

THE COMMON THREAD – January 2018

Hamilton Quilters Guild Newsletter



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"Love does not grow on trees or brought in the market, but if one wants to be "loved" one must first know how to give unconditional love."

— Kabir

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Upcoming Meetings

General @ 7:15	Executive @ 7:15
Wed. Jan. 10 Three quilters from our own Guild sharing their quilting journey	Mon. Feb. 12
Cuddle Quilts 9:30-2:30	Workshop 9 - 4
Tues. Jan. 16	Sat. Jan. 20 Gail Berry-Graham Machine Quilting Workshop

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

Reports

Barbara Lazier, President

The presents have been opened and most of the goodies have been consumed. We can now breathe a collective sigh until next year when the mayhem begins once again.

I love, love, love January for oh so many reasons. I learned many years ago not to make promises that I could not keep, so now I resolve to do positive things: strengthen my friendship bonds, explore a new Quilt technique, travel to a new place on my bucket list,...you get the drift.

January is also my favourite month at the Hamilton Guild. We get to applaud three of our very own members as they showcase their quilts. What a delight it is to see these ladies strut their stuff and tell us about their quilting journey. I am always in awe at the end of the evening of the talent that we have in our Guild and am inspired to tackle a new quilting technique as soon as possible. Your quilts are a springboard for a million ideas. I keep a sketchbook to jot many of them down. I know what many of you are thinking. I wonder how many unfinished UFOs she has tucked away? I am a journey sort of person not a destination person. If I learn something on the journey, I am thrilled; if that means I reach

the destination, that is an added benefit.

January is a new beginning for us all. May 2018 be a healthy and happy one for you and your family.

2018 Quilt Show Volunteers Needed – Carol Finucane

We have interesting & fun positions available. Something to suit everyone. Please consider volunteering some of your time on the Thursday, Friday or Saturday for the following:

Tea Room

Boutique

Registration - Quilt set up – take down

Admissions

Tombola

Cuddle Quilts

Volunteer room

Sign up starts at the Jan guild meeting. Please stop by the sign-up table in the hallway prior to the start of the meeting and at the break.

Quilt Show Quilt Registration –Barbara Lazier, Barbara Mahaffy

Your first chance to register quilts for Quilts in Bloom 2018 is finally here! At the January guild meeting we will be set up in the Fireside Room to accept your forms. The Rules document and Registration form are attached as separate documents to the newsletter. Please print as many registration forms as you need. All registrations must be completed in full including photo and description statement before they will be registered. If the photo or description is coming by email, the form will be set aside until all the elements are received. 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. We are looking forward to seeing a great variety of quilts hanging on display in June!

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.

Cuddle Quilts

Next Date: January 16th Time: 9:30 till 2:30 pm

Place: Harmony Baptist Church, 1763 Upper James St. above Rymal Rd. & 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 your machine, you don't have to. Please just come out and have fun.

We 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 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: February 20th

Library

New library books for January:

T38-Teach me to make my first quilt, Pat Sloan

W10- Wild Blooms and Colorful Creatures, Wendy Williams

Placemats Report


Brenda Lupton delivered 292 placemats for meals on wheels. Thank you to cuddle quilts, Marla Meir and the Sew & Sews and all the wonderful quilters who donated placemats.



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Show & Tell – December

Quilter	Name of Quilt/Pattern	Quilter	Name of Quilt/Pattern
Debbie Winn	Christmas Wall Hanging	Terri Kelly	Fancy Forest Quilt
Marla Meir, Lori Burch	60 placements from Sew & Sews	Janette Roth	Hawaiian quilt
			Coral quilt
Wendy Hayes	Puppies quilt	Judy Carpenter	Christmas quilt
	Rabbits quilt		

HAMILTON QUILTERS GUILD - PROGRAM AND WORKSHOPS 2017-2018

Updated Jan. 1/18

Program 7:15 – 9:30 2nd Wed. of month	Workshops Christ Church, Flamborough (Greenville) 92 Highway #8
January 10, 2018 Three quilters from our own Guild sharing their quilting journey	January 20, 2018 Gail Berry-Graham Machine Quilting
February 14, 2018 Elaine Theriault Scrap Quilts http://crazyquilteronabike.blogspot.ca/	Feb 17, 2018 TBA
March 14, 2018 Patti Carey – NorthCott Interesting Quilts from Unusual Fabrics https://pattispatchwork.com/	March 17, 2018 TBA
April 11, 2018 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	April 21, 2018 Elaine Theriault Workshop to be determined
May 9, 2018 Celeste Compion The Bolt and the Beautiful - The Shweshwe Saga http://www.meerkatshweshwe.com/	May 19, 2018 (Victoria Day weekend) Patti Carey Borders and Binding
June 13, 2018 Pot Luck Dinner	June 16, 2018 UFO
July 11, 2018 TBA	July 21, 2018 UFO
August 8, 2018 Fabric, Sewing, quilting table sale by members	August 18, 2018 UFO

Program

January is a very special month for the Program committee. We have three quilters from our own membership coming forward to tell their quilting story for us. It is a brave and amazing thing to do. Come out and see Wendy Hayes, Thelma Leech and Nan Dorey share their story. They have been reviewing their own quilts and some quilts that have been in their families for decades.

We are starting the process of planning the programming for the 2018-2019 year. Do you have some speakers you would like us to contact?

Perhaps one of your New Year's resolutions is to clean out your sewing room? Is it time to get yourself organized and free yourself of the items you don't need. Once you have bagged and boxed the extra items please set them aside for the August 8th fabric table sale. More information to come later in the New Year. Program committee: Shelagh Daly and Shirley Burley

Workshop

Our January 20th workshop is ready to go. Gail Berry-Graham will be teaching a sold out class on Machine Quilting. Her lucky students are eagerly anticipating this workshop.

February 17th and March 17th are both UFO days. These days of sewing, pinning, quilting and friendly chitchat are yours for \$10.00 each.

We're expecting Elaine Theriault for our April 21st workshop. Elaine will be our guest speaker in February. The topic for this workshop will be announced at the January guild meeting.

In May, we're going to hold our UFO day on Thursday the 17th. If we get a good turn out, we'll try to schedule another mid week program during the summer.

Please see Kate and Kerry at the registration table in the hall to register for workshop events. All events take place at Christ Church, 92 Highway 8, Flamborough.

Social

Thank you to all guild members who signed the Volunteer List for the Social Committee at the Pot Luck Dinner.

Thank you to the following members for their \$10 donation towards the Drink Fund: Lori Burch, Marla Meir, Janice Mathers, Jackie Gazzard, and Shelley Ballantyne.

A thank you to Mary Edwards and Karen Laposa for their Healthy Treat donation.

Thank you to the following members for their 3 dozen treat donation: Marget Towers, Judy Blacquier, Pat Miller, Evelyn Walker, Jean Mclean and Marj Hurajt.

Please bring your treats to the Kitchen by 6:30 if possible.

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

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