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NEW: Starting in January, 2015, our 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

Stella Dorsman

Since 1997 King Street United Church has been "home" to our Guild. Sixteen years of meetings, trunk shows, lunches, Show and Share and all the activities that have made this guild so popular have taken place here. Even with the occasional grumble about cramped quarters, too much or too little heat and the wait for the bathroom I think I can safely say that we've been happy and comfortable at King Street. We shared with the congregation the shock at the news of the closure of the church at the end of December.

As a result the TVQG is on the move! But change is not new to this guild. The first meeting was held on November 21, 1989 at the Dufferin Centre. Our six founding members were joined by many other local quilters so that by May of the following year the membership numbered 55.

The records show that by February, 1994 the guild had moved to the Marmora Street Centre but just over a year later was back at Dufferin. Membership numbers during those years ranged between about 38 and 50. Then in 1997 came the move to King Street United Church.

It was three years later that one of the biggest changes occurred, the move from evening to afternoon meetings. One might have supposed that this would have caused a decline in membership, but in fact the opposite occurred. Since then our numbers have steadily increased so that by 2009 we numbered over 100 and today we have reached our self-imposed cap of 160 and we continue to have a waiting list!

On **Wednesday, January 21, 2015** your Executive and I will welcome you all to our new home at the **Brighton Community Centre**. We will begin our meeting at **1:30** and we request that you not arrive before **1:00**. We hope you will enjoy the ease of parking and access and the big, bright climate-controlled meeting room. As with any move, it may take a few tries to get the tables and chairs arranged to best advantage so we ask for your patience and cooperation. As a result of the vote that took place at the November meeting treats will no longer be offered, but coffee and tea will be available. Feel free to pack a little snack in your bag if you wish.

Of course we will continue to display our guild banner. This banner was made in 1991 by members who contributed 4 ½ inch blocks. It will join our brand new Friendship Star Quilt which contains 104 beautiful blocks in a multitude of shades of blue. Thanks to Diana Sansom and Jess Chambers for the stunning layout, to Diana for the quilting and Jess for the binding.

I would also like to thank Marilyn Edmonds and Sharon French who provided the historical details cited above; now we know why the minutes taken at meetings are so invaluable. Thank you to all the secretaries who have maintained the records down through the years.

As I write this message, Christmas is fast approaching. I hope you will all take time to enjoy the sights, sounds and special events of the season, which I have learned are sometimes better than "the big day" itself. For some, personal circumstances can make the holidays a challenging time. To you I send a special wish for peace and happiness. To all of you I wish the many joys of the season.



Christmas Luncheon	Kathy Cousins and Joan Cohrs
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Thank you to all the members who have decided to join us for the turkey luncheon on December 9th. We are looking forward to another excellent lunch catered by the King Street Church ladies. Please remember to bring your ticket with you to enter into the draw. Also as this is a big job for the ladies, please do not enter the church before 12:00 noon.

The Library will be available as usual.



Program Convenor	Elise Williams
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First and foremost, I'd like to say a big thank you to the 13 ladies who indicated that they would or may be interested in volunteering for Program Committee. What a tremendous response. Thanks you so much to you all. We'll be in touch with some of you. Much as we'd love to include everyone, I think that would make it a little too big!

Our committee has fun going to websites and finding interesting presenters to bring to the guild. Over the past year or so, we've also been trying to have some different programs to encourage our members to meet other members. We certainly hope you've been enjoying the program each month.

Of course don't forget that in January we move both to our new venue and new day. The first couple of months will probably be interesting for us as we work out the best room set up.

Guild program for the rest of this year will be:

- December 9 Christmas Luncheon catered by King St Church
- January 21 Quilt Show Committee is going to tell us all about the 2015 show
- February 18 Pat Borecky will give a presentation of her work as a fiber artist. You can see some of Pat's work at <http://www.fibreartnetwork.com>
- March 18 Silent Auction - set aside any quilting or sewing related notions, fabrics, books or magazines that you'd like to donate to this annual event.
- April 15 The committee is still working on a program for this month
- May 20 Kathy Wylie will give a presentation on using computers in our sewing rooms. Read what we'll learn about here, <http://kathykwylie.com>
- June 17 Our year end luncheon. Social Committee will tell us more about this closer to the event.



Workshops Convenor	Midge Trauzzi
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Workshops take place at the Brighton Community Centre and are \$20.00 plus materials. Brown bag lunch. Maximum students per class...15. Classes start promptly at 9:00 and finish by 3:30.

Friday, February 13	Folded Pineapple Runner	Teacher: Shahena Fredricks
	Sign up will be at the January guild meeting.	
Friday, March 27	Stained Glass	Teacher: Joan Rieve
Friday, April 24	Multi pocket Purse	Teacher: Judy Elms

UFO's take place at the Brighton Community Centre and are based on a cost per day, usually \$4.00. We have a wonderful pot luck luncheon or you can brown bag it or go to a local restaurant. We are there from 9:00 - 3:30. A great time in a smaller setting.

Fridays Jan 9 & 23, Feb 27, March 13th, April 10th



Comfort Quilts Convener	Marilyn Edmonds
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This quilting year has found you very generous in participating in making Comfort Quilts. Thank you for your continued support in making quilts to lighten and brighten someone else's life. Many of our recipients have been blessed with your creations and they are appreciative of your efforts. Already since September we have contributed 70 quilts to those in need of a hug when their lives are being challenged. We are still receiving thanks from families of seniors who were stripped of all their security, safety and belongings in a terrible fire in a nursing home in Whitby. It is a great gift we are able to give with our quilting talents.

If you have not made a comfort quilt yet we invite you to visit a Comfort Quilt Day and make a quilt or pick up material to take home and make a quilt. If you need help with that creation we are willing to make suggestions or help you create a quilt. First Thursday of each month at Smithfield United Church and third Thursday at Frankford United Church, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. You are also encouraged to bring a quilting friend who may or may not belong to the Guild. All are welcome.

We wish you a Happy Quilting Year!



Preemie Workshops	Valerie Campey 613-243-4716 vjc4677@gmail.com
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“Preemie Sewfest” was a huge success! Four days of sewing at my quilting studio, plus what was handed in at the last meeting, produced:

- 15 crib size quilts
- 48 - 24 inch square quilts
- 21 pillows
- 35 pillowcases
- several quilt tops
- Many preemie hats

Several ladies attended, some returning more than one day, not minding having chili or potato leek soup for a second time. Kits were taken to work at home. Kingston delivery Nov 29. Peterborough delivery to be arranged.

Many thanks for the donated fabric and the work done by all. Next "Preemie Blitz" is:

Jan. 16th, 2015, Brighton Community Center [arena], 9 am - 3.30 pm, Brown bag lunch.

Contact me if you wish to attend, I will not be at the December meeting for signup and the event is prior to the January meeting.



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Retreat Convener

Judy Elms & Committee

We were fortunate again this year with great weather. An enjoyable time was had by most of us. The project was "The Boxy Star" demonstrated by Diana for those who wished to try the pattern. Our committee is already hard at work to make next year's retreat as successful as this year's was. We found that 40 was a good number to have and a perfect number for the social room. We would like to thank all that attended for their thoughtful "thank yous" as it inspires us to continue to do the best we can. Thank you to all who filled out the surveys.



2015 Quilt Show Co-Conveners
Quilt Show Dates: June 6 & 7

Lorrie Barber, Maureen Young & Sandi Repic

Conveners' Report

As Lorrie Barber mentioned at our General Meeting, there are only 7 more months till our 2015 Quilt Show!

Just a few reminders as to what is happening over the next couple of months.

- Challenges are due at the January meeting. The entries will be judged by members, and prizes awarded to the top 5 winners.
- Quilt registration forms will be on our website and sent by email in late December or early January. Please complete one page per entry and include a picture of the article. As it stands right now you may enter one quilt, one wall hanging and the challenge.
- Sleeve instructions will also be sent to you.
- The January 21st meeting will be devoted to the Quilt Show. Please be considering which task or tasks you would like to volunteer for. Committee chairs will explain what their job entails at the December meeting.

- **Attention all Snowbirds.** Please choose a volunteer position and inform Lorrie, Maureen or Sandi of your choice before January.
- Also let us know if you won't be able to inform the Registration Committee of your entries by the February deadline or if we can help you in any way.
- Thank you in advance for your support.
Many hands make light work!!

Web Site Convener | **Carolyn Cockerline**

Check out our revitalized website at www.trentvalleyquiltersguild.com



Other Websites for Quilters

I thought this blog post might be amusing to the members.
www.quiltmaker.com/blogs/quiltypleasures/2013/11/100-things-every-quilter-should-do
Just for fun,
Linda Broere (from Nye, Montana)



Upcoming Quilt Shows in 2015

Date	Event	Location	Contact
Mar 27-29 F&Sat 10-5 Sun 10-4	"Quilt Fever 2015" Etobicoke Quilters' Guild \$5	Neilson Park Creative Centre 56 Neilson Dr., Etobicoke	Karen Cooper 416-508-0758 info@etobicokequiltersguild.com www.etobicokequiltersguild.com
Apr 18&19 Sat & Sun 10-4	"Quilts 2015" Napane Heritage Quilters' Guild \$6	16 McPherson Dr., Napane	Sheila Lucas info@napaneeheritagequiltersguild.com www.napaneeheritagequiltersguild.com
Apr 24&25 Fri & Sat	"Off the Wall and Under the Covers" Mississauga Quilters' Guild \$7	Burnamthorpe Community Centre 1500 Gullenden Dr., Mississauga	Karen Monk kayemonk@rogers.com www.mississaugaquiltersguild.ca



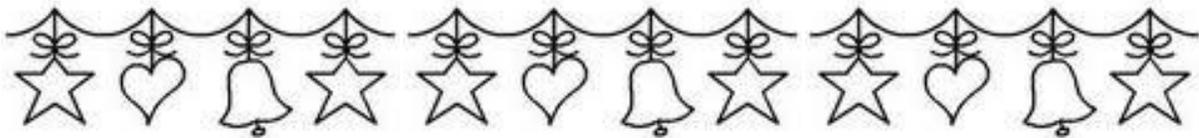
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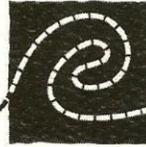
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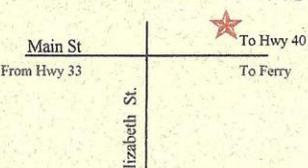



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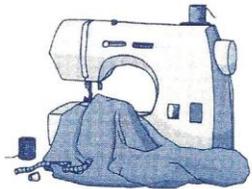
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