

# THE COMMON THREAD – March 2018

## Hamilton Quilters Guild Newsletter



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— Charles Darwin

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### Upcoming Meetings

<b>General @ 7:15</b>	<b>Executive @ 7:15</b>
Wed. Mar. 14 <b>Patti Carey – NorthCott</b> Interesting Quilts from Unusual Fabrics <a href="https://pattispatchwork.com/">https://pattispatchwork.com/</a>	Mon. Apr. 23
<b>Cuddle Quilts 9:30-2:30</b>	<b>Workshop 9 - 4</b>
Tues. Mar. 20	Sat. Mar.17

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

### Reports

#### Barbara Lazier, President

The sun is shining, the snow has melted but it is still cold. Early this morning I heard a gaggle of sparrows outside my window. Is spring around the corner? Probably not, but it felt good to be able to take my daily walk without fearing for my life on the icy sidewalks. This week the movers arrive yet again to move all of my boxes and furniture down to the basement. This will be my third move since August, but hope is on the horizon. I have hired my contractor and hopefully the work will soon begin to transform my space into my dream apartment. Come July the Movers will return for the last time and I will return to my third floor sanctuary a happy camper.

I read the following quote from CS Lewis on Face Book recently.

*"You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending."*

How cool is this? We all have the power to change only one person, ourselves.

We can apply this quote to our quilt passion too. How often have you started a quilt project and said to yourself, "Something is not quite right, I wish that I had chosen different colours?" How many times have you purchased a quilt pattern or new gadget and never used it? How often have you begun a

quilt top and not completed it? I don't consider these failures but opportunities of growth. I took a class from a well know Quilt teacher who told us that we must give ourselves permission not to finish projects that we begin if they are not giving us joy. Each project will teach you a lesson whether you complete it or not. Your growth is not in the completion but in the steps you make along the way. I have taken many classes from this dear lady and look forward to exploring the new steps I will discover in her class.

What gives you pleasure in your quilting? How do you keep yourself inspired?

**Decisions from the February Executive Meeting**

Guild Members, we had a very productive Guild Executive meeting in February where we made some important decisions on your behalf.

1. The Pot Luck Dinner will be moved to our July meeting. This will allow us to celebrate all things Guild Show at our June Meeting. We felt that it would be more timely to celebrate the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners in each category Plus our Show winner at the June meeting when we are still rejoicing in the success of the Show.

In our non-Show year we could have a Shop Hop for our Guild members.

2. Our AGM and our Business meeting will be combined in our September meeting. The slate of Directors and Officers will still need to be in place prior to the summer meetings. The outgoing slate will then have an opportunity to mentor the new slate of Directors and Officers throughout the summer months.

Barbara Lazier, President

**Judy Lindsay.Treasurer**

If you need a cheque from the Hamilton Quilters Guild, **please advise me by email prior to March 9, 2018.** I will bring the cheques to the March meeting, so please track me down. Thank you.

**2018 Quilt Show Volunteers Needed** – Carol Finucane

We have interesting & fun positions available. Something to suit everyone.

Consider volunteering some of your time on the Thurs, Fri or Sat for the following:

Tea Room	Boutique	Admissions
Registration - Quilt set up (Thurs.) – take down (Sat.)		
Cuddle Quilts	Volunteer room	Tombola

Stop by the sign up table on Mar. 14, which will be set up at the back of the room, prior to the start of the meeting and at the break, or email carolf215@ hotmail.com if you want to volunteer but won't be at the Mar 14th meeting

**Quilt Show Quilt Registration** –Barbara Lazier, Barbara Mahaffy

We know that you “have been at her” because each month we have been seeing your beautiful quilts displayed at Show and Tell. Whether you are a beginner quilter or an experienced quilter, we would like you to strut your stuff and hang your quilts in our Hamilton Quilters’ Guild Show this coming June.

Quilt registrations will be open for March and April. Drop off your paperwork at the Guild meeting or email them to Barbara Mahaffy. Please remember that all registrations need

1. A fully completed registration form
2. A colour picture
3. A short description telling us what inspired the quilt

Email: [mahaffy@sympatico.ca](mailto:mahaffy@sympatico.ca)

## 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

This month's date: March 20th 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. Enter from the rear parking lot.

What to bring: your lunch. We supply coffee, tea and cookies.

Supplies needed: A Quilt to quilt or a quilt kit will be available for you. Bring your sewing machine as we don't have a lot of hand sewing to be done at the moment.

We will be bringing quilt kits to the Guild meeting for those of you who can't make it to Cuddle Quilt day. Come see us in the back of the Guild Room. If you are making your own Cuddle Quilt, please a reminder that 100% cotton is appreciated. Also if you need batting or backing to finish your quilt, please ask me. If you would sew the binding on, we will sew it down for you. Next month's meeting: April 24th, 2018

## Library

New library books for March:

F17- Fabulous Facades by Gloria Ploughman

W11- Windy City Bags by Sara Lawson

S32- String Quilt Style by Mary M.Hogan



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## **Program**

On March 14, we are welcoming Patti Carey from Northcott Fabrics. She will be talking to us about Interesting Quilts from Unusual Fabrics. She is a pattern designer, teacher and active blogger. You can read about her on <https://pattispatchwork.com/>.

Please note we have made some changes to the schedule for June and July. Firstly, in June are going to have ribbon winners from our show bring those quilts to present and share at our meeting. Secondly, we are moving our potluck to our July meeting. Remember the fabric and sewing table sale is set for the August meeting. If you are interested in having a table you can contact Shirley Burley or Shelagh Daly. 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? Program committee: Shelagh Daly and Shirley Burley

## **Workshop**

Please join us on Saturday March 17th and Saturday April 17th for UFO days at Christ Church. Come out for a great days of sewing with other guild members.

THURSDAY May 17th is another UFO day from 9 am to 4 pm. We hope those members who are unable to join us on our Saturday UFOs will give this a try. Of course, this day is open to all members.

Saturday June 16 is a workshop with Patti Carey from Northcott Fabrics. Patti will be teaching "Borders and Bindings." This is her favourite workshop. The cost is \$50.00 plus a \$20.00 kit fee. The kit consists of precut fabrics. These are the only pieces of fabric needed for the day. Nothing to go shopping for! Please register with Kate and Kerry out in the church hallway for any of these events.

## **Membership**

Just a reminder that membership renewal payments for the coming year will begin at the **April 11th** meeting. A membership renewal form (available on our website and attached to this newsletter) must accompany your payment. Extra copies of this form will be made available. We are lucky in that the annual fee remains at \$35. You can also order a name tag for \$7, if you would like one.

## **Social**

The Social Committee would like to thank Shirley Burley and Pat Male for their healthy treats.

A thank you for the 3 dozen treats by the following members: Barbara Sherwood, Willy Walker, Linda Murray, Denise Neufeld and the Hamilton Quilt Guild.

Thank you to the following members for their \$10 donation to the Drink Fund:

Shirley Anderson, Catherine Schuyler, Ann Pope, Pat Miller and Shirley Turner.

Please bring your treats to the kitchen by 6:30.

## **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
4. 2018-19 Membership Form

# HAMILTON QUILTERS GUILD PROGRAM AND WORKSHOPS 2017-2018

Updated March 1, 2018

Program 7:15 – 9:30 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed. of month	Workshops Christ Church, 92 Highway #8, Flamborough (Greenville)
March 14, 2018 <b>Patti Carey – NorthCott</b> Interesting Quilts from Unusual Fabrics <a href="https://pattispatchwork.com/">https://pattispatchwork.com/</a>	March 17, 2018 <b>UFO</b>
April 11, 2018 <b>Kathryn Wagner</b> <b>Trunk Show and some of the strange questions I have been asked over my 25 years as a Quilter by non-quilters</b> <a href="http://www.kathysquilts.blogspot.com">www.kathysquilts.blogspot.com</a>	April 21, 2018 <b>UFO</b>
May 9, 2018 <b>Celeste Compion</b> The Bolt and the Beautiful - The Shweshwe Saga <a href="http://www.meerkatshweshwe.com/">http://www.meerkatshweshwe.com/</a>	<b>Updated: Thursday, May 17, 2018</b> <b>UFO</b>
<b>Updated: June 13, 2018</b> <b>A Celebration of our Quilt show</b>	June 16, 2018 <b>Patti Carey</b> <b>Borders and Binding</b>
<b>Updated: July 11, 2018</b> <b>Pot Luck</b>	July 21, 2018 <b>UFO</b>
August 8, 2018 <b>Fabric, Sewing, quilting table sale by members</b>	August 18, 2018 <b>UFO</b>