

THE COMMON THREAD – April 2017

Hamilton Quilters Guild Newsletter

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"Happiness is a choice, not a result. Nothing will make you happy until you choose to be happy."

— Ralph Marston

Upcoming Meetings

General @ 7:15	Executive @ 7:15	Cuddle Quilts 9:30-2:30
Wed. Apr. 12	Mon. May 8	Tues. Apr. 18
Stitch Out 7 - 9		Workshop 9 - 4
Wed. Apr. 26 Sewing Bee - To Be Announced		Sat. Apr. 22 UFO day \$10

Pls provide Lori Burch with your newsletter submissions no later than the 25th of the month.

Reports

Barbara Lazier, President

March, the month that we are lulled into thinking Winter is over and Spring is on its way. Wrong! As the Lovin Spoonful song lyrics go, "What a day for a daydream." This month we could substitute what a month for some crazy weather. Who could forget the wind storm that shook our houses and bent the trees to the ground? Unfortunately, I found myself on the highway on this very day when a stone from a truck hit my windshield like a bullet. By the next day a crack began to appear; too late to get it fixed before I headed off to Florida. Part way through my journey some of my electronics began to fail. I had no idea many of the car electronics were imbedded in the windshield. Now if you had asked me about sewing machines...

Speaking of friends and sewing, one of the joys of corresponding with friends is being able to vent when your sewing project is determined to trip you up. For you amazing piecers in the Guild I know that this has probably never happened to you. It is one of the reasons I prefer to create my Art Quilts. However my new condo needs quilts and so I am piecing up a storm. The latest quilt is determined to get me. I pre-cut all the required pieces and began my project. Everything was going smoothly or so I thought until I realized that I had twisted 4 of the 5 blocks. Urg! I carefully ripped out until I was back on track and completed them again only to find out I had totally messed up number 5 once again. Rip and reconstruct. These are huge blocks so I will have to block this block before I quilt the top. I am now on the second set of blocks. I am checking at

least twice before I sew. I also know that I should never sew at night. I have never been one to follow directions. It is not in my nature. To me directions are just suggestions and tend to be very confusing. And those little pictures are really hard to read. I wish all quilt instructions had the pictures in colour to help us visual learners...I will persevere and finish but will think twice before buying another pattern.

Margaret Thomas, Vice-President

Please remember to read the proposed budget for the 2018 Quilt Show which was sent out by email in March and which will be voted on at the April 12th general meeting.



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Red Earth Day, April 22: Lets Celebrate

There are 5 Saturdays in April this year.

So here's the scoop: on Earth Day, Sat April 22, bring your own bag and fill it up with kits, fabric, tools, thread - everything in the shop 20% off. One day only - don't miss it.



Mark your calendar: 7th Annual Quilt Clothesline Show and Fabric Garage Sale, July 14 - 15.

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Show & Tell – March 2017			
Quilter	Name of Quilt/Pattern	Quilter	Name of Quilt/Pattern
Lynn Garbett	Canada Flag Quilt Monkey Quilt Elephant Quilt	Terry Kelly	Garden Party Quilt Ode to the Golden Spruce Quilt
Jan Hayashi	Basket Quilt Double Wedding Ring Quilt	Muriel Middleton	Apple Orchard Quilt Early Stars Quilt
Pam Smith	Helen's Quilt	Margaret Varga	Jane Austen Block of the Month
Marie White	New Zealand Quilt Easter at Spring Basket Quilt	Brenda Lupton	Blue & Green Quilted Diamonds (Jinny Beyer fabrics)
Lori Burch	Stack the Deck Quilt	Marla Meir	Forest Friends Baby Quilt
		Audrey McCormick	Scrap Mania Quilt

Hamilton Quilters Guild

The Ellen Collington Memorial Lecture Featuring award-winning **Laurie Swim** **From Lunenburg, Nova Scotia**

Lecture: **The Joy of Quilting:**
An Overview of Laurie's Career as a Quilt Artist

When: Thursday, April 27, 2017 at 7 p.m.

Where: Church of Annunciation of Our Lord,
280 Limeridge Road W, Hamilton

Tickets: \$10 at the door; member price of \$5 if purchased
at the April Guild meeting only

Workshops

Heartfelt thanks to everyone who came to our Stitch Out Sewing Bee! It was a very lively and productive evening. All of the blocks on hand for the CQA Canada 150 challenge were turned into quilt tops by our wonderful group of volunteers who also took many home for completion.

Thanks to everyone who donated batting and fabric for backing and binding. We are still in need of batting. Please check your stash. Our quilt tops are 48 1/2" by 72 1/2." If you have any batt to donate, please bring it to guild this month and email Nan Dorey to let her know what's coming. (ndorey1@hotmail.com) Many of our members are still working on blocks. The more, the merrier and the more quilts we can donate. Our deadline for turning in your slab blocks is our guild meeting on April 12th.

There is no regular Stitch Out this month due to the three Laurie Swim events. However, depending on the how many more CQA blocks we receive, we MIGHT have another Sewing Bee on Wednesday April 26th. Please stay tuned for an email to advise you if this will take place!

Workshop this month is on Saturday, **April 22**, at Christ Church, 92 Highway 8, Flamborough (Greenville) Please note the date. This is not our usual Saturday as it fell on Easter Weekend. This workshop is the ever popular UFO Day. If you've never come to a UFO Day, you should give it a try. It's lots of fun and it's amazing how much you can get done when you can sew from 9am to 4pm. Bring your machine and sewing supplies, something to work on and your lunch. We supply irons and ironing boards as well as tea, coffee and treats. Please see us in the Fireside Room to register. The fee is \$10.00.

HAMILTON QUILTERS GUILD - PROGRAM AND WORKSHOPS 2016-2017

Updated Mar. 31/17

PROGRAM 7:15 – 9.30 2 nd Wed. of month	WORKSHOPS	STITCH OUT, 7 – 9
April 12, 2017 Noshi Gulati , A quilting journey from India and back	Sat. April 22 UFO day \$10	Wed. April 26 Sewing Bee To Be Announced
Thurs, April 27, 2017 Ellen Collington Memorial Lecture (tickets required) Presented by Laurie Swim “The Joy of Quilting” www.laurieswim.com Church of the Annunciation of Our Lord, 280 Limeridge Rd. W., Hamilton		
Friday, April 28, 2017 Laurie Swim Workshop 9 am to 4 pm “A Tree for all Seasons”	Saturday, April 29, 2017 Laurie Swim Workshop 9 am to 4 pm “Picture It In Fabric”	
Both Workshops will be held at First Unitarian Church, 170 Dundurn St, Hamilton		
May 10, 2017 Suzanne Neilson Suzieqqilts@blogspot.ca	Sat. May 20 UFO day - \$10	Wed. May 24 Focus on the library! You will have plenty of time to review library books & borrow up to 5 books for the summer (library not open @ at June potluck). We have recently purged some library books which will be available for purchase (for a nominal fee) ONLY on Wed. May 24 NOTE: You will be able to borrow books @ the May 10th general meeting AND on Wed. May 24
June 14, 2017 Pot Luck Dinner Annual Meeting	Sat. June 17 UFO day - \$10	No stitch out

Membership

Just a reminder that we will be accepting membership payments for the coming year at the general meeting on April 12th. We will be out in the hallway before the meeting and at the break. Please print the renewal form from the website, fill it out and sign the waiver. We have extra copies if you are unable to do so. We will issue you a new membership card and a receipt. The fee is still \$35 and you can order a name tag for \$7 if you would like.

Library

The books we will be adding to the library in April are:

M2-Millfiore Quilts, Hammerstein, Willyne

H3- Homestyle Quilts, Diehl, Kim & Baker, Laurie, 2012

The May stitchout night (Wed. May 24) will be focused on the library! You will have plenty of time to review library books & borrow up to 5 books for the summer (library not open @ at June potluck). We have recently purged some library books which will be available for purchase (for a nominal fee) **ONLY on Wed. May 24**

NOTE: You will be able to borrow books @ the May 10th general meeting **AND** on Wed. May 24

Social

The Social Committee would like to thank the following members for their healthy and tantalizing treats. Healthy treats by Jean Mclean and Pat Male. Thank you for the 3 dozen treats from Denise Julian, Janice Mathers, Edna Twist, Pat Martin, Priscilla Wilson and Wendy Hayes. Please bring your donation to the kitchen by 6:30.

Thanks to the following members for their cash donation towards the Juice/Coffee fund----Diane Baker, Judy Lindsay, Ann Fucic, Susan Boyce, and Gabrielle Marion.

Cuddle Quilts

This month's date: April 18th Time: 9:30 am till 2:30 pm Place: Harmony Baptist Church, 1763 Upper James Street above Rymal Road and across from The Egg and I Restaurant.

What to bring: Your lunch. We supply tea, coffee and cookies.

Supplies Needed: A project to work on or a kit will be available for you. Bring your sewing machine if you wish. We supply a cutting station (with cutting boards and rotary cutters) plus irons and ironing boards. We usually have hand sewing to be done, so if you don't have to bring your machine. Please just come out and have some fun.

We will bring quilting and breastfeeding pillow kits to the Guild Meetings for those who can't make it out to a Cuddle Quilt day. So come see us in the Fireside Room. If you are making your own quilt for Cuddle Quilts, please just a reminder that 100% cotton is appreciated.

Next Month's Date: May 16th (that is our potluck)

Upcoming Events

<p>Alliston Quilting Corners Guild 2017 Quilt Show June 10-11 "Stitching Among Friends"</p>
<p>Queen's Bush Quilters of Markdale, Ontario 2017 Quilt Show June 23-24 "Sew Much to Celebrate, Eh!!"</p>

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Please create placemats throughout the year for the Meals on Wheels clients which will be collected up to and including the December pot luck dinner. The placemats are very much appreciated by those who receive them, are a great way to practice a new technique and use up scrap fabric. Please consider creating placemats to help keep this project the success it has been for many years.

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