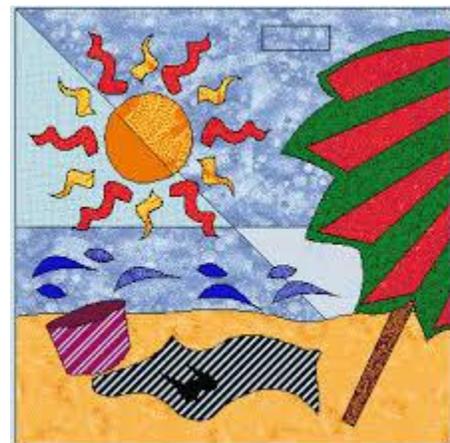




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**Meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of the month at Brighton Community Centre, Brighton, Ontario. The doors open at 1:00 p.m. and the meeting is 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

## President's Message

Elise Williams

It's really just a series of small steps.

When I moved to this area ten years ago I didn't know a soul here. I found out about Trent Valley Quilt Guild and decided that it would be a good group for me to join and a good place to meet people. It took me a while to convince myself that I should take the first step but eventually I went to a Comfort Quilts day in Frankford. I kept going to those work days and the ladies there urged me to go along to the guild meetings too. Well that first step of going to Comfort Quilts hadn't been so hard, so why not guild too. Again, it took me a while to take the next step and go to a guild meeting. At first, I sat at the back of the hall and just smiled and waved to the few people I recognized from Comfort Quilts. Gradually I got to know a few others and started to feel more comfortable at the meetings.

Lo and behold, one day I had a phone call asking me if I'd sit on Program Committee. Then down the road (I'm still not quite sure how) I found myself convenor of that committee. Yikes, that was quite the step for me! I'd never done anything like that.

Well, in for a penny, in for a pound, right? When the guild started planning the next quilt show, I decided that as a member of the guild, I should be helping with that. So, I joined the Admissions committee for the quilt show. When the convenor became unable to continue, I suddenly found myself taking still another step up to be the

convenor! Much to my amazement, Admissions ran fairly smoothly at the quilt show. Okay, so that hadn't been such a huge step after all.

Then the phone rang again. Would I consider taking on the role of Vice President for the guild? That would then lead to the role of President. When I hung up the phone I was shocked to realize what I'd just agreed to! This time it really did feel like a huge step for me to take!

Being Vice President didn't seem too daunting but, President? Oh, my goodness how would I manage that. Well, it turns out, just the same way I did with Comfort Quilts, guild and quilt show, by taking one first step and then a whole series more after that.



This time the first step in the new role, chairing a guild meeting, was a very scary one for me. I'm sure you could hear my knees knocking all the way at the back of the hall. However, each meeting got a bit easier and now I actually feel comfortable chairing the meetings. I still stumble along at times, but someone cues me as to what I'm supposed to be saying and everyone seems to take my mistakes in stride.

With each guild role I've taken on, I've felt more and more a part of the guild and I've come to know more and more of the members. I've learned that none of the tasks are too difficult when taken one step at a time and that even if there are some tricky bits, there are plenty of people to turn to for help.

My two years as President is coming to an end so now my role will be to phone YOU and ask YOU to take on a task within the guild. You've all taken the very first step of joining the guild. Now I hope that you take the next step and join a committee or help out with quilt show. Guild is what we each make it: we just have to be willing to take the series of small steps.

<b>Past President</b>	<b>Stella Dorsman</b>
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No report

<b>Programs</b>	<b>Linda Harvey</b>
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It is now time for me to hand over my job as Program Coordinator to Linda Broere. I have had a lot of fun looking for speakers and activities that I hoped would pique your interest in something new or give a new slant on something old. The Committee finally got the demonstration day together which was a lot of fun. We also had the left/right game as well as our strip poker day. Did you use those strips up yet? I had a great team and wish to thank, in no particular order!, Jane Baier, Linda Broere, Brenda Dolha and Hattie VanDyke. I couldn't have done it without you all. I look forward to next year's programs!

<b>Workshops Convener</b>	<b>Lee Farmes</b>
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We enjoyed a very successful workshop with Elaine Quehl in May. 16 ladies were able to take advantage of Elaine's expertise when building a lovely flower with many hues of the same color. Perhaps we'll see one or two finished projects at the June guild meeting during 'show and share'!

As you may already have read in an email to guild members just a day or so ago, unfortunately our September instructor, Brenda Higgins, has just informed Midge that she will have to undergo surgery for breast cancer in two weeks. Brenda has asked that this workshop "Blooming Nine Patch" be postponed until later. Midge has relayed to her our best wishes.

The Workshop Committee will do their best to fill this date ( 15th or 29th Sept.) with another instructor with another project. We will keep you posted.

Our October workshop ( October 13, 2017) instructor will be Eliza Dinner, who will be showing us her method of free motion quilting with individual blocks and then showing us her method of 'Quilt as you go'. Eliza will be sure to entertain us along the way!

Our November workshop will be a Bargello Jacket with Linda Harris. This will be an intermediate class for up to 10 students. More about this workshop in the next newsletter.

The upcoming UFO's are:

June 23rd - Waiting list has been started

July 21st and August 18th

**Comfort Quilts Convener** | **Marion Payette**

As you all know this will be my last contribution to the newsletter. I would like to thank everyone who has helped in any way to keep your charity going. It is something that I have enjoyed doing over these last so many years. I will still be supporting in the years ahead as I enjoy being with the women who have supported us as well. The fun, fellowship and laughter will remain as a reminder of the good work we are doing. I hope you will continue to support the new committee so this worthwhile work can continue. I wish you all a good summer to get refreshed and be ready to start again in the fall.

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**Retreat 2017** | **Sarah Roberts**

Quilting Retreat, October 3, 4, and 5, 2017, Glen House Resort

Retreat plans are coming together nicely, with lots of fun times and interesting projects! We are full at the moment, but you can put your name on the waiting list (currently at zero), in case of a cancellation in the next couple months.

At retreat, we sew, we make new friends, learn new skills, share ideas, and SOCIALIZE!

Contact Joyce Eggleston or Sarah Roberts to get your name on the cancellation list.

**Quilt Show 2018** | **Sarah Roberts**

BEHIND THE SEAMS – Trent Valley Quilters Guild 2018 Quilt Show!

We are well underway with planning for our 2018 Quilt Show, Behind the Seams, June 9 and 10, 2018. Most committees now have a chairperson, the exception being our Logistics committee and Hanging Quilts committee. We have a couple new-to-the-guild people who have



stepped up to fill positions: even if you are new to our guild, we would love to have you working with us!

The January guild meeting will be devoted to the Quilt Show. This is the time when you can volunteer to work on your favourite committee! Registration forms for entries for the show will be available then or shortly after. Dig out those UFO's, let's have lots of entries! And don't forget the new Challenge that will be introduced in June! We have big shoes to fill, following the success of the 2015 show!

If anyone is interested in any of our committees, or has questions about the quilt show, please email Sarah Roberts, [skatingseamstress@yahoo.ca](mailto:skatingseamstress@yahoo.ca).

<b>150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Quilt</b>	<b>Sandi Repic</b>
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A picture of our Hattie putting the finishing touches on our quilt. The big reveal will take place at the June Guild meeting!

I would like to extend a huge thank you to Jess Chambers and Sue Davies for all their hard work and encouragement in the completion of this beautiful quilt. And a thank you to all of you, who, in the completion of that little 5 inch square have become part of an historical project. Thanks to you Hattie for the quilting and Marg Worsick for additional help.



<b>Publicity</b>	<b>Sue Davies</b>
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**FaceBook Page**

Trent Valley Quilters' Guild has it's own FaceBook page. The page was created a couple months before our last Quilt Show in 2015 with the hopes of spreading the word about our Quilt Show through social media. To date we have approximately 98 followers, many are Guild members.

Myself and Sue Davies manage the page and occasionally post things that we think will interest our followers. We do not post things constantly as we do not want to overwhelm our followers with too much quilting information as sometimes it can get repetitive.

However, that being said, we do encourage our followers to post pictures or information to the page. It's fun to see what each other is working on or share a picture of you and your friends posing for a picture at an out of town Quilt Shop or Quilt Show, etc. To do this, once on the Trent Valley Quilters' Page: you go to "Posts", and from here you can "Write Something on the Page", "Share a Photo" or "See Visitor Posts". Unfortunately you can only add one photo/video per post.

When we get closer to our Quilt Show next June, this will be a great way to advertise our show for free as we will be able to "share" the page with all of our friends, who then can share it with all of their friends.

If you have any questions regarding the FaceBook page please direct them to myself or Sue Davies.

**Lorrie Barber**

<b>Preemie Workshops</b>	<b>Linda Broere</b>
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The Preemie program is being transitioned to Linda Broere, from Val Campey, We hope to be able to set up a preemie blitz sewing get-together in the near future.

<b>Library</b>	<b>Kathy Cousins</b>
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The library committee would like to thank all the members who have made use of our wonderful library books. We hope that you have been inspired to try something fun, new or challenging from the books. I would like to thank Betty Pounsett for all her work in providing great draw prizes, and Olive Burke, Judy Elliot, and Barb Scherk for helping with set up and take down. I hope that everyone will support Judy as she takes over the convener's job.

## **NEXT MEETING**

**Don't forget:**

**Finger Food for Break** Sweets, cheese/crackers, fruit, veggies, etc.

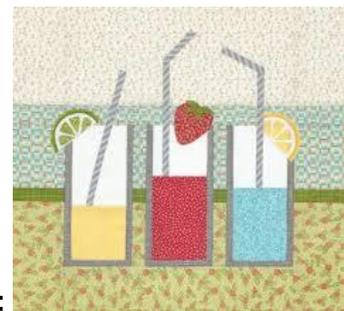
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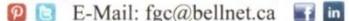
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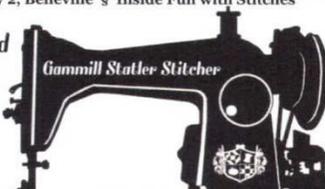
Date	Event	Location	Contact
June 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Queen's Bush Quilters</b>	Markdale Arena Markdale On,	<a href="mailto:thequeensbushquilters@gmail.com">thequeensbushquilters@gmail.com</a>
May 7- Sept. 3	<b>Oh! Canada 2017 Grand National Quilt Show</b>	Kitchener City Hall	<a href="http://grandnationalquiltshow.ca">http://grandnationalquiltshow.ca</a>
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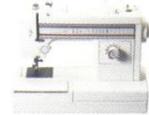
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