

# THE COMMON THREAD – January 2017

## Hamilton Quilters Guild Newsletter

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### Upcoming Meetings

<b>General @ 7:15</b>	<b>Executive @ 7:15</b>	<b>Cuddle Quilts 9:30-2:30</b>
Wed. Jan. 11	Mon. Mar. 13	Tues. Jan. 17
<b>Stitch Out 7 - 9</b>		<b>Workshop 9 - 4</b>
Wed. Jan. 25 <b>Beginner Class #2 - Gail Berry-Graham</b> Free pillow case demo by Nan Dorey		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

The beginning of a new year means different things to each one of us: health, peace and often a new resolution are on the bucket list. January for the Hamilton Quilters Guild means Members' Night, where we showcase the talent of three of our own. I know that I echo the voice of many when I say that this meeting is my favourite of the year. We have so many wonderful quilters in our midst that have great stories to tell. Sit back and enjoy the splendour that you are about to be treated.

The holidays are over and it is time to think of sewing once again. What stories will your sewing machine have to tell? Are you going to put the pedal to the metal and churn out a strip quilt or take your time and create a master piece? Before I sew I need to have a serious talk with myself and reorganize my sewing room. All of my fabric needs to be taken out into the hall, sorted into colours, like families and gently stroked before I refold them. This last step is the most necessary as I find it therapeutic to my well-being. I also need to start a Cuddle Quilt bin: these fabrics have been in my

house past their due date. Before beginning the 3 or 4 new quilts that I have swirling around my mind I should also consider working on the 4 or 5 quilts that I have currently on my design board. This probably will not happen, as I tend to be an "I like the journey more than the destination" type of person.

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**

A caring card went out to the family of Sandy Thomas. We also sent out cards to Cathy Sukovich, Carol Finucane and Judy Carpenter.


Remember, I am ready to send out good news cards so just let me know and I will pen a note.



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# Ellen Collington Memorial Lecture and Workshops

## Featuring Laurie Swim 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**

**9 am to 4 pm**

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, Fireside Room*

*Payment required @ time of registration*

## HAMILTON QUILTERS GUILD - PROGRAM AND WORKSHOPS 2016-2017

*Updated Dec. 29/16*

PROGRAM 7:15 – 9.30 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed. of month	WORKSHOPS	STITCH OUT, 7 – 9
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 <b>Aline Chan</b> Alinequilts.blogspot.ca	Sat. Feb. 18 <b>Johanna Masko</b> - "Easy Double Wedding Ring" - \$50	Wed. Feb. 22 Beginner class #3
March 8, 2017 <b>Anita Zobens</b> Choosing Threads fearlessly	Sat. March 18 Anita Zobens Appliqué Buffet	Wed. March 22 <b>TBA</b>
April 12, 2017 <b>Noshi Gulati</b> , A quilting journey from India and back	Sat. April 22 UFO day \$10	Wed. April 26 <b>TBA</b>
<p><b>Thurs, April 27, 2017 Ellen Collington Memorial Lecture (tickets required)</b> Presented by <b>Laurie Swim</b> "The Joy of Quilting" <a href="http://www.laurieswim.com">www.laurieswim.com</a> Church of the Annunciation of Our Lord, 280 Limeridge Rd. W., Hamilton</p>		
<p><b>Friday, April 28, 2017</b> <b>Laurie Swim Workshop</b> 9 am to 4 pm "A Tree for all Seasons"</p>		<p><b>Saturday, April 29, 2017</b> <b>Laurie Swim Workshop</b> 9 am to 4 pm "Picture It In Fabric"</p>
<p>Both Workshops will be held at First Unitarian Church, 170 Dundurn St, Hamilton</p>		
<p>May 10, 2017 <b>Suzanne Neilson</b> <a href="mailto:Suziequilts@blogspot.ca">Suziequilts@blogspot.ca</a></p>	<p>Sat. May 20</p>	<p>Wed. May 24</p>
<p>June 14, 2017 Pot Luck Dinner Annual Meeting</p>	<p>Sat. June 17 UFO day - \$10</p>	<p><b>No stitch out</b></p>

<b>Show &amp; Tell – Dec. 14</b>	
<b>Quilter</b>	<b>Name of Quilt/Pattern</b>
Linda Jackson	Little girls dresses with matching doll dresses, Stuffed animal Monkeys, Quilted Growth Chart
Robin Lane	Folded Fabric star ornaments
Betty Carter	Autumn Splendor
Marla Meir, Lori Burch	101 different placemats donated by St. John's Sew & Sews (directed by Marla Meir)
Anne Fucic	Two wall hangings - Ornamental Bliss and Bejeweled Forest

## **Program and Workshops**

The New Year is full of quilting opportunities starting with Saturday at Greenville on January 21st. This is a UFO day and will include a kit and instructions for a Valentine mug rug. Stitch out on January 25th is Gail Berry-Graham's second Beginner Class and Nan Dorey will also do a free demo on making pillowcases.

Johanna Masko's "Easy Double Wedding Ring" class on Saturday February 18th still has spaces available. Please sign up for this workshop (\$50) at guild meeting or by e-mail to Nan, Kate or Kerry ([ndorey1@hotmail.com](mailto:ndorey1@hotmail.com) or [kfmorrison25@gmail.com](mailto:kfmorrison25@gmail.com) or [keblunt@icloud.com](mailto:keblunt@icloud.com)) before January 18th.

Karen Kolodziejczak, from The Quilted Cardinal, will teach at stitch out on both February 22 and March 22. Karen will present a Quilt-As-You-Go table runner with strips and pieced strips of fabric. This is beginner friendly and still fun for the more experienced quilter. Your cost for the 2 classes is \$20.00.

Anita Zoben's "Applique Buffet" workshop takes place at Greenville on Saturday March 18th. Stay tuned for details and save the date for this \$50.00 class.

Canadian Quilt Association (CQA) has issued a fantastic challenge using the "Canada 150th" fabric. The goal of "Canada's Big Quilt Bee" is to make 1000 quilts to donate to Ronald McDonald Houses across Canada. We have purchased some of the fabric for you to use with child-friendly cotton from your stash to make a 12 1/2 slab block. The guild will pay the cost of sending the completed blocks to CQA for the May deadline. Finished blocks will be sewn together and quilted by volunteers at Quilt Canada 2017 (June 14-17) in Toronto. We'll bring the "Canada 150th" fabric to all Saturday at Greenville events for interested members.

Please check out this online video on how to make the blocks: <https://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!

## **Library**

The following books will be added to the library in January 2017:

M 12-Modern Heritage Quilts. By Amy Ellis. (2016)

O 19- One Wonderful Curve - 12 Contemporary Quilts by Jenny Pedigo and Helen Robinson for Sew Kind of Wonderful with Sherilyn Mortensen (2015)

S 19- Sideways Spiral Quilts: Design and sew chains, ropes and ribbons. By RaNae Merrill. (2016)

## **Cuddle Quilts**

**Brenda Lupton delivered 370 placemats to Meals on Wheels with thanks to Cuddle Quilts, the St. John's Sew & Sews (directed by Marla Meir) and all who donated a placemat.**

This month's date--January 17th      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 board. We usually have hand sewing to be done, so if you don't want to bring your machine, you don't have to. PLEASE JUST COME OUT AND HAVE SOME FUN.

I will be bringing quilting kits to the Guild Meeting for those of you that can't make it on Cuddle Quilt Day. So come see me in the Fireside Room. If you are making your own quilt for Cuddle Quilts, please just a reminder that 100% cotton is appreciated.

Thanks again to everyone.      NEXT MONTH'S MEETING--February 21st.

## **Social**

The Social Committee would like to thank all who participated in the December Potluck Dinner. As usual the meal was delicious with a wide variety of wonderful dishes. Not only was the meal enjoyed but also the fellowship of other quilters. To all who assisted in set up and pull down, your help was greatly appreciated!

For coffee time at the first meeting of the New Year, January 11, healthy treats are to be supplied by Shirley Burley and Pat Male. Three dozen treats will also be donated by Karen Laposa, Robin Lane, Evelyn Walker, Diane Cruickshanks, Jennifer Tenhage and Carole Battersby. The coffee/ juice fund appreciated donations from Shirley Turner, Mary Anne Peaker, Kathy Sukovich, Lynda LeBlanc and Jan Ballantyne that will be used to supply our variety of drinks.

## **Upcoming Events**

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