

Spring 2020



Trent Valley Quilter's Guild Important News

TRENT VALLEY QUILTER'S GUILD President Judy Gray

Greeting Fellow Guild Members

It seems that every area of our lives has been affected by these: as they are saying "Unprecedented Times".

May I say first that if this has affected any of your loved ones who may be front line workers or with the many others who have lost jobs and have been effected financially I send my concerns and share in your worries.

I am thankful to many in our Guild who I know have been participating and making masks and caps for our warriors in the Medical field.

This Virus has caused our Guild to be separated for a time. I wish to encourage you to be strong and not lose heart for it will pass and we will be able to meet again. Hopefully sooner than later. This has also changed our year end which I know we look forward to celebrating with much food and drink and it will be missed.

Let me reassure you that we will have our time of celebration so hang on to that thought for the future. That will be a grand day for sure! Can't wait for it to happen.

Meanwhile we will communicate through Newsletter, emails, Facebook, and our website. Please post on any of these sites what you are working on, or maybe just a word of encouragement and a hello! It will be good to see many posts over the next few months.

I am entrusting to you to take a good read of this Newsletter as there are many things of importance posted here.

We will continue to offer you things that we can be involved in even as we stay home. This is such a good time to dig through your stash and see what you can come up with. I am anticipating an extra long Show and Share when we finally meet together.

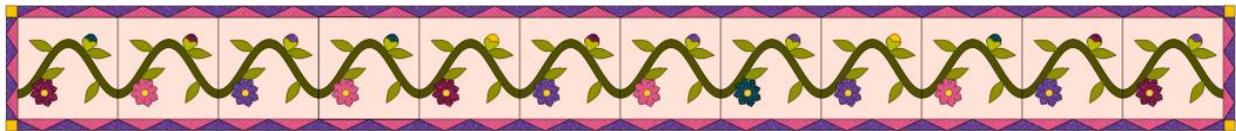
Also keep in mind that our Quilt Show is right on our heels so if there are any unfinished projects that you wish to enter this will be a good time to get them finished.

I am looking forward to hearing from each of our Committee Chairs!

So sit back, grab a cup of coffee, and enjoy what each and everyone of us has to say! Wishing you all good health and safety as we work through this.

Keep in touch with one another!

Your Fellow Quilter Judy Gray



Vice President Rita Downhill

Over the last few days that quote from Dickens “A tale of two cities,” It was the best of times it was the worst of times – keeps going through my head. The worst we all know, we are isolated from our loved ones over the Easter Break, unable to shop at our beloved quilt stores browsing through all the fabrics, notions, etc. We cannot go to UFO, Workshops, Retreats, Comfort Quilts & Guild Meetings.

The best of times though we need to focus on – we are getting all those projects done we have been meaning to do for years. We have slowed down and have some time to reflect on what is important in life. A lot of the busyness and need to buy everything in sight has left us and what we really need is self evident.

Normal times will return. It may be awhile but keep making those Comfort Quilts and to paraphrase Vera Lynn and the Queen -we WILL meet again ☺

Keep safe! Rita

Marie Newman Workshop Chair

Workshops have been rescheduled and all being well will begin again in the fall.

Up coming workshops:

- September 25, 2020. Paper Piecing (runner or table centre piece) with Carolyn Biersworth
- October 23, 2020. Curved Log Cabin Fall Runner with Jennifer Swallow
- November 20, 2020 Curved Piecing with Raw Edge Appliqué with Al Côte
- January 22, 2021 Thread Painting with Judy Elliott

- April and May 2021 will be Patch Work Illusions with Paul Leger and Quilting Basics and More with Yvette Chilcott. Dates yet to be determine when Paul gets back to me.

Those who have paid for a workshop will be refunded their funds and will be first priority for sign up when the course schedule is confirmed.

Please stay safe and thank all your loved ones who are still working to keep us safe.



Greetings from Comfort Quilts, Nancy Wallace

We hope that you are all safe and healthy and finding many crafty things to do to occupy your time!

The COVID-19 virus has certainly thrown a wrench into our regular daily routine. It has made me appreciate and treasure my life in many ways. I realize that the home really is where the heart is and as long as I am at home with my husband and puppies, I am content and grateful...grateful that my family members, living with me and not living with me, and friends, are still healthy. But I am also super grateful for those on the frontlines – and there are many – that don't have the choice to stay home out of harm's way. I can't begin to thank them enough for their sacrifices.

Today I would ask the membership to consider helping us with Comfort Quilts. Because there will be no foreseeable meetings in the next number of months, our mission is to continue to provide quilts to those in need, whether it be from sickness or the loss of a loved one – a much more realistic possibility during these uncertain times.

When we became members of the Trent Valley Quilters Guild, we accepted, as part of our membership year, that we each make a Comfort Quilt. Because we have a little more time on our hands, there is no better time than now to make that quilt!

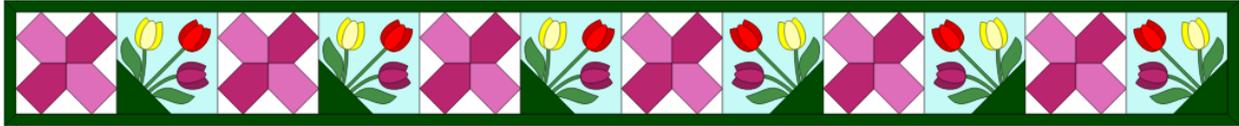
As always, I thank those who currently contribute to the Comfort Quilts mission, and respectfully invite others to help move our mission forward for those in need. With sincere hope and thanks, Nancy Wallace



CQA Liason Stella Dorsman

Quilt Canada, scheduled for June 18th to 20th in Edmonton, has been postponed to September 1st to 4th. Further information is available on the CQA website, although you will still encounter the June dates on some pages.

<https://canadianquilter.com/>



Happy Easter to everyone! Hoping that all of us are practising social distancing and staying home and keeping well! I think the Executive has made a wise decision to close our year early as it is better to be safe than sorry.

As for myself, and I think many of us guild members, we are doing our bit to help in their time of need by sewing masks, head scarves and gowns for the hospitals and for care-givers in our region. Quilts can wait while we help out in this scary time

Stay safe and keep well ♡ ♡ ♡ ♡
Jane Baier

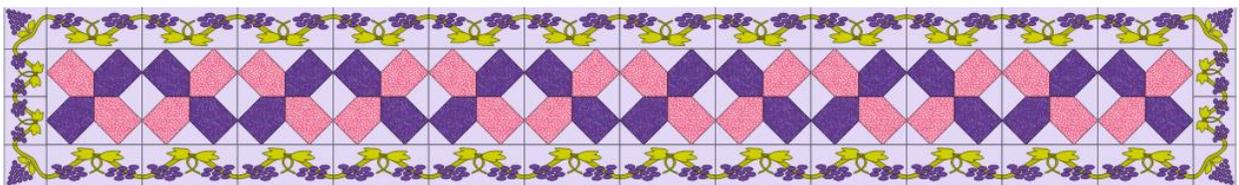


Retreat Pat Brinklow

In these troubling times, there is much to be thankful for as quilter's...our fabric stash (which is much needed right now to pass the time), the time to be able to work on our passion, whatever that may be, and time to reflect on many things that may have added stress to our everyday lives that just don't seem to be that bad after all since this pandemic.

We have many things to look forward to in the future, including Retreat in 2021. Rest assured that your Retreat Committee will make sure that the Retreat 2021 will be one that will bring our guild members together in fellowship!

Wishing you and your families a Happy Easter and good health.
Pat Brinklow



Quilt Show 2021 Sarah Roberts

So, with not being able to have a large group meeting, and our Guild meetings cancelled until (hopefully no later than) September, I have a few things I would like people to consider:

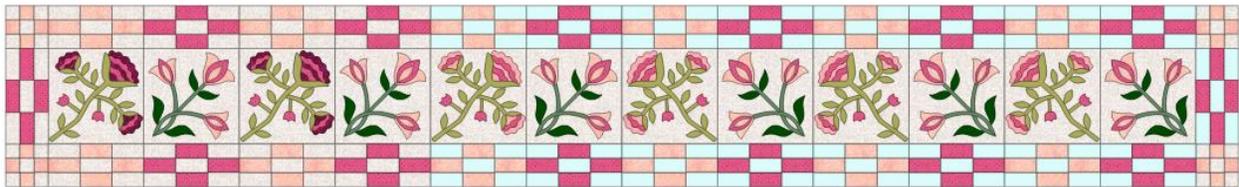
1. Our quilt show dates have already been booked, June 4 (set up day), 5 and 6, 2021. I have sent an email to Jim at the community center to double confirm that those dates are not going to be changed due to all of the rearranging that will have to happen once we conquer this virus.
2. Our raffle quilt is a major fund-raiser for Comfort Quilts. It is very important that we start soon to have the necessary licence, bank account, and tickets printed for this. The quilt itself is all done! **WE NEED A RAFFLE QUILT COMMITTEE CONVENOR!** The 2018 Quilt Show raffle quilt convenor, Janet Kivisto, left a detailed manual for whoever takes this on. Please get in touch with me if you are willing to do this very important job.
3. One of the "new" items we would like to include in the 2021 show is a youth category. At our virtual executive meeting, someone made the point that with our kids or grandkids not in school, perhaps a grandma (or grandpa!) or aunt (or uncle) or neighbour (!) could teach them some quilting techniques, and finished projects could be entered in our show. Brilliant! I will put together a separate email outlining the rules for the Canadian Quilters Association entry to their youth category, and hopefully we can inspire a whole new generation of quilters! This idea is not fully explored yet, but as I sit here typing this, I am thinking appropriate prizes might encourage a few entries, too.
4. Committee Convenor positions that are still open are: Advertising, Door Prizes (this may be changed to a different format), Hanging of Quilts, Hanging of small wall hangings, Raffle quilt, Raffle Baskets, Viewers' Choice, and Visual Records. Please contact me if you are willing to take on one of these positions!
5. We would like to have a featured quilter again in 2021. The 2018 show featured Linda Broere, and the 2015 show featured Marilyn Edmonds. Do you have an opinion of who we should "show off" at our show?? Tell me!!
6. Timeline--Registrations for entries for our 2021 show will be available in January, 2021, and are due in February. So while you are cleaning up and sorting through all your treasures, start thinking of what you would like to enter in our show! The entire January 2021 meeting will be devoted to the quilt show, and registration categories and forms for entries will be explained. Keep an eye out for new categories and quantities. More on that in the fall.....
7. Traditionally, May/June are the months when we introduce the small challenge hanging, to be finished by the end of the following April, and voted on by our guild members in May for the "winners". These hangings are used to decorate our tea room during the show. The quilt show committee will consider how we will handle sign up

and distribution of the "required" fabric (or if we can do it on a compressed timeline) for the 2021 show.

8. The block of the month mystery quilt will continue to be distributed, in spite of us not gathering as a whole. Another entry for our show! You can do it!

There, that's lots of stuff for you to think about. Please email me about how excited you are to take on one of the convenor positions, or if you have any questions!

Sarah Roberts

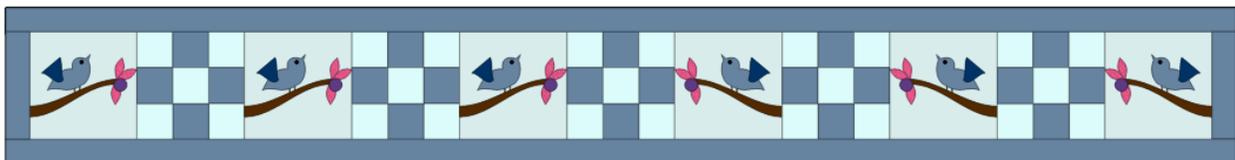


Website Darlene Blanchet

The membership list will no longer be on the website due to privacy concerns. It has already been distributed via email. Also the password has been changed and it too will be sent out.

I have also received word that the Mississauga Quilt Show has been rescheduled to 2021.

Thanks, and Happy Easter. Darlene



Library coordinator Pat Leblanc

Easter Greetings!

we have 3 new library books

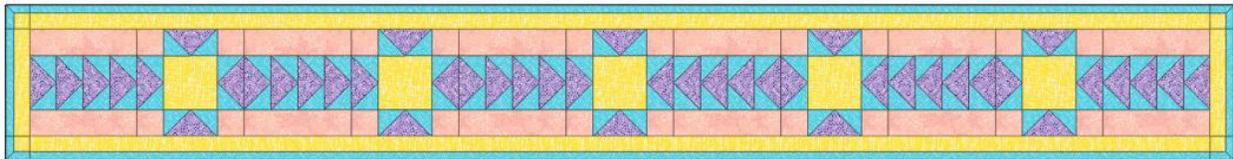
1. The Big Book of Tabletoppers by the Patchwork place
2. Quick Little Landscape Quilts by Joyce Becker
3. Lovely Landscape Quilts by Cathy Geier

Happy Quilting Pat

Program Committee Tina May

The program committee is working to reschedule all the excellent speakers who we were expecting for meeting during the rest of this quilting year. We look forward to September and a healthy socially acceptable new guild year.

Tina,



A note from your newsletter convener (editor) Yvette

This newsletter is different. It's designed to bring you all the latest information from your Trent Valley Quilter's Guild executive in one document.

These are interesting times we're experiencing and difficult at times too. Many changes, cancellations, postponements, and uncertainty. Instead of spending quality time with friends and family, it's become spending virtual time. Not the same, but ok.

I hope you are all finding ways to cope with the absence of appointments, meetings, shopping, and visits with family and friends. I for one am enjoying not having to be somewhere, anywhere, anytime. My extra time has been spent sometimes wastefully and most times creatively. I used EQ8 to design all the "table-runners" in this newsletter, because I had time, and with no schedules my time was my own.

How-ever you spend your time, do things that make you happy, be it sewing, quilting, planning a garden, or going for a walk. Try not to worry, be happy.

I decided to include our sponsor business cards so you can keep them on your mind. They'll need our support when this is over, just as we'll need their services and products, and I wish Mary Anne White (Andjareena's Place) a very happy retirement!

Warmest regards, Yvette

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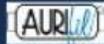
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