

Spool Talk



September 2024

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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Articles may be submitted to the newsletter by contacting Sue Davies. The articles should relate to our Guild and/or quilting.

President's Message**Sarah Roberts**

Hello everyone! I am so happy to welcome you back to another great Guild year of quilting. Our goal is to bring you programs and workshops that will inspire you, teach you, and grow your talent. And also importantly, to help you get those projects started (and finished!), and to meet friends in a great inclusive atmosphere.

On that note, coming up very quickly is the Global Quilt Connections Sampler Platter online, on September 28 and 29, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Videos will be available for 72 hours after the presentation. A link will be sent to you which will get you into the presentation AND the PDF workbook with information from the presenters. Look for this link in your email!

I have been to a quilt show already this fall, and saw many beautiful items. Keep in mind our next Guild quilt show is in June 2026. Lots of time to make a creation to display (and perhaps sell, if you wish). Already the Raffle Quilt for that show is being made, and it will be fabulous!

One of the things we are considering is Zoom sew days for those cold winter months. We will be doing some Zoom education for everyone to be able to enjoy those days. Stay tuned!

For any new members out there (and anyone who's been around for a while) - don't be shy if you are interested in a certain committee area of our Guild. The Guild is a dynamic one, and what makes it special is the people who help along the way. If Comfort Quilts is your thing, go out to one of their sew days to see what happens. I am very proud of the commitment our members have to giving their time and talent to make these quilts that wrap a warm hug around anyone who needs one. Do you have a skill you'd like to share? Talk to the Programs or Workshops committee chairs! The 2026 quilt show committee is ramping up - lots of scope there to volunteer! These are just a few things that make our Guild special. We'd love to have you be a part of them!

See you soon!

Vice-President's Message

No report

Nominations/Past President**Rita Downhill**

No report

Treasurer**Joan Cohrs**

I am pleased to report that the Guild continues to be in a solid financial position and can therefore provide a variety of programs for our members.

If you have any ideas for projects/events/speakers etc. that would benefit our membership, please let someone on the Executive know.

If you require reimbursement for expenses incurred on behalf of the Guild or have funds to deposit, please send me an email. As always, if you have any questions about the Guild finances, please contact me.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the September meeting.

Membership**Louise Swallow**

No report

Quilt Show 2026**Debbie Searle, Dianne Zevenbergen & Cathy Herrington**

No report

Program Marie**Newman & Lesley Popper**

The Programs committee has been working hard investigating, and securing programs for the upcoming year.

September 18th is when many of our new members are arriving for their first meeting. Therefore the first meeting will be a meet and greet with seven quilting demonstrations presented by some of our talented quilters.

Upcoming programs include:

October 16, 2024: Judy Gray from Foxton Woolens Quilts and Designs. Judy is a long time member and past president of our Guild. Judy will present a trunk show of her beautiful wool appliqué. Judy will also have items for sale from her store during the break.

November 20, 2024: Sheree Rasmussen is a Fibre Artist from Toronto who has moved to the Warkworth area. Sheree has pursued many interests through her travels. Look up her web site and the recent article in the Watershed magazine. The website is shereerasmussen.com.

December 18, 2024: A Christmas celebration and social time.

The new year will bring a presentation by Peter Byrne, national/international award winning quilter; Stephen Bland from The Idiot Quilter; and Linda Lake, Canadian Quilters' Association judge.

Workshops**Debbie Searle**

Welcome TVQG members to another exciting year of workshops.

I am hoping something in this year's lineup will spark a little interest and we will see some new faces joining in on the fun.

Workshops will include:

October 25, 2024 - Haralson Bag - with Jennifer Ritchie

November 22, 2024 - Crumb Quilting - with Sarah Roberts

January 24, 2025 - Bag Making - with Ronda Hough

February 28, 2025 - TBD

March 28, 2025 - Quilted Vest - with Yvette Chilcott

April 25, 2025 - Paper Pieced Tablerunner - with Carolyn Bierworth

May 23, 2025 - Wool Workshop - with Judy Gray

Workshops run from 8:45 am to 2:15 pm and we do stop for a short lunch break.

Stop by the workshop table at the monthly meetings for details and to sign up for upcoming workshops. (Workshops will also be listed soon on the website calendar).

We hope to help encourage new and ongoing quilting friendships while maybe learning a new skill or two.

The Workshop Committee is also looking for members to join the team. (No experience needed.) If interested come have a chat with us.

Comfort Quilts

Cathy Herrington

Comfort Quilt sewing days have resumed in Brighton and Frankford. We would love to have you join us at the Brighton Community Centre on the 1st Wednesday of the month and/or at the Frankford United Church on the 3rd Thursday of the month. We meet from 9 to 2 and it's FREE to attend.

With your help last year, Comfort Quilts gave out 168 quilts to those in need of a hug 😊

Website

Anne Pennington

Hello from the website member!

The calendar is beginning to be populated again for the fall. What is missing is some info on some lovely workshops from your workshop committee. I'm on holiday at time of writing - not much connectivity - which is a little distressing for a web person. But I'll get that info online as soon as I can! I know that the dedicated workshop committee is getting out that info using other channels of communication - they are super awesome Guild members!

Watch the calendar page especially as it updates! The workshop page is another one to watch for upcoming events as well as pics of successful workshops. Always fun to see if the committee catches you having fun at a workshop!

Hope you had a great summer and looking forward to seeing you all soon!

Library

Geri Logan

Quilts. Quilts. Quilts! I love making them, reading about them and especially seeing them at our Guild's Show and Tell.

Please visit the library table to select a book, a how-to CD or even a special ruler to inspire you to make the quilt(s) of your dreams.

This summer I was prowling "Homemade" in Kingston and picked up a book with the perfect name "Scrappiness is Happiness" by Lori Holt of Bee in my Bonnet.

Lori has a six step scrap organising method that I have adapted to my fabric stash. It's still a work in progress! There are "One Block Wonder" patterns, "Just Add Sashing" patterns and her "Shortcut Method" tips - all so useful to use up our scraps.

If you see an interesting book and want to investigate it further, we will order it for you!
Happy Quilting!

UFO/PHD

Midge Trauzzi

UFO (Unfinished Fabric Object) days are held on the 2nd Friday of the Month except for December. The fee for the day is \$6.00 and runs from 9:00 to 2:45. We meet at the Brighton Community Centre where the Guild meetings are held. You bring your machine and supplies and have your own table (with chair!) Coffee & tea is provided. Lug a mug. Brown bag lunch or buy local. You also need to bring a 6 hole power bar. Contact me at the Guild meeting or by phone or e-mail if you have any questions.

Christmas Placemats**Janet Kivisto**

The Christmas placemat season is upon us!

As an explanation for new members: this is the time that we create Christmas placemats to be given to local "Meals on Wheels" clients for their special Christmas dinner. The placemats are distributed by the CCAC and VON organizations in Brighton, Sterling, and Trenton.

The number usually required is just over 200. We have several left over from last year's campaign and so we are already off to a good start.

Many people have donated Christmas fabric to be used for this project. The fabric will be available to you at each of our Guild meetings in September, October, and November. You will find the fabric at the back of our meeting room where we will also be accepting placemats that you have completed.

Size: roughly 16" to 17" x 11" to 12".

For each placemat that you hand in, you will receive a chance to win a prize that will be awarded at our December Christmas meeting. Please leave your name and the number of placemats that you bring in on the list at our table.

Secondly, I would appreciate having someone (or two) join my "committee of one" on this project. Thank you for helping to spread Christmas cheer throughout our communities.

Sunshine**Lee Farnes**

Hi! My name is Lee Farnes and I'd like to introduce myself to those who don't know me. I have been involved with the Guild for a good 10 years and I have enjoyed all of them. This year I have agreed to take on a small but important role as Sunshine Convenor. I will be sending out cards to members of our Guild who need to know that we care because of unfortunate or unhappy circumstances in their lives.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you know of someone who would appreciate a card. Please don't leave it to me to know everyone's circumstances. I need your help!

My email address is in our Membership List. Thanks.

Social**Kathy Filson & Linda Knott**

Members and guests are invited to enjoy coffee and tea each month during our meeting break.

Please remember to bring your own mug. If you have forgotten your mug there are a few extra mugs in the kitchen that can be used. If you do use one of these mugs please wash it and put it away before you leave.

Retreat 2024**Debbie Dupuis**

No report

Mini Retreat**Midge Trauzzi**

The fall Mini Retreat is being held Thursday, October 17th, 9:00 - 7:30 including a full turkey dinner and Friday October 18th, 9:00 - 2:45. Brown bag lunch both days. The fee for the Mini Retreat is \$55.00. We have a great time at the mini retreat. Games, surprises and treats. Great prizes when you purchase the raffle tickets at \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00.

The retreat is fully booked, however, we do take names on a wait list and often the people on the wait list will get in as "stuff happens so that someone is unable to attend".

If you are interested in being on the wait list, you just need to send an e-mail to June Armstrong grannyjune.ja@gmail.com. Any other questions you can contact Midge at home or at the Guild meeting.

For those of you who are signed up for Mini Retreat you can pay your fee at the Guild meeting or at UFO.

A Chat with a Past President

Sue Davies

I had an enjoyable visit with one of our Past Presidents, Jess Chambers, in July. Jess was President from September 2011 to June 2013.

Jess had a stroke in September 2023 that had a huge impact on her. As a result, Jess is now living in Quinte Gardens in Belleville. She still works hard to regain some of the use of her left side. Even through the mountain of challenges that Jess has faced during the last year she is still a ray of sunshine with her beautiful outlook on life. Here are a few questions I posed to Jess and her responses.

Question: Did you enjoy being President?

Answer: Yes, I had fun. When you are standing up there (on the stage), you only see the faces in the first row. People were kind. Sandi Repic was the secretary at the time and she was very helpful.

Q: What was the best part of being President?

A: The support of the committee (executive).

Q: What was the worst part of being President?

A: The phone calls.

Q: Which quilt was your favourite to make?

A: I made a quilt for my daughter Barb to take to the 2006 Winter Olympics in Turin, Italy. Barb's husband, Tim, was a coach of the Canadian Women's Hockey Team. The quilt was red, white and blue. Barb attended the games wrapped in the quilt. The team won gold and all the team members signed the quilt. See photo, below.

Q: Which quilting technique have you struggled with the most?

A: Machine quilting. I either hand quilted my quilts or Hattie VanDyk quilted them on her long arm.

Q: What quilting techniques do you prefer?

A: Hand quilting and wool applique. I did many quilts then I moved to smaller items with wool applique.

Q: Any advice to someone who is new to quilting?

A: Try it! What have you got to lose? You can spend a lot of money but you don't have to. You can make small or big items.

Q: Do you have a message for the Guild?

A: Thank you for your kindness while I was in the hospital. The phone calls, flowers and visits where much appreciated.



Jess' Olympic Quilt

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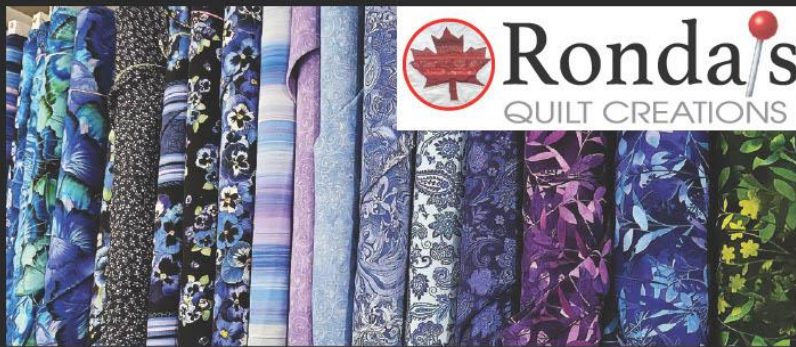
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