

THE COMMON THREAD – March 2017

Hamilton Quilters Guild Newsletter

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"I've come to trust not that events will always unfold exactly as I want, but that I will be fine either way. The challenges we face in life are always lessons that serve our soul's growth."

— Marianne Williamson

Upcoming Meetings

General @ 7:15	Executive @ 7:15	Cuddle Quilts 9:30-2:30
Wed. Mar. 8	Mon. Mar. 6	Tues. Mar. 21
Stitch Out 7 - 9		Workshop 9 - 4
Wed. Mar. 22 Beginner Class #4 - Gail Berry-Graham		Sat. Mar. 18 Anita Zobens, Appliqué Buffet

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

Reports

Barbara Lazier, President

Sometimes the stars align and we get the perfect storm. This past month was such an alignment. Gail Berry-Graham spoke to us about the responsibilities of two of our Executive positions and how that giving back to the Guild was so rewarding. Later, our Speaker, Aline Chan talked to us about her experience joining the Guild at its inception. She mentioned two ladies that she remembered from those beginning days, Marie White and Eileen Rowbottom. How these ladies and others had helped her grow as a quilter. It was not more than a few days later that I received an e-mail forwarded to me from Lori Burch, our Newsletter Editor. Susan Dalton, Ann Bowen's daughter was writing to tell me that her Mom who was also one of our founding members and a good friend of Eileen Rowbottom, and Marie White had a number of terrific photographs of the Hamilton Guild that she wanted to donate to our archives. Were we interested? Of course I wrote her right back to say, "Yes please," and she dropped them off the next day. I have had great fun looking through the pictures as will you. I will leave them out for you to feast your eyes upon at the next meeting. Thelma Leech, who is our able Archivist and takes all of the pictures of your quilts each month at

Show and Tell, will then take them into her care. We owe a great deal of debt to the ladies who founded our Guild. Their foresight allows us privilege of meeting each month. Each volunteer position is interwoven together similar to constructing a quilt; the parts making up a whole. This past month the past caught up with the future. Together we made beautiful music.

Margaret Thomas, Vice-President


We sent out caring cards to Shirley Anderson, Pam Smith and Nan Dorey. A good news card was sent to Linda Jackson. Please let me know if cards need sent and I will be glad to do so.



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Show & Tell – February 2017			
Quilter	Name of Quilt/Pattern	Quilter	Name of Quilt/Pattern
Edna Twist	Block of the Month from The Quilt Rack	Margaret Thomas	Winter Blue Jays table topper and runner
Willi Steed	Snowman quilts (2)	Jennifer Tenhage	Scrappy Plus Quilt
Lori Burch	Fence Rail, Around the Square (2)	Linda Jackson	Big Green Quilt
Shelagh Daly	Baby Quilt	Pat Male	Hockey quilt, triple Irish Chain
Terrie Kelly	Forest Creatures quilt & Table Runner	Gisela Ball	Story Teller Quilt
Judy Carpenter	It's Hip to be Square quilt		

Hamilton Quilters Guild
The 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

Workshop Friday, April 28: **A Tree for All Seasons – *SOLD OUT***

Workshop Saturday, April 29: **Picture It in Fabric – *A few spots available***

9:00 am to 4:00 pm each day
First Unitarian Church of Hamilton,
170 Dundurn Street South, Hamilton
Workshop Registration \$30 members, \$50 non-members

Tickets and Registrations at the Hamilton Quilters' Guild meeting or contact
hqlecture@gmail.com.

Further information and workshop descriptions at www.hamiltonquiltguild.ca.

HAMILTON QUILTERS GUILD - PROGRAM AND WORKSHOPS 2016-2017

Updated Feb. 28/17

PROGRAM 7:15 – 9.30 2 nd Wed. of month	WORKSHOPS	STITCH OUT, 7 – 9
March 8, 2017 Anita Zobens Choosing Threads fearlessly	Sat. March 18 Anita Zobens Appliqué Buffet	Wed. March 22 Beginner class #4 Big Bee Challenge block stitch up night ☐
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

Workshops

We had a wonderful day with Johanna Masko at Greenville. We learned a new technique and achieved beautiful results with Johanna's templates.

Saturday March 18th at Greenville is Anita Zobens' "Applique Buffet". Anita is teaching many appliqué techniques and she'll provide each student with a kit of specialty threads to enhance their work. There are still a few spots available at \$50.00 (plus a kit fee of \$5.00 payable at Greenville.) Please register at our table and pick up a supply list.

Stitch Out on March 22nd is the fourth and final class of Gail Berry Graham's Beginner Series. We'll also have the Canada 150 fabrics and donated stash fabrics available at Stitch Out for anyone wishing to make slab blocks for CQA's Big Bee Challenge. This would be a great night for guild members to come to Stitch Out to help stitch the blocks into quilt tops. We have a large number of blocks on hand and it would be a great help to get them sewn. You don't need to register for this but it would be helpful if you'd email to let us know how many tables to set up. (Kerry at keblunt@icloud.com or Kate at kfmorrison25@gmail.com)

Cuddle Quilts is going to donate backing fabric for the Big Bee Challenge but we are still in need of batting. If you are able to donate batting, please let us know at the March 8th guild meeting or email us. Your help is much appreciated. The quilt tops will be either 48½ in. by 72½ in. or 36½ in. by 48½ in. Gail Berry Graham and Debbie Winn have both offered to long arm 2 of our quilts. Thank you very much Gail and Debbie! We have such wonderful generous members in our guild!

Library

The library is open between 6:30 – 7:00 pm and for the first 10 minutes of the break. Please remember to bring back any books you have taken out in previous months. We want to make sure that the books get returned so that other members can enjoy them. If you have a suggestion for a specific book or a general area related to quilting PLEASE let any of us in the library know. Members must have their 2016-2017 membership card to take out up to FIVE books/DVDs at a time. Late fees are \$2.00 per month.

We are pleased to add the following books and DVD to the library in March.

A13- All-time favourite Scrap Quilts, 2011
D5- Drunkard's Path- a new spin, John Kubinieć, 2016
H7- HELP! I Married a Quilter, Mark Hyland, 2015
J7- Japanese Style, Susan Briscoe, 2013
M44- Mixing Quilt Elements, Kathy Doughty, 2016
P24- Paper Piecing Quilts of Praise, Jaynette Huff, 2012
S109- Simple Christmas Tidings, Kim Diehl, 2016
S37- Sew Charming, Mary Etherington & Connie Tesene, 2016
S6- Seamingly Scrappy, Rebecca Silbaugh 2013
DVD 27- National Juried Show 2016- CQA

Library Committee: Jackie Boros, Susan Boyce, Mary Edwards, Jill Walton

Social

The Social Committee would like to thank the following members for their cash donation towards Juice/Coffee fund: Barbara Wood, Mary Templeton, Marla Meir, Anne Brooksbank and Lori Burch. Thank you to Denise Neufeld and Marjorie Hurajt for the Healthy Treats. Thank you to the following members for their 3 dozen treats: Jackie Boris, Barbara Sherwood, Kerry Blunt, Jill Walton and Carole Battersby. Please bring your treats to the kitchen by 6:30.

Cuddle Quilts

This month's date --March 21st Time 9:30--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 your machine you don't have to. PLEASE JUST COME OUT AND HAVE SOME FUN.

We will be bringing quilt kits and breast pillows kits to the Guild Meeting for those of you who can't make it out to Cuddle quilts 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. Also the size of the quilt is 40 x 60.

WANTED: 2 or 3 people to help me with cutting fabric for quilt kits. I will give you a pattern and fabric, if you will cut and label for me. Please come and talk to me and I will explain more and show you an example of a kit. Thanks Pam Smith

NEXT MONTHS MEETING --April 18th.

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 December 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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