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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.

Editor's note:

This newsletter is a "regular" one, designed to communicate "business" to you, our wonderful members. Please read it to the end to see your invitation. Yvette

President's Message

Judy Gray

Greetings Guild Members!

It's hard to believe that it is now September.

One doesn't have to drive far to see that the trees are starting to colour around the edges.

Plus, the advancing sunsets all point to the realization that fall is in the air!

This passing summer has been one that will always be remembered as we struggled and continue to struggle with the Corona Virus and all the implications that came with that.

How it has changed our lives and how we go about doing ordinary things.

It is encouraging to see things back to being open again, including our Brighton Arena. However, there are strict guidelines and steep penalties for those not adhering to policy. Many, many do's and don'ts!

It was a hard decision to make but with great discussion we felt as an executive to hold off meeting just as yet.

With the uncertainty of what will happen once school resumes, as well as much talk about a second wave, we felt it was to our members best interest to wait for just a minute to see how this all plays out! We thank you for your continued support as we go through this together.

It has been so good to see several members participating in the special newsletters that we had over the summer months.

A special note of appreciation to Yvette for taking this undertaking and running with it! A joy to read! As an executive we are anticipating to come up with ways in which we can stay connected even though we are separated.

The internet opens up a whole new meaning to virtual events!

Stay tuned to upcoming things you can be involved in.

There is still the ongoing sew-along, as well as chances to get together in a smaller number with UFO days.

Of course, we have a great Facebook page as well as a website for browsing and posting projects we have been involved in.

I look forward to hearing from the committees as we move forward to a new guild year starting,
Hang tight !!!!

We're almost there!!

In the meantime keep on smiling and above all KEEP ON SEWING !!

Till I see your smiling faces again!
All the best!

Your President
Judy Gray



Hi Everyone,

So sorry that as you have heard from Judy, we had to cancel our September General Meeting. It will be interesting to see what happens when school starts up again with the Covid 19 numbers.

We are looking into what it is possible for us to do virtually so that we can at least have some contact with our members. We have been using Go to Meeting for virtual on-line Executive Meetings. If you have attended any meetings like this - Zoom etc. you will realize that there will always be glitches along the way, but it is certainly better than limited or no contact at all. We are hopeful that we can schedule an on-line "Show and Share". Watch your e-mail for an invite and instructions for how to set up your computers to join us online. We will look forward to seeing what you have been creating over the last few months including all those blocks of the month participants.

Best Regards,
Rita.

Dear Members.

Cooler days and early twilight are reminding all of us that Summer is coming to a close. For Trent Valley Quilters, the changing season always meant a return to our meetings. Something special to anticipate. However, the times are still very uncertain. We are still in a season of 'waiting'.

So, we are all learning to navigate our way, hopefully to some sort of normal! In some cases that means that rules have to be set aside for a new approach! With this in mind, let's talk about nominations!

In our last 'official' newsletter of the year, four names were presented for your approval. Sue Davies for Website, Heather McKellar for Social, Darlene Blanchett for Sunshine, and Donna Brawley for Membership (still working closely with Donna Simpson). I specifically asked that any objections or recommendations for alternatives be e-mailed directly to me. I am happy to say that no member contacted me in this regard. Since it is uncertain when we will be together for a vote as a membership, the greater Executive passed a motion to accept the nominations as presented.

I personally want to thank these Members for stepping up and filling these positions. Believe me, they are already hard at work for our Guild.

If there is any concern about the process, we have taken to install these nominees, please feel free to contact me.

Blessings

Hattie Van Dyk
Past President
Nomination Committee

2021 Quilt Show Update

Our 2021 ***Behind the Seams Quilt Show*** is still on schedule for June 4 (set up), 5 and 6. By the sounds of things, there will be many quilts and quilting-related articles out there for you to enter in our show! We are ALL tired of living in a pandemic world. I saw a quote this morning on Bonnie K. Hunter's Quiltville blogspot: "This too shall pass. It may pass like a kidney stone, but it will pass." So, we look forward to the day when our faces can be naked (as in, no mask), and we can hug each other, and share our love of quilting in person!

As I reported in one of our summer newsletters, the Raffle Quilt Committee is now chaired by Donna Brawley and Donna Simpson. The license has been obtained, and the tickets are printed. We are working on a distribution method for tickets to each of our members, so stay tuned! Remember, proceeds from the Raffle Quilt go to Comfort Quilts. Each member of the Guild is asked to sell tickets, as Comfort Quilts is the charitable arm of our organization. Our Webpage administrator, Sue Davies, is putting a picture of the quilt on the website, so keep an eye out for that.

We have invited our very own **Judy Gray** to be our guest artist in 2021! Judy's beautiful work in wool applique will be sure to inspire our show attendees. Judy recently retired from the banking world, and has started a new business, Foxton Woolens Quilts and Designs, showcasing her patterns and supplies for wool applique. As well, Judy recently heard that her "Pennies for Christmas" quilt was selected for the Houston International Virtual Quilt Show (in-person show was cancelled due to COVID-19). This is not Judy's first international show entry, either! Cheryl Lafferty and I are so please Judy has accepted our invitation.

The Quilt Show Challenge fabric has been distributed. It is a very interesting piece of fabric, and the theme this year ***is "A Moment in Time"***. Very appropriate for the times we're in! These Challenge mini quilts will be on display in our Tea Room at the Quilt Show.

We are still looking for someone (or more than one!) to spearhead our advertising committee. If you are interested, please let Sarah Roberts know! And a Raffle Basket Draw coordinator. Our members contribute the filled baskets for the draws, which have been very popular in past years. Again, let Sarah know if you are interested. There is so much satisfaction in contributing to a successful show like ours has been in the past!

Our Quilt Show is what funds our guild for almost three years. It pays meeting-space rent, hires workshop instructors and program presenters, keeps Comfort Quilts in batting, backing, and thread, pays the cost of liability insurance for all of us who meet, funds our library, buys our coffee for meetings, maintains the website, and seeds the money for our retreats. With a few other miscellaneous things for good measure. We NEED the income the quilt show generates, the guild could not function as it does without it. Please consider this when you are approached to help with the show! Even if all you do is sell a couple books of quilt raffle tickets!

Sarah Roberts, Cheryl Lafferty, and Judy Gray

Quilt Show Coordinators

Tina sent a link to Peter Byrne's site, he was to be our program in October.

This message is from Quilting Instructor, [Peter Byrne](#).

Hello folks, here is some information on my upcoming Virtual Online Workshops!

But first, allow me to introduce myself, for those who haven't meet me, my name is Peter Byrne.

I am an international award-winning, published modern quilter and teacher with a deep passion for innovation and design. My strength is maintaining a fresh approach to quilting, with original designs and technical mastery. My goal is innovation, my passion is creativity and I am thrilled to have opportunities to share new techniques within the quilting community.

While attending QuiltCon 2020, my quilt titled '**Starring You**' won *Best in Show* and my quilt titled '**Cityscape**' won *Best Machine Quilting Frameless*.



I started making quilts in 2009 and to further my quilting experience, in January of 2017, I joined the Toronto Modern Quilting Guild. I'm very excited to share my passion for quilting and look forward to interacting and teaching you online!

If you are interested in participating in my Cityscape Improv Inspiration Workshop, and/or my Hover-Quilting Inspiration Workshop or you can find the dates posted here as well as on my Instagram feed @petersquilts.



<https://peterbquilts.com/workshops/>

Hello fellow Quilters,

September 25, 2020 workshop paper piecing with Carolyn Bierworth has been postponed and will be rescheduled to sometime in 2021.

October's workshop Curved Log Cabin with instructor Jennifer Swallow is still being planned for October 23, 2020.

More news will follow in October about sign up for this workshop.

Well quilters, if our guild challenge isn't enough for you, perhaps you'd like to try your hand at the CQA TrendTex Challenge for 2021. The theme is "Friendship" and, as you can see, the fabrics are lovely.

Since we aren't meeting you won't be able to obtain the fabrics through the guild as you did last year, but they are available for purchase on the CQA website on the [TrendTex Challenge 2021 page](#). You can complete the application form and pay online or download the form and mail with a cheque. Each fabric kit contains five fat quarters. The kits are available after October 1st for members at \$25 and for non-members at \$30 after November 1st.

If you are a member of CQA you can participate in a Mystery Quilt which started on September 2nd. Individual memberships cost \$50 per year.

Just a reminder, Quilt Canada 2021 will be held at the International Centre from June 16 -19.



Greetings fellow quilters from your Comfort Quilts Committee. September is upon us and with that, the cooler weather, and with that, MORE SEWING! That's one way of putting a positive spin on the weather getting colder!

As of the end of August, Comfort Quilts has distributed 157 quilts to those in need. We are so pleased that although we have not been able to meet for approximately 12 CQ meetings, quilts keep coming in to maintain our inventory. Thanks so much for your generosity and time to "keep things moving" with this very worthwhile charity.

After meeting with the Executive Committee on September 1st, it has been decided that Comfort Quilts will not be resuming meetings at this time. If there are any future changes the membership will be informed. I hope that it will be soon!

Be safe and sew on!

By the time you receive our Guild newsletter we will have had our first UFO with the Covid-19 rules in place at the Community Centre.

It has been very challenging to make the full hall not look like a maze with tables and chairs and 6ft distancing. Being creative quilters, who can rise very nicely when the circumstances require it, you are being very supportive and helpful. I thank the ladies who participated in the September UFO. They have helped to sort out any concerns we may have safety wise when we meet as a "large" group at the hall.

To this end, all being well, without any Covid activity from the September UFO, the next UFO is scheduled for Friday, October 9th. The sign up will work like this. **I will be accepting e-mails to me (in the members' list) beginning October 1st, after 10 am.** The fee is \$5.00. Brown Bag your lunch, tea & coffee provided. I can only accept 21 names.

I will create a wait list if needed.

Stay safe, wear your mask and wash your hands, smile.

Cheers, Midge Trauzzi

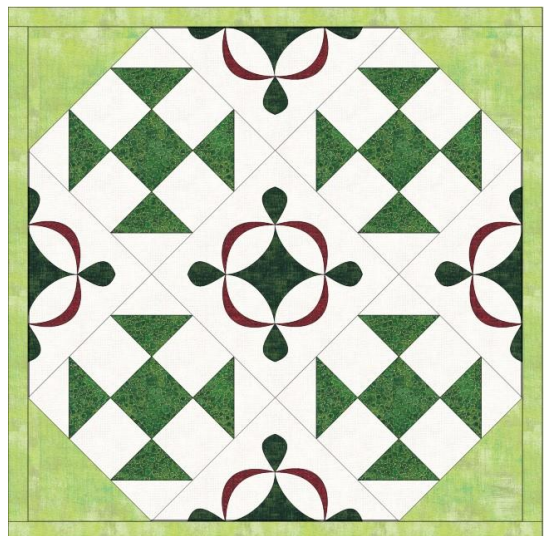
Is summer really over? Where has the time gone? We hope you and your family are in good health and that you enjoyed your summer.

Our committee has nothing new to report for this newsletter but stay tuned for information for the 2021 Retreat.

Looking forward to the day when the TVQG members can safely meet again!

Your 2021 Retreat Committee:

Louise Oberwarth
Elaine Combden
Sarah Roberts
Pat Brinklow



The Members Login has been going through some growing pains. The website provider tried to make it easier to login but there was a glitch. It has been put back to the way it has been.

The password has not changed so I will not repeat it here. If you need it again, please e-mail me.

The current password is all lower case.

After entering the password, you must move your cursor down to the "Click to Login" box and click. Pressing enter after you type in the password will NOT WORK. That extra step is required because it is an easy password.

Why does the old password work and not the new one for some people?

Likely their computer is pulling up an old version of the website from the browser's cache. The best way to get the newest version of the website is to put www.trentvalleyquiltersguild.com in the URL (address) line at the top.

Clearing your cache should work too.

If you have any questions please direct them to me, Sue Davies. My contact info is on our membership list. You can also contact us through the **Contact Us** page of the website

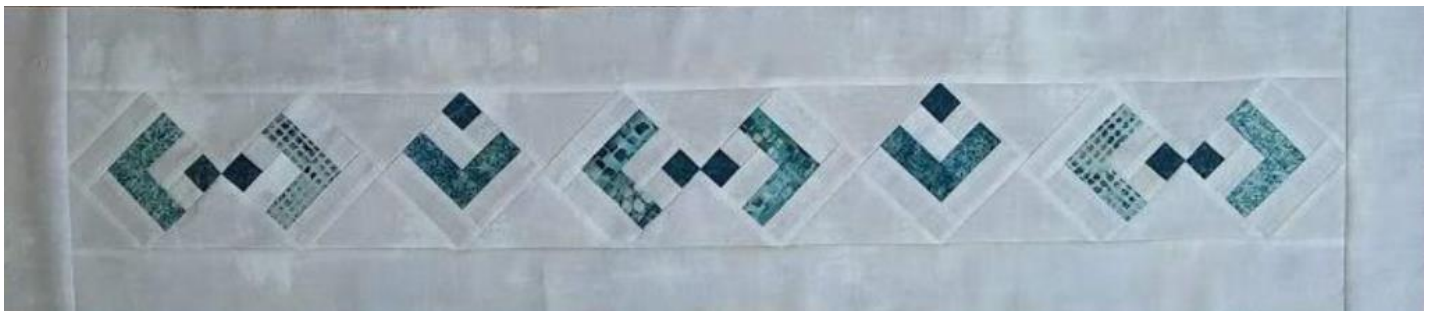
I look forward to updating the website with some interesting items as they become available.

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Our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/trentvalleyquiltersguild/>

Nothing new to report for the quilt library. I hope everyone is doing well and getting many UFO projects done. It is great to be able to get out more although cautiously.

Till we meet again, Pat



Sunshine	Darlene Blanchet
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As your Sunshine convener, I look forward to hearing from Guild members who know of anyone in our group who is sick, has had surgery or suffered the loss of a loved one so that I can send a card on behalf of the TVQG. I can be contacted either by phone or by email, my contact information is on our "member list".

I trust everyone is taking good care of themselves and staying safe.

Darlene Blanchet

Social	Heather McKellar
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Membership	Donna Brawly and Donna Simpson
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Dear Members.

Even though we are not actively meeting at the moment we are still encouraging you to keep up your membership. The \$30 fee that you pay each year keeps our guild healthy.

It pays for the rent on our premises, it allows us to engage interesting guest speakers and to purchase materials for our main charity "Comfort Quilts". It also ensures your place in the membership for the year.

Remember; You can either mail your cheque to Donna Brawley (her address is on our membership list) or e-transfer to treasurer@trentvalleyquiltersguild.com

Thank you and take care
Donna

A reminder:

Renewal forms are on the website. Completed forms and cheque's can be mailed to Donna Brawley or if you choose you can e-transfer your membership fee of \$30 (instructions are on the website) and email your renewal form to Donna. Hope to see everyone soon.

Treasurer; regarding banking info	Joan Cohrs
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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 are on the membership renewal form which is on our website.

If anyone has any questions please call or email me.

Take care everyone, Joan Cohrs

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.

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.

Kathy Herron shared these tasty sounding recipes with me to add to our newsletter:

Roasted Homemade Spicy Tomato Soup

Roast tomato’s, red and/or green, any hot peppers you like, bell peppers and onions , crushed garlic to your taste (I add four big spoons to a pan of tomatoes) . Sprinkle with olive oil, salt and pepper! Bake at 400 until charred.

Or...leave out the pepper and add basil, to taste.

I freeze until fall.

For the soup add chicken or vegetable stock cook low / med heat , add a tomato paste (I use the tomato purée in the jar) Purée and simmer until it

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Saying Farewell:

Anna Higham. Anna was a valued member of our guild, Comfort Quilts and our local Quilts of Valour Group. Please join in wishing her well for her return to N.B.

NEXT MEETING

Hopefully October 2020

We'll let you know, in the meantime, have a colourful early Autumn!

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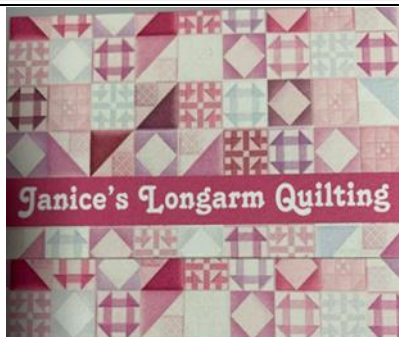


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Editor's Note:

Hiya, my quilting buddy! You read your newsletter to the end, congratulations!

What I've heard from many of you (thank you for all the private emails) is that you really miss the inspiration and excitement of the **"Show and Share"** portion of our meetings. I do too.

Sew, as convener of this newsletter, I'm going to dedicate a few pages to you, so you can share your wonderful creations with us.

I invite YOU to participate in a Photo Quilt Show by taking a few pictures of your creation or a part of your creation. Please send me

- the best photo,
- along with your name,
- the name of the quilt,
- the name of the pattern
- and the designer (if applicable)
- and a short "blurb" about it. i.e. why you chose the pattern, the fabric, and more. (my email address is on our guild list)

I'll put it into a special section of our "Spool Talk" newsletter. You have until October 12th (Thanksgiving).

Just because we aren't meeting in person doesn't mean we are separate. Let's keep the love of quilting excitement going, by renewing your membership for another year, and sending me your "Show and Share".

Yvette Chilcott