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Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month (except July and August) 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.

President's Message	Hattie Vandyk
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I know what we are all about here in the Trent Valley Quilters' Guild. It is all about the Quilts.....and anything related to.....the Quilts! NO....it is not just a little hobby we mess around with occasionally.

This is the real deal! We think about new patterns, wonderful books, interesting techniques, innovative rulers and tools, applique....or not, getting the perfect 1/4 " seam allowance (tell me that doesn't drive you nuts!), the merits of cotton vs. polyester thread..... And, of course, there is all the delicious FABRIC! Confession time.....sometimes a beautiful fabric will make me squeal (out loud) with delight! I buy it and just keep it.....for a long time.....on the shelf.....waiting for the perfect THING! You know, don't you? I can see you nodding your head! You all understand! We share this passion!

Now....I have to tell you about something I did this summer. I joined an on-line book club. My daughter was hosting, and I wanted to support her initiative. Turned out that lots of folks signed up to read and share a little book called 'Grace, Not Perfection'. I admit that I am a little skeptical about any kind of 'motivational' or self-help books, so my expectations were not high. I was surprised to find myself quite moved by the idea of striving for grace, and not perfection in our daily lives. The author spoke about grace for her family, her husband, her friends and community, her job, and herself. I couldn't help but think of our Guild. How many of us will not show our work for Show and Share? Why? Do we need to have a little more grace for own workmanship? How many did not enter a quilt in our Show last June? Why? Do we need to show a little more grace for each other's handiwork?

Look, I know that we all practice to improve. That is part and parcel of learning and developing any craft. We just can't forget that any piece we finish is its own little victory! I love the challenge presented by our Program Committee. Not only because it encourages us to finish up our UFO's, but also because it compels us to share and celebrate our work with each other!

So, what can I say about the start of another fabulous year for the TVQG? Our Show was a great success.....we can enjoy the break this year. Take some workshops, get to some UFO days (they are amazing!). Maybe try a mini retreat (great food, great company). Definitely join in with Comfort Quilts.....lots of jobs, and opportunity for learning and giving. Step out of your comfort zone and meet new people! We have great fellowship in our group.....and never any shortage of things to chat about!

Welcome back, all of you Trent Valley Quilters! Let's aim for grace this year!

Past President and Nominations	Elise Williams
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Program	Linda Broere
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So Many UFOs!

No enthusiasm to finish them? Have we got a challenge for you!

This challenge has no prize but the satisfaction you will have when you clear out some of those pesky UFOs. Just follow these easy steps

Before the first Guild Meeting in September:

- 1) Make a list of nine UFOs you want to complete. (They should be something you can finish in one month.)*
- 2) Number them from 1 to 9. It doesn't matter what order you list them. (Keep reading and you will see why)*
- 3) Make two copies of the list. One for you and one for the Program Committee.*

At the September Guild meeting:

- 1) Hand in your list to the programming Committee*
- 2) Keep your own list.*
- 3) Wait for the announcement as to which number is pulled from the hat. Your responsibility is to finish the item which has that number on your list.*

At the October meeting:

- 1) Bring that numbered item from September to show everyone that you have finished it. One down 8 to go.*
- 2) Wait to hear which number is drawn for the next meeting.*
- 3) And so on until June.*

Since there are only 9 meetings after September in our Guild schedule when we get to June (not June Armstrong), if you have been participating regularly, you will have completed 9 of those tiresome unfinished objects. Now we are not the quilt police and we will not give a penalty for an ongoing UFO or if you are unable to participate one month. Handing in a list is just a way of giving your commitment to the fun. Now I am off to wade through my UFO stack and see what I will enter, wish me luck.

At our September meeting we'd like you to bring "what I did this summer" for a **special show&share**. They don't need to be completed, but we'd all like to see what you accomplished over this long hot summer.

Workshop Convenor	Midge Trauzzi
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The two day workshop for Sept/Oct for the Blooming Nine Patch is full. I hope to have the sample for the November 24th workshop to show at the guild meeting in September. The sign up for the November workshop will be at the October guild meeting.

UFO/PHD dates are; October 12; November 16th.

Comfort Quilt Convenors	Maureen, Wanda, Lorrie & Sue
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Comfort Quilts is looking forward to another busy, fun year. Last year we handed out 200 quilts. That's a lot of hugs that the entire Guild can be proud of!

Unfortunately, the supply of finished quilts is quite low. We know that there are a lot of quilts that have been taken home to be quilted which is wonderful. **We really need these quilts back!** Please complete the quilts and bring them in as soon as possible.

If the quilting is done but the binding needs to be put on, you may return it as is. Some Ladies enjoy doing the binding.

It's a team effort!

We will have lots of quilts at the next meeting: ones that need to be quilted and some that just need the binding and label put on. See us at the back if you want to help out. Please remember that contributing to a "Comfort Quilt" is part of your membership expectation.

Comfort Quilt days will continue to be the first Wednesday of the month at the Brighton Community Centre and the third Thursday at the Frankford United Church. We would love to see you there.

Retreat 2018	Jane Baier & Linda Cowburn
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An email listing supplies to bring will be forthcoming before the end of next week.

Darlene Blanchet	Website
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<http://trentvalleyquiltersguild.com>

Members login page (password is quinte)

<https://www.facebook.com/trentvalleyquiltersguild/>

The new 2018/19 membership registration form is on the membership page.

Library

Judy Elliott

With the help of several volunteers every book in the library has been accounted for. In June we went through each book one by one.

Books dating back before 2001 were donated to the Quilt Show Boutique. When we went through the list we discovered some books were missing and some were not even on the list.

Hopefully I have this sorted out and a new list is about ready to go on the web site.

I also have gone through the list of books that have been signed out and proven popular. With the result I will continue to purchase books that are suggested and think members will like.

Just purchased: **Explore Walking Foot Quilting with Leah Day** and **Simple Whatnots, a Batch of Satisfyingly Scrappy little quilts** by Kim Diehl.

Sunshine

Susan Petroff

If you know of someone who would love a bit of cheering up by means of a card, please telephone Susan. Her number is on our member's list which is on the website. Susan does not have email.

Social

Helen McKellar

Nothing was submitted for the newsletter.

Membership

Donna Simpson

Hope you all had a healthy relaxing summer and enjoyed the heat! I am the new membership convenor and hope it will run smoothly this September. Could you please get your renewal in early so the list can be put together and those on the waiting list can be notified?

Mail renewal forms to: Donna Simpson, 61 Oak Ridge Drive, Stirling, Ontario, K0K 3E0

Please find the Trent Valley Quilters' Guild registration form on our website. All cheques must be made out to the Trent Valley Quilters' Guild

If anyone is **not** renewing could you please let me know by E-mail or phone.

Well, "**Behind the Seams 2018**" was a great success!

Our Treasurer, **Joan Cohrs**, tells us that monetarily, we finished a little ahead of the 2015 show, which is always a good thing. We had some attendance competition in the form of one of the Kingston guilds having their show the same weekend, and parking was somewhat problematic on the Saturday of the show due to a baseball tournament, a wedding at the curling club, and a cadet parade, but thankfully the people that couldn't park on Saturday came back on Sunday.

We had many compliments on the Show from visitors as they left the venue, which we SO appreciated! This show will help fund our Guild for the next three years, and as well, we invested in some capital assets in the form of sturdy shelving to store the quilt frames in a safe, dry place (courtesy of **Joan and Steve Cohrs**), and three of our husbands built us some new small quilts/wall hanging display frames (rather than rent them every show year). As well, we invested in two advertising banners that will be used for years to come outside of the venue.

The Raffle Quilt was a boon for Comfort Quilts, as all proceeds from the raffle are turned over to them. Kudos to **Janet Kivisto** for all her work on this! And BIG kudos to **June Armstrong**, who donated the beautiful quilt for us to raffle!

Our **Members Boutique** was a great success, both for members who sold articles, and for the guild. Thank you to **Marie Newman** and **Susan Petroff** for the time and effort it took to do such a great job! We heard rave reviews about the food and beverages in the **Tea Room** from paying customers and from our "tellunteered" crew of set-up people. Thank you to everyone involved for all your donations to the Tea Room!

We wrapped it up late on Sunday afternoon tired, but thrilled with the finished product. Thank you to ALL the volunteers, to the creators of all the beautiful quilts and quilted articles that were displayed, and to our visitors from me, **Cheryl Lafferty**, and **Judy Grey**, co-coordinators of the show!

Start thinking about what YOU are going to enter in our **2021 show!** And of course, think about what you would like to do to help make our next show another great success 😊.

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NEXT MEETING
September 19th

Don't forget:

Our meetings are fragrance free.

Doors open at 1 pm, meeting begins at 1:30 pm. See you there!



A note from Yvette, your newsletter convenor; welcome back! I'm looking forward to another year of quilting fun and excitement.