Spool Talk

September 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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Be sure to keep an eye on our social media accounts as well:
www.trentvalleyquiltersguild.com
www.facebook.com/trentvalleyquiltersguild

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's Message — Marie Newman

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

As summer comes to an end, I hope you have all enjoyed the beautiful weather, time with family and friends, and a well-deserved break.

Fall is just around the corner, and our quilting world is coming alive again with meetings, new ideas, and inspiring workshops. A new quilting season promises many opportunities to learn, create, and share our love of quilting.

I'm especially looking forward to seeing the wonderful new ideas our Program Chair has planned for us after such a successful year last year.

I look forward to seeing you all at our first meeting on **September 23, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.**

Please remember to:

- Wear your **name tag**.
- Return any **library books** you have borrowed.
- Bring your **completed projects** for **Show and Share**.

I hope you are ready for another wonderful year of quilting, friendship, and creativity!

See you in September!

Warm regards,
Marie Newman
President, TVQG

Vice-President's Message — Peggy Smith

Although we hear it all the time, I need to say it anyway: **Where did the summer go?** It seems like just yesterday we were celebrating the success of our quilt show and looking forward to the summer. Now, here we are with fall just around the corner.

I spent the summer, like many of you, working in the garden. This year I tried my hand at growing my own corn. My neighbours made fun of me, saying they would get some ears from the market and tie them onto my stalks so I wouldn't be disappointed when things didn't work out. I did manage to get some ears, but they were half the size of what you would get at Gunther's in the Canadian Tire parking lot here in Campbellford. As tasty as they were, and as much as I enjoyed the sense of accomplishment, I think next year I'll leave the corn growing to the real farmers!

I was more successful at quilting this summer, managing to finish three UFOs and two other quilts. That's five new quilts added to my portfolio! Technically, two of the five are still with Deanna being quilted, and I will still need to do the binding, but I'm saying I finished five quilts.

I wonder if we will be doing the UFO Challenge this year. And if we do, which half-finished projects will I want to complete? What new things will I learn in our upcoming workshops and programs?

I'll tell you all a secret: I'm kind of looking forward to the cooler weather, when I can hang out in my sewing room without feeling guilty that I should be outside weeding the garden.

I am eager to see everyone again in September—to renew acquaintances, catch up with friends, and continue building new friendships.

Happy quilting, and enjoy these last few weeks of summer!

Peggy

Past President — Sarah Roberts

After the grand success of our 2026 Quilt Show, summer seemed to arrive with a hot "bang" and sped by at a breakneck pace. I hope everyone enjoyed the summer! I am very ready to slow down a little bit and get back to my sewing room and a chance to get some of the ideas I have had about future quilts out of my head and onto a list! Diane Cichon, so glad to see we are going to do the UFO list again! Comfort Quilts starts again, and we can continue with the work that was very eloquently portrayed by a woman in cancer treatment at the Belleville Hospital Oncology department. We have always known those quilts are appreciated, and now thanks to a well-known person's articulate post on Facebook, a lot more people do, too.

So, I'll see you in September (did anyone sing that in their head when they read it??) Looking forward to lots of smiling faces, interesting meetings, and beautiful creations.

Sarah Roberts

Treasurer — Joan Cohrs

"Just a reminder that 2026/7 membership dues are $0 for those who were 2025/6 members."

Joan

Program — Diane Cichon

Welcome back Everyone!
We hope you enjoyed a fantastic summer with friends and family and maybe a few fun stories your fellow members would love to hear.
We are excited to kick off our program with another UFO event. To make things easier and give everyone more time to work on their unfinished projects, we are introducing something new. You will now have more than one month at a time to work on each unfinished project from your list. A prepared form will be available for you on our website, or it can also be sent directly to you by email.
Great news - our Quilters' Market is back this November, and this year it's open to everyone: friends, family, and neighbours.
Join us at our September meeting, we have ***"sew"*** much more exciting news to share!

Sunshine — Lee Farmes

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

Christmas Placemats — Janet Kivisto

The Christmas placemat campaign is upon us.
As an explanation for new members: this is the time that we create Christmas placemats to be given to local “meals on wheels” clients for their special Christmas dinner. The placemats are distributed by the CCAC and VON organizations in Brighton, Sterling, and Trenton.
The number required is usually just over 200. We have several left over from last year’s campaign and so we are already off to a good start.
Many members have donated Christmas fabric to be used for this project. Cathy Herrington of Comfort Quilts has kindly prepared some pre-cut batting that members are welcome to use to make placemats. The fabric & batting will be available to you (as long as supplies last) at each of our guild meetings in September, October, and November. You will find the fabric at the back of our meeting room where we will also be accepting placemats that you have completed.
Size: roughly 16 -17“ by 11 - 12”.

Thank you for helping to spread Christmas cheer throughout our communities!

Your Christmas Placemat Team:

Janet Kivisto
Dianne Fuller
Carole Brisebois

Membership — Diane Zevenbergen

Eve Paro and I will work together as Membership Coords.

Some have asked to be removed, and we will welcome 16 new members to the guild since last June. Membership is currently sitting at 159 (we cap at 160). Some have asked to be removed, and we will welcome 16 new members to the guild since last June.
New requests will be waitlisted until I have finished updating.

I will be looking for a new name tag contact as the current one is no longer providing that service.
Eve and I both look forward to meeting everyone at the monthly meetings.
Enjoy the rest of your summer

Dianne Zevenberg

Comfort Quilts — Cathy Herrington

Comfort Quilts - September 2026

Fall is just around the corner 🍁 🍂 What does that mean for Comfort Quilts? It means it's time to mark the 1st Wednesday of each month on your calendar with our sewing days at the Brighton Community Centre from 9 to 2 😊…September 2, October 7th, November 4th, December 2nd, January 6th, February 3rd, March 3rd, April 7th, May 5th and June 2nd.

This past year we provided 159 quilts to those in need of a hug. Not only did we give them out to individuals, but we also gave quilts to the BGH Oncology department, and for Christmas we gave quilts to the 3 Oaks Women's Shelter and The Children's Foundation.

Our long armers have been doing a fabulous job quilting our quilts ….BUT…..we need your help with our sprayed quilts that need to be quilted on your domestic sewing machine. You can join us at our sewing days to work on your quilting or pick up a quilt at our guild meeting to take home to quilt.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Cathy Herrington.

Workshops — Judy Elliott

YOU ARE NEVER TOO OLD TO LEARN SOMETHING NEW!

You can never stop learning and the line up for the year 26 -27 is looking great!

October 30th - **Trapunto**. Fran Vidal has put together a pillow kit ($10.00).

November 27th- **Christmas Gifts**. Grace Zanatta is teaching how to make holders for scissors, and useful decorative bags.

February 26th - **Braided Rug**. Sue Kane will demonstrate how to make a braided rug or just a placemat as an option.

March 19th - **Recycled Denim**. Start collecting denim now as Debra Shalla is teaching lovely and useful bags.

There will be more to come. All workshops are $30.00. Bring your lunch and enjoy a day of learning, laughter and comradeship.
Coffee and tea will be available. Classes start at 9 a.m and usually end by 3 pm.
Trust me ladies, these workshops make learning a whole lot of fun.
Judy

Perfect Square in a Square — Fran Vidal

This is something I learned at another retreat. A no math square in a square.
You can make a fast no-cut square-in-square quilt block by centering a 5-inch charm square on a 10-inch layer cake square, then folding the outside edges into the center (do the sides first) Press and sew with a ¼" seam along the folded edge. Repeat for top and bottom. Press square when finished.

https://www.youtube.com/shorts/nguV5ZiDrkQ

Website www.trentvalleyquiltersguild.com — Sue Davies

Come check out the guild's website! There is a lot of information there including past newsletters, pictures of events, a calendar of events and historical information.

UFO/PHD — Tina May

UFO Friday is the second Friday of each month from 9 to 2:45. We meet at the Brighton Community Center. There is room for 36 quilters. The fee of $6 covers the cost of the hall rental and set up of tables. Sign up is required, this can be done by emailing me. Then i will let you know if we have space or you are on the waiting list.

Bring your own project to work on and enjoy the company of fellow quilters.

Tina May

Retreat 2027 — Debbie Dupuis

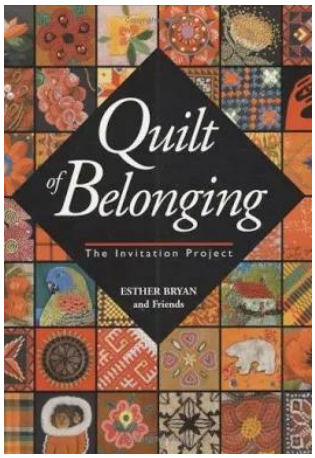
The Fall Retreat has been postponed until October 2027.
I now have a committee to help out with the planning. Looking forward to having the extra time to prepare for a great get away!

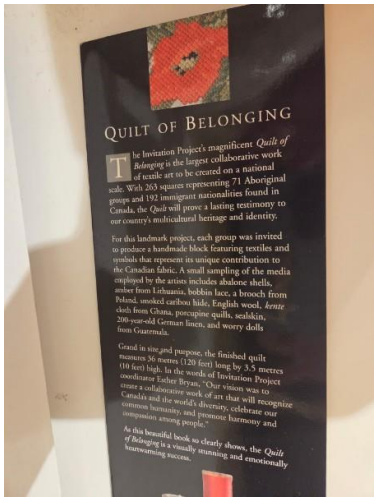
Quilt Of Belonging — Heather McKellar

Quilt of Belonging: The Invitation Project

Book by Esther Bryan

https://quiltofbelonging.ca/

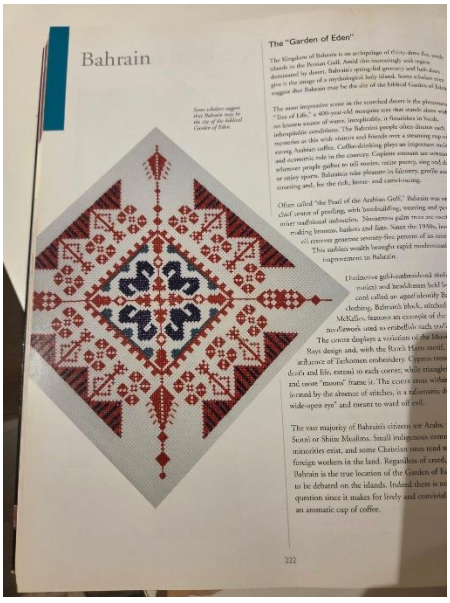




My husband, David RCN, sailed into the port of Bahrain, the day I received the counted cross stitch pattern in the mail.

June 2005 at Pier 21, interesting is it not?

25 years since 911 on Friday; lots of information online. One thing, some of the Military on site in Halifax, NS did not know that it was called “Operation Yellow Ribbon”. We were too busy to know about it.



Quilts of Valour — Lesley Poper

Trenton Friends of Quilts of Valour

Meet at the Base Chapel, 91 Namao Drive. Just behind the MFRC.
2nd and 4th Mondays of the month.

9am until 2pm-ish.

Bring your basic sewing kit and sewing machine. Work on your own QoV project or sign out a kit. Work on it at your own speed.

Annual Sew Day will be at the National Airforce Museum on the Base, Saturday 7 November from 9:30 to 3pm. Quilt top kits are available, so you can get everything cut and started, so the quilt top will be finished by 3pm for a group photo.

Bring a lunch and maybe a snack to share. Hoping to have pizza sponsored. Beverage containers must be sealed bottles with tops and closed coffee cups. Tim's paper cups with top is NOT enough. We are in a museum and must follow thier rules.
Tea and coffee will be provided.
Bring your:
Basic sewing kit
Sewing Machine
Extension cord
Sweater just in case
Smiles!
Please contact Danielle Barnes for more information and to register for the Nov Sew day. Cut-off will be the 25th Oct.
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UPCOMING EVENTS

The Trent Valley Quilters Guild will have a display at Ag Day September 19th at the Codrington Community Centre (10 am to 2 pm).

Ag Day celebrates agriculture and community and our display will focus on Comfort Quilts. We hope to see you there!

Joan, Cathy, Marilyn and Sarah.

Sheree Rasmussen In Person Presentation –
October 19th at 1:30 PM

Hello Fellow Quilters,

We are pleased to announce that Sheree Rasmussen will present "in person" her talk titled "From Chaos to Order: How I Tame my Fabric" to the Bay of Quinte Modern Quilt Guild on October 19th at 1:30 PM at the Ameliasburgh Town

Sheree Rasmussen - Bio

Sheree grew up in Toronto, one of the world's most multicultural cities, an environment that has strongly influenced her textile art.

Inspired early by her mother's sewing of colourful clothing, she later translated her training in dance into the rhythm, pattern, and movement of colour and form in her work.

Years spent working as a garden designer further informed her practice, with the garden serving as a metaphor for unity, harmony, and wholeness.

An award-winning graduate of the Ontario College of Art and Design University, Sheree originally studied Weaving. Seeking greater freedom to express ideas through cloth, she later discovered textile collage and has worked in this medium – creating art quilts - for the past eighteen years.

This presentation will take place in person:

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