



Spool Talk



The 2026 Raffle Quilt created by Stella Dorsman, Elise Williams, Deanna Gaudaur & Lesley Popper.

September 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.

President's Message

Marie Newman

Welcome to year 2025/2026. The Trent Valley Quilters' Guild is a wonderful place to meet new friends, catch up with old friends and learn new skills. This is my thirteenth year with the guild and first year as President.

I am so excited for the upcoming new year. We have lots to look forward to, new programs, new workshops, the quilt show coming up next June, Comfort Quilts the first Wednesday of each month and lots of UFO days to keep us busy.

Just to let you know, I've never been President before so if I forget something, please make sure to gently let me know, that way I will learn. You will also need to tell me your name more than once so that I remember it and my technical skills on the computer are lacking. However, the Past President has generously offered her skills to help me get over this.

The Past President, Sarah, will be handling the first meeting in September. I would say I'm sorry, but I'm going on the trip of my lifetime on a Rhine River cruise north from Switzerland to Amsterdam. See you in October.

Vice-President's Message

Peggy Smith

Let me introduce myself. I've been a member of the guild for about seven or eight years now and felt I should get more involved so I decide to jump into the deep end of the pool and volunteer to be Vice President.

My mother got me interest in quilting many years ago and I have some great memories of sitting beside her hand quilting some of her quilts. Although I rarely hand quilt any more I still have those memories. My interests included all the fibre arts from felting to slow stitching, but quilting is my first love.

I believe quilting is an art and as I sit and watch the show and share portions of our meetings that believe is reaffirmed. Our guild has so many talented people I look forward sharing my love of learning and experimenting with all of you. I am eager to work with the other executives in making our up coming meetings full of fun and learning.

Past President/Nominations

Sarah Roberts

September is here, and with it the start of our new quilt guild year! I am looking forward to seeing everyone again, and getting back into my sewing room more often.

Our new President, Marie Newman, and I have talked and met a couple times over the summer to get Marie all the information she needs for her new role. We look forward to an exciting year!

One thing coming up that was arranged before the end of our guild year, is the next Global Quilt Connection Sampler Platter on **September 27 and 28**, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. I will send out a link for you a couple days ahead so you can print out the information packages from the latest presenters before you watch them. And as usual, the videos will be available to watch for 72 hours after the live presentations, if you can't make the live time slots. Lots of interesting stuff!

Marie is away on a trip in September, so I will be chairing our meeting on the 17th. See you all there!

Treasurer**Joan Cohrs**

The guild's financial report for the year ending July 31, 2025 has been completed and checked by two non-executive guild members. The guild is in a very strong financial position and more than able to fund our activities for the coming year and to provide support to Comfort Quilts.

If anyone would like to see the report or has any questions about our finances please do it hesitate to contact me.

Please note that I will not be attending the October meeting so if you need a cheque please email me before October 1.

Program**Diane Cichon**

Welcome back to our returning members, and a big hello to those joining us for the first time! As your new Program Coordinator, I'm thrilled to be here with some exciting plans, amazing guest speakers, and a whole lot of enthusiasm to share.

We are kicking things off with a special guest who will share her inspiring quilting journey. We are proud to welcome Loose Ends, whose mission brings comfort and closure through the art of finishing. We are excited to include a Quilters' Market giving members a chance to pass along unused supplies in order to make room for fresh supplies... with even more on the way!

Let's make this year creative, inspiring, and full of great moments together.

Workshops**Judy Elliott**

As the new workshop convenor, the year ahead is looking great. There are already workshops booked thanks to Debbie Searle (the former workshop convenor).

It is my hope that everyone will take advantage of the workshops. It is never too late to learn something new, or just refresh something you already know. You can share your knowledge with someone else, make new friends, and just have a good time. The worst possible scenario is you end up with another UFO.

The following is a list of some of the workshops booked:

September- Ronda Hough - folded star trivet

November- Dianne Fuller- miniature square in square

January- Tasha Yhard- Hunter Star

February- Marilyn Edmonds - free motion on a small machine

If there is a workshop you would like to teach or take, please contact me.

Library**Geri Logan**

A quick reminder to return the library books you enjoyed over the summer. Any suggestions for new books relating to quilting are welcome!

Comfort Quilts

Cathy Herrington

Comfort Quilts have started back up after our summer break. We had a very busy year last year providing over 170 quilts to those in need of a hug.

Mark your calendar: our sewing days will be held on the **first Wednesday of the month** from September to June. We meet from **9:00 to 2:00** at the Brighton Community Centre (the same hall as our guild meetings). We look forward to seeing you.



The last meeting of Comfort Quilts in Frankford took place in June.

2026 Raffle Quilt

Dianne Zevenbergen

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Guild in September.

Ticket sales have reached \$500. Please bring your completed books and money to the guild meeting. I will be there to collect and give out more books.

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 email. Dates will be on the guild calendar.

2025 dates are as follows: **September 12, October 10, and November 14.**

Retreat 2025

Debbie Dupuis

The Fall retreat is officially sold out!! The last registrant was added last week. Plans are moving along for what we hope will be a fun and creative get away!

Mini Retreat

Midge Trauzzi

The fall mini retreat will be on **October 16 & 17th**. It is full. Payment can be made to Midge or Tina May at UFO on September the 12th or at the guild meeting on September 17th. Questions may be directed to Tina May.

Christmas Placemats

Janet Kivisto, Dianne Fuller & Carole Brisebois

The Christmas placemat season 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 Community Care Access Centres and Victoria Order of Nurses organizations in Brighton, Sterling, and Trenton.

The number usually required is 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. The fabric will be available to you 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" or 17" by 11" or 12".

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

Quilt Show 2026

Debbie Searle, Dianne Zevenbergen & Cathy Herrington

June 6th and 7th is the TVQG Quilt Show 2026 so mark your calendars.

It is time to get those quilts completed and deciding on which to enter in the show.

Planning has begun and convenors will gather before monthly guild meetings at 11:00 at the Brighton Community Centre.

From the Archives

Sue Davies

Seventeen years ago, the guild was coming up with a new name for the 2009 show. This submission dated January 15, 2008 was received:

I own a very special quilt. It is not an antique piece, or even a "vintage collectible". It wouldn't fetch a handsome price at auction, and the pattern is not intricate - just simple squares.

The quilt was assembled about five years ago, almost "no time" in quilt years, but it feels soft under my hand.

I pulled out scraps when I made this quilt. Little bits and pieces I'd saved over the years were trimmed and fitted into place. As I worked, I was flooded with images and memories of the past. There was a plaid from James' shirt -

he was only five when he wore that! A little floral from Hilary's dress, she was in grade two. I could see her wearing it as if it were yesterday instead of over 20 years ago.

When the quilt was done and on my bed, my oldest daughter, Bethany, came in my room for a chat. As we talked, she ran her hand absently over the fabric. Suddenly she gave a gasp of delight, "Mom, this material right here, I remember that blouse you made for me - I always loved that blouse." And I could see her eight years old again.

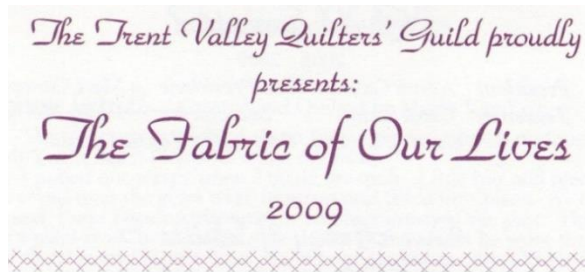
Every quilter knows that a piece of fabric can conjure up images that bring us joy, or make us cry, or just connect us to the past.

With these ideas in mind, I respectfully submit one possibility as a name for our upcoming show:

*Trent Valley Quilters' Guild
presents Quilt Show 2009
"The Fabric of Our Lives"*

Hattie VanDyk

This image was on the front page of the pamphlet handed out to the visitors at the quilt show. The quilt in the picture is the one that Hattie wrote about.



The Fabric of Our Lives title was used for three quilt shows. It was changed when a "cease and desist" letter was received from the Cotton Corporation.



I had a pleasant interview recently with Past President Sarah Roberts. Sarah was President for the guild from 2023 to 2025.

Question: Did you enjoy being President?

Answer: I did.

Q: What was the best part of being President?

A: The people. Enthusiasm generates enthusiasm. Trent Valley is the most friendly and energetic of the three guilds I belong to.

Q: What was the worst aspect?

A: Being leery of treading on people's toes. I tried to be politically correct. I did not have any bad, bad moments.

Q: What do you find appealing about modern quilting?

A: The colours – so much brightness! I like modern quilts but I struggle to make one. My traditional genes are deeply rooted.

Q: What is your favorite quilt?

A: The Storm at Sea (king sized) is the one I am most proud of. I have since made a miniature version of it with the scraps.

Q: Which technique do you enjoy the most?

A: There are aspects of every technique that I love and hate. I enjoy making small, scrappy stuff a lot. I can't throw out anything that is 1.5" or larger. I use scraps for crumb quilting.

Q: Any advice for someone is new to quilting?

A: Don't be afraid to try it. If you see the finished project don't be overwhelmed by it. Take it step by step. Check the pattern for the skill level. **Start!!!**

A few of Sarah's favourite quilts:



Storm at Sea (King Size)



Storm at Sea Miniature



Scrappy Comfort Quilt



Some Day on Quilts



Thread painting

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