

THE COMMON THREAD – October 2016

Hamilton Quilters Guild Newsletter

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"Forgiveness is a gift to yourself. It frees you from the past, past experiences, and past relationships. It allows you to live in the present time. When you forgive yourself and forgive others, you are indeed free." – Louise Hay www.simplereminders.com

Upcoming Meetings

General @ 7:15	Executive @ 7:15	Cuddle Quilts 9:30-2:30
Wed. Oct. 12 Johanna Masko johannamaskoquilts.Blogspot.ca	Mon. Oct. 3	Tues. Oct. 18
Stitch Out 7 - 9		Workshop 9 - 4
Wed. Oct. 26 Quilting Fundamentals Class - Gail Berry-Graham Demo: Placemats		Sat. Oct. 15 Maureen Czernada Curved piecing

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

Reports

Barbara Lazier, President

In the blink of an eye Fall has come to the Pacific North-West. I am currently out visiting family in Seattle. When I arrived everything was lush and green. Over the course of a week, Mother Nature has taken her paint brush and has begun to change all the colours on the trees. Each day as I take my walk I spy more reds, oranges and yellows on the leaves. Mother Nature has no difficulty throwing delicious colours together; we only need turn to her when making a quilt.

Didn't you just love the Show and Tell portion of our September meeting? What talent was celebrated through our love of quilting. I was particularly pleased that the Cuddle Quilt ladies were able to showcase their beautiful quilts and that they had a representative from The Dr. Bob Kemp Hospice on hand to thank them for their continued support of their worthwhile program.

Listening to Nan describe all the opportunities we will get this year offered by Workshop made me

want to call out: "Sign me up, sign me up." At every workshop I learn at least one new technique to add to my quilting toolbox and I get to meet new people and see old friends.

We have a village of volunteers who are doing their best to make your quilting experience this year a memorable one; how are you planning on helping out?

Renowned Quilter to Visit Hamilton

Author and award winning quilt artist Laurie Swim is coming to Hamilton. The Ellen Collington Memorial Lecture will be hosting her on April 27, 2017 and providing workshops on April 28 and 29 exclusively for our guild members.

Laurie won the 2013 Dorothy McMurdie award and was written up in the CQA/ACC magazine in the autumn issue of that year. She grew up in Nova Scotia in a fishing community where the wives of fishermen gathered to quilt while their fishermen husbands were at sea. She made her first quilt at age 16 and intended to be an artist with quilting as a hobby. In time she discovered that working with fabric and quilted layers was liberating for her art making. Laurie now has a 40-year fulltime career in quilted art pieces.

She has a strong commitment to social causes and has made quilts with issues of workers safety and commemorated survivors of industrial and fishing disasters. Her quilt, Hoggs Hollow Disaster, 1960 is now installed in the York Mills subway station in Toronto.

You can learn more about Laurie Swim by googling her. Wikipedia gives a brief synopsis of her life, UTube has a short video and The Globe and Mail has an interview from 2010 under Canadian Quilting CQA/ACC.

Watch November newsletter for ticket and registration info.

Karen Laposa, Barbara Mahaffy, Catherine Schuler

HQG 2016 Quilt Show – We are offering a DVD of the 2016 Quilt Show pictures at a prepaid cost of \$5.00. Please pay in the Fireside Room at the October mtg. and pick up DVD at the November mtg.

Membership

Just a reminder that if you still have to renew your membership for 2016-2017, you can do so at the October general meeting. Please take the time to print the renewal form (at the end of this newsletter) complete and sign the form and bring it in with your payment. If you ordered a name tag in May we have them for you to pick up.

Social

The Social Committee would like to thank the following members for their \$5.00 donation towards beverages, Healthy Treats and treats. Thank you, Christine Fyfe, Eve Dowie, Lee Dermody, Sandy Thomas, Sue Collins, Ann Furic, Anne Brooksbank, Mary Edwards, and Janet Heastont.

Thank you to the following members for their 3 dozen treats. Angie McNulty, Janine Mathers, Shelagh Daly, Jan Bourdeau. Please remember to have your treats in the kitchen by 6:30 and to pick up your dishes and any leftovers after the meeting.

Show & Tell – Sept. 14

Quilter	Name of Quilt/Pattern	Quilter	Name of Quilt/Pattern
Pat Male	Bargello, Galaxy of Stars	Wili Steed	Mystery Log Cabin
Catherine Schuler	Flight of the Pigs, 4 placements	Maureen Czernada	Spiral Quilt
Fiona Wilkie	Traditional Log Cabin with Friendship Star	Barbara Mahaffy	Spiral Quilt, Jane Sassanen Quilt
Kathy Sukovich	Her son's Vintage Quilt	Pam Smith	Cuddle Quilt
Lorna Pennie	For my Maggie	Carole Battersby	Cuddle Quilt
Jennifer Tenhage	Scrappy bow tie	Debbie Winn	Cuddle Quilt
Audrey McCormick	Mosaic	Gail Berry-Graham	Cuddle Quilt
Terrie Kelly	Small Quilt + 2 table toppers	Evelyn Walker	My Leopard Quilt
		Jan Bourdeau	Centre Ice



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Program and Workshops

Upcoming offerings from your Workshop committee

Saturday at Greensville, with Maureen Czernada for "Easy Curved Piecing," will be a great day. For \$30.00 you'll learn a new technique and have an enjoyable day with other quilters. Spaces are still available for this all-day workshop on October 15. Maureen's supply list is available at the workshop sign-up table.

Stitch-out on Wednesday October 26 is Gail Berry Graham's "Quilting Fundamentals." There's nothing to bring to class but a desire to learn. This \$5.00 class is a recommended precursor to Gail's beginner's series which starts in November. Spaces are still available for this event and the beginner quilting series.

There will also be a no-charge demo at stitch-out. We'll demonstrate several different placemat styles and Cuddle Quilts will provide a take-home kit so you can make a placemat for Meals-On-Wheels (one of our guild's charities.) You do not need to sign up for the demo, just drop in for patterns and a kit.

Johanna Masko, guest speaker on October 12, will be teaching her "Easy Double Wedding Ring" at November's workshop. Johanna will bring her beautiful quilt on guild night so you can see what you'll be making in November. This will be the last opportunity to sign up for the November 19 workshop. Photos of Johanna's quilt and her supply list are available at the sign-up table. Your cost is only \$50.00

HAMILTON QUILTERS GUILD - PROGRAM AND WORKSHOPS 2016-2017

Updated Sept. 29/16

PROGRAM 7:15 – 9.30 2 nd Wed. of month	WORKSHOPS	STITCH OUT, 7 – 9
Oct. 12, 2016 Johanna Masko johannamaskoquilts. Blogspot.ca	Sat. Oct. 15 Maureen Czerneda, Easy Curved Piecing \$30	Wed. Oct. 26 \$5 Quilting Fundamentals Gail Berry-Graham Placemat Demo, free
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 Xmas ornaments, free, Kate Morrison
Dec. 14, 2016 Pot Luck Dinner Bring your own utensils	Sat. Dec. 10 UFO day with catered lunch - TBA	No stitch out
Jan. 11, 2017 Three Guild Members TBA	Sat. Jan. 21 UFO day \$10	Wed. Jan. 25 Beginner class #2. Pillow case demo, free
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 -OCT 18th TIME -9:30 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. Please just come out and have fun.

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

Here is a list of our dates for this year, so maybe you can save a day and come join us for a day of sewing. Oct 18th, Nov 15 (potluck), no meeting in Dec, Jan 17, Feb 21, Mar 21, Apr 18, May 16 (potluck), Jun 20. Also I am collecting the placemats for V.O.N.

NEXT MONTH'S MEETING - November 15, our potluck. Thanks again to everyone.

Library

The Library will be open at the October meeting from 6:30 – 7:00 pm and for the first 10 minutes of the break. Please remember to bring back any books you borrowed in September so that other members can enjoy them. We will be adding books to the library each month so if you have a suggestion for a specific book or a general area related to quilting or wish to reserve books, please contact one of the 2016-17 Library Committee Members (Jackie Boros, Susan Boyce, Mary Edwards, Jill Walton).

Members must have their 2016-2017 membership card to borrow books and can take out 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 October.

A3- All Points Patchwork- Dianne Gilleland- 2015

O13- Out of the Box with Easy Blocks- M.L. Weidman & M.B. McFarland- 2011

Q34- Quilting With a Modern Slant- Rachel May- 2014

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 or Wendy in the Green 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	
Reeze Hanson http://blog.morningglorydesigns.net/	Tues. Oct 18: Seminole Patchwork Wed. Oct 19: Diamond Star
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	

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.