Spool Talk

June 2026

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 — Marie Newman

Congratulations on Another Wonderful Year of Quilting.

The quilt show was a wonderful success. We should be very proud of ourselves for hosting such a successful quilt show.

Many of us were able to complete some long-overdue UFOs, and many of us learned new techniques to enhance our quilting skills.

Have a wonderful summer. Enjoy the warm weather, take a well-deserved break if you need one, and perhaps even find some time to quilt. I am looking forward to seeing you all in the fall.

Vice-President — Peggy Smith

As the 2025–2026 year comes to a close, it's hard to believe how quickly it has passed—and what a wonderful year it has been.

Our quilt show was a tremendous success, showcasing so many beautiful quilts. A special thank you to Debbie S, Dianne Z, and Cathy H for their outstanding leadership in guiding the show to such a high level. I heard countless compliments, especially about the thoughtful decorations—including the ladies' washroom—and the welcoming swag at the front entrance. It was those extra touches that truly set our show apart.

To all of our volunteers: thank you. Your time and effort made this success possible. Every contribution mattered.

The Block of the Month quilts were stunning, and our Feature Quilter, Dianne F, kept busy sharing her expertise and explaining how she creates her remarkable miniature quilts.

This past year was filled with fun and creativity, thanks in large part to Diane C for organizing engaging programs and challenges, and to Judy E for arranging excellent workshops. Cathy H, Tina M, and June A helped keep our community connected through comfort quilts, UFO projects, and mini retreats.

We were kept well informed by Sue D, Lee F, Danielle G, and Geri L, through the website, newsletters, archives, emails and the library. Louise S greeted us warmly at the door each meeting, Joan ensured we remained financially sound, and our president, Marie, led smooth and focused meetings. Sarah's knowledge and guidance were invaluable throughout the year.

Most of all, this has been a great year because of the incredible members of this guild—people who generously share their talents, knowledge, and, most importantly, their friendship.

I have truly enjoyed getting to know many of you better this year and look forward to many more meetings together in the future.

Enjoy the summer.

Nominations/Past President — Sarah Roberts

At our June meeting, which is the Annual General Meeting of our guild, we have a "changing of the guard" with respect to some Executive positions and Committee Chairs.

This June, the following people/positions will finish their term, which they started two years ago. We thank them for volunteering, and for their time and talent in our Guild. We wouldn't be the open, friendly guild we are without you!

Geri Logan, Library committee
Louise Swallow, Membership
Debbie Dupuis, October "big" Retreat coordinator

Lee Farmes, Sunshine, and
Sue Davies, Newsletter (Sue will remain as our Website coordinator)

People have stepped up to fill or stay in these positions. Three people for the Library Committee, which is wonderful! Lori McLeish, Janet Spittle, and Janice Wentzell.
We suddenly, sadly lost Wendy McCrory, our Library Draw person this year. Valerie Coatham has volunteered to fill this position.
Dianne Zevenbergen volunteered to be in charge of the Membership Committee, with Eve Paro helping her.
Fran Vidal will be taking over Newsletter.
Lee Farmes, Sunshine Committee, finishes her two year term this month, and has agreed to continue in this capacity.
Debbie Dupuis has finished up her term as our "big retreat" coordinator. An executive decision was made to cancel the retreat for 2026, and a tentative date in late October 2027 has been booked at Glen House Resort near Gananoque. Deb Dupuis stepped up, with helpers, to coordinate the retreat again in 2027.
There has, in the past, been a Canadian Quilters' Association (CQA) representative. Joan Cohrs has been handling this, but if anyone is interested in being the contact person for our Guild with the CQA, please let me know!

Committee chairs continuing in their positions for one more year are:
President, Marie Newman
Vice President, Peggy Smith
Past President, Sarah Roberts
Treasurer, Joan Cohrs
Secretary, Tammy Glinski.
Comfort Quilts, Cathy Herrington
Programs, Diane Cichon
Social Committee, Heather McKellar
Workshops, Judy Elliiott
Danielle Gagnon, our membership email distributor, has agreed to carry on in that position.

The recently completed Quilt Show was a great success! The Quilt Show leadership will be determined in the coming year.
Unless there are additional nominations from the floor, in which case there will be an election, the "new" committee members will be sworn in at the Annual General Meeting.

Thank you everyone for your service to the Guild, past, present and future!

Treasurer — Joan Cohrs

What a great quilt show! Congratulations and thanks to all the organizers and volunteers for their efforts.
I am still working on the Quilt Show financial statement and will present a final report along with the Guild's annual financial statements at our September meeting.
Our year end is July 31st, so please **submit any outstanding requests for expense reimbursement as soon as possible.**

Quilt Show — Debbie Searle, Dianne Zevenbergen & Cathy Herrington

The 2026 “Behind the Seams” Quilt Show is now a beautiful memory.

Some review of your wonderful suggestions will be done then the planning starts again.
Totals and final report will be available and presented when completed.
Thank you to everyone who had some part in the quilt show.

The arena has been booked for the next Quilt Show….

June 2nd and 3rd of 2029!!

Start those sewing machines everyone and let the quilting begin.

Raffle tickets: I am super stoked to say that we had a sellout for the Quilt Raffle Tickets.
Our winner was Jennifer Sotiriou from Colborne. She is guild member Carol McArthur's daughter and Carol tells me the ticket was sold in December.
I would like to thank my husband for helping me sell at No Frills, Deb Searle who helped me sell at the Independent Grocery store, Maggie Goode and her helper who took the quilt and tickets to the PEC guild, and to all guild members who bought and sold our tickets. In addition, I'd like to thank Suzanne Wortman, Doreen Kennedy, Janet Parker and Eileen Blumenstein for volunteering to sell during the show. A final thank you to Carm Herrington who pulled the winning ticket. I couldn't have done it without you all.
I will announce top seller and draw for 2 winners for those who sold full books of tickets at the guild meeting.
Heartfelt thanks, Dianne Z

Boutique: Our members’ boutique was a great success. Your beautiful handmade pieces were stunning, so many people were impressed by your creativity. We are happy to share that the mug rugs sold in great numbers and Pat Artkin from Brighton Food Bank was thrilled when we told her about the donation – the final total will be announced at our June meeting.
On behalf of the boutique, a huge thank you to all who helped with the display, you did a truly wonderful job, greeting customers so kindly and managing the cash with such care. None of this would have been possible without your help. Thanks, Diane C.

Program — Diane Cichon

Looking ahead to 2026-27, we have an exciting year in the works such as inspiring speakers, fresh new challenges, and yes… even a fashion show!
May your summer be filled with joy and plenty of time spent with family and friends!
Happy sewing!

Sunshine — Lee Farmes

Please continue to contact me if you hear of a member that is going through a difficult time.

Comfort Quilts — Cathy Herrington

Comfort Quilts would like to extend their **THANKS** for all your support this year….whether it was through a donation of fabric, a quilt top, quilting one of our quilts, sewing on the binding/hearts and/or pressing fabric. We had very busy sew days this year and it was wonderful to see so many new faces.
Comfort Quilts was able to provide over 140 quilts this year to those in need of a hug 😘.
THANK YOU….THANK YOU….to everyone who either sold or bought tickets on the quilt raffle.
Congrats to Dianne Zevenbergen….you did an amazing job organizing the ticket sales 😊👍🏻.
Comfort Quilts is taking a break for July & August….we look forward to seeing everyone when we resume on September 2nd at the Brighton Community Centre.

Workshops — Judy Elliott

The future workshops planned are:
June 26: If you have ever wanted to learn how to sew circles without puckers, Yvette Chilcott will teach. Yvette is well known for her patience and teaching abilities.
October 30: Fran Vidal is teaching Trapunto.
You may register for both at the June 17th guild meeting.
The November workshop will be all about Christmas gifts.
Workshops are $30.00 and go from **9:00** to **2:45**. Tea and coffee available. Bring your lunch and enjoy a day of learning, laughter and comradeship.

Website www.trentvalleyquiltersguild.com — Sue Davies

The guild's website will be updated in the near future. Photos of the recent quilt show will be available. You can see the photos under Our Site Index: Quilt Show Pics, 2026 Quilt Show.
You can save a copy of any of the photos by: click on the picture you want and then right click to "save the image".
Please note that every effort was made to capture all the items in the show and to spell your names correctly but no promises!

UFO/PHD — Tina May

On the second Friday of each month we gather to sew what ever we want, socialize with other quilters, make new friends or meet up with old ones. New quilters will find willing helpers if you have a problem or need advise. We love to show and share our completed works.
The day starts at **9:00 am** finishing up at **2:45** pm. We have room for 36 quilters and if you want to attend you must sign up and get confirmation that there is a space for you. We do keep a waiting list to fill in if one of the signed-up quilters is not able to come at the last minute.
There is often an opportunity to sign up for UFO at the monthly guild meeting or by emailing me.
The cost of attending is a mere $6. Bring your own lunch of course. Come and join us!

Retreat 2027 — Debbie Dupuis

The Fall Retreat has been postponed until October 2027.
I now have a committee to help out with the planning. Looking forward to having the extra time to prepare for a great get away!

Mini Retreat — June Armstrong

The dates for the Fall Mini Retreat will be announced soon, and it will be held at the Brighton Community Centre. Questions can be directed to me through e-mail.

Sharing with the guild

Do you have something you would like to share with the guild? If it is **guild or quilt related** you may share it through our email system.
You can email Danielle, the guild's email coordinator, and it will be shared with the members. Send complete information including your contact information to **trentvalleyquiltersguild5@gmail.com** and Danielle will share it with the guild via email.

In Memoriam

Remembering guild members who we have lost in the last year:

Doreen Felice
Joy Forge (founding member of Comfort Quilts)
Wendy McCrory
Donna Simpson

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Newsletter	Sue Davies
Retreat 2027	Debbie Dupuis
Mini Retreat	June Armstrong
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Christmas Placemats	Janet Kivisto
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Sunshine	Lee Farmes
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2026 Quilt Show	Debbie Searle, Cathy Herrington & Dianne Zevenbergen

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