflake Block](#)



Program

Sarah Roberts

The Program for our December meeting consists of a social time to celebrate Christmas and each other. The meeting will also be on Zoom for those who cannot or choose not to come in person. There will still be the usual business stuff to do and show and share to see! Wear your Christmas outfits, bring your Christmas cheer mug, and partake of some "goodies" brought to you by the good people with last names starting with the letters A to K. Zoom people can wear their festive stuff and use their Christmas mugs-- but you gotta take care of your own goodies, sorry!

As well, we will be introducing the theme for our Quilt Show! Stay tuned!

In January, the program hour is dedicated to all things Quilt Show--registration forms, hanging sleeves, and any other questions you may have. Sample(s) of raffle basket(s) will be on display for you to see and think about doing one for the Quilt Show.

Happy Holidays to all! Hope to see you at the meeting!



Record the Year

[Make a
Temperature Quilt
- Part 1](#)

[Make a
Temperature Quilt
- Part 2](#)

Workshop	Danielle Gagnon
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January Workshop

Wonky Star Quilt, our own guild member Louise Oberworth will be the instructor. It is a quilt for beginner to learn and exchange with more experienced quilter and well as for experienced quilter to get familiar with the technique while socializing and help the beginner enjoying their day together. We have opening for twenty quilters and the pleasure of good company. The workshop will take place on the 27th of January, just in time to shake out the winter blues.



Sample Photos



Comfort Quilt	Cathy Herrington
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Season's Greetings from Comfort Quilts

We are so thankful to all of you that have had a part in the making of the beautiful quilts that have been handed in. So far we have been able to distribute over 90 quilts....including quilts to the Belleville 3 Oaks Woman's Shelter, Belleville CAS and the Pregnancy & Family Care of Quinte West. We have also given out two Ukraine quilts.

Just a reminder that Comfort Quilts will be meeting in Brighton on Wednesday, December 7.....**BUT** our Frankford December meeting is **cancelled**.

Website	Sue Davies
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The website continues to get updated on a regular basis. You will now find the Quilt Show registration form there. Also, under Members Log In, you will find the Mug Rug patterns for each month. The password has been changed for this section. If you have lost it, please contact me and I will send it to you.

Merry Christmas and all the best for 2023 for you and yours.



[How to Free Motion a Gnome](#)

Library

Judy Elliott

Slowly but surely I am trying to improve the library by removing the old and adding new. Some of the old books dated below the year 2010 have been removed (these books will be for sale at the quilt show boutique). In the meantime, I have been ordering new books and trying to find ones that will appeal to everyone. Recently the following have been added. Quilt Block Genius, Time saving Quilts, Christmas Quilting, Gorgeous Wool Appliqué, American Dream by Jenny Doan, and Christmas on the Side Mug Rugs. Please email me with any suggestion you might have. If you have books you would like to donate, I will gladly accept them as long as they were published after 2010.

UFO/PHD

Midge Trauzzi

The next UFO is Friday, January 13th at the community centre. I have several spaces available. All of the UFO dates and the mini retreat dates are on the guild website. Any questions please give me a call.

Have a Merry Christmas

[Holiday Placemat](#)



Christmas Placemats

Marie Newman & Janet Kivisto

On your behalf, we delivered 235 Christmas placemats to the CCAC offices in Brighton and Sterling and the VON office in Trenton. The staff were so appreciative to receive our donations. Here is a photo that was taken in the Trenton office on delivery day. Many thanks to all of you wonderful quilters who participated in this worthwhile Christmas project!



Sunshine

Linda Cowburn

No Report

Social

June Armstrong & Tina May

Seasons Greetings from the Social Committee. We are looking forward to our December meeting with refreshments provided by members who's last name start with A through K (the rest of us will supply the June celebration). It will be wonderful to have our first Christmas celebrate in person since the pandemic

I was surprised to be told that not everyone was aware that the coffee and tea were located in the kitchen at each meeting. Please accept our apology for not making this clear. We were serving in the auditorium for the first few meetings of this year but going forward refreshments will be located in the kitchen.

Please remember to bring your own mug.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Tina, June and Kathy



[Bursting Heart Pillow](#)

Retreat

Pat Brinklow & team

Finally, after a 2 year hiatus, the annual Retreat was held October 4th – 6th, and, from all the comments the committee received, it was a success with everyone enjoying their time away. A big thank you to Elaine Combden, Cheryl Lafferty, Louise Oberwarth and Sarah Roberts for all their work and expertise in helping plan this Retreat.

Glen House Resort is the perfect location to hold a retreat. It couldn't have been any better with all the amenities it has to offer. The spacious, well lit sewing room provided a great space to work in. The staff were very accommodating, the meals...well let's just say...for the most part no one went away hungry. Glen House Resort held a complimentary wine and cheese for us before dinner on the first day.

What incredible weather too.

If you have the opportunity to attend a Retreat, don't hesitate to say, "Yes I am going." Projects finished or started, lots of tips and tricks to learn from other quilters and most of all, new friendships and memories made. What a special time! Start saving for our 2023 Retreat. Details will be coming in the new year.

The committee members would like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and all the best for a safe and Happy New Year!

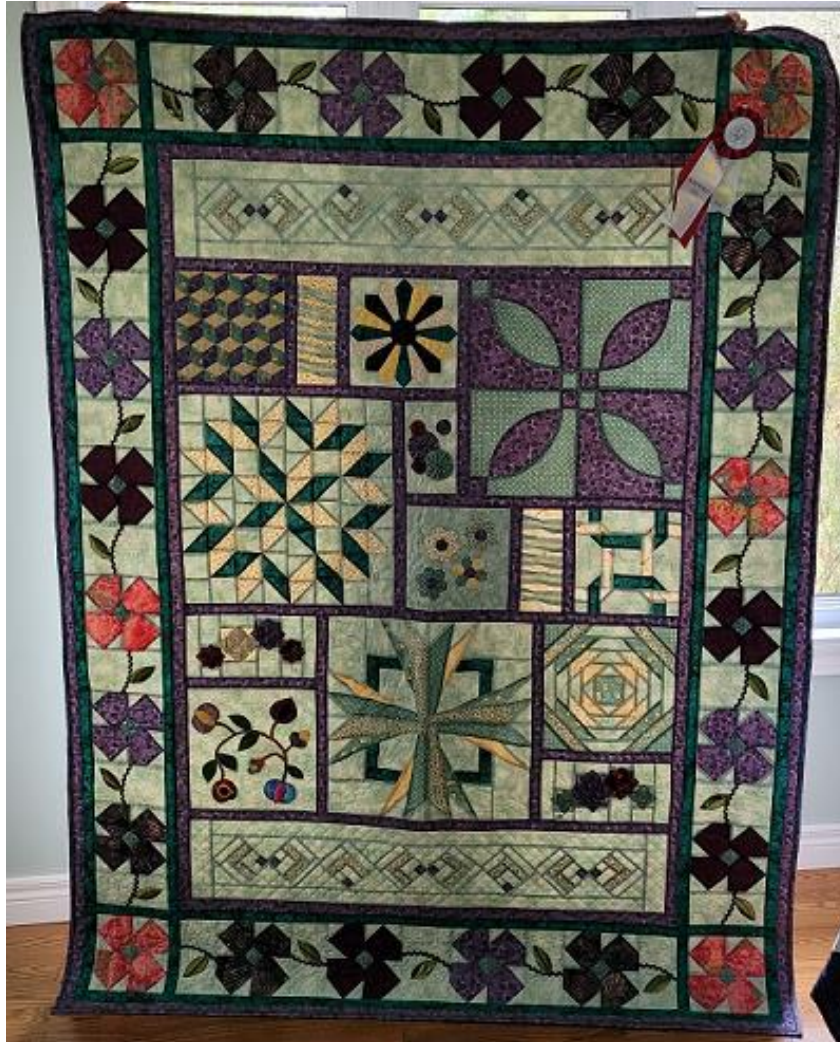
Your Retreat Committee

Elaine Combden, Cheryl Lafferty, Sarah Roberts, Louise Oberwarth, and Pat Brinklow

[I Heart You Mini Quilt](#)



EXCITING NEWS



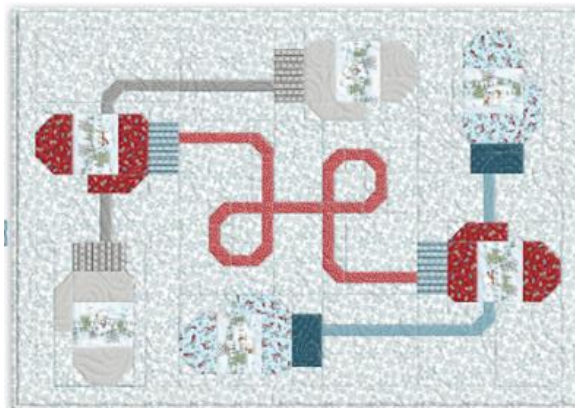
Diane Cichon entered her 2020 Mystery Quilt into the Norwood fair this year.

Do you notice the ribbon hanging on the upper right corner of the quilt?

Her quilt won the Grand Champion ribbon for Design and Workmanship.

Congratulations Diane. Your quilt is outstanding!

Don't Loose Your Mittens



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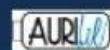
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