

THE COMMON THREAD – October 2017

Hamilton Quilters Guild Newsletter

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"Where your focus goes, your energy flows. Focus on what you want, where you are going, and what you are actively creating."

— Les Brown

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Upcoming Meetings

General @ 7:15	Executive @ 7:15
Wed. Oct. 11 - Dorothy Fu My quilting journey from traditional to pictorial https://dorothyfuquilts.wordpress.com/	Mon. Oct. 16
Cuddle Quilts 9:30-2:30	Workshop 9 - 4
Tues. Oct. 17	Sat. Oct. 21 UFO \$10.00

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

Reports

Barbara Lazier, President

Mixed Bag

Who knew that after our very rainy summer we would be blessed with an Indian Summer that stretched to the end of September? The trees are confused, the kids at school look longingly out the window wishing they could be elsewhere and once again the farmers scratch their heads and do their best to adapt to the conditions they have been dealt.

This is much like we do when constructing a new quilt that comes with questionable instructions. First we think, "What are they talking about?" or perhaps you might fall in my camp and just look at the pictures and try going that route. Once committed you forge ahead only to find you might need to make a few serious detours; change some fabric choices, adapt the pattern to make it yours or call a friend to discuss what the designer meant by... Frankly this is why I very seldom construct quilts using patterns. My brain does not seem to be wired like those designing the patterns. I need lots of fudge factor. Perhaps this is why IKEA instructions are easier to follow, no words just pictures, an Allen key and patience.

No matter how often I am treated to Show and Tell I am amazed how artists who create the same quilt pattern can create a quilt that looks so different. Each has its unique spin that showcases the artist's love of a particular colour palette, setting or quilting design. Bravo Quilt Members, you inspire me each Guild Meeting.

Last Month, it was impressive to see how many members it took to keep our Guild running smoothly. Thank you ladies. We still have room for you on Workshop and Program. Consider yourself invited to join these two very important committees.



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Membership

Just a reminder to those who have not yet paid their membership fee for the 2017-2018 year, completion of the attached membership renewal form is also required. Thank you.

Library

The following books will be added to the library in October.

- F2 Free Motion Quilting 123- Kennedy, Lori, 2017
- Q8 Quilt of Belonging, Bryan, Esther
- Q7- Quiltmakers 1000 Blocks from today's top designers, Fons and Porter
- T36- Big Book of Table Toppers, Fons and Porter

We are always looking for ways to make sure the library is serving the Guild members. Watch your email in the near future for a brief survey on the Guild library and take this opportunity to give us your feedback and suggestions. 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 - October 17th 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.

We will bring 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 Cuddle Quilts, please 100% cotton is appreciated.

Next month's meeting is November 21st (that is our potluck).

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).

HAMILTON QUILTERS GUILD - PROGRAM AND WORKSHOPS 2017-2018

Updated Sept. 29/17

Program 7:15 – 9:30 2nd Wed. of month	Workshops Christ Church, 92 Highway #8 Flamborough (Greenville)
Sept. 13, 2017 No speaker – Bring out all your completed summer projects	Sept. 16, 2017 UFO
Oct. 11, 2017 Dorothy Fu My quilting journey from traditional to pictorial https://dorothyfuquilts.wordpress.com/	Oct. 21, 2017 UFO
Nov. 8, 2017 Carla Alexiuk All the things I have learned from quilting http://www.quiltingbytheriver.ca/	Nov. 18, 2017 Sandy Lindal Primitive Log Cabin
Dec. 13, 2017 Holiday Pot Luck	Dec. 9, 2017 UFO Catered Lunch
January 10, 2018 Three quilters from our own Guild sharing their quilting journey	January 20, 2018 Gail Berry-Graham Machine Quilting
February 14, 2018 Elaine Theriault Scrap Quilts http://crazyquilteronabike.blogspot.ca/	Feb 17, 2018 TBA
March 14, 2018 Patti Carey – NorthCott Interesting Quilts from Unusual Fabrics https://pattispatchwork.com/	March 17, 2018 TBA
April 11, 2018 TBA	April 21, 2018 TBA
May 9, 2018 Celeste Compion The Bolt and the Beautiful - The Shweshwe Saga http://www.meerkatshweshwe.com/	May 19, 2018 (Victoria Day weekend) Patti Carey Borders and Binding
June 13, 2018 Pot Luck Dinner	June 16, 2018 UFO
July 11, 2018 TBA	July 21, 2018 UFO
August 8, 2018 TBA	August 18, 2018 UFO

Program

Our October meeting will feature Dorothy Fu. She is a self taught quilter from Toronto whose range of quilting includes traditional patchwork to pictorials. Her pictorials are usually based on photos she has taken around her neighbourhood. She uses a variety of techniques including painting and machine quilting.

The program committee is still looking for one more brave quilter who will come forward for a 15-20 minute presentation in January to tell their quilter journey. You will be joined by Wendy Hayes and Thelma Leech who have already volunteered. Please contact Shelagh Daly or Shirley Burley if you can volunteer.

Please take a look at what is coming up on the included schedule. The committee wants to know if you would participate in a Fabric garage sale next summer. Which month would work better for you: July or August? As always, we appreciate suggestions on potential speakers.

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

October's workshop is the ever popular UFO day on the 21st. Bring your unfinished quilts, sewing machine and sewing supplies and your lunch. We'll provide tea, coffee and treats. UFO days are great opportunities to finish up those projects you keep putting off. There are raised tables for easy cutting and large tables for comfortable pin basting. All this for only \$10.00.

November 18th's workshop is a return visit by Sandy Lindal. She'll teach us her "Primitive Log Cabin Quilt" which has us piecing on flannel. There is no batting in the quilt. Sandy is a wonderful instructor and this will be a new technique for most of us. The class costs \$50.00 at sign up and a \$5.00 pattern fee due at the workshop.

On December 9th, we have another UFO day with a catered lunch from The Greensville Gourmet. Their menu and prices will be available at registration.

January 20th sees the return of Gail Berry Graham. 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." 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. The kit will cost \$30.00. This is a special price for guild members. Gail's workshop costs \$30.00 plus the kit fee.

We are signing up for all of these events in the hallway outside the guild meeting room. Supply lists for the workshops will be provided at sign up.

Please give us your suggestions for workshops. We'd love to hear your ideas!

Kate and Kerry

Social

The Social Committee would like to thank the following members for their \$10 donation towards the Drink Fund---Shirley Turner, Terrie Kelly, Mary Ann Peaker, Keitha Seneco, and Linda LeBlanc.

Also thank you to Marjorie Hurajt and Jan Boudreau for their Healthy treats. Thank you to the following members for their 3 dozen treats--- Betty Carter, Linda Ejim, Bev Turner, Chris Quinlan, Pat Quinlan, and Barbara Wood.

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

Attachments to this Newsletter

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| 1. Membership Renewal Form |
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