

# Spool Talk



March 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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## President's Message

Rita Downhill

Hi All,

Its hard to believe we are almost at the end of February. It seems no time since Christmas. I hope everyone is hard at work completing your entries for our Quilt Show. Have you tried out any of Diane Cichon's mug rug patterns? I plan to do that. It seems as if I have been making large quilts for a long time and I need to do something fast ,easy & small 😊.

I attended the celebration of life for Alison Cirrina yesterday and I was struck by all of her lovely quilts that were displayed around the room. We all build such a legacy with our quilts, and it was so nice to see everyone appreciating Alison's creations.

Our workshop this month had to be cancelled because our presenter Diane Cichon had contracted Covid. It was a timely reminder to us all I think that Covid is still out there. I know that the masking rule at our monthly meeting is a strain for some us but we need to carry on with this for the immediate future. As soon as possible we will lift this requirement but keeping everyone safe is so important.

Judy Grey our past President will be chairing our March meeting as I am unable to be present. I am sure that Sarah Roberts will soon be sharing the program for the meeting with us. I am going to say Happy Easter to you all as I likely will not see most of you until the April meeting. Heads up Executive members there will an Executive meeting in April, likely using Zoom.

All the best. Rita

[Happy Spring](#)



<b>Vice-President's Message</b>	<b>Sarah Roberts</b>
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<b>Nominations/Past President</b>	<b>Judy Gray</b>
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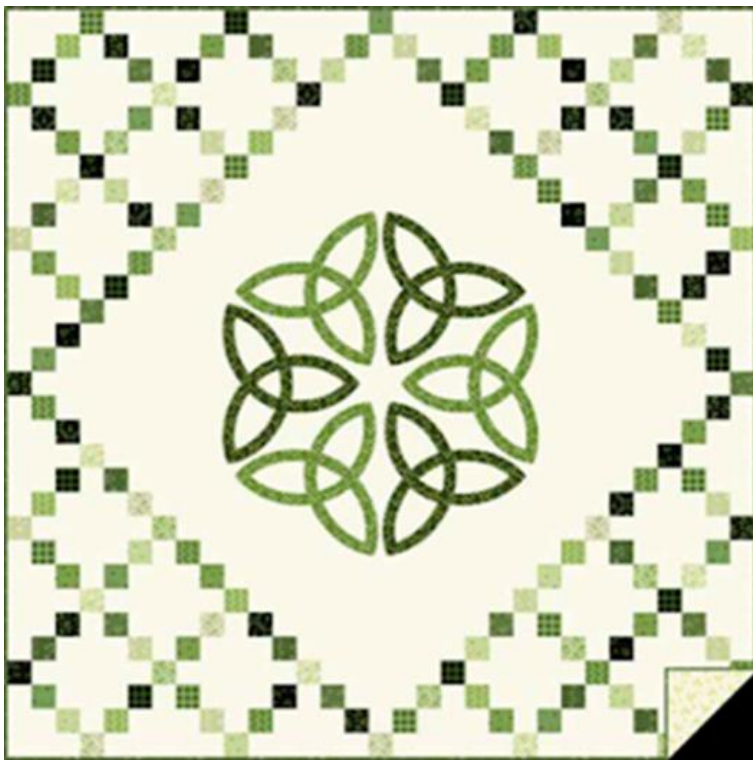
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<b>Membership</b>	<b>Joan Cohrs</b>
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Lucky Charms Quilt and Table Runner

How to Free Motion Shamrocks



Hello from sunny, hot Florida! I will attempt to concentrate long enough to remind you of a few things and spread some encouragement!

The Quilt Show Entry deadline is EXTENDED to the March 2023 Guild meeting! So, if you have been dragging your feet, or haven't quite made up your mind yet, there's still time! So far we have 141 entries.

Remember to indicate if you would like to have your quilt judged. Very valuable feedback can inspire you to tackle more projects!

I travelled to Daytona Beach to see the American Quilter's Society quilt show on February 24. It was great! There was some Canadian content in the show, including Quebec's Colette Dumont's "Set Fire to the Sky", which was on the cover of our own CQA magazine Canadian Quilter, autumn edition. She won best in show for moveable machine workmanship! So many inspiring quilts—and our own audience will be inspired, I'm sure, by the creations you enter in our show!

Don't forget about the Challenge Quilt if you signed up for it. Bring your finished piece to the April meeting to display for us. These pieces will help decorate our cafe during the show!

Quilt show marketplace.

We would like to thank you all for the books/magazines, patterns and material donated. Please keep them coming. After the last meeting a few members met to start cutting and preparing all the donated material for the market. We came very close to cutting and packaging all the material donated. Thank you to Judy Elliott, Jane Green, Alice Rozon, Diane Cichon, Susan Petroff and Marie Newman for their time.

Yesterday, I was gifted lots of material from a friend for the guild. Some material will go to comfort quilts, Christmas placemats and the quilt show market. So let me know if you can cut fabric.

See you all in April!

[Honey Bunny Mini Quilt](#)





**Program****Sarah Roberts**

At our next meeting March 15, 2023 the guest speaker will be Anne Pennington, a new member to our guild. Anne has been a longtime quilter and will be providing a trunk show of her quilts.

Bill Stearman is going to do his new "sustainability in quilting" presentation in April.

**Workshop****Danielle Gagnon**

January 27, 2023 the Wonky Star Quilt Workshop was taught by Louis Oberworth.

As quilters we had a bit of trouble with the Wonky stars, they were all different.



There were lots of laughs and maybe a bit of frustration but the quilts surprised use when they were all put together.

Unfortunately, the February 24, 2023 Stain glass pillow workshop with Diane Cichon as the instructor had to be cancelled due to illness. The class will be moved forward to another date. This class is full.

Sign up at the next meeting for the convergence quilt class being held March 24, 2023 with instructor Grace Zanatta . Grace will be at the workshop table if you have any questions.



<b>Comfort Quilt</b>	<b>Cathy Herrington</b>
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Now that winter is almost over (well, hopefully 😊) mark your calendar with our Comfort Quilt dates...and join us for a day of sewing.

**Brighton Community Centre** - 1st Wednesday of the month:  
March 1, April 5, May 3 & June 7

**Frankford United Church**- 3rd Thursday of the month:  
March 16, April 20, May 18 & June 15



[How to Free-motion Quilt the Lollipop Flower](#)

<b>Website</b>	<b>Sue Davies</b>
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As we prepare for the quilt show, the website (under Members Log In) has been updated with some valuable information. The sleeve information will help you prepare your quilts for the show.

After the show we expect to post pictures of the quilts from the show in this section also.

Don't forget the beautiful mug rugs designed by Diane are here also!

I am looking forward to our next quilt show. I started attending the TVQG quilt shows long before I was a member. The show has never disappointed me. We are a talented crowd!

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**Library****Judy Elliott**

I am still trying to downsize and update the library. Any books published before 2010, will be for sale at the quilt show boutique. If you have books that were published after 2010, and don't want them, donations are welcome. If you are interested in a particular book or subject, let me know and I will try to order it.

Five new books recently ordered are: Quilts on the Double, Easy Peasey, Art Quilts, Quilts to Make in a Weekend, and Fat Quarter Worktop.

Books and rulers may be taken out free of charge, just remember to return them within a reasonable time, otherwise you get a phone call from me.

**UFO/PHD****Midge Trauzzi**

The next UFO is Friday, March 10th at the Community Centre in Brighton. It is fully booked. If you are interested in coming to UFO for Friday, April 14th and have not been for awhile or are new you can e-mail me the week of March 6 -9 regarding a spot..

**Christmas Placemats****Marie Newman & Janet Kivisto**

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[Shamrock Table Runner](#)

**Sunshine****Linda Cowburn**

Members, please send an email to me, Linda Cowburn, to let me know when any member you know has suffered a loss, hospitalization, or undergoing treatment. Then I can send an appropriate card.

<b>Social</b>	<b>June Armstrong &amp; Tina May</b>
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The Social Committee is quietly continuing to make Coffee and Tea at our meeting. Please remember to lug your mug so you have something to put that coffee or tea in. Thanks, Tina, June and Kathy

[Whimsy Quilt](#)



<b>Retreat</b>	<b>Pat Brinklow &amp; team</b>
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Good news, the guild's annual Retreat has been booked at the very popular Glen House Resort on October 3 - 5, 2023. Watch for emails after the March guild meeting for further information regarding the upcoming Retreat.

Have you visited the guild website recently? If not, please take the time to visit it. Sue Davies has updated the Retreat section with an overview of last year's Retreat. There are also many photos of Retreat uploaded on the Members Page. These photos brought to mind the saying, 'A picture is worth 1000 words.' There are a few pictures that may have a further story but remember, 'What happens at Retreat stays at Retreat!'

A special thank you to Sue Davies for her expertise and her time in updating the guild website and to the members who provided the pictures of Retreat.

Looking forward to another successful Retreat!

Your Retreat Committee, Elaine Combdon, Cheryl Lafferty, Sarah Roberts, Alice Rozon, Pat Brinklow



## MORE NEWS AND INFORMATION

### Mini Retreat Midge Trauzzi

The Spring Mini retreat is Thursday, May 18th 9:00 - 7:30 and Friday May 19th 9:00 - 3:30. Please mark your calendar. Mini retreat is a lot of fun and is held at the Brighton Community Centre. Full information will be available at the March 15th guild meeting.

### Zoom Classes

I teach a live class at 10a.m. on the last Sunday of each month via Zoom. It focuses on using scraps of fabric as well as leftover pieces of batting, trim, elastic etc. I call it "Scrap Happy", and it lasts about 1 hour. I teach in person, making the project. Participants get a full set of detailed instructions plus a link to watch the recording afterward. Cost is \$5 per class. For more info, please email me or visit my blog at [Sharing my Creativity - SewWhatYvette](#)

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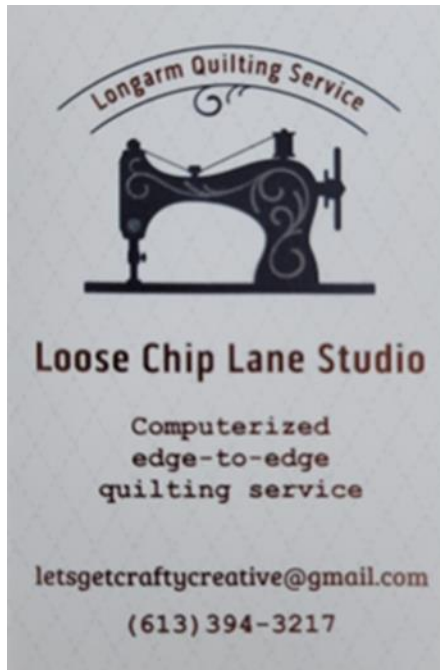
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