



Spool Talk



April 2025

Meetings are normally held on the third Wednesday of the month September through June at Brighton Community Centre, Brighton, Ontario.

The doors open at 12:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 1:00 p.m.

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Articles may be submitted to the newsletter by contacting Sue Davies.
The articles should relate to our guild and/or quilting. Photos should be in .jpg format.

President's Message

Sarah Roberts

Spring might be here officially on the calendar, but someone forgot to inform Mother Nature! The Ice Storm of March 29 to 30 was not nice for many people, and my sympathies go out to those who are still struggling without power. We were very fortunate to only have a flicker in our power. And now the forecast tomorrow (Wednesday April 2) is for more freezing rain. Sheesh!

But spring really will get here in the next few weeks, and we will be able to get outside and do yard work and gardening to give us a stretch after a few hours of sewing. Sewing and quilting is my creative escape, and I love it! April and May are going to be busy months for me, as I am going to be indulging in a couple of quilting retreats and a garment sewing retreat. I have looked at my non-quilting fabric stash long enough, it is time to get back into making clothes for myself and a few grandchildren.

My tenure as President of the Guild will come to a close in June, and I have enjoyed it all! Past President Rita Downhill is working to find volunteers for executive and committee positions in the Guild. I hope you enjoy all the benefits our Guild brings us in the form of programs, workshops, UFO days and retreats! Please consider stepping up to help manage our vibrant guild. If you have questions about any of the positions, get in touch with Rita or me, and we can get answers for you.

Although we are definitely not a political organization, I want to express my strong feeling of responsibility to make sure we cast our vote in the upcoming Federal election. I find the news disturbing nearly every day. But I am also very proud of how our country has been pulling together in this strange new world.

Elbows Up!

Vice-President's Message

Marie Newman

Spring is here. Where has the year gone? January and February meetings were a good introduction for me on conducting the meeting. I hope to be better with practice. See you at the next meeting.

Nominations/Past President

Rita Downhill

We have several openings available for Officer and Convener Positions for our next Quilt Guild two-year term-September 2025 to August 2027. July & August our guild does not have regular meetings.

There were a few members who indicated interest on the annual registration forms. I am in the process of contacting those members. If we are unable to fill the open positions I will start to contact all other members.

I know that we are all busy and that we have many new members. However, I would encourage you to volunteer. It is the best way to meet new people and get to understand how our guild works. Without these members who currently hold positions or who have volunteered in the past we would not have the great guild that we have today.

The open positions are as follows:

Vice-President
Secretary
Program Convener

Workshops Convener
Comfort Quilts

If you do have an interest in any of these roles or serving on any of these committees, please contact Rita Downhill.

Quilt Show 2026 **Debbie Searle, Dianne Zevenbergen & Cathy Herrington**

Reminder that the Quilt Show will be happening on the **6 & 7th of June 2026**. Please mark your calendars for a fun showcase of all of our work over the past couple years and the new creations yet to be done. Our Committee Convener Volunteers will be asking you to sign up soon!

Program **Marie Newman & Lesley Poper**

We hope you enjoyed Steven Bland's presentation. A very interesting, creative and generous person.

The **April 16th** program will be presenter Joanna Dermenjian, Historian. Joanna's presentation will be "Quilting as to War" in person.

The **May 21st** program will be a presentation by Leianne McCallium from Quilters Cupboard quilt shop in Uxbridge. "Let's Tuckerize That Pattern". There will be items for sale during the break.

June 18th will be a social time and meeting.

In September we will be moving on from programs. We hope you have enjoyed the last two years of programs.

Workshops **Debbie Searle**

Workshops has been busy...we have just finished our March Workshop for the Quilted Vest. The numbers for attendance were low but we had lots of one-to-one time with our very talented teacher Yvette Chilcott. We all managed to leave with an almost completed vest. Thank you Yvette.

April's workshop the Paper Pieced Table Runner is full and taking names for a wait list.

May's Wool Workshop is also full and a wait list has been started.

September 19th the workshop is Folded Star Square Trivet and will be taught by Ronda Hough. The signup will take place at the Guild Meetings.

The Workshop Committee has booked Yvette Chilcott for **October 24th** for a Crumb Quilted Bag class. November 28th workshop is Miniature Square in Square Paper Piecing with Diane Fuller.



Comfort Quilts

Cathy Herrington

Comfort Quilts continues to be a busy beehive of quilting. Since September we have provided over 130 quilts to those in need of a hug.

Don't forget we meet twice a month:
Brighton Community Centre - 1st Wednesday of the month
Frankford United Church - 3rd Thursday of the month
Come on out and join us.

Website

Anne Pennington

The guild is lucky enough to have a website with a calendar of events that can be updated quickly! Let's use it to our advantage 😊. Put it in your browser favourites so that you can quickly access it as a quick reminder of meetings, workshops, retreats, comfort quilts and other quilting things of interest.

Don't forget to send your event dates for publishing on our website to Anne Pennington (email listed in the membership list.) Please type in the subject line "For The TVQG Website" to draw it to my attention. These e-mails are given priority!

UFO/PHD

Midge Trauzzi

UFO (Unfinished Fabric Object) meets on the 2nd Friday of each month except December at the Brighton Community Centre. The meeting time is from 9:00 - 2:45. Bring a brown bag lunch. Tea and coffee provided. Fee for the day is \$6.00. You are working on your own projects - unfinished objects or projects half done or starting something new. There is show and share throughout the day and someone to help when you have run into a concern. It is an enjoyable day to get to know members of the guild. Signing up is required. Any questions please give me a call or send me an e-mail.

Dates will be on the guild calendar.

2025 dates are as follows: **April 11, May 9, June 13, July 11, August 8, September 12, October 10, and November 14.**

Christmas Placemats

Janet Kivisto

The prize winner in December was Jane Green.

Retreat 2025

Debbie Dupuis

The plans for the Retreat at Glen House Resort in Gananoque are moving along for **September 22 through 25.**

There are still a few rooms available. We have tentatively booked 15 rooms and 12 are now spoken for.

Fran Vidal is looking after the dietary restrictions/sensitivities. She is coordinating with Glen House and their chef. If you are attending and have any allergies/sensitivities, please let Fran know. For all other inquiries, contact myself, Debbie Dupuis or Beverley Dew. Contact information is on the membership list.

Most ladies are booking for all three nights.

Ronda Hough is the vendor again this year. Ronda is asking if there is anything specific that attendees are interested in. She will also be hosting a project to make. Always exciting!!

See you there!!

Mini Retreat

Midge Trauzzi

The Spring Mini Retreat is set for Thursday, **May 15th** from 9:00 - 7:30 and Friday **May 16th** 9:00 - 2:45 at the Brighton Community Centre.

The retreat is full, but if you would like to go on the wait list please contact June Armstrong. Her e-mail is on the membership list.

Global Connection Sampler Platter

Sarah Roberts

Twice a year, the Global Quilt Connection puts on a "sampler platter" of 18 quilting/fibre arts presentations via Zoom and YouTube over two days, for a total of six hours. These presentations can be viewed for up to 72 hours after the live presentations through the original link to the event. The Guild has participated in these sessions a few times now, and members who have taken advantage of the sessions all agree it is a worthwhile endeavour! It has also been beneficial for our Programs Committee to source new and exciting presentations for our guild meetings. The beauty of being able to view them after the live presentations is that you can "fast forward" through sessions you might not have interest in, or view and re-view them multiple times.

The next sampler platter is **May 3 and 4, 2025, 3 to 6 p.m.**, Eastern Time. The Guild is already registered to attend. There will be more information in the form of a Zoom link to the presentations, and a PDF package from the presenters on their portion of the presentation closer to that date. These links are for TVQG members only! You may NOT share the link to a non-member.

Look for the additional information in your email in late April!

CQA Quilt Show Sponsorship

Sarah Roberts

Late in 2024, member Deanna Gaudaur brought up the subject of a sponsorship/donation to the Canadian Quilters Association (CQA) to help fund prizes, workshops and lectures at the annual CQA Show in Toronto in **June, 2025**. She thought she recalled that the Guild had done that in the past. There is no doubt that the national show is a massive (and expensive) undertaking. I spoke to President Linda Lake about this possibility, and she made sure their committee sent us the letter requesting a donation/sponsorship if possible. At the TVQG Executive meeting in January 2025, we discussed this and agreed it was a worthy idea. We also agreed on the amount of \$500, to be used for National Juried Show prizes or wherever most needed. The CQA does give us many resources and this is one way we as a Guild can give back. And you might just see our Guild name somewhere at the show!



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