

# THE COMMON THREAD – November 2017

## Hamilton Quilters Guild Newsletter

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### Upcoming Meetings

<b>General @ 7:15</b>	<b>Executive @ 7:15</b>
Wed. Nov. 8 - <b>Carla Alexiuk</b> All the things I have learned from quilting <a href="http://www.quiltingbytheriver.ca/">http://www.quiltingbytheriver.ca/</a>	Mon. Feb.
<b>Cuddle Quilts 9:30-2:30</b>	<b>Workshop 9 - 4</b>
Tues. Nov. 21	Sat. Nov. 18 UFO \$10.00

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

### Reports

#### Barbara Lazier, President

Sometimes you have one of those days. I know that you know what I mean. You wake up and plan what you are going to do for the day. Perhaps you have a meeting at work, or you decide today is the day you will clean the house (just kidding). You have great expectations but somehow they fail to materialize. A co-worker is in crisis and needs your help, your washing machine or dryer decides that today is the day to say good-bye to your family, the rotary cutter slips and your finished quilt top has a new slash across one side. How do you face adversity? Where do you draw your strength from, your friends, your family? Why are we able to cope better some days than others?

Yesterday was "one of those days." From the moment that I woke up to the moment that I woke back up this morning, nothing went quite as I envisioned. I had just finished a small quilting project that I have been working on and thought to myself, today I will go for a long walk, see a movie and treat myself to dinner. I am currently down in Florida for a few weeks by myself to see how my place weathered the latest hurricane. My walk was uneventful and I was feeling pretty virtuous. As I headed out to the movie (Victoria and Abdul) I neglected to factor in that schools in Florida get out much earlier than the ones in Ontario. Caught behind a school bus teaches

patience. I was late for the start of the movie. Plan B went into effect. I would go out for dinner. However it was only 4:00 pm and therefore far too early for me to eat. I came home. By 6:30 I did not have the energy to go out again. I made a simple dinner, a repeat of lunch. Last night's thunderstorms which usually allow me to sleep peacefully had me twisting and turning in nightmares. I woke this morning exhausted. Having just returned from my walk, today I will set out to the movie in time to beat the school bus and then will reward myself afterward with dinner. One of the things I have learned in life, always have a plan B and when that doesn't work go with plan C.

By the way, the unit is unscathed except for a small patch of mold in one bathroom by an exhaust vent. We lost power for three days in the hurricane and this area must have been the Achilles heel of my condo. I am working on having it fixed it as I write.

## **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](mailto:gailberry@me.com).



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## **Membership**

The 2017-2018 current Membership Directory is now on the website. Please check your contact information to ensure accuracy. New members are always welcome so please feel free to bring a guest to a Guild meeting.

## Library

The following books will be added to the library in November:

M6- Missouri Star Quilt Company BLOCK, Holiday Vol. 4 Issue 4 2017

N12- Nickel Quilts and Borders by Pat Speth, 2010

T 37- Town Square 20 Christmas Projects, Doug Leuko, Antler Quilt Design, 2016

We want to thank everyone that has responded to the survey about the library. We have had a great response so far but **if you have not responded yet, please will you do so ASAP** so that we have time to analyze the results following the November meeting.

Remember it is YOUR library...so give us your input!

Thanks. Library Committee: Jackie Boros, Susan Boyce, Mary Edwards, Angie McNulty

## Cuddle Quilts

This month's date – November 21 (our potluck) Time - 9:30 till 2:30 pm

Place - Harmony Baptist Church, 1763 Upper James Street 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 fun.

I will not be at this guild meeting but Gail Berry-Graham will be in the back of the room so please go and pick up your quilt kits, breast pillows or apple core kits from her also if you have something to drop off as well.

If you are making your own Cuddle quilt, please just a reminder that 100% cotton is appreciated.

Next meeting – January 16, 2018

## Placemats

We will be collecting placemats up to and including December Potluck. Please give them to Brenda Lupton or Pam Smith. Please make them 18 1/2 by 12 1/2, pattern of your choice, 100% cotton (as they need to be washable).

Show & Tell – October			
Quilter	Name of Quilt/Pattern	Quilter	Name of Quilt/Pattern
Barbara Lazier	Baptismal Quilt	Chris Quinlan	Bicycle Wallhanging
	Modern Quilt		Butterflies & Blooms Quilt
Marjorie Hurajt	Stacks Quilt	Terry Kelly	18 degrees Quilt
Fran Paulseth	Star Within a Star Quilt	Susan Boyce	Canada Quilt
Linda Murray	True Blue Quilt	Ann Fucic	Little Amsterdam Quilt
Betty Carter	I Spy Quilt	Denise Julian	Corn & Beans Quilt
	Trip Around the World Quilt		Star Within a Star Quilt
Lana Bartkiewicz	Corn & Beans Quilt	Cindy Leduc	Woven Star Quilt
	Star Within a Star Quilt		

## HAMILTON QUILTERS GUILD - PROGRAM AND WORKSHOPS 2017-2018

*Updated Oct. 25/17*

<b>Program 7:15 – 9:30 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of month</b>	<b>Workshops</b> Christ Church, Flamborough (Greensville) 92 Highway #8
Nov. 8, 2017 <b>Carla Alexiuk</b> All the things I have learned from quilting <a href="http://www.quiltingbytheriver.ca/">http://www.quiltingbytheriver.ca/</a>	Nov. 18, 2017 <b>UFO</b>
Dec. 13, 2017 <b>Holiday Pot Luck</b>	Dec. 9, 2017 <b>UFO</b> Catered Lunch
January 10, 2018 <b>Three quilters from our own Guild sharing their quilting journey</b>	January 20, 2018 <b>Gail Berry-Graham</b> Machine Quilting
February 14, 2018 <b>Elaine Theriault</b> Scrap Quilts <a href="http://crazyquilteronabike.blogspot.ca/">http://crazyquilteronabike.blogspot.ca/</a>	Feb 17, 2018 <b>TBA</b>
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>TBA</b>
April 11, 2018 <b>TBA</b>	April 21, 2018 <b>TBA</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>	May 19, 2018 (Victoria Day weekend) <b>Patti Carey</b> <b>Borders and Binding</b>
June 13, 2018 <b>Pot Luck Dinner</b>	June 16, 2018 <b>UFO</b>
July 11, 2018 <b>TBA</b>	July 21, 2018 <b>UFO</b>
August 8, 2018 <b>TBA</b>	August 18, 2018 <b>UFO</b>

## **Program**

Our November meeting will feature Carla Alexiuk. She will be speaking on: "All the things she has learned from quilting". She is from Sudbury and is active in promoting quilting in her area of Ontario. She also teaches and has a collection of patterns.

Thank you to Nan Dorey who is the 3rd speaker in January who will be joining Wendy Hayes and Thelma Leech talking about their quilting journeys.

Finally, we are still looking for 2 committee members. We want to make sure we can keep the program going. We may be tapping you on the shoulder to help hold up the quilts during the meetings.

## **Workshop**

The workshop on Saturday November 28th has become a UFO day as we had to cancel the scheduled event. Please bring your lunch, sewing machine, sewing supplies and your unfinished quilting projects. We'll provide large work stations, raised tables for easy cutting, large tables for pin basting, irons and ironing boards, as well as tea, coffee and treats. Just \$10.00.

December 9th is our annual catered lunch UFO day. Please pre-order your sandwich at the workshop table. The cost of this day is \$25.00. The sandwiches and salad will come from The Greensville Gourmet and they are delicious.

Don't forget to register for our January 20th "Machine Quilting" workshop. Gail is a professional instructor who teaches throughout Canada and the US. Her classes are fantastic and full of valuable information. Gail's topic is "Machine Quilting", including free motion quilting. Gail's kit will include one 500 yard spool of King Tut thread, pre-marked top fabric and backing fabric (~ 44 x 55), fusible batting (~ 45 x 60) and one titanium top stitch needle sized to the thread. Gail's workshop costs \$30 plus the kit fee of \$30, for a total of \$60.

Please see Kate and Kerry in the hallway to sign up for these activities. Also feel free to contact us if there are any classes you'd like us to offer. The Workshop Committee exists to meet your needs and we do follow up on your suggestions.

All workshops take place at Christ Church, 92 Highway 8 in Flamborough, L9H 4V5

## **Social**

The Social Committee would like to thank the following members for their Healthy Treats---Shirley Burley and Marilyn DePass. Thank you to the following members for their 3 dozen treats: Shirley Anderson, Kerry Blunt, Gabrielle Marin, Priscilla Wilson, Edna Twist and Gayle Dymont. Please bring your treats to the Kitchen by 6:30.

Thank you to the following members for their \$10 donation towards the Drink Fund: Margaret Varga, Carol Finucane, Kathy Sukovich, Judy Carpenter and Jan Ballantyne.

## **Attachments to this Newsletter**

1. President's Challenge Rules
2. President's Challenge Registration Form

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