

THE COMMON THREAD – November 2016

Hamilton Quilters Guild Newsletter

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"Happiness is always a choice. You can't wait for circumstances to get better. You have to create your own good fortune. So look for ways to be happy every day." — Joel Osteen
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Upcoming Meetings

General @ 7:15	Executive @ 7:15	Cuddle Quilts 9:30-2:30
Wed. Nov. 9 Susan Bowslaugh Modern Quilting	Mon. Nov. 14	Tues. Nov. 15 Our Potluck
Stitch Out 7 - 9		Workshop 9 - 4
Wed. Nov.23 Beginner Class #1 - Gail Berry-Graham Free Demo: Christmas ornaments - Kate Morrison		Sat. Nov. 19 Johanna Masko - \$50 Double Wedding Ring

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

Reports

Barbara Lazier, President

Indian Summer is a wonderful time of the year. We know that the cold weather will soon be upon us but we revel in those few stolen days of Fall when the sun shines, the temperature allows us to go outside without a coat and the wind swirls the leaves into beautiful piles.

Recently I have been working on my Sandy Lindal Tumbling Block quilt that we started last year in her workshop. I am really happy with the internal blocks and now am ready to tackle the outer border. Although the pattern called for an all dark border I wanted to do something different. What to do? I made a mock-up of 5 different blocks. Placing each beside the main blocks, I took pictures and closely scrutinized them to see which was most pleasing to the eye. Yesterday, while sipping my tea, I looked to the leaves and voila my decision was made clear. Mother Nature had done it again. My answer was right in front of me all of the time, I only needed to pay attention to her.

How do you make your niggly quilt decisions? Do you pick out fabrics before you begin a new quilt and stay the course? Do you fly by the seat of your pants and choose fabrics as you need them? Or do you begin

with a basic palette but are willing to add a zinger or change your fabric choices if the need arises. Whatever your approach, I am continually amazed by the variety and quality of beautiful quilts that we are treated to at each Show and Tell.

Ellen Collington Lecture and Workshop- Funding History

Ellen Collington was a long time active member of the Hamilton Quilters Guild serving many positions on the executive, including three years as president. She was a believer in lifetime learning and took many workshops at HQG and surrounding guilds in Canada and USA. She invested in fabric purchases for current and future projects. As a curator of her own fabric collection she amassed considerable inventory. Unfortunately one day she had a massive stroke and died. Some of her friends then measured, wrapped and priced her legacy of fabric and sold it.

The Collington family donated the profits from these fabric sales toward a lecture and workshops by a well-known Canadian quilter. Karen Laposka, Barbara Mahaffy and Catherine Schuler took on the project of bringing this idea to fruition. In the spirit of Ellen's lifetime learning philosophy we arranged for Laurie Swim from Nova Scotia to come to Hamilton in April 2017. Ms. Swim will give a lecture on Thursday April 27 with seating for 200. This will be held at Church of Annunciation of Our Lord, 280 Limeridge Road W, Hamilton.

On Friday April 28 and Saturday April 29 she will be conducting workshops for twenty quilters each day. These will be partially subsidized for members of the Hamilton Quilters Guild members. Friday's workshop is "A Tree for All Seasons". Saturday's workshop is "Picture It In Fabric". Workshops will be held at First Unitarian Church, 170 Dundurn St, Hamilton. Tickets for these events will go on sale at the guild's January 2017 meeting.

Karen Laposka, Barbara Mahaffy, Catherine Schuler

HQG 2016 Quilt Show

Do you have bags?

At the end of the Quilt Show we returned your quilts in those amazing plastic bags. If you still have yours, why not return them to us for easy storage and to reduce our costs for the next quilt show? Please bring them to the November meeting and give them to Barbara Mahaffy or Barbara Lazier. Thanks for your support.

The Quilt Show 2016 DVD will be available for pickup
at the December potluck. Sorry for the delay.

Social

The Social Committee would like to thank the following members for their cash donation towards beverages. Thank you to Cathy Gallagher, Carol Finucane, Pam Smith, Leslie Morgan, Keitha Seneco. Thank you to the following members for their cash donation towards healthy treats and treats -- Willi Steed, Audrey McCormack, Barbara Nielsen, Gay Spong, Jean McLean. Thank you to the following members for bringing in 3 dozen treats---Debbie Winn, Linda Ejim, Kathryn Managhan. Please bring your treats to the kitchen by 6:30.

Show & Tell – Oct.12

Quilter	Name of Quilt/Pattern	Quilter	Name of Quilt/Pattern
Mary Edwards	Big Mug Quilt Canada Table Runner	Keitha Seneco	Cuddle Quilts (2), Rising Star, Cutting Corners
Fran Paulseth	Wedding Quilt made by friends	Marla Meir	Quilted Bags (2)
Diane Baker	Prehistoric parade	Janine Mathers	Troll Bags (2), Zelda Wallet
Pam Smith	Cuddle quilts (2)	Alison McDonald	Garden Patch
Debbie Adams	Bed Runner, Bag	Diana Horgan	Fall
Gail Berry-Graham	President's Joy	Gisela Ball	"Bat" Mug Rugs (2)
Linda Hing	Red & White July Shop Hop, Letters from Home	Lynn Garbett	Wallet
Judy Carpenter	French Braid	Pat Male	Bargello Quilts (2)
	Missouri Star		



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Program and Workshops

Our Saturday at Greenville workshop is the Easy Double Wedding Ring with Johanna Masko. Johanna's presentation in October revealed her fun side as well as her love of quilting. This will be a great class and there are still a few spots available (\$50.00)

Gail Berry-Graham's Beginner class starts at stitch-out on Wednesday November 23rd. Gail has lots to teach our newer members who will make a quilt top over the course of 3 classes. There are some spots available. The \$15.00 fee is a real bargain for this series.

The November free demo is for Christmas decorations - no need to register, just come to stitch-out on the 23rd for the demo and your instructions.

Please join us at the workshop table in the hall to register for these and upcoming presentations. We'd also love to hear your ideas for future classes. Our goal is to meet your needs.

HAMILTON QUILTERS GUILD - PROGRAM AND WORKSHOPS 2016-2017

Updated Oct. 27/16

PROGRAM 7:15 – 9.30 2 nd Wed. of month	WORKSHOPS	STITCH OUT, 7 – 9
Nov. 9, 2016 Susan Bowslaugh Modern Quilting	Sat. Nov. 19 Johanna Masko - \$50 Double Wedding Ring	Wed. Nov. 23 Beginner Classes (3)\$15 Gail Berry-Graham Free Demo: Christmas ornaments-Kate Morrison
Dec. 14, 2016 Pot Luck Dinner Bring your own utensils Gift Exchange with letter "C"	Sat. Dec. 10 UFO day with catered lunch by Greensville Gourmet (\$25)	No stitch out
Jan. 11, 2017 Three Guild Members TBA	Sat. Jan. 21 UFO day \$10	Wed. Jan. 25 Beginner class #2. Free demo: Pillow case
Feb. 8, 2017 Aline Chan Alinequilts.blogspot.ca	Sat. Feb. 18 Seminole Quilting Kate Morrison, \$30	Wed. Feb. 22 Beginner class #3
March 8, 2017 Anita Zobens Choosing Threads fearlessly	Sat. March 18 Anita Zobens Appliqué Buffet	Wed. March 22 TBA
April 12, 2017 Noshi Gulati , A quilting journey from India and back	Sat. April 22 UFO day \$10	Wed. April 26 TBA
Thurs, April 27, 2017 Ellen Collington Memorial Lecture 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 "A Tree for all Seasons"		Saturday, April 29, 2017 Laurie Swim Workshop "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

Cuddle Quilts

This month's DATE - NOVEMBER 15 (our potluck) TIME --9:30 am till 2:30pm

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.

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.

I will not be here for the month of December, so if you have any placemats done, you could bring them for November Guild meeting. The breast pillows can wait until January. If you need anything from cuddle quilts, please ask me for November as well.

THANKS AGAIN TO EVERYONE

NEXT MONTHS MEETING - JANUARY 17/ 2017 (no meeting in December)

Library

Please remember that the library is not open in December, so if you take a book out in November it is due back in January. We are always looking for suggestions for new books or DVD's. If you have a specific book or a general topic/kind of books you would like to see added to the library, PLEASE contact one of the 2016-17 Library Committee Members (Jackie Boros, Susan Boyce, Mary Edwards, Jill Walton). We try to add books that will have appeal across a spectrum. We have instructional and inspirational books, novels with quilting themes, DVD's and some quilting templates!

Members must have their 2016-2017 membership card to borrow up to FIVE books at a time. Late fees are \$2.00 per month.

The Library is pleased to offer the following NEW books in November:

- A7 Amish Quilts- Brunstetter & Brunstetter, 2016
- K11 Kaffe Fassett's Quilts in Italy, K. Fassett, 2016
- M3 Modern Selvage Quilting, R. Nason, 2016
- P23 Pretty Playtime Quilts, E. Lutz, 2016
- R3 Rags to Riches- The Quilt as Art, L. Swim, 2007

Fat Quarter Club

Do you like surprises? Well if that describes you, you may be interested in joining the Fat Quarter Club. Each month you will receive one Fat Quarter, neatly wrapped in a brown paper bag or envelope. Each meeting you will select one of these "Surprise Packages". It's always exciting to unwrap and marvel at your new Fat Quarter! This is a perfect way to build your stash! The only fee is to bring four Fat Quarters neatly packaged, twice per year. If you are interested in joining us please see Angela in the Fireside Room at the next Quilt meeting. We will include you on the schedule and provide you with an Instruction Sheet.

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Upcoming Events

York Heritage Quilters Guild Workshops 2016/2017	
Mary Pal http://marypaldesigns.com/	Wed. Nov. 16: Introduction to Cheesecloth Portraiture
Debbie Grifka http://eschhousequilts.com/	Tues. Mar. 21: Clerestory on Negative Space
Albert Cote http://www.imaginationtextile.com/	Tues. Apr. 18: Quilted Rug
Interested in one of these workshops? Contact: yhqq.president@gmail.com	
Alliston Quilting Corners Guild 2017 Quilt Show June 10-11 "Stitching Among Friends"	
Queen's Bush Quilters of Markdale, Ontario 2017 Quilt Show June 23-24 "Sew Much to Celebrate, Eh!!"	

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.