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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

Welcome back to what promises to be a busy and eventful year for the Trent Valley Quilters. I trust that you had a pleasant and restful summer and are ready to dive back into the many activities that are in store.

In November we will celebrate the Guild's 25th anniversary. What were you doing back in 1989 when a few ladies with foresight gathered for that first guild meeting? I know that I was very busy teaching school and raising two teenagers. Any sewing time I could find was devoted to creating my workday wardrobe. As for quilting, if I thought about it at all, it was to wonder why people would buy pretty fabric, cut it into little pieces and sew it back together again. Little did I know that quilting would become a passion and an addiction. I suspect that many of you travelled that same road.

In recognition of our anniversary a Friendship Star quilt has been created. Ninety-three members stitched and signed individual stars for this project. Many thanks to Diana Sansom who has pieced and quilted all those stars and Jess Chambers who applied the binding.

Congratulations to the more than 90 members who are creating the Mystery Quilt. I hope you had time this summer to complete June's assignment. The September meeting will bring more interesting blocks to add to your collection. We are so pleased with the response to this project and the creativity shown in the choices of fabric and appliques. We know you'll be thrilled with the finished product, and each one will be different!

Dozens of members are also participating in the Spring Challenge, organized by Chris Cottreau and due in January. The focus fabric is intriguing and the size restriction adds to the fun. Please pay attention to the rules; Chris has promised to have a tape measure handy and I believe her!

The highlight of the guild year will undoubtedly be our Quilt Show, The Fabric of our Lives 2015. I trust you are at least planning your submission if not already stitching it. The show committees are in place but there will be many volunteer opportunities before and during the event. Please consider taking part; volunteering in the guild is not only personally rewarding but I believe is a responsibility of membership.

Finally, the need for Comfort Quilts, Preemie items and Meals-on-Wheels placemats is ongoing. Please find time to contribute in some way to these charitable endeavours.

I'm looking forward to another year of inspiring presentations and awesome Show and Share displays, as well as the fun and fellowship that are part of every meeting. See you on the 16th.

Membership Convenor	Rita Downhill
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We will be offering the membership the opportunity to register for the Trent Valley Quilt Guild 2014/15 year prior to the September meeting by mail. A cheque for the membership fee of \$30, which must be accompanied with a completed TVQG membership registration form (please see attached form), can be mailed to my address which was recently distributed via email. We do not recommend sending cash through the mail.

We will have your completed membership cards for you at the September meeting at the Membership Desk. If you decide to register at the September meeting we do request that you complete the TVQG membership registration form and bring it with your cheque/cash to the September meeting.

Please note that as the decision was made to limit the membership to the current 160 members we will not be accepting new members at this time.

Workshops Convenor	Midge Trauzzi
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The aims and objectives of our workshops are to stimulate an appreciation of the art of quilting; encourage fellowship; share, learn, teach and promote old and new ideas, techniques, designs and information regarding quilting; encourage participation in our Comfort Quilts and Preemie charitable endeavours. The Workshop committee aims to reach all levels of quilters from beginner to advanced, as well, have the workshops affordable to all members of the guild.

UFO days held once a month allow our quilters to work on those unfinished items as well as share their knowledge with newer quilters or just help those of us who are "stuck" on a project.

Workshops: Held at the Brighton Community Centre, 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. Fee \$20.00 unless noted. Brown bag lunch.

Spicy Spiral Table Runner - Friday, September 19, 2014 - (Beginner Plus) - Teacher: Brenda Allen
So very different and unique this wonderful project will "spice" up the conversation at your table. Use different colour ranges and values from dark to light - eight fabrics. Uses a 9 or 10 degree wedge ruler. Sample to be shown at guild meeting.

101 Tips & Techniques - Friday, October 24, 2014 - (all levels) -Teacher: Cynthia Solomon
This workshop is for, but not limited to, the fledgling quilter. One project will be made from start to finish and will include a design element as well as sandwiching and several binding techniques. The project will be approx. 24" x 24" - fabric from your stash is all that's required. There will also be a 10 page handout giving 101 tips. This workshop will also benefit more experienced quilters who want to refresh. Maximum students 15.

Christmas/Seasonal Wreath - Friday, November 14, 2014 - (all levels) - Teacher: Shahena Fredricks
This workshop will utilize the twister tool. Supplies to be purchased at Cozy Quilts in Port Hope unless participants are using fabric from their stash. Sample to be shown at September guild meeting.

Please Note:

- Sign up for the September workshop can be by e-mail to Midge Trauzzi as this workshop is two days after the September guild meeting.
- Sign up for the October workshop will be at the September guild meeting
- Sign up for the November workshop will be at the October guild meeting

UFO Days: Held at the Brighton Community Centre 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. Fee is based on the number of participants, usually \$4 to \$5 for the day. Pot luck lunch.

Fri. Sept. 12 - sign up by e-mail to Midge Trauzzi as this date is before the September guild meeting.

Fri. Oct. 10 - sign up at September guild meeting

Fri. Nov. 28 - sign up at October guild meeting

Comfort Quilts Convener	Marilyn Edmonds
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The beginning of another quilting year brings us back to choices in our lives. What to do that makes us happy and busy is first in our minds. Please consider others by donating some of your time to giving back to those with challenges in their life, sometimes greater than our own. Make a Comfort Quilt for someone at the end of their life seeking comfort and love or for someone facing a life altering illness. The love and friendship you can give them will make a difference in their life and yours.

Comfort Quilts meets on the first Thursday of each month at Smithfield United Church and the third Thursday of each month at Frankford United Church. If you are not available Thursdays, come and pick up some fabric or use some you are not in love with from your own stash. Our talents of sewing and quilting are the greatest gift we can give. Quilts should be approximately 50"X 70".

Thanks to those dedicated members who work on Comfort Quilts year round. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

Beginner quilters are welcome to come to Comfort Quilts to learn how to quilt with help from all the quilters there who are willing to coach you along. See you in September even before our first meeting!

Remember, if you know someone needing a Comfort Quilt, call Joy Forge or Marilyn Edmonds to pick one up. Just supply the name of the recipient.

Preemie Workshops	Valerie Campey
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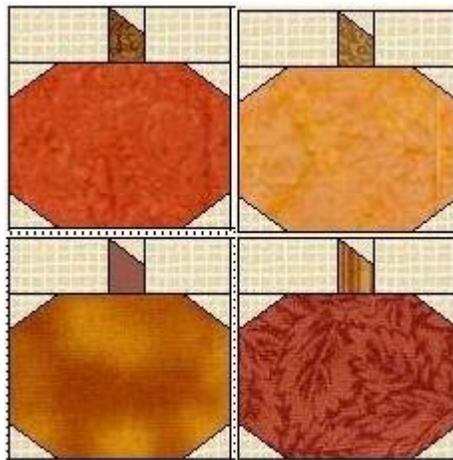
Preemie blitz is booked for September 22, 2014, at the Brighton Arena (Hwy 2), 9:00 am-3.30 pm, brown bag lunch.

- All fabric and batting is supplied
- Thread as well (limited supply)
- Kits are assembled and ready to sew into quilts & pillowcases
- Bring your sewing machine or serger. Rotary cutter if you prefer to cut fabric for more kits or backs. If you wish to practice machine quilting, bring your walking foot.

Come and help supply baby quilts for two hospitals, have fun socializing!

Retreat Convener	Judy Elms & Committee
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We, on the committee, are getting excited for retreat to hurry and come. We have some new surprises in store for everybody and will tell you about them probably at the September meeting. We still have room for a couple moreif you are interested contact one of the committee members. Enjoy the remainder of this nice weather.



2015 Quilt Show Co-Conveners Quilt Show Dates: June 6 & 7	Lorrie Barber, Maureen Young & Sandi Repic
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Conveners' Report

Planning for our June 2015 Guild Show continues to be progressing very well. In this newsletter we thought we would outline milestones to the show.

- Our lovely Friendship Quilt will be displayed at the September 16th meeting.
- Raffle tickets and bookmarks will be available at the September 16th meeting.
- October 6th is the next meeting of the Committee Chairs. (Smylies 9:30)
- Challenge due January 2015.
- 8 quilt categories for you choose from- Large Quilt, Medium Quilt, Small Quilt, Wall Hangings, Wearables, Art Quilts (mixed media), Embroidered quilts, Hand Pieced or Hand quilted. (sizes to be verified later)
- January 2015 general meeting devoted to the Quilt Show. Please be thinking of which committee you would like to serve on.

Quilt Appraisals – Jess Chambers

There will be a great opportunity for you to have quilts appraised at the upcoming Quilt Show, by a member of the International Society of Appraisers, and the American Quilter's Society (AQS)

Rosalie Tennison, one of only five appraisers in Canada, will again be coming and appraising quilts. This is an opportunity to have your quilt's value assessed for insurance purposes. Something to be considered as replacement value cannot be proved without a written appraisal, and we all know that our quilts are more valuable than a blanket bought at a store.

I will be taking requests for an appointment with Rosalie at any time prior to the show, and will schedule your appointment to be compatible with your work commitments.

Quilts may be hanging at the show or brought in by you or any member of the public, so please make your friends and relatives aware. New or antique quilts welcomed.

Appraisals cost \$70:00 and you receive a private interview with the appraiser, and a written appraisal within a short time after the show.

Basket Raffle – Hattie Van Dyk & Judy Gray

As we considered the Silent Auction for our upcoming Quilt Show, we decided to tweak the concept a bit. The format will be changed to a Basket Raffle. In the past, all donations for the Silent Auction came from Guild members. We plan to continue that tradition...with a bit of a twist. We are inviting members to join together to put together a basket to offer as a raffle item. Call your quilting girlfriends, choose a theme, and gather interesting and appealing things to put in your basket!

Of course, you can choose a quilting theme.....or how about a baby basket? A Chef's basket? Coffee time basket?..... Let your imagination soar! We will definitely be giving you more info at the Guild meeting; we just wanted to get you thinking and talking to friends. If you have any comments, feel free to contact one of your Basket Raffle Committee Co-Chairs. We love to hear from you!



Upcoming Quilt Shows

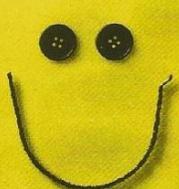
Date	Event	Location	Contact
Sep 5,6&7 Fri 10-5 Sat 10-4 Sun 10-3	“Quilting at the Lakes” Buckhorn Area Quilters’ Guild \$5 daily	Buckhorn Community Centre, Lakehurst Rd., Buckhorn, ON	Maureen 705-745-4706 info@buckhornquilters.ca www.facebook.com/buckhornquiltshow or www.buckhornquilters.ca
Sep 20&21	“Festival of Quilts” North Hastings Quilt Club	Bancroft Curling Club, Bancroft, ON	Pat Anderton 613-332-2122 andertons@sympatico.ca
Sep 20&21 Sat 10-5 Sun 10-4 Doors open at 10	Yorkshire Rose Quilt Guild Show \$7	Ellesmere Community Recreation Centre, 20 Canadian Rd, off Warden Ave, south of Hwy 401 Toronto, ON	Karen Gregory 416-778-9447 karengregory@sympatica.ca or yrqshow@gmail.com
Oct 24&25 Fri 10-8 Sat 10-5	“The Fabric of Our Lives Quilt Show” – Brant Heritage Quilters Guild \$7 Children under 13 free	Best Western Plus 19 Holiday Drive, Brantford, ON	Roseline Dufour 519-756-2474 roselineduf@hotmail.com www.brantheritagequilters.com
Nov14&15	“A Celebration of Quilts XII” York Heritage Quilters Guild Advance tickets \$7, and \$10 at the door	Toronto Botanical Gardens	Jane Cramer ajanecramer@hotmail.com www.yhqg.org

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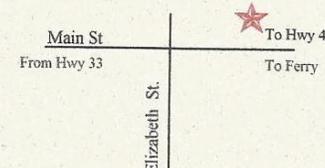
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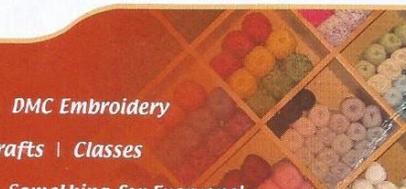
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