

Spool Talk



December 2023

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 12:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 1:00 p.m.

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President's Message**Sarah Roberts**

December (and winter, sort of) already! Probably like a lot of you, I have been finishing up Christmas gift projects. Nothing like a deadline to get you moving!

Our meeting in December is planned to be a fun social time. Please be mindful of your health and for those around you, as there seems to be an uptick in cases of COVID and flu amongst us. If you feel unwell, please stay home! And of course, you can choose to wear a mask to help make sure you keep feeling well after our meeting! For Show and Share, we want to see your new or favourite quilted Christmas decorations. I know there are some beautiful treasures out there!

As we close out 2023, I want to thank all of you for the support you've shown me as your new Guild President. I very much appreciate your comments and encouragement! I look forward each month to our meetings and being able to gather as a like-minded group of creative people.

Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!



Kim Diehl's Farmhouse Christmas

Vice-President's Message**Joan Cohrs**

No Report

Nominations/Past President**Rita Downhill**

No Report

Treasurer**Diane Cichon**

No Report

Membership**Joan Cohrs & Louise Swallow**

No Report

Quilt Show 2026

The search continues for a new Convenor or Convenors for our 2026 Quilt Show. The "road map" to the show is quite well documented, and while the majority of work is in the last year leading up to the show, there still needs to be stuff done ahead of time.

If you are interested in this position or have any questions about any aspect of taking this job on, please ask!

Sarah Roberts
(former) Quilt Show Convenor

In From the Cold

Program**Marie Newman & Lesley Poper**

We are gearing up for the New Year.

But first, I spoke to a few people after the yard sale and some people were happy as their stash was a bit lighter, while others got great deals and added to their stash.

This month we will be having a Christmas party on meeting day, December 20, 2023. There will be a few games, prizes and food. A chance to celebrate with new people, friends, peers and just a bunch of crazy (lovely) quilters.

Some YouTube quilting sites that have been recommended and you might want to check out in the comfort of your warm homes this winter.

Beth Shibley from My Sewing Room

Brenda from Conquering Mount Scapmore

Donna Jordan from Jordan Fabrics

Jenny Doan Missouri Star Quilts

Karen Brown from Just Get Done Quilts

I'm looking forward to Christmas but I can't wait to get quilting in my most productive quilting months of January, February and March.

Happy Holidays from Marie Newman and Lesley Poper



Tonga Merry Tree Skirt

Workshop	Debbie Searle
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Upcoming Workshops in 2024 include :

26 Jan 2024 - Threader / Scrap Catcher Fun Sew Day with your Workshop Committee

This is a beginner project for all and cost is \$30.00 with the option of purchasing a kit for an extra \$10.00. There is plenty of room in the class so hope to see you there. Sign up at Dec meeting.



23 Feb 2024 - Thread Painting with Judy Elliott

This class promises to be a fun day for all skill levels. Who knew that you could paint with a sewing machine? The cost is \$30.00 with fee of \$10.00 for materials to be paid directly to Judy. Sign up at Dec meeting.



More workshops will be advertised in the New Year so keep looking for the announcements and visit us at the Workshop table at each meeting.

Comfort Quilt	Cathy Herrington & Janet Spittle
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No Report

Website	Anne Pennington
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Library**Judy Elliott**

One of the busiest places at the guild meetings is the library. The library consists of 168 books dating back to 2010. It also has numerous rulers, magazines and CD's. On average thirty to forty books are signed out every month. The most popular being, The Three Yard books by Fabric Cafe and Time saving Quilts by Annie's Quilting. As a result, we now have duplicates. A big thank you goes out to the many library helpers. Joyce Eggleston does a great job selling raffle tickets, as everyone looks forward to possibly winning one of her special bags. Others help to put out and put away books, signing out books and counting money. Remember, if you would like a particular book, please let me know, and if possible, it will be ordered.

Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Snowflakes

UFO/PHD**Midge Trauzzi**

UFO Dates for 2024 - Always on a Friday

January 12, February 9, March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12, August 9, September 13, October 11, November 8

Mini Retreat Dates for 2024
May 16 & 17, October 17 & 18

Contact Midge Trauzzi if you need more information.



Half Square Triangle Projects



Christmas Placemats**Janet Kivisto**

Wow! My fellow quilters, we knocked the ball out of the park with our placemat donations. On your behalf, we delivered 210 beautiful placemats to CCAC and VON offices in Brighton, Stirling/Tweed, and Trenton. They were received with great enthusiasm and admiration. We were told how much the clients love to receive them each year. Ready for some more good news? We have 104 placemats left over for next year. We're already halfway there! Well done, my friends.

**Sunshine****Linda Cowburn**

If you know someone who is sick or has lost a family member, be sure to let me know. Merry Christmas to you and your families!"

NOTE: Linda's email address has changed. Please watch for a guild email which will give you her new address.

Social**June Armstrong & Tina May**

Seasons Greetings from the social Committee elves. We look forward to seeing everyone at our December meeting. All member whose last name starts with the letters A to H inclusive are asked to bring some seasonal finger food for our social hour. Please don't forget to bring your mug for Tea, Coffee or Hot Chocolate (maybe with marshmallows). Merry Christmas to all.

Retreat 2024**Debbie Dupuis**

The plans for the Fall Retreat are in the works. The Retreat will be at The Glenhouse Resort. I know there were issues with the food this year and they have been addressed.

The Retreat will run from Tuesday September 24th to Thursday Sept 26th.

We have changed the date to take some of the pressure off the busy month of October.

Pricing is the same as this year.

Hope to see you there. More info to follow.

Mini Retreat**Midge Trauzzi**

No Report

How To Free Motion Cabins in The Woods



Other News

Quilts for Survivors (submitted by Janet Kivisto)

In the spirit of caring and Reconciliation, FIVE quilt tops are on their way from here to Timmins to be finished by the Quilts for Survivors team of volunteers. Since the beginning of the programme two years ago, **4,100** quilts have been given to survivors of the Canadian Residential School System and survivors of other trauma. The work is not yet over. At this time, there is a wait list of about a year for those who have requested (or were nominated for) quilts. Across Canada & from other parts of the world, quilters are contributing to this programme by crafting full-sized quilts or making donations to support the work.

Community organizations and individuals have also contributed generously to support the costs of logistics and materials.

My gratitude goes out to our members who have contributed to the quilts being sent to Timmins: June Armstrong, Pat Brinklow, Diane Cichon, Sue Cornell, Heather Davis, Tammy Glinski, Janet Spittle, Mary Thurston, and Grace Zanatta.

Archives

It seems like many of our members are "cleaning up" these days. The recent garage sale indicated this.

Whether you are downsizing to make a move easier or you just need more room in your sewing room, please keep the Archives in mind.

If you have any paper copies of documents issued by the guild **BEFORE 2019**, Archives may need them. You can pass them to me to review or contact me to see if there is a need. Whatever is easier for your clean up!

We have a solid history of the guild with minutes of meetings, newsletters and pictures but there are a few holes. Note that meeting agendas are not required.

Thank you in advance

Sue Davies



How To Free Motion A Snowman

Quilts of Valour

Trenton Friends of Quilts of Valour would like to thank the members of the Trent Valley Quilt Guild for attending our second annual QoV Sew Day at the Trenton National Air Force Museum on 4 November, 2023.

As a group we completed 13 quilt tops that are now out with volunteer longarms for top-stitching. Our completed quilts will be presented in the new year to eligible, ill or injured Canadian Forces Members (Currently serving or past members). If you know of a person you would like to nominate for a QoV, please go to the web site and complete the nomination form. [Eligibility Criteria | quiltsofvalour](#)

Again, thank you all for donating your time and skills to this very worthy cause. If you would like to come out on the second and fourth Mondays of each month to sew with us at the Base Chapel, we would welcome you with open arms. If you prefer to sew at home, we have kits you can complete on your own time. Please reach out if you are interested.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and all the best for the New Year!
Lesley Poper.

NOTE: Several photos from this event can be seen on our [here on our web page.](#)

How To Free Motion Pine Boughs and Holly





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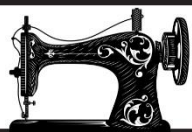
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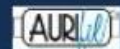


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