

THE COMMON THREAD – April 2018

Hamilton Quilters Guild Newsletter



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The state of your life is nothing more than a reflection of the state of your mind. Wayne Dyer

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Upcoming Meetings

General @ 7:15	Executive @ 7:15
Wed. Apr. 11 Kathryn Wagner Trunk Show and some of the strange questions I have been asked over my 25 years as a Quilter by non-quilters www.kathysquilts.blogspot.com	Mon. Apr. 23
Cuddle Quilts 9:30-2:30	Workshop 9 - 4
Tues. Apr. 24	Sat. Apr. 21 UFO + demo on getting quilts ready for the show

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

Reports

Barbara Lazier, President

In three short months we will be showcasing our latest quilt masterpieces in our Quilt Show at the Ancaster Fairgrounds. How exciting it is to see the vast hall filled with quilts while our guests wander through admiring the handiwork of all.

It takes a village to raise a child. The same could also be said about a Quilt Show. It takes the whole Guild to produce a top quality show. The Show Executive works behind the scenes to make sure everything will run smoothly for the three days of the Show. The Members need to showcase their quilts: Beginner to Expert quilter. A mighty group of volunteers needs to man the different stations during the show weekend.

While winning a ribbon may be the icing on the cake, the collective joy that the entire Guild feels at the duration of a Guild Show should be one of the goals of the Guild. Let's join our hands together and help make this show a truly memorable one.

Quilt Show Quilt Registration –Barbara Lazier, Barbara Mahaffy

This is the **last month** to bring in your quilt registration forms for Quilts in Bloom 2018. Last show we had 223 quilts from 71 members. To date we have only 98 quilts from 31 members. Every member should have a quilt displayed in the show. Without a good variety of quilts, a show is nothing. We are expecting to be inundated with another 120 submissions at the April meeting.

All registrations must be completed in full including photo and description statement. The photo can be of any stage of the quilt including scattered fabrics, a segment of the quilt or the whole piece completed. It just needs to be enough to give us an idea of the colours and style of quilt so that the hanging will be pleasing.

If you are not going to be at the meeting or are having trouble printing pictures or forms, several members have been successful sending the information via email. Documents can be scanned and attached or sent as a file with your email to mahaffy@sympatico.ca. You are welcome to send emails before the next meeting so that they can be processed early.

Remember the deadline is **April 11, 2018**. There can be no extensions since the remaining time is needed to complete the computer work, plan the hanging layout and print materials.

2018 Quilt Show Volunteers Needed – Carol Finucane

We have interesting & fun positions available. Something to suit everyone.

Consider volunteering some of your time on the Thurs, Fri or Sat for the following:

Tea Room	Boutique	Admissions
Registration - Quilt set up (Thurs.) – take down (Sat.)		
Cuddle Quilts	Volunteer room	Tombola

Please stop by the sign up table on Apr. 11, which will be set up at the back of the room, prior to the start of the meeting and at the break, or email carolf215@hotmail.com if you want to volunteer but won't be at the Apr. 11th meeting.

Cuddle Quilts

This month's date - April 24th Time - 9:30 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 quilt to quilt, if you need one I do bring them to the meetings. Please bring your sewing machines as we don't have much hand sewing at the moment. If you can't quilt, we still have breast pillows and placemats to be done. If you are making your own Cuddle Quilts, please just a reminder that 100% cotton is appreciated. I would like to thank everyone for pitching in and getting our quilts quilted. Right now we have a total of 43 left and we started with 105 quilt kits.

Thanks again to everyone. Next month's date is May 15th (that is our potluck).

Library

New books in the library in April:

M45- Modern Quilt Magic by Victoria Findlay Wolfe, 2017

W15- Wiggles and Waves- Free Form Curves by Karen Eckmeir, 2018

Also a "heads up"- even though we will be having guild meeting over the summer, the library will not be open in June, July and August. So you can take books out at the May meeting and they will be due in September. You can enjoy them all summer! **In order to take books out in May we will need to see your membership renewal for the 2018-2019 year. So please be prepared to show your membership card in May. Thanks for your cooperation.**

Your library committee: Susan Boyce, Jackie Boros, Mary Edwards, Angie McNulty

President's Challenge Quilt Show 2018

The Challenge theme is: "It's in the Bag"—full details attached to this newsletter. If you see that piece of fabric you can't live without but don't know what to do with it or see that bag pattern you absolutely have to have while you are out and about, you can use those for the challenge.

If you have any questions about it, please contact Gail Berry-Graham at gailberry@me.com.

Show & Tell – March			
Quilter	Name of Quilt/Pattern	Quilte	Name of Quilt/Pattern
Pat Quinlan	Sampler Quilt	Pat Male	Green Stained glass quilt
Lawna Eslamy	Helen Novak Colour Whale quilted by Catherine Schuler	Barb Hutchison	Dresden Plate quilted by Helen Hebert, Caledonia
Wendy Hayes	T-shirt quilt	Frieda Bilan	4 Batik table runners
	Improv Eleanor Burns Leftover Blocks Quilt		1 Baby Quilt



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Program

Kathy Wagner will be our speaker at our April 11 meeting. She will be bringing us her Trunk show plus “some of the strange questions I have been asked over my 25 years as a quilter by non-quilters”. Kathy has been quilting for over 25 years and is a member of the Royal City Quilters' Guild. Although she enjoys all forms of quilt making, she is particularly interested in miniature quilts, mystery quilting and online quilting. Kathy has a blog where she documents her quilts and adventures: <http://kathysquilts.blogspot.com/>. Kathy does all her own quilting, by hand and by machine, and enjoys the process of making a quilt from start to finish. In her non quilting life, Kathy has a Master of Social Work degree from Wilfrid Laurier University and is a trauma recovery therapist at The Wellness Collaborative in Guelph.

Just a reminder that we having a **“Fabric, sewing, and quilting table sale”** at our meeting on **August 8**. If you have been purging over the winter or are committed to start your sewing room spring cleaning and need a place to sell items, please sign up for a table. Tables are \$10.00. Please contact Shelagh Daly, sdaly5@bell.net or Shirley Burley, jsburley42@gmail.com to request a table.

Workshop

“Please join Kate on April 21st at Christ Church, [99 Highway 8, Flamborough](#) for a UFO day” and add “and Quilt Show Tips, Tricks and Sleeves. Someone will be coming for part of the day to help you learn how to enter your Quilt Show entries to their best advantage and to teach us how to make a sleeve for the back of your items so they will hang well.” Bring your lunch, unfinished quilting project(s), sewing machine and sewing supplies. We’ll provide work stations, irons and ironing boards, raised cutting tables and large tables for pin basting. There will be tea, coffee and treats throughout the day.

Thursday May 17th is another UFO day. We hope that members who can’t get out to Saturday events will give this a try. If it’s a success we’ll try to arrange more midweek UFOs.

A reminder to new members: you received a coupon for a free UFO day in your guild registration package. Think about using it in April or May, you’ll like it!

Saturday June 16th is our “Borders and Bindings” workshop with Patti Carey from Northcott Fabrics. We need 16 participants for this workshop to happen. There are still some spots available.

Please register for these events in the hallway before the guild meeting or during the break.

UFO days cost \$10.00. Patti Carey’s workshop costs \$50.00 Plus a kit fee of \$20.00. You can also register by email: Kerry: keblunt@icloud.com; Kate: kfmorrison25@gmail.com

Membership

We will be taking membership renewals for the coming year starting at the April 11 general meeting. We will again be out in the hallway before the meeting and at the break. Please print the renewal form attached to this newsletter, fill it out and sign the waiver. This form must accompany your payment, which remains at \$35. We will issue you a new membership card and a receipt. Name tags can be ordered for \$7.

Social

The Social Committee would like to thank Shelagh Daly and Shirley Burley for their Healthy treats.

A thank you to Cindy Leduc, Jackie Boros, Thelma Leech, Jan Boudreau and the Hamilton Quilt guild for their 3 dozen treats. Thank you to Janette Roth, Jan Ballantine, Marla Meir, Lori Burch and Linda Wilkinson for their \$10 donation towards the Drink fund.

Please bring your treats to the kitchen by 6:30.

Attachments to this Newsletter

1. 2018 Quilt Show Rules and Registration Form
2. 2018 Quilt Show President’s Challenge Rules
3. 2018 Quilt Show President’s Challenge Registration Form
4. 2018-19 Membership Form

**HAMILTON QUILTERS GUILD
PROGRAM AND WORKSHOPS 2017-2018**

Updated March 20, 2018

Program 7:15 – 9:30 2nd Wed. of month	Workshops Christ Church, 92 Highway #8, Flamborough (Greenville)
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May 9, 2018 Celeste Compion The Bolt and the Beautiful - The Shweshwe Saga http://www.meerkatshweshwe.com/	Updated: Thursday, May 17, 2018 UFO
Updated: June 13, 2018 A Celebration of our Quilt show	June 16, 2018 Patti Carey Borders and Binding
Updated: July 11, 2018 Pot Luck	July 21, 2018 UFO
August 8, 2018 Fabric, Sewing, and quilting table sale by members \$10.00 per table. Please contact Shirley Burley or Shelagh Daly	August 18, 2018 UFO