



Spool Talk



June 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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The articles should relate to our guild and/or quilting. Photos should be in .jpg format.

Well, here it is, June already! The final meeting of our quilt guild year, which is also our Annual General Meeting. Some executive members will assume new roles when we return to meetings in September. Some will continue for another year.

My time as President is coming to a close. I am very thankful for the group of people who came together to help me with this presidency. And I know that the next group will be every bit as helpful and supportive! I will move on to being the Past President, helping with whatever needs to be done, but specifically to recruit new people to fill roles on the Executive in June 2026.

I have enjoyed these last two years very much. This guild is fun and always interesting. I know you all appreciate the things that the guild brings you--interesting speakers/programs, workshops, UFO days, retreats, and show and share. So much talent in this guild, displayed every month for all to see. And of course, the social aspect--Christmas and June meetings involve delicious snacks and beverages, and all the other months, we get to meet with our friends and share knowledge, laughter, sympathy when needed, and so much more.

We are a large guild (in numbers), so it can be a little overwhelming for new people. It is also overwhelming for a President to try and keep names with faces, and to make sure everyone feels welcome and valued! I hope I managed to do that. To our newest members--just embrace the experience, whether you are a beginner quilter or a confident expert. And if there is a particular quilting-related skill you may have, be sure to tell us--we all enjoy new ideas and tips and tricks! Getting involved with the various committees (not as the committee chair), will give you an idea of what that committee does for each of us. And just maybe, that involvement will make you some new friends, and give you the confidence to move into a committee chair position next year when I come calling.

Our guild quilt show is happening next June--do you have a project in mind - or started - or already done to enter into the show?? We'd love to see them!

I hope you enjoy your summer, and look forward to seeing all of you next September!

Vice-President's Message

Marie Newman

Hello everyone. As you know we are looking for a Vice President to replace me as I move to the position of President. The Vice President position does have a commitment of moving on to President but you get two years to watch and learn. There are very knowledgeable people in our guild who can be consulted when needed. Yes, life is busy but please consider volunteering as we need this position to be filled and I will need your help.

Past President/Nominations

Rita Downhill

Thanks to all who have stepped up and volunteered to fill most of our open Executive positions.

Our nominees are as follows:

Secretary - Tammy Glinski

Program - Diane Cichon

Workshops - Judy Elliott

Website - Sue Davies

Comfort Quilts - Cathy Herrington has agreed to continue in this role

Vice President. **We are still looking for a volunteer to fill this role.** Please contact Rita Downhill or Sarah Roberts if you are interested.

Here are the duties of the Vice President for your information:

Perform the President's duties in their absence.

Assist the President as deemed necessary.

Chair or sit on a committee of the guild.

Hold signing authority for guild expenses.

The role of Vice President is basically a shadowing function to learn the role of President which they take over after two years.

Hope this may inspire those who may be interested but feel a little intimidated at taking on the position.

Quilt Show 2026

Debbie Searle, Dianne Zevenbergen & Cathy Herrington

Reminder that the Quilt Show will be happening on **June 6th and 7th, 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 Convenor Volunteers will be asking you to sign up soon!



The co-chairs for the 2026 quilt show: Dianne Zevenbergen, Debbie Searle and Cathy Herrington



The beautiful quilt that will be raffled off at the quilt show. Tickets will be available soon. With the quilt are the talented creators: Stella Dorsman, Elise Williams, Deanna Gaudaur and Lesley Poper. What a talented team!

Program

Marie Newman & Lesley Poper

Lesley Poper and I are moving on from being the program coordinators. We have enjoyed this time of researching and presenting the different speakers. I must say that I always learn something at these programs which just gives me more to learn and do. I'm sure our next program coordinator will appreciate any suggestions you have for future programs. Diane Cichon will be a great program coordinator with the multitude of knowledge and skills she brings to this position. Thank you for your support over the last two years.

Workshops

Debbie Searle

Workshops for 2024-2025 are officially completed. The Committee hosted Judy Gray's Wool Appliqué class on Friday May 23rd. We had an energetic group and they were able to take home an almost completed project. Beautiful work everyone!

We the committee would like to thank the guild for such great involvement in the workshops for the past two years. We have really enjoyed our time getting to know the attendees and instructors and learning new skills! The new workshop committee convened by Judy Elliott will be taking over in September.

The fall line up is arranged with Ronda Hough on **September 19th** with a Folded Star Trivet, Yvette Chilcott will be sharing her talent on **October 24th** with a Crumb Quilted Bag class and on **November 28th** we have a Miniature Square in Square Paper Piecing workshop with Dianne Fuller.



Comfort Quilts

Cathy Herrington

Thank you to everyone for all your help with the making of the quilts for Comfort Quilts. Without your help we wouldn't be able to provide the hugs that we do.

Due to the low turn out of participants at our Frankford United Church location, this June 19th will be our last sewing day at the Frankford United Church.

Just a reminder that our Comfort Quilts sewing day held at the Brighton Community Centre is cancelled for Wednesday, June 4th.

Starting in September we will only hold our Comfort Quilt sewing day on the first Wednesday of the month at the Brighton Community Centre from 9:00 to 2:00.

Have a wonderful summer....and we will see you in September.

Website

Anne Pennington

No report

UFO/PHD

Midge Trauzzi

UFO (Unfinished Fabric Object) meets on the 2nd Friday of each month except December at the Brighton Community Centre (where the guild meetings are held). The meeting time is from **9:00 - 2:45**. Bring a brown bag lunch. Tea and coffee are 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 and also non guild members. Sign 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: **June 13, July 11, August 8, September 12, October 10, and November 14.**

Social Committee

Kathy Filson & Linda Knott

At our upcoming June meeting we will be having food and festivities.

Would everyone whose last name starts with the letter **Hi** through to the end of the alphabet please bring a small plate of light finger food.

The Social Committee will be supplying lemonade, tea and coffee. Please remember to lug your mug.

Retreat 2025

Debbie Dupuis

Fall Retreat - September 22 to 25, 2025.

The plans are moving along nicely! We have 22 enthusiastic quilters attending the 3 day Retreat at Glen House this September. There are still a few openings available.

The last day to register with me will be June 15th and you must pay for your room by **July 1, 2025.**

If anyone would like to be added to the list, please contact me by email or phone. My contact information is in the membership list.

See you there!

Mini Retreat

Midge Trauzzi

The spring Mini Retreat was held on May 15th & 16th. There was lots of sewing, showing and sharing, lots of treats and catching up with friends as well as amazing raffle gifts. The fall mini retreat is on **October 16 & 17th**. It will be held at the Brighton Community Centre on Thursday, from 9:00 - 7:30 and on Friday from 9:00 - 2:45. Brown bag lunch both days. Tea and coffee provided. Fee to be determined. Similar to UFO but with games, a terrific raffle draw, a mini market and a super vendor. Sewing machines are left up overnight and the room is secured. Sign up is required. We will have space for 42 quilters. More information will be provided in June regarding signing up and the fee.

A Chat with Past President Marilyn Edmonds

Sue Davies

I had a pleasant interview recently with Past President Marilyn Edmonds. Marilyn was President for the guild from 2004 to 2006.

Question: Did you enjoy being president?

Answer: I did. As a previous office and human resources manager I liked working with the team of like-minded quilters. There were only 40 members at that time. During that time we worked on forming a constitution for the guild.

Q: What was the worst aspect?

A: The committees disagreed sometimes.

Q: You and Joy Forge started the guild's Comfort Quilts program with Marion Payette joining a year later in 2004. Why did you start this charity group that still is going strong?

A: In 1998 a number of Kosovar refugees came to the Canadian Forces Base Trenton. Joyce Eggleston asked for assistance to show the refugees how to make baby quilts for their babies. We taught them with the group meeting at a local shop regularly. When they left around 1999 Joy and I decided we should continue doing this for the community. Frankford United Church allowed us to meet in the hall. Eventually Sharon French arranged for Comfort Quilts to also meet in the basement of the Smithfield United Church. We had 15-20 people show up at each venue to help. Back then we had to go out and approach Rotary groups to get donations for the required supplies. Many people who have received a Comfort Quilt don't forget the impact it had on them. Over the years we have handed out about 200 quilts per year to people in need.

Q: What was your favorite quilt to make?

A: I have included four pictures of some of my favourites. I have made over 600 quilts for charity and family.

Q: You are an accomplished quilter but is there a technique that you struggle with or don't enjoy?

A: I like a challenge but I would say paper piecing. I do less applique now due to arthritis. I like to build quilts with scraps.

Q: Any advice for someone is new to quilting?

A: Get a basic knowledge of quilting and then attend. Attend as many quilt groups, workshops, and classes as possible. Comfort Quilts is a great place to learn quilting skills.



Poppy Quilt (Pam Bono design), Wash Day Stars, Snowbirds in Flight, Scrappy Quilt

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Past President	Rita Downhill
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