



SPOOL TALK

DECEMBER 2015
TRENT VALLEY QUILTERS' GUILD
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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

Are you scurrying to complete a project that you want to give as a Christmas gift? Maybe a festive wall hanging, a warm quilted jacket or, oh yes, that quilt you started last March - to be sure it would be done in plenty of time? Is your sewing area an array of reds, greens and gold as you stitch up some holiday cushions or placemats? The fervour of Christmas makes the first month of winter pass by in a blur. Before we know it, the holiday bustle is over and the cold months of winter are ahead.

As I sit here typing, we've only just had our first snowfall. The pine trees outside my windows look Christmas card pretty with their dusting of white, and the grass is covered with pristine snow. Another winter is settling in, and I wonder what this frosty season holds in store for us this year. The one thing I know it holds in store for me is time in the sewing room. Winter really is the perfect time to make up a quilt or two, or even three! A quilt warms up a cold, blustery day in so many ways, no matter if the project has just begun or it's completely done. Of course, a complete quilt can be wrapped around us to take away the chill, but even a quilt just begun has the power to warm.

The sewing room looks so lively when bits of bright coloured fabric are spread out to be cut. Flowers abound as blooms from the garden jump onto the quilt instead. Our laps are nicely warmed while holding the quilt as we sit with it in front of the TV, working on the hand appliqué bits or stitching the binding in place.

What does this winter hold in store for us? We can ask the same question as we start a new quilt. What does it hold in store for us? What colours will be used? What quilting should go where? Who will it warm when it's all stitched up? We don't get any say in how the winter will turn out, but we have lots of say in how our quilts do, and that's something we can find comfort and warmth in, even in the depths of another cold winter.

Stay warm and keep stitching.

I hope that all of you have a wonderful Christmas.



Past President	Stella Dorsman
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Many members work to provide the interesting meetings and inspiring programs and workshops that make the TVQG so successful. A list of these members follows this report. We have five officers: president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and past president. As well we have conveners who chair the various committees within the guild. Each convenue selects several members to serve on her committee. Officers and conveners also attend executive meetings held three or four times a year to deal with finances and the overall administration of the guild.

The term of office for officers and conveners is two years. Elections are held at our June Annual Meeting. Not all positions are replaced at the same time in order to provide continuity. This June we will be seeking members to fill the following positions:

- Social Committee
- Membership Committee
- Quilt Show 2018 (three co-conveners)
- Web Site (oversee the web site which is maintained by Hannah Lithographers, Bancroft)
- Sunshine (cards to members: get well, sympathy, etc.)

I will be happy to provide detailed job descriptions upon request.

We also require a member to take over the email responsibilities from Jess Chambers.

It is not too soon to begin to fill these openings. Please consider stepping up. I believe you will find the work personally rewarding and an excellent way to contribute to our guild and make new friends. I look forward to hearing from you.

EXECUTIVE 2015/2016	
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Preemie Quilts	Valerie Campey
Website	Carolyn Cockerline
Newsletter	Sandi Repic
Sunshine	Linda Virtanen
Postcards	Val Campey

Programs	Linda Harvey
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We hope you have enjoyed our guest speakers so far. We work hard to find interesting and different people to come in to inspire you and show just what is possible with some fabric and some ideas! We have a full line up of speakers including Sharron Coxon, out of Lindsay, who has a way of avoiding those dreaded 'Y' seams in her tumbling block patterns. Jen Houlden will be with us and she will also be holding the two day workshop which promises to keep us on our toes. Later we have Joyce O'Connell, Judy Gatcho-Jutzi, and Harebrained Happenings. Some of you may say you have seen some of these speakers before but did you ever come to a meeting and learn nothing!!! For some local flavor we have invited some of the ladies from the Kingston group of quilters who will show us some of their quilts and talk about their stories. We like to present speakers and techniques that you are interested in so if you know of someone you would like to hear from, let us know. We are always open to new ideas.



Program Committee: Linda Harvey, Hattie VanDyk, Jane Baier, Linda Broere, Brenda Dolha

Workshops Convener	Lee Farnes
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Our November Workshop with Shahena Fredricks teaching us a Judy Niemeyer Foundation Piecing technique was a huge success.

The Workshops for the next four months are:

January 22, 2016 – Celtic Runner with Marilyn Edmonds. Sign up will continue at the December Guild Meeting
Contacts: Lee Farnes and Mary Pickford

February 26, 2016 – Landscape with Linda Broere. Sign up will start at the December Guild Meeting.
Contacts: Darlene Blanchet and Lee Farnes

March 18, 2016 – The Gordian Knot with Louise Manning from Bobcaygeon. Sign up will begin at the January Guild Meeting. Contacts: Midge Trauzzi and Pat Burke

April 21st and 22nd, 2016 – Twisted Log Cabin with Jennifer Houlden from Coldwater, Ontario. This will be a special two day workshop (Thursday and Friday) and one which we hope will be of great interest to our membership. Sign up will begin in February. Sample will be available at the January Guild meeting.
Contacts: Lee Farnes and Darlene Blanchet.

UFO's will be held on January 8th, February 12th, March 4th and April 8th. Please join Midge and her group if you want a day just to piece or quilt whatever you choose!!!

Membership Convener	Rita Downhill
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A quick thank you to all the ladies who registered by mail this year prior to the September Guild meeting. It does help us so much to manage the September registration. We did have quite a turnover with the membership this year, with 19 ladies leaving the guild and 15 ladies joining. We currently have 4 open slots so if you have a friend who wants to join, now would be a good time. I am sure the openings will not be available for a long time.

We have had an average of just over a 100 members attending the last 3 meetings of the guild & typically around 5 guests per meeting.

Just a reminder that we still have TVQG pins available at the Membership desk for \$6 each. We will not be ordering any more name badges until next fall. Wanda Maltais looks after the name badges for us.

The updated membership list will be distributed the first week of December. Please be sure to check your information & please let me know if there are any corrections necessary.

Comfort Quilts Convener | **Marion Payette**

Three months of this year are almost over and we have donated over 50 quilts so far. Several thank you notes have been received and the expressing of these gifts are so overwhelming. If you have read some of the ones brought to our guild meeting you will understand why some of us



feel so dedicated to this worthy cause. This is something all of us should ponder a little more in trying to get involved. Just to inform everyone our workshop day of layering, quilting and ironing was a success. Thanks to those 16 ladies involved and "3" were not members of the guild we were able to layer

25 quilts. Several quilts were quilted as well. We are venturing on and will meet in Dec on our regular days, 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. I

realize Dec is a busy time of year but as life goes on so does the need for these wonderful gifts appreciated by these people who are struggling with these life altering illnesses. The comfort quilt committee would like to wish one and all a wonderful Christmas season and safe and Happy New Year

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Christmas placemats	Nicky Livingstone
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Free Consultations

Web Site Convener	Carolyn Cockerline
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Linda Virtanen

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Our December Meeting

Join us for some lovely desserts.



Don't forget:

Name Tag

Coffee cup, lug a mug

Money for 50/50, & Workshops

Library books to return

A friend

****Show and Share : If you are bringing show and share please bring something Holiday related.****

Note our meetings are fragrance free.

The Water Bowl & Snow Bowl

Beth Crook

I finally managed to have the quilter's golf tournament in September and October at the Oak Hills Golf course. Due to scheduling problems and weather it was played on two days. Seven intrepid, brave quilters from the Quinte Quilters Guild played the water bowl on the wettest day of September. In October, four golfers from the Trent Valley Quilters Guild played the snow bowl on a cold windy day, where a few snowflakes were seen. On both days we played 9 holes.

Some of us are dedicated golfers, some occasional golfers and some non-golfers. Observation of the rules and scoring were flexible and changeable. There were good shots and bad shots, laughing and shivering. Sharon had a great kick chip which ended up a foot from the hole. Ruth (who does not drive a car) drove the cart with Sharon; both of them white knuckled all the way. By the eighth hole we were all eager for lunch and ready for something warm. As you can see from the pictures we wore the most stylish of golfing attire. Non-quilters were not excluded, we picked up a couple of stragglers in the October game, Hugh (husband) and JoAnne (friend).



Thanks you to all who came out this year to play golf with me in spite of the weather. Next year, I will have a 9 holed tournament in the spring and an 18 hole tournament in the fall.

Upcoming Quilt Shows

Date	Event	Location	Contact
Nov. 5- Jan 30, 2016	Our Cultural Fabric: The origins of Bruce County's Quilts	Bruce County Museum and Cultural Center 33 Victoria Street N Southampton ON	spaiva@brucecounty.on.ca
Nov. 1- Feb 16 th 2016	Stitched Together: The Art and Warmth of Quilts	Peel Art Gallery PAMA 9 Wellington St. East Brampton ON	infopama@peelregion.ca
March 2016 TBD	41st Quilt Fever Show	Neilsen Park Creative Centre 56 Neilson Drive, Etobicoke ON	info@etobickequiltersguild.com

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