

THE COMMON THREAD – December 2016

Hamilton Quilters Guild Newsletter

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"Pause and remember— If you are reading this... You are blessed to be alive and today is a gift. Tomorrow is not guaranteed. Don't hesitate to forgive, hug and love those dear to you!" — **Jenni Young**
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Upcoming Meetings

General @ 5:30	Executive @ 7:15	Cuddle Quilts 9:30-2:30
Wed. Dec. 14 - Pot Luck Dinner Bring your own utensils, Gift Exchange with letter "C"	Mon. Dec. 12	Tues. Jan. 17
Stitch Out 7 - 9		Workshop 9 - 4
Wed. Jan. 25 Beginner Class #2 - Gail Berry-Graham Free demo: Pillow case		Sat. Jan. 21 UFO \$10.00 with free demo

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

Reports

Barbara Lazier, President

For the past month I have been in Indonesia sailing with my eldest daughter and family throughout many of their beautiful islands. The third world functions quite differently than the first world if you have never had the privilege of being a visitor. The people are wonderful. Living in multi-generational homes, family is number one. They have a work ethic of which I am constantly in awe. One quickly gets over the dirt and "poverty" and embraces the heart of their culture.

While here I have been able to snorkel many of the beautiful coral reefs. Someday I will relate the story of the purchasing my wetsuit! Such hilarity only comes when one is of a mature age. Imagine swimming in the biggest aquarium in the world filled with the most amazing tropical fish that you can imagine. I start to chuckle to myself while swimming and think, "What did I do to deserve such riches." Recently we spent an hour swimming above two enormous manta rays who were being cleaned by a host of smaller fish. It was magic!

Soon we will be in Bali and will be taken to see where the Batiks are made. I have been told by a local taxi driver that the patterns in good quality Batiks indicate which island where they are made. I am also looking forward to visiting some temples and local landmarks.

While you have been bombarded with news, I have been unplugged from world events. There is no internet, no telephone, no television in my world; just a good book, the open sea and most importantly family.


Show & Tell – Nov 9	
Quilter	Name of Quilt/Pattern
Linda Jackson	“+” Quilt – Quilty Magazine
	Row by Row 2015
Debbie Adams	Baby Quilt
Chris Quinlan	Fancy Forest 1 – Pattern by Elizabeth Hartman
	Fancy Forest 2 – Pattern by Elizabeth Hartman
Marla Meir	Bargello Lap Quilt – made by Sew & Sews
	Basket Weave Lap Quilt – made by Sew & Sews



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We wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas & a Happy, healthy New Year!

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Sat, Dec 10, 10:00 - 5:00

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An Overview of Laurie's Career as a Quilt Artist

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

Church of Annunciation of Our Lord,

280 Limeridge Road W, Hamilton

Tickets \$5 members, \$10 non-members

One-Day Workshops:

Friday, April 28, 2017 and Saturday, April 29, 2017

First Unitarian Church of Hamilton,

170 Dundurn Street South, Hamilton

Friday's Workshop: **A Tree for All Seasons**

Saturday's Workshop: **Picture It in Fabric**

Workshop Registration \$30 members, \$50 non-members

Tickets and Registrations beginning at January 11, 2017 meeting

Desk opens at 6:15

Payment required

HAMILTON QUILTERS GUILD - PROGRAM AND WORKSHOPS 2016-2017

Updated Oct. 27/16

PROGRAM 7:15 – 9.30 2 nd Wed. of month	WORKSHOPS	STITCH OUT, 7 – 9
Dec. 14, 2016 Pot Luck Dinner Bring your own utensils Gift Exchange with letter "C"	Sat. Dec. 10 UFO day with catered lunch by Greensville Gourmet \$25	No stitch out
Jan. 11, 2017 HQG Members Marjorie Hurajt, Linda Nelson and Gail Berry-Graham	Sat. Jan. 21 UFO day \$10 with free demo	Wed. Jan. 25 Beginner class #2. Free demo: Pillow case
Feb. 8, 2017 Aline Chan Alinequilts.blogspot.ca	Sat. Feb. 18 Johanna Masko - "Easy Double Wedding Ring" - \$50	Wed. Feb. 22 Beginner class #3
March 8, 2017 Anita Zobens Choosing Threads fearlessly	Sat. March 18 Anita Zobens Appliqué Buffet	Wed. March 22 TBA
April 12, 2017 Noshi Gulati , A quilting journey from India and back	Sat. April 22 UFO day \$10	Wed. April 26 TBA
Thurs, April 27, 2017 Ellen Collington Memorial Lecture 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 "A Tree for all Seasons"		Saturday, April 29, 2017 Laurie Swim Workshop "Picture It In Fabric"
Both Workshops will be held at First Unitarian Church, 170 Dundurn St, Hamilton		
May 10, 2017 Suzanne Neilson Suziequilts@blogspot.ca	Sat. May 20	Wed. May 24
June 14, 2017 Pot Luck Dinner Annual Meeting	Sat. June 17 UFO day - \$10	No stitch out

Program and Workshops

Thanks to everyone who came to our November 19th UFO day. We had a great day of sewing and learning together. Nan Dorey provided us with supplies and easy instructions for everyone to make a small gift bag to hang on a Christmas tree.

Saturday at Greenville, on December 10th, is a UFO day with a catered lunch provided by The Greenville Gourmet. There will be sandwiches, salad and dessert. This day of quilting, friendship and delicious food is yours for \$25.00. PLEASE NOTE: THIS EVENT TAKES PLACE THE WEEK BEFORE OUR DECEMBER GUILD MEETING. YOU CAN E-MAIL OR PHONE NAN, KATE OR KERRY TO BOOK YOUR SPOT IF YOU DIDN'T SIGN UP AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING. WE DON'T WANT YOU TO MISS OUT.

Saturday January 21st at Greenville is a UFO day for \$10.00. We'll also have a demo with a kit to get you ready for Valentine's Day.

Stitch-out on January 25th is Gail Berry Graham's second Beginner Class. Nan Dorey will present a free demo on making a pillow case. This is a fun, easy-to-personalize project. No need to sign up for the demo, just come.

Just a reminder, Johanna Masko has rescheduled her "Easy Double Wedding Ring" class. It's on Saturday February 18th at Greenville. Cost is \$50.00 and there are still spaces available.

Anita Zobens, who speaks at the March guild meeting, will teach "Appliqué Buffet" on Saturday March 18th at Greenville. Her class is \$50.00 and you can start registering now.

We've been asked to have a quilting tote bag class and are currently working out the details. Please stay tuned for more info and a sample.

Library

The library will not be open at the December meeting. You can enjoy the books you took out in November until our January meeting! See you in the New Year!

Fat Quarter Club

Do you like surprises? Well if that describes you, you may be interested in joining the Fat Quarter Club. Each month you will receive one Fat Quarter, neatly wrapped in a brown paper bag or envelope. Each meeting you will select one of these "Surprise Packages". It's always exciting to unwrap and marvel at your new Fat Quarter! This is a perfect way to build your stash! The only fee is to bring four Fat Quarters neatly packaged, twice per year. If you are interested in joining us please see Angela in the Fireside Room at the next Quilt meeting. We will include you on the schedule and provide you with an Instruction Sheet.

Cuddle Quilts

Just a reminder there is no meeting in December.

I will not be at this month's meeting for I will be in Florida and for this reason please give your placemats to Brenda Lupton for those who get them done. As far as the quilts or the breast pillows please hang on to them until January's meeting.

Thanks to everyone for all your help this year and please have a GREAT CHRISTMAS and ALL THE BEST FOR THE NEW YEAR.

Next Month's Meeting --January 17, 2017

Social

Thanks to the following members for contributing to our coffee,tea and juice fund for the December Pot Luck: Barbara Dabbs, Leslie Taylor, Kim Epple, Barbara Wood, and Shirley Turner.

December is the Christmas Potluck Dinner!! The "letter" for the ten dollar holiday gift is "C" I'm sure we will be surprised with the numerous gifts that will be purchased from chocolates, candies, cotton fabric etc. If you would like to participate in the Holiday Gift Exchange, please bring a wrapped gift and incorporate the "letter" in your gift selection.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the Pot Luck Dinner Agenda. Doors will open at 5:30 and we will begin the dinner at 6:00 P.M. Please bring your Potluck contribution, preheated and pre-cut into small pieces. Label your serving dish with your name & please remember to bring the serving utensils spoons/ladles/forks) As a courtesy to those Members with Food allergies--please complete a small card itemizing the ingredients of your favourite "dish" and place the card beside your "dish" Please remember to bring your own plates, cutlery and mug---Coffee, Tea and cold beverages will be provided.

The meeting will commence with Grace, the Main Course, Desserts, Gift Exchange, Show and Tell and then the Raffle.

We will also circulate the Volunteer List at the December Meeting. We have several months in 2017 that we require food contributions for. Please review the Volunteer List and consider participating in the monthly food contributions.

See you at the December meeting & Happy Quilting from the Social Committee.

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 REMINDERS:

Placemats will be collected for the Meals on Wheels clients up to and including the pot luck dinner. The placemats are very much appreciated by those who receive them and are a great way to practice a new technique. Please help keep this project the success it has been for many years.

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