

THE COMMON THREAD – February 2017

Hamilton Quilters Guild Newsletter

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"If you want good things to happen in your life you first have to believe good things are possible for yourself. Quit allowing negative and cynical thinking to get in the way of the good life you deserve."

— Bryant McGill

Upcoming Meetings

General @ 7:15	Executive @ 7:15	Cuddle Quilts 9:30-2:30
Wed. Feb. 8	Mon. Mar. 6	Tues. Feb. 21
Stitch Out 7 - 9		Workshop 9 - 4
Wed. Feb. 22 Beginner Class #3 - Gail Berry-Graham		Sat. Feb. 18 Johanna Masko "Easy Double Wedding Ring" - \$50

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

Reports

Barbara Lazier, President

Recently, my sister and her husband have been visiting me in Florida. The other night she turned to us and told us that we were about to be banished to a deserted island and had 5 minutes to decide what our last meal would be. Pictures of various food items danced through my mind until I quickly decided on Caesar salad, Lobster, a large glass of Merlot and Crème Brule. The three of us had fun for the next half hour naming categories and what we would take. She, a gardener, had her favourite plants; He, a cook, wanted essential kitchen items. I thought to myself what quilting supplies would I gather given 5 or even 10 minutes. Does the island have electricity? Should I just bring hand sewing supplies? What essential items were precious enough to me that would keep me content for years to come?

I throw this question out to you. Start going through your quilting and sewing supplies. Give yourself a time limit and have some fun. Most of us are so stuff dependent that we cannot conceive of living without. I laugh at myself each time I pack for a Retreat. You would think I was leaving home for months. And what do we all do when we get to a Retreat? We go shopping for more fabric; Beautiful, luscious fabric that we can stroke when we are stressed, fabric that just makes us happy and enriches our lives.

Name your category, set a time limit and have fun making those decisions.

All this talk of quilting and fabric has me thinking of a trip to a quilt shop. Now that I have tidied my quilt room in virtual reality, I know I have room for a few new glorious pieces.

Margaret Thomas, Vice-President


This month two caring cards have been sent one to Carole Battersby and one to Inge Schubert. Thanks to those who kept me in the loop and please remember that I would like to send good news caring cards too!



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Ellen Collington Memorial Lecture and Workshops

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Lecture:

The Joy of Quilting: 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 – *SOLD OUT***

Saturday's Workshop: **Picture It in Fabric – *A few spots available***

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

Tickets and Registrations at the February meeting and Stitch Out nights.

Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity at great prices!

HAMILTON QUILTERS GUILD - PROGRAM AND WORKSHOPS 2016-2017

Updated Jan. 30/16

PROGRAM 7:15 – 9.30 2 nd Wed. of month	WORKSHOPS	STITCH OUT, 7 – 9
Feb. 8, 2017 Aline Chan Alinequilts.blogspot.ca	Sat. Feb. 18 Johanna Masko - "Easy Double Wedding Ring" - \$50	Wed. Feb. 22 Beginner class #3 Karen Kolodziejczak (Quilting Cardinal – Part 1: Quilt as you go Table Runner - \$10
March 8, 2017 Anita Zobens Choosing Threads fearlessly	Sat. March 18 Anita Zobens Appliqué Buffet	Wed. March 22 Beginner class #4 Karen Kolodziejczak (Quilting Cardinal – Part 2: Quilt as you go Table Runner - \$10
April 12, 2017 Noshi Gulati , A quilting journey from India and back	Sat. April 22 UFO day \$10	Wed. April 26 No stitch out
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 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

Show & Tell – January 11	
Quilter	Name of Quilt/Pattern
Catherine Schuler	CBC embroidery piece
Nan Dorey	Gazebo Nap, Pillow case
Margaret Varga	Modern Quilt for Cuddle Quilts
Marla Meir	Basket Weave Quilt
Susan Boyce	Curved Line Quilt
Willi Steed	Primitive Wool Embroidery

Program

From the Program Committee on behalf of all guild members, A BIG THANK YOU to Gail Berry Graham, Marj Hurajt and Linda Nelson for their wonderful presentations on their quilting journeys at our January meeting.

Workshops

Another great UFO day at Greenville in January - thanks to all who attended. Lots of personal work was done as well as many blocks for the CQA Big Quilt Bee challenge!

February is the shortest month but is big in quilting events. On February 18th, we're looking forward to Johanna Masko's Easy Double Wedding Ring class. This takes place in Greenville and promises us a great day learning a new technique. There are just a few spots left for this class (\$50.00)

Stitch out on February 22nd is the third class in Gail Berry Graham's Beginner Quilting series. Gail has added a fourth class on March 22nd so students can learn how to bind their quilts. Gail has given our new quilters a great start in the wonderful world of quilting. This stitch out night will see another class start up. Karen Kolodziejczak, from The Quilted Cardinal, will be on hand to teach a Quilt-As-You-Go table runner. There are still lots of spots in this 2 night class that will finish on March 22nd. Your cost for Karen's classes is \$20.00.

Anita Zobens will speak at the March 8th guild meeting and she'll return for Saturday at Greenville on March 18th. Her class is called "Applique Buffet." Anita will teach us about thread and its uses in our quilting. Your cost for Anita's class is \$50.00 at registration and Anita will bring each participant a kit of specialty threads to use in her class (\$5.00 to be paid to Anita at the class on March 18th.)

Any members who would like to participate in the CQA Big Quilt Bee challenge can pick up a piece of the Canada 150 fabric at the workshop table. Please check out this online video on how to make the blocks: www.canadianquilter.com/events/quilt-canada-2017-quilting-bee-video.php. This is such a worthwhile cause and it involves quilting - what could be better!

Social

The Social Committee would like to thank Bev Turner and Jan Boudreau for their offering of Healthy Treats. Thank you to Marget Towers, Judy Blacquiere, Willy Walker, Linda Murray, Gisela Ball, Kerry Blunt and Carole Battersby for their contribution of 3 dozen treats. Also thank you to the following for their cash donation towards Juice/Coffee Fund: Maureen Czerneda, Kathleen Philip, Margaret Varga, Bev Mann and Cindy Leduc. Please bring the goodies to the kitchen between 6:30 and 7 pm.

Library

The library is pleased to add the following collection of DVD's from the National Quilters Circle. It is called the Ultimate Quilting DVD Set. There is a good selection of tutorials and ideas to inspire and challenge you.

We hope you enjoy watching them! As usual, if you have suggestions for books or resources that we should add to the library please let one of us on the library committee know! Your library Committee is Jackie Boros, Susan Boyce, Mary Edwards and Jill Walton

DVD#	Title	Year	Publisher
17	Quilt and Colour	2012	National Quilter's Circle
18	Clever Tips for Savvy Quilters	2010	
19	Fresh Ideas and Design Techniques	2010	
20	The Embellished Quilt	2010	
21	Creative Techniques, Designs and Solutions	2012	
22	Artistic Ideas and Design Techniques	2011	
23	Stunning Designs and Techniques	2010	
24	Creative Ideas and Fun Techniques	2010	
25	Fancy Ideas for the Fabulous Quilter	2012	
26	Skillful Approaches to Magnificent Quilts	2012	

Cuddle Quilts

This month's date - FEBRUARY 21st 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 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 want to bring machine you don't have to. Please just come out and have fun.

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

Thanks again to everyone. Next month's meeting - March 21st.

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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