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Meetings are usually 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

Judy Gray

Greetings Fellow Guild Members!

The lazy hazy days of summer are upon us as we wind down our Guild year!

It's been a very different year this year for our Guild for sure, but we are getting through it together!

It certainly has given us LOT'S of time to complete UFO's as well as start new projects.

We will be having an excellent show and share in the future I can see!

Those who have participated in the mystery quilt are trying all kinds of new techniques!

I just finished my YO-YO's and that was a fun adventure for sure, but they turned out so cute!!

I can't imagine making a whole quilt made from these, but many have, of which they just gained my utmost respect!

There will be some more interesting things coming down the tube as we think of fall, so stay tuned to that as they roll out.

We are in hopes that you will get lots of updates through our ever-popular Newsletter.

This is a very useful tool to keep ourselves up to date to what is happening in our Guild.

Our thoughts are fast forwarding to Spring 2021! when it will be Quilt Show time once again.

It's always such an exciting time for our Guild as it allows us to show forth our wares and the strength of our Guild.

I must say that by far we have one of the best quilt shows in this area!!

Something to look forward to for sure.

Several Members are posting things on our Facebook page so keep checking that out, as well I encourage you to post what you are working on, or have completed, so we can share in your joy of what you have been doing to keep busy. It's always so inspiring to see other people's work.

We have had several online Executive meetings of which there has been positive discussion as to how and when we will be able to meet again. We are encouraged as we see many places starting to open.

As things roll out, we wait patiently for our turn to come.

It's coming!

Things are starting to un-hold!

But for now:

The sun is shining!

The weather is hot!

Birds are singing with great joy!

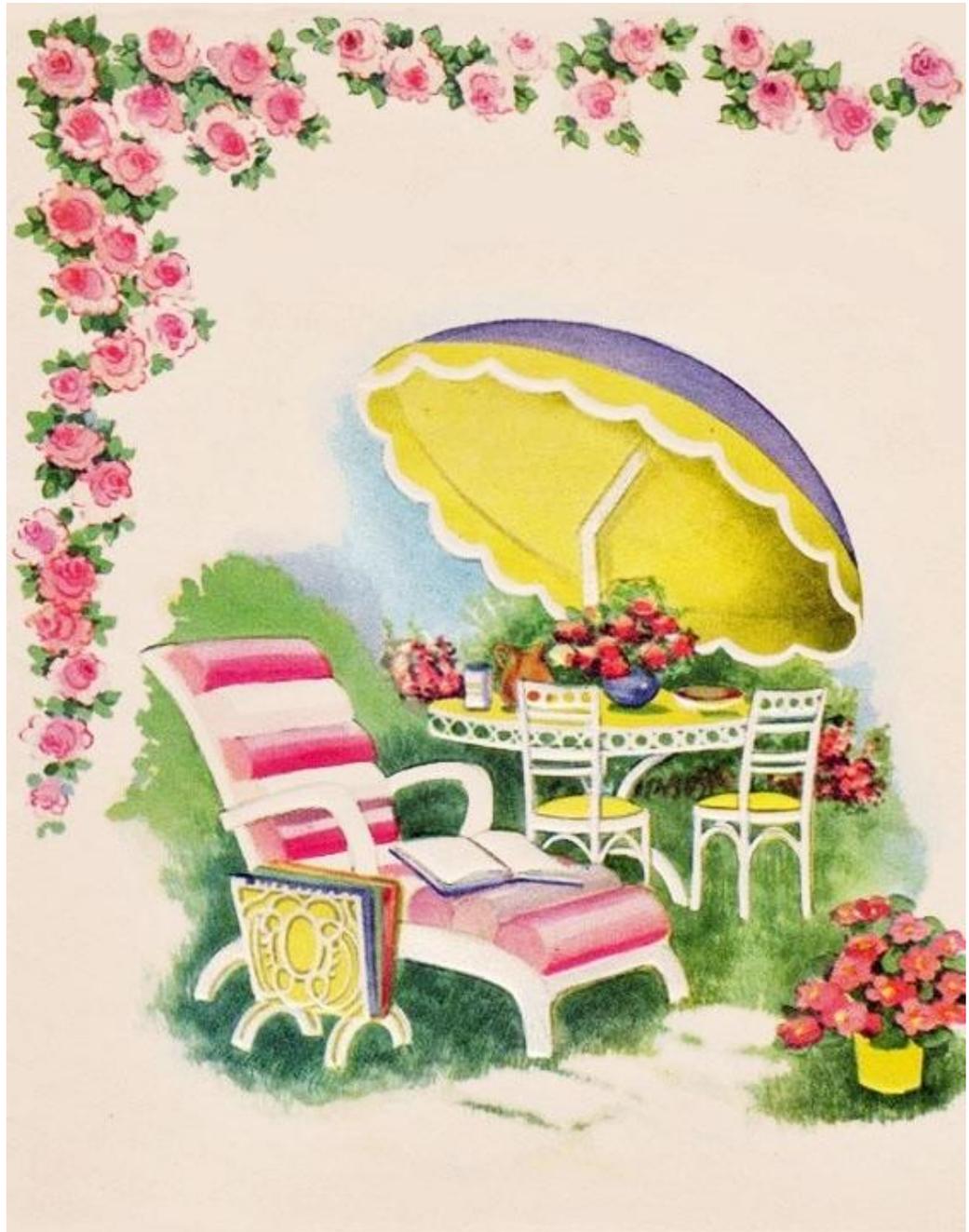
For the lazy, hazy days of summer are upon us!!

Breathe it in as we waited a long time for it to come!

Enjoy your summer!

Until we meet again!

Your quilting friend,
and your president
Judy Gray



A note from your Nominations Committee.

Dear Members. We are all well aware that we are living in unusual times. Of course, this means that we have to adjust our thinking, and our habits to a new 'normal'. Normally, you would have received a list of names for consideration in our May meeting. The voting and installation would happen at our June meeting. Since we are not meeting at present, you will find a list in this report for your consideration. These Members have graciously stepped up to fill four vacant positions on the Executive.

Social: Heather McKellar

Membership: Donna Brawley

Website: Sue Davies

Sunshine: Darlene Blanchet.

We want to extend our thanks to retiring officers.....however, in this case, everyone is continuing as some form of service for the Guild. Heather will continue in her position with Social (we love that smiling face). Donna Simpson will remain on committee with Donna Brawley (They are a great team). Darlene Blanchet moves from Website to Sunshine. Thank you to Susan Petroff for handling Sunshine position so well! Thanks also to Sue Davies for her willingness to take on Website.

Members, you have the rest of the Summer to consider these names. If you have some objection to any nominee, please e-mail me personally. If you have a sudden and overwhelming desire to serve in any of these positions, contact me to submit your name.

In the event that we cannot meet in September, you will be contacted via e-mail as to the confirmation procedure.

Finding Members who are willing to serve on the Executive is not always easy. I was particularly concerned about Website. Thank you to all who showed interest.

Our roster to fill was fairly small this year. Next year is a different story. I urge every Member to think seriously about how they could best serve the Guild. If there is any area that may interest you, ie. Library, Social, Programs, Workshops etc. Please put yourself on that committee and familiarize yourself with its duties and procedures. You are needed!

Also, to our Members who are not able to serve in any 'official' capacity. Thank you for your years of faithful service and volunteering in the Guild. You are the foundation of this organisation. We appreciate your ongoing contribution of support and encouragement to Trent Valley Quilters Guild.

Until we meet again,
Blessings.

Hattie Van Dyk
Past President
Nomination Committee

Behind the Seams 2021

A year from now, our Quilt Show will be over and done!! And, a huge success, we plan and hope!

For now, we keep pressing forward. We pray for the new normal, that will allow us to gather again as a guild, to show to our communities the beauty we have all created in this time of enforced solitariness. (Is that a word?? Spell-check left it alone!) Sometimes, doubts creep in--will we even be "there", in that will we be able to meet and to display? Will we be able to open the doors to others to show off our creativity?

And the answer can only be.....YES! We cannot throw in the white towel before we have begun. We will continue to plan, to explore ideas and themes, to organize. If there comes a day when we have to make another decision, we will do that--but for now, THIS QUILT SHOW IS GONNA ROCK!

The venue is booked. I've been given an idea for a guest artist. We three convenors are going to meet (in-person, on my patio, six feet apart!) on Monday. And further plans will evolve and be acted on!

Right now, these are things that keep coming to mind:

1. I am looking for someone who is experienced in (at the very least, INTERESTED in) marketing and advertising. Frankly, we MAY face some competition from many other quilt shows that MAY rebook for next year because they have had to cancel this year. So, we need to do everything we can to make OUR quilt show stand out, and spread the word! If you have ideas about how to do this, please send me an email and spell them out! Ideally, if you have ideas, you want to help us along the whole way!



2. The Raffle Quilt. Through the generosity of three people (Georgia Rogers, Marilyn Edmonds, Deanna Gaudaur), our Raffle Quilt is done. This show is a major fund raiser for our guild. We live on income from quilt shows for the three years after each show. Specifically, the Raffle Quilt raises funds for Comfort Quilts. Did you know that Comfort Quilts has distributed 143 quilts this year?? One hundred forty-three warm hugs to

people who need them. It is the "charitable" component in our guild. (Do you remember, as part of your membership in our guild, that you are mandated to make or contribute to the making of one comfort quilt per year?) To make it easier for Comfort Quilts to continue their very valuable work, we raise funds through the Raffle Quilt. For batting, cans of spray baste, thread, and fabric needed over and above generous donations. As members of the Guild, we each need to sell some tickets on this quilt. We also need to sell tickets through other means--taking the quilt to other local guilds to display, and other possible venues (fairs, libraries, street scenes). And of course, we sell tickets at the show. We have to have a lottery licence and a separate bank account for this undertaking. **WE NEED A COORDINATOR FOR ALL THIS!** Please, help us help others by volunteering for this important position with the quilt show committee. It would be perfectly OK to share this leadership role with a friend!

3. I would like to have someone on-board NOW who is interested in being a convenor or co-convenor for the 2024 show. If you have some of this experience through the 2021 show, the 2024 show will be a breeze! Especially if you don't have to navigate around a pandemic!!! Let me know if you are interested!

So, for now, although I won't be at the front of the meeting, informing/asking/pushing you every chance I get, just know that we are working hard on a successful show next June. Keep creating those beautiful items to enter in the show. We want it all!

If anyone has any questions or concerns, please feel free to send me an email! And keep working on staying safe, for yourselves and those around you. So that we can meet as a group again, when guild resumes in the Fall!

Sarah Roberts
Quilt Show Co-Convenor



Program

Tina May

Summer greetings from the Programming committee.

It is so hard to schedule the up coming meeting season until we are sure when we will start again. We do know that our members have been busy finishing many of the UFOs and using up the fabric which we had prepared for just such an emergency (AKA our stash). No doubt the Show and Share at our first meeting back will be a marathon session. Enjoy the summer and carry on quilting!

Tina May, June Armstrong, Betty Ann Knutson, and
Linda Broere

Workshop Convenor

Marie Newman

Hello all.

I can't tell you how much I miss you, my fellow quilters.

Workshops have been rescheduled and we are hopeful we may be able to see you all soon. Here's our schedule for now, but keep in mind it could still change.

- September 25, 2020. Paper Piecing (runner or table center piece) with Carolyn Biersworth
- October 23, 2020. Curved Log Cabin Fall Runner with Jennifer Swallow
- November 20, 2020 Curved Piecing with Raw Edge Appliqué with Al Côte
- January 22, 2021 Thread Painting with Judy Elliott
- April and May 2021 will be Patch Work Illusions with Paul Leger and Quilting Basics and More with Yvette Chilcott. Dates yet to be determine when Paul gets back to me.

CQA Liaison

Stella Dorsman

The Board of Directors of CQA have been monitoring the announcements from Canadian health agencies and have made a couple of difficult decisions.

First, Quilt Canada 2020, scheduled for June in Edmonton, was postponed until September. Now, the show has been cancelled outright and will next take place on June 15-19, 2021 in Toronto.

Just another victim of the times we are living in. The Board of Directors is now working on how to share the wonderful quilts that were to be displayed at Quilt Canada on the website in a virtual quilt show. The new website will be launched this summer, showcasing Canadian quilting and quilters and some aspects of Quilt Canada 2020. If you have registered to attend Quilt Canada you will receive a full refund by cheque. If you have not received your refund by August 1st please contact CQA. The year 2021 will be the fortieth anniversary of Quilt Canada so should be quite a party.

Comfort Quilt Convenors

Nancy Wallace, Janice Hewitt & Judy Elliott
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Hello to all and I hope you and your families are healthy and that you are getting lots of UFOs finished! I can't say I have gotten any done but I have been working on other worthwhile projects.

Comfort Quilts has donated, since last September, a total of 143 quilts to those in need.

At the Guild yard sale held in March, Comfort Quilts made \$127.90. I would like to acknowledge and thank the family of June Humphries for their generous donation of quilting-related items to Comfort Quilts after June's passing. I would also like to thank members of the Guild who donated unsold items to Comfort Quilts. Thank you!

TVQG and Comfort Quilts are participating in the Quilt Drive for Nova Scotia. 13 completed quilts will be shipped to Nova Scotia on June 22nd for distribution to families and first responders affected by the horrible tragedy in April, 2020. If anyone is working on a quilt for Nova Scotia, I

would like to have them all by June 18th to prepare and deliver them for shipping by the 22nd. Many thanks to all those who participated in this very important effort. Your quilts (including those who volunteered to quilt the quilts!) will bring comfort and a sense of caring to those whose lives have been changed forever by the violence in Nova Scotia.



I look forward to when life returns to normal (or a new normal!) so that we can come together again and share our love of quilting. Take Care.

U.F.O.

Midge Trauzzi

UFO is on hold at the moment due to THE VIRUS. As soon as I receive the go-ahead I will advise the guild by e-mail. When we do start up it will be in a slightly different format. Any questions please give me a call or e-mail.

Cheers Midge

Round Robin Challenge

June Armstrong

After much thought, and consideration, and a couple of nudges, I have decided that waiting for September to continue is just too long.

Let's each pass along the project that we worked on in February and March, to the person to whom you normally pass.

After working this round, the project goes to the maker of the original centre block. It was planned to have a big reveal at our Guild meeting in the spring, but each reveal will now be a personal one. (And maybe share on the guild Facebook page).

Not to put a hard and fast deadline on it, but let's try to pass along each project in a timely fashion. Maybe first pass in the coming week, and the last one by mid-July.

June Armstrong,
Round Robin Challenge co-ordinator,
Programme Committee member.

Retreat 2020

Pat Brinklow

Your Retreat Committee is working on and looking forward to ensuring that Retreat 2021 will be one that guild members will not want to miss! More information will be coming soon, so stay tuned!

Enjoy your summer and stay well until we meet again!

Louise Oberwarth, Sarah Roberts, Elaine Combden, Pat Brinklow, our email addresses are on our website and we'd love to hear from you.



Website**Darlene Blanchet**

Our web address is <http://trentvalleyquiltersguild.com>

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

Our homepage on our website needs regular updating to be current, so please send me your suggestions and any photos you think might enhance our webpages. Any committees wishing info posted are urged to send it to me so that I can update those specific pages.

I appreciate your understanding as I struggled to navigate this technology. I am hoping that everyone has stayed healthy during this difficult time and wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer. Hopefully, we'll be able to see each other in September.

Cheers
Darlene

Library**Pat Leblanc**

Pat has nothing to report concerning the library, but hopes you all have a wonderful summer.

Sunshine**Susan Petroff**

As my tenure as Sunshine Convener comes to an end, I would like to say that it has been a pleasure to hold this position.

Being able to send "Get Well Wishes" and "Condolence Messages" to our members indicate the caring nature and compassion we have for all our guild members.

I now happily pass the torch to a lovely member of our guild; Darlene Blanchet. I know you will thoroughly enjoy this job Darlene.

Social**Heather McKellar**

The social committee would love to dress up the round tables when we have our "parties" and are on the lookout for round tablecloths. The tables are 60 inches in diameter not including an overhang.

If you have any tablecloths that "fit the bill" please speak to the social committee.



Membership**Donna Simpson**

Greetings from Donna Simpson, registration.

We are hoping to resume with the September Trent Valley Quilting Guild meeting. You can mail your registration during July and August or register by September 30, 2020. Donna Brawley will be taking over registration September 1, 2020 however I will be assisting her this next year. Please send a cheque for \$30 along with the registration form found on the Trent Valley Quilters Guild web site to Donna Brawley's address found on bottom of the form. We will keep the cheques until such time as we can resume our meeting. We miss you all and hope to see you come September.

Donna Simpson and Donna Brawley

Treasurer; regarding banking info**Joan Cohrs**

We have modified our banking arrangements to allow us to make mobile cheque deposits and to accept e-transfers. This minimizes the cash that needs to be handled and taken to the bank. E-transfer instructions will be provided on the membership renewal form.

If anyone has any questions please call or email.

Take care everyone, Joan Cohrs

Upcoming Quilt Shows

There are no confirmed quilt shows to announce at this time.

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Membership	Donna Simpson

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Retreat	Pat Brinklow
Social	Heather McKellar
CQA Liaison	Stella Dorsman
Library	Pat Leblanc
Comfort Quilts	Nancy Wallace with Janice Hewitt
Christmas Placemats	Jane Baier
U.F.O.	Midge Trauzzi
Website	Darlene Blanchet
Newsletter	Yvette Chilcott
Sunshine	Susan Petroff

NEXT MEETING

Hopefully September 2020

We'll let you know, in the
meantime, have a GREAT
Summer!

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