

THE COMMON THREAD – September 2016

Hamilton Quilters Guild Newsletter

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Those we love don't go away. They walk beside us every day...unseen, unheard, but always near,
still loved, still missed and very dear — Author Unknown (foreverinmyheartpoems.com)

Upcoming Meetings

General @ 7:15	Executive @ 7:15	Cuddle Quilts 9:30-2:30
Wed. Sept. 14, Show & Tell by Members	Mon. Sept. 19	Tues. Sept. 20
Stitch Out 7 - 9		Workshop 9 - 4
Wed. Sept. 28 Shop Hop with The Quilted Cardinal, Heirloom Treasures, Feathering and Village Square visiting us!		Sat. Sept. 17 UFO Day \$10

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

Reports

Barbara Lazier, President

I love September. The heat of the summer has begun to wane, soon the trees will begin to display their showy colours and our Guild meetings resume once again. Look around when you walk into the meeting room during the September meeting and see how many quilting friends you have missed during the summer; now look around and see what new quilting friends you can make. Remembering to wear your name tag every month ensures that everyone will call you by name.

September's meeting is always a milestone one for the Guild Membership. I would like to formally announce our annual Business Meeting. We will be approving our Financial Statements from last year (Attachment #1) and the Budget for this year (Attachment #2). Please read them carefully,

print copies and bring them to the meeting. Additionally, we will be reviewing the 2016 Quilt Show Financial Statements (Attachment #3). Questions are always welcome.

I know that many of us have been busy sewing up a storm during the heat these past few months and are looking forward to September's Show and Tell. My projects are not finished but I have made great strides toward completing my *Dear Jane* that I know one day in the future I will be able to hold it up with pride and declare it finally completed.

September is upon us, time once more to begin our routines. Have you made any new resolutions? Will you set a goal to keep your sewing space tidier, complete more quilts than you did last year, attend some of our wonderful Guild classes or UFO days, decide that you are perfect just like you are and continue on as you always have done: your choice, your way? We come in all shapes and sizes but we support one another in our love of quilting; may our sewing machines and needles hum throughout the next year in perfect harmony.

Margaret Thomas, Vice-President

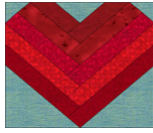
Guild members are part of a large family and therefore very important to us. We like to reach out on your behalf and send a caring card to any member who may benefit from one. Please let me know if any member would be cheered up by a card from the Guild. (Please see Membership Directory on the website for contact information)

HQG 2016 Quilt Show Awards – We are offering a DVD of the 2016 Quilt Show pictures at a prepaid cost of \$5.00. Pls pay at Sept. mtg., pick up DVD at Oct. mtg.

Best of Show - Lee Nicholson - My Spring Bouquet		
Presidents Challenge		Leigh Forrest Award
1	Shirley Burley - Sunset over the Harbour	Maureen Czerneda
2	Susan Boyce - RBG Trails	Down Memory Lane
3	Catherine Schuler - City of Gravity	
Twin/Lap		Wall/Innovative Art Quilt
1	Cathy Snelling - Mommy Martha's Show Collection	1 Debbie Winn - Electric Doodle
2	Judy Carpenter - Optical Illusion	2 Pam Smith - Flower Garden
3	Jan Hayachi - Fractured Hexagons	3 Barbara Lazier - Puget Sound <u>Honorable Mention</u> Denise Neufeld – Riders of the Purple Sage
Baby Quilts		Small Wall Quilt
1	Gail Dymont - The Gangs all here	1 Luci Ronald - 3D Spoon Pedal Flower
2	Jan Ballantyne - Clarence the Cross Eyed Lion	2 Beth Horyn - Great Blue Heron
3	Catherine Schuler - Birds of Many Feathers	3 Maureen Czerneda - Spiralling Ribbons
Large Quilts		Miscellaneous
1	Lee Nicholson - My Spring Bouquet	1 Janet Heaston - Christmas Beauty
2	Shirley Turner - Laura's Quilt – A Day in the Life	2 Paula Bosman - Folding Fabric Challenge
3	Evelyn Walker - Red and White Surprise <u>Honorable Mention</u> Jan Ballantyne – Lest we Forget Judy Carpenter – My Fanciful Garden	3 Janet Ricard - Christmas Table Runner <u>Honorable Mention</u> Shirley Turner -Christmas Trivet

Janine Mathers, Treasurer

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Membership

Just a reminder that if you still have to renew your membership for 2016-2017, you can do so at the September 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.

Library

The Library will be open at the September meeting from 6:30 – 7:00 pm and for the first 10 minutes of the break. Please remember to bring back any books you have had over the summer 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 advise one of the 2016-17 Library Committee Members (Jackie Boros, Susan Boyce, Mary Edwards, Jill Walton).

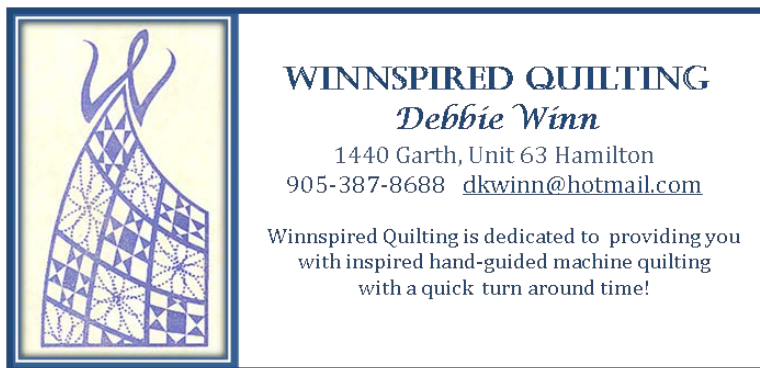
Members must have their 2016-2017 membership card to take books out and can take out up to FIVE books at a time. Late fees are \$2.00 per month.

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

C24 Country Fresh Quilts - Deanne Eisenman - 2008

O18 Old Quilts New Life - Sarah Fielke - 2015

P16 Paper Pieced Home - Penny Layman - 2014



Cuddle Quilts

Tuesday, September 20 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

Place: Harmony Baptist Church, 1763 Upper James Street, above Rymal Road and across from the Egg and I Restaurant.

SUPPLIES NEEDED-- A project to work on, or a kit will be available for you. Bring your sewing machine if you wish. We supply 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 some fun with us.

I will be bringing quilting kits to the Guild Meeting for those of you who can't make it on Cuddle Quilt day. So please come see me in the Green room to pick up a kit. If you are making your own quilt for Cuddle Quilts, please, just a reminder that 100% cotton material is much appreciated.

Program and Workshops

September brings the start of a year of fun filled workshop and stitch-out activities. Our first workshop is a UFO day on [September 17](#). This will cost \$10.00. For our first stitch-out, on [September 28](#), we have arranged for 3 quilt shops to visit us for a shop hop. We'll be treated to goods from The Quilted Cardinal of Beamsville (thequiltedcardinal@yahoo.ca), Feathering Quilt Shop of Dundas (featheringquiltshop@cogeco.net) and Heirloom Treasures Creative Sewing Studio of Paris (heirloomtreasures01@gmail.com). We are planning for a fourth shop but haven't finalized arrangements yet. The shop owners are excited to come and invite you to check their websites before the event. Please bring your cash, your friends and your support for this great opportunity to shop without leaving the city.

October will see Maureen Czernada teaching us Curved Piecing at our "Saturday at Greenville" workshop. Maureen is a great quilter whose mastery of curved piecing will amaze us and have us making our own curved piecing project. \$30.00 is a bargain for this class.

October's stitch-out will present "Quilting Fundamentals". Gail Berry-Graham's class will cover basic care and maintenance of your sewing machine, choosing needles and thread, care and folding of your fabric and the importance of some good basic tools. She will also touch on the best way to add borders and prepare your quilt backing. Gail has a wealth of information for us and this class is open to all members but is **REQUIRED** for anyone signing up for Gail's "Beginner Quilting" series which runs over 3 stitch-out nights (November, January and February). Cost is \$5.00 for the October class and \$15.00 for the 3 class series.

We have also planned free demos for some stitch-out nights. In October, we'll show you several placemat patterns and Cuddle Quilts will provide you with a take-home kit for placemats to donate to Meals-On-Wheels.

Join the workshop committee (Nan, Kerry, Sue and Kate) in the Green Room on guild night to sign up for these events. Our committee exists to meet guild members' needs. We would love to hear your thoughts on the types of classes you'd like to attend. Please feel free to contact us in person or by email. We are looking forward to a great year.

Stitch Out is the 4th Wednesday of the month, 7 to 9 pm at The Church of the Resurrection.

<p>Sept 28 Shop Hop with The Quilted Cardinal, Heirloom Treasures, Feathering and Village Square visiting us!</p>	<p>Oct 26 Quilting Fundamentals: Gail Berry-Graham. <u>REQUIRED</u> for next 3 beginner classes. \$5 payable tonight Demo: Several placemat patterns by workshop committee to make for Meals On Wheels and take home placement kits from Cuddle Quilts. Free.</p>	
<p>Nov. 23 Beginner Class #1 - Gail Berry-Graham \$15:00 payable tonight covers class 1,2 & 3 Demo: Kate Morrison makes Christmas ornaments. Free.</p>	<p>Jan 25 Beginner Class #2 - Gail Berry-Graham Demo: Nan Dorey - pillowcase. Free.</p>	<p>Feb 22 Beginner Class #3 - Gail Berry-Graham</p>



Social

The Social Committee would like to thank the following members for their cash donation towards beverages and healthy treats: Wendy Hayes, Marie White, Catherine Schuler, Brenda Lupton, Lawna Eslary, Lucy Marko and Mary Templeton.

We would also like to thank the following members for the 3 dozen treats for the September meeting: Thelma Leech, Shirley Anderson, Chris Quilan, Pat Quilan, Dianne Buser and Marilyn Depass. Please remember to have the treats in the kitchen by 6:30 pm *and pick up your dishes and any leftovers after the meeting.*

Upcoming Shows



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.

Attachments to this Newsletter

1. HQG 2015-16 Financial Statement
2. HQG 2016-17 Budget
3. HQG Quilt Show 2016 Financial Statement
4. Membership Renewal Form

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