



*December 2021*

## TRENT VALLEY QUILTER'S GUILD

Meetings are normally held on the third Wednesday of the month September through June 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. Due to Covid-19, we are currently meeting via Zoom. A link to the meeting is emailed to all members each month.

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## President's Message

Rita Downhill

Well, it is hard to believe but here we are getting all our Christmas projects completed and rolling into the Christmas season. My husband & I did get a quick trip in up to the Haliburton area for 3 days with our car club. It was very enjoyable, and the Fall colours up there were at their peak. Fall is my favourite season of the year and the Haliburton Fall colours have become my inspiration for my next quilt. It's a spiral Bargello so I am really challenging myself 😊.

I am looking forward to our Christmas meeting. Sarah Roberts has a great session planned for us. Remember to wear that god awful Christmas sweater and a Christmas hat if you have one. I have received wonderful comments about Brandon Wulff's presentation on Weds Nov 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021. If you missed the meeting and haven't yet done so, please make sure that you view the recording. His presentation was just stunning. I have to delete these recordings prior to our next meeting so that we do not go over our Zoom limit.

Our Guild activities are ramping back up. Comfort Quilts is back in operation and we have had one Workshop and another planned for later in November.

We hope to go back to live meetings in January but if so, it will be with limited numbers and social distancing. Also, our speaker will be over Zoom and will involve us in some creative geeky techno to pull all the pieces together, so everything works. I am looking for some volunteers to handle all our computer needs for us. If you are interested and have the skills, please e-mail me.

To finish may I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and A Happy, Healthy New Year.

Best regards,

Rita.

**Pop of Poinsettia** free pattern



## Vice-President's Message

Nancy Wallace

Greetings fellow quilters. One of the first things I did once I officially became the Vice-President was...forget to send in a Newsletter submission for the September Newsletter...so I'm off to a good start!! I'm a little late getting on the bandwagon but I guess it's better late than never ;) So here goes.

It's an honour and a privilege to take on this role. Just to make sure that I play my part as best I can, my husband has begun to address me as Ms. Vice-President. I'm really enjoying that, coming from him!

During this very interesting past year and a half or so, the dynamic of our Guild has had to change. But thank goodness for technology, we have been able to keep connected through online Guild meetings, virtual UFO days, participation in the Guild BOM project and round robin, etc. But there is nothing like being together – in person - and this has finally started to happen with UFO days and Comfort Quilts meetings.

Hopefully we will keep moving in a positive direction and one day get back to having regular, in-person, monthly Guild meetings! In the meantime, we will forge ahead and celebrate virtually in December, donning our best Christmas duds at the online Guild meeting, while snacking and drinking and letting our hair down! I sincerely look forward to spending time with those who attend. For those of you who won't be present, I wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

From, Ms. Vice-Present, just kidding,  
Nancy Wallace



**Snow Day** free pattern

<b>Past President</b>	<b>Judy Gray</b>
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No report

<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Joan Cohrs</b>
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No report

<b>Membership</b>	<b>Donna Brawley</b>
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We would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. Merry Christmas from the membership committee.

Donna Brawley and Donna Simpson

<b>Quilt Show</b>	<b>Sarah Roberts &amp; Team</b>
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We have another mystery Block of the Month! At our last Quilt Show (2018), all 24 quilts from that year’s BOM were displayed on the glass around the arena floor. It was an impressive display, and it was so interesting to overhear comments like, “Oh, they’re all the same pattern!”. For our show in 2023, we could potentially circle the rink with TWO years’ projects!

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone!

Sarah Roberts



**Christmas Tree Farm** free pattern

## Program

Sarah Roberts

December Merry Christmas Program via Zoom, December 15, 2021

Hello fellow quilters! Merry Christmas! and Happy New Year!!

For the program portion of our regular Guild meeting on December 15, we are going to have a party! Though we aren't meeting in person quite yet, we can still celebrate the season safely. So, for this party, we'd like you to wear your festive (or ugly festive) Christmas clothing and accessories, use a festive beverage container (even if it's just a red Solo cup), and have your beverage of choice, a holiday treat or two, play some games, and win some prizes!

Prizes can be won by anyone in attendance at the Zoom meeting (so find a friend to enjoy the meeting with, if you don't do Zoom on your own!). We will draw names from a hat and deliver your prize to you before Christmas.

For the Show and Share portion of the meeting, we want to see your quilted Christmas-themed items--quilts, wall hangings, table runners, tree skirts, decorations--I am sure you have many to choose from! Email pictures of your items to Sarah Roberts to be included in a slide show. Start now with those pictures, don't wait until the week of the meeting, please!! There will be a prize for the oldest Christmas treasure you show us!

Please join in the fun, laugh with us, and have a joyous and blessed Christmas!

For our January meeting, Brandy Maslowski of Quilter on Fire will present her "Studio Magnificent" lecture--After having her studio featured in Studios magazine twice and most recently in Quilter's Connection Magazine, Brandy dove into clearing clutter, organizing her stash, and managing her creative space in way that works for a busy creator and lasts. She inspires with tips on storage and ideas to make your space a creative sanctuary that you will want to return to again and again. What better way to start the new year!

Sarah Roberts  
Programs

Smittens Table Runner free pattern



<b>Workshop Convenor</b>	<b>Kathy Herron</b>
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No report

<b>Comfort Quilt Convenors</b>	<b>Cathy Herrington</b>
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## Season's Greetings from Comfort Quilts

Comfort Quilts has been blessed to receive several donations of fabric, which we are putting to use creating beautiful quilts 😊

Even though we've only been meeting since September, we had enough quilts to make donations to the Belleville CAS and the Belleville Three Oaks Women's Shelter. Both organizations were very thankful to receive our quilts, which they will use for Christmas gifts to those in need.

Just a reminder that Comfort Quilts will be meeting in Brighton on Wednesday, December 1.....**BUT** our Frankford December meeting is **cancelled**.



**Silent Night Table Topper** free pattern

<b>Website</b>	<b>Sue Davies</b>
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The website will continue to be updated with a number of items. You can expect to find additional information on the history of the guild; upcoming events; newsletters; and each installment of the Mystery Quilt.

The guild's archives continue to be processed. Thanks to Sharon F. who lent me a stack of newsletters! A lot of the guild's Minutes in hard copy were passed to me. As they became available electronically the collection gets fractured. If anybody knows of a collection of Minutes after 2013 please let me know. A few gaps in the Minutes are as follows: November 2002, February to April 2007; and October to December, 2007. If you have any of these Minutes please forward them to me. I can be reached by the email listed in the member list or through the website.

Thanks so much

Sue Davies

**Library**

**Judy Elliott**

No report

**UFO/PHD**

**Midge Trauzzi**

The following are the dates for UFO/PHD in 2022 being held at the Brighton Community Centre. 9:00 - 3:30 on a Friday. Please mark your calendar.

There is NO UFO/PHD in December.

January 14

February 11

March 11

April 8

May 13

June 10

July 8

August 12

September 9

October 14

November 11

**MINI RETREAT**

May 19 and 20

October 20 and 21

Currently because of Covid rules we are limited to 25 people per meeting. When the restrictions are changed, I will send everyone an update. Any questions please give me a call or send me an e-mail. Have a Merry and healthy Christmas. See you in 2022!

Cheers, Midge

**Christmas Placemats**

**Jane Baier**

I want to thank everyone who has made Christmas placemats this year! We are nearly at the total number needed for this year, up by 55 from last year to a total of 225! We are at 212 at the moment with many more to come in while I am at the BCC on Dec. 1 for Comfort Quilts. That is the final day I will be taking them in.

I hope we go over the number needed as it is always good to have a stash for the next year. Remember each placemat gets a ticket with your name on it to possibly win a gift certificate from #1 Sewing Centre for \$25.00. The draw for the winning ticket will be made on the day of our Dec. zoom meeting.

We have done this for several years now and I know that ,while it is a good incentive, most members make these placemats to bring a little joy to the folks receiving them with their Meals on Wheels. For that I am exceedingly grateful!

May you all enjoy a very Merry Christmas! 🎄🎄🎄👤🎄❤️

Jane

**Sunshine**

**Darlene Blanchet**

Just a friendly reminder to contact me either by phone or email should you know of any member who is ill; recently had surgery or passed away so that I can send a card on behalf of the TVQG.

I received a thank you note from Ron Livingstone acknowledging our donation to the Trenton Humane Society in Memory of Nicky.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and all the best for 2022 when we will hopefully be able to return to in person monthly meetings.

Thanks Elise.

Darlene Blanchet  
Sunshine Convenor

**Snow Fun** free pattern



<b>Social</b>	<b>June Armstrong &amp; Tina May</b>
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No report

<b>Retreat</b>	<b>Pat Brinklow &amp; team</b>
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We are very excited to share that planning is well underway for TVQG Retreat 2022. It will be held at The Glen House Resort in Gananoque on October 4 - 6, 2022.

To find out how many members are interested in attending the Retreat, an email will be sent out next week. When you respond that you are interested, your name will be added to the list.

Stay tuned for updates as details evolve.

Your Retreat Committee:

Elaine Combdon, Sarah Roberts, Louise Oberwarth, Cheryl Lafferty, Pat Brinklow

**Poinsettia Table Runner** free pattern



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Christmas Tree Trio free pattern



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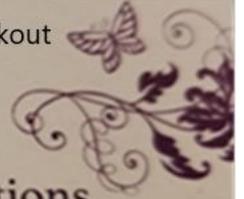
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