



Spool Talk

September 2021

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.

Due to Covid-19, we are currently meeting via Zoom.

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

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President's Message	Rita Downhill
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Hello everyone! I hope that you all had a great Summer and despite Covid restrictions that you were able to have some family time. Also, that you have kept up with your quilting and have lots of projects to show us for our virtual Show & Share which is part of our Quilt Guild meeting on September 15th. Please have your photos to me by noon on September 14th. It does take me some time to drop your photos into a slideshow for the presentation. Our speaker this month is Dorothy Fu and I already distributed via e-mail her website link.

So, our meeting this month will still be via Zoom. I did speak with Jim & Darlene at the Brighton Community Centre. Unfortunately, it will not be doable for us to have large meetings at the Centre yet. Even with no tables in the room and the stage taken out they would still struggle to accommodate up to 50 people. Our total Guild numbers exceed 140 currently. Also, there is a need to do a deep clean of the room between meetings.

So, we will continue to encourage everyone to join us for our Zoom events. Nancy Wallace & Cathy Herrington are working towards having Comfort Quilts operational. Stay tuned for news there.

Upcoming Events (ALL via Zoom)

Guild Meeting - September 15th @ 1pm.

Virtual U.F.O. Friday September 24th 10am to 3pm

Global Connection Virtual All Star Sampler Platter Oct 2 to 3rd 3-6pm. We have registered the Guild again for this event. It was quite the success the last time we did this so please take advantage. It is open to all our members free of charge. I will send out more information as I receive it 😊

October 2021 All Star Sampler Platter Event!

All Star Sampler Platter! 18 new teachers doing LIVE demos!

Presenters

(These lists do not denote order of presentation)

I will talk to you all at the monthly meeting. Remember you can link in with your pc, tablet, iPad or cellphone and it is easy to do.

Cheers 😊

Rita Downhill

Vice-President's Message	Nancy Wallace
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No report

Nominations/Past President	Judy Gray,
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Hello fellow Guild Members!

I'm now taking on my new role as Nominations and looking forward to seeking and finding upcoming officers that will need replacing over the next 2 years. The one position that is really pending is a Financial Chairperson to replace Joan Cohrs. Joan is willing to train and shadow the next selected candidate to make the transfer easier for the next person. If you have a desire to help out in this area please contact either Joan or myself to discuss further! We have lots of talented people in our Guild and am confident that someone will step up to the challenge.

Thanks ahead of time for your support.

Judy Gray

Treasurer	Joan Cohrs
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No report

Membership	Donna Brawley
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Hello Everyone

I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer.

Just a reminder. Registration is due for 2021-2022

Thank you to the members who have renewed already. We also have a few new members that have registered.

You can either mail your registration form (a copy of the form is on the website) and fee to me or etransfer your fee to treasurer@trentvalleyquiltersguild.com

The deadline for renewal is the end of September

Thank you

Donna Brawley

Membership coordinator

Bountiful Gift table runner, free pattern [CLICK for PDF download](#)



Quilt Show	Sarah Roberts & Team
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All of us at Trent Valley Quilters' Guild enjoy our Quilt Show, regardless of whether we enter articles to show, make items for the Quilters' Boutique, just marvel at the beauty our members create, or spend our dollars at the vendors' tables. Covid has messed up Quilt Shows all over Canada (if not the world).

After discussion at the last Executive Meeting, the decision was made to cancel the 2022 quilt show, basically until further notice. We are going to cancel our dates due to concerns brought on by the ever-evolving Covid virus and it's waves. Things like--will we even be able to rent the community center? How big a crowd can we have? Can we have vendors? Will everyone attending have to be double-vaccinated? The Show is a pretty massive undertaking and ramping up then pulling the plug on it is distressing to all involved. We WILL book dates for 2023, in the hope that the pandemic will be under reasonable control. And if not 2023, then we will book for 2024..... We will definitely have another quilt show, but at this point, a firm date is not possible.

The suggestion was made to have a virtual quilt show in the interim. We will explore that possibility; however, we need someone with the computer skills to present a show on-line. If you have that skill set, and like the idea of a virtual show, please let me know! Any ideas regarding a virtual show are welcome, just message me so we can talk about it.

Keep creating, people! At some point we will have the show of shows!
Sarah Roberts

Program	Sarah Roberts
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As I won't be tied up with the Quilt Show for a while, I have taken on the Programs Chair position. I am every grateful to Tina May and her team for the work already in place for our next few meetings, which will be virtual mainly due to the restrictions in place at the community center for a large gathering. The next three meetings will bring us

Dorothy Fu in September. She is a self-taught artist and creates art quilts and greeting cards as a way to express her appreciation of the beauty she sees in nature.

Scarlett Rose in October: Her trunk show is titled "Quilting Journey--My Life as an Artist". Her work is heavily influenced by all things Celtic.

Brandon Wulff in November: Brandon is a member of the Toronto Modern Quilt Guild and will also do a trunk show for us.

In December, we are going to have a Christmas-themed Show and Share. So, if you don't already have a stash of Christmas quilts, you have time to make something! Plans are in the works for other fun things for that meeting--stay tuned.

Sarah Robert

Workshop Convenor	Kathy Herron
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No report

Comfort Quilt Convenors	Cathy Herrington
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Hello from Comfort Quilts. Another summer has come and gone....and we are still in limbo with regards to resuming Comfort Quilts this year. Due to cases rising daily....the worry of a 4th wave....Comfort Quilts will be postponed for September, however we are staying optimistic that we will be able to resume soon.

Comfort Quilts sends out huge thanks and appreciates all the work that participants have been doing during the shutdown. Also thank you to Donna Brawley & Donna Simpson for organizing, delivering and picking up the raffle tickets.....Comfort Quilts appreciates the extra mile they went to make the raffle the success it was despite the Covid shutdown of our in person meetings.

Also, a big shout out of thanks to Marilyn Edmonds for making a Quilts for Survivors comfort quilt that will be presented to a residential school survivor. Marilyn also presented on our behalf, 20 comfort quilts to the Anishnaabe Kwewag Gaming Inc. Alderville Regional Women's Shelter.

Maple Leaf Quilt Free pattern ([CLICK for PDF download](#))



Website	Sue Davies
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Welcome back to another guild year. We hope that you will enjoy the website and all it has to offer. We have a few developments up our sleeve that will be announced down the road a little.

If you forget the password to log into the Members section of the website, please contact me. The password will be provided to you, assuming you are a current member.

Sue Davies

Library	Judy Elliott
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I am delighted to be your librarian for two years. Susan Petroff has volunteered to help and Joyce Eggleston will be looking after the raffle. A big thank you to Pat LeBlanc who has served for the past two years. Until we actually have people meetings I have nothing to report but, I have been looking at some of the new quilting books available.

Just One Charm Pack Quilts by Cheryl Bricker — This book explains how to make colorful and bright quilts, using only one charm pack, one extra fabric and a background fabric. There are 18 projects for babies, children, table toppers, wall hangings, or to make the perfect gift.

Urban Quilting: This is a comprehensive guide for first time quilters and those looking for a refresher course. Each pattern contains instructions for three different sizes.

Scrap School by Lissa Alexander: Twelve new designs from different designers. Tips and tricks are inside to help you make the most of your fabric stash.

And my favorite title is, "I Might Look Like I'm Listening to you But In My Head I'm Thinking about my next Quilt Project" by Tessa and Lina Fabric. This is a quilting journal but the title is fun.

Looking forward to meeting everyone again.

Pumpkin Patch wall quilt and table runner, free pattern ([CLICK for PDF download](#))



UFO/PHD is held at the Brighton Community Centre from 9:00 - 3:30 usually the 2nd Friday of the month, with Covid-19 rules in place. Brown bag lunch Lug a mug. The cost for the day is still \$5.00. Snacks are welcome but must be kept at your table because of Covid rules. MASKS MUST BE WORN at all times however when you are sewing at your table masks can be off. If you get up to get a coffee or tea, cut or press fabric, go to chat with someone, using the washroom MASKS ARE ON. Very doable but we will have to think. Handi wipes are available at my table should you need them.

It will take a little longer to enter the hall as we will be following social distancing protocols. The set up committee will come at 8:30 and after them the rest of the group. Entry is from either the north or south doors (the exit doors are not in use). You will be required to social distance while you are waiting to sign in. Please read and agree to the list of questions posted, wear a mask and sign in at either community hall table. If you have someone assisting you with bringing in your machine etc. they also must social distance, sign in the book and be wearing a mask. Also when they return to help you leave. It is best if you have assistance to bring all of your "stuff" into the lobby before signing in. Each time you leave the building i.e setting up, going out to buy your lunch etc. you MUST sanitize, sign in again and be wearing your mask.

Practice social distancing. We are using the full hall. Twelve (12) tables at the north wall and thirteen (13) tables on the south wall. The rows are 3 tables wide. We will have the usual ironing stations and cutting/layout tables.

Limited use of the kitchen to people. Only one (1) person at a time. More sanitizing will take place. We are fortunate to have 2 ladies with their Food Handlers certificate should we need to use it. We can make coffee and tea and use the south frig for lunches. Lunch is taken at your sewing table. Should you use any kitchen cutlery/dishes you must clean & return them yourself.

UFO/PHD Dates: Friday, September 17th, (full) Friday, Oct 8th (13 spaces) Friday, Nov 12th (20 spaces) no UFO/PHD in December.

The dates for 2022 will be posted in the December newsletter.

Any questions please give me a call or e-mail me.

Cheers, Midge

Spooktacular Spiderweb table runner, free pattern ([CLICK for PDF download](#))



Christmas Placemats	Jane Baier
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Here is a reminder that Christmas placemats should be ready for pickup or drop off by the end of November....there is a big bag of Christmas scraps that ladies can go through if they need to get some...I have it at my house in Brighton. Just call first so I can bring it up to my foyer.

Thanks

Jane

Sunshine	Darlene Blanchet
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As the Sunshine convenor I would ask that you include the following in your newsletter:

Please remember, if you know of anyone in our Guild who is ill, recovering from surgery or lost a loved one, please contact me, so that I can send a card.

I can be reached via phone or email.

Many thanks.

Darlene

Autumn Melody quilt, free pattern ([CLICK for PDF download](#))



Social	Susan Petroff
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No report

Retreat	Pat Brinklow & team
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Hello everyone, welcome to September and all it has to offer.

On a personal note, when going through my stash several months ago looking for fabric for a quilt for my great granddaughter, I found the perfect fabric but was short by one, maybe two, particular colours.

As a quilter, I feel the need to touch and see fabric with my own eyes and compare it to the rest of my fabrics for the project. Buying on-line has been a life saver for anyone who hasn't felt comfortable going into a fabric store. Needless to say, I still don't have the fabric.

You may ask, what does this have to do with Retreat? Absolutely nothing, except just like the thought of going into stores, have you asked yourself what your comfort level would be for attending to Retreat next year? A final decision will be made in the near future as to whether Retreat can be held safely.

It is everyone's hope that these variants of concern will be less of a factor by September 2022.

Let the new quilting year begin!

Free Tutorial <https://www.theclothparcel.com/make-this-fall-pumpkin-table-runner-tutorial/>



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Free Pattern [Give Thanks Table Runner](#)



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Hand bags	Baby blankets	Bibs	Burp pads
Lap quilts	Queen size quilts	Tea cozies	
Bags of selected 2.5 inch strips for quilt making			

All items have been locally created by the members of the Quinte Quilters Guild.

Proceeds go to support the guild in their efforts to promote and teach the art of quilt making.



*The Village Green, 535 Ashley Street in
Foxboro*

All September

Tuesdays to Saturdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.