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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

Here we are in November already with weather that seems more like Spring!

What a refreshing surprise to enjoy with all that has been going on in our crazy world.

Although this year has had many challenges, we remain strong with hopes for better days ahead.

We've had to "reinvent the wheel" as the saying goes with being creative when meeting people, going places, and doing the everyday things of life.

We're striving hard as a Guild to stay connected and come up with new ways to do things.

I thank you all for your much patience as we are trying to work out a few bugs in the learning curve. I am excited to have our meetings monthly now via the internet. It's good to see what everyone is up to these days and sharing quilting experiences together! Staying home more certainly is good to catch up on projects that I have been putting off as well as a chance to try new things. If you have been participating in the Mystery Quilt you know how much fun it has been to try different techniques. I am learning so much as we go along. Hopefully this will also give you opportunities to make those Christmas gifts that somehow you have been avoiding! Christmas decorating is on my agenda this weekend so with that I am sending some Christmas Cheer!

Here is a great way to make your house smell like Christmas throughout the season!

### CHRISTMAS POTPOURRI

- 1 large bowl of cranberries, fresh or frozen; dried also works
- 3 oranges or mandarins, sliced
- 3 cinnamon sticks
- 3 star anise (bulk barn)
- 1 teaspoon cloves
- 1 1/4" piece of fresh ginger, cut into circles
- 1 vanilla bean pod
- 1 small evergreen branch
- 1 large cup of cranberry juice

Cover all ingredients in a sauce pan and cover halfway with water. Simmer gently for four hours until a subtle scent fills the house. You can put the mixture on to reheat every day; just add water!

I will also take this opportunity to wish you and your families a safe and happy holiday! Merry Christmas to you all!!

Your President  
Judy Gray



**Vice-President's Message**

**Rita Downhill**

**Nominations**

**Hattie Van Dyk past President**

**Quilt Show 2021**

**Sarah Roberts & team**

We are still hoping that the Quilt Show can go ahead in June 2021 in it's usual format.

However, we are getting very close to the time where we will have to consider our options, should COVID-19 not cooperate and go away (I nearly used words that begins with F and end with "off"). As I type this, Ontario's daily number was another new record of 1575 new cases.

One of the options is to move to a virtual show. Even if our Quilt Show format looks different next year, we will be able to share our work with quilting enthusiasts. Or, perhaps we can juggle our timing, and delay the show for six months or a year (space permitting). We can't forget that income from the Show goes a long way in funding our Guild.

So, for the time being, keep working on all those beautiful projects you are planning on entering in the show!

Stay positive! Be the hero who follows all the rules regarding social distancing, masking, and social bubbles. Wash your hands! The quicker we do this, the quicker we can move back towards "normal"!

Sarah Roberts



**Program**

**Tina May**

The Program Committee is pleased to say we are pursuing speakers for our virtual meetings.

November's program is a quilt shop tour and presentation regarding fabric for a modern quilt by the owner of a Prescott Quilt Emporium. Our December speaker will be Peter Byrne. He is an award winning quilter and member of the Toronto Modern Quilt Guild. Virtual meeting solves the problem of the questionable weather on Guild days which means programs will have many other options. We look forward to seeing everyone at our November Screen Meet.

Tina

**Workshop Convenor**

**Marie Newman**

As you know, regretfully, our workshops are on pause for a few reasons.

My life has been filled with painting the doors and mouldings in my home. As well as switching the closets and drawers from summer to winter. My cookbooks are also being sorted. Then apparently then I get to sewing. The sewing room has been sorted. Yes, finally I'm ready to sew.

I was wondering if there might be an appetite out there for us to virtually get together one day and start or finish a project. A type of home UFO. Starting out with a show of what we're planning to finish or create that day. Then, in the afternoon get back together to show our progress. Perhaps during the day, we will have the group give their knowledge or opinion to any questions that might come up. This would require a bit of technology.

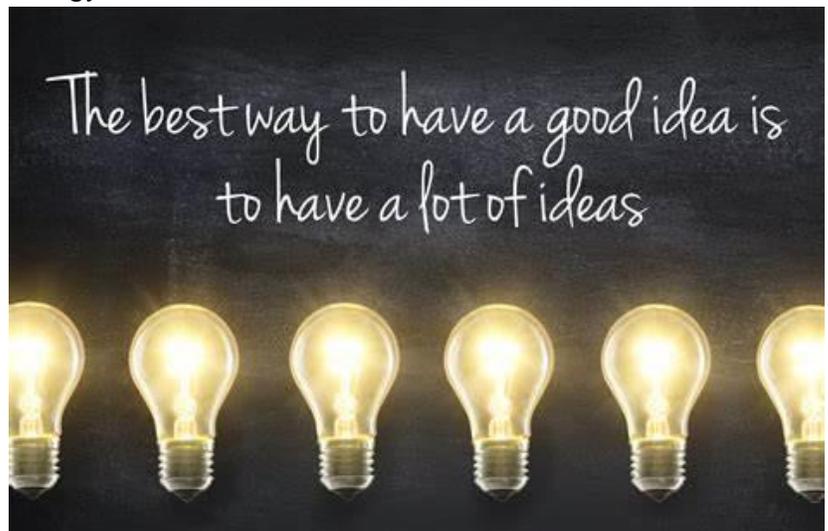
Another idea might be for a few people to plan to create the same quilt from a YouTube video. Posting a before and after picture on our face book or just emails to each other.

We could even set up sewing pals to help keep each other sewing.

Please email me or call me with your ideas.

Marie Newman

Workshop Chair



**CQA Liaison**

**Stella Dorsman**

You can see what Stella has been sewing by scrolling down.

**Comfort Quilt Convenors**

**Nancy Wallace, Janice Hewitt, Judy Elliott & Jude Burns**

Greetings to all from Comfort Quilts. I hope you are all safe and healthy.

We have distributed 2 quilts for the month of October, which brings our total to 7 from our September calendar year. Forty comfort quilts were delivered to the Belleville CAS on November 12th. They were very grateful for the donation

We have received a fabric donation from a generous non-member, Mary Linnett. Short and sweet but that is my report!

Looking forward to the day of our big reunion, whenever that shall be.

Hello everyone,

Hopefully everyone has received the new membership list. If there are any changes to your information please email me and I will make the corrections.

Thanks, Donna

(editor's note; save it on your computer so you can refer to it when needed)

UFO update.

The November 13th UFO will have come and gone by the time you receive this newsletter. There is NO UFO in December.

The next UFO dates are:

- Friday, January 8th.
- February 12th,
- March 12,
- April 9th,
- May 14th.

Contact me asap if you are interested in January 8th. Play Safe.

Cheers, Midge Trauzzi



<b>Retreat 2020</b>
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<b>Pat Brinklow and team</b>
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We trust that you are well and have been enjoying the warm weather this past week.

Do you recall receiving an email on October 21st from the Retreat Committee that Renee sent out to the membership asking for suggestions for the future 2021 Retreat? Thank you to the members who responded. We understand that the Covid virus is foremost in everyone's decision making at this point of time. What is it going to be like in September 2021... no one has a crystal ball. However, perhaps the virus will have calmed down by then and, how uplifting would it be, to join your quilting friends for a Retreat! Although the deadline has passed for your input, we would still love to hear from you.

The link below is a first-hand account from quilter, Phyllis Vanhorne. She is 98 years old and lives in Kingston. In the article she describes the role of some women during the Second World War and her connection to Wooler. Imagine the changes she has seen in her lifetime!

<https://www.thewhig.com/news/local-news/no-two-quilts-were-the-same-local-woman-recalls-quilting-during-the-war>

As always, please stay safe!

Your Retreat Committee:

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<b>Darlene Blanchet</b>
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Greeting to our members! You can contact me (Darlene) if you know of someone in our guild who is ill, has lost a loved one or undergone surgery. Many thanks, Darlene

Early 2019 the Social Committee decided to change from plastic tablecloths to fabric tablecloths for the Spring and Christmas meeting. The search was on to find tablecloths in good condition for these events.

We are an optimistic group of quilters!!

We have been able to purchase, from various thrift stores in our area enough round and rectangle tablecloths for our June event. We need several Christmas Theme round tablecloths for our next December meeting. With the holiday season approaching we thought this would be a good time to ask for your help.

If you would like to donate a round tablecloth that is 60 inches or larger, we, the social committee would be happy to receive it. My contact info is on our member list which is posted on the website.

Thank You  
Heather McKellar

**Treasurer's Report****Joan Cohrs**

Many of you have paid their membership by Etransfer (thank you!). I do send an acknowledgment when the funds are deposited in the guild account. Note that no password is required.

If you have any questions, please send me an email.

Take care everyone, Joan

**Guild Show Challenge 2021****Janet Kivisto & Lee Farmes**

The Guild Show Challenge 2021 is underway. A group of Intrepid members has accepted the challenge to create a small quilted piece that interprets the theme "A Moment in Time". They must incorporate a recognizable amount of the challenge fabric (selected by the committee) in the front of the quilt.

The finished quilts will be displayed at our April 2021 meeting for members to vote for "Viewer's Choice". We anticipate that these quilts will be hung in the Tea Room at our 2021 guild show.

Challengers, start your engines!

**Editor's note, here is a recap of the rules:**

1. The challenge is open to all members of the Trent Valley Quilters' Guild.
2. The theme is "A Moment in Time".
3. A recognizable amount of the challenge fabric is to be used in the FRONT of your quilt.

4. The quilt must be presented, completed, including binding or other completed edging, at the April 2021 meeting of the guild for voting on by the membership as a Viewers' Choice.
5. Size of quilt, outside measurements, to be a minimum of 75 inches and a maximum of 100 inches.

**Mini Retreat**

**Alison Cirinna & team**

Hope this finds everyone doing well. It's been a very different year so far and it doesn't look like it's going to change much. So, it is with great sadness that your Mini Retreat committee have decided to cancel the Mini Retreat this Oct 29th and 30th. We are hoping to have the retreat on May 6th and 7th of 2021.

Thanks

Your Mini Retreat committee.

**Wanted: Santa-Sack and placemat makers**

**Jane Baier**

Christmas placemat makers!

Please call me or email me at if you have any placemats ready. (My contact info is on our membership list which was sent out a week or so ago)

The deadline for pick up or drop off is Fri. Dec.4. Janet and I will be delivering the placemats during the following week.

A draw for a \$25 gift certificate from #1 Sewing Centre will be done after the deliveries are made. The winner will be notified by phone.

I have just counted the total number of placemats we have and it is 140. **We still need 60 more.** I know there are several ladies who will be making placemats before the Dec.4 deadline. Please give me a call so we can arrange for pick up or drop off!  
Thanks so much!

Thank you to all who have made or will be making these placemats...they are much appreciated to those who receive them!

Merry Christmas! 🎄 🎄 🎄

Jane Baier  
Janet Kivisto.

**ALSO**

I am making Santa sacks for the new volunteer group **Stockings for Seniors**. The group has changed from making stockings and stuffing them to making Santa Sacks which make much more sense.

Anyway, I was asked if I could ask if anyone would be interested in helping make Santa Sacks. I volunteered to make 50 but the group needs about 225...they given out to all the LTC homes in



the area. They need to be 14"x 18" with a drawstring to close it. I have a name and phone number of the lady who is coordinating the efforts. Please contact me for that info.

Thanks  
Jane

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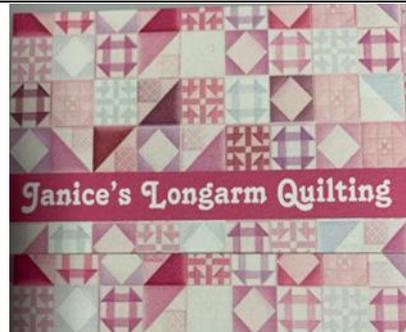


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**Stella Dorsman**  
**created this:**

On “**That Weekend in March**” when we started the lockdown I was scrolling through Instagram when I came across a post by **Edyta Sitar of laundrybasketquilts**. She announced that she was going to post a Mystery Quilt over the next 15 days (maybe she thought that would get us through the pandemic!). I decided to participate. With quilt stores closed I planned to use my stash. On Day 1 Edyta posted pictures of the lovely selection of her fabrics that she planned to use in her sample quilt. I didn't have anything quite as nice so I decided that to achieve success I would at least follow her colour



scheme. Fortunately, I had lots of lights and several metres of white. The first day's assignment was to make four of the 6 1/2-inch double 4-patches which you see in each corner. Edyta also posted a 10 x10 grid and showed where these blocks would be placed in the quilt. Each day the assignment was to make either 4 or 8 of the chosen block. I fell behind on the day we had to make eight little Ohio stars. But I stuck with it. It was fun to discover each day what the new block would be. After 15 days the complete quilt was posted, along with suggestions for borders. The applique appealed to me. No pattern was provided so I copied it from Edyta's picture. At that point I was going through the garbage for little scraps of pink and blue. It was touch and go. Finally Sewing Essentials opened up and I purchased a bit of blue fabric for binding. As soon as the 15 days were up Edyta removed the instructions from her website. She now sells the pattern for \$20.00. She calls her quilt “California”. I call mine “In Difficult Times”.

## Congratulations Judy Gray!

"Country Wedding " quilt and her "Pumpkin Flower " quilts have been accepted into Houston 's Virtual quilt show this year! "Pennies for Christmas" has already been accepted so that will be 3 entries!!!!

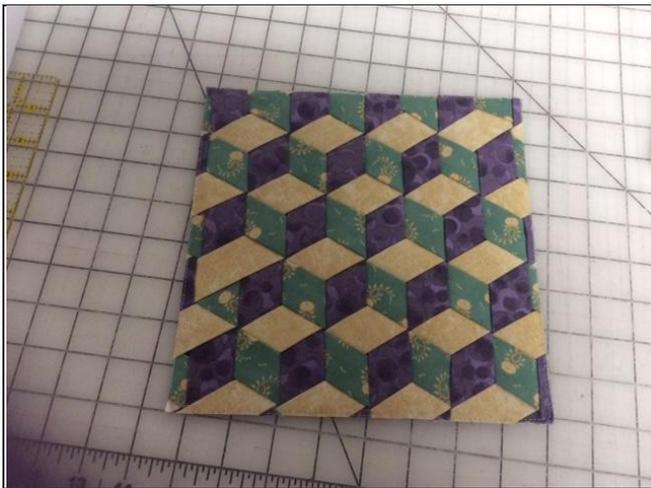


**Diane Cichon** sent in these photos of her work, and wrote this:

I just finished making these bags as a Christmas gifts. The pattern is from McPherson square tri-fold pocket book.

Christmas mat made with the “sew and flip” method.

The fabric weaving BOM (sew creative)



**Cheryl Lafferty** shared these pics with us, and included the instructions for the fat-quarter placemats, it's below.



*Cheryl Safford*

## FAT QUARTER PLACEMATS

Fabric Required:

4 Fat Quarters

.75 m backing

.75 m batting

Use  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowances throughout.

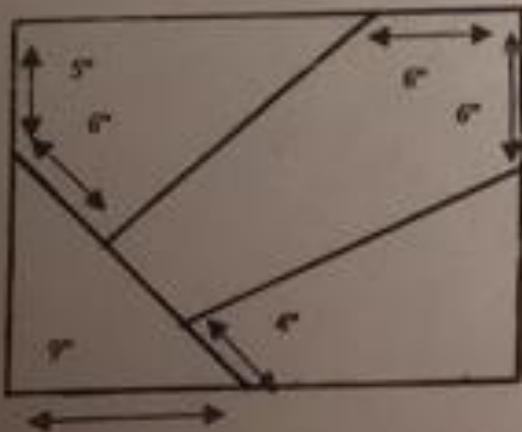
Layer and cut fat quarters right side up to measure 14" x 20". Subcut as in diagram "A" below while still layered.

Shuffle pieces and sew to make 4 tops. Trim.

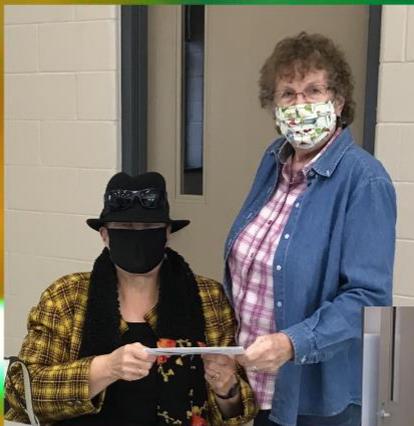
Cut backing to same size as the four tops.

Cut batting to the same size as the four tops.

\* Place the top and backing right sides together on top of batting and sew around the edge leaving a small opening to turn right sides out. Trim seam allowances. Topstitch around the edge and "quilt as desired." afterwards or bind



*Farewell to Betty Ann Knutson  
We had a party and Betty Ann gave us all a hat!*



**We wish Betty Ann  
all the best as she  
enters the next  
chapter of her life  
in B.C.**