

Spool Talk



June 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 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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www.trentvalleyquiltersguild.com

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I am now starting to wind up my duties as President of Trent Valley Quilters Guild. It has been a great 2 years and I wanted to thank you all for having the confidence in me to carry out this role. It has been a challenge in many ways but particularly through the Covid months. Thank goodness for Zoom!!!

At least we were able to still have our meetings and some great presenters in that time from all over North America and even one speaker from Ireland.

It was certainly great to take off those masks and it did take a while for that to happen even after we were meeting in person for a few months.

I would like to thank all those members who have volunteered as Conveners during this time. We wouldn't be such a great Guild without that support. Also, those of you who have now stepped forward to take over those roles as we vote in a new Executive in June.

This is a time of renewal, when I will move on to Past President and Sarah Roberts will take over the President's role. Good luck Sarah I know that you will do a great job!

What a great Quilt Show. 5 years in the making and well worth the wait. All our Quilts looked so good. You really don't get a true appreciation of the talent we have until the quilts are displayed on the frames. I am sure that once the numbers are all tallied that we will have raised some significant funds to support the Guild financially going forward.

So, I am now signing off. I will still be around, and I look forward to seeing you all at future meetings and Guild functions.

All the best,
Rita.



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

No Report

Nominations/Past President**Judy Gray**

No Report

Treasurer**Diane Cichon**

No Report

[Seaside Squares Lap Quilt Square in square tutorial](#)

**Membership****Joan Cohrs**

I am pleased to report that the TVQG currently has 141 members, 20 of whom joined this year. The strength of our membership was on full display at our Quilt Show as so many of you volunteered and helped to make it a smashing success.

Thank you to Louise Swallow for sourcing and ordering our striking new name tags. Another order will be placed after the October meeting.

Enjoy the summer everyone!

The 2023 Behind the Seams quilt show produced by Trent Valley Quilters Guild has come and gone. I have been anticipating this show for sooooo long! Thanks to the pandemic, it was a lot like false labour—is this it? Is it going to happen? Am I ready?? And in the long run, all the labour was worth it—we had a FANTASTIC show, and it is very much due to the generosity of the members to pitch in and do whatever was asked of them. And in some cases, more than was asked of them!

Two days of set up and arranging and tweaking. And only one and a half hours to tear in all down!! The chaos of the first day of set up led to a calmer second day, and we were ready for our show. It was all worth it. We had many, many compliments from attendees, who were in awe of the creative talent in our Guild, and very appreciative of the spacious, bright venue. Did we learn things? You bet! The wrap up meeting will address all the beefs and bouquets, and the next quilt show team will have a solid road map to continue a history of great shows.

Thank you to all the committees involved in the show. I cannot say enough about the team effort. And to the families of those committee members—you rock! Many arrived who weren't even on our volunteer lists, offering any help needed. Bravo!

The ribbon winners from all the classes are listed here. Sincere congratulations to all the winners! Have a look at the TVQG Facebook page for pictures, which I am sure will make their way to our website. Note that in some categories, only one or two ribbons were awarded, because the entry numbers were low in those classes.

Give yourselves a big pat on the back—we did it!

Art Quilts: First Place, Sharon French, A Season in Time

Hand Work: First Place, Stella Dorsman, Star Sampler. Second Place, Jess Chambers, A Time for Gathering.

New Quilter: First Place, Beverley Dew, Spring Brightness.

Workshop/Other: First Place, Jude Burns, Sun Shine (bag).

Wall Quilt: First Place, Janet Kivisto, Loving Our Beautiful Water. Second Place, Kathy Braun, By the Light of the Moon.

Small Quilt: First Place, Grace Zanatta, Minerva

Medium Quilt: First Place, Stella Dorsman, Tea Time. Second Place, Judy Gray, Pennies for Christmas. Third Place, Hattie VanDyk, Autumn Trail.

Large Quilt: First Place, Deanna Gaudaur, Hexy Memories. Second Place, Harriet Nickerson, Hanging Gardens.

Program**Sarah Roberts**

With the lead-up to the quilt show at the beginning of June, programs lately have been mostly devoted to the show.

Bill Stearman did present to us in April about "sustainable quilting", which really made us aware of just how resource-dense making fabric is! Some good ideas for exploring how to make our works more earth-friendly. Maybe we need another new category in the next quilt show!

The new program leaders for 2023/2024 have already been talking about some really good ideas for our next Guild year. If you have an idea about something you want to see in a program at our meetings, let them know! There will still be "outside" speakers, probably via Zoom, but there are many talented people in our own guild who can share their knowledge too!



[Bountiful Garden](#) Free PDF

Workshop**Marie Newman**

No Report

Comfort Quilt

Cathy Herrington

Comfort Quilts would like to extend their **THANKS** for all your support this year.... whether it was through a donation of fabric, a quilt top, quilting one of our quilts, sewing on the binding/hearts and/or pressing fabric.

Comfort Quilts provided over 140 quilts this year to those in need of a hug. When we give a quilt to a person in need of a hug.... we let them know over 120 guild members are thinking of them and are sending them a hug every time they wrap the quilt around them.

THANK YOU THANK YOU to everyone who either sold or bought tickets on the quilt raffle. We sold over 2400 tickets and raised over \$4000 😊👏

We wish you a healthy summer break and we look forward to seeing everyone in September.

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Website

Sue Davies

The guild's website continues to evolve as interests and needs are met. The latest revision includes a section for Quilt Show pictures. You can find the pictures of this year's wonderful show under:

QUILT SHOW PICS

<https://www.trentvalleyquiltersguild.com/show-share.html>

If you would like to add pictures to this collection you may do so under MEMBERS LOG IN. The pictures will not show immediately so give it time.

I've enjoyed being the convenor of the website for the last three years. I am certain Anne Pennington will do a great job from this point forward.

Have a wonderful summer.

Library**Judy Elliott**

It has been a busy year for the library. Gradually, older and unread books have been removed to make way for newer publications. Every month at least 20 to 30 books are taken out. Remember, books taken out in June may be enjoyed all summer. A big thank you to Joyce Eggleston for looking after the raffle and Susan Petroff for volunteering. I will remain librarian for the next year, so if you have any requests please let me know.

UFO/PHD**Midge Trauzzi**

UFO continues to get together in the summer months meeting at the Brighton Community Centre from 9:00 - 3:30. Brown bag lunch, lug a mug, and a power bar. All for a fun filled sharing day for \$6.00.

The dates are as follows. Friday, July 7th; Friday, August 11, September 8th.

Contact me via email to sign up.

Cheers, Have a wonderful summer

Midge Trauzzi



[Maple Leaf Quilt Block Flag Free Tutorial](#)

Christmas Placemats**Marie Newman & Janet Kivisto**

No Report

Sunshine

Linda Cowburn

No Report

Social

June Armstrong & Tina May

No Report

Retreat

Pat Brinklow & team

The Retreat committee continues to meet to finalize Retreat 2023 plans and are looking forward to hearing all the chatter and laughter at Retreat!

We are pleased that Paige Dickey from Taylor Sewing Quilt Shop in Brockville will be joining us as our on site vendor this year.

Our goal is to have at least 30 people attend Retreat. Currently 3 spots exists. If you are interested please contact me via email and the details will be forwarded to you.

Debbie Dupuis, along with her team, will be planning Retreat for the next two year term.

Please continue to support Retreat as it certainly gives quilters of all levels of expertise the opportunity to enjoy fellowship and the sharing of ideas. Many friendships have been made through the Retreat atmosphere.

Enjoy your summer with family and friends!

Your Retreat Committee,

Elaine Combdon
Cheryl Lafferty
Sarah Roberts
Alice Rozon
Pat Brinklow

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