

THE COMMON THREAD – June 2017

Hamilton Quilters Guild Newsletter

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"Being a little weird is just a natural side effect of being awesome."

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Upcoming Meetings

General @ 5:30	Executive @ 7:15	Cuddle Quilts 9:30-2:30
Wed. June 14 - Pot Luck Dinner Bring your own utensils	Mon. June 19 Pot Luck Dinner Bring your own utensils	No meetings in July or Aug.
Stitch Out 7 - 9		Workshop 9 - 4
No stitch out in July or Aug.		UFO \$10.00 Saturdays, June 17, July 15, Aug. 19

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

Reports

Barbara Lazier, President

Summer has arrived in Canada; hail one day, sweltering heat the next day. As I reflect back on this past year I marvel at all the beautiful quilts that we have seen at Show and Tell and the friendship bonds that continue to grow within our membership.

A wise friend once told me that the only thing you can count on in life besides birth and death was change. Some of us adapt more easily to change than others but we all must face the changes never the less. I hear many of you saying, "Easier said than done".

Today I am going to tell you a story about my mother whom many of you have met. She is a marvelous woman who will be 97 this summer. Mom is the matriarch of our family. Many families have patriarchs, our family history favours matriarchs. Mom is old school. She has a winter wardrobe and a summer wardrobe and never the two shall meet. Twice a year, when she deems the day appropriate I head over to her senior's residence and we go through all of her things. Today was the "day". Out came the winter wardrobe, every jacket, coat, pant, sweater and shirt carefully scrutinized and either moved to the extra closet or given to charity. The same process is repeated for her summer clothes. Our goal each time is to give away 3 bags of clothes. As always Mom reached her goal. She is amazing.

Mom lived through WWII. She was confronted with uncertainty and change for many years. The entire world was in turmoil. Every mission that my Dad flew came with the possibility that he would never return. She learned to embrace change and deal with the reality it brought into her life. It made her a stronger person. Next year we will be making some changes to the way we operate our Guild calendar, trying year round meetings to accommodate the needs of all of our members. Great things are in store for us, I look forward to walking the quilting journey with you.

The Quilt of Belonging

The Quilt of Belonging will be in Hamilton at The Cotton Factory from July 10th to August 16th. This is a must see event for all quilters, indeed for all Canadians. The Quilt of Belonging is 120 feet long, made by craftspeople from all over Canada, using materials ranging from sealskin to silk. A wide range of demonstrations, lectures and workshops will take place during the weeks of the Quilt's visit here. Some require advance registration and fees; many are free.

You can learn more at the website: www.theheartofontario.com/canada-150/quilt-of-belonging
The Cotton Factory is located at 270 Sherman Avenue North.

Thanks, Catherine Schuler

Workshop

Many thanks to all the guild members who attended Workshop events this year. Nan, Kate and I appreciate your support and participation.

Our guild year is ending, but there are 3 more UFO days to look forward to this summer. Please join us on June 17th, July 15th and August 19th at Christ Church, 92 Highway 8, Flamborough (Greensville.). Bring your machine, sewing supplies, unfinished quilting projects and lunch. We'll supply tea, coffee, and treats, as well as a fun-filled day with fellow guild members. There's no need to pre-register for these UFO days, just come for a great day. Cost for each UFO day is \$10.00

Library

The library will not be open for the June meeting. Thanks to everyone for making the library night and book sale a great evening. See you in September!!

Cuddle Quilts

This month's date June 20th Time 9:30 till 2:30 pm

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

I will not be bringing anything to give out at our potluck unless someone asks for something. We still have one more cuddle quilt day on June 20th. Everyone have a great summer. Your committee: Pam Smith, Wendy Hayes and Carole Battersby.



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Show & Tell – May 10

Quilter	Name of Quilt/Pattern		
Mary Edwards	Trees for all Seasons (Laurie Swim class), Dreaming of Driving	Jan Hayashi	"What was I thinking" Pattern by Jen Kingwell ("Green Tea and Sweet Beans)
Karen Laposa	Stripes play well together	Carol Finucane	Quilt for granddaughter
Shelley Ballantyne	Canada 150	Gisela Ball	Spring Fling
Linda Jackson	3 quilts from 3 classes finished	Keitha Seneco	1940's antique quilts
Wendy Hayes	Stone Soup	Sandy Payne	Green Tea and Sweet Beans Pattern by Jenn Kingwell
Diana Scholtens	Pollinator Plate, Laurie Swim Class sample	Pat Male	Red and White Bargello, Blue Strips that Sizzle
Maureen Czerneda	Message in a Bottle	Gail Berry-Graham	Florence the Flamingo (part 1)

HAMILTON QUILTERS GUILD - PROGRAM AND WORKSHOPS 2016-2017

Updated June 1/17

PROGRAM 7:15 – 9.30 2 nd Wed. of month	WORKSHOPS	STITCH OUT, 7 – 9
June 14 Pot Luck Dinner Annual Meeting	Sat. June 17 UFO day - \$10	No stitch out
	Saturdays, June 17, July 15, Aug. 19	
Sept. 13 Members Show & Tell	Sat. Sept. 16 UFO day - \$10	

Social

The June Pot Luck Dinner is just around the corner. Please bring your Potluck contribution, preheated and pre-cut into small pieces. Label your serving dish with your name and 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 following schedule has been approved by the Executive. I have asked for additional help during the set up times, so hopefully we will receive the additional assistance we require.

5:00 pm Social Committee arrive and starts coffee, tea and juice, set up 12 tables and chairs, cover tables with table cloths and centre pieces.

5:30 pm Doors open to Membership

6:00 pm Welcome and grace- start main course, followed by desserts, and then the Raffle.

The Social Committee would like to thank the following members for their contribution towards beverages.:
Linda Wilkinson, Marget Towers , Angela Gaspari, and Margaret Thomas.

Please let me know if you will be able to assist with the set up.

Thanks and have a great evening!

Upcoming Events

<p>Alliston Quilting Corners Guild 2017 Quilt Show June 10-11 "Stitching Among Friends"</p>
<p>Canadian Quilters' Association Quilt Canada 2017 June 14 - 17, 2017 The International Centre Toronto, ON</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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