



SPOOL TALK

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TRENT VALLEY QUILTERS' GUILD
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Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at King Street United Church, 100 King Street, Trenton, Ontario. The doors open at 12:30 p.m. and the meeting is 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

President's Message	Stella Dorsman
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Recently, while struggling with a particularly pesky piece of appliqué, and reaching for the seam ripper once again, I was reminded of the saying "Finished is better than perfect". I considered printing this mantra in large letters and posting it prominently in my sewing room, maybe doing it up in a "perfect" little piece of cross-stitch.

But then I was reminded of some advice in the latest book borrowed from our Guild library, Mastering Precision Piecing by Sally Collins. I had chosen this book not for the patterns and projects but for the words of wisdom, tricks and tips that most quilting books contain. Ms. Collins believes in pursuing quality workmanship, but admits that this idea does not resonate with every quilter. This requires strong motivation and patience, the willingness to take your time, make mistakes, learn from them and try again. She encourages us to take classes, ask questions and read quilting reference books. I don't think she believes that finished is better than perfect. She tells us to "pursue excellence. There is a great pleasure and satisfaction in knowing you have done your best work". Now that certainly resonates with me! Where is that darn seam ripper?

Our Guild provides countless opportunities to pursue excellence; presenters who inspire, workshops for new techniques, UFO Days for sharing ideas, a huge library for reference, and our monthly Show and Share for encouragement and motivation. None of this would be possible without the support and participation of countless members. And let's not forget those who supply treats and set up chairs for each meeting. In the next few months the request will be made for more volunteers as preparations begin for our next quilt show. Please answer the call!

In the meantime, welcome back to another year of quilting, fun and fellowship.

Program Convener	Pat Brinklow
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Tuesday, September 17

Superior Threads, The Thread Talk

Tuesday, October 15

Sew Squared trunk show. They will also have tools and designs for sale.

Tuesday November 19

Fabric Mingle

Tuesday December 17

Christmas Pot Luck

Membership Convener	Geri Logan
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Registration Forms for 2013/2014 will be distributed to the previous year's membership by e-mail. Please bring your completed and signed form, together with the \$30.00 fee (cheques made payable to "Trent Valley Quilters' Guild"), to the membership desk at the September 17 meeting. A few extra copies of the form will be available at the meeting for new members and for returning members who are unable to print the form from home.

Workshop Convener	Midge Trauzzi
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Workshop Committee is pleased to announce the fall line up of classes. All classes are \$20.00 + materials and take place at the Brighton Community Centre on Elizabeth St (Hwy 2) across from the high school and are from 9:00 - 3:30. Lunch is generally "brown bag".

September 18, 2013 (Wednesday) – "Appliqué Buffet" by Anita Zobens from Cotton Mill Threadworks.
<http://www.cottonmillthreadworks.com/workshop/>

October 16, 2013 (Wednesday) – "Free Motion Commotion" with Sue Bodis and Wanda Milankov "Sew Squared" from Orillia.

November 29, 2013 (Friday) - Postcards with Maureen Young and Lorrie Barber.

As well, we will be having our UFO days, which also take place at the Brighton Community Centre 9:00 - 3:30. The fee is based on the number of participants (usually \$4 to \$8 for the day). It is always well attended and we have a wonderful pot luck lunch. It is a great way to meet and share with guild members. UFO dates are:

Friday, September 13, 2013

Friday, October 25, 2013

Friday, November 15th

Retreat Convener	Alison Cirinna
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Retreat, retreat, retreat!!! Think I'm just a little excited about our fall retreat. I'm even sending this to you while I'm on holidays in B.C. Sunny Ucluelet to be exact (only it's been raining the last 4 days). Just getting ready to smoke some salmon when I remembered that I hadn't sent in my report for the newsletter. So we are having our big retreat this year on October 1st to the 3rd. That is Tuesday to Thursday and it is at a new venue, Elmhirst's Resort just outside Keene. If you would like to see some info on the resort you can go on the Internet at www.elmhirst.ca and read about what they have to offer. So ladies I hope you are getting excited and have all your material for your projects, but if you don't Dennis and Pauline will be there on Wednesday.

The other news is that the Mini retreat will be on October 17th and 18th at the Brighton community hall in the arena. Sign up for this event will be at the September meeting. The cost will be about \$25 or less. We have lots of space as we have both sides of the room.

For our new members who don't know what either of these events are, let me tell you about them. The retreat in October is a three day, two night getaway, where we sew, enjoy each other's company and generally have a great time. For those who can not make the big retreat for whatever reason we have two Mini retreats a year, one in October or November and one in the spring. The Mini retreat is two days of sewing and having fun, but the difference is you go home to your own bed at night. We will have more information on the Mini retreat at the September meeting.

Enjoy your last days of summer and we'll see you at the meeting.

Social Convener	Lynn Hamilton
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Please take your turn and volunteer to bring “edible goodies” to a future guild meeting. It is the practise of the Social Committee to email or telephone volunteers with a reminder a few days before the meetings. The following members have volunteered to contribute to the September “treat table”. Thank you all for your generosity.

Sue McQuillin (cheese & crackers)
Alice Lawler (fruit tray)
Judy Elms
Meta Dlouhy
Alison Cirinna

Kathy Braun
Jackie Martin
Marilyn Dykeman
Daphne Crozier

Joan Askin
Sue VanBodegom
Irene Marre
Wanda Maltais

Library Convener	Betty Pounsett
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Lorrie Barber has left the Library Committee to help organize the next quilt show. Our new member is Sue Davies, and we say "Welcome" and "Thank you" to Sue.

We will be taking suggestions for a magazine subscription to be ordered in the near future. Requests for books to add to the library are always welcome. Send your suggestions/requests to Sue at mondadesigns@hotmail.com or look for the suggestion sheet in the library.

Looking forward to another busy year.

Betty Pounsett, Sue Davies, Olive Burke

Comfort Quilts Convener	Marilyn Edmonds
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Comfort Quilts arranged a "Slab" day in Smithfield in August and we managed to create 65 Slabs out of scraps. Slabs are 15.5" squares of scraps sewn together. We continued to sew at home and 134 Slabs left for the Calgary flood victims along with 7 completed comfort quilts. We have recognition that these were received with much gratitude by "My Sewing Room" quilt shop in Calgary. They were hand delivered by Jess Chambers' daughter, Barb who carried an extra bag of luggage when she returned to Calgary. Georgia is travelling to Calgary in October and she is willing to carry an extra bag as well. So to that end we invite all members to make blocks of any size to be sent to Calgary. If you have time to sew the blocks into a quilt top that would be appreciated as well. This quilt shop is working every day assembling contributions into quilts to be distributed to flood victims.

Our first regular Comfort Quilt day September 5th, is at the Smithfield United Church (the first Thursday in September) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Then the third Thursday, September 19th, we will meet at the United Church in Frankford. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate in assembling Comfort Quilts. We also hope you have all remembered to piece a top for Comfort Quilts over the summer months!

The Comfort Quilts that have been given out this year at the time of this writing is 171 including our contribution to Calgary.

Quilt Canada 2014	Pat Brinklow & Elise Williams
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Quilt Canada 2014 will be held at Brock University in St. Catharines June 11-14 next year. Can you believe that Quilt Canada will be this close to us? Let's take advantage of this great opportunity to participate in this exciting event. We are looking into planning an overnight bus trip to the show with the Quinte Quilters' Guild from Belleville.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of some of our findings so that you can make a decision as to whether you would be interested in this trip. We will need to fill the bus in order to make the trip costs affordable and we have costs for 47, 54 and 56 seat buses. We are costing both a 2 day, 1 night trip and a 3 day, 2 night trip. You will need to tell us which excursion you would prefer – with the majority vote making the final decision. If you are interested, a non-refundable deposit of \$50 will be required in October.

We will have a sheet at the September meeting where you can sign up to indicate your interest in the trip and indicate whether you prefer the 2 or 3 day trip.

BUS COST

Our figures here are based on a full bus costs but do not include the bus driver's room, expenses or increased fuel costs. This means that the final prices may change.

ACCOMODATIONS

There are rooms available at the university's Lowenberger Residence for groups to stay. They are offering single 'dorm' rooms – 2 single rooms sharing a joint bathroom between them. We hope to arrange a block of rooms so that our whole group will be together in the same area of the building.

MEALS

The price being charged for the rooms includes breakfast. Each person would be responsible for all other meals. The university cafeteria is able to meet most special dietary needs.

You can find more information about Quilt Canada 2014 at:

<http://cqaquiltcanada.blogspot.ca/>

or

<http://www.canadianquilter.com/events/quilt-canada-2014.php>

There is limited information about the show on these websites. Those websites will be updated with more information as of September 1, 2013.

COST SUMMARY

These approximate costs are based on a full bus at current fuel costs. The cost may change depending on a full bus and also on fuel costs at the time.

Bus seat capacity	Room Costs per night	2 Day Trip Bus only cost	Total 2-day Bus with Room (1 night)	3 Day Trip Bus only cost	Total 3-day Bus with Room (2 nights)
56	\$65.00	\$45.00	\$110.00	\$70.00	\$200.00
54	\$65.00	\$50.00	\$115.00	\$75.00	\$205.00
47	\$65.00	\$55.00	\$120.00	\$80.00	\$210.00

Christmas Placemats for Meals on Wheels	Judy Elms
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Members are asked to please start bringing in their Christmas placemats to the guild now. We hope to get approximately 300 placemats this year. Thank you.

Upcoming Quilt Shows – Autumn 2013

Date	Event	Location	Contact
Sept. 7 & 8 10:00-4:00 daily	“Harvest of Quilts Show & Sale” by Settlers Village Quilters	Kawartha Settlers’ Village, 85 Dunn St., Bobcaygeon, ON	Pam Dickey 705-657-1926 quilter1783@sympatica.ca
Sept. 27 & 28 10:00-6:00 daily	“K-W Quilt Show 2013” by Waterloo County Quilters’ Guild, \$6, guild boutique, charity raffle, tea room, merchants’ mall, door prizes	Forbes Family Hall at RIM Park, 2001 University Ave. E., Waterloo, ON.	Megan Stauch 519-748-1254 megan.stauch@rogers.com www.wcquiltersguild.on.ca
Sept. 28 & 29 Sat 10:00-5:00 Sun 10:00-4:00	“Georgina Pins & Needles Quilt Show” by Georgina Pins & Needles Guild, \$5, men free, quilt exhibits, raffle, tea room, guild boutique, vendors, door prizes	3 Fair Park Lane, Sutton, ON	Vivienne Samis 905-722-5360 sambo_co@hotmail.com
Oct. 4 & 5 Fri 10:00-5:00 Sat 10:00-4:00	“Pieceful Years Quilt Show” by Halton Hills Quilters’ Guild, \$6, quilts, raffle quilt, toonie draw, merchants’ mall, tea room, lots of free parking	Croatian Centre, 9118 Winston Churchill Blvd. At 5 Sideroad, N. of Hwy. 401, Georgetown (Halton Hills), ON L7G 4S7	Flo 905-876-0267 haltonhillsquiltshow@gmail.com www.hhgg.ca
Oct. 19 & 20 Sat 10:00-5:00 Sun 10:00-4:00	“The Magic of Cloth Act V – Five Times a Charm” by Dufferin Piecemakers Quilting Guild, \$6, 300 quilts, merchants’ mall, tea room, members’ boutique, raffle/mini quilt draw, Northcott/Student challenge, quilt appraisals by Judy Lyons	The Orangeville Fairgrounds, 247090 5 Sideroad, Mono, ON	Judi Sullivan 519-941-1202 www.dufferinpiecemakers.org
Oct. 25 & 26 Fri 10:00-5:00 Sat 10:00-4:00	“A Quilter’s Dream Quilt Show” by The Five Star Quilt Guild, \$5, featured guest Heather Stewart (lectures on Tips & Tricks, Colour Harmony and shares Trunk Show), toonie table, vendors market, demonstrations & members’ boutique, raffle quilt, lunchroom, free parking, accessible.	Lucknow Community Centre, 694 Willoughby St., Lucknow, ON	Donna 5starquiltguild@gmail.com www.teeswater.ca clubs

Newsletter Convener	Karen Knowlton
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Lucky me! As the new newsletter convener, I get all the skinny first. So tell me everything that needs to be shared. My goal is to provide a timely and informative guild newsletter that can be easily read from the screen of your computer or printed economically in colour or in black & white. I understand that it is a goal of the guild to have the newsletter up-loaded to the web site for easy retrieval by the members, rather than distributed by e-mail. Your comments and suggestions are always appreciated.

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	<h2>SEPTEMBER MEETING CHECKLIST</h2>
<p>Name Tag Coffee Mug Library Books Signed Membership Form & Fee in an Envelope A Friend Workshop Registration Fee Show & Share Completed Comfort Quilt Completed X-Mas Placemats for Meals on Wheels</p>	

